Positive and oscillating solutions of discrete linear equations with delay

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A linear (k + 1)th-order discrete delayed equation $\Delta x(n) = -p(n)x(n - k)$ where p(n) is a positive sequence is considered for $n \to \infty$. This equation is known to have a positive solution if the sequence p(n) satisfies an inequality. Recently it was proved that if

$$p(n) \le \left(\frac{k}{k+1}\right)^k \times \left[\frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{k}{8n^2} + \frac{k}{8(n\ln n)^2} + \dots + \frac{k}{8(n\ln n \dots \ln_q n)^2}\right], \quad (1)$$

where $q \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then there exists a positive vanishing solution of the considered equation and the upper bound was found. We improve this result by finding even the lower bound for the positive solution, supposing the function p(n) is bounded above and below by certain functions. As well we show that, in the case of an opposite inequality to (1) for p(n), all solutions of the equation considered are oscillating for $n \to \infty$.

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