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**H Sedaghat\*** ([hsedagha@vcu.edu](mailto:hsedagha@vcu.edu)), Department of Mathematics, Virginia Commonwealth University, Box 842014, Richmond, VA 23284-2014. *On reduction of order of difference equations.*

We discuss a procedure that factors a difference equation of order  $k > 1$  into two difference equations of lower orders  $m$  and  $k - m$ . The solutions of the  $k$ -th order equation can be obtained from the solutions of this system of two equations. We apply this factorization procedure to large classes of difference equations, including a class (separable equations) that contains the linear non-homogeneous equations. For more details see <http://arxiv.org/abs/0804.3579> (Received August 07, 2008)