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E A Grove, Kingston, RI 02881, **Y kostrov*** (ekostrov@math.uri.edu), kingston, RI 02881, **G ladas**, kingston, RI 02881, and **S Schlutz**, providence, RI 02918. *On Riccati Difference Equations With Periodic Coefficients.*

We give a detailed analysis of the Riccati difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha_n + \beta_n x_n}{A_n + B_n x_n} \quad , \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

where the coefficient sequences

$$\{\alpha_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \quad , \quad \{\beta_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \quad , \quad \{A_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \quad , \quad \{B_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$$

are periodic sequences of real numbers with (not necessarily prime) period-2, and where the initial condition $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$. (Received September 09, 2008)