

2. The first few terms of a sequence (x_n) are given below. Assuming that the “natural pattern” indicated by these terms persists, give a formula for the n th term x_n .

- (a) $5, 7, 9, 11, \dots$, (b) $1/2, -1/4, 1/8, -1/16, \dots$,
(c) $1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, \dots$, (d) $1, 4, 9, 16, \dots$

3. List the first five terms of the following inductively defined sequences.

- (a) $x_1 := 1, \quad x_{n+1} := 3x_n + 1$,
(b) $y_1 := 2, \quad y_{n+1} := \frac{1}{2}(y_n + 2/y_n)$,
(c) $z_1 := 1, \quad z_2 := 2, \quad z_{n+2} := (z_{n+1} + z_n)/(z_{n+1} - z_n)$,
(d) $s_1 := 3, \quad s_2 := 5, \quad s_{n+2} := s_n + s_{n+1}$.

4. For any $b \in \mathbb{R}$, prove that $\lim(b/n) = 0$.

5. Use the definition of the limit of a sequence to establish the following limits.

- (a) $\lim\left(\frac{n}{n^2 + 1}\right) = 0$, (b) $\lim\left(\frac{2n}{n + 1}\right) = 2$,
(c) $\lim\left(\frac{3n + 1}{2n + 5}\right) = \frac{3}{2}$, (d) $\lim\left(\frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 3}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$.

6. Show that

- (a) $\lim\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+7}}\right) = 0$, (b) $\lim\left(\frac{2n}{n+2}\right) = 2$,
(c) $\lim\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n+1}\right) = 0$, (d) $\lim\left(\frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2 + 1}\right) = 0$.