

Problems of Convergence of Non Monotonous Recursive Sequences
 using **Recurrence Reasoning** :

Study of the sequence defined by (n consecutive fractions)

$$u_n = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\dots\dots\dots 1 + \frac{1}{1}}}}}$$

I. Let $f(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$ for $x > 0$, (u_n) defined by : $u_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{u_n}$ with $u_0 = 1$.

1. Write $u_1 ; u_2 ; u_3$.
2. On the back of the page graph the function f on $[0 ; 2]$ and show the construction of the first terms of the sequence (u_n) .
3. Show by recurrence, that for any $n \geq 0$, $1 \leq u_n \leq 2$
4. From the graph indicate whether (u_n) is monotonous.
5. From the graph indicate whether (u_n) is converging. If yes, what is the limit ?

II. Let $g = f \circ f \Leftrightarrow g(x) = f[f(x)]$

1. Calculate $g(x)$, and show that g is increasing on $[0 ; +\infty[$
2. Let $v_n = u_{2n}$ and $w_n = u_{2n+1}$
 - i. Show that $v_{n+1} = g(v_n)$ and that $w_{n+1} = g(w_n)$; give v_0 and w_0
 - ii. Show by recurrence, that (w_n) is decreasing and that (v_n) is increasing.
 - iii. Prove that for any $n \geq 0$ $|v_{n+1} - w_{n+1}| \leq \frac{1}{4} |v_n - w_n|$
 - iv. Prove by recurrence that for any $n \geq 0$ $|v_n - w_n| \leq \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$,
 - v. Prove that $\lim |v_n - w_n| = 0$
 - vi. The two sequences (v_n) and (w_n) are adjacent, then have the same limit α .

Prove that this limit is the positive solution of the equation $x = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$,
 and give the exact value of α .