

Recurrence in Sequences & Series

I. The turtle and the dog



$$D < \dots\dots\dots 100 \text{ m } \dots\dots\dots > T$$

The dog (D) runs 10 times faster than the turtle (T). They start at a distance of 100 m. but every time the dog runs the distance between him and the turtle, the turtle continues to walk ... therefore the distance left between them is 10 m, and so on....

Let d_0 be the initial distance between D and T,
 Let d_1 be the distance left between D and T after the first run,
 Let d_n the distance left between D and T the after the n^{th} run

1. Write the relationship between d_n and d_{n+1} : 1 pt
2. Find the total distance run by the dog after the n^{th} run : $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^{k=n-1} d_k =$ 2 pts
3. Find the total distance run by the dog to get the turtle $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n =$ 2 pts

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II. Fibonacci for ever ...

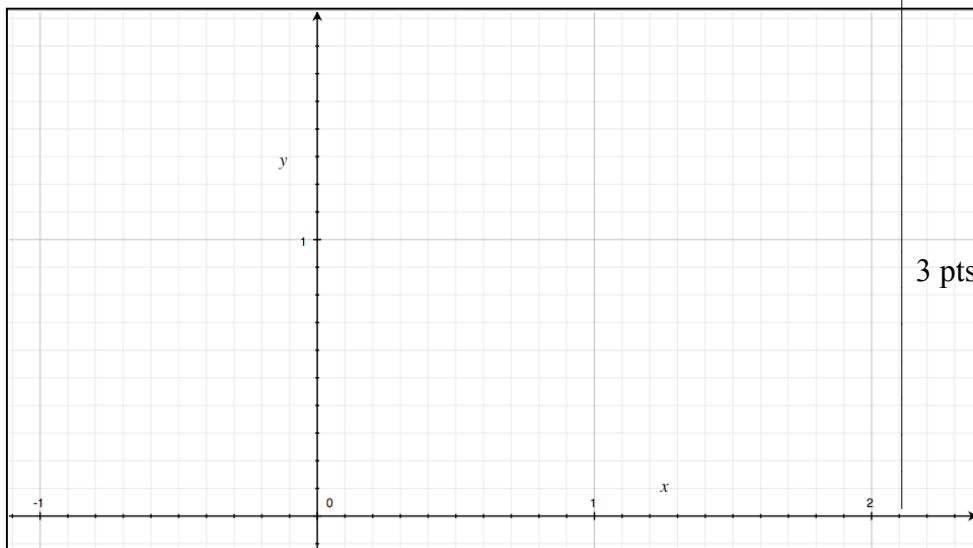
$$\sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \dots\dots\dots + \sqrt{1}}}}}}}}}}$$

Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$, ($x > -1$) and (u_n) the sequence defined by

$$u_{n+1} = \sqrt{1+u_n} \text{ and } u_0 = 0$$

1. Write the expression of u_1, u_2, u_3 1 pts
2. Show that the function f is increasing on $[0 ; +\infty[$ 1 pts
3. Prove by recurrence that for any $n \geq 0$, $0 \leq u_n \leq 2$ 3 pts
4. Prove by recurrence that for any $n \geq 0$, $u_n \leq u_{n+1}$ 3 pts
5. Explain why the sequence (u_n) has a finite limit x . 2 pts
6. Show how to find the value of x 2 pts

7. Graph the function f and the construction of the sequence 3 pts



III. Adjacent Sequences and approximation of the square root of a number

Let f be defined by $f(x) = \frac{x+5}{x+1}$ and the sequence (x_n) defined by $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ with $x_0 = 1$

We are going to study two different methods to find the limit of this sequence :

1. First method :

a. Prove by recurrence that for any $n \geq 0$, $1 \leq x_n \leq 3$

2 pts

b. Show that for any $n \geq 0$,

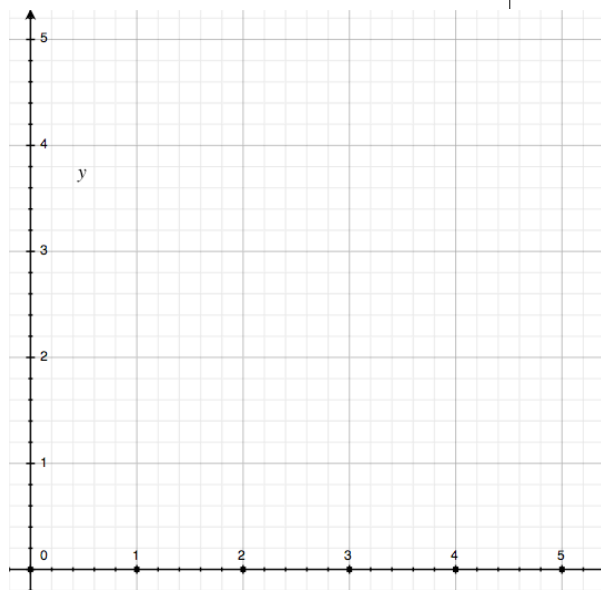
$$|x_n - \sqrt{5}| \leq q |x_{n-1} - \sqrt{5}| \text{ with } q = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{5}}$$

c. Prove by recurrence that for any $n \geq 0$,

$$0 \leq |x_n - \sqrt{5}| \leq 2 \cdot q^n$$

d. Explain what is the limit of (x_n)

e. Show the construction on the graph \implies



2 pts

2. Second method : using the variations of the function f and $g = f \circ f$, with $u_n = x_{2n} = g(u_{n-1})$ and $v_n = x_{2n+1} = g(v_{n-1})$

a. Explain why g is an increasing function on $[0 ; +\infty[$ and calculate $g(x) = ff(x)$.

2 pts

b. Prove by recurrence that the sequence (u_n) is increasing (we admit that (v_n) is decreasing)

2 pts

c. Show that for any $n \geq 0$, $|v_{n+1} - u_{n+1}| \leq \frac{1}{4} |v_n - u_n|$

2 pts

d. Prove by recurrence that for any $n \geq 0$, $|v_n - u_n| \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$

2 pts

e. Explain why the two sequences (u_n) and (v_n) are adjacent

1 pt

f. Show what is the common limit of (u_n) , (v_n) and (x_n) .

1 pt

g. Use u_3 and v_3 to give an approximate value of $\sqrt{5}$.

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