

Higher Recurrence Relations.

1. The terms of a sequence satisfy $U_{n+1} = kU_n + 6$. Find the value of k which produces a sequence with a limit of 5. (2)

2. A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation
$$U_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}U_n + 9, \quad U_0 = 0.$$
 - a) Calculate the values of U_1 , U_2 and U_3 . (3)

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ the sequence approaches a limit q .

 - b) Find the exact value of q (2)

3. A recurrence relation is defined by $U_{n+1} = pU_n + q$, where $-1 < p < 1$ and $U_0 = 20$.
 - a) If $U_1 = 18$ and $U_2 = 17$, find the values of p and q . (2)
 - b) Find the limit of this recurrence relation as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (2)

4. Two equations are defined by the recurrence relations
$$U_{n+1} = 0.2U_n + p, \quad U_0 = 1 \quad \text{and}$$
$$V_{n+1} = 0.6V_n + q, \quad V_0 = 1$$
 - a) Explain why each of these sequences has a limit. (1)
 - b) If both these sequences have the same limit, express p in terms of q . (3)

5. A doctor administers 20ml of a drug to a patient each day.
Over the same period it is estimated that 75% of the drug in the patient's bloodstream is removed.
If the level in the bloodstream rises above 30ml, the drug becomes toxic.
 - (a) Write down a recurrence relation that describes this situation. (3)
 - (b) Will it be safe to continue to administer this drug in the long term (2)

Total (20)