



Higher Exercise 1

1. A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation $U_{n+1} = 3U_n - 1$, where $U_0 = 2$.

Calculate the next three consecutive terms in the sequence.

2. A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation $U_{n+1} = 0.5U_n + 3$ where $U_1 = 2$.

- Calculate the value of U_2 and U_3 .
- Explain why the sequence above has a limit.
- Find the limit of this sequence when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3. A straight line passing through the point $(3, -1)$ is parallel to the line $5y - 2x + 1 = 0$.

Find the equation of this line.

4. A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation $U_n = 0.8U_{n-1} + 1000$, where $U_1 = 500$.

- Calculate the value of U_0 and U_2 .
- What is the smallest value of n for which $U_n > 3000$?
- Find the limit of this sequence when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

5. Two functions, f and g , defined on suitable domains, are given by $f(x) = 3x - 1$ and $g(x) = 7 - 2x$.

Find $f(g(x))$ in its simplest form.

6. A sequence is defined by the recurrence relation $U_{n+1} = kU_n + 7$.

If the limit of the recurrence relation is 21, find the value of k .

7. A lake next to a waste factory currently contains approximately 30 tonnes of pollutant. Due to health regulations the factory runs a filtration process where they remove 75% of the waste each month, however an extra 1.5 tonnes is released into the lake over the same month.

- Establish a recurrence relation to describe this situation.
- Health inspectors inform the factory that a level of 2.1 tonnes of waste or less will be acceptable. In the long run will the factory reach an acceptable level of waste in the lake?