

**Proposition 3.2** *If the sequence  $(u_n)$  is bounded and the sequence  $(v_n)$  converges to 0 then the sequence  $(u_n v_n)$  converges to 0.*

**Proposition 3.3** *Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  two sequence of real number. Suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = +\infty$ .*

> we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{v_n} = 0$

> If  $(u_n)$  is below bound so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (u_n + v_n) = +\infty$

> If  $(u_n)$  is lower bound with a positive number so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (u_n v_n) = +\infty$

### 3.2 Passage to the limit in inequalities

Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  be convergent sequences of real numbers. if  $u_n \leq v_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n.$$

**Important :** The strict inequality is not preserved by passage to the limit, i.e. if

$$u_n < v_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n.$$

**Exemple :** Let  $u_n = \frac{-1}{n}$  and  $v_n = \frac{1}{n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , we have  $u_n < v_n$  but  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = 0$

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $(u_n)$  be a convergent sequence of real numbers. If  $u_n \geq 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n \geq 0$ .*

**Theorem 3.2 (Squeeze theorem or "Sandwich theorem") :** Let  $(u_n), (v_n)$  and  $(w_n)$  be convergent sequences of real numbers.

> Suppose  $u_n \leq v_n \leq w_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . if the sequences  $(u_n)$  and  $(w_n)$  are convergent and if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} w_n, \text{ the sequence } (v_n) \text{ is convergent and } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} w_n.$$

> If  $u_n \leq v_n$  for all  $n$  and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = +\infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n = +\infty$ .

**Exemple** Study the nature of  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  defined by it's general term  $u_n = \frac{E(na)}{n}$

#### 4. Adjacent sequences

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**Theorem 3.3** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function and  $(u_n)$  be convergent sequences whose terms all belong to  $I$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = l$  and if  $f$  is continuous at  $l$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f(u_n) = f(l)$ .

proofet  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $f$  is continuous at  $l$ , we can find a number  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(l)| < \varepsilon, \forall x \in I$  and  $|x - l| < \alpha$ . Since the sequence  $(u_n)$  has limit  $l$ ,  $\exists N$  such that  $|u_n - l| < \alpha$  if  $n \geq N$ . For all these integers  $n$ , we then have  $|f(u_n) - f(l)| < \varepsilon$ . This show that we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f(u_n) = f(l)$ . **1.**

The following proposition, which completes the theorem, is proved by simply adapting the previous proof.

**Proposition 3.4** Let  $(u_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers, let  $f$  be a function, and let  $l$  a real numbers.

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (u_n) = +\infty$  and if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = l$  ( or  $+\infty$  ), then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f(u_n) = l$  ( or  $+\infty$  ).

Indeterminate forms :  $(-\infty + \infty), (0 \times \infty), (\frac{\infty}{\infty}), (\frac{0}{0}), (1^\infty), (\infty^0)$  et  $(0^\infty)$ .

## 4 Adjacent sequences

**Definition 4.1** Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  be two sequences of real numbers. We say that  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  are adjacent if

$\succ(u_n)$  is **increasing** and  $(v_n)'$  is **decreasing**  
 $\succ (\lim (u_n - v_n) \rightarrow 0)$ .

**Theorem 4.1** two adjacent sequences  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  converge to the same limit  $L$  and  $u_n \leq L \leq v_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

proofy assumption, the sequence  $(u_n)$  is increasing and bounded from above by  $v_0$  (or  $v_1$  or any  $v_k$ ). Therefore it is convergent to some limit  $L$  such that  $u_n \leq L$ . Similarly,  $(v_n)$  is decreasing and bounded from below by  $u_0$  (or any  $u_k$ ). Therefore it is convergent to some limit  $L' \leq v_n$ . Since both sequences are convergent, we can write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n - v_n) = \lim v_n - \lim u_n = L' - L = 0$ . **1.**

**Example**  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$  and  $v_n = 1 + \frac{1}{n}$  are adjacent sequences

**Example 4.1** Let  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  Two sequences

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}, \quad \text{and} \quad v_n = u_n + \frac{1}{n!}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} - u_n &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + \frac{1}{(n+1)!}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

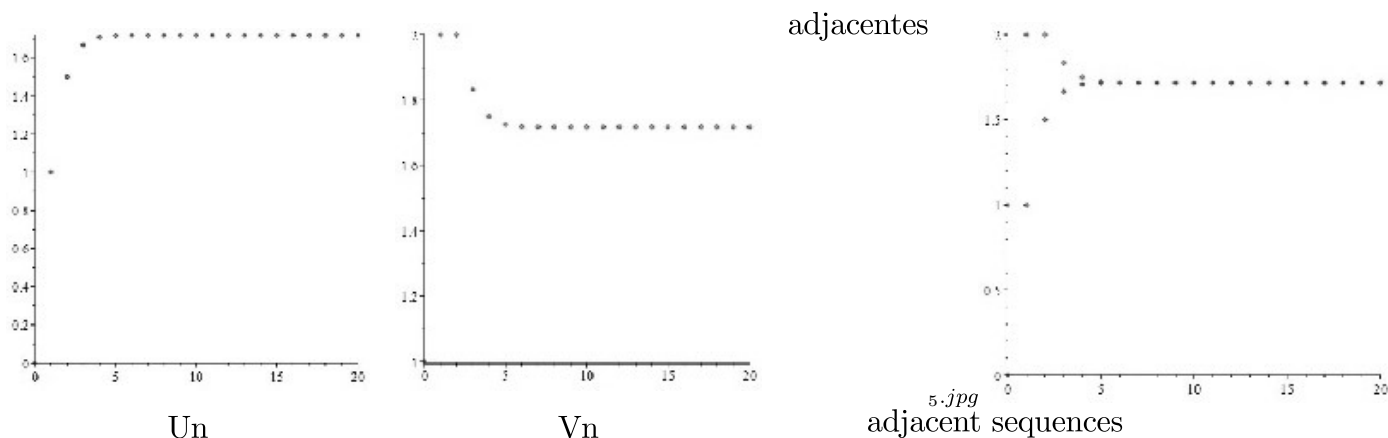
then  $(u_n)$  is increasing. Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+1} - v_n &= \left(u_{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+1!}\right) - \left(u_n + \frac{1}{n!}\right) \\ &= (u_{n+1} - u_n) + \frac{1}{n+1!} - \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1!} + \frac{1}{n+1!} - \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= \frac{2}{n+1!} - \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= \frac{2}{(n+1)n!} - \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= \frac{2 - n - 1}{(n+1)n!} \\ &= \frac{1 - n}{(n+1)n!} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(v_n)$  is decreasing. We can write ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (v_n - u_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 0.$$

Then,  $(u_n)$  and  $(v_n)$  are adjacent.



**Exercise :** prove that the two sequences defined by

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = \sqrt{u_n v_n} \\ v_{n+1} = \frac{u_n + v_n}{2} \end{cases}, \text{ with } u_0 = a < v_0 = b$$

## 5 Subsequences

**Definition 5.1** given a sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , we say that  $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an extracted sequence or subsequence, if there exist an application :

$\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  strictly increasing, such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $v_n = u_{\varphi(n)}$ .

### 5.1 Property of $\varphi$ :

If  $\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is strictly increasing application, so for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\varphi(n) \geq n$ .

In particular, the sequence  $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = \varphi(n)$  has a limit  $+\infty$ .

**Proposition 5.1** Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = l$ , then any subsequence  $(u_{\varphi(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  also  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_{\varphi(n)} = l$ .

**Corollary 5.1** Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence. If  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has two subsequences converging to distinct limits then  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is **divergent**, or if  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a subsequence that

*diverges* then  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  *diverges*.

## 5.2 The Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

**Theorem 5.1** *Every bounded sequence contains a convergent subsequence.*

## 5.3 Limsup and Liminf

**Definition 5.2**  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is called an **accumulation value** of  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  if there is **subsequence**  $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  ; with  $\lim v_n = a$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Definition 5.3** Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real numbers Let  $Ad(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the set of **accumulation values** in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We called **limit superior** (resp. **inferior**) of  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the **largest accumulation value** (resp. the **smallest**) of  $u_n$  . we note

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\lim} u_n &= \sup Ad(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \\ \underline{\lim} u_n &= \inf Ad(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}.\end{aligned}$$

The sequence  $((-1)^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is divergent because it has two extracted subsequences  $(u_{2k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(u_{2k+1})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converging to different limits  $(-1)$  and  $1$ . in fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_{2k} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{2k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1, \\ \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_{2k+1} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{2k+1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} -1 = -1.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$Ad(u_n) = \{-1, 1\}$$

therefor

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\lim} u_n &= \sup Ad(u_n) = 1 \\ \underline{\lim} u_n &= \inf Ad(u_n) = -1.\end{aligned}$$

## 6 Cauchy sequences

We may need to show that a sequence is convergent without necessarily explicitly calculate its limit. This is the case for example when this limit is difficult to find. There is then a criterion that works well for real sequences. This is the Cauchy criterion before defining it let's start by introducing the Cauchy sequences.

**Definition 6.1 (Cauchy sequences)** A sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is called a **Cauchy sequence** if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \forall p, q \in \mathbb{N}, , : p \geq q \geq N \Rightarrow |u_p - u_q| < \varepsilon.$$

**Proposition 6.1 (bounded Cauchy sequence)** A **Cauchy** sequence of real numbers is **bounded**.

**Proposition 6.2 (Cauchy Convergence Criterion)** A sequence of real numbers **converges** if and only if it is a **Cauchy** sequence.

**Example 6.1** The geometric sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by its general term  $u_n = K^n; 0 < K < 1$  is Cauchy sequence. Indeed

Let  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall p, q \in \mathbb{N} : p \geq q \geq N \Rightarrow |u_p - u_q| < \varepsilon$ ?

We have  $|u_p - u_q| = |K^p - K^q|$  ( $p \geq q \Rightarrow p = q + n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) then  $|u_p - u_q| = K^q |K^n - 1| \leq K^q$  ( $0 < K < 1$ )

Since  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}, K^q \leq K^N < \varepsilon \Rightarrow N \ln K < \ln \varepsilon \Rightarrow N > \frac{\ln \varepsilon}{\ln K}$ , we can take

$$N = E\left(\frac{\ln \varepsilon}{\ln K}\right) + 1,$$

so for all  $\varepsilon > 0; \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall p, q \in \mathbb{N} : p \geq q \geq N \Rightarrow |u_p - u_q| < \varepsilon$ . which means that  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy.

**Example 6.2** Let  $(u_n)$  be a sequence defined by  $u_n = \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k^2}, k \in \mathbb{N} / \{0, 1\}$ . Show

that  $(u_n)$  is Cauchy sequence.

We have

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_p &= \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^2} \\ u_q &= \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $p > q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |u_p - u_q| &= \left| \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^2} - \left( \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{q^2} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| - \left( \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{q^2} \right) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} p+1 &\geq p \implies (p+1)^2 \geq p(p+1) \\ \implies \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} &\leq \frac{1}{p(p+1)} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p+1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p+2 &\geq p+1 \implies (p+2)^2 \geq (p+1)(p+2) \\ \implies \frac{1}{(p+2)^2} &\leq \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} = \frac{1}{p+1} - \frac{1}{p+2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q &\geq q-1 \implies (q)^2 \geq (q-1)q \\ \implies \frac{1}{(q)^2} &\leq \frac{1}{(q-1)q} = \frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{1}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

## 6. Cauchy sequences

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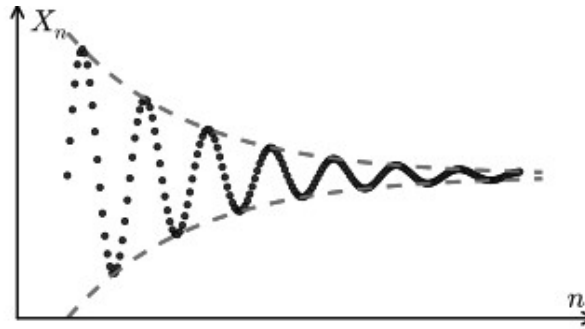
$$\begin{aligned}
 |u_p - u_q| &= \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{q^2} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p+1} + \frac{1}{p+1} - \frac{1}{p+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{1}{q} \\
 &= \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} \\
 &< \frac{1}{p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p} = 0$ , i.e  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists p_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall p \geq p_0 \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{p} < \varepsilon$ . So, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  which we will fix in advance, there exists a rank  $n_0 = p_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that :

$$p \geq n_0, q \geq n_0 \implies |u_p - u_q| < \frac{1}{p} < \varepsilon.$$

which means that  $(u_n)$  is Cauchy.

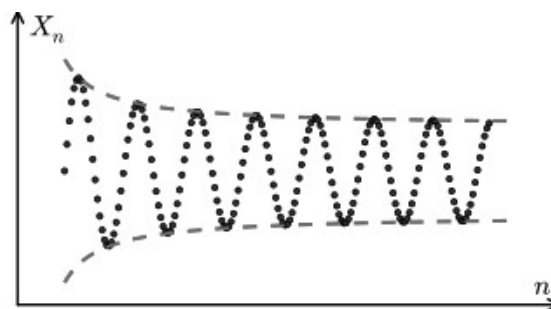
**Graphic representation of Cauchy sequence**



We say that the sequence does not cauchy if it verify

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0, \forall N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ tel que } \exists p, q \in \mathbb{N}, : p \geq q \geq N \wedge |u_p - u_q| \geq \varepsilon.$$





Example : show that  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by general term  $u_n = \sqrt{n}$  does not a cauchy sequence

$$|u_p - u_q| = |\sqrt{p} - \sqrt{q}| ; \text{taking } p = 4(N+1) \text{ and } q = N+1, \text{ we find that}$$

$$|u_p - u_q| = |\sqrt{4(N+1)} - \sqrt{N+1}| = \sqrt{N+1} \geq 1, \forall N \in \mathbb{N},$$

so  $\exists \varepsilon = 1 > 0$  such that  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \exists p = 4(N+1), \exists q = N+1 : p \geq q \geq N$   
 $\wedge |u_p - u_q| \geq 1$

## 7 Recurring sequence :

**Definition 7.1** Let  $f : D \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an application. We assume that  $f(D) \subset D$ .

The sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by the initial term  $u_0 \in D$  and the recurrent relation  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : u_{n+1} = f(u_n)$

is called recurring sequence. This sequence is well defined because, for any integer  $n$ , we have  $u_n \in D$  and  $f(D) \subset D$ .

• For the study of recurring sequences we need some elementary properties of continuous and differentiable maps.

### 7.1 General method for studying a recurring sequence

The study of the monotony of the sequence returns to that of the function  $f$ .

## 7. Recurring sequence :

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### 1) $f$ is increasing

**Proposition** : Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a recurring sequence, we will assume that  $f$  is **increasing**. Then the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is **monotonic**.

Furthermore, if  $f(u_0) = u_1 > u_0$ . So the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is increasing. If  $f(u_0) = u_1 < u_0$ . Then the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is decreasing.

### 2) $f$ is decreasing

If  $f$  is decreasing,  $u_{n+1} - u_n$  is alternately positive and negative. In this case we will consider the function  $g = f \circ f$  :

Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a recurring sequence, we will assume that  $f$  is decreasing. Then

1) The function  $g = f \circ f$  is increasing.

2) The sequences  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(u_{2n+1})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by

$$u_{2n} = f(f(u_0)) = g(u_0), \quad u_{2n+2} = g(u_{2n}) = f(f(u_{2n})), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$u_{2n+1} = f(u_0), \quad u_{2n+3} = g(u_{2n+1}) = f(f(u_{2n+1})), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad u_0 \text{ given.}$$

are monotonic and vary in opposite directions.

## 7.2 Fixed point theorem

**Theorem 7.1** Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence defined by 
$$\begin{cases} u_0 \in D \\ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : u_{n+1} = f(u_n) \end{cases}$$

If  $(u_n)$  converges to a real  $l \in D$  and if  $f$  is continuous in  $l$ , then we have necessarily  $f(l) = l$

The real  $l$  is called a fixed point of  $f$ .

**Example 7.1** We consider the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by the recurrent relation as follows

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = \frac{3}{2}, \\ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : u_{n+1} = (u_n - 1)^2 + 1. \end{cases}$$

Let us show that  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded and strictly monotone. Furthermore, deduce that  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent and determine its limit.

proofove that  $(P_n) : 1 < u_n < 2$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let us show by induction that  $(P_n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $n = 0$ , by hypothesis we know that  $1 < u_0 = \frac{3}{2} < 2$ . So  $P_0$  is true.

Suppose that the proposition  $(P_n)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and prove that  $(P_{n+1})$  is also true  $(1 < u_{n+1} < 2)$ . As  $1 < u_n < 2$  ( recurrence hypothesis).

So  $0 < u_n - 1 < 1$ , hence  $0 < (u_n - 1)^2 < 1$ .

then  $1 < u_n^2 - 2u_n + 1 < 2$ .

i.e  $(P_{n+1})$  is also true.

2) Let's calculate  $u_{n+1} - u_n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} - u_n &= (u_n - 1)^2 + 1 - u_n \\ &= u_n^2 - 2u_n + 1 + 1 - u_n \\ &= u_n^2 - 3u_n + 2 \\ &= (u_n - 1)(u_n - 2). \end{aligned}$$

According to the first question  $0 < (u_n - 1)$  and  $(u_n - 2) < 0$  so  $(u_n - 1)(u_n - 2) < 0$ .

then  $u_{n+1} - u_n < 0$ , since the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strictly decreasing.

3) As the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is decreasing et bounded below by 1, therefore it is convergent to  $l$ . such that  $l$  verified

$l = (l - 1)^2 + 1 \implies l = l^2 - 2l + 2 \implies l^2 - 3l + 2 = 0$ . So  $l = 0$  or  $l = 1$ . Since the first term  $u_0 = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is decreasing, then  $l = 1$ . **1.**

**Exercise :** Discus the nature of the following recurring sequence

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = \sqrt{2u_n + 3} \\ u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+ \end{cases}$$