

4a. In ①-②, if there exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  satisfying the given conditions, write its  $n^{\text{th}}$  term in the box; and if no such sequence exists, write DOES NOT EXIST in the box. No explanation is required.

①  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  does not exist.

$a_n =$  n

②  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = -1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists.

$a_n =$   $\frac{(-1)^n}{n}$

4b. Let  $c$  be a real number, and consider the sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  with  $a_1 = c$  and satisfying the recursion relation  $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_n^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .


① Show that if the sequence converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .


Suppose  $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ . Then:

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + a_n^2 \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \Rightarrow L = L + L^2 \Rightarrow L^2 = 0 \Rightarrow L = 0$$

② Fill in the boxes so that the sentence below becomes a true statement.

If  $c =$   $\frac{1}{2}$ , then the sequence diverges.

  
Write **here** a real number which is not an integer

  
Write **here** either *converges* or *diverges*

③ Prove the statement in ②.

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and if } a_n \geq \frac{1}{2}, \text{ then } a_{n+1} = a_n + a_n^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} + 0 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence, by induction,  $a_n \geq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

It follows that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq \frac{1}{2}$  if the limit exists,

contradicting Part ①. Therefore the limit does not exist.