

Define the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  by the initial terms  $x_1 = 2$ ,  $x_2 = 4$ , and the recurrence relation

$$x_{n+2} = 3x_{n+1} - 2x_n + \frac{2^n}{x_n} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{2^n}$  exists and satisfies

$$\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{2^n} \leq \frac{3}{2}.$$