

Let  $a_0 = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $b_0 = 2$ ,  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{4 - a_n^2}}$ ,  $b_{n+1} = \frac{2b_n}{2 + \sqrt{4 + b_n^2}}$ .

- a) Prove that the sequences  $(a_n)$ ,  $(b_n)$  are decreasing and converge to 0.
- b) Prove that the sequence  $(2^n a_n)$  is increasing, the sequence  $(2^n b_n)$  is decreasing and that these two sequences converge to the same limit.
- c) Prove that there is a positive constant  $C$  such that for all  $n$  the following inequality holds:  
$$0 < b_n - a_n < \frac{C}{8^n}.$$