

MA109 Calculus-I

D4-T6 Tutorial 1

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We have shown that the sequence is convergent as it is monotonic and bounded.

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Take limit on both sides of the equation : $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n}$

$$L = \sqrt{2 + L} \implies L^2 = 2 + L \implies L = 2$$

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