

10. (a) If  $x$  is real show that the maximum value of [8]

$$y = \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$$

is 3, and the minimum is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Draw the graph of  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

(b) i. Find the general solution to the 2nd order homogeneous linear recurrence [9]

$$2u_{n+1} + 3u_n - 2u_{n-1} = 0.$$

ii. Give a necessary and sufficient condition on  $u_0$  and  $u_1$  such that the sequence defined by the recurrence converges.

iii. Find the general solution to the 2nd order linear recurrence:

$$2v_{n+1} + 3v_n - 2v_{n-1} = n - 3.$$

iv. If  $u_0 = u_1 = 0$ , give a formula for  $u_n$ .