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(a)  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1, a_{n+2} = a_n + a_{n+1}, n \geq 1$

(b) We assumed  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = L$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} = L$ .

Now  $\frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} = \frac{a_n + a_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} = \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} + 1$ .

So  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} + 1 \right)$ .

$$L = \frac{1}{L} + 1$$

$$L^2 = 1 + L$$

$$L^2 - L - 1 = 0$$

By quadratic formula,  $L = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Since all the terms in

the sequence are positive,  $L = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .