## FIBONACCI SEQUENCES 1

STUDENT RESOURCE

Use a calculator for this activity.

You may have seen this sequence before:

$$u_1 = 1$$
,  $u_2 = 1$ ,  $u_3 = 2$ ,  $u_4 = 3$ ,  $u_4 = 5$ ,  $u_5 = 8$ ,  $u_6 = 13$ 

- Find the next three terms.
- Express the rule for the formation of the sequence:
  - (i) in words
  - (ii) in algebra

Now form the sequence  $v_n$  where  $v_n = \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n}$ 

So 
$$v_1 = \frac{u_2}{u_1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$v_2 = \frac{u_3}{u_0} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

So 
$$v_1 = \frac{u_2}{u_1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$
  $v_2 = \frac{u_3}{u_2} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$   $v_3 = \frac{u_4}{u_3} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$ 

- ullet Determine the rest of the first twelve terms of the sequence  $oldsymbol{v}_n$ .
- Describe its behaviour.
- Investigate what happens to  $v_n$  if we change  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .