

Q2

Let  $x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = \frac{4x_n + 2}{x_n + 3}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Show that the sequence  $(x_n)$  converges.

Solution:  
We will change the look of  $x_{n+1}$  as follows:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{4x_n + 12 - 12 + 2}{x_n + 3} = \frac{4(x_n + 3) - 10}{x_n + 3}$$

(This will help!)  $x_{n+1} = 4 - \frac{10}{x_n + 3}$

$$x_2 = \frac{4x_1 + 2}{x_1 + 3} = \frac{4(1) + 2}{1 + 3} = \frac{6}{4} = 1.5 \Rightarrow x_1 < x_2$$

We will prove  $(x_n)$  increases by Mathematical induction  
Assume " $x_{n+1} \geq x_n$ " is true statement.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } x_{n+2} - x_{n+1} &= 4 - \frac{10}{x_{n+1} + 3} - 4 + \frac{10}{x_n + 3} \\ &= \frac{10}{x_n + 3} - \frac{10}{x_{n+1} + 3} \\ &= \frac{10x_{n+1} + 30 - 10x_n - 30}{(x_n + 3)(x_{n+1} + 3)} \\ &= \frac{10(x_{n+1} - x_n)}{(x_n + 3)(x_{n+1} + 3)} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $x_{n+2} \geq x_{n+1} \Rightarrow (x_n)$  is increasing.

Now we will prove that  $(x_n) \leq M \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, M \in \mathbb{R}^+$   
 $x_1 = 1 < 10$ . By Mathematical induction:

$$\text{Assume } x_n \leq 10 \Rightarrow 3 + x_n \leq 13 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_n + 3} \geq \frac{1}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-10}{x_n + 3} \leq \frac{-10}{13} \Rightarrow 4 - \frac{10}{x_n + 3} \leq 4 - \frac{10}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} \leq \frac{42}{13} < 10 = M \Rightarrow (x_n) \text{ is bdd above by } 10$$

So  $(x_n)$  is convergent