

(i) Find a pair of positive integers,  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ , that solve the equation

$$(x_1)^2 - 2(y_1)^2 = 1.$$

(ii) Given integers  $a, b$ , we define two sequences  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  and  $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots$  by setting

$$x_{n+1} = 3x_n + 4y_n, \quad y_{n+1} = ax_n + by_n, \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Find *positive* values for  $a, b$  such that

$$(x_{n+1})^2 - 2(y_{n+1})^2 = (x_n)^2 - 2(y_n)^2.$$

(iii) Find a pair of integers  $X, Y$  which satisfy  $X^2 - 2Y^2 = 1$  such that  $X > Y > 50$ .

(iv) (Using the values of  $a$  and  $b$  found in part (ii)) what is the approximate value of  $x_n/y_n$  as  $n$  increases?