Quest for Mathematics I (E2): Exercise sheet 1

1. Find the limits as $n \to \infty$ of the following expressions.

(a)
$$\left(\frac{3n}{n+3}\right)^2$$

(b) $\left(\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n}\right) \left(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}\right)$
(c) $5^n - 3^n$
(d) $(5^n - 3^n)^{1/n}$
(e) $\frac{n!}{2^n}$

2. Find all the possible limits of

$$\frac{1-r^n}{1+r^n}$$

as $n \to \infty$, where $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$.

3. The sequence $(a_n)_{n\geq 1}$ satisfies:

$$a_1 = 1, \qquad a_{n+1} = 2 + \frac{3}{4}a_n.$$

Explain why the sequence converges, and find its limit.

4. The sequence $(F_n)_{n\geq 1}$ satisfies $F_1 = F_2 = 1$, and

$$F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}.$$

Suppose it is known that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} = f$$

for some f > 0. Find f.