

Practice Midterm II Exam 2
Time Limit: 50 Minutes

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You may *not* use your books, notes, the Internet, or any calculator on this exam.

You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- (A) **If you use a lemma, proposition or theorem which we have seen in the class or in the book, you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied.
- (B) **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive little credit.
- (C) **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive little credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will receive partial credit.
- (D) If you need more space, use the back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

Problem	Points	Score
1	25	
2	25	
3	25	
4	25	
Total:	100	

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1. (25 points) Solve the following parts:

(a) (10 points) Show that the set

$$X = \left\{ \frac{1}{3n^4 + 7n^2 + 5} : n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \right\}$$

is bounded (i.e. it is bounded above and bounded below).

(b) (10 points) Let $Y = [2, 5) \cap \mathbb{Q} = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : 2 \leq y < 5, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

Find $\sup(Y)$ and $\inf(Y)$ or show they do not exist. (Please prove your answer.)

2. (25 points) Solve the following parts:

(a) (10 points) Consider the recursive sequence (x_n) , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, given by

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{3x_n + 10}, \quad x_1 = 1.$$

Show that $(x_n)_n$ is bounded above by 5.

(b) (5 points) Prove that (x_n) is increasing.

(c) (5 points) Show that (x_n) converges.

(d) (5 points) Find the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$.

3. (25 points) Consider the map

$$f : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = x^3 - x.$$

(a) (15 points) Prove that f is *not* injective.

(b) (10 points) Prove that f is surjective.

4. (25 points) Solve the following two problems:

- (a) (15 points) Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ be a fixed natural number and the set $[m] = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Consider the set

$$X = \{f : [m] \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}\}$$

of maps from $[m]$ to \mathbb{N} . Show that X is countable.

- (b) (10 points) Show that the set $T = \{(x_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n \in \{-1, 0, 1\}\}$ of ternary sequences is uncountable.¹

¹That is, an element of T is a sequence (x_n) , indexed by $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where each value x_n can be $-1, 0$ or 1 .