

**Math 311H**  
**Honors Introduction to Real Analysis**  
**Midterm 1**

**Instructions:** You have 80 minutes to complete the exam. There are six questions, worth a total of thirty points. Partial credit will be given for progress toward correct solutions where relevant. You may not use any books, notes, calculators, or other electronic devices.

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1. For each of the following things, either give an example of the described object (no need to justify it) or write a sentence saying why this is impossible.
  - (a) [1pts.] A Cauchy sequence with no monotone subsequence.
  - (b) [1pts.] A monotone sequence with no Cauchy subsequence.
  - (c) [1pts.] A sequence with exactly three subsequential limits.
  - (d) [1pts.] A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  for which  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  does not.
  - (e) [1pts.] An alternating series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  of rational numbers converging to  $\sqrt{2}$ , and a partial sum of this series which is within .01 of  $\sqrt{2}$ .
  - (f) [1pts.] A sequence of nonempty closed sets  $F_1 \supseteq F_2 \supseteq F_3 \supseteq \dots$  such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$  is empty.

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2. (a) [3pts.] Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence with the property that  $|a_n - a_{n+1}| < \frac{1}{2^n}$ . Show that  $(a_n)$  is Cauchy.
- (b) [1pts.] Is the conclusion of part (a) true if the condition is instead  $|a_n - a_{n+1}| < \frac{1}{n}$ ?

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3. Consider the sequence defined recursively by  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_{n+1} = \frac{5a_n}{3+a_n}$ .
- (a) [3pts.] Prove that  $1 \leq a_n \leq 2$  for all  $n$  and  $(a_n)$  is increasing.
  - (b) [2pts.] Prove that  $(a_n)$  converges and compute the limit, justifying your steps carefully.

4. Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a series with the property that  $\lim a_n = 0$ .
- (a) [1pts.] Give an example to show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  need not necessarily converge.
- (b) [4pts.] Prove that there exists a subsequence  $(a_{n_k})$  of  $(a_n)$  with the property that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{n_k}$  converges. [Hint: Start by arguing that there is a subsequence  $(a_{n_k})$  with the property that  $|a_{n_k}| \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$ .]

5. Let  $A_n$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  for every  $n$ .

(a) [3pts.] Prove that  $\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^{\circ} \subseteq (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n)^{\circ}$ .

(b) [2pts.] Give an example to show the inclusion above may be proper.

6. A sequence  $(a_n)$  is said to *diverge to infinity* if, for every  $M > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies that  $a_n > M$ .
- (a) [1pts.] Give an example (no need to justify it) of a sequence that diverges to infinity.
  - (b) [1pts.] Give an example (no need to justify it) of a sequence that diverges but does not diverge to infinity.
  - (c) [2pts.] Prove that if  $(a_n)$  is a sequence that diverges to infinity and  $(b_n)$  converges to a limit  $b > 0$ , then  $(a_n b_n)$  also diverges to infinity.
  - (d) [1pts.] Give an example to show that the statement above is not true if the condition  $b > 0$  is removed.