

MATH 4335 MIDTERM EXAM

Name: _____

Instructions: Solve two of the four problems. I will grade the first two problems for which I see a proof attempt that has not been crossed out.

Warning: For each problem, I only want your single best proof attempt, with any other proof attempts crossed out. If you do not heed my warning, I will grade based on the worst proof attempt.

Exercise	Grade
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Overall	

1. Let $a_0 = 1/2$ and $a_{n+1} = a_n^3$ for all $n \geq 0$. Prove by induction that $\{a_n\}$ is a bounded and monotone sequence.

2. Prove $\frac{5}{n^3} - \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 0$ directly from the definition of limit.

3. Prove that the sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{0!}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1!}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2!}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \right\}$ is bounded above.

4. Prove that $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)^{n^3} \rightarrow \infty$. Do not use logarithms.