First Examination

- 1. (a) i. Define what it means for a sequence of real numbers to be monotone.
  - ii. Give an example of a monotone sequence.
  - iii. Give an example of a sequence that is not monotone.
  - (b) i. Define what it means for a sequence of real numbers to be a Cauchy sequence.
    - ii. Give an example of a Cauchy sequence.
    - iii. Give an example of a sequence that is not a Cauchy sequence.
- 2. (a) State the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem.
  - (b) State the squeeze theorem about limits of sequences.
- 3. (a) State the definition of "the limit of the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is L".
  - (b) Use the definition in part (a) to prove that 0 is the limit of the sequence  $\{1/\sqrt{n^2+1}\}$ .
- 4. For each of the following statements, say whether the statement is true or false. To support an answer of "true", you must give an explanation or cite a theorem or supply a proof; to support an answer of "false", you must exhibit a counterexample.
  - (a) If a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is unbounded, then the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  has no cluster point.
  - (b) If a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  converges, then the related sequence  $\{(-1)^n a_n\}$  diverges.
- 5. Prove that the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$  diverges. (Notice that this problem differs from problem 3(b): that problem concerns a *sequence*, but this problem concerns a *series*.)