Problem Set 2

In your work on the following problems you may use the theorems about limits in section 9 of the text.

1. (10 pts) Find a function  $f(\epsilon)$  defined for  $\epsilon > 0$  with the property that

$$\left|\frac{5n+6}{2n-3} - \frac{5}{2}\right| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } n > f(\epsilon).$$

- 2. (10 pts) Find  $\lim \sqrt{9n^2 + 2n 1} 3n$ .
- 3. (10 pts) Use the  $N \epsilon$  definition of limit to show that the sequence  $a_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right)$  does not converge.
- 4. (10 pts) Prove the *Squeeze Theorem* that if  $a_n \le x_n \le b_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim a_n = \lim b_n = L$ , then the sequence  $x_n$  converges to L.
- 5. Let  $x_n$  be given by  $x_1 = 17$  and  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2x_n + 15}$ .
  - (a) (10 pts) Show that the sequence  $x_n$  is decreasing and bounded below.
  - (b) (10 pts) Explain whether the sequence  $x_n$  converges or not. If the sequence converges, then find the limit.
- 6. Consider the following definitions:
  - A sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  is *eventually* in a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  if there exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n \in A$  for all  $n \geq N$ .
  - A sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  is *frequently* in a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  if, for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an  $n \geq N$  such that  $a_n \in A$ .
  - (a) (10 pts) Is the sequence with terms  $a_n = (-1)^n$  eventually or frequently in the set {1}?
  - (b) (10 pts) Which definition is stronger? Does frequently imply eventually or does eventually imply frequently?
  - (c) (10 pts) Suppose an infinite number of terms of a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  are equal to 2. Is the sequence necessarily eventually in the interval (1.9, 2.1)? Is it frequently in (1.9, 2.1)?
  - (d) (10 pts) Suppose  $\lim x_n = 2$ . Is the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  necessarily eventually in the interval (1.9, 2.1)? Is it frequently in (1.9, 2.1)?