Homework 4: The Limit of a Sequence

Assignments should be **stapled** and written clearly and legibly.

- 1. $\S4.1, \#6(c)$.
- 2. Using only the definition of a limit, prove

(a)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2n-2}{5n+3} = \frac{2}{5}$$

(b) $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(5 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+\sqrt{n}+12}} \right) = 5$

3. Consider the following definition:

Definition: A sequence (a_n) is said to **reverge** to L if there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that for every $N \in \mathbb{N}$, whenever $n \ge N$, we have $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$.

- (a) Give an example of a sequence that reverges.
- (b) If a sequence reverges, must it also converge? If not, give a counterexample.
- (c) Is it possible for a sequence to reverge to two different values?
- (d) (optional) If possible, give a simpler definition of revergence.
- 4. Does the sequence (a_n) defined by

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n = 2^m \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1 + \frac{1}{n}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

converge? Justify your answer. (A formal proof is not required.)

5. Suppose that a sequence (a_n) converges to 0, and that at least one term a_n of the sequence is greater than 0. Prove that the set $\{a_n\}$ has a maximum.