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I: (25 points) a) Consider the recursive sequence $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 + a_n}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $a_0 = 0$. Assuming that the sequence converges, compute its limit.

b) Compute the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1} - \sqrt{n^2 + n}} .$$

c) Express the number $0.\overline{123} = 0.123123 \dots$ as a ratio of two integers.

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II: (25 points) a) For what a does the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(x^2) - 1}{x^a}$$

exist and is not zero?

Use any test to decide which of the following integrals exists:

$$a) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x + (x - 1)^2} dx, \quad b) \int_{1/2}^{3/2} \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx$$

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III: (25 points) a) Solve the initial value problem

$$y' + 3x^2y = x^2 \quad y(1) = 2$$

b) (from Thomas) An aluminum beam was brought in from the outside cold into a machine shop where the temperature was held at 65° F. After 10 minutes, the beam warmed to 35° F and after another 10 minutes to 50° F. Use Newton's law of cooling to compute the initial temperature of the beam.

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IV: (25 points)

a) Consider the series

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^a}$$

where $a > 0$. For which values of a is this series convergent and for which ones divergent.

b) Does the series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n^3+2}},$$

converge?

c) Find n so that the partial sum $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4}$ estimates the value of the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^4}$ with an error of at most 10^{-6} .