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Directions: This is the take-home portion of the test. You must do all the problems contained here <u>individually</u>. You MAY NOT solicit help from anyone. You will get a grade of ZERO for this portion if you are caught cheating. Part one has 36 points and part two has 14 points making a total of 50 points on this test. Your grade will be based on a percentage of the total points.

**1.** Define a sequence recursively as follows:  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_2 = 1$ , and for  $n \ge 3$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ .

This is the famous Fibonacci sequence. Now define a new sequence by  $b_n = \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ . This new sequence of numbers denoted  $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges. Find the <u>exact</u> real number this sequence converges to. (Hint: How do  $b_n$  and  $b_{n-1}$  relate to each other in the form of an equation? Once you find such an equation, take the limit of both sides and assume that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} b_{n-1} = b$  where

b is the real number the sequence converges to. Next solve for b.) (7 points)

2. Find the <u>exact</u> sum of the following telescoping series. Use algebra to justify your work for full credit. (Hint: Perform a partial fraction decomposition and use  $\frac{-1}{x+1} = \frac{-1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{-1}{2(x+1)}$ .) (7 points)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n}$$