

**Math 1B Quiz 3 SOLUTIONS**

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You have 20 minutes to complete this quiz. You must show your work. The following fact may be helpful:

If  $K > |f''(x)|$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $|E_T| \leq \frac{K(b-a)^3}{12n^2}$

1. (3 pts) For (a) and (b), write the **form** of the partial fraction decomposition. You need not solve for the coefficients.

$$(a) \frac{1}{(x-2)(x+3)^3} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x+3} + \frac{C}{(x+3)^2} + \frac{D}{(x+3)^3}$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{(x-1)x^2(x^2+x+1)^2} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x} + \frac{C}{x^2} + \frac{Dx+E}{x^2+x+1} + \frac{Fx+G}{(x^2+x+1)^2}$$

(c) Write  $\frac{2x^2-x+1}{x-1}$  in proper form

Long division gives:  $2x + 1 + \frac{2}{x-1}$

2. (3 pts) Find  $\int_0^2 \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx$ , or show that it does not exist.

We note that this is discontinuous at  $x = 1$ , so we write  $\int_0^2 \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx$ . Note that  $\int \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx = 1/2 \ln |x^2 - 1|$  (if you don't see this, substitute  $u = x^2 - 1$ ), so

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} (\ln |t^2 - 1| - \ln |-1|) = -\infty$$

And thus the original integral diverges.

3. (4 pts) Suppose we want to use the Trapezoid rule to estimate  $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$  and want an error of less than  $10^{-5}$ . How many subintervals (ie, how big of an  $n$ ) do we need to guarantee this?  $f(x) = 1/x$ , so  $f' = -1/x^2$  and  $f'' = 2/x^3$ . On  $(1, 2)$ , this is always less than 2, so we pick  $K = 2$

Then we want

$$\begin{aligned} |E_T| &\leq \frac{2(2-1)^3}{12n^2} \leq 10^{-5} \\ \frac{10^5}{6} &\leq n^2 \\ \sqrt{\frac{10^5}{6}} &\leq n \end{aligned}$$

So we can pick any integer greater than  $\sqrt{\frac{10^5}{6}}$ .