

Quiz 3 RM Solutions

Please inform your TA if you find any errors in the quiz solutions.

1. (5 points) Compute the antiderivative

$$\int \frac{x(x^3 - 2x^2 + x) + 3}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x} dx$$

Solution: First write the integrand in reduced form.

$$\frac{x(x^3 - 2x^2 + x) + 3}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x} = x + \frac{3}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x}$$

Now apply partial fractions to the second summand.

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

Solving for A , B and C :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{x(x-1)^2} &= \frac{A(x-1)^2 + Bx(x-1) + Cx}{x(x-1)^2} \\ 3 &= A(x^2 - 2x + 1) + B(x^2 - x) + Cx = (A+B)x^2 + (-2A - B + C)x + A \end{aligned}$$

This implies the three equations

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A + B \\ 0 &= -2A - B + C \\ 3 &= A \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of equations we get $B = -3$ and $C = 3$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left(x + \frac{2}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x} \right) dx &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \int \left(\frac{3}{x} + \frac{-3}{x-1} + \frac{3}{(x-1)^2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 3 \left(\ln|x| - \ln|x-1| - \frac{1}{x-1} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

2. (5 points) Compute the antiderivative

$$\int \sqrt{7-x^2} dx \tag{1}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sqrt{7-x^2} dx &= \int \left(\sqrt{7-7\sin^2(\theta)} \right) \sqrt{7}\cos(\theta) d\theta && x = \sqrt{7}\sin(\theta) \\ &= \int \sqrt{7}\cos(\theta)\sqrt{7(1-\sin^2(\theta))} d\theta && dx = \sqrt{7}\cos(\theta)d\theta \\ &= 7 \int \cos^2(\theta) d\theta \\ &= 7 \int \frac{1+\cos(2\theta)}{2} d\theta \\ &= 7 \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2\theta) \right) + C \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right) + \frac{7}{4} \sin\left(2\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right)\right) + C \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right) + \frac{7}{2} \sin\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right)\right) \cos\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right)\right) + C \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} x \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{7}}\right)^2} + C\end{aligned}$$