MA 114 Quiz 3

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Answer all questions and show your work. Unsupported answers may receive *no credit*. You may not use a calculator on this quiz. Allow 15 minutes for the quiz.

1. (7 points) Evaluate the integral 
$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x - 3} dx$$
.

**Solution:** We write  $x^2 - 2x - 3 = (x - 3)(x + 1)$ . Thus, we have a partial fractions decomposition

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

This gives that A + B = 0 and B - 3A = 1. (1 point for form of decomposition, 2 points for coefficients) Solving these equations gives B = 1/4 and A = -1/4. Thus we have

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x - 3} \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int \left( \frac{1}{x - 3} - \frac{1}{x + 1} \right) \, dx = \frac{1}{4} (\ln(|x - 3|) - \ln(|x + 1|)) + C.$$

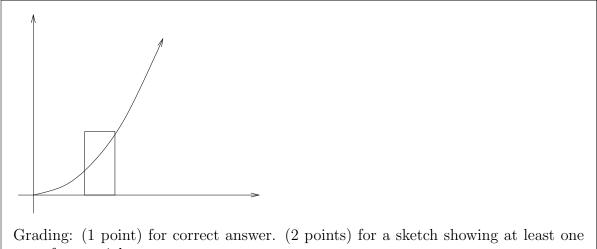
Using this anti-derivative, the definite integral becomes

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x - 3} \, dx = \frac{1}{4} (\ln(1) - \ln(3) - (\ln(3) - \ln(1))) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(3).$$

(2 points for anti-derivative, 1 point for evaluating and 1 point for simplifying.)

2. (3 points) Let  $R_n$  be a right sum for the integral  $\int_0^4 x^6 dx$ . Is  $R_n$  larger or smaller than the exact value of the integral? Use a sketch to explain your answer.

**Solution:** Since the function  $x^6$  is increasing on [0, 4], the largest value of  $x^6$  on a subinterval of this interval will be at the right endpoint. Thus, any right sum will be larger than the integral. The sketch below compares the area representing one term in a right sum with the corresponding integral.



term from a right sum.