Quiz 9

1. Find an expression for the exact area under $f(x) = (x - 1)^2$ from x = 1 to x = 3 as the limit of a Riemann sum with n subintervals of equal width. DO NOT EVALUATE IT!

Solution. For convenience, we use the right Riemann sum with n subintervals. The formula for rectangle width, Δx , and the formula for where we take our i^{th} rectangle height, x_i , are straight from the definitions,

$$\Delta x = \frac{3-1}{n} = \frac{2}{n} \text{ and}$$
$$x_i = 1 + i\Delta x = 1 + \frac{2i}{n}.$$

Now, the formula for the exact area under $f(x) = (x-1)^2$ from x = 0 to x = 3 as the limit of a Riemann sum is again from definition,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i) \Delta_x = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(1 + \frac{2i}{n} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{2}{n}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{2i}{n} \right)^2 \frac{2}{n}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{8i^2}{n^3}$$
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2. Find g(x), given $g'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} + e^x$ and g(1) = e.

Solution. We carefully antidifferentiate g'(x) and deduce the constant C using g(1) = e. Using $\int \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x}$ with $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan(x)$ and $\int e^x dx = e^x$, we have

$$g(x) = -\frac{1}{x} + \arctan(x) + e^x + C.$$

Asserting

$$g(1) = -1 + \frac{\pi}{4} + e + C = e,$$

we have that $C = 1 - \pi/4$, meaning $g(x) = -\frac{1}{x} + \arctan(x) + e^x + 1 - \pi/4$.

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