

The first three exercises are calculus and linear algebra review. If you are unable to do these exercises

1. Let

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2a} \log \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + b$$

where $a > 0$ and b are constants, \log denotes the natural logarithm, and $|\cdot|$ denotes the absolute value.

a) What is the domain of $f(x)$?

The largest possible domain for f is $D = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-a, a\}$ since $|\cdot| \geq 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ and the real valued \log function $\log(y)$ may be defined sensibly only for $y > 0$.

b) Compute $f'(x)$.

First we show for $u : D \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, that wherever $|u(x)|$ is differentiable, its derivative is given by $\frac{u(x)u'(x)}{|u(x)|}$:

$$\frac{d}{dx}|u(x)| = \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{(u(x))^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{(u(x))^2}} 2u(x)u'(x) = \frac{u(x)u'(x)}{|u(x)|}.$$

Using this we have

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2a} \left| \frac{x+a}{x-a} \right| \frac{\frac{x-a}{x+a} \frac{x+a-(x-a)}{(x+a)^2}}{\left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right|} = \frac{1}{2a} \frac{|(x+a)^2|}{|(x-a)^2|} \frac{2a(x-a)}{(x+a)^3} = \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} (x \neq \pm a).$$

c) Evaluate the indefinite integral

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x} dx$$

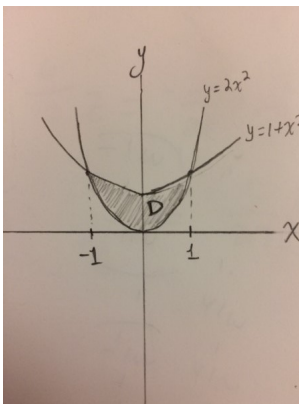
by completing the square.

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{dx}{x^2 - 2x + 1 - 1} &= \int \frac{dx}{(x-1)^2 - 1} \quad (x-1 = \sec\theta \implies dx = \sec\theta \tan\theta d\theta) \\
&= \int \frac{\sec\theta \tan\theta d\theta}{\sec^2\theta - 1} \\
&= \int \frac{\sec\theta d\theta}{\tan\theta} \\
&= \int \csc\theta d\theta \\
&= -\log|\csc\theta + \cot\theta| + c \quad (*) \\
&= -\log\left|\frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2-2x}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-2x}}\right| + c \\
&= \log\left|\frac{\sqrt{x(x-2)}}{x}\right| + c \\
&= \log|\sqrt{x(x-2)}| - \log|x| + c \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\log|x| + \log|x-2|) - \log|x| + c \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(\log|x-2| - \log|x|) + c.
\end{aligned}$$

(*) Here we used a standard integral list found at <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/> .

2. Let D be the region in the xy -plane bounded by the parabolas $y = 2x^2$ and $y = 1 + x^2$ and satisfying $|x| < 1$.

a) Sketch the region D .



b) Evaluate the definite integral

$$\iint_D x^2 dA = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{2x^2}^{1+x^2} x^2 dy dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 y \Big|_{2x^2}^{1+x^2} dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 - x^4 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{15} .$$

3. ** For problems 3 and 4 I have included in this document snippets of R code used for each problem. However, I have also attached all the code collected together in a separate document submitted as well to possibly assist in grading.**

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Is the sum $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{b}$ defined? If so, what is it?

The sum $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{b}$ is defined in the R programming language (but we note that this sum is not defined in standard linear algebra or in some other programming languages such as Matlab). In R the sum is:

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 7 \\ 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- b) Write one line of R code that uses the `cbind` function to create the matrix \mathbf{A} and assigns it to a variable named `A`.

This is accomplished with the command : `A <- cbind(c(1,2,3),c(4,5,6))`

- c) Create the vector \mathbf{b} using the command `b <- 1:3` and compute the sum `C <- A + b`. Give an expression for `C[i, j]` in terms of `A[i, j]` and `b[i]`.

Creating \mathbf{b} as described and using \mathbf{A} as before to compute the sum `C <- A + b` we have `C[i,j] = A[i,j] + b[i]`.

4. R exercises: these exercises are meant to give you some practice subsetting vectors, reading R documentation files, and loading R packages.

- a) Among R's built-in constants is a vector named `letters` that contains 26 lowercase letters in alphabetical order. Spell your last name by subsetting `letters` (spaces, if any, should be omitted).

```
my_last_name <- letters[c(10,15,8,14,19,15,14)]
```

- b) Read the documentation for `letters`. Use the `c` function and one or more components from another built-in constants vector to capitalize your last name appropriately.

```
my_last_name_capitalized <- c(LETTERS[10],letters[c(15,8,14,19,15,14)])
```

- c) Repeat part ii for your first name.

```
my_first_name_capitalized <- c(LETTERS[4],letters[c(1,14,5)])
```

- d) Use the `paste` function to write your first and last name (correctly capitalized) as a single character string.

```
my_full_name <- paste(c(paste(my_first_name_capitalized,collapse=""),  
  paste(my_last_name_capitalized,collapse = "")),collapse = " ")
```

- e) Use a logical vector to extract the first and last 5 letters from `letters`.

```
x <- 1:26  
letters_subset <- letters[x[x < 6 | x > 21]]
```

- f) The `MASS` package contains a vector named `chem`. Write one line of R code that returns the number of components of `chem` that are in the interval (3,4).

```
chem_components_in_range <- length(chem[chem > 3 & chem < 4])
```