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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. (3 points) Give the partial fraction decomposition for the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x}$ .

**Solution:** We factor  $x^2 + 2x = x(x + 2)$  and thus we know that there are constants  $A$  and  $B$  so that

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

Solving  $A + B = 0$  and  $2A = 1$  gives  $A = 1/2$  and  $B = -1/2$  so the partial fractions decomposition is

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x + 2} \right).$$

Form of decomposition with constants (1 point), equations for  $A$  and  $B$  (1 point), values of  $A$  and  $B$  (1 point). Other methods are possible and should receive equivalent credit.

2. (4 points) Give the form of the partial fraction decomposition for the function  $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^4 - 1)}$ . **Do not solve for the coefficients.**

**Solution:** We factor  $(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^4 - 1) = (x - 1)^2(x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1) = (x - 1)^3(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$ . The partial fraction decomposition has the terms

$$\frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{(x - 1)^2} + \frac{C}{(x - 1)^3} + \frac{D}{x + 1} + \frac{Ex + F}{x^2 + 1}.$$

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3. (3 points) (a) Find  $R_3$ , the right endpoint approximation to the integral  $I = \int_1^4 \frac{1}{t} dt$ .  
 (b) Is the value  $R_3$  greater or less than  $I$ ? You may use a sketch to justify your answer.

**Solution:** a) We use three intervals of length 1 to give  $R_3 = 1 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{13}{12}$ . b) The rectangles whose area gives  $R_3$  is contained in the area under the graph of  $1/x$ . Hence  $R_3 < I$ .

