

Section 1: Summing series

Section test

In Question 1-3, S_1 denotes $\sum_{r=1}^n r$, S_2 denotes $\sum_{r=1}^n r^2$ and S_3 denotes $\sum_{r=1}^n r^3$.

1. The sum $\sum_{r=1}^n (4r^2(r+1) + 2)$ is equal to

(a) $4S_3 + 4S_2 + 2$	(b) $4S_3 + 4S_2 + 2n$
(c) $4S_3 + S_2 + 2$	(d) $4S_2(S_1 + 1) + 2n$

2. The sum $\sum_{r=1}^n ((r+1)(r-1)+1)$ is equal to

(a) $(S_1 + 1)(S_1 - 1) + 1$	(b) S_2
(c) $(S_1 + 1)(S_1 - 1) + n$	(d) $S_1^2 - n^2 + n$

3. The sum $\sum_{r=1}^n (3r-1)(2r+1)$ is equal to

(a) $6S_2 + S_1 - 1$	(b) $6S_2 - S_1 - n$
(c) $6S_2 + S_1 - n$	(d) $(3S_1 - 1)(2S_1 + 1)$

4. Find $1+2+3+\dots+500$.

5. Find $\sum_{r=1}^{200} r^3$.

6. Find $\sum_{r=1}^{100} (r^2 + 1)$

7. Find $\sum_{r=1}^{50} (r^3 - r^2 + r - 2)$

8. Find the sum $\sum_{r=1}^n (2r+1)(2r-1)$.

9. Find the sum $\sum_{r=1}^n r(r+2)(r-2)$.

10. Find the sum $(1 \times 3) + (2 \times 5) + (3 \times 7) + \dots + n(2n+1)$.

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Solutions to section test

$$\begin{aligned}1. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n (4r^2(r+1) + 2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (4r^3 + 4r^2 + 2) \\&= 4 \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 + 4 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n 2 \\&= 4S_3 + 4S_2 + 2n\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n ((r+1)(r-1) + 1) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (r^2 - 1 + 1) \\&= \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 \\&= S_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}3. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n (3r-1)(2r+1) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (6r^2 + r - 1) \\&= 6 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n r - \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\&= 6S_2 + S_1 - n\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}4. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r &= \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) \\&\sum_{r=1}^{500} r = \frac{1}{2} \times 500 \times 501 \\&= 125250\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}5. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 &= \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2 \\&\sum_{r=1}^{200} r^3 = \frac{1}{4} \times 200^2 \times 201^2 \\&= 404010000\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}6. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 &= \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1) \\&\sum_{r=1}^{100} (r^2 + 1) = \sum_{r=1}^{100} r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{100} 1 \\&= \frac{1}{6} \times 100 \times 101 \times 201 + 100 \\&= 338450\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 7. \quad \sum_{r=1}^{50} (r^3 - r^2 + r - 2) &= \sum_{r=1}^{50} r^3 - \sum_{r=1}^{50} r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{50} r - \sum_{r=1}^{50} 2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \times 50^2 \times 51^2 - \frac{1}{6} \times 50 \times 51 \times 101 + \frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times 51 - 2 \times 50 \\
 &= 1583875
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 8. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n (2r+1)(2r-1) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (4r^2 - 1) = 4 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 - \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\
 &= 4 \times \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1) - n \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} n(n+1)(2n+1) - n \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} n(4n^2 + 6n + 2 - 3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} n(4n^2 + 6n - 1) \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} n^3 + 2n^2 - \frac{1}{3} n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r(r+2)(r-2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (r^3 - 4r) = \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 - 4 \sum_{r=1}^n r \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} n^2(n+1)^2 - 4 \times \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} n(n+1)(n(n+1)-8) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} n(n+1)(n^2+n-8)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10. \quad (1 \times 3) + (2 \times 5) + (3 \times 7) + \dots + n(2n+1) &= \sum_{r=1}^n r(2r+1) \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n (2r^2 + r) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n r \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1) + \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(4n+2+3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(4n+5) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} n^3 + \frac{3}{2} n^2 + \frac{5}{6} n
 \end{aligned}$$