

Section 1: Definitions and notation

Exercise level 2

1. Write each of the following series in the form $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$.

(i) $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 20$

(ii) $1 + 4 + 9 + \dots + 144$

(iii) $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{20}$

(iv) $1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + \dots + 64$

2. Find

(i) $\sum_{k=1}^5 (2k+1)$

(ii) $\sum_{k=1}^4 k^2$

(iii) $\sum_{k=0}^4 2^k$

3. Write out fully:

(i) $\sum_{k=1}^6 (2k^2 - 1)$

(ii) $\sum_{r=1}^5 r^2 - \sum_{r=0}^3 \frac{r}{r+1}$

(iii) $\sum_{k=0}^4 (2k+1) - \sum_{k=0}^4 (2k-1)$

(iv) $\sum_{r=1}^5 r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^5 (2r+1)$

4. Explain how your results in 3 (iii) and 3 (iv) could have been found more directly by simplifying the summations.