

Section 1: Summing series

Solutions to Exercise level 1

$$1. \quad (i) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{20} 5 = 20 \times 5 = 100$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{100} r = \frac{1}{2} \times 100 \times 101 = 5050$$

$$(iii) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{50} r^2 = \frac{1}{6} \times 50 \times 51 \times 101 = 42925$$

$$(iv) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{20} r^3 = \frac{1}{4} \times 20^2 \times 21^2 = 44100$$

$$2. \quad (i) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{20} (2r^2 - 1) = 2 \sum_{r=1}^{20} r^2 - \sum_{r=1}^{20} 1$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \times 20 \times 21 \times 41 \right) - (20 \times 1)$$

$$= 5740 - 20$$

$$= 5720$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{r=1}^{10} r(r-1)^2 = \sum_{r=1}^{10} (r^3 - 2r^2 + r)$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{10} r^3 - 2 \sum_{r=1}^{10} r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{10} r$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{4} \times 10^2 \times 11^2 \right) - 2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \times 10 \times 11 \times 21 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 11 \right)$$

$$= 3025 - 770 + 55$$

$$= 2310$$

$$3. \quad (i) \quad \sum_{r=1}^n (2r - 1) = 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r - \sum_{r=1}^n 1$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) - n$$

$$= n(n+1) - n$$

$$= n^2 + n - n$$

$$= n^2$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r(3r+1) = 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n r$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1) + \frac{1}{2} n(n+1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} n(n+1)(2n+1+1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} n(n+1)(2n+2)$$

$$= n(n+1)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(\text{iii}) \quad \sum_{r=1}^n (r+1)r^2 &= \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 + \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2 + \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)[3n(n+1) + 2(2n+1)] \\ &= \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(3n^2 + 7n + 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{iv}) \quad \sum_{r=1}^n (4r^3 - 6r^2 + 4r - 1) &= 4\sum_{r=1}^n r^3 - 6\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + 4\sum_{r=1}^n r - \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\ &= n^2(n+1)^2 - n(n+1)(2n+1) + 2n(n+1) - n \\ &= n[n(n+1)^2 - (n+1)(2n+1) + 2(n+1) - 1] \\ &= n[n^3 + 2n^2 + n - 2n^2 - 3n - 1 + 2n + 2 - 1] \\ &= n(n^3) \\ &= n^4\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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$$6. (2 \times 3) + (3 \times 4) + (4 \times 5) + \dots + (n+1)(n+2) = \sum_{r=1}^n (r+1)(r+2)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r+1)(r+2) = \sum_{r=1}^n (r^2 + 3r + 2)$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r + \sum_{r=1}^n 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1) + 3 \times \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) + 2n$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}n[(n+1)(2n+1) + 9(n+1) + 12]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}n[2n^2 + 3n + 1 + 9n + 9 + 12]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}n(2n^2 + 12n + 22)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}n(n^2 + 6n + 11)$$