


Section 11-4

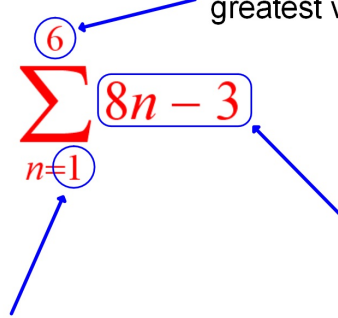
Σ  Capital Greek letter Sigma
"sum of"

Summation Notation

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 8n - 3$$

"the sum of $8n-3$ from 1 to 6"

Upper Limit,
greatest value of n



Lower Limit,
least value of n

Explicit formula
for the sequence

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 8n - 3 = \underline{5} + \underline{13} + \underline{21} + \underline{29} + \underline{37} + \underline{45}$$

$= 150$

Evaluate each. Find the sum of each series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 n^2 + 1$$

$$\underline{2} + \underline{5} + \underline{10} + \underline{17}$$

$$34$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 3n + 2$$

$$\underline{5} + \underline{8} + \underline{11} + \underline{14} + \underline{17}$$

$$\frac{3}{1}$$

Evaluate.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{50} 5n + 3$$

Is this an Arithmetic Series? Yes

- Find the first term 8
- Find the last term 253
- Find the number of terms 50
- Use the formula for the sum of a Finite Arithmetic Series

$$\frac{50}{2}(8 + 253) = 6525$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{30} 7 - 2n$$

$$a_1 = 5$$

$$a_{30} = -53$$

$$n = 30$$

$$S_{30} = 30/2(5 + -53) = -720$$

Write this series in Summation Notation for the given number of terms.

$$13 + 17 + 21 + 25 + \dots$$

10 terms

$$a_1 + (n-1)d$$

1. Write Explicit Formula

2. Find first value of n

3. Find last value of n

4. Write Summation Notation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10} 13 + (n-1)4$$

Write this Arithmetic Series in Summation Notation.

$$9 + 15 + 21 + 27 + \dots + 147$$

1. Write Explicit Formula

2. Find first value of n

3. Find last value of n (# of terms)

4. Write Summation Notation

$$\sum_{n=1}^{24} 9 + (n-1)6$$

$$147 = 9 + (n-1)6$$

$$24 = n$$

Write this Arithmetic Series in Summation Notation.

$$42 + 51 + 60 + \dots + 186$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{17} 42 + (n-1)9$$

$$186 = 42 + (n-1)9$$

$$n = 17$$

Find the number of terms in this Geometric Sequence

$$2.5, 10, 40, 160, \dots, 2621440$$

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$2621440 = 2.5(4)^{n-1}$$

$$1048576 = 4^{n-1}$$

$$(n=11)$$

$$\log_4 1048576 = n-1$$

$$10 = n-1$$

Sec 11-5 Geometric Series

Sum of the terms in a Geometric Sequence

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

S_n = sum of the first n terms

a_1 = first term

r = common ratio

n = # of terms

Find the sum of this Finite Geometric Series.

$$4 + 12 + 36 + \dots + 78732$$

$$a_1 = 4$$

$$n = 10$$

$$r = 3$$

$$a_n = a_1(r)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{78732}{4} = \frac{4}{4}(3)^{n-1}$$

$$19683 = (3)^{n-1}$$

$$\log 19683 = n-1$$

$$\} \quad 9 = n-1$$

$$n = 10$$

Find the sum of this Finite Geometric Series.

$$17,496 + 5832 + 1944 + \dots + 8$$

Does each series have a sum?

$$16 + 19 + 22 + \dots + 73 \quad \text{Yes}$$

$$17 + 20 + 23 + 26 + \dots \quad \text{NO}$$

$$3.5 + 7 + 14 + 28 + \dots + 229376 \quad \text{Yes}$$

$$26 + 22 + 18 + 14 + \dots \quad \text{NO}$$

$$4 + 12 + 36 + 108 + \dots \quad \text{NO}$$

What series ALWAYS has a sum?

FINITE

Do Infinite Series have a sum?

Only some specific ones do.

Does this series have a sum?

Yes. Since the terms that are added become very small you are essentially adding zero.

$$144 + 72 + 36 + 18 + \dots 9 + 4.5 + 2.25 + 1.125 +$$

Limit

Geometric Series: What is r ?

$$144 + 72 + 36 + 18 + \dots$$

$$r = .5$$

No Infinite Arithmetic Series have sums

Some Infinite Geometric Series have sums

$$\text{if } |r| < 1$$

Sum of an Infinite Geometric Series

$$\text{If } |r| < 1: \quad S = \frac{a_1}{1 - r}$$

Find the sum of this Geomtric Series:

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$r = .5$$

$$S_n = \frac{1}{1-.5} = 2$$