

Section 6.1

Definition: Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n n real number. If $m \leq n$,

$$\sum_{i=m}^n a_i = a_m + a_{m+1} + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

Exercise 1. Write the sum in expanded form

1. $\sum_{i=1}^6 i(i+1)$.

2. $\sum_{i=4}^9 (-1)^i (3i+1)$.

3. $\sum_{j=n}^{n+4} (j+2)$.

4. $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x_i$

Exercise 2. Write in sigma notation

1. $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{8} + \sqrt{9} + \sqrt{10}$.

2. $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{4}{8} + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{6}{10} + \cdots + \frac{22}{26} + \frac{23}{27} + \frac{24}{28}$.

3. $1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \cdots + (-1)^n x^n$.

Theorem: Let c and d be two constants with $d \neq 1$ and n a positive integer, then

1. $\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = 1 + 1 + \cdots + 1 = n$; $\sum_1^n c = c + c + \cdots + c = cn$.

2. $\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

3. $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = 1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

4. $\sum_{i=0}^n d^i = d^0 + d^1 + d^2 + \cdots + d^n = \frac{1 - d^{n+1}}{1 - d}$

Exercise 3. Evaluate the following sums

1. $\sum_{j=1}^8 (3j - 2)$.

2. $\sum_{k=1}^{10} \cos(k\pi/2)$.

3. $\sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)(i+3)$.