

SUMMATION NOTATION

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NAME: SOLUTIONS

In calculus, we do a lot of adding. We will introduce two "fancy adding machines" in the next couple of days. The first one uses \sum and is called *Sigma Notation*.

Example:
$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (2n) = 2(1) + 2(2) + 2(3) + 2(4) + 2(5) = 30$$

Your turn! Find the sum of:

$$\sum_{k=3}^9 (k^2 + 1)$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^9 (k^2 + 1) &= (3^2 + 1) + (4^2 + 1) + (5^2 + 1) + (6^2 + 1) + (7^2 + 1) + (8^2 + 1) + (9^2 + 1) \\ &= 10 + 17 + 26 + 37 + 50 + 65 + 82 \\ &= 287 \end{aligned}$$

We have a few formulæ for sums that show up frequently.

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

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

Use what we know about sums and the above formulæ to evaluate

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{17} (2+k) =$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{17} (2+k) &= \sum_{k=1}^{17} 2 + \sum_{k=1}^{17} k \\ &= 17 * 2 + \frac{17(17+1)}{2} = 34 + 153 = \boxed{187} \end{aligned}$$

2. $\sum_{k=18}^{71} k(k-1) =$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=18}^{71} k(k-1) &= \sum_{k=18}^{71} k^2 - k \\ &= \sum_{k=18}^{71} k^2 - \sum_{k=18}^{71} k \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^{71} k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{17} k^2 \right) - \left(\sum_{k=1}^{71} k - \sum_{k=1}^{17} k \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{71(71+1)(2*71+1)}{6} - \frac{17(17+1)(2*17+1)}{6} \right) - \left(\frac{71(71+1)}{2} - \frac{17(17+1)}{2} \right) \\ &= \boxed{117648} \end{aligned}$$

3. $\sum_{k=1}^5 \frac{k^3}{225} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^5 k \right)^3 =$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^5 \frac{k^3}{225} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^5 k \right)^3 &= \frac{1}{225} \sum_{k=1}^5 k^3 + \left(\frac{5(5+1)}{2} \right)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{225} \left(\frac{5(5+1)}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{5(5+1)}{2} \right)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{225} * 15^2 + 15^3 = 1 + 3375 = \boxed{3376} \end{aligned}$$