

Chapter 6. Integrals
Section 6.1 Sigma notation

Definition. If $a_m, a_{m+1}, a_{m+2}, \dots, a_n$ are real numbers and m and n are integers such that $m \leq n$, then

$$a_m + a_{m+1} + a_{m+2} + \dots + a_n = \sum_{i=m}^n a_i$$

Example 1. Write the sum in sigma notation.

1. $1+2+3+\dots+10$

2. $1+2+4+8+16+32$

3. $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25}$

4. $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{4}{8} + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{6}{10} + \dots + \frac{23}{27}$

5. $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 + \dots + 35$

Example 2. Write the sum in expanded form

1. $\sum_{i=4}^9 \sqrt{i}$

$$2. \sum_{i=0}^4 3^i$$

$$3. \sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{1}{i+1}$$

$$4. \sum_{i=1}^n 2i, \text{ here } n \text{ is an integer}$$

Theorem. If c is any constant (this means that c does not depend on i), then

$$1. \sum_{i=1}^n ca_i = c \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

$$2. \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$$

$$3. \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$$

$$\bullet \sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n$$

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

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

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

- $\sum_{i=1}^n i^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n ar^{i-1} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$

Example 3. Evaluate

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

2. $\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2)$

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

Example 4. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^2$