

## 9.5 Series

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## Summation

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

(how do we write the sum of long lists of numbers?)

$\Sigma$  sigma means summation

Summation notation:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

where to end evaluation

where to start

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 3k = 3(1) + 3(2) + 3(3) + 3(4) + 3(5) = 45$$

$$\sum_{k=5}^8 k^2 = 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 + 8^2 = 174$$

$$2 + 5 + 8 + 11 + \dots + 29$$

$$d = 3 \quad a_1 = 2 \quad n = ?$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{10} 3k - 1$$

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

$$29 = 2 + (n-1)3 \quad a_n = 3n - 1$$

$$27 = \frac{3(n-1)}{3} \quad 2 + 3n - 3 \quad a_n = 3n - 1$$

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

$$+1 \quad +1$$

$$n = 10$$

## Sum of a Finite Arithmetic Sequence:

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

$$= \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

Memorize  
For \*  
Test

$$= \frac{n}{2} (2a_1 + (n-1)d)$$

Common  
difference

First term

Where it  
ends

A theater has 8 seats in the first row. Each successive row has 2 additional seats. The top row has 24 seats. How many seats in a section?

$$a_1 = 8 \quad d = 2 \quad a_n = 24$$

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

$$24 = 8 + (n-1)2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 \\ -8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{16}{2} = \frac{(n-1)2}{2}$$

$$8 = n-1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +1 \\ +1 \end{array}$$

$$a = n$$

$$\frac{n}{2}(2a_1 + (n-1)d)$$

$$= \frac{9}{2}(2(8) + (9-1)(2))$$

$$= \frac{9}{2}(16 + 16)$$

$$= \frac{9}{2}(32)$$

$$= \boxed{144}$$

## Sum of a Finite Geometric Sequence: #73

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$$

memorize\*  
for  
test

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

Find the sum of:  $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$

$$\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$4, \frac{-4}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{-4}{27}, \dots, 4 \left( \frac{-1}{3} \right)^{10}$$

$$a=4, r=-\frac{1}{3}, n=11$$

$$\frac{4(1-(-\frac{1}{3})^{11})}{1-(-\frac{1}{3})} \approx 3$$

$$3+6+12+\dots+12,288$$

$$r=2, a_1=3, a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{12,288}{3} = \frac{3(2)^{n-1}}{3}$$

$$4096 = 2^{n-1}$$

$$2^{12} = 2^{n-1}$$

$$12 = n-1$$

$$n=13$$

$$\frac{3(1-(2)^{13})}{1-2}$$

$$= 24,573$$

## Series:

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def: sum of the terms in a sequence

**sum:** usually a total of a finite number of items added together

\***partial sums:** the sums of a specific number of terms in the infinite sequence  
(these are used to talk about the infinite series)

as you look at the partial sums, they approach a specific number

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = S$$

$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_4 = 1.825$$

$$S_2 = 1.5$$

$$S_5 = 1.9$$

$$S_3 = 1.75$$

this is called a converging series



your partial sums could approach  $\infty$ ,  $-\infty$ ,

or the limit

doesn't exist

because the

numbers **oscillate**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \infty, -\infty, \text{ doesn't exist}$$

$$3 + 6 + 9 + 12 + \dots$$

$$s_1 = 3 \quad s_2 = 9 \quad s_3 = 18$$

$$2 - 2 + 2 - 2 + \dots$$

$$s_1 = 2 \quad s_2 = 0 \quad s_3 = 2 \quad s_4 = 0$$

this is called a diverging series

## Infinite Geometric Series:

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a \cdot r^{k-1} = S \quad \text{converges if } |r| < 1$$

it will converge to:

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

a = first term

r = common ratio

Determine if the geometric series converges or diverges.  
If it converges, find its sum.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^n \quad \left|-\frac{4}{5}\right| < 1 \quad \text{Converges} \quad \frac{1}{1+\frac{4}{5}} = \boxed{\frac{5}{9}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^n \quad \left|\frac{\pi}{2}\right| = 1.57 \quad \text{Diverges}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n \quad \text{Converges} \quad \frac{2}{\frac{5}{5} - \frac{1}{5}} = \frac{2}{\frac{4}{5}} = \boxed{\frac{10}{4}}$$