

Summation of Series

- P3 book P15 Ex2A Q1,3,4,7,9,10

Exercise 2A

In each case, use the identity given to find the sum to n terms of the given series.

Identity

Series

$$1 \quad \frac{1}{r(r+1)} \equiv \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r+1}$$

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

$$2 \quad 2r+1 \equiv (r+1)^2 - r^2$$

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

$$3 \quad \frac{2}{4r^2-1} \equiv \frac{1}{2r-1} - \frac{1}{2r+1}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{4r^2-1}$$

$$4 \quad r^2(r+1) - (r-1)^2(r) \equiv 3r^2 - r$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r(3r-1)$$

$$5 \quad \frac{r}{r+1} - \frac{r-1}{r} \equiv \frac{1}{r(r+1)}$$

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

$$6 \quad 4r(r+1)(r+2) \equiv r(r+1)(r+2)(r+3) \\ -(r-1)(r)(r+1)(r+2)$$

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

$$7 \quad \frac{2}{r(r+1)(r+2)} \equiv \frac{1}{r(r+1)} - \frac{1}{(r+1)(r+2)}$$

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

$$8 \quad \frac{2r+1}{r^2(r+1)^2} \equiv \frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{1}{(r+1)^2}$$

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

$$9 \quad \text{Use the identity } (r+1)^3 - r^3 \equiv 3r^2 + 3r + 1 \text{ to find}$$

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

$$10 \quad \text{Show that } \frac{1}{r!} - \frac{1}{(r+1)!} \equiv \frac{r}{(r+1)!}. \text{ Hence find } \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r}{(r+1)!}.$$

Exercise 2B

Evaluate:

1 $\sum_{r=1}^{13} r^2$

2 $\sum_{r=4}^{11} r^3$

3 $\sum_{r=11}^{24} r(r+1)$

4 $\sum_{r=1}^{19} r(r+4)$

5 $\sum_{r=1}^{20} \frac{1}{r(r+1)}$

6 $\sum_{r=3}^{16} (r+2)^3$

7 $\sum_{r=1}^{14} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^r$

8 $\sum_{r=1}^{20} \frac{1}{(r+3)(r+6)}$

9 $\sum_{r=4}^{16} (2r-1)^3$

10 $\sum_{r=3}^{23} r(r+1)(r+2)$

11 Show that $\sum_{r=1}^n (2r-1)^2 \equiv \frac{1}{3}n(4n^2 - 1)$.

12 Show that $\sum_{r=1}^n r(2+r) \equiv \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+7)$.

13 Find $\sum_{r=1}^{20} \frac{1}{4r^2 - 1}$.

14 Find $\sum_{r=n}^{2n} r^2$.

15 Given that $f(r) \equiv \frac{1}{r(r+1)}$, show that

$$f(r) - f(r+1) \equiv \frac{2}{r(r+1)(r+2)}$$

Hence find $\sum_{r=5}^{25} \frac{1}{r(r+1)(r+2)}$.

16 Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{(r+1)(r+2)} = \frac{n}{2(n+2)}$.

17 Find the sum of all even numbers between 2 and 200 inclusive, excluding those which are multiples of 3.

18 Find $\sum_{r=1}^{100} 2r^2 - \sum_{r=1}^{200} r^2$.

19 Find the sum of the series

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

20 Given that $u_r = r(2r+1) + 2^{r+2}$, find $\sum_{r=1}^n u_r$.

ANSWERS**Exercise 2A**

1 $1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$

2 $n^2 + 2n$

3 $\frac{n}{2n+1}$

4 $n^2(n+1)$

5 $\frac{n}{n+1}$

6 $\frac{1}{4}n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)$

7 $\frac{n(n+3)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$

8 $\frac{n(n+2)}{(n+1)^2}$

9 $\frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2)$

10 $1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$

Exercise 2B

1 819

2 4320

3 4760

4 3230

5 $\frac{20}{21}$

6 29 141

7 2.95 (3 s.f.)

8 0.1655 (4 d.p.)

9 130 663

10 89 670

13 $\frac{20}{41}$

14 $\frac{n}{6}(n+1)(14n+1)$

15 $\frac{28}{1755}$

17 6734

18 -2 010 000

19 $-n(2n+1)$

20 $\frac{n}{6}(n+1)(4n+5) + 2^{n+3} - 8$