

3.6) Sigma notation

Worked example

Write out the terms in the series:

$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} (3r + 5)$$

$$\sum_{n=7}^{13} (2 - 3n)$$

Your turn

Write out the terms in the series:

$$\sum_{k=4}^8 (2k + 1)$$

$$9 + 11 + 13 + 15 + 17 = 65$$

Worked example

Find the value of a , d and n :

$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} (3r + 5)$$

$$\sum_{n=7}^{13} (2 - 3n)$$

Your turn

Find the value of a , d and n :

$$\sum_{k=4}^8 (2k + 1)$$

$$a = 9, d = 2, n = 5$$

Worked example

Write in sigma notation:

$$8 + 13 + 18 + 23 + 28 + 33 + 38 + 43 + 48 + 53$$

$$-11 + -13 + -15 + -17 + -19 + -21 + -23$$

Your turn

Write in sigma notation:

$$6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10$$

$$\sum_{k=4}^8 (k + 2)$$

Worked example

Write out the terms in the series:

$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} 5 \times 3^{r-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=7}^{13} 2 \times 5^{n-1}$$

Your turn

Write out the terms in the series:

$$\sum_{k=4}^8 3 \times 2^{k-1}$$

$$24 + 48 + 96 + 192 + 384 = 744$$

Worked example

Find the value of a , r and n :

$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} 5 \times 3^{r-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=7}^{13} 2 \times 5^{n-1}$$

Your turn

Find the value of a , r and n :

$$\sum_{k=4}^8 3 \times 2^{k-1}$$

$$a = 24, r = 2, n = 5$$

Worked example

Write in sigma notation:

$$3 + 15 + 75 + 375 + 1875 + 9375 + 46875 + 234375 \\ + 1171876 + 5859375$$

$$320 + 640 + 1280 + 2560 + 5120 + 10240 + 20480$$

Your turn

Write in sigma notation:

$$54 + 162 + 486 + 1458 + 4374$$

$$\sum_{k=4}^8 2 \times 3^{k-1}$$

Worked example

Evaluate:

$$\sum_{n=9}^{30} (2 + 7n)$$

Your turn

Evaluate:

$$\sum_{r=10}^{30} (7 + 2r)$$

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Worked example

Given that

$$\sum_{r=1}^k 3 \times 2^r = 12282$$

Find the value of k

Your turn

Given that

$$\sum_{r=1}^k 2 \times 3^r = 59046$$

Find the value of k

$$k = 9$$

Worked example

A convergent geometric series is given by

$$1 + 2x + 4x^2 + 8x^3$$

- a) Find the range of possible values of x
- b) Given that

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (2x)^{r-1} = 2$$

find the value of x

Your turn

A convergent geometric series is given by

$$1 + 4x + 16x^2 + 64x^3$$

- a) Find the range of possible values of x
- b) Given that

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (4x)^{r-1} = 2$$

find the value of x

a) $-\frac{1}{4} < x < \frac{1}{4}$

b) $x = \frac{1}{8}$