

## T1.1 – Lesson 3 - Arithmetic & Geometric Series & Summation Notation

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### Fast Five

- Find the sum of the first 100 numbers
  - Outline a way to solve this problem and then carry out your plan
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- Find the sum of the first 25 perfect squares
  - Outline a way to solve this problem and then carry out your plan

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### (A) Review

- A sequence is a set of ordered terms, possibly related by some pattern
- One such pattern is called arithmetic because each pair of consecutive terms has a common difference
- The general term of an arithmetic sequence is defined by the formula  $u_n = u_1 + (n - 1)d$
- A geometric sequence is one in which the consecutive terms differ by a common ratio
- The general term of a geometric sequence is defined by the formula  $u_n = u_1 \times r^{(n - 1)}$

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### (B) Arithmetic Series

- A **series** is defined as the sum of the terms of a sequence.
- As an example, start by finding the sum of the first 100 numbers and showing an easy way to set it up:

$S_{100}$	1	2	3	4	5	.....	99	100
$S_{100}$	100	99	98	97	96	.....	2	1
$2S_{100}$	101	101	101	101	101	.....	101	101

- So then the sum is  $(101)(100) \div 2$

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## (B) Arithmetic Series

- For an arithmetic sequence then the formula for the sum of its terms is:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + t_n) = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

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## (C) Examples

- Ex 1. Find the sum of the series  $13 + 24 + 35 + \dots + 156$
- Ex 2. For the series  $2 + 11 + 20 + 29 + \dots$ , find  $u_{20}$  and  $S_{20}$
- Ex 3. The fifth term of an arithmetic series is 9 and the sum of the first 16 is 480. Find the first three terms of the series.
- Ex 4. In an arithmetic series of 50 terms, the 17th term is 53 and the 28th term is 86. Find the sum of the series.

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## (C) Examples

- ex 5. Shayla deposits \$128 into her account. Each week she deposits \$7 less than the previous week until she deposits her last deposit of \$2. What total amount did she deposit?
- ex 6. Jayne buys 10 widgets on the Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 15 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, 20 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, etc..... How many widgets has she acquired in 2 years? How long does it take her to acquire 5,000 widgets?

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## (D) Summation Notation

- Summation notation is a shorthand way of saying take the sum of certain terms of a sequence → the Greek letter sigma,  $\Sigma$  is used to indicate a summation

- In the expression  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$

- $i$  represents the term number (or index of summation), and  $a_i$  represents the general term of the sequence being summed

- So therefore,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots + a_n$

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## (E) Summation Notation

### ■ Ex 1 – Arithmetic Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 (n+1) = (1+1) + (2+1) + (3+1) + (4+1) + (5+1) + (6+1)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 (n+1) = (2) + (3) + (4) + (5) + (6) + (7)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 (n+1) = 27$$

## Lesson 2 Fast Five

- Determine  $S_{17} = 1 + 3 + 9 + 27 + 81 + 243 + \dots$

- NO CALCULATOR

## (E) Examples of Summation Notation

- Write out the series expansion for the following and then use the TI-84 to evaluate the sums:

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 i^2 =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} \left( \frac{i-4}{i} \right) =$$

$$\sum_{i=4}^9 e^{\ln(i)} =$$

## (E) Examples of Summation Notation

- Evaluate the series that are defined in the following summation notations:

$$S_6 = \sum_{i=1}^6 (3i+5) =$$

$$S_{20} = \sum_{i=1}^{20} (5) =$$

$$S_{25} = \sum_{i=1}^{25} \left( 11 - \frac{1}{2}i \right) =$$

$$S = \sum_{i=6}^{10} (i+5) =$$

$$\text{is } \sum_{i=1}^5 (4i) = 4 \times \sum_{i=1}^5 (i)$$

## (F) Geometric Series

- Find the sum of the first 7 terms of the series
- $S_7 = 1 + 3 + 9 + 27 + 81 + 243 + 729$
- $S_7 = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ar^4 + ar^5 + ar^6$

$S_7$	1	3	$3^2$	$3^3$	$3^4$	$3^5$	$3^6$	
$3S_7$	3	$3^2$	$3^3$	$3^4$	$3^5$	$3^6$	$3^7$	

- $3S_7 - S_7 = 2S_7 = (3 + 3^2 + 3^3 + 3^4 + 3^5 + 3^6 + 3^7) - (1 + 3 + 3^2 + 3^3 + 3^4 + 3^5 + 3^6) = 3^7 - 1$
- $S_7 = \frac{1}{2}(3^7 - 1)$

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## (F) Geometric Series

- So in general, the formula for the sum of a geometric series is:

$$S_n = \frac{(u_{n+1} - u_1)}{r - 1} = \frac{u_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

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## (G) Examples

- ex 1. Find  $S_8$  given and rewrite in summation notation:
  - (a)  $2 - 6 + 18 - 54 + \dots$
  - (b)  $200 + 100 + 50 + 25 + \dots$
- ex 2. Find the total amount you make if you were paid a rupee a day, but the amount was doubled every day for a month
- ex 3. Find the sum  $1/16 + 1/4 + 1 + 4 + \dots + 65536$

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## (G) Examples

- Ex 4. The fifth term of a geometric series is 405 and the sixth term is 1215. Find the sum of the first nine terms.
- ex 5. A ball drops from a height of 16 m and its height on the bounce is  $5/8$ th of the previous maximum height. Determine the total height bounced by the ball after it touches the ground for the 7<sup>th</sup> bounce.

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## (H) Examples of Summation Notation

- Ex 2 Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = (4)(-0.5)^0 + (4)(-0.5)^1 + (4)(-0.5)^2 + (4)(-0.5)^3$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = (4)(1) + (4)(-0.5) + (4)(0.25) + (4)(-0.125)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = 4 + (-2) + 1 + (-0.5) = 2.5$$

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## (H) Examples of Summation Notation

- Given the series  $S = 200 + 100 + 50 + 25 \dots$

- (i) Write a summation expression for the series
- (ii) Determine  $S_6$
- (iii) Determine  $S_{15}$
- (iv) Determine  $S_{21}$
- (v) Predict  $S_{1,000,000}$

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## (H) Examples of Summation Notation

- The series  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$  is an example of an infinite geometric series.
- (a) Determine the sum of this series.
- (b) Is it possible to find the sum of *any infinite geometric sequence*? Explain.
- (c) Under what conditions is it possible to find the sum of an infinite geometric sequence

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## (H) Examples of Summation Notation

- Show that the sum of  $n$  terms of the series  $2 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$   $u_n$  is always less than 4, where  $n$  is any natural number.
- Explain what the following notations mean:

$$S_6 = \sum_{i=1}^6 (2^{2-i})$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (2^{2-i})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n (2^{2-i}) =$$

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## (I) Internet Links

- Geometric Sequences & Series [From West Texas A&M](#)
- Arithmetic Sequences & Series [From West Texas A&M U](#)

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## (J) Homework

- HW:
  - Ex 2E.1 #1ae;
  - Ex 2E.2 #1c, 2a, 3,5, 6, 11;
  - Ex 2E.3 #1bc, 2cd, 4, 6, 7
  - HW Ex 2F #1c, 3c, 4c, 5ab and
  - IB packet #1 - 8

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