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(i) For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) = n^2$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1) \\
&= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n i - \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \\
&= 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \\
&= n(n+1) - n \\
&= n((n+1) - 1) \\
\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) &= n^2.
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (4i^2 - 4i + 1) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (4i^2) + \sum_{i=1}^n (-4i) + \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \\
&= 4 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 - 4 \sum_{i=1}^n i + \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \\
&= 4 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 4 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \\
&= 2 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3} - \frac{3}{3} 2n(n+1) + \frac{3n}{3} \\
&= \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1) - 6n(n+1) + 3n}{3} \\
&= \frac{n(2(2n^2 + 3n + 1) - 6(n+1) + 3)}{3} \\
&= \frac{n(4n^2 + 6n + 2 - 6n - 6 + 3)}{3} \\
&= \frac{n(4n^2 - 1)}{3} \\
&= \frac{n((2n)^2 + 2n - 2n - 1^2)}{3} \\
\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1)^2 &= \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}.
\end{aligned}$$