

Mini Math

October 3

1. Determine each of the following sums using the ‘midpoint’ technique

(a) $4 + 11 + 18 + 25 + \cdots + 74$

Solution: 429

(b) $11 + 13 + 15 + \cdots + 51$

Solution: 651

2. An arithmetic series has $a_{12} = \frac{55}{2}$, and $a_{33} = 38$. Determine S_{40} .

Solution: 35.5

3. Write the general formula for a_n , the n^{th} term for arithmetic sequence with common difference d .

Solution:

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

4. Write the general formula for S_n , the n^{th} partial sum for arithmetic series with common difference d .

Solution:

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