

1. Write the first four terms of sequences defined by the formulas in a-c ([] – integer part):

a) $c_i = \frac{(-1)^i}{3^i}$, for all integers $i \geq 0$

b) $e_n = \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] \cdot 2$, for all integers $n \geq 0$

c) $f_n = \left[\frac{n}{4} \right] \cdot 4$, for all integers $n \geq 1$

Solution:

a) $1, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, -\frac{1}{27}$

b) $0, 0, 2, 2$

c) $0, 0, 0, 4$

2. Compute the summations:

a) $\sum_{k=1}^5 (k+1)$

b) $\sum_{k=-1}^1 (k^2 + 3)$

c) $\sum_{m=0}^3 \frac{1}{2^m}$

d) $\sum_{n=1}^{10} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right)$

Solution:

a) 20

b) 11

c) 1.875 or 15/8

d) 10/11

3. Compute the products

a) $\prod_{k=2}^4 k^2$

b) $\prod_{j=0}^4 (-1)^j$

c) $\prod_{k=2}^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{k} \right)$

d) $\prod_{i=2}^5 \frac{i(i+2)}{(i-1)(i+1)}$

Solution:

a) 576

b) 1

c) $\frac{1}{2}$

d) 35/3

4. Write each a)-c) as single summation

- a) $\sum_{i=1}^k i^3 + (k+1)^3$
- b) $\sum_{k=1}^m \frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{m+1}{m+2}$
- c) $\sum_{m=0}^n (m+1)2^m + (n+2)2^{n+1}$
- d) $2 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (3k^2 + 4) + 5 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (2k^2 - 1)$
- e) $\left(\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+1} \right) \cdot \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{k+2} \right)$

Solution:

- a) $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i^3$
- b) $\sum_{k=1}^{m+1} \frac{k}{k+1}$
- c) $\sum_{m=0}^{n+1} (m+1)2^m$
- d) $\sum_{k=1}^n (16k^2 - 3)$
- e) $\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k}{k+2}$

5. Write, using summation or product:

- a) $1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + 5^2 - 6^2 + 7^2$
- b) $(2^2 - 1)(3^2 - 1)(4^2 - 1)$
- c) $\frac{2}{3 \cdot 4} - \frac{3}{4 \cdot 5} + \frac{4}{5 \cdot 6} - \frac{5}{6 \cdot 7} + \frac{6}{7 \cdot 8}$
- d) $(1-t)(1-t^2)(1-t^3)(1-t^4)$

Solution:

- a) $\sum_{k=1}^7 (-1)^{k+1} k^2$
- b) $\prod_{i=1}^3 ((i+1)^2 - 1)$ or $\prod_{i=2}^4 (i^2 - 1)$
- c) $\sum_{j=2}^6 \frac{(-1)^j j}{(j+1)(j+2)}$
- d) $\prod_{n=1}^4 (1 - t^n)$

6. Transform by making the change of variable $j = i - 1$

- a) $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{i}{(n-i)^2}$
- b) $\prod_{i=n}^{2n} \frac{n-i+1}{n+i}$

Solution:

$$a) \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{j+1}{(n-j-1)^2}$$

$$b) \prod_{i=n-1}^{2n-1} \frac{n-j}{n+j+1}$$

7. Prove using mathematical induction

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 16)}{3} \text{ for all } n \geq 3, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Solution:

For given statement, the property P(n) is given equation

Lets first show that P(3) is true:

The left hand side of P(3) is $4^3 = 64$, the right side is $\frac{4(64 - 16)}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot 48}{3} = 64$. Thus, P(3) is true.

Now, lets show that for all integers $k \geq 3$, if P(k) is true, then P(k+1) is true:

Let k be any integer with $k \geq 3$, and suppose P(k) is true (inductive hypothesis):

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k = \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3}$$

We must show that P(k+1) is true. That is we must show that

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^{k+1} = \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3}$$

Left size of this equation is:

$$\begin{aligned} 4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^{k+1} &= 4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \dots + 4^k + 4^{k+1} = \frac{4(4^k - 16)}{3} + 4^{k+1} = \\ &= \frac{4(4^k - 16) + 3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot 4^k - 4 \cdot 16 + 3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3} = \frac{4^{k+1} - 4 \cdot 16 + 3 \cdot 4^{k+1}}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot 4^{k+1} - 4 \cdot 16}{3} = \frac{4(4^{k+1} - 16)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

And this is the right side of P(k+1). Hence, the property is true for $n = k + 1$

8. Prove using mathematical induction

$$\prod_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \frac{1}{(2n+2)!}, \text{ for all integers } n \geq 1$$

Solution:

P(0) :

$$\frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2!} - \text{True}$$

Let P(k) be true:

$$\prod_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \frac{1}{(2k+2)!}$$

Lets prove, that P(k + 1) is true

P(k + 1) :

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) = \frac{1}{(2(k+1)+2)!}$$

$$\prod_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{1}{2i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2i+2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2(k+1)+1} \cdot \frac{1}{2(k+1)+2} = \frac{1}{(2(k+1)+2)!}$$

$$\frac{1}{(2k+2)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2k+3} \cdot \frac{1}{2k+4} = \frac{1}{(2k+4)!} - \text{True}$$