

Summation and induction worksheet

1. Consider the mn numbers $\{a_{ij}\}$ in a rectangular spreadsheet that has m rows and n columns. Denote the arithmetic mean of them by \bar{a} , and the mean of all the numbers in the j th column by \bar{a}_j , so that

$$\bar{a} = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^n a_{rs}, \text{ and } \bar{a}_j = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=1}^m a_{rj}$$

Prove that \bar{a} is the mean of the column sums \bar{a}_j , ($j = 1, \dots, n$). (Hint: The mean of a collection of n numbers, $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, is $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.)

2. Now suppose $n = m$. Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{s=1}^m (a_{rj} - \bar{a})(a_{sj} - \bar{a}) = m^2(\bar{a}_j - \bar{a})^2$

3. Use induction to prove that $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$.

4. Use induction to prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$

5. Use induction to prove that $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$