

# Algebra Warm-up

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1. What are the formulas for

- i. Sum of an arithmetic series with  $n$  terms, with first term  $a_1$  and last term  $a_n$ ?
- ii. Sum of a geometric series with  $n$  terms, with first term  $a_1$  and ratio  $r$ ?
- iii. Sum of a geometric series with  $\infty$  terms, with first term  $a_1$  and ratio  $-1 < r < 1$ ?

2. What are Vieta's formulas for:

- a quadratic  $ax^2 + bx + c$  with roots  $r, s$ :
  - i. Sum of roots  $r + s =$
  - ii. Product of roots  $rs =$
- a cubic  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  with roots  $r, s, t$ :
  - iii. Sum of roots  $r + s + t =$
  - iv. Sum of pairwise products of roots (aka taken two at a time)  $rs + st + rt =$
  - v. Product of roots  $rst =$
- a general polynomial  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ :
  - vi. Sum of roots =
  - vii. Product of roots =
  - viii. Sum of roots taken  $k$  at a time =