

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n \quad (1)$$

$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n \quad (2)$$

$$S = n + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$2S = (1 + n) + (2 + (n - 1)) + (3 + (n - 2)) + \dots + (n + 1) \quad (4)$$

$$= (1 + n) + (1 + n) + (1 + n) + \dots + (1 + n) \quad (5)$$

$$= n(1 + n) \quad (6)$$

$$2S = n(n + 1) \quad (7)$$

$$S = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} \quad (8)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} \quad (9)$$