

Partial Sum

Implement a program which outputs the n -th partial sum $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ of a sequence $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Hint: Define the sequence as a Python function (def) and use a for-loop (for) to compute the sum.

Solution:

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def partial_sum(a, n):
    """
        a: python function
        n: positive integer
    """
    summe = 0
    for k in range(1, n+1):
        summe += a(k)
    return summe

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Our example: we sum up the numbers from 1 to n
    def a(k):
        return k # k**2

    n = 50

    # we compare to the "kleiner Gauss" (Gauss summation formula)
    print("Our result: ", partial_sum(a, n))
    print("Gauss summation formula:", n * (n+1)//2)
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