

# Summations

(Summing the terms of a sequence)

We will look at  
Geometric series and  
Arithmetic series

## Geometric Series

(Geometrische reeeker)

$$\text{Ex: } 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

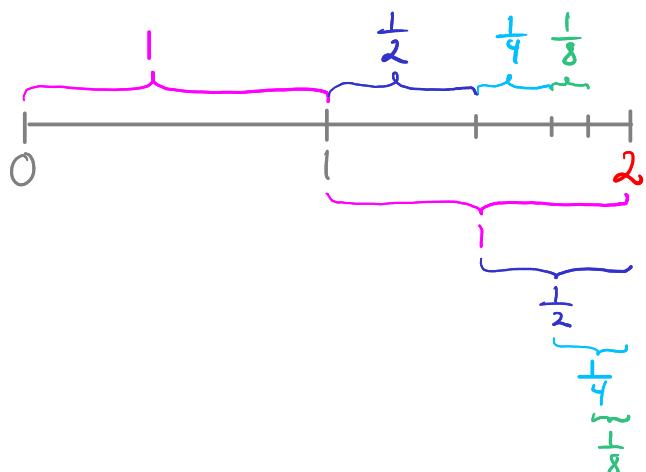
$$n=0: 1 = 2 - 1$$

$$n=1: 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$n=2: 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = 2 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n=3: 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = 2 - \frac{1}{8}$$

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$$\sum_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i = 2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

Proven in an exercise  
(Week 39)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i = 2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i = 1$$

Ex:  $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

Proven in a lecture (Week 38)

Illustration:

Binary:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2^0 & | \\ 2^1 & 10 \\ 2^2 & 100 \\ 2^3 & 1000 \\ \hline 2^4 - 1 & 1111 = 10000 - 1 \end{array}$$

Ex:  $1 + 3 + 9 + 27 + \dots$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 3^i = \frac{3^{n+1}-1}{2}$$

Illustration:

Ternary

$2 \cdot 3^0$	2
$2 \cdot 3^1$	20
$2 \cdot 3^2$	200
$2 \cdot 3^3$	$\frac{2000}{2222} = 1000 - 1$
$3^4 - 1$	

Thus,

$$2(3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3) = 3^4 - 1$$

which is equivalent to

$$3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3 = \frac{3^4 - 1}{2}$$

Ex:  $1 + 4 + 16 + 64 + \dots$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 4^i = \frac{4^{n+1}-1}{3}$$

Illustration (as before):

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \cdot (4^0 + 4^1 + 4^2 + 4^3) &= 4^4 - 1 \\ \Updownarrow 4^0 + 4^1 + 4^2 + 4^3 &= \frac{4^4 - 1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

In general : (Not only for integers)

$$\begin{aligned}(r-1) \sum_{i=0}^n r^i &= (r-1)(1+r+r^2+\dots+r^n) \\&= r(1+r+r^2+\dots+r^n) - (1+r+r^2+\dots+r^n) \\&= r+r^2+r^3+\dots+r^{n+1} - 1 - r - r^2 - \dots - r^n \\&= r^{n+1} - 1\end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum_{i=0}^n r^i = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}, \text{ for } r \neq 1$$

Thus, we obtain

### Theorem 2.4.1

$$\sum_{i=0}^n r^i = \begin{cases} \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}, & \text{for } r \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \\ n+1, & \text{for } r=1 \end{cases}$$

(Note: We could also have proven this using induction)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r^i = \frac{1}{1-r}, \text{ for } r < 1$$

Ex:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^i = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

## Arithmetic Series

(Aritmetiske rækker)

Ex:  $1+2+3+4+\dots$

(Example 5.1.1)

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

Even n:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + \frac{n}{2} + \left(\frac{n}{2}+1\right) + \dots + (n-1) + n = (n+1)\frac{n}{2}$$

Odd n:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n i &= 1 + 2 + \dots + \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{n+1}{2} + \frac{n+3}{2} + \dots + (n-1) + n \\ &= \frac{n-1}{2}(n+1) + \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= (n-1) \cdot \frac{n+1}{2} + \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2}\end{aligned}$$

In general:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (a+di) = (n+1)a + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}d \quad :$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^n (a+di) &= \sum_{i=0}^n a + d \sum_{i=0}^n i \\ &= (n+1)a + d \frac{n(n+1)}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Ex:  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 2k-1$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (1+2i) = k^2 \quad :$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (1+2i) &= k \cdot 1 + \frac{(k-1)k}{2} \cdot 2 \\ &= k + (k-1)k \\ &= k + k^2 - k \\ &= k^2\end{aligned}$$

Sums also show up when calculating the number of iterations of a loop to determine the running time of an algorithm.

In the below examples,  $T$  denotes the number of iterations of the inner loop.

Ex :

For  $i:=1$  to 20

    For  $j:=1$  to 10

    ...

$$T = 20 \cdot 10 \left( = \sum_{i=1}^{20} 10 \right) = 200$$

Ex :

For  $i:=1$  to 20

    For  $j:=1$  to  $i$

    ...

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{20} i = \frac{20 \cdot 21}{2} = 210$$

Ex :

For  $i:=11$  to 20

    For  $j:=1$  to  $i$

    ...

$$T = \sum_{i=11}^{20} i = \sum_{i=1}^{20} i - \sum_{i=1}^{10} i = 210 - \frac{10 \cdot 11}{2} = 155$$

or

$$T = \sum_{i=11}^{20} i = \sum_{i=0}^9 (11 + i) = 10 \cdot 11 + \frac{9 \cdot 10}{2} = 155$$

Ex:

For  $i := 1$  to 20

  for  $j := 1$  to  $i$

    For  $k := 1$  to  $j$

    ...

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sum_{i=1}^{20} \sum_{j=1}^i j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{20} \frac{i(i+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{20} i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{20} i \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{20 \cdot 21 \cdot 41}{6} + \frac{20 \cdot 21}{2} \right), \quad \text{by Table 2.4.2} \\ &\quad (\text{p. 180}) \\ &= 1540 \end{aligned}$$

Notation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} i = \sum_{i \in A} i, \quad \text{where } A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n$$