# Summation of Series Problems 21-30

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**21.** Find the sum of the series  $1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots$  to n terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= (2n-1)^3 = 8n^3 - 12n^2 + 6n - 1 \\ S_n &= \sum t_n = 8 \sum n^3 - 12 \sum n^2 + 6 \sum n - \sum 1 \\ &= 8 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 - 12 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 6 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n \\ &= 4n^2(n+1)^2 - 2n(n+1)(2n+1) + 3n(n+1) - n \\ &= n^2(2n^2 - 1) \end{split}$$

**22.** Find the sum of the series  $1^2 + 4^2 + 7^2 + 10^2 + ...$  to *n* terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= (3n-2)^2 = 9n^2 - 12n + 4 \\ S_n &= \sum t_n = 9 \sum n^2 - 12 \sum n + 4 \sum 1 \\ &= 9.\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 12.\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 4n \\ &= \frac{1}{2}n(6n^2 - 3n - 1) \end{split}$$

**23.** Find the sum of the series  $1^2 + 2 + 3^2 + 4 + 5^2 + 6 + ...$  to 2n terms.

$$\begin{split} S_{2n} &= 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms} + 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms} \\ t_{2n} &= (2n-1)^2 + 2n = 4n^2 - 4n + 1 + 2n = 4n^2 - 2n + 1 \\ S_{2n} &= 4 \sum n^2 - 2 \sum n + \sum 1 \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \\ &= \frac{1}{3}n(4n^2 + 3n + 2) \end{split}$$

**24.** Find the sum of the series  $1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + ...$  to *n* terms.

**Solution:** When n is odd i.e.  $2m+1 \ \forall m \in N$ 

$$\begin{split} S_n &= 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots \text{ to } m + 1 \text{ terms } - (2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + \dots \text{ to } m \text{ terms}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (2i-1)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m (2i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m 4i^2 + 4(m+1)^2 - 4\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} i + \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m 4i^2 \\ &= 4(m+1)^2 - 4.\frac{(m+1)(m+2)}{2} + m + 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) \end{split}$$

When n is even i.e.  $2m \ \forall m \in N$ 

$$\begin{split} S_n &= 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots \text{ to } m \text{ terms } - (2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + \dots \text{ to } m \text{ terms}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (2i-1)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m (2i)^2 \\ &= -4 \sum_{i=1}^m i + \sum_{i=1}^m 1 \\ &= -4 . \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + m \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} n(n+1) \end{split}$$

**25.** Find the sum of the series  $1.3 + 3.5 + 5.7 + \dots$  to n terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= (2n-1)(2n+1) = 4n^2 - 1 \\ S_n &= 4\sum n^2 - \sum 1 = 4\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - n \\ &= \frac{1}{3}n(4n^2 + 6n - 1) \end{split}$$

**26.** Find the sum of the series  $1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots$  to n terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= n(n+1) \\ S_n &= \sum n^2 + \sum n = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2) \end{split}$$

**27.** Find the sum of the series  $1.2^2 + 2.3^2 + 3.4^2 + ...$  to *n* terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= n(n+1)^2 = n^3 + 2n^2 + n \\ S_n &= \sum n^3 + 2\sum n^2 + \sum n \\ &= \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 + 2\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+5) \end{split}$$

**28.** Find the sum of the series  $2.1^2 + 3.2^2 + 4.3^2 + ...$  to *n* terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= (n+1).n^2 = n^3 + n^2 \\ S_n &= \sum n^3 + \sum n^2 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+1) \end{split}$$

**29.** Find the sum of the series  $1 + (1+3) + (1+3+5) + \dots$  to n terms.

$$t_n=1+3+5+\dots \mbox{ to } n \mbox{ terms}$$
 
$$=\frac{n}{2}[2.1+(n-1)2]=\frac{n(2n)}{2}=n^2$$
 
$$S_n=\sum n^2=\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

**30.** Find the sum of the series  $1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) + \dots$  to n terms.

$$\begin{split} t_n &= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots \text{ to } n \text{ terms} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ S_n &= \frac{1}{6} [\sum 2n^3 + \sum 3n^2 + \sum n] \\ &= \frac{1}{12} n(n+1)^2 (n+2) \end{split}$$