

11.4 Summation

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In 11.1 to 11.3 we investigated sequences.

Now we start to add the terms of a sequence together to get a "series."

EX For $\{\frac{1}{n+1}\}$, or $a_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$, let's write out the sum:

$$S_n = \frac{1}{1+1} + \frac{1}{2+1} + \frac{1}{3+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}$$

S_n is referred to as the partial sum.

EX in the sequence above write S_5 out:

$$S_5 = \frac{1}{1+1} + \frac{1}{2+1} + \frac{1}{3+1} + \frac{1}{4+1} + \frac{1}{5+1}$$

$$S_5 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{30}{60} + \frac{20}{60} + \frac{15}{60} + \frac{12}{60} + \frac{10}{60}$$

$$S_5 = \frac{87}{60}$$

⊗ Notation

$$S_5 = \sum_{n=1}^5 \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \right)$$

summation notation Σ

the greek capital sigma letter for S

(Σ, σ)

Nomenclature:

n = index 5 = ending index

1 = starting index

⊗ The arithmetic series

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We start our study of summation with the arithmetic sum.

The sequence $\{a_1 + (n-1)d\}$ can be summed up as:

$$S_N = a_1 + (a_1 + d) + (a_1 + 2d) + (a_1 + 3d) + \dots + a_1 + (N-1)d$$

- We can actually derive a formula for this sum by re writing the sum starting from the last term and decrementing each term by "d":

$$S_N = a_N + (a_N - d) + (a_N - 2d) + (a_N - 3d) + \dots + a_N - (N-1)d$$

- Next we ADD these two sums together:

$$S_N + S_N = (a_1 + a_N) + (a_1 + d + a_N - d) + (a_1 + 2d + a_N - 2d) + \dots + (a_1 + (N-1)d + a_N - (N-1)d)$$

- we see all terms with "d" cancel!

$$2S_N = (a_1 + a_N) + (a_1 + a_N) + \dots + (a_1 + a_N)$$

$$2S_N = N \cdot (a_1 + a_N)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_N = N \cdot \left(\frac{a_1 + a_N}{2} \right)$$

← average the 1st & last terms then multiply by the number of terms present.

[9] Use the formula $S_N = \frac{N(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$

to sum the numbers 1 to 100

i.e. $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 98 + 99 + 100$

$$S_N = \frac{N(a_1 + a_n)}{2} \quad \begin{cases} a_1 = 1 \\ a_{100} = 100 \end{cases}, N = 100$$

$$S_{100} = \frac{100(1 + 100)}{2}$$

$$S_{100} = 50(101)$$

$$S_{100} = 5000 + 50 = \boxed{5050}$$

⊗ Euler in Kindergarten:

$$S_{100} = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 48 + 49 + \boxed{50} + 51 + 52 + \dots + 97 + 98 + 99 + \boxed{100}$$

$100 \quad 100 \quad 100 \quad 100 \quad 100$

$$= 49 \cdot 100 + 50 + 100$$

$$\boxed{S_{100}} = 4900 + 100 + 50 = \boxed{5050}$$

(EX) Sum the first 5 terms of the (3)
 arithmetic sequence $\{3, 9, 15, 21, 27, \dots\}$
 (i) data: $N=5, a_1=3, a_5=27$
 $n=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

(ii) via formula

$$S_5 = \frac{5 \cdot (3 + 27)}{2}$$

$$\boxed{S_5 = 75}$$

BTW:
by brute
force

$$S_5 = 3 + 9 + 15 + 21 + 27$$

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30 ← Euler's
trick
(later on)

* We can recast the arithmetic sum formula
 to use the 1st term and common difference:

$$S_N = \frac{N(a_1 + a_N)}{2}, \text{ but } a_N = a_1 + (N-1)d$$

$$= \frac{N(a_1 + a_1 + (N-1)d)}{2}$$

$$S_N = \sum_{n=1}^{n=N} a_n$$

$$= \frac{N}{2} (2a_1 + (N-1)d)$$

$$\boxed{S_N = \frac{N(N-1)d}{2} + Na_1}$$

use any version that
works for you

$$\boxed{S_N = N \left(a_1 + \frac{N-1}{2} d \right)}$$

* I like this one ... sorta
like the original formula

EX Consider the arithmetic sequence (4)

$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{4}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{10}{2}, \dots \right\}$. Find the sum of the first 19 terms.

(i) data: $d = \frac{3}{2}$, $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $N = 19$ $a_N = a_1 + (N-1)d$

(ii) formula $S_{19} = \frac{19(19-1)(\frac{1}{2})}{2} + 19(\frac{1}{2})$

$$= \frac{19 \cdot 9}{2} + \frac{19}{2} = \frac{19}{2} (9+1) = \frac{19}{2} \cdot 10$$

$S_{19} = 95$

* Geometric Series Now let's sum up geom sequences:

• Recall $\{a_1 (r)^{n-1}\}$ or $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

• The trick here is to multiply the partial sum by "r" and subtract:

$$S_N = a_1 + a_1 r + a_1 r^2 + \dots + a_1 r^{N-1}$$

these all
cancel
out

$$\ominus r S_N = a_1 r + a_1 r^2 + a_1 r^3 + \dots + a_1 r^N$$

$$S_N - r S_N = a_1 - a_1 r^N$$

$$S_N (1-r) = a_1 (1-r^N)$$

$S_N = a_1 \left(\frac{1-r^N}{1-r} \right)$

Sum of geometric series.

$a_1 = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term}$

$r = \text{common ratio}$

Sum using the formula

$$\boxed{10} \quad \underline{9 + 3 + 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81}}$$

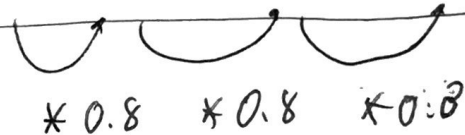
(i) data: $a_1 = 9$, $r = \frac{1}{3}$, $N = 7$

(ii) $S_7 = 9 \left(\frac{1 - (\frac{1}{3})^7}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \right)$

$$= \frac{9 (3^7 - 1)}{\frac{2}{3} 3^7} = \frac{27}{2} \left(\frac{2187 - 1}{2187} \right)$$

=

$$\boxed{11} \quad \text{Sum of the series } 2 + 1.6 + 1.28 + 1.024 + \dots$$



$\times 0.8 \quad \times 0.8 \quad \times 0.8$

(i) data: $a_1 = 2$, $r = 0.8$, ∞

(ii) $S = a_1 \left(\frac{1}{1-r} \right)$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{1}{1-0.8} \right) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{0.2} \right) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2}{10}} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{10}{2} \right) = \boxed{10}$$

Ex

Find the sum of the first 5 terms of $\{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{48}, \frac{1}{256}, \dots\}$

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(i) data: $a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$, $r = \frac{1}{4}$, $N = 5$

(ii) formula: $S_5 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1 - (\frac{1}{4})^5}{1 - (\frac{1}{4})} \right)$

$$S_5 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{1024}}{\frac{3}{4}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1023}{\frac{3}{4} \cdot 1024} \right) = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1023}{1024} = \frac{341}{256}$$

$$S_5 = \frac{341}{256}$$

r^N vanishes to yield the formula

$$S_{\infty} = a_1 \left(\frac{1}{1-r} \right)$$

• but r^N vanishes if r is < 1 , and to be technical we need to include r between -1 and 1

i.e. we need r to satisfy

$$-1 < r < 1$$

We abbreviate this as

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(*) Infinite series

Play around { Observation #1: $\left(\left((1.3)^2\right)^2\right)^2 \dots = \text{big \#}$.
Observation #2: $\left(\left((0.8)^2\right)^2\right)^2 \dots = 0$

This leads us to conclude that, as N gets very large

$$\text{and } \boxed{\begin{array}{ll} r^N \xrightarrow{\text{approaches}} \infty & \text{if } r > 1 \\ r^N \rightarrow 0 & \text{if } r < 1 \end{array}}$$

Should we choose to let a geometric series go on forever we can alter our formula

$$S_N = a_1 \left(\frac{1 - r^N}{1 - r} \right)$$

for larger and larger N and notice that r^N vanishes to yield the formula

$$\boxed{S_\infty = a_1 \left(\frac{1}{1 - r} \right)}$$

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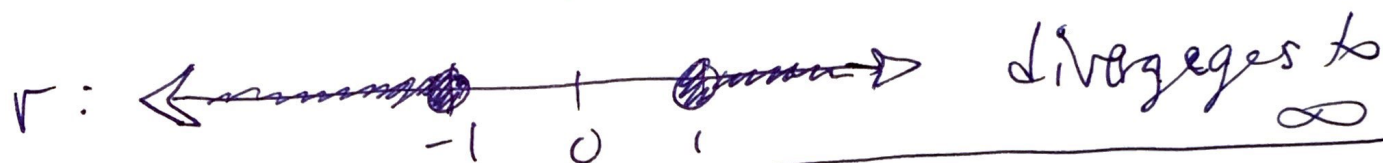
SUMMARY:

$$S_{\infty} = a_1 \left(\frac{1}{1-r} \right) \text{ if } |r| < 1$$

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- the sum "converges" if $-1 < r < 1$
- the sum "diverges" if $|r| \geq 1$
i.e. $r \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

• Graphical representation of "r":



EX

Find the sum of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} - \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} \text{ if it exists.}$$

(i) data: $a_1 = -1, r = -\frac{1}{2}, \infty$

(ii) formula: $S = a_1 \left(\frac{1}{1-r} \right) \text{ if } |r| < 1$

S_0

$$S = -1 \left(\frac{1}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})} \right)$$

$$S = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\rightarrow = -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16} \dots$$

alternating series

which it is for $r = -\frac{1}{2}$

⊗ Application: Repeating decimals

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- If an infinitely long decimal number has no repetition it belongs to the irrational numbers.
- If an infinitely long decimal number repeats in a pattern for ever it is a rational number.
- Rational numbers can be written as a ratio.

Q: How do we express $7.11111 \dots$ as a fraction?

A: Rewrite as $7.11111 \dots$ as

$$7 + 0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 + 0.0001 + \dots$$
$$= 7 + \frac{1}{10} + \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^4 + \dots$$

geometric series!

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{10}, r = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{1}{10} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{9/10}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{10}{9} = \frac{1}{9}$$

So $7.11111 \dots$

$$= 7 + \frac{1}{9}$$

$$= \boxed{64/9} \text{ a rational number after all!}$$

Ex

Write $11.123123123\dots$ as a fraction

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$$\begin{aligned} & 11 + 0.123 + 0.000123 + 0.000000123 + 0.000000000123 + \dots \\ &= 11 + 123 \left(\frac{1}{1000} \right) + 123 \left(\frac{1}{1000} \right)^2 + 123 \left(\frac{1}{1000} \right)^3 + \dots \\ &= 11 + 123 \left\{ \frac{1}{1000} + \left(\frac{1}{1000} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{1000} \right)^3 + \dots \right\} \\ & \quad \hookrightarrow a_1 = \frac{1}{1000}, \quad r = \frac{1}{1000} \\ & \quad S_{\infty} = \frac{1}{1000} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1000}} \right) \\ & \quad = \frac{1}{1000} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{999}{1000}} \right) \\ & \quad = \frac{1}{999} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 11 + 123 \left\{ \frac{1}{999} \right\}$$

$$= 11 + \frac{123}{999} = \frac{11 \cdot 999 + 123}{999} = \boxed{\frac{11112}{999}}$$

⊗ In general if we have $0.abcdabcdabcd\dots$

then this is equal to $\frac{abcd}{9999}$ ← divide by the length of the repetition

$$\begin{array}{l|l|l|l} \text{Ex } 6.787878\dots & 7.111\dots & 14.513451345134\dots & \text{but all "9"s.} \\ = 6 + \frac{78}{99} & = 7 + \frac{1}{9} & = 14 + \frac{5134}{9999} & \text{etc.} \end{array}$$