

Series Formulae

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

In general

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^m = \frac{1}{m+1} \left[(n+1)^{m+1} - 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n ((i+1)^{m+1} - i^{m+1} - (m+1)i^m) \right]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i^m = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^m \left(\frac{m+1}{k} \right) B_k n^{m+1-k}.$$

Geometric series

$$\sum_{i=0}^n c^i = \frac{c^{n+1} - 1}{c - 1}, c \neq 1, \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c^i = \frac{1}{1 - c}, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c^i = \frac{c}{1 - c}, |c| < 1,$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n ic^i = \frac{nc^{n+2} - (n+1)c^{n+1} + c}{(c-1)^2}, c \neq 1, \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ic^i = \frac{c}{(1-c)^2}, |c| < 1.$$

Harmonic series

$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n iH_i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} H_n - \frac{n(n-1)}{4}.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n H_i = (n+1)H_n - n, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i}{m}\right)H_i = \left(\frac{n+1}{m+1}\right) \left(H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{m+1}\right).$$