

# Summation Notation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

Examples:

$$\sum_{i=0}^5 \left(\frac{2}{i+1}\right)^i = \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^5 = 1 + 1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 \approx 2.599$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 \left(\frac{2}{i}\right)^{i-1} = \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{2}{6}\right)^5 = 1 + 1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 \approx 2.599$$

In Exercises 1–8, write the given series in expanded form.

1.  $\sum_{k=2}^6 k$

2.  $\sum_{k=1}^{10} 5k$

3.  $\sum_{k=1}^5 \frac{1}{k}$

4.  $\sum_{n=3}^7 (4n - 7)$

5.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3^{1-n}$

6.  $\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} j(-1)^j$

7.  $\sum_{t=-2}^2 4^t$

8.  $\sum_{s=0}^6 |13 - 3s|$

In Exercises 9–16, express the given series using sigma notation.

9.  $4 + 8 + 12 + 16 + 20$

10.  $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32$

11.  $5 + 9 + 13 + \cdots + 101$

12.  $2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + \cdots + 200$

13.  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \cdots$

14.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} + \cdots$

15.  $\sin x + \sin 2x + \sin 3x + \cdots$

16.  $48 + 24 + 12 + 6 + \cdots$

17. Show that  $\sum_{t=1}^4 \log t = \log 24$ .

18. Show that  $\sum_{k=1}^4 k \log 2 = \log 2^{10}$ .

19. Evaluate:  $\sum_{k=1}^{100} \cos k\pi$

20. Evaluate:  $\sum_{k=1}^{50} \sin\left(k \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Answers:

1.  $2+3+4+5+6$

3.  $1+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{5}$

5.  $3+1+\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{9}+\frac{1}{27}+\dots$

7.  $\frac{1}{16}+\frac{1}{4}+1+4+16$

9.  $\sum_{k=1}^5 4k$

11.  $\sum_{k=1}^{25} 4k+1$

13.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$

15.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin kx$

17.  $\sum_{t=1}^4 \log t = \log 1 + \log 2 + \log 3 + \log 4 = \log(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) = \log 24$

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