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"index of summation"

6.4 Sigma Notation and Series

A sequence is a list of numbers, according to a rule

$$u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, \dots$$

$u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$ is the summation of the terms of a sequence - called a series.

Σ Greek letter sigma and is used to represent summation "sigma notation"

$\sum_{i=1}^n$ means the sum of the first n terms of a sequence.

In words, "The sum of all terms u_i from $i=1$ to $i=n$ "

Ex Write the expression $\sum_{i=1}^4 (x^2 - 3)$ as a sum of terms

a. Calculate the sum of these terms

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \sum_{i=1}^4 (x^2 - 3) &= (1^2 - 3) + (2^2 - 3) + (3^2 - 3) + (4^2 - 3) \\ &= -2 + 1 + 6 + 13 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b. } -2 + 1 + 6 + 13 = 18$$

Ex Evaluate $\sum_{n=1}^7 (n^2) = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2$
 $= 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36 + 49$
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Ex WRITE THE SERIES $240 + 120 + 60 + 30 + 15 + 7.5$ using
 $\div 2 \quad \div 2 \quad \div 2$ using
Sigma notation

Geometric series $u_1 = 240$, $r = \frac{1}{2}$
 $\sum_{i=1}^6 240 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

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