

Summation formulas and properties ①

Given a sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ of numbers, the finite sum $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$ where n is a nonnegative, can be written

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

If $n=0$; the value of the summation is defined to be 0. The value of a finite series is always, and its terms can be added in any order.

Given a sequence a_1, a_2, \dots of numbers, the finite sum $a_1 + a_2 + \dots$ can be written

$$\sum_{j=m}^n a_j = a_m + a_{m+1} + \dots + a_n$$

ex:-

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 j = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$$

- * The variable j in this notation is called index of notation.
- * Also, m and n are called the lower and upper limits of the summation.

Nested Summations:-

It is also common to nest summations within one another.

Q. What is the value of the following summation?

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 ij$$

Soln:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 ij &= \sum_{i=1}^2 i + 2i + 3i = \sum_{i=1}^2 6i \\ &= 6 + 12 = 18 \end{aligned}$$

Q. Bounding Summations:- It is describe the running time of algorithms. Some methods are as follows:-

⇒ Mathematical Induction:-

Q. What is mathematical induction? - The technique that is used to proving the results or for natural numbers, the statements are established is known as mathematical induction. A mathematical technique used for providing a statement, formula or theorem is true for every natural number is known as Mathematical Induction. A statement can be proved in two steps:-

Step 1:- (Base step):- The statement is proved to be true for the initial value.

Step 2:- (Inductive step):- The statement is true is considered. It is represented as an

[n = initial value]

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How to do?

Step 1 = An initial value for which the statement is true considered. It is represented as $n = \text{initial}$

Step 2:- It is assumed that the statement is true for any value of $n = k$. Then the statement is proved true for $n = k + 1$. It is broken down into two parts, one part is $n = k$, which is the proved one and the second part is proved.

Q. $3^n - 1$ is multiple of 2 for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Soln:-

$$n = 1,$$

Step 1:

$3^1 - 1 = 2$, which is a multiple of 2.

Step 2:- It is assumed that $3^n - 1$ is true for $n = k$ and hence, $3^k - 1$ is true.

It is true to be proved that

$3^{k+1} - 1$ is also a multiple of 2.

It is also a multiple of 2.

$$3^{k+1} - 1 = 3 \times 3^k - 1$$

$$= (2 \times 3^k) + (3^k - 1)$$

The first part (3×3^k) is a multiple of 2 and the second part $(3^k - 1)$ is also true as our previous assumption.

Hence,

$3^{k+1} - 1$ is a multiple of 2.

Bounding the terms :-

Use the largest (smallest) value of a term to bound others:-

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \leq a_{\max} + a_{\max} + \dots + a_{\max} = n \cdot a_{\max}$$

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \geq a_{\min} + a_{\min} + \dots + a_{\min} = n \cdot a_{\min}$$

ex:-

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n 1 = n \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n 1 = n^2 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n k = O(n^2)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n 1 = n \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n k = \sqrt{n} = O(\sqrt{n})$$