

1. Rewrite each of the following expressions using Σ -notation

For (d) and (e) use Σ -notation for both sides of the expression.

(a) $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$

(b) $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$

(c) $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1)$

(d) $(1^5 + 2^5 + \dots + n^5) + (1^7 + 2^7 + \dots + n^7) = 2(1 + 2 + \dots + n)^4$

(e) $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)^2$

2. Re-write the following in Σ -notation and then use the Basic Rules to write them as separate summations.

(a) $1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 6 + \dots + (2n - 1) \times 2n.$

(b) $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2.$

DEFINITION: \mathbb{N} is the set of all natural numbers and \mathbb{R} is the set of all real numbers.

For functions f and g , $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$f \in \mathbf{O}(g)$ —if there are positive real numbers c and M such that:

$$|f(n)| \leq c|g(n)| \quad \text{for all } n \geq M.$$

We adopt a further shorthand:

if $g(n) = n$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then we write $\mathbf{O}(n)$ for $\mathbf{O}(g)$

if $g(n) = n^2$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then we write $\mathbf{O}(n^2)$ for $\mathbf{O}(g)$

3. Refer to Example 5* from Lecture 3 or using the definition above, write down the following Big- \mathbf{O} definitions.

(a) $2n^2 + 6 \in \mathbf{O}(n^2)$

(b) $n^2 + 2n \log n + \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbf{O}(n^3)$

(c) $\frac{1}{2}n^3 - 6n^2 + \frac{5}{3} \in \mathbf{O}(n^2)$

[The statements in (a) & (b) are true while (c) is false.]

4. Prove that $2n^2 + 6 \in \mathbf{O}(n^2)$

5. Prove that $3n^3 - 2n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbf{O}(n^3)$

6. Prove that $\frac{1}{3}n^2 - 2n \log n + \frac{1}{6}n - 2 \in \mathbf{O}(n^2)$

7. (a) Show that for any non-negative α, β, γ that $f \in \mathbf{O}(n^2)$ where $f(n) = \alpha n^2 + \beta n + \gamma$.

(b) What modification to your proof could you make to show $f \in \mathbf{O}(n^2)$ if we allow α, β or γ to be negative.