

12.5 Sigma Notation & The n^{th} Term

I. Write each of the following in expanded form and find the sum.

1. $\sum_{n=4}^7 (3^n + 1)$

$82 + 244 + 730 + 2,188$
 $= 3,244$

2. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$

$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{27} \dots S_n = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = 1$

3. Express $16 + 19 + 22 + 25 + 28$ using sigma notation.

$d = 3$

$a_n = 3n + 13$

of terms $\rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^5 (3n+13)$ ↑ don't forget!

4. Express $25 - 6.25 + 1.5625 - .390625$ using sigma notation.

$r = \frac{-6.25}{25} = -\frac{1}{4}$

$\sum_{n=1}^4 25\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$

5. Not all sequences are arithmetic or geometric;
 Some important sequences are generated by products of consecutive integers

Factorial: The product $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1$ is called n factorial and is symbolized by $n!$

6. By Definition $0! = 1$

7. Evaluate each expression: ! (MATH \rightarrow PRB)

a. $5!$

$5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 =$

120

b. $12!$

$479,001,600$

c. $\frac{10!}{3! \cdot 6!}$

$\frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} =$

840

d. $\frac{3!}{6! - 3!} = \frac{3!}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 - 1} \right)$

$\frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{6}{714}$

$\frac{1}{119}$

e. $\frac{n!}{(n+1)!}$

$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots}{(n+1)(n)(n-1)(n-2)\dots} = \frac{1}{n+1}$

f. $\frac{9!}{0!} = 9!$

$362,880$

g. $\frac{3! + 6!}{6! - 3!}$

$\frac{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{726}{714} = \frac{121}{119}$

h. $\frac{(x+1)!(x-2)!}{(x-4)!(x-1)!}$

$\frac{(x+1)(x)(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)\dots(x-2)(x-3)(x-4)}{(x-4)(x-5)\dots(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)\dots} = (x+1)(x)(x-2)(x-3)$

12.6 Pascal's Triangle

1. Use Pascal's Triangle to expand each binomial.

first terms power decreases as 2nd terms power increases

a. $(x+y)^3$ Instead of $(x+y)(x+y)(x+y)$ and FOILING!

$$(x+y)^0 \rightarrow 1$$

$$(x+y)^1 \quad 1 \quad 1$$

$$(x+y)^2 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 1$$

$$(x+y)^3 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 1$$

$$1x^3y^0 \quad 3x^2y^1 \quad 3x^1y^2 \quad 1x^0y^3$$

$$(x+y)^4 \quad 1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 4 \quad 1$$

b. $(x-3)^5$

$$= x^5 - 15x^4 + 90x^3 - 270x^2 + 405x - 243$$

$$1 \quad 5 \quad 10 \quad 10 \quad 5 \quad 1$$

$$1 \quad 6 \quad 15 \quad 20 \quad 15 \quad 6 \quad 1$$

ignore - this will make every other sign change!

$$1x^53^0 \quad 5x^43^1 \quad 10x^33^2 \quad 10x^23^3 \quad 5x^13^4 \quad 1x^03^5$$

$$x^5 - 15x^4 + 90x^3 - 270x^2 + 405x - 243$$

c. $(x+2y)^6$

both get squared

$$1x^6(2y)^0 \quad 6x^5(2y)^1 \quad 15x^4(2y)^2 \quad 20x^3(2y)^3 \quad 15x^2(2y)^4 \quad 6x^1(2y)^5 \quad 1x^0(2y)^6$$

$$x^6 + 12x^5y + 60x^4y^2 + 160x^3y^3 + 240x^2y^4 + 192xy^5 + 64y^6$$

d. $(a-5)^3$

$$1a^35^0 - 3a^25^1 + 3a^15^2 - 1a^05^3$$

$$a^3 - 15a^2 + 75a - 125$$

e. $(3x-2y)^5$

$$1(3x)^5(2y)^0 - 5(3x)^4(2y)^1 + 10(3x)^3(2y)^2 - 10(3x)^2(2y)^3 + 5(3x)^1(2y)^4 - 1(3x)^0(2y)^5$$

$$243x^5 - 810x^4y + 1080x^3y^2 - 720x^2y^3 + 240xy^4 - 32y^5$$