

### Admin:

- hw7 (induction) due Friday
- exam2 on Friday
  - this material (day 18) is not on exam2
- recitation this week:
  - no quiz
  - focus on exam2 practice problems (available on website)

### Content:

- Series & Sequences (Arithmetic, Geometric & Quadratic)
- Given a series, identify its type (may be none of the 3 above)
- Express the  $i$ -th term in a sequence
- Compute the partial sum of a series (Arithmetic & Geometric)

# Summation Notation: a quick reminder

$$\sum_{k=0}^4 1 + 2^k$$

*k* IN LAST TERM

*k* IN FIRST TERM

$$1 + 2^k =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ 1 + 2^0 \\ &+ 1 + 2^1 \\ &+ 1 + 2^2 \\ &+ 1 + 2^3 \\ &+ 1 + 2^4 \end{aligned} = \begin{aligned} &+ 1 \\ &+ 3 \\ &+ 5 \\ &+ 9 \\ &+ 17 \end{aligned} = 35$$

NOTICE: *k* IS WHOLE NUMBER WHICH STEPS BY 1

## Sequences & Series (definition):

A **sequence** is an ordered list of objects (always numbers in this CS1800 unit)

$$1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots$$

A **series** is the **sum** of an **infinite** sequence of objects

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k$$

A **partial sum** (of a series) is the sum of part of a series

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = \sum_{k=1}^4 k = 10$$

## Arithmetic Sequence / Series: What it is (and how to identify it)

An arithmetic sequence's **first difference** (next term - current term) is constant:

$$10 \quad 12 \quad 14 \quad 16 \quad 18 \quad 20 \quad \dots$$

A sequence of numbers: 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, followed by three dots. Blue curved arrows point from each number to the next. Below each arrow is a '+2'.

To test if a sequence is arithmetic, compute first difference. If its constant then sequence is arithmetic.

$$11 \quad 4 \quad -3 \quad -10 \quad -17$$

A sequence of numbers: 11, 4, -3, -10, -17. Blue curved arrows point from each number to the next. Below each arrow is a '-7'.

## Arithmetic Series / Partial Sum: What do they look like in summation notation?

Example:

$$10 + 12 + 14 + 16 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^8 (10 + 2k)$$

The diagram shows the first four terms of the series: 10, 12, 14, and 16. The first term, 10, is circled in blue. Red arrows labeled '+2' indicate the common difference between terms. Green arrows point from the terms to their corresponding values in the formula: 10 is labeled  $10 + 2 \cdot 0$ , 12 is  $10 + 2 \cdot 1$ , 14 is  $10 + 2 \cdot 2$ , and 16 is  $10 + 2 \cdot 3$ . The summation notation on the right shows the first term, 10, circled in blue, and the common difference, 2, underlined in red.

Every arithmetic series can be expressed via the following form:

$$\sum_{k=0}^8 a_0 + dk$$

STARTING VALUE (points to  $a_0$ )

INDEX (points to  $k$ )

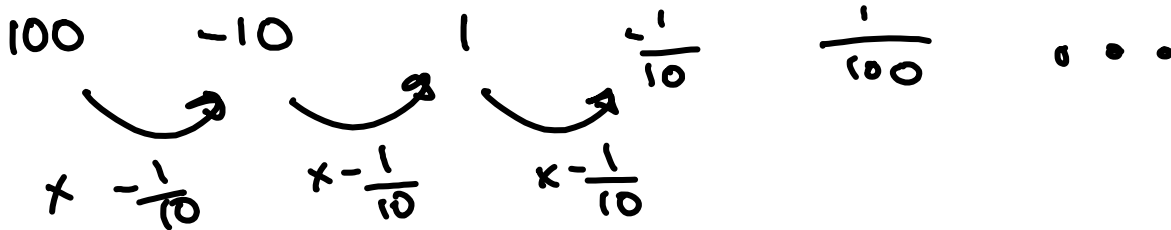
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADJACENT VALUES (points to  $d$ )

## Geometric Sequences / Series: What it is (and how to identify it)

An Geometric sequence is one whose first ratio (next term / current term) is constant:



To test if a sequence is geometric, compute first ratio. If its constant then sequence is geometric.



# Geometric Series / Partial Sum: What do they look like in summation notation?

Example.

$$\frac{1}{2} + 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^k$$

Every geometric series can be expressed via the following form:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_0 \cdot r^k$$

Labels:  
-  $a_0$ : STARTING TERM  
-  $r$ : RATIO OF NEXT TERM / CURRENT TERM  
-  $k$ : INDEX

# Quadratic Series / Partial Sum: What is it? (i.e. what does it look like in sum notation?)

Every quadratic series can be expressed as:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ak^2 + bk + c$$

$a, b, c$  ARE CONSTANT  
(NOT AS EASILY SEEN AS  
ARITHMETIC / GEOMETRIC)

Example ( $a=1, b=0, c=0$ ):

FIRST TERM

$$1 \cdot 0^2 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 + 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + \dots$$

$1 \cdot 0^2 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0$   
 $1 \cdot 1^2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0$   
 $1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2 + 0$   
 $1 \cdot 3^2 + 0 \cdot 3 + 0$   
 $1 \cdot 4^2 + 0 \cdot 4 + 0$   
 $1 \cdot 5^2 + 0 \cdot 5 + 0$

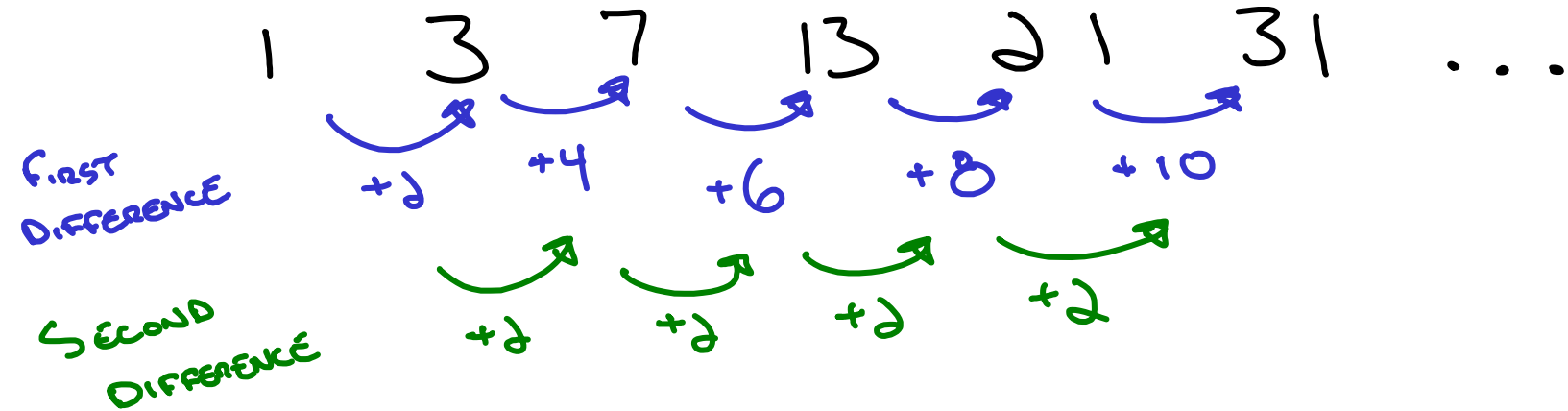
$ak^2 + bk + c$   
 $k^2$

Question (for later): given the first few values in sequence, how can we get  $a, b, c$ ?



## Quadratic Sequences / Series: How to identify it

The second difference of a quadratic sequence is constant



## In Class Activity:

Identify the type (arithmetic, geometric, quadratic, or none) of each of the following sequences. If sequence is arithmetic or geometric, express its corresponding series in sum notation.

i. 6, 15, 28, 45, 66, 91, ...

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ & +9 & +13 & +17 & +21 & +25 \\ & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \\ & +4 & +4 & +4 & +4 & \end{array}$$

ii. 1, -4, 16, -64, 256, ...

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ \times -4 & \times -4 & \times -4 & \times -4 \end{array}$$

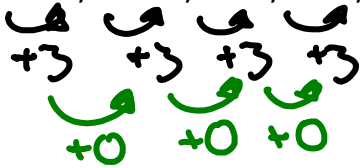
CONSTANT SECOND DIFFERENCE  
→  
QUADRATIC

CONSTANT RATIO → GEOMETRIC

## In Class Activity:

Identify the type (arithmetic, geometric, quadratic, or none) of each of the following sequences. If sequence is arithmetic or geometric, express its corresponding series in sum notation.

iii. 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, ...



CONSTANT FIRST DIFFERENCE  
→  
ARITHMETIC

iv. 2, 7, 11, 42, -4, ...

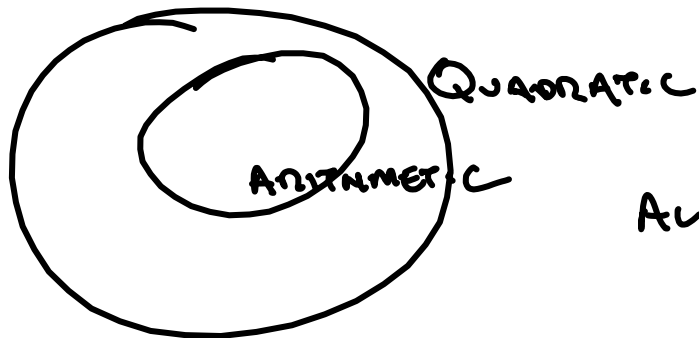
SEQUENCE NOT GEOMETRIC, ARITHMETIC  
OR QUADRATIC

QUADRATIC

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

ARITHMETIC

$$a_0 + dk$$



ALL ARITHMETIC  
ARE ALSO  
QUADRATIC

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= c \\ d &= b \\ a &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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i. 6, 15, 28, 45, 66, 91, ... **QUADRATIC**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{+9} \quad \text{+13} \quad \text{+17} \quad \text{+21} \\
 \text{+4} \quad \text{+5} \quad \text{+6} \quad \text{+7}
 \end{array}$$

ii. 1, -4, 16, -64, 256, ... **GEOMETRIC**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{x-4} \quad \text{x-4} \quad \text{x-4} \\
 \text{x-4} \quad \text{x-4} \quad \text{x-4}
 \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-4)^k$$

iii. 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, ... **ARITHMETIC**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{+3} \quad \text{+3} \quad \text{+3} \\
 \text{+3} \quad \text{+3} \quad \text{+3}
 \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 4 + 3k$$

iv. 2, 7, 11, 42, -4, ... **NONE**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{+5} \quad \text{+4} \quad \text{+31} \\
 \text{+1} \quad \text{+27} \\
 \text{-1} \quad \text{+27}
 \end{array}$$

Quadratic Series: Given sequence, how to compute a, b, c in summation notation

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} k=0 & & k=2 & & k=4 & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 6 & + & 15 & + & 28 & + & 45 & + & 66 & + & 91 & + & \dots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & & & & \\ & & k=1 & & k=3 & & k=5 & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ak^2 + bk + c$$

$$6 = a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c$$

$$\rightarrow 6 = c$$

$$15 = a \cdot 1^2 + b \cdot 1 + c$$

$$\rightarrow 15 = a + b + 6$$

$$a = 9 - b$$

$$28 = a \cdot 2^2 + b \cdot 2 + c$$

$$\rightarrow 28 = 4a + 2b + 6$$

$$a = 9 - b$$

$$a = 2$$

$$28 = 4(9 - b) + 2b + 6$$

$$22 = 36 - 4b + 2b$$

$$-14 = -2b$$

$$b = 7$$

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$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ak^2 + bk + c$$

$$6 = a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c$$

$$c = 6$$

$$15 = a \cdot 1^2 + b \cdot 1 + c$$

$$\rightarrow 15 = a + b + 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 &= a + b \\ b &= 9 - a \end{aligned}$$

$$28 = a \cdot 2^2 + b \cdot 2 + c$$

$$\rightarrow 28 = 4a + 2b + 6$$

$$22 = 4a + 2b$$

$$11 = 2a + b$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 &= a + b \\ 7 &= 2a + b \end{aligned}$$

$$11 = 2a + 9 - a$$
$$2 = a$$

## Checking our work with python

(you needn't ever do the same for CS1800 ... but cute to see that you can using python)

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matt@matt-yoga-nu:~$ python3
Python 3.10.12 (main, Jun 11 2023, 05:26:28) [GCC 11.4.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> a, b, c = 2, 7, 6
>>> [a * k ** 2 + b * k + c for k in range(10)]
[6, 15, 28, 45, 66, 91, 120, 153, 190, 231] → SAME AS
>>> █                                     GIVEN 😊
```

If you're interested in doing the same and don't have python on your computer, check out "google colab" which allows you to run python code in the cloud.



## Quadratic Series Convention: start counting at k=0 or k=1?

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{K=0} & & \text{K=2} & & \text{K=4} & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 6 & + & 15 & + & 28 & + & 45 & + & 66 & + & 91 & + & \dots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & & & & \\ & & \text{K=1} & & \text{K=3} & & \text{K=5} & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$6 = a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c$$

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$$6 = a \cdot 1^2 + b \cdot 1 + c$$

$$15 = a \cdot 2^2 + b \cdot 2 + c$$

$$28 = a \cdot 3^2 + b \cdot 3 + c$$

Starting to count at k=0 (left) or k=1 (right) yields different a,b,c. Both are correct in their own contexts. Prefer starting to count at k=0 (left), its easier: that first equation immediately gives c.

## In Class Activity

Find the coefficients (a, b, c) which allow us to express the following series in summation notation (convention: first term has  $k=0$ )

$$1 + 3 + 7 + 13 + 21 + 31 + 43 + 57 + 73 + 91 + \dots$$

$k=0$        $k=2$   
 $k=1$

$$1 = a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c \rightarrow c = 1$$

$$3 = a \cdot 1^2 + b \cdot 1 + c \rightarrow 3 = a + b + 1 \rightarrow 2 = a + b \rightarrow b = 2 - a$$

$$7 = a \cdot 2^2 + b \cdot 2 + c \rightarrow 7 = 4a + 2b + 1 \rightarrow 3 = 2a + b$$

$$3 = 2a + 2 - a$$

$$1 = a$$

$$\rightarrow 2 = 1 + b \rightarrow b = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ak^2 + bk + c$$

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$$1 + 3 + 7 + 13 + 21 + 31 + 43 + 57 + 73 + 91 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ak^2 + bk + c$$

*(Note: In the original image, arrows point from the terms 1, 3, 7, 13 to the differences 2, 4, 6, 8 below them.)*

$$1 = 0^2 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + c \rightarrow c = 1$$

$$3 = 1^2 \cdot a + 1 \cdot b + c \rightarrow 3 = a + b + 1 \rightarrow b = 2 - a$$

$$7 = 2^2 \cdot a + 2 \cdot b + c \rightarrow 7 = 4a + 2b + 1 \rightarrow 6 = 4a + 2(2 - a) = 4a + 4 - 2a$$

$$b = 2 - a \\ = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$2 = 2a \\ 1 = a$$

Up next: computing partial sums (arithmetic & geometric ... not quadratic)

ARITHMETIC

$$0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = \sum_{k=0}^4 k = ?$$

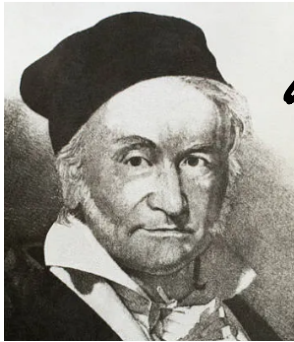
GEOMETRIC

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 = \sum_{k=0}^4 2^k = ?$$

↓  
NO SIMPLE  
FORMULA  
EXISTS ☹️

# Computing Arithmetic Partial Series: motivation via tall tale

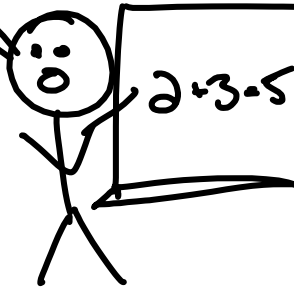
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GAUSS



Gauss, you're not paying attention. As punishment go in the hall and add all the integers from 1 to 100

Its 5050

TEACHER



$$0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + 98 + 99 + 100$$

$$2 + 98 = 100$$

$$1 + 99 = 100$$

$$0 + 100 = 100$$

$$50 \text{ sums of } 100 + \text{LEFTOVER } 50 = 5050$$

## Computing Arithmetic Sums: A more generalizable expression

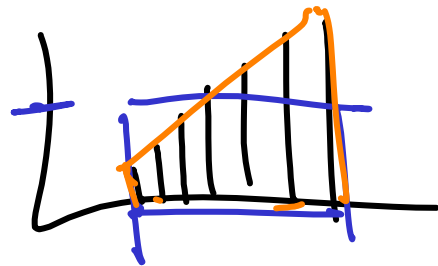
### SMALL TEST EXAMPLE

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15$$

$$\text{Average Term} \quad \times \quad \text{Number of Terms}$$

$$\frac{1+5}{2} = 3 \quad \times \quad 5$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_0 + dk = \left( \frac{a_0 + a_N}{2} \right) \times (N+1)$$



Notice:

Summing from  $k=0$  up to  $N$  has  $N + 1$  total terms.

(should we choose convention that our first term is  $k=1$ , then this formula changes a bit to have  $N$  total terms)

## Computing Geometric Series Partial Sums

$S$  is the  
PARTIAL SUM  
WE'D LIKE TO  
COMPUTE

$$S = \sum_{k=0}^N ar^k = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^N$$
$$S \cdot r = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^N + ar^{N+1}$$

$$S - S \cdot r = a - ar^{N+1}$$

$$\text{so } S(1-r) = a(1-r^{N+1}) \Rightarrow S = \frac{a(1-r^{N+1})}{1-r}$$

# Computing Geometric Series: Lets work a little example to check if that formula works

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 = \sum_{k=0}^4 1 \cdot 2^k = 31$$

First TERM



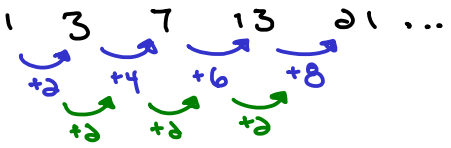
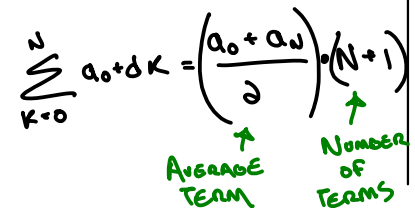
$N = \text{LARGEST VALUE OF } k \text{ IN SUM}$

$r = \text{RATIO}$


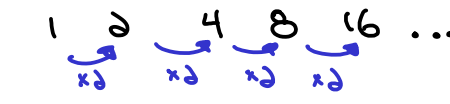
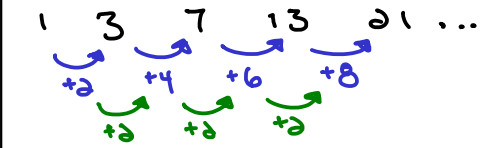
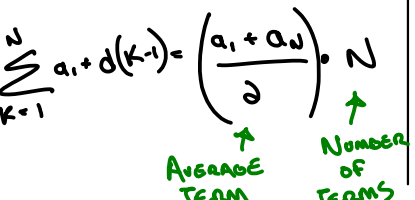
$$S = \frac{a_0 (1 - r^{N+1})}{1 - r} = \frac{1 \cdot (1 - 2^5)}{1 - 2} = \frac{-31}{-1} = 31$$



In summary (Arithmetic, Geometric & Quadratic Sequences / Series / Partial Sums)  
 (assumes first term is k=0)

	Arithmetic	Geometric	Quadratic
How to identify?	$2 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 8 \quad \dots$  CONSTANT FIRST DIFFERENCE	$1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 8 \quad 16 \quad \dots$  CONSTANT RATIO	$1 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 13 \quad 21 \quad \dots$  CONSTANT SECOND DIFFERENCE
Expression of a single term	$a_0 + dK$	$a_0 r^K$	$aK^2 + bK + c$
Computing partial sum	$\sum_{k=0}^N a_0 + dK = \left( \frac{a_0 + a_N}{2} \right) \cdot (N+1)$ 	$\sum_{k=0}^N a_0 r^K = \frac{a_0 (1 - r^{N+1})}{1 - r}$	KIND OF A CALCULUS THING (NOT NEEDED FOR CS1800)

In summary (Arithmetic, Geometric & Quadratic Sequences / Series / Partial Sums)  
 (assumes first term is k=1)

	Arithmetic	Geometric	Quadratic
How to identify?	$2 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 8 \quad \dots$  CONSTANT FIRST DIFFERENCE	$1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 8 \quad 16 \quad \dots$  CONSTANT RATIO	$1 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 13 \quad 21 \quad \dots$  CONSTANT SECOND DIFFERENCE
Expression of a single term	$a_1 + d(k-1)$	$a_1 r^{k-1}$	$ak^2 + bk + c$
Computing partial sum	$\sum_{k=1}^N a_1 + d(k-1) = \left( \frac{a_1 + a_N}{2} \right) \cdot N$ 	$\sum_{k=1}^N a_1 r^{k-1} = \frac{a_1 (1-r^N)}{1-r}$	KIND OF A CALCULUS THING (NOT NEEDED FOR CS1800)

## In Class Activity:

Compute each of the following sums (using the partial sums formula)

i. 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{100} 4 - 1k = \left( \frac{a_0 + a_n}{2} \right) \cdot (N+1) = \left( \frac{4 + 4 - 100}{2} \right) \cdot (101)$$

ii. 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{10} 10 \cdot 3^k = \frac{a_0(1-r^{N+1})}{1-r} = \frac{10(1-3^{11})}{1-3} = -46 \cdot 101 = -4646$$

iii.  $10 + 7 + 4 + 1 + (-2) + (-5) + (-8)$

$$\sum_{k=0}^6 10 - 3k = \left( \frac{10 - 8}{2} \right) \cdot (6+1) = 7$$

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i. 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{100} 4 - 1k = \left( \frac{a_0 + a_N}{2} \right) \cdot (N+1) = \frac{4 + (4 - 100)}{2} \cdot 101$$

ii. 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{10} 10 \cdot 3^k = \frac{a_0(1 - r^{N+1})}{1 - r} = \frac{10(1 - 3^{11})}{1 - 3}$$

iii.  $10 + 7 + 4 + 1 + (-2) + (-5) + (-8)$

$$\sum_{k=0}^6 10 - 3k = \left( \frac{a_0 + a_N}{2} \right) \cdot (N+1) = \frac{10 - 8}{2} \cdot 7$$