

Derivation for Sum of a Finite Arithmetic Sequence

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n a_k &= a_1 + (a_1 + d) + (a_1 + 2d) + \dots + (a_1 + (n-1)d) \\ &= a_n + (a_n - d) + (a_n - 2d) + \dots + (a_n - (n-1)d)\end{aligned}$$

Sum the preceding lines vertically:

$$\begin{aligned}2\sum_{k=1}^n a_k &= (a_1 + a_n) + (a_1 + a_n) + (a_1 + a_n) + \dots + (a_1 + a_n) \\ 2\sum_{k=1}^n a_k &= n(a_1 + a_n) \\ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k &= n\left(\frac{a_1 + a_n}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Derivation for Sum of a Finite Geometric Sequence

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n g_k &= g_1 + g_1 r + g_1 r^2 + \dots + g_1 r^{n-1} \\ r\sum_{k=1}^n g_k &= g_1 r + g_1 r^2 + \dots + g_1 r^{n-1} + g_1 r^n\end{aligned}$$

Subtract lower summation from upper summation:

$$\begin{aligned}(1-r)\sum_{k=1}^n g_k &= g_1 - g_1 r^n \\ (1-r)\sum_{k=1}^n g_k &= g_1(1-r^n) \\ \sum_{k=1}^n g_k &= \frac{g_1(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}\end{aligned}$$