

Rules for dealing with summation and product notation

$\left(\sum_{j=m}^n a_j\right) + \left(\sum_{j=m}^n b_j\right) = \left(\sum_{j=m}^n (a_j + b_j)\right)$	$\left(\prod_{j=m}^n a_j\right) \cdot \left(\prod_{j=m}^n b_j\right) = \prod_{j=m}^n (a_j \cdot b_j)$
$\sum_{j=m}^n \lambda a_j = \lambda \sum_{j=m}^n a_j$	$\prod_{j=m}^n (a_j^\lambda) = \left(\prod_{j=m}^n a_j\right)^\lambda$
$\prod_{j=m}^n (a^{b_j}) = a^{\left(\sum_{j=m}^n b_j\right)}$	

Three important series:

- Arithmetic Series:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n j = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- Geometric Series:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n a^j = \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a} = \frac{a^{n+1}-1}{a-1}$$

Moreover,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a^j = \frac{1}{1-a}, \text{ for } |a| < 1$$

- Harmonic Series:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} \approx \gamma + \ln(n)$$

where $\gamma = 0.5772156649\dots$ is Euler's constant.