

A Level H2 Math

Sigma Notation Test 2

Q1

(a) The sum, S_n , of the first n terms of a sequence u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots is given by $S_n = 3 + 7^{-2n} (n^2)$.

(i) Write down the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} u_r$. [1]

(ii) Find a formula for u_n for $n \geq 2$ and leave it in the form $7^{-2n} g(n)$, where $g(n)$ is an expression in terms of n . [2]

(b) Show that $\sum_{r=1}^n \left(\int_0^r e^x - e^{x-1} dx \right) = e^n + ne^{-1} - (n+1)$.

Deduce the exact value of $\sum_{r=10}^{20} \left(\int_0^r e^{x+2} - e^{x+1} dx \right)$. [5]

Q2

Given that $\sum_{k=1}^n k!(k^2 + 1) = (n+1)!n$, find $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+1)!(k^2 + 2k + 2)$. [3]

Q3

A geometric sequence T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots has a common ratio of e . Another sequence U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots is such that $U_1 = 1$ and

$$U_r = \ln T_r - 3 \quad \text{for all } r \geq 1.$$

(i) Prove that the sequence U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots is arithmetic. [2]

A third sequence W_1, W_2, W_3, \dots is such that $W_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $W_{r+1} = W_r + U_r$ for all $r \geq 1$.

(ii) By considering $\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} (W_{r+1} - W_r)$, show that $W_n = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n + 1)$. [3]

Answers

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(a) (i)

By GC, sum to infinity is 3.

(a) (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}u_n &= S_n - S_{n-1} \\&= 3 + 7^{-2n} (n^2) - \left[3 + 7^{-2(n-1)} (n-1)^2 \right] \\&= 3 - 3 + 7^{-2n} (n^2) - 7^{-2n+2} (n^2 - 2n + 1) \\&= 7^{-2n} (n^2 - 49n^2 + 98n - 49) \\&= 7^{-2n} (-48n^2 + 98n - 49) \\&= 7^{-2n} (8n - 7)(7 - 6n)\end{aligned}$$

where $g(n) = -48n^2 + 98n - 49$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}&\sum_{r=1}^n \left(\int_0^r e^x - e^{x-1} dx \right) \\&= \sum_{r=1}^n \left[e^x - e^{x-1} \right]_0^r \\&= \sum_{r=1}^n (e^r - e^{r-1} - e^0 + e^{-1}) \\&= e^1 - e^0 - e^0 + e^{-1} \\&\quad + e^2 - e^1 - e^0 + e^{-1} \\&\quad + e^3 - e^2 - e^0 + e^{-1} \\&\quad \dots \\&\quad + e^n - e^{n-1} - e^0 + e^{-1} \\&= e^n - 1 - n(1) + ne^{-1} \\&= e^n + ne^{-1} - (n+1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=10}^{20} \left(\int_0^r e^{x+2} - e^{x+1} dx \right) \\ &= e^2 \sum_{r=1}^{20} \left(\int_0^r e^x - e^{x-1} dx \right) - e^2 \sum_{r=1}^9 \left(\int_0^r e^x - e^{x-1} dx \right) \\ &= e^2 \left[e^{20} + 20e^{-1} - (20+1) - (e^9 + 9e^{-1} - 10) \right] \\ &= e^{22} - e^{11} - 11e^2 + 11e \end{aligned}$$

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Q2

Method 1

Consider replace k by $(k-1)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+1)!(k^2 + 2k + 2) &= \sum_{k-1=1}^{k-1=n-1} (k-1+1)!((k-1)^2 + 2(k-1) + 2) \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^n k!(k^2 + 1) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n k!(k^2 + 1) - 1!(1^2 + 1) \\ &= (n+1)!n - 2\end{aligned}$$

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n k!(k^2 + 1) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)!((k+1)^2 + 1) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)!(k^2 + 2k + 2) \\ &= (n+1)!n\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k+1)!(k^2 + 2k + 2) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)!(k^2 + 2k + 2) \\ &\quad + (0+1)!(0^2 + 2(0) + 2) \\ &= (n+1)!n + 2\end{aligned}$$

Q3

(i) To prove AP, consider

$$\begin{aligned}U_{r+1} - U_r &= (\ln T_{r+1} - 3) - (\ln T_r - 3) \\&= \ln\left(\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r}\right) \\&= \ln e \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

Since difference is a **constant**, the sequence is arithmetic. (Proven)

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} (W_{r+1} - W_r) = \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} U_r$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} (W_{r+1} - W_r) \\&= W_2 - W_1 \\&+ W_3 - W_2 \\&+ W_4 - W_3 \\&\quad \vdots \\&+ W_n - W_{n-1} \\&= W_n - W_1 \\&= W_n - \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RHS} &= \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} U_r \\&= U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_{n-1} \\&= \frac{n-1}{2} (2(1) + (n-2)1) \\&= \frac{n(n-1)}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } W_n - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

$$\therefore W_n = \frac{1}{2} (n^2 - n + 1) \quad (\text{shown})$$