

# Arithmetic Sequences & Series



**i. State whether the sequences given by the following  $n^{\text{th}}$  terms are arithmetic or not:**

- $u_n = 4n$
- $u_n = 3n - 1$
- $u_n = n^2$
- $u_n = 5 + \frac{1}{2}(n)$
- $u_n = 1^n$
- $u_n = \frac{1}{n}$
- $u_n = n^3 + n$
- $u_n = 2^n$

**ii. Write the following arithmetic sums in Sigma ( $\Sigma$ ) notation:**

- $2 + 4 + 6 + 8$
- $4 + 7 + 10$
- $10 + 20 + 30 + 40 + 50$
- $5 + 3 + 1 + (-1) + (-3)$
- $(-5) + (-10) + (-15)$
- $2 + 6 + 10 + 14$
- $15 + 13 + 11 + 9$
- $20 + 35 + 50$
- $49 + 57$
- $1 + 5 + 9 + 13$

**iii. Calculate (by hand - not using the sum formula) the following summations:**

- $\sum_{n=1}^5 n$
- $\sum_{k=1}^3 3k$
- $\sum_{n=2}^4 4n - 1$
- $\sum_{n=1}^{10} 5$
- $\sum_{i=1}^4 5 - 3i$
- $\sum_{n=1}^2 8n$

**iv. Calculate the following summations:**

Remember:  $S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(2a + (n - 1)d)$

- $S_4$  for  $u_n = 4 + (n - 1)3$
- $S_6$  for  $u_n = 5 + (n - 1)5$
- $S_{10}$  for  $u_n = 4(n - 1) + 10$
- $S_8$  for  $u_n = 5 - 2(n - 1)$
- $S_5$  for  $u_n = 3 + (n - 1)$
- $S_{20}$  for  $u_n = n$
- $S_5$  for  $u_n = 3 - 2(n - 1)$
- $S_7$  for  $u_n = 8(n - 1) + 12$