

Mathematics I Midterm Exam

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(1) By Mathematical Induction prove that $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2^r} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$ is true for any positive integer n.

Answer

The statement is true for n=1 .Let the statement is true for n=k i.e. $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2^r} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}$

$$\text{When } n=k+1 \quad \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{2^r} = \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{2^r} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = 1 - \frac{2}{2^{k+1}} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

The statement is true for n=k+1 then the statement is true for any positive number n.

(2) Find the sum $\sum_{r=1}^n (2r - 1)(2r + 1)$

Answer

$$u_r = (2r - 1)(2r + 1) = \frac{(2r - 1)(2r + 1)(2r + 3)}{6} - \frac{(2r - 3)(2r - 1)(2r + 1)}{6} = f(r + 1) - f(r)$$

$$S_n = \frac{(2n - 1)(2n + 1)(2n + 3)}{6} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (2r - 1)(2r + 1) = \frac{(2n - 1)(2n + 1)(2n + 3)}{6} + \frac{1}{2}$$

(3) Find coefficient x^{10} in the expansion $(1+x)^2(1-x)^{-4}$.

Answer

$$(1+x)^2(1-x)^{-4} = \left(1+2x+x^2\right) \sum C_r^{r+4-1} x^r = \left(1+2x+x^2\right) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} C_r^{r+3} x^r$$

$$\text{Coefficient } x^{10} \text{ is } C_{10}^{13} + 2C_9^{12} + C_8^{11} = C_3^{13} + 2C_3^{12} + C_3^{11}$$

(4) Write the first four terms in the expansion $\sqrt[3]{8+x}$

Answer

$$\sqrt[3]{8+x} = 2\left(1 + \frac{x}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2\left[1 + \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{2! \cdot 3}\left(\frac{1}{3}-1\right)\left(\frac{x}{8}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3! \cdot 3}\left(\frac{1}{3}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}-2\right)\left(\frac{x}{8}\right)^3 + \dots\right]$$

$$= 2\left[1 + \frac{x}{24} - \frac{x^2}{576} + \frac{5x^3}{41472} + \dots\right]$$