

Arrays & Sequences

Arrays Lists that can store objects

Value	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	?
index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Finite Sequences: Ordered lists of (real) numbers

terms $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9$
position

$$a_i := 2^i$$

Functions from finite sets

$$f: \{0\} \cup \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, \quad f(i) = 2^i$$

input values

output values

Notation: $\{a_i\}_{i=m}^n \quad a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$

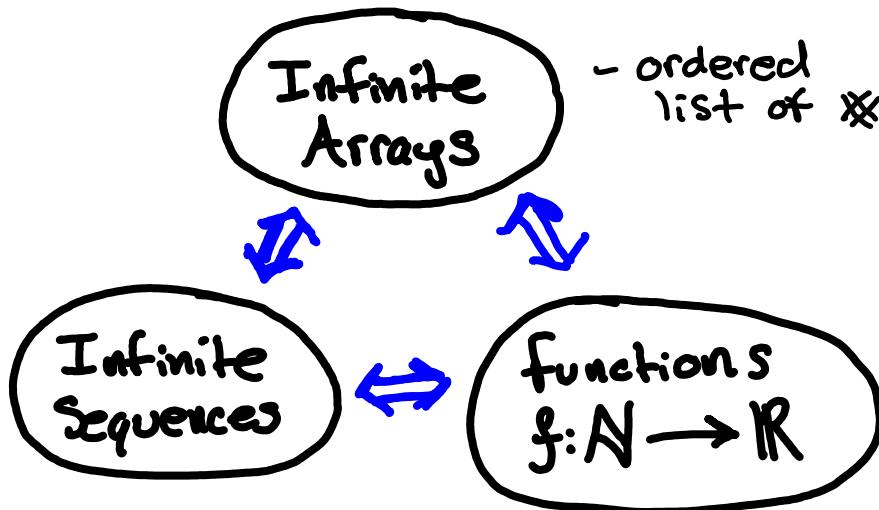
finite sequence whose indices are between m & n inclusive.

$$\{a_i\}_{i \in \{0, 2, 3, 9\}} \quad a_0, a_2, a_3, a_9$$

indices can come from a set called an "indexing set"

Infinite Sequences

$$\{a_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} := \{a_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \quad a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$$



Q: How do we specify a sequence?

- Examples of terms w/ small indices
(need enough to establish a pattern)

Show part
of an
array &
claim there
is a pattern

(a)

$$1, 8, 15, 22, 29, \dots$$

$\underbrace{+7}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{+7}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{+7}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{+7}_{\times 4}, \dots$

(b)

$$1, 4, 16, 64, 256, \dots$$

$\underbrace{\times 4}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{\times 4}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{\times 4}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{\times 4}_{\times 4}, \dots$

(c)

$$1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 16, 21, \dots$$

$\underbrace{+1}_{\times 2}, \underbrace{+2}_{\times 3}, \underbrace{+3}_{\times 4}, \underbrace{+4}_{\times 5}, \underbrace{+5}_{\times 6}, \dots$

(d)

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots$$

$\underbrace{\times r}_{\times r}, \underbrace{\times r}_{\times r}, \underbrace{\times r}_{\times r}, \dots$

- provide an expression for the n^{th} term
in terms of a general input
- view as
a function

(a) $a_n = 1 + n \cdot 7 \leftrightarrow f(n) = 1 + n \cdot 7$

(b) $b_n = 4^n \leftrightarrow f(n) = 4^n$

(c) $c_n = 1 + (0+1+2+\dots+i) = 1 + \sum_{i=0}^n i$
 \uparrow
later

(d) $d_n = ar^n \leftrightarrow f(n) = ar^n$

(e) $e_n = \frac{1}{n} \leftrightarrow f(n) = \frac{1}{n}$

What is the rule for getting to the next term?

$$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$ $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ \dots
 $\times \frac{1}{2}$ $\times \frac{2}{3}$ $\times \frac{3}{4}$

- Sequences can be described recursively: n^{th} term is described using any terms coming before it & some initial conditions are provided (**first few terms**)

(a) $1, 8, 15, 22, 29, \dots$

$\xrightarrow{+7}$ $\xrightarrow{+7}$ $\xrightarrow{+7}$ $\xrightarrow{+7}$ \dots

$a_0 = 1, a_n = a_{n-1} + 7 \quad n > 0$

(b) $1, \overbrace{4}^{\times 4}, \overbrace{16}^{\times 4}, \overbrace{64}^{\times 4}, \overbrace{256}^{\times 4}, \dots$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_n = 4a_{n-1} \quad n > 0$$

(c) $1, \overbrace{2}^{+1}, \overbrace{4}^{+2}, \overbrace{7}^{+3}, \overbrace{11}^{+4}, \overbrace{16}^{+5}, \overbrace{21}^{+6}, \dots$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_n = a_{n-1} + n \quad n > 0$$

(d) $a, \overbrace{ar}^{\times r}, \overbrace{ar^2}^{\times r}, \overbrace{ar^3}^{\times r}, \dots$

$$a_0 = a, \quad a_n = r a_{n-1} \quad n > 0$$

(e) $1, \overbrace{\frac{1}{2}}^{\times \frac{1}{2}}, \overbrace{\frac{1}{3}}^{\times \frac{2}{3}}, \overbrace{\frac{1}{4}}^{\times \frac{3}{4}}, \dots$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_n = \frac{n-1}{n} a_{n-1} \quad n > 1$$

Q: What kinds of things do we do with sequences?

- 0) Basic: Translate between the three descriptions above
- 1) Math: Add up all the terms (summation)
- 2) CS: Iterate through them (loops, filling arrays, sorting, searching)

explain how
to get to
the next
term

Recursive

forward
Substitution

backward
Substitution

much later

Small examples
w/ a pattern

Plug in

Expression
for n^{th} term

Express
the "pattern"

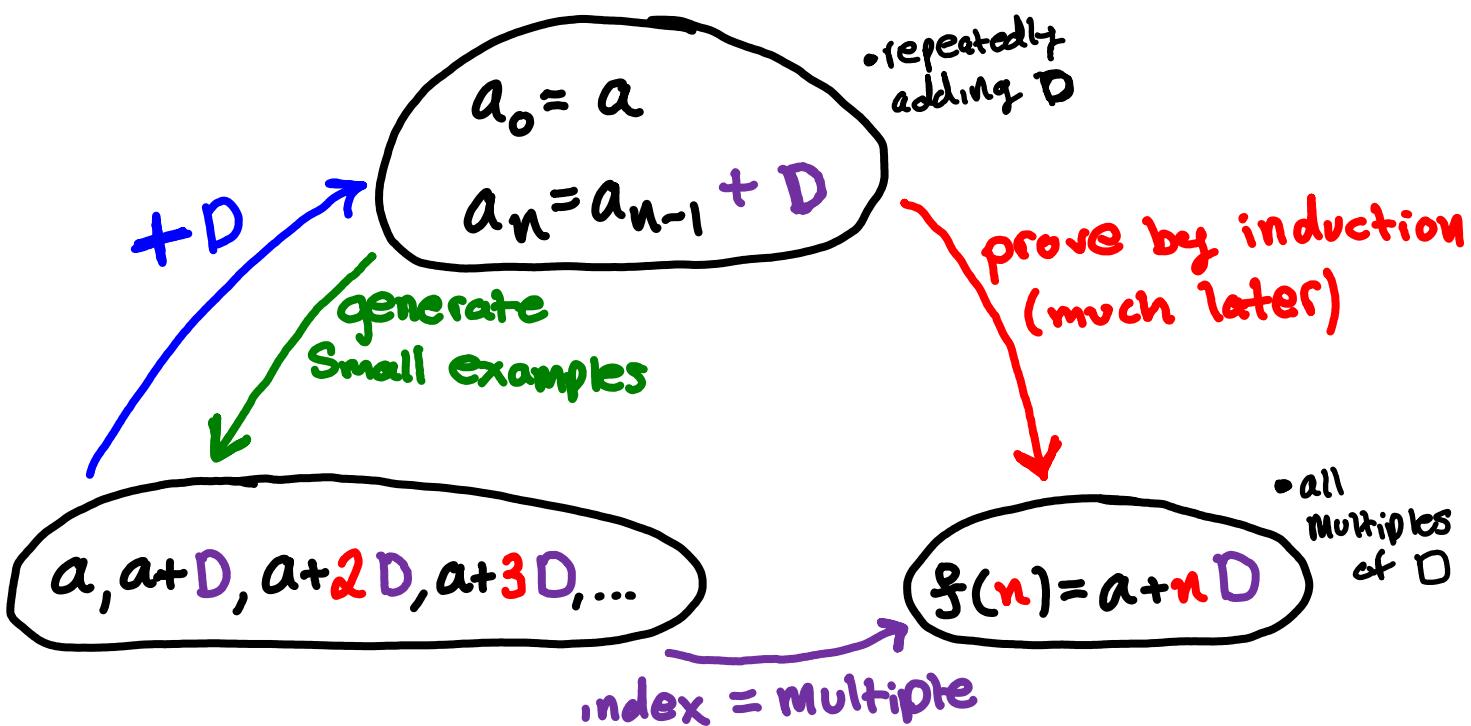
■ → easy

■ → Harder

■, ■ = medium difficulty

Two Categories

(I) Arithmetic Progression (multiplication is repeated addition)



for now

can do directly
but not yet

→ + →
generate small
terms & find the
pattern

finding them in the wild

Note: D is the
"common difference"

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = D$$

(II) Geometric Progression (exponents are repeated multiplication)

- Example (d) from earlier (r = "common ratio")

Remark: treating $+$ like \times & \times like exponents takes you from example (I) to example (II)

Special Examples

(III) Sum of the first n integers (will be investigated further below)

- Example (c) above. The next example

Remark: the relationship between (I) & (II)
is shared by (III) & (IV) resp.

(IV) (Factorials)

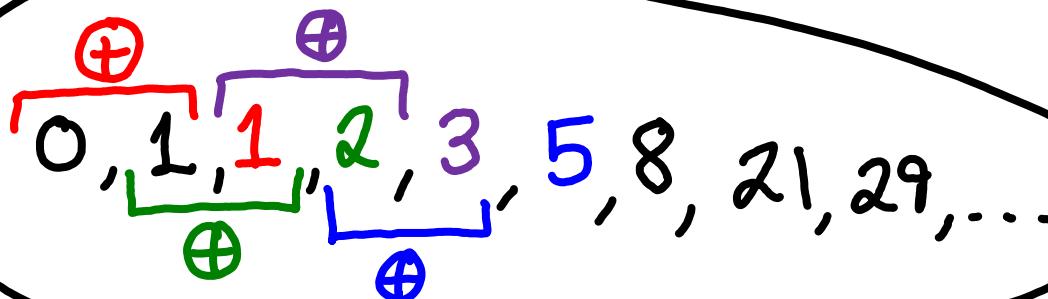
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{induction} \\ \text{---} \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} a_0 = 1 \\ a_n = n a_{n-1} \end{array} \right) \quad \left(n! := n \cdot (n-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1 \right) \end{array}$$

$$a_n = n! = n \cdot (n-1)! = n \cdot a_{n-1}$$

(IV)

(fibonacci
numbers)

let the
colors
explain



induct!

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{\gamma^n - (1-\gamma)^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Solve a
recurrence
relation

Summation

(I) Finite

\sum Array

\sum Sequence

\sum Function

Sequence

Sum of terms

$$\{a_i\}_{i=m}^n$$

$$\sum_{i=m}^n a_i = \sum_{k=m}^n a_k$$

$$\{a_i\}_{i \in I}$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i = \sum_{i \in I} f(i)$$

Dummy
indexing
variable

↳ iterates through
all terms like
a loop.

E.g. Begin w/ an ∞ sequence

$$\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad a_n = n \quad 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$$

Partial Sum makes a new sequence (finite)

$$\{b_i\}_{i=1}^N \quad b_i = \sum_{n=1}^i a_n = \sum_{n=1}^i n = 1+2+3+\dots+i$$

(note: (c) from earlier $c_i = b_i + 1$)

If we store the first 10 terms of a_n in an array, we can use a loop to find the partial sums. ($\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{10}$ as an array)

Counting :=

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

(int array)

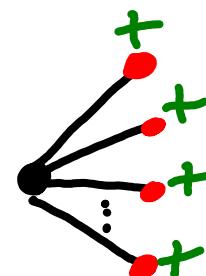
$$i = 0$$
$$b_K = 0$$

For $i \leq K-1$

$$b_K += \text{Counting}(i)$$

$$i += 1$$

$$b_K = \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \text{Counting}(i)$$



Filling an empty array w/ b_k s

Sums :=

1	3	6	10	15
0	1	2	3	4

Nested Loops

Computing b_k uses one loop

traversing the array takes another

$i = 0$
 $j = 0$
 $K = 0$

For $i \leq 9$

$b = 0$

For $j \leq i$

$b += \text{Counting}(j)$

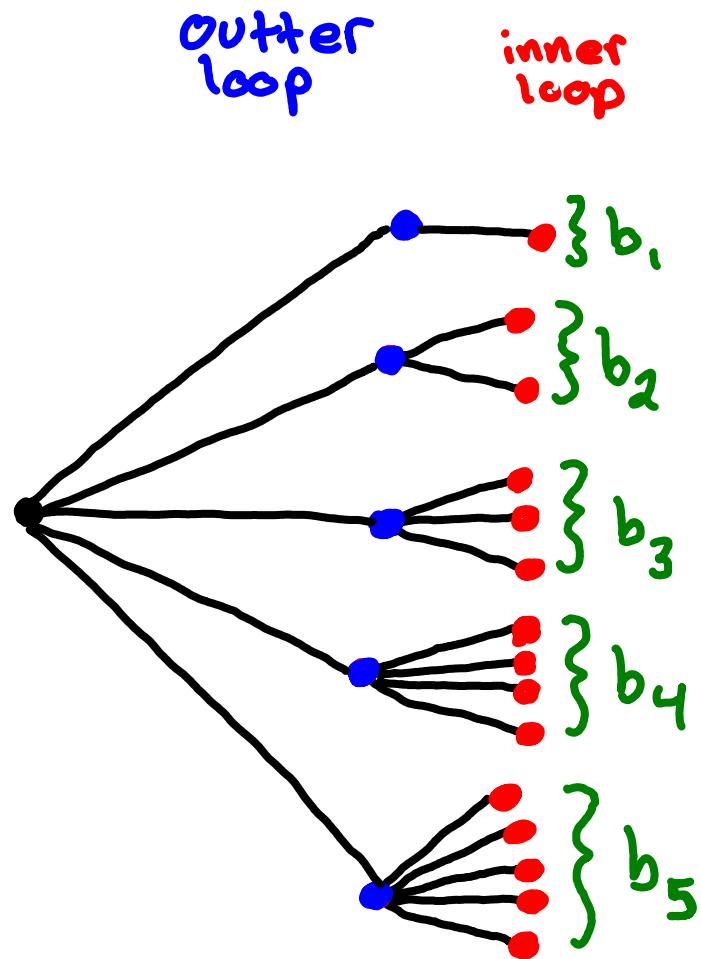
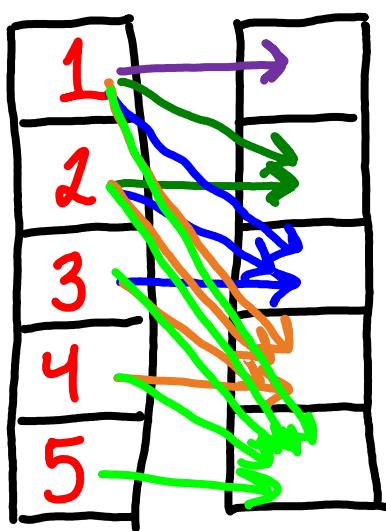
$j += 1$

Computing

$$\sum_{n=1}^i n \quad \text{as above}$$

$\text{Sums}(i) = b$

$i += 1$



Note: Red dots in above picture is

$$1+2+3+4+5 = \sum_{n=1}^5 n = b_5$$

Double Sums \leq Nested Loops

$$\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$a_n = n$$

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

$$\{b_i\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$b_i = \sum_{n=1}^i a_n$$

partial sums of $\{a_n\}$

$$\{c_j\}_{j=1}^M$$

$$c_j = \sum_{i=1}^j b_i$$

partial sums of $\{b_i\}$

$$c_j = \sum_{i=1}^j b_i = \sum_{i=1}^j \left(\sum_{n=1}^i a_n \right)$$

Exercise: Write an algorithm for filling an empty array of size 3 with the first 3 terms of $\{c_j\}$

Multiplication, $\sum \sum$, Nested Loops & Trees

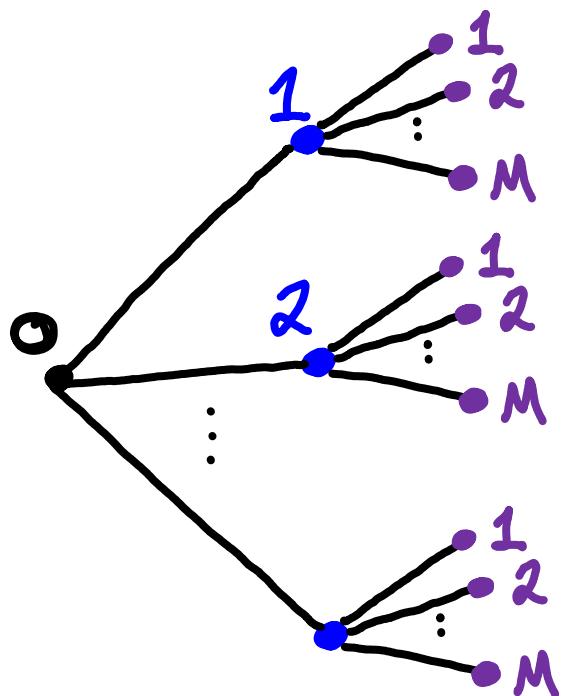
$$N \cdot M = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M 1$$

N groups of M

For $i \leq N$

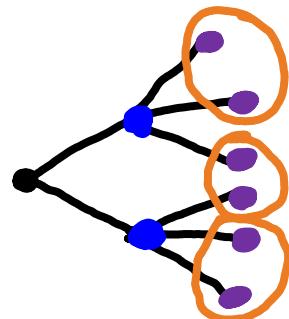
For $j \leq M$

total += 1



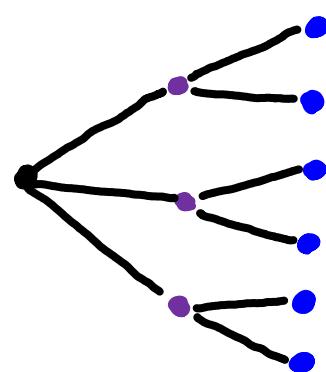
e.g.

$$2 \cdot 3 = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 1$$



(how do we make this look like
3 groups of 2?)

$$3 \cdot 2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^2 1$$



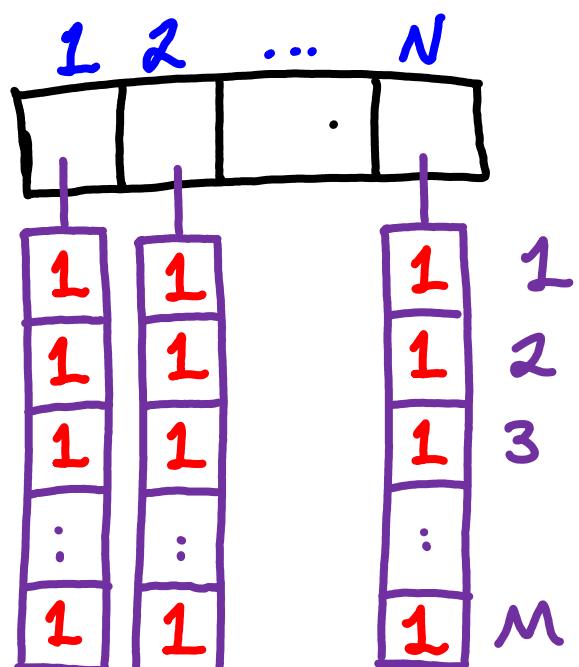
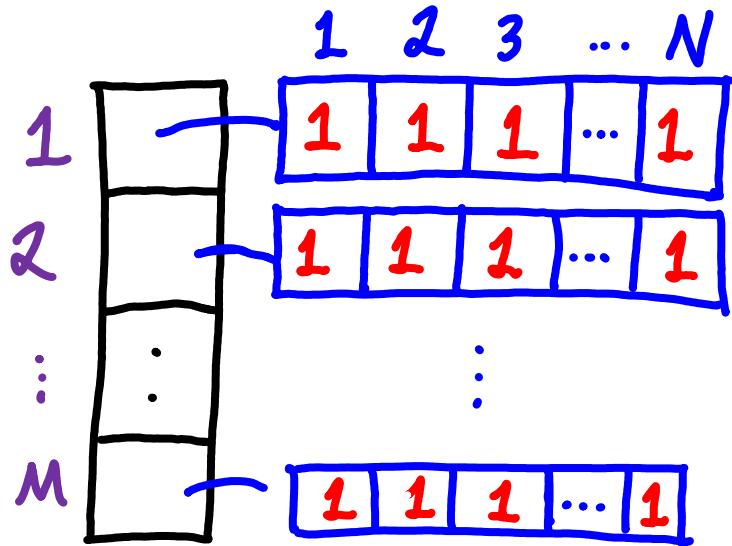
(how do we make this look like
2 groups of 3?)

With this definition of multiplication
the fact that $N \cdot M = M \cdot N$
is not obvious & requires a proof

proof: Stuck \Rightarrow Change Perspective

(we had this analogy " $\sum \leftrightarrow$ Loops" so, lets
think of these sums as filling arrays)

We arrange the 1s we need to
sum in a double array (an array of arrays)



Outer Loop
Inner Loop

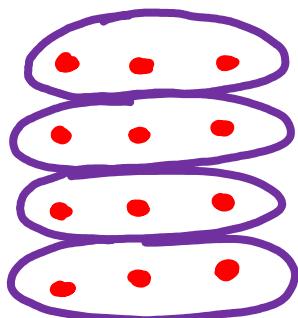
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

Outer Loop
Inner Loop

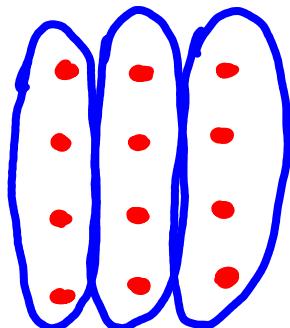
2	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

it makes the same rectangular grid of numbers (Matrix) except they differ in orientation

We counted the same thing in two different ways



First by counting
rows



Then by counting
columns



Matrices (sequences of sequences)

Rectangular Arrays of numbers

(a_{ij}) Has i rows & j columns $\begin{pmatrix} \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} \end{pmatrix}, (\text{|||} \dots |)$

e.g.

The 3 by 2 matrix

$$(i+j) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

A general 3×3 matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

The 3×3 matrix

$$(-1)^{i+j} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Actually Computing Sums

$$(I) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$(II) \quad \sum_{i=0}^n ar^i = \begin{cases} \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1} & r \neq 1 \\ (n+1)a & r = 1 \end{cases}$$

proof of (I): (famously due to Gauss)

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

$$\overline{\sum_{i=1}^n (n+1) = (n+1) + (n+1) + \dots + (n+1) + (n+1)}$$

n times (repeated addition is multiplication)

$$2\left(\sum_{i=1}^n i\right) = n \cdot (n+1) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2} \quad \square$$

*Order of summation
does not matter if
you only add finitely
many terms*

proof of (II): $n \neq 1$ case

$$S_n := \sum_{i=0}^n ar^i$$

$$rS_n = r \sum_{i=0}^n ar^i = \sum_{i=0}^n ar^{i+1}$$

Like
u-sub from
CALC I

Change of variables
 $K := i + 1$

change
variable,
bounds &
function

$$\begin{aligned} i=0 &\Rightarrow K=1 \\ i=n &\Rightarrow K=n+1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{K=1}^{n+1} ar^K \\ &= ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

add 0
in the form
(a-a)

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a-a) + \underline{ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Move terms
around

$$\begin{aligned} &= ar^{n+1} - a + \sum_{K=0}^n ar^K \\ &= ar^{n+1} - a + S_n \end{aligned}$$

Conclude: $rS_n = S_n + ar^{n+1} - a$

$$\Leftrightarrow (r-1)S_n = ar^{n+1} - a$$



$$S_n = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1}$$

uses the
assumption
 $r \neq 1$

Remark: Another reason you may want to change variables in a sum is so you can combine two sums that start @ different indices.