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Sequence: A set of quantities ordered by integers.

Series: A sum of the sequence.

- Infinite
- Partial

Type of series

① Power Series

- Geometric
- Arithmetic - Geometric

② Taylor Series.

Power Series

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^k$$
$$= C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + \dots$$

Geometric

$$S_n = a + ax + ax^2 + \dots + ax^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-x^n)}{(1-x)} \quad \text{if } x \neq 1$$

Example 4.1

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$a = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$S_{\infty} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ax^{k-1} = \frac{a}{1-x}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

Arithmetic - Geometric Series.

$$t_n = \sum_{k=1}^n akx^k$$

$$\frac{dS_{\infty}}{dx} = a + 2ax + 3ax^2 + \dots$$

$$x \frac{dS_{\infty}}{dx} = t_{\infty}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{(1-x)}$$

$$t_{\infty} = x \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{a}{(1-x)} \right)$$

$$= ax \frac{d}{dx} (1-x)^{-1}$$

$$t_{\infty} = \frac{ax}{(1-x)^2}$$

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$$Q(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n x^i$$

$$\langle i \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n i Q(x)}{\sum_{i=0}^n Q(x)} = \frac{x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots + nx^n}{1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n}$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\langle i \rangle = \frac{t_{\infty}}{S_{\infty}} = \frac{ax/(1-x)^2}{a/(1-x)} = \frac{x}{(1-x)}$$

Ex. 4.2

P is the probability that a monomer has reacted and connected to the polymer.

$$n_k = p^{k-1} (1-p)$$

$$P(k) = \frac{n_k}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k}$$

$\langle k \rangle$?

$$\langle k \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(k)$$

$$= \frac{p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p^{k-1} (1-p)}{p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^{k-1} (1-p)} = \frac{\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p^k}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^{k-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{p} t_{\infty}}{S_{\infty}} = \frac{1}{1-p}$$

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Taylor Series

expanding $f(x)$ about $x=a$

$$f(x) = f(a) + f^{(1)}(a) \cdot (x-a) + \frac{f^{(2)}(a)}{2!} (x-a)^2 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \right|_{x=a} (x-a)^n$$

Ex. 4.3 Taylor Series of $f(x) = e^{-bx}$ about $x=0$

• $f(a) = e^{-b \cdot 0} = 1$

• $\frac{1}{1!} f^{(1)}(a) \cdot (x-a)^1 = 1 - b \cdot e^{-bx} \Big|_{x=0} = -b \cdot x$

• $\frac{1}{2!} f^{(2)}(a) (x-a)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot b^2 e^{-bx} \Big|_{x=0} (x-0)^2 = b^2 x^2$

$$f(x) = e^{-bx} \approx 1 - bx + \frac{b^2 x^2}{2}$$

Stirling's approximation

$$\ln n! \approx n \ln n - n$$