

Demuestre la igualdad usando propiedades de sumatorias.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n kr^{k-1} = \frac{1}{(1-r)^2} [1 - (n+1)r^n + nr^{n+1}], r \neq 0$$

Primera forma de hacerlo

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^n kr^{k-1} = 1 + 2r + 3r^2 + \cdots + nr^{n-1}$$

Ahora si multiplicamos ambos lados de la igualdad por r , se tiene

$$rS = \sum_{k=1}^n kr^k = r + 2r^2 + 3r^3 + \cdots + nr^n$$

si tomamos la diferencia entre la primera expresion y la segunda se tiene

$$\begin{aligned} S(1-r) = S - rS &= 1 + 2r + 3r^2 + \cdots + nr^{n-1} - (r + 2r^2 + 3r^3 + \cdots + nr^n) \\ &= 1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{n-1} - nr^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} r^k - nr^n \\ &= 1 - nr^n + \frac{r - r^n}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{1 - r - nr^n(1-r) + r - r^n}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{1 - nr^n + nr^{n+1} - r^n}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{1 - r^n(n+1) + nr^{n+1}}{1-r} \end{aligned}$$

y ahora despejando S , se tiene

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^n kr^{k-1} = \frac{1 - r^n(n+1) + nr^{n+1}}{(1-r)^2}$$

Segunda forma de hacerlo Primero escribiremos la suma en extenso

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n k r^{k-1} &= 1 + 2r + 3r^2 + \dots + n r^{n-1} \\
&= 1 + r + r + r^2 + r^2 + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1} + r^{n-1} + \dots + r^{n-1} \\
&= (1 + r + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1}) + (r + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1}) + (r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1}) + \dots + r^{n-1} \\
&= \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k \right) + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} r^k \right) + \left(\sum_{k=2}^{n-1} r^k \right) + \dots + \left(\sum_{k=n-1}^{n-1} r^k \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\sum_{k=j}^{n-1} r^k \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{r^j - r^n}{1 - r} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - r} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} r^j - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} r^n \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - r} \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} - n r^n \right) \\
&= \frac{1 - r^n(n + 1) + n r^{n+1}}{(1 - r)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

tercera forma de hacerlo

$$\sum_{k=1}^n kr^{k-1} = \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1+1)r^{k-1} = \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)r^{k-1} + r^{k-1} = r \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)r^{k-2} + \sum_{k=1}^n r^{k-1}$$

ahora pasando la expresion $r \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)r^{k-2}$ a la izquierda, se tiene

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

DE esta ultima igualdad podemos despejar la ultima sumatoria, asi obtenemos

$$(1-r) \sum_{k=1}^n kr^{k-1} = \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} - nr^n = \frac{1-r^n(n+1) + nr^{n+1}}{1-r}$$

por lo tanto

$$\sum_{k=1}^n kr^{k-1} = \frac{1-r^n(n+1) + nr^{n+1}}{1-r}$$