

## Two sums

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Evaluate

$$(i) \quad S = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{(2k-1)(2k+1)(2k+3)}.$$

$$(ii) \quad S = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^4}{(2k-1)(2k+1)}.$$

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$$(i) \text{ Since } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2k-1} - \frac{1}{2k+1} \right) =$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) = \frac{n}{2n+1} \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)(2k+3)} =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} - \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)} \right) = \frac{n(n+2)}{3(2n+3)(2n+1)} \text{ then}$$

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

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

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{(2n+3)(2n+1)} \Leftrightarrow S = \frac{n(n+1)}{2(2n+3)(2n+1)}.$$

$$(ii) \text{ Since } (4k^2-1)^2 = 16k^4 - 2(4k^2-1) - 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$16k^4 = (4k^2-1)^2 + 2(4k^2-1) + 1 \text{ then } 16S = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{16k^4}{4k^2-1} =$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (4k^2-1) + \sum_{k=1}^n 2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} =$$

$$4 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + n + \frac{n}{2n+1} = 4 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + n + \frac{n}{2n+1} =$$

$$\frac{8n(n+1)(n^2+n+1)}{3(2n+1)} \Leftrightarrow S = \frac{n(n+1)(n^2+n+1)}{6(2n+1)} :$$