

ARITHMETIC SERIES

Write the n th partial sum in closed form, and use s_n to determine if the series converges.

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k - 1)$

2. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (3k + 2)$

3. An arithmetic series has first term a and common difference d .

a) Find the 3rd term a_3 and the 3rd partial sum s_3 .

b) Find the 4th term a_4 and the 4th partial sum s_4 .

c) Find the n th term a_n and the n th partial sum s_n .

d) For what values of d does the series converge?