

### 9.1.3 Important results on the sum of special sequences

(i) Sum of the first  $n$  natural numbers:

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

(ii) Sum of the squares of first  $n$  natural numbers.

$$\sum_{n=1}^n n^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

(iii) Sum of cubes of first  $n$  natural numbers:

$$\sum_{n=1}^n n^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$