

Find $\sum_{r=1}^n (3r^2 - 2r + 1)$.

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^n (3r^2 - 2r + 1) \\ &= 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 - 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r + \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\ &= 3 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \left[2n^2 + 3n + 1 - 2(n+1) + 2 \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} (2n^2 + 3n + 1 - 2n - 2 + 2) \\ &= \frac{n}{2} (2n^2 + n + 1). \end{aligned}$$