

geometric series

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} x^k = \frac{1 - x^n}{1 - x}$$

arithmetic series

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} k = \frac{n(n - 1)}{2} = \binom{n}{2}$$

binomial coefficients

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n + 1}{m + 1}$$

binomial theorem

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k} = (x + y)^n$$

harmonic numbers

$$\sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} = H_n$$

sum of harmonic numbers

$$\sum_{1 \leq k < n} H_k = nH_n - n$$

Vandermonde convolution

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{n}{k} \binom{m}{t - k} = \binom{n + m}{t}$$

Table 2.2 Elementary discrete sums