

**Adding a sequence in the form:  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3$ :**

A. A sequence in this form reduces to:

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

B. Notice that this expression is the same thing as:  $(1 + 2 + \dots + n)^2$

1. Multiply the last number by that number plus 1, then divide by 2.

2. Square this result.

Ex [1]  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + 10^3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

a) Using the expression this reduces to:  $(10)(11)/2 = 5 \times 11 = 55$ .

b)  $55^2 = 3025$ . See [Squaring A Number Ending In 5](#).

c) The answer is 3025.

Ex [2]  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + 15^3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

a) Using the expression this reduces to:  $(15)(16)/2 = 15 \times 8 = 120$ .

b)  $120^2 = 14400$ .

c) The answer is 14400.