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Exercise 1. Let  $n \geq 2$ . Fill in the blank so that the two sums are equal (by a shift of index):

$$\sum_{k=2}^n (2k-1)^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (2(k+2)-1)^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (2k+3)^2$$

Exercise 2. Let

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto x^2 + 1 \quad \quad \quad x \mapsto x^4 \quad \quad \quad x \mapsto x + 1.$$

Fill in the blank:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, (h \circ f \circ g)(x) = h(f(g(x))) = h(f(x^4)) = h((x^4)^2 + 1)$$

Exercise 3. Let

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto x^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= ((x^4)^2 + 1) + 1 \\ &= x^8 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Determine the following images and inverse images. If an image or inverse image doesn't exist, cross out the equal sign and write "DNE."

$$f([1, 3]) = [1; 9] \quad \quad \quad f([-3, 1]) = [0; 9]$$

$$f^{-1}([-1, 4]) = [-2; 2] \quad \quad \quad f^{-1}([-4, -1]) = \emptyset$$

Exercise 4. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$ . Recall the formula for the sum of the terms of a geometric progression:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n q^k = \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q}$$

Exercise 5. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Simplify as much as possible:

$$\frac{\binom{2n+1}{n}}{\binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{\frac{(2m+1)!}{m!(2m+1-m)!}}{\frac{(2n)!}{m!(2m-m)!}} = \frac{\frac{(2m+1)!}{\cancel{m!} (m+1)!}}{\frac{(2n)!}{\cancel{m!} m!}}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(2m)!} (2m+1)}{(m+1)!} \times \frac{m!}{\cancel{(2m)!}}$$

$$= \frac{(2m+1) \times \cancel{m!}}{\cancel{m!} (m+1)} = \frac{2m+1}{m+1}$$