## Sequences and Series.

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If you have a sequence $<1,2,3,4,5, \ldots>$ for example, and you want to sum the first 20 terms then we can use sigma notation, as shown here.

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\sum_{x=1}^{20}(x)
$$

The ClassPad has a built-in summing function that is able to evaluate sums (and products). The symbols are in the mth-CALC menu and the 2D-CALC found on the soft keypad, as shown in the screen captures below.


If you use the mat-CALC menu be careful with the use of the right parenthesis, the left is automatically supplied when you tap the icon. Make sure you close with the right parenthesis in the expression you are summing.
If you use the 2D-CALC menu, tap the button for the summation function and a template comes into view on the screen for the sum. Fill in the expression, the upper and lower limits and then press EXE for the sum.

Note: For convenience, $x$ has been used as the variable, any letter of the alphabet can be used.
mth-CALC


Three examples, illustrating the use of sigma notation, are shown in the screen captures below.
mth-CALC

2D-CALC


