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$$\sum_{i=1}^n i$$

$$\frac{1}{2} n (1 + n)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

$$\frac{1}{6} n (1 + n) (1 + 2 n)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3$$

$$\frac{1}{4} n^2 (1 + n)^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^4$$

$$\frac{1}{30} n (1 + n) (1 + 2 n) (-1 + 3 n + 3 n^2)$$

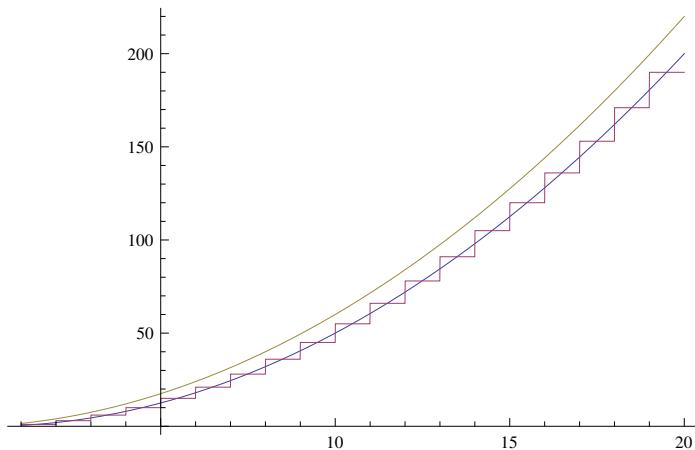
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$$-\frac{n}{30} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^4}{2} + \frac{n^5}{5}$$

$$\int_0^n x dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i \leq \int_1^{n+1} x dx$$

$$\frac{n^2}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} n (1 + n) \leq n + \frac{n^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Plot}\left[\left\{\int_0^n x dx, \sum_{i=1}^n i, \int_1^{n+1} x dx\right\}, \{n, 1, 20\}\right]$$



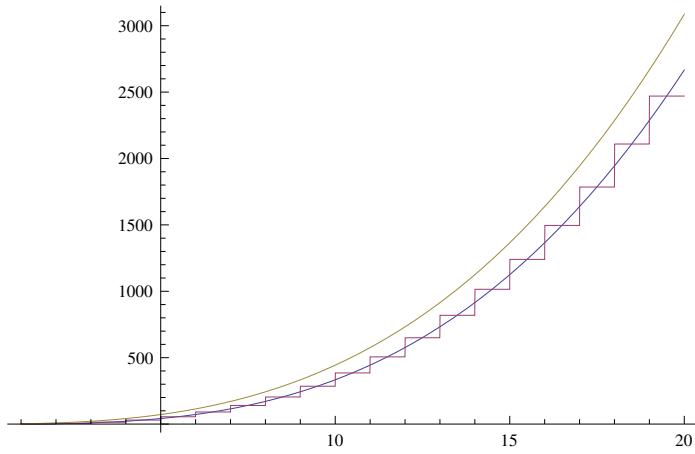
$$\int_0^n x^2 dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \leq \int_1^{n+1} x^2 dx$$

$$\frac{n^3}{3} \leq \frac{1}{6} n (1 + n) (1 + 2 n) \leq n + n^2 + \frac{n^3}{3}$$

Expand[%]

$$\frac{n^3}{3} \leq \frac{n}{6} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n^3}{3} \leq n + n^2 + \frac{n^3}{3}$$

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Plot[\{\int_0^n x^2 dx, \sum_{i=1}^n i^2, \int_1^{n+1} x^2 dx\}, {n, 1, 20}]
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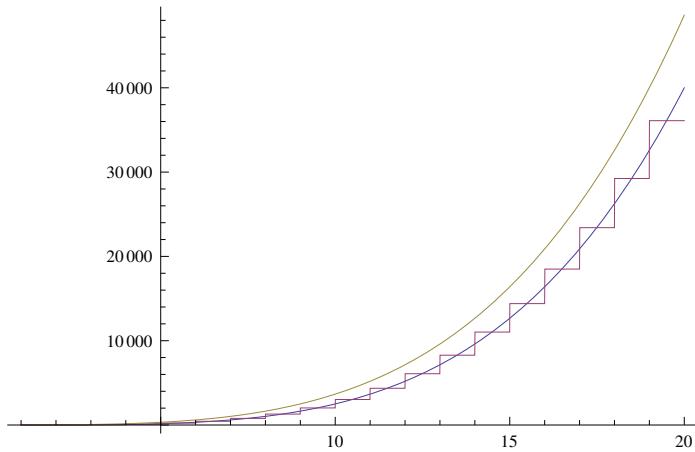
$$\int_0^n x^3 dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 \leq \int_1^{n+1} x^3 dx$$

$$\frac{n^4}{4} \leq \frac{1}{4} n^2 (1+n)^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} (-1 + (1+n)^4)$$

Expand[%]

$$\frac{n^4}{4} \leq \frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n^3}{2} + \frac{n^4}{4} \leq n + \frac{3n^2}{2} + n^3 + \frac{n^4}{4}$$

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Plot[\{\int_0^n x^3 dx, \sum_{i=1}^n i^3, \int_1^{n+1} x^3 dx\}, {n, 1, 20}]
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$$\int_0^n x^k dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i^k \leq \int_1^{n+1} x^k dx$$

$$\text{ConditionalExpression}\left[\frac{n^{1+k}}{1+k} \leq \text{HarmonicNumber}[n, -k] \leq \left(-1 + (1+n)^{1+k}\right) / (1+k), \text{Re}[k] > -1 \& \& (\text{Re}[n] \geq -1 \mid\mid n \notin \text{Reals})\right]$$

$$\frac{n^{1+k}}{1+k} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i^k \leq (-1 + (1+n)^{1+k}) / (1+k)$$

$$\frac{n^{k+1}}{k+1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i^k \leq ((n+1)^{k+1} - 1) / (k+1)$$

Theorem - part one

For every non-decreasing function f

$$\int_{a-1}^b f(x) dx \leq \sum_{i=a}^b f(i) \leq \int_a^{b+1} f(x) dx$$

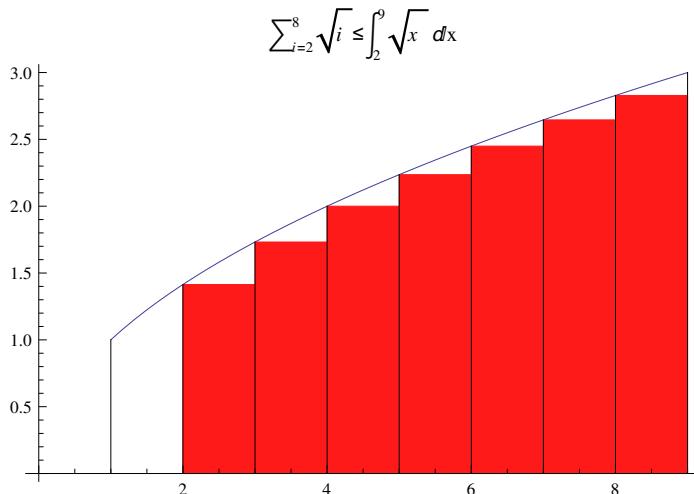
Example

$$\int_1^8 \sqrt{x} dx \leq \sum_{i=2}^8 \sqrt{i} \leq \int_2^9 \sqrt{x} dx$$

True

Graphic proof of the second inequality

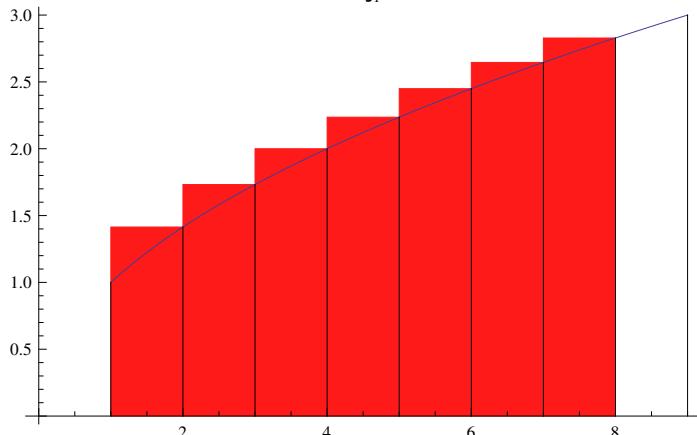
$$\sum_{i=2}^8 \sqrt{i} \leq \int_2^9 \sqrt{x} dx :$$



Graphic proof of the first inequality

$$\int_1^8 \sqrt{x} dx \leq \sum_{i=2}^8 \sqrt{i} :$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^8 \sqrt{i} \geq \int_1^8 \sqrt{x} dx$$



$$\int_{1.50574838034444}^{8.50574838034444} \sqrt{x} dx \approx \sum_{i=2}^8 \sqrt{i}$$

$$\approx 15.30600052603572$$

Theorem - part two

For every non-increasing function f

$$\int_a^{b+1} f(x) dx \leq \sum_{i=a}^b f(i) \leq \int_{a-1}^b f(x) dx$$

Another useful Theorem

For every non-decreasing function f and every $1 \leq k \leq n$,

$$k \times f(n-k+1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) \leq n \times f(n)$$

or, substituting $n - k + 1$ for k ,

$$(n - k + 1) \times f(k) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) \leq n \times f(n)$$

Example

$$k \times (n - k + 1)! \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i! \leq n \times n!$$

Putting $k = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ yields :

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \times \left(n - \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \right)! \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i! \leq n \times n!$$

By $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil = n$ we get :

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \times \left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \right)! \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i! \leq n \times n!$$

By $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1 = n$ we get :

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \times \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil ! \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i ! \leq n \times n !$$

By Stirling formula we get :

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \left(\frac{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil}{e} \right)^{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil} \sqrt{2\pi \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil} < \sum_{i=1}^n i ! < n \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n} \right)$$

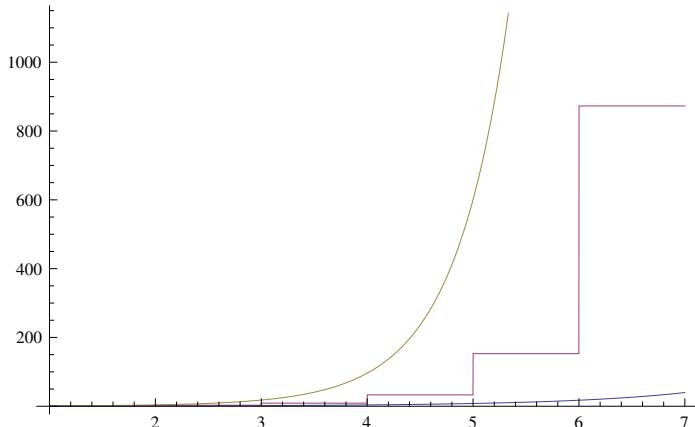
By $\frac{n}{2} \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ we get :

$$\frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{\frac{n}{2}}{e} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{2\pi \frac{n}{2}} < \sum_{i=1}^n i ! < n \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n} \right)$$

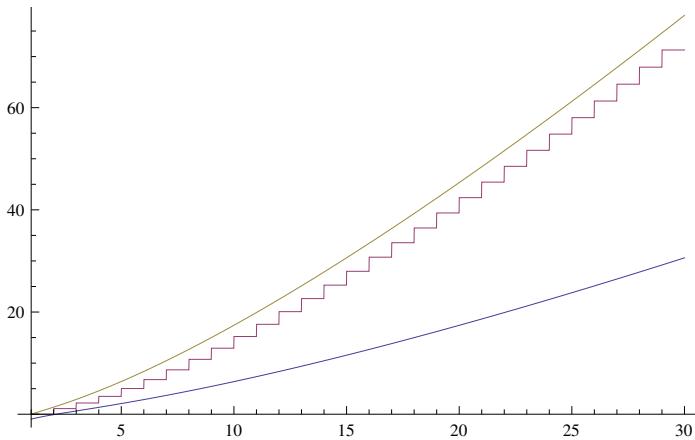
or

$$e \left(\frac{n}{2e} \right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \sqrt{\pi n} < \sum_{i=1}^n i ! < e \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^{n+1} \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n} \right)$$

$$\text{Plot}\left[\left\{e \left(\frac{n}{2e} \right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \sqrt{\pi n}, \sum_{i=1}^n i !, e \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^{n+1} \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n} \right)\right\}, \{n, 1, 7\}\right]$$



$$\text{Plot}\left[\left\{\log\left[e \left(\frac{n}{2e} \right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \sqrt{\pi n}\right], \log\left[\sum_{i=1}^n i !\right], \log\left[e \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^{n+1} \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n} \right)\right]\right\}, \{n, 1, 30\}\right]$$



If non-decreasing f is non-negative then for every $1 \leq k \leq n$,

$$f(n-k+1)^k \leq \prod_{i=1}^n f(i) \leq f(n)^n$$

Example

$$(n-k+1)^k \leq \prod_{i=1}^n i \leq n^n$$

where $\prod_{i=1}^n i = n!$

So,

$$(n-k+1)^k \leq n! \leq n^n$$

If n is even then putting $k = \frac{n}{2}$ yields :

$$\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq n! \leq n^n$$

Putting $k = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ in $(n-k+1)^k \leq n! \leq n^n$

we get

$$\left(n - \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1\right)^{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil} \leq n! \leq n^n$$

or, by $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = n$,

$$\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1\right)^{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil} \leq n! \leq n^n$$

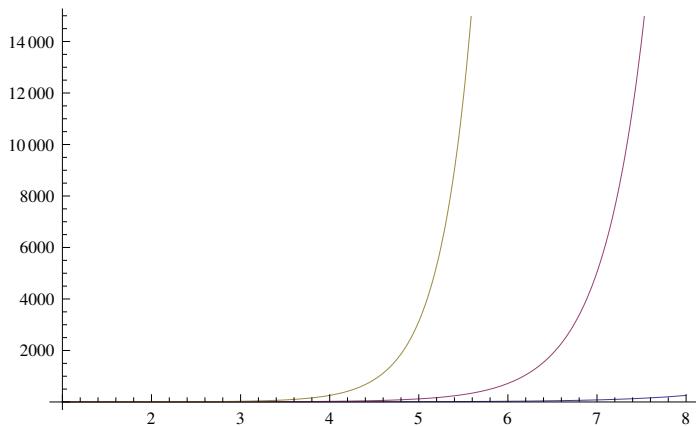
By $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$ we get :

$$\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right)^{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil} \leq n! \leq n^n$$

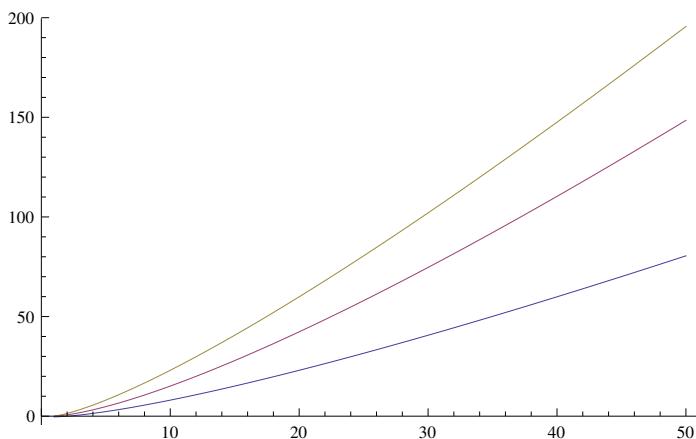
and by $\frac{n}{2} \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ we conclude

$$\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq n! \leq n^n$$

$$\text{Plot}\left[\left\{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}, n!, n^n\right\}, \{n, 1, 8\}\right]$$



$$\text{Plot}\left[\left\{\log\left(\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right), \log[n!], \log[n^n]\right\}, \{n, 1, 50\}\right]$$



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Undergraduate students : skip until ##

Proof of \sum part

There are $m - n$ elements after m in an n - element sequence. So, since f is non-decreasing, in the sequence $f(1), f(2), \dots, f(m), \dots, f(n)$ there are at least $n - m + 1$ elements greater or equal to $f(m)$.

Therefore,

$$(n - m + 1) \times f(m) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n f(i)$$

Putting $k = n - m + 1$, that is, $m = n - k + 1$, yields

$$k \times f(n - k + 1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n f(i).$$

The inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(i) \leq n \times f(n)$$

is easy to proof and is left as an exercise.

Proof of the \prod part from the \sum part

$$k \times \log_2 f(n - k + 1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 f(i) \leq n \times \log_2 f(n)$$

$$\log_2 f(n - k + 1)^k \leq \log_2 \prod_{i=1}^n f(i) \leq \log_2 f(n)^n$$

$$f(n - k + 1)^k \leq \prod_{i=1}^n f(i) \leq f(n)^n$$

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$$\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i \\ - 1 + 2^{1+k}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k r^i \\ \frac{-1 + r^{1+k}}{-1 + r}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{1}{2^i}$$

$$2^{-k} (-1 + 2^{1+k})$$

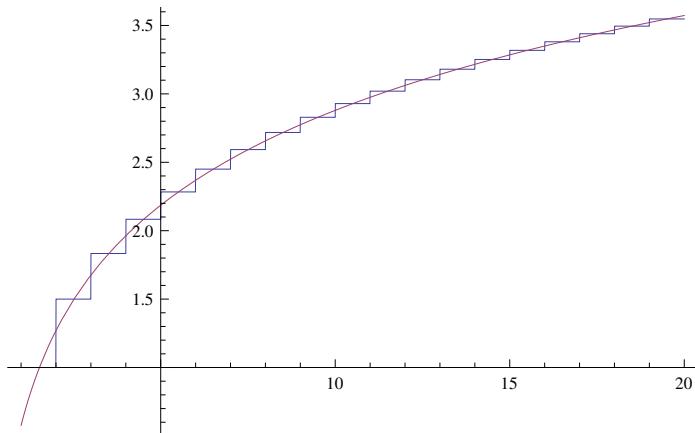
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$$

HarmonicNumber[n]

Euler's approximation of harmonic number

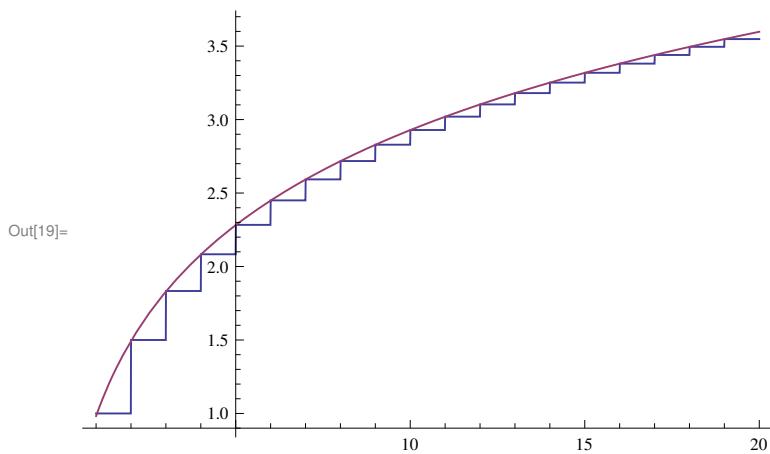
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \approx \text{Log}[n] + .577$$

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Plot[Tooltip[{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, Log[n] + .577}], {n, 1, 20}]
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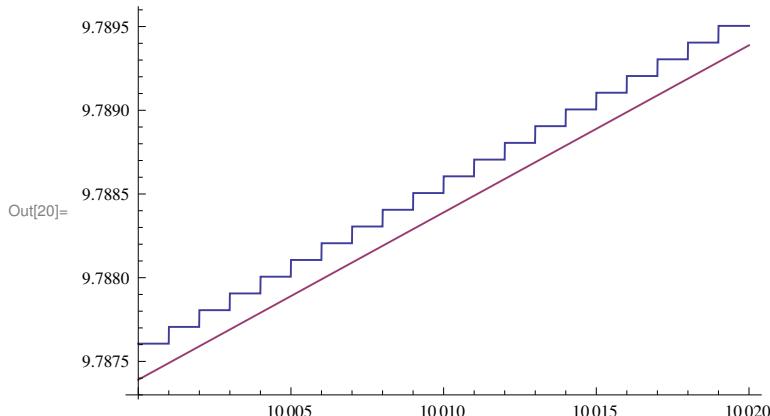
A glance at the above graph yields the following improvement

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In[19]:= Plot[Tooltip[{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, Log[n + 0.5] + 0.577}], {n, 1, 20}, PlotTheme -> "Classic"]
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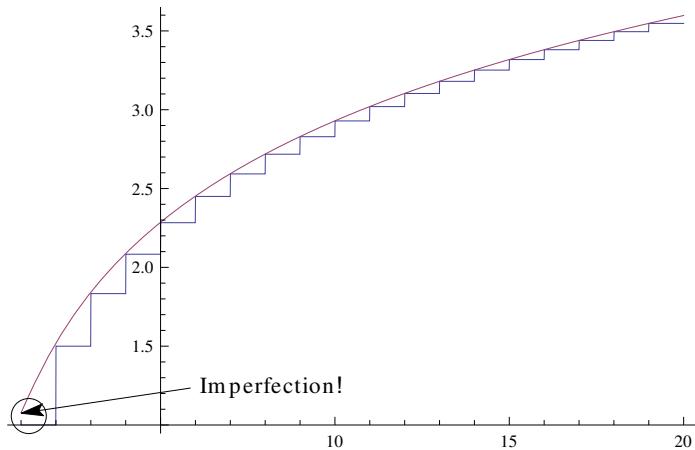
But it's not so good for larger n

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In[20]:= Plot[Tooltip[{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, Log[n + 0.5] + 0.577}], {n, 10000, 10020}, PlotTheme -> "Classic"]
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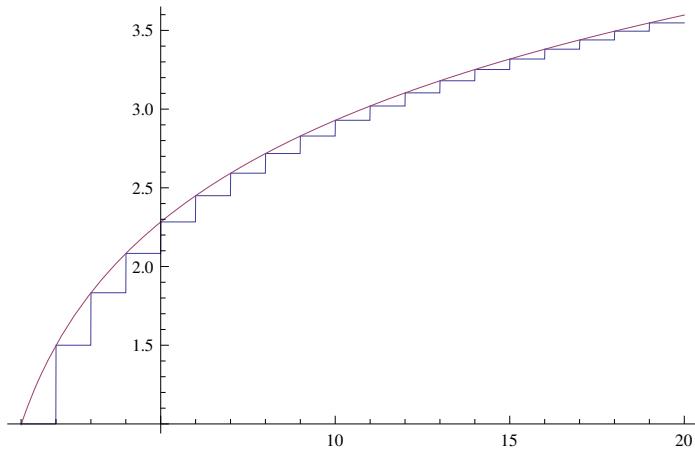
A more precise traditional approximation

$$\text{Plot}\left[\text{Tooltip}\left[\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \text{Log}[n] + .577 + \frac{1}{2 n}\right\}\right], \{n, 1, 20\}\right]$$



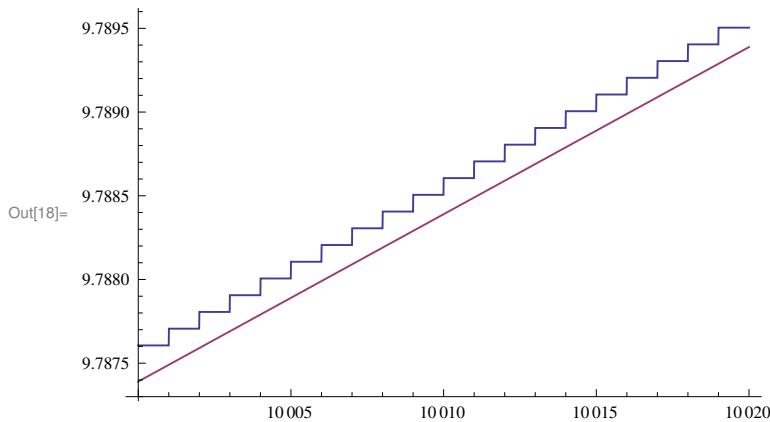
Ever better approximation, if you are a perfectionist :

$$\text{Plot}\left[\text{Tooltip}\left[\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \text{Log}[n] + .577 + \frac{1}{2 n} - \frac{1}{12 n^2}\right\}\right], \{n, 1, 20\}\right]$$



Still not so good for larger n

$$\text{In[18]:= Plot}\left[\text{Tooltip}\left[\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \text{Log}[n] + 0.577 + \frac{1}{2 n} - \frac{1}{12 n^2}\right\}\right], \{n, 10000, 10020\}, \text{PlotTheme} \rightarrow \text{"Classic"}\right]$$



You can use the constant EulerGamma =

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N[EulerGamma]
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0.577216
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0.5772156649015329`
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in lieu of .577

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In[22]:= N[e^EulerGamma]
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Out[22]= 1.78107
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End of Euler's approximation of harmonic number

Here is another (less accurate) way of approximating

the harmonic series $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$. It's a good exercise.

$$\int_2^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx \leq \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx$$

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ConditionalExpression[
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$$-\text{Log}[2] + \text{Log}[1+n] \leq -1 + \text{HarmonicNumber}[n] \leq \text{Log}[n], \text{Re}[n] \geq 0 \quad || \quad n \notin \text{Reals}]$$

$$-\text{Log}[2] + \text{Log}[1+n] \leq \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq \text{Log}[n]$$

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N[Log[2]]
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0.693147
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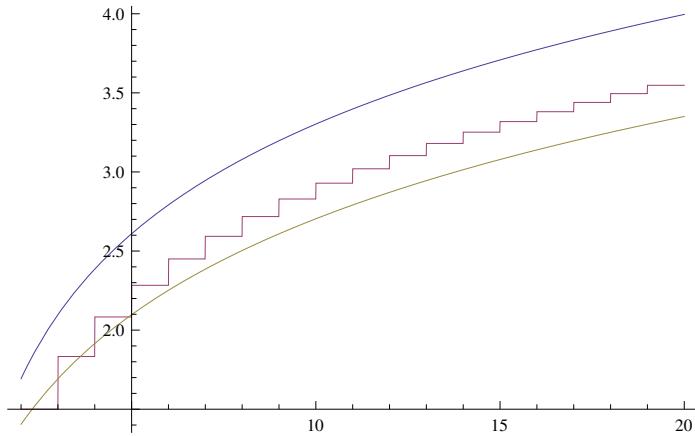
So,

$$\text{Log}[n+1] - 0.694 \leq \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq \text{Log}[n]$$

or

$$\text{Log}[n+1] + 0.306 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq \text{Log}[n] + 1$$

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Plot[Tooltip[\{\text{Log}[n] + 1, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \text{Log}[n+1] + 0.306\}], \{n, 2, 20}\]
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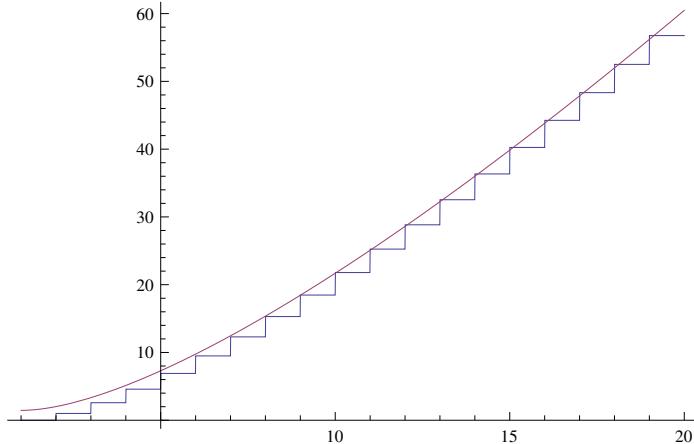


$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^k i \times 2^i \\
& 2 (1 - 2^k + 2^k k) \\
\text{Expand[%]} \\
& 2 - 2^{1+k} + 2^{1+k} k \\
& 2 + 2^{1+k} (k - 1) \\
& 2^{k+1} (k - 1) + 2 \\
\text{Log2[n!]} & = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Log2}[i] \\
& \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Log2}[i] \\
& \text{Log}[\text{Pochhammer}[1, n]] / \text{Log}[2]
\end{aligned}$$

Textbook's approximation :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Log2}[i] \approx n \text{Log2}[n] - 1.443 n + 2.9$$

`Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Log2[i], {i, 1, n}], n Log2[n] - 1.443 n + 2.9}], {n, 1, 20}]`



Even more accurate approximation is in the Mathematica / Log_of_factorial.nb :

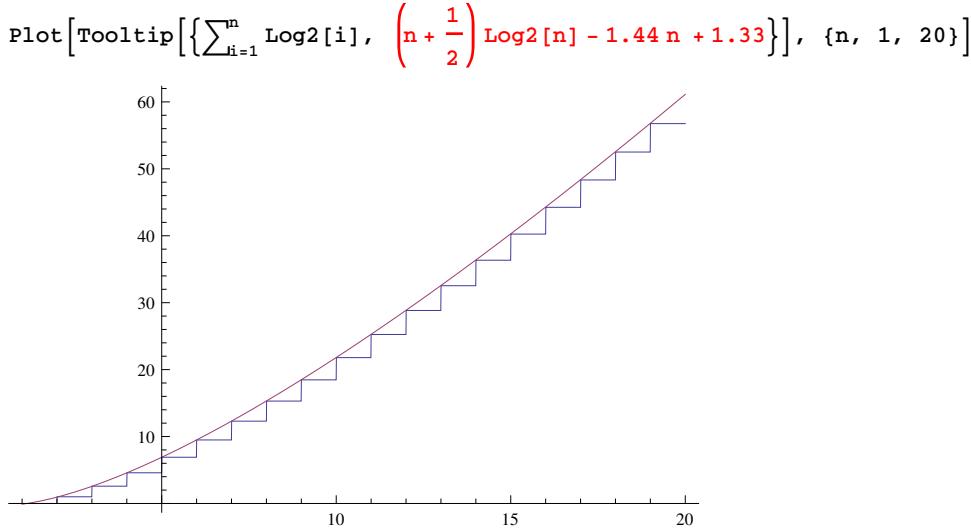
$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Log2}[i] \approx \\
& n \text{Log2}[n] - \frac{1}{\text{Log}[2]} n + \frac{1}{2} \text{Log2}[n] + \text{Log}[2 \pi] / \text{Log}[4] + 1 / (\text{Log}[4096] n) - 1 / (360 \text{Log}[2] n^3)
\end{aligned}$$

This yields :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Log2}[i] \approx \\
& \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Log2}[n] - 1.4426950408889634` n + 1.3257480647361592`
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Log2}[i] \approx \\
& \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Log2}[n] - 1.443 n + 1.326
\end{aligned}$$



Sterling formula (see file Mathematica / Stirling_formula.nb) would yield this :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log_2[i] = \log_2[n!] \geq \log_2\left[\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}\right] > \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \log_2[n] - \frac{n}{\log[2]} + \frac{1}{2} \log_2[2\pi] \approx$$

$$\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \log_2[n] - 1.4426950408889634` n + 1.3257480647361592` \approx$$

$$\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \log_2[n] - 1.443 n + 1.325$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log_2[i] = \log_2[n!] \leq \log_2\left[\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n}\right)\right] <$$

$$\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \log_2[n] - \frac{n}{\log[2]} + \frac{1}{2} \log_2[2\pi] + \log_2\left[1 + \frac{1}{11n}\right].$$

Since $\log_2[x]$ is a convex function of x

$$\left(\text{its derivative, } \frac{1}{x} \log_2[e] \text{ is a decreasing function of } x\right),$$

$$\log_2[x+y] < \log_2[x] + \frac{\log_2[e]}{x} (y-x).$$

Hence,

$$\log_2\left[1 + \frac{1}{11n}\right] < \log_2[1] + \frac{\log_2[e]}{1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{11n} - 1\right) =$$

$$= \frac{\log_2[e]}{11n}.$$

$$N\left[\frac{\log_2[e]}{11n}\right]$$

$$\frac{0.131154}{n}$$

$$0.1311540946262694` / n$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{Log2}[n] - 1.4426950408889634` n + 1.3257480647361592` + \text{Log2}\left[1 + \frac{1}{11 n} \right] < \\
 & \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{Log2}[n] - 1.4426950408889634` n + 1.3257480647361592` + \frac{\text{Log2}[\epsilon]}{11 n} = \\
 & = \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{Log2}[n] - 1.4426950408889634` n + 1.3257480647361592` + 0.1311540946262694` / n < \\
 & < \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{Log2}[n] - 1.442 n + 1.326 + \frac{0.132}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

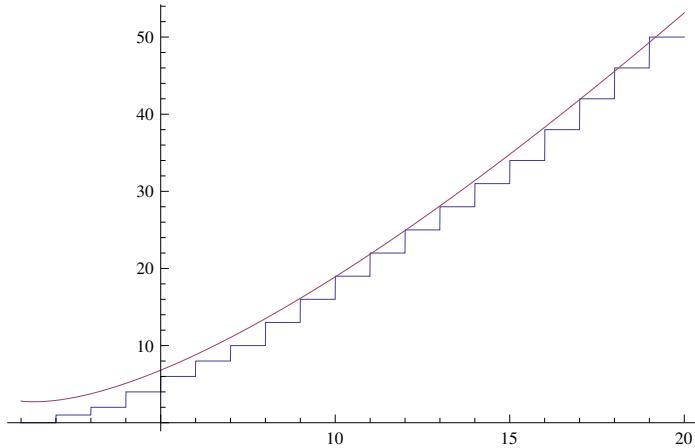
More tricky sums

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \text{Log2}[i] \rfloor$$

Important approximation :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \text{Log2}[i] \rfloor \approx n \text{Log2}[n] - 1.9 n + 4.7$$

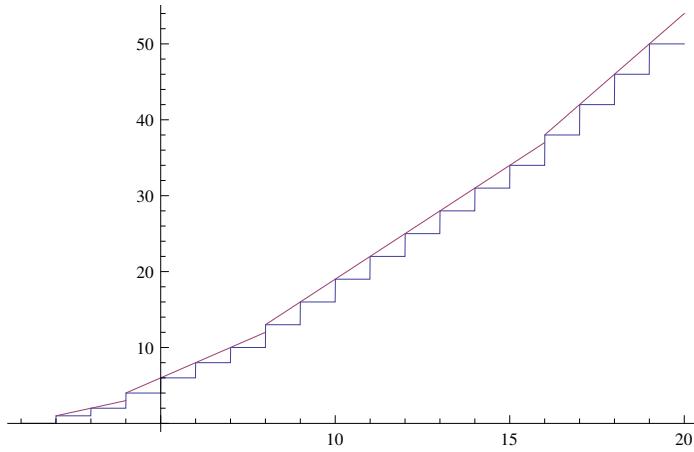
`Plot[Tooltip[{\{\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \text{Log2}[i] \rfloor, n \text{Log2}[n] - 1.9 n + 4.7\}}, {\{n, 1, 20\}}]`



The exact value :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \text{Log2}[i] \rfloor = (n+1) \lfloor \text{Log2}[n] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \text{Log2}[n] \rfloor + 1} + 2$$

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Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Log2[i], {i, 1, n}], (n + 1) Log2[n] - 2^Log2[n]+1 + 2}], {n, 1, 20}]
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Also,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \log_2 i \rfloor = (n+1) \lfloor \log_2 (n+1) \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2 (n+1) \rfloor + 1} + 2 =$$

[The above is Knuth's formula]

$$= (n+1) (\log_2 (n+1) + \epsilon(n+1)) - 2n$$

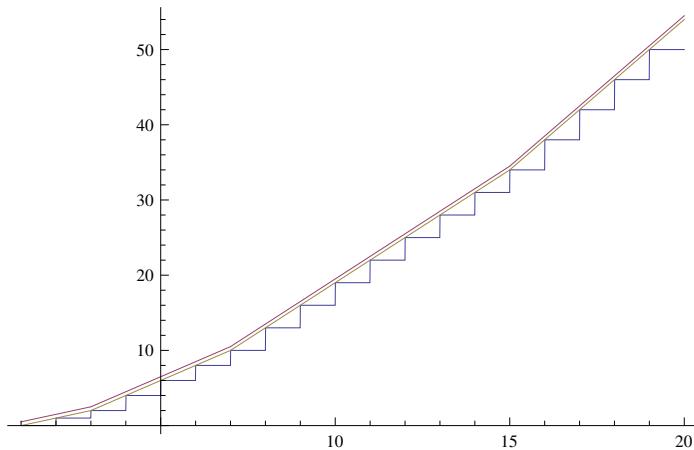
where

$$\beta[x_] := 1 + x - 2^x$$

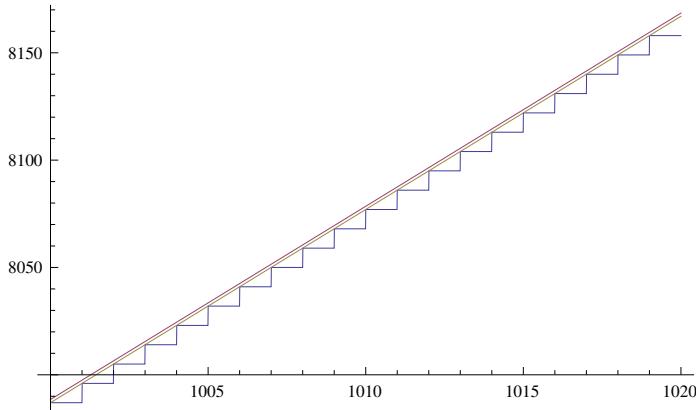
$$\theta[x_] := \lceil x \rceil - x$$

$$\epsilon[x_] := \beta[\theta[\log_2 x]]$$

```
Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Log2[i], {i, 1, n}], (n + 1) Log2[n] - 2^Log2[n]+1 + 2 + .5 (* + .5 added  
to see separate lines*), (n + 1) (\log_2 (n + 1) + \epsilon (n + 1)) - 2n}], {n, 1, 20}]
```

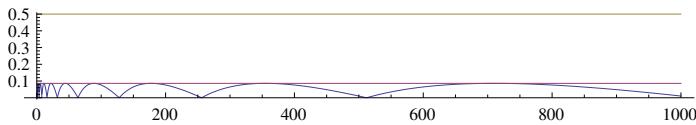


```
Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Log2[i], {i, 1, n}], (n + 1) Log2[n + 1] - 2^Ceiling[n + 1] + 2 + 1.5 (* + 1.5 added to
see separate lines*), (n + 1) (Log2[n + 1] + ε[n + 1]) - 2 n}], {n, 1000, 1020}]
```



Here is a plot of function $\epsilon[n]$

```
Plot[{ε[n], .0860, .5}, {n, 1, 1000}, AspectRatio → .13]
```

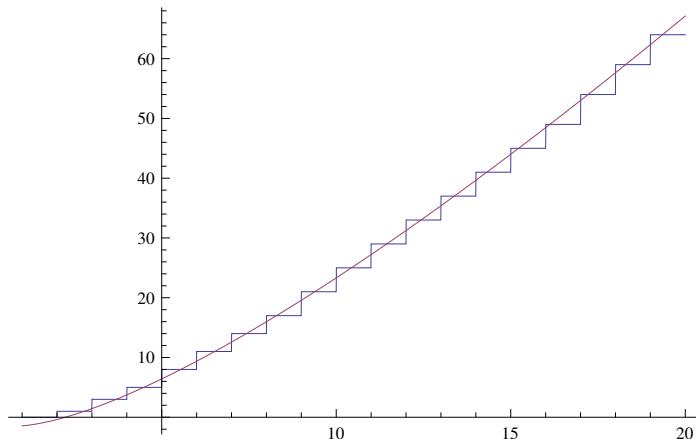


The rest of this file is optional

Approximation of sums of ceilings of logs :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \log_2 i \rceil \approx n \log_2 n - 0.94n - 0.5$$

```
Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Ceiling[Log2[i]], {i, 1, n}], n Log2[n] - 0.94 n - 0.5}], {n, 1, 20}]
```



The exact value :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil = \sum_{i=2}^n \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil = (* \text{ by } \lfloor \log_2 k \rfloor + 1 = \lceil \log_2(k+1) \rceil *) \sum_{i=2}^n (\lceil \log_2[i-1] \rceil + 1) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil + n - 1 = n \lceil \log_2[n-1] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n-1] \rceil + 1} + 2 + n - 1 =$$

$$n (\lceil \log_2[n-1] \rceil + 1) - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n-1] \rceil + 1} + 1 = n (\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil) - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil} + 1$$

Also,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil + n - 1 =$$

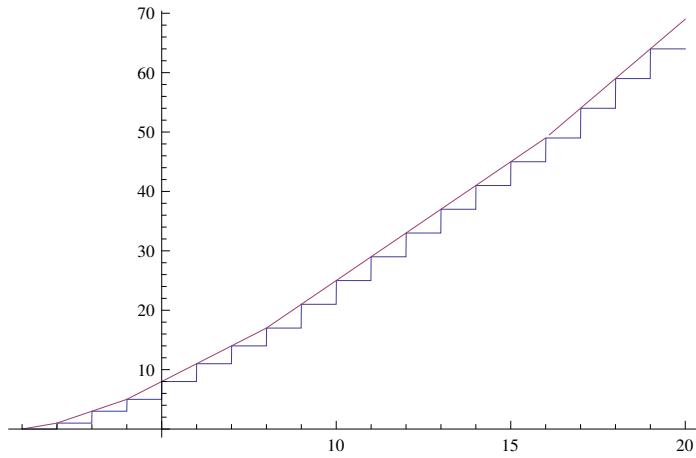
$$= n (\log_2[n] + \epsilon[n]) - 2(n-1) + (n-1) =$$

$$= n (\log_2[n] + \epsilon[n]) - n + 1$$

So,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil = n (\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil) - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil} + 1$$

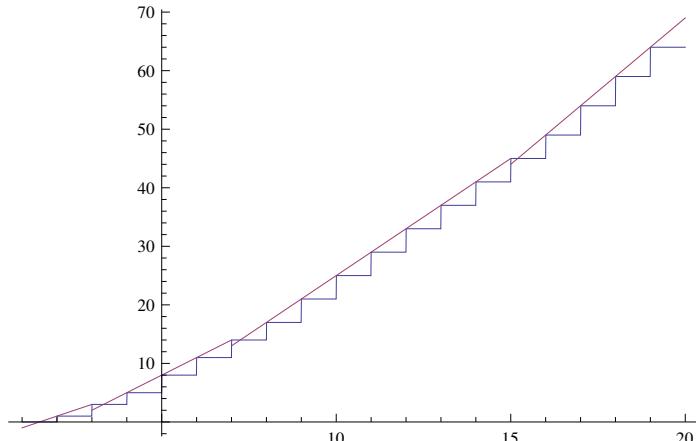
`Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Ceiling[Log2[i]], {i, 1, n}], n (Ceiling[Log2[n]]) - 2^Ceiling[Log2[n]] + 1}], {n, 1, 20}]`



Also,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil = n (\lceil \log_2[n+1] \rceil) - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n+1] \rceil} + 1$$

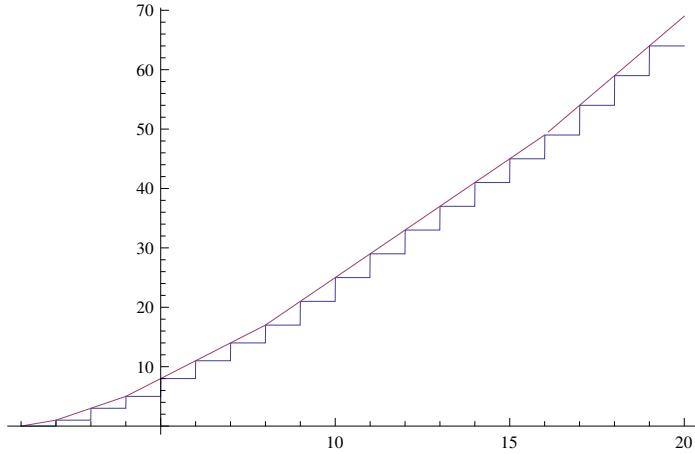
`Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Ceiling[Log2[i]], {i, 1, n}], n (Ceiling[Log2[n+1]]) - 2^Ceiling[Log2[n+1]] + 1}], {n, 1, 20}]`



And

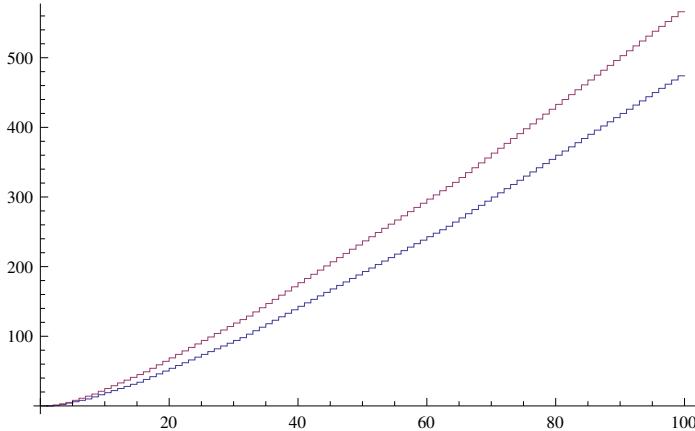
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lceil \log_2[i] \rceil = n (\log_2[n] + \epsilon[n]) - n + 1$$

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Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Ceiling[Log2[i]], {i, 1, n}], n (Log2[n] + \epsilon[n]) - n + 1}], {n, 1, 20}]
```



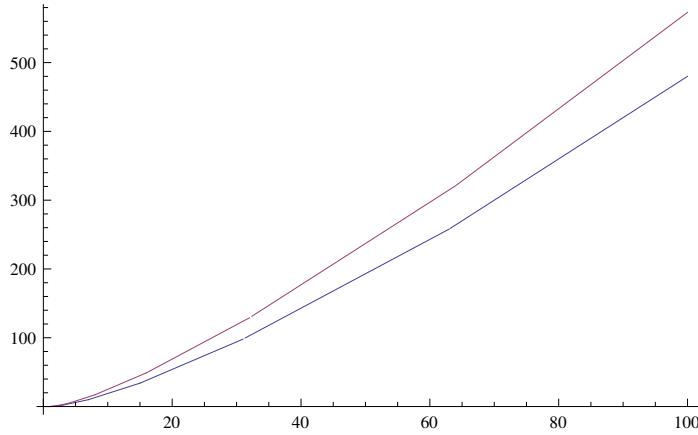
Sum of floors of logs and sum of ceilings of logs plotted together :

```
Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[Floor[Log2[i]], {i, 1, n}], Sum[Ceiling[Log2[i]], {i, 1, n}]}], {n, 1, 100}, PlotPoints → 200]
```



Their closed - form formulas plotted together :

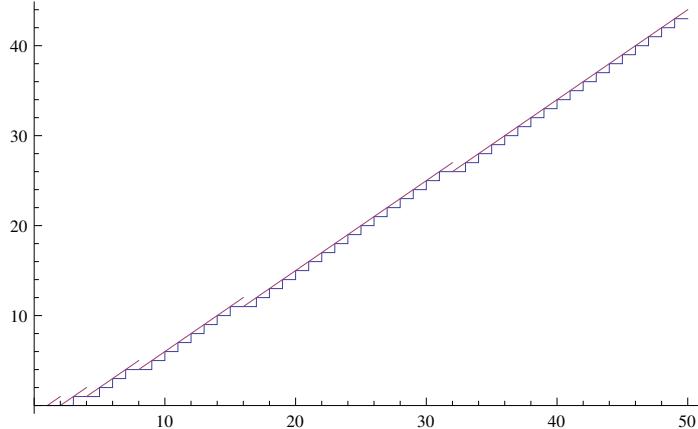
```
Plot[Tooltip[{(n + 1) ⌊Log2[n + 1]⌋ - 2^⌊Log2[n + 1]⌋ + 2, n ⌊Log2[n]⌋ - 2^⌊Log2[n]⌋ + 1}], {n, 1, 100}, PlotPoints → 200]
```



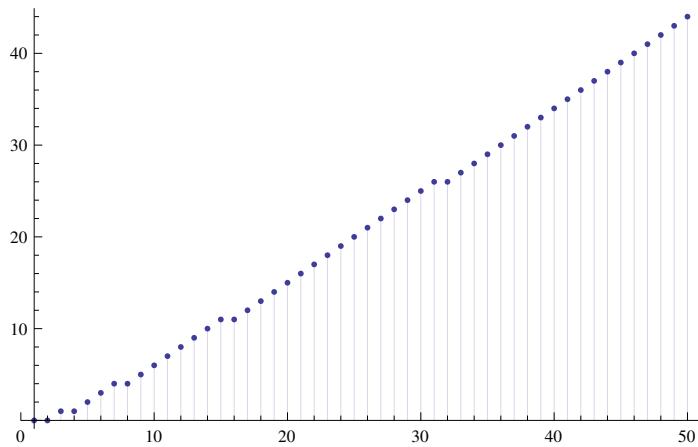
It follows from the above that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\lfloor \log_2 i \rfloor - \lfloor \log_2 (i+1) \rfloor) = n - \lfloor \log_2 (n+1) \rfloor = n - \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor - 1$$

```
Plot[Tooltip[{Sum[⌊Log2[i]⌋ - ⌊Log2[i + 1]⌋, {i, 1, n}], n - ⌊Log2[n]⌋ - 1}], {n, 1, 50}, PlotPoints → 200]
```

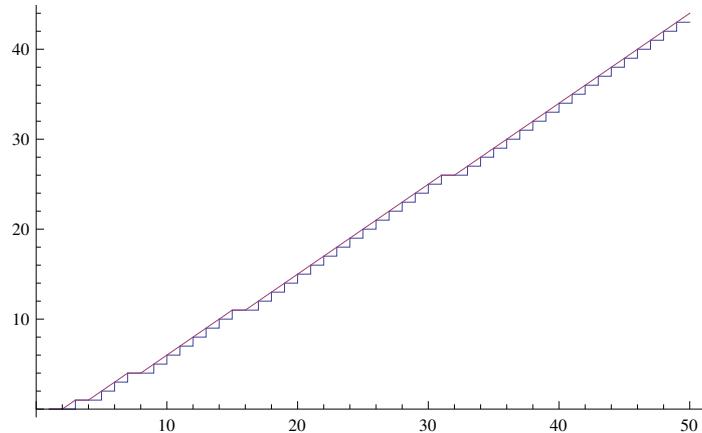


```
DiscretePlot[n - ⌊Log2[n]⌋ - 1, {n, 1, 50}]
```

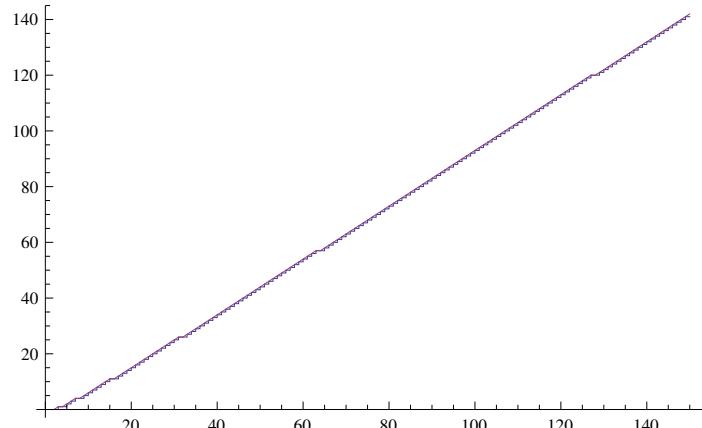


The same using continuous functions :

```
Plot[Tooltip[{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lceil \log_2[i] \rceil - \lfloor \log_2[i] \rfloor), -( (n+1) \lfloor \log_2[n+1] \rfloor - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n+1] \rceil + 1} + 2 ) + (n (\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil) - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil} + 1)}], {n, 1, 50}, PlotPoints → 200]
```



```
Plot[Tooltip[{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lceil \log_2[i] \rceil - \lfloor \log_2[i] \rfloor), -( (n+1) \lfloor \log_2[n+1] \rfloor - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n+1] \rceil + 1} + 2 ) + (n (\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil) - 2^{\lceil \log_2[n] \rceil} + 1)}], {n, 1, 150}, PlotPoints → 400]
```



```
Plot[Tooltip[{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lceil \log_2[i] \rceil - \lfloor \log_2[i] \rfloor), n - \log_2[n] - 1}], {n, 1, 150}, PlotPoints → 300]
```

