

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k(k+1) \dots (k+m) = \frac{1}{m+2} n(n+1) \dots (n+m+1) \text{ の証明}$$

(m, n : 自然数)

$a_k = k(k+1) \dots (k+m+1)$ と定義する

そして、 $a_k - a_{k-1}$ を計算すると

$$\begin{aligned} a_k - a_{k-1} &= k(k+1) \dots (k+m+1) - (k-1)k \dots (k+m) \\ &= \{(k+m+1) - (k-1)\}k(k+1) \dots (k+m) \\ &= (m+2)k(k+1) \dots (k+m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore k(k+1) \dots (k+m) = \frac{1}{m+2} (a_k - a_{k-1})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n k(k+1) \dots (k+m) = \frac{1}{m+2} \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - a_{k-1}) = \frac{1}{m+2} (a_n - a_0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n k(k+1) \dots (k+m) = \frac{1}{m+2} n(n+1) \dots (n+m+1)$$

$$(\because a_n = (n+1) \dots (n+m+1), a_0 = 0)$$

よって題意は示された