

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{98} + \sqrt{99}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{99} + \sqrt{100}} \\
&= \frac{1(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1})}{(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1})(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1})} + \frac{1(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})} + \frac{1(\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3})} + \dots + \frac{1(\sqrt{99} - \sqrt{98})}{(\sqrt{99} + \sqrt{98})(\sqrt{99} - \sqrt{98})} + \frac{1(\sqrt{100} - \sqrt{99})}{(\sqrt{100} + \sqrt{99})(\sqrt{100} - \sqrt{99})} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}}{2 - 1} + \frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{3 - 2} + \frac{\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3}}{4 - 3} + \dots + \frac{\sqrt{99} - \sqrt{98}}{99 - 98} + \frac{\sqrt{100} - \sqrt{99}}{100 - 99} \\
&= (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}) + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3}) + \dots + (\sqrt{99} - \sqrt{98}) + (\sqrt{100} - \sqrt{99}) \\
&= \sqrt{100} - 1 \\
&= 10 - 1 \\
&= 9
\end{aligned}$$

1. The denominators contain square roots, so they need to be rationalized. Because $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$, for the first fraction, we can multiply both the numerator and denominator by $(\sqrt{2} - 1)$, the second fraction by $(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})$ and so on.

2. The denominator of the first fraction will become $2 - 1$, the second one $3 - 2$ and so on.

3. The denominators all becomes 1!

4. At last we are left with $\sqrt{100} - 1$, which is 9.