



**CHAPTER 2**  
**SEQUENCES, A.P., G.P. and H.P.**

**SEQUENCE**

: A sequence is an arrangement of numbers in a definite order according to some rules.

E.g. :- 2, 4, 6, 8, ..... is a sequence.

A sequence is said to be finite if the number of its elements is finite, otherwise it is said to be infinite.

A finite sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k$  is denoted by  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^k$  and an infinite sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$  is denoted by  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  or simply by  $\{a_n\}$ , where  $a_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence.

**Arithmetic Progression (A.P.):** A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called an arithmetic progression (AP) if there exists a no.  $d$  such that  $a_{n+1} - a_n = d \forall n \in N$ . The number  $d$  is called the common difference (c.d.) of the AP.

Notes:

1) The general term or  $n^{\text{th}}$  term ( $a_n$ ) of an A.P. whose first term is  $a$  and common difference is  $d$ , is given by  $a_n = a + (n-1)d$

2) Sum of the first  $n$  terms ( $S_n$ ) of an A.P. is given by

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[a + l], \text{ or } S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

**Arithmetic Mean (AM):** The arithmetic mean (AM) between two numbers  $a$  and  $b$  is given by

$$A.M. = \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$$

**Geometric Progression (GP):** The sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called a geometric progression (GP) if there exists a non-zero number  $r$  such that  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = r, \forall n \in N$ .

The number  $r$  is called the common ratio (c.r.) of the GP.



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Notes: 1) The general term or  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $a_n$  of a G.P. whose first term is  $a$  and common ratio is  $r$ , is given by

$$a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

2) The sum of the first  $n$  terms,  $S_n$  of a G.P. is given by

$$(i) S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \text{ if } r > 1$$

$$(ii) S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r} \text{ if } r < 1$$

and (iii)  $S_n = na$ , if  $r = 1$

**.Geometric Mean (G.M.):** If  $a, x, b$  are in GP, then  $x$  is the geometric mean between  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\therefore \text{GM between } a \text{ and } b \text{ is given by, } x = \sqrt{ab}$$

**Harmonic Progression (HP):** A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is called a harmonic progression if the sequence  $\left\{\frac{1}{a_n}\right\}$  is

an AP. i.e. if there exists a number  $d$  such that  $\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{a_n} = d, \forall n \in N$ .

**Harmonic Mean (HM) :** If  $H$  be the harmonic mean between  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $a, H, b$  are in HP and consequently  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{H}, \frac{1}{b}$  are in AP.

$$\text{HM between } a \text{ and } b = \frac{2ab}{a + b}$$

**Relation between AM, G.M. and HM:**

i)  $A.M., G.M. \text{ and } H.M. \text{ are in G.P.}$

ii)  $AM > GM > HM$  (for two unequal quantities)

## SERIES

Sum of some important finite series are :

$$(i) 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$(ii) 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$(iii) 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2$$

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## SOLUTIONS

### EXERCISE – 2.1

**Q1. Find the first five terms each of the following sequences.**

(i)  $\{1 + (-1)^n\}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \{1 + (-1)^n\}$

Now,  $a_1 = \{1 + (-1)^1\} = 1 - 1 = 0$

$$a_2 = \{1 + (-1)^2\} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$a_3 = \{1 + (-1)^3\} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$a_4 = \{1 + (-1)^4\} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$a_5 = \{1 + (-1)^5\} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

∴ The first five terms of the given sequence are 0, 2, 0, 2, 0

(ii)  $\{(-1)^{n-1}\}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \{(-1)^{n-1}\}$

Now,  $a_1 = \{(-1)\}^{1-1} = (-1)^0 = 1$

$$a_2 = \{(-1)\}^{2-1} = (-1)^1 = -1$$

$$a_3 = \{(-1)\}^{3-1} = (-1)^2 = 1$$

$$a_4 = \{(-1)\}^{4-1} = (-1)^3 = -1$$

$$a_5 = \{(-1)\}^{5-1} = (-1)^4 = 1$$

∴ The first five terms of the given sequence are 1, -1, 1, -1, 1.



(iii)  $\left\{ \frac{3n-1}{n+2} \right\}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \left\{ \frac{3n-1}{n+2} \right\}$

Now,  $a_1 = \left\{ \frac{3 \times 1 - 1}{1 + 2} \right\} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$a_2 = \left\{ \frac{3 \times 2 - 1}{2 + 2} \right\} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$a_3 = \left\{ \frac{3 \times 3 - 1}{3 + 2} \right\} = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$a_4 = \left\{ \frac{3 \times 4 - 1}{4 + 2} \right\} = \frac{11}{6}$$

$$a_5 = \left\{ \frac{3 \times 5 - 1}{5 + 2} \right\} = \frac{14}{7} = 2$$

$\therefore$  The first five terms of the given sequence are  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{11}{6}, 2$ .

(iv)  $\left\{ \frac{2n-1}{n} \right\}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \left\{ \frac{2n-1}{n} \right\}$

Now,  $a_1 = \left\{ \frac{2 \times 1 - 1}{1} \right\} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$

$$a_2 = \left\{ \frac{2 \times 2 - 1}{2} \right\} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \left\{ \frac{2 \times 3 - 1}{3} \right\} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$a_4 = \left\{ \frac{2 \times 4 - 1}{4} \right\} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$a_5 = \left\{ \frac{2 \times 5 - 1}{5} \right\} = \frac{9}{5}$$

$\therefore$  The first five terms of the given sequence are  $1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{9}{5}$ .



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(v)  $\{2^n + 3\}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \{2^n + 3\}$

$$\therefore a_1 = \{2^1 + 3\} = 5$$

$$a_2 = \{2^2 + 3\} = 7$$

$$a_3 = \{2^3 + 3\} = 11$$

$$a_4 = \{2^4 + 3\} = 19$$

$$a_5 = \{2^5 + 3\} = 35$$

$\therefore$  The first five terms of the given sequence are 5, 7, 11, 19, 35.

(vi)  $\left\{ \frac{n^2 + 1}{3n - 1} \right\}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \left\{ \frac{n^2 + 1}{3n - 1} \right\}$

$$\therefore a_1 = \left\{ \frac{1^2 + 1}{3 \times 1 - 1} \right\} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$a_2 = \left\{ \frac{2^2 + 1}{3 \times 2 - 1} \right\} = \frac{5}{5} = 1$$

$$a_3 = \left\{ \frac{3^2 + 1}{3 \times 3 - 1} \right\} = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$a_4 = \left\{ \frac{4^2 + 1}{3 \times 4 - 1} \right\} = \frac{17}{11}$$

$$a_5 = \left\{ \frac{5^2 + 1}{3 \times 5 - 1} \right\} = \frac{26}{14} = \frac{13}{7}$$

$\therefore$  The first five terms of the given sequence are 1, 1,  $\frac{5}{4}$ ,  $\frac{17}{11}$ ,  $\frac{13}{7}$ .



$$(vii) \left\{ \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \right\}$$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{1}{(2 \times 1 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{1^2} = 1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{(2 \times 2 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{(2 \times 3 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{5^2} = \frac{1}{25}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{(2 \times 4 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{7^2} = \frac{1}{49}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{(2 \times 5 - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{9^2} = \frac{1}{81}$$

$\therefore$  The first five terms of the given sequence are  $1, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{25}, \frac{1}{49}, \frac{1}{81}$ .

$$(viii) \left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \right\}$$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!}$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{(-1)^1}{1!} = -1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{(-1)^2}{2!} = \frac{1}{2!}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{(-1)^3}{3!} = \frac{-1}{3!}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{(-1)^4}{4!} = \frac{1}{4!}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{(-1)^5}{5!} = \frac{-1}{5!}$$

Hence, the first five terms of the given sequence are  $-1, \frac{1}{2!}, \frac{-1}{3!}, \frac{1}{4!}, \frac{-1}{5!}$ .



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Q2. Find the first four terms of each of the following sequence whose general term is:

(i)  $\frac{n-1}{n}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \frac{n-1}{n}$

$$a_1 = \frac{1-1}{1} = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2-1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3-1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4-1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

∴ The first four terms are  $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}$ .

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

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$

Now,  $a_1 = \frac{1+1}{1+2} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$a_2 = \frac{2+1}{2+2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3+1}{3+2} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4+1}{4+2} = \frac{5}{6}$$

∴ The first four terms are  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}$ .



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(iii)  $\frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = \frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$

Then,  $a_1 = \frac{1}{3^{1-1}} = \frac{1}{3^0} = 1$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{3^{2-1}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3^{3-1}} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3^{4-1}} = \frac{1}{3^3} = \frac{1}{27}$$

$\therefore$  The first four terms are  $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}$ .

(iv)  $\frac{n!}{n+1}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \frac{n!}{n+1}$

Now,  $a_1 = \frac{1!}{1+1} = \frac{1!}{2}$

$$a_2 = \frac{2!}{2+1} = \frac{2!}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3!}{3+1} = \frac{3!}{4}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4!}{4+1} = \frac{4!}{5}$$

$\therefore$  The first four terms are  $\frac{1!}{2}, \frac{2!}{3}, \frac{3!}{4}, \frac{4!}{5}$ .

(v)  $n(n+1)$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = n(n+1)$

Now,  $a_1 = 1(1+1) = 1 \times 2 = 2$

$$a_2 = 2(2+1) = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$a_3 = 3(3+1) = 3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$a_4 = 4(4+1) = 4 \times 5 = 20$$

$\therefore$  The first four terms are 2, 6, 12, 20.





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(vi)  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$

Now,  $a_1 = 1$

$$a_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{6+3+2}{6} = \frac{11}{6}$$

$$a_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{12+6+4+3}{12} = \frac{25}{12}$$

$\therefore$  The first four terms are  $1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{6}, \frac{25}{12}$ .

(vii)  $\sqrt{n-1} - \sqrt{n}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \sqrt{n-1} - \sqrt{n}$

$\therefore a_1 = \sqrt{1-1} - \sqrt{1} = -1$

$$a_2 = \sqrt{2-1} - \sqrt{2} = 1 - \sqrt{2}$$

$$a_3 = \sqrt{3-1} - \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$$

$$a_4 = \sqrt{4-1} - \sqrt{4} = \sqrt{3} - 2$$

$\therefore$  The first four terms are  $-1, 1 - \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3} - 2$ .

(viii)  $1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{2}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = 1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{2}$

Now,  $a_1 = 1 - \frac{(-1)^1}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$

$$a_2 = 1 - \frac{(-1)^2}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = 1 - \frac{(-1)^3}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_4 = 1 - \frac{(-1)^4}{2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore$  The first four terms are  $\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ .



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Q3. Find the general term (i.e. the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term) of each of the following sequences:-

(i) 0, 3, 8, 15, 24, .....

**Solution:** We have,  $a_1 = 0 = 1^2 - 1$

$$a_2 = 3 = 2^2 - 1$$

$$a_3 = 8 = 3^2 - 1$$

$$a_4 = 15 = 4^2 - 1$$

$$a_5 = 24 = 5^2 - 1 \text{ and so on.}$$

$\therefore$  The required general term is  $a_n = n^2 - 1$

(ii)  $1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{9}{5}, \dots$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_1 = 1 = \frac{2 \times 1 - 1}{1}$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{2 \times 2 - 1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{5}{3} = \frac{2 \times 3 - 1}{3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{7}{4} = \frac{2 \times 4 - 1}{4}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{9}{5} = \frac{2 \times 5 - 1}{5} \text{ and so on.}$$

$\therefore$  The required general term is  $a_n = \frac{2n-1}{n}$

(iii)  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_1 = 1 = \frac{1}{2^{1-1}}$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2^{2-1}}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2^{3-1}}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2^{4-1}} \text{ and so on}$$

$\therefore$  The required general term is  $a_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$



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(iv) 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, .....

**Solution:** We have,  $a_1 = 1 = \frac{1 + (-1)^{1-1}}{2}$

$$a_2 = 0 = \frac{1 + (-1)^{2-1}}{2}$$

$$a_3 = 1 = \frac{1 + (-1)^{3-1}}{2}$$

$$a_4 = 0 = \frac{1 + (-1)^{4-1}}{2}$$

$$a_5 = 1 = \frac{1 + (-1)^{5-1}}{2} \text{ and so on}$$

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = \frac{1 + (-1)^{n-1}}{2}$

(v)  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{7}{8}$

**Solution:** We have,  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2 \times 1 - 1}{2 \times 1}$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2 \times 2 - 1}{2 \times 2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{5}{6} = \frac{2 \times 3 - 1}{2 \times 3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{7}{8} = \frac{2 \times 4 - 1}{2 \times 4} \text{ and so on}$$

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = \frac{2n - 1}{2n}$

(vi)  $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{7}{36}, \frac{9}{64}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_1 = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{2 \times 1 + 1}{4 \times 1^2}$

$$a_2 = \frac{5}{16} = \frac{2 \times 2 + 1}{4 \times 2^2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{7}{36} = \frac{2 \times 3 + 1}{4 \times 3^2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{9}{64} = \frac{2 \times 4 + 1}{4 \times 4^2} \text{ and so on}$$

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = \frac{2n + 1}{4n^2}$



(vii)  $0, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{-2}{3}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{-4}{5}, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_1 = 0 = (-1)^1 + \frac{1}{1}$

$$a_2 = \frac{3}{2} = (-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{-2}{3} = (-1)^3 + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{5}{4} = (-1)^4 + \frac{1}{4} \text{ and so on}$$

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = (-1)^n + \frac{1}{n}$

(viii)  $\frac{1!}{2}, \frac{2!}{5}, \frac{3!}{8}, \frac{4!}{11}, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_1 = \frac{1!}{2} = \frac{1!}{3 \times 1 - 1}$

$$a_2 = \frac{2!}{5} = \frac{2!}{3 \times 2 - 1}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3!}{8} = \frac{3!}{3 \times 3 - 1}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4!}{11} = \frac{4!}{3 \times 4 - 1} \text{ and so on}$$

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = \frac{n!}{3n - 1}$

(ix)  $\frac{1}{1.2}, \frac{1}{2.3}, \frac{1}{3.4}, \frac{1}{4.5}, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_1 = \frac{1}{1.2} = \frac{1}{1(1+1)}$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2.3} = \frac{1}{2(2+1)}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3.4} = \frac{1}{3(3+1)}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{4.5} = \frac{1}{4(4+1)} \text{ and so on}$$

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$



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(x)  $1, 1+\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}+\sqrt{4}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_1 = 1 = \sqrt{1-1} + \sqrt{1}$   
 $a_2 = 1 + \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2-1} + \sqrt{2}$   
 $a_3 = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3-1} + \sqrt{3}$   
 $a_4 = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4} = \sqrt{4-1} + \sqrt{4}$  and so on.

Hence, the required general term is  $a_n = \sqrt{n-1} + \sqrt{n}$

**Q4. Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{-1}{5}, \dots$  hence obtain the  $9^{\text{th}}$  term.**

**Solution:** Here,  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{(-1)^{1+1}}{1+1}$   
 $a_2 = -\frac{1}{3} = \frac{(-1)^{2+1}}{2+1}$   
 $a_3 = \frac{1}{4} = \frac{(-1)^{3+1}}{3+1}$   
 $a_4 = -\frac{1}{5} = \frac{(-1)^{4+1}}{4+1}$   
 $\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$   
 And  $9^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \frac{(-1)^{9+1}}{9+1} = \frac{(-1)^{10}}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$

**Q5. Determine the following sequences:**

(i)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{n^2+2} \right\}_{n=1}^{10}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2+2}$   
 $\therefore a_1 = \frac{1}{1^2+2} = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $a_2 = \frac{1}{2^2+2} = \frac{1}{6}$   
 $a_3 = \frac{1}{3^2+2} = \frac{1}{11}$   
 $\dots \dots \dots$   
 $a_{10} = \frac{1}{10^2+2} = \frac{1}{102}$

$\therefore$  The sequence is  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{11}, \dots, \frac{1}{102}$ .



(ii)  $\{3n - 1\}_{n=1}^{15}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \{3n - 1\}$

$$a_1 = 3 \times 1 - 1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 3 \times 2 - 1 = 5$$

$$a_3 = 3 \times 3 - 1 = 8$$

.....

$$a_{15} = 3 \times 15 - 1 = 44$$

∴ The sequence is 2, 5, 8, ....., 44.

(iii)  $\{n(n + 2)\}_{n=1}^{50}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \{n(n + 2)\}$

∴  $a_1 = \{1(1 + 2)\} = 3$

$$a_2 = \{2 \times (2 + 2)\} = 8$$

$$a_3 = \{3 \times (3 + 2)\} = 15$$

.....

$$a_{50} = \{50 \times (50 + 2)\} = 50 \times 52 = 2600$$

∴ The sequence is 3, 8, 15, ....., 2600.

(iv)  $\left\{ \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \right\}_{n=1}^{100}$

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = \frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{3^{1-1}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

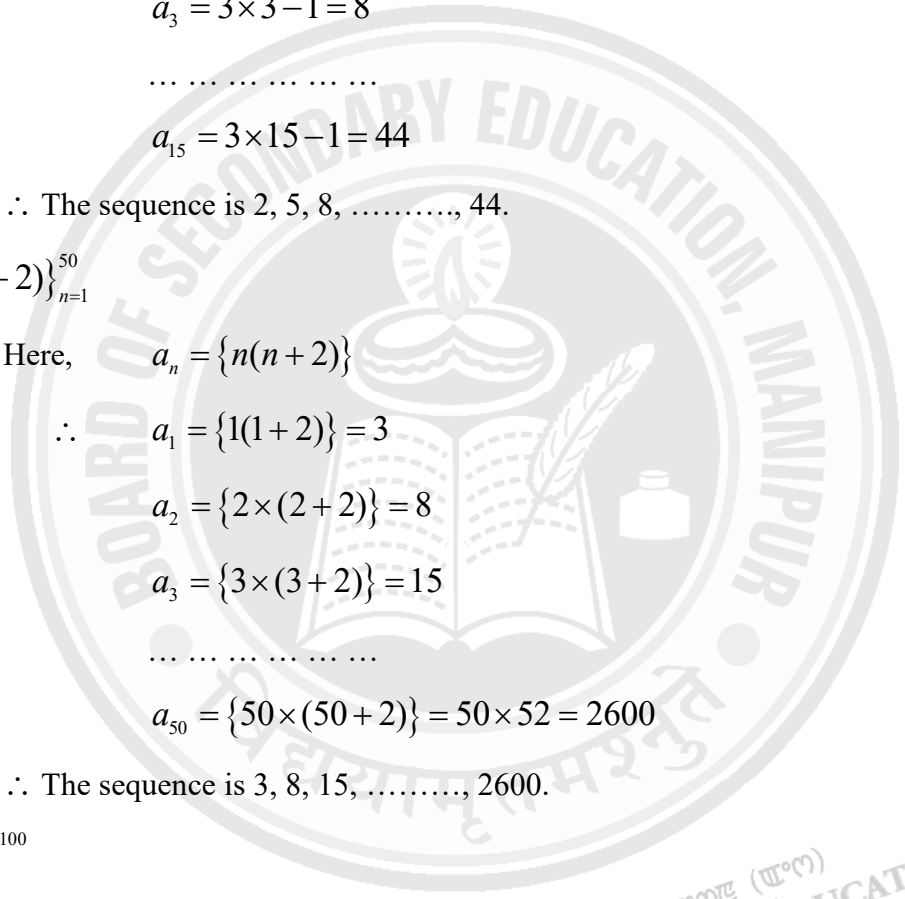
$$a_2 = \frac{1}{3^{2-1}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3^{3-1}} = \frac{1}{3^2}$$

.....

$$a_{100} = \frac{1}{3^{100-1}} = \frac{1}{3^{99}}$$

∴ The sequence is  $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3^2}, \dots, \frac{1}{3^{99}}$ .





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### EXERCISE – 2.2

**Q1.** Find the 15<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> terms of the AP 1, 3, 5, 7.

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $d = 3 - 1 = 2$

$$\therefore 15^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 1 + (15 - 1)2$$

$$= 1 + 28 = 29$$

$$\text{and } 50^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 1 + (50 - 1) \cdot 2$$

$$= 1 + 49 \times 2$$

$$= 1 + 98 = 99$$

**Q2.** Find the 21<sup>st</sup> term of the AP. 7, 4, 1, -2, -5, 8, .....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 7$  and  $d = 4 - 7 = -3$

$$\therefore 21^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = 7 + (21 - 1)(-3)$$

$$= 7 + 20 \times (-3)$$

$$= 7 - 60 = -53$$

**Q3.** (i) Which term of the AP 1, 4, 7, 10, ..... is 55?

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $d = 4 - 1 = 3$

Let 55 be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the AP.

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow 55 = 1 + (n - 1)3$$

$$\Rightarrow 55 = 3n - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n = 57$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 19$$

Hence, 55 is the 19<sup>th</sup> term of the AP.



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(ii) Which term of the AP  $3, \frac{11}{3}, \frac{13}{3}, 5, \dots$  is 9?

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 3$ ,  $d = \frac{11}{3} - 3 = \frac{11-9}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

Let 9 be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the AP.

$$\therefore 9 = 3 + (n-1)\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 = 9 + 2n - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 10$$

$\therefore$  9 is the 10<sup>th</sup> term of the AP.

**Q4. Is 216 a term of the AP., 3, 8, 13, 18, .....? If not, find the term nearest to it?**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 3$ ,  $d = 8 - 3 = 5$

$$\therefore a_n = 216$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + (n-1)5 = 216$$

$$\Rightarrow 5n = 216 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{218}{5} = 43.6$$

Since,  $n$  cannot be fractional, 216 is not a term of the given AP.

Now, the nearest term of the AP is 44<sup>th</sup> term.

$$a_{44} = a + (44 - 1)d$$

$$= 3 + 43 \times 5$$

$$= 218$$

$\therefore$  Its nearest term is 218.

**Q5. The first term and the common difference of an AP are respectively 39 and -7. Find the 10<sup>th</sup> term.**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 39$  and  $d = -7$

$$\therefore a_{10} = a + (n-1)d$$

$$= 39 + (10-1)(-7)$$

$$= 39 + 9 \times (-7)$$

$$= 39 - 63$$

$$= -24$$





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**Q6. The first term and 12<sup>th</sup> term of an AP are respectively 5 and 49. Find the common difference.**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 5$ ,  $a_{12} = 49$ ,  $n = 12$

Let  $d$  be the common difference

Now,  $a_{12} = 5 + (12 - 1)d$

$$\Rightarrow 49 = 5 + 11d$$

$$\Rightarrow 11d = 44$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 4$$

**Q7. How many numbers divisible by 15 are there between 20 and 400 ?**

**Solution:** The last term divisible by 15 is 390.

Numbers divisible by 15 between 20 and 400 are 30, 45, 60, 75, ....., 390.

This is an AP.

Here,  $a = 30$ ,  $d = 15$

Let  $a_n = 390$

$$\Rightarrow 390 = 30 + (n - 1)15$$

$$\Rightarrow 390 = 30 + 15n - 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 15n = 375$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 25$$

$\therefore$  There are 25 numbers between 20 and 400 which are divisible by 15.

**Q8. If the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of sequence is  $3n+4$ , show that the sequence is an AP. Hence find the first term and common difference.**

**Solution:** Here,  $n^{\text{th}}$  term =  $3n+4$

Now,  $a_1 = 3.1 + 4 = 7$

$$a_2 = 3.2 + 4 = 10$$

$$a_3 = 3.3 + 4 = 13$$

$$a_4 = 3.4 + 4 = 16$$

Now,  $10 - 7 = 13 - 10 = 16 - 13 = \dots = 3$

Since the difference of any two consecutive terms takes in the same order is constant, the sequence 7, 10, 13, 16, ....., is an A.P.

$\therefore$  first term = 7 and common difference = 3.



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**Q9.** Find the 25<sup>th</sup> term and the common difference of the AP whose  $n^{\text{th}}$  term is  $4n+1$ .

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = 4n+1$

$$\text{Now, } a_{25} = 4 \times 25 + 1 = 101$$

$$\text{Also, } a_1 = 4 \cdot 1 + 1 = 5$$

$$a_2 = 4 \cdot 2 + 1 = 9$$

$$\therefore \text{Common difference} = a_2 - a_1 = 9 - 5 = 4$$

**Q10.** The 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> terms of an AP. are 4 and -24 respectively. Find its 12<sup>th</sup> term.

**Solution:** Here,  $a_8 = 4$

$$\Rightarrow a + (8-1)d = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 7d = 4 \text{ ..... (1)}$$

&  $a_{15} = -24$

$$\Rightarrow a + (15-1)d = -24$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 14d = -24 \text{ ..... (2)}$$

Subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$7d = -28$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -4$$

Putting the value of  $d$  in (1), we get

$$a + 7 \times (-4) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4 + 28 = 32$$

$$\therefore 12^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 32 + (12-1)(-4)$$

$$= 32 + 11 \times (-4)$$

$$= 32 - 44$$

$$= -12$$



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**Q11. The 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> terms of an AP are respectively 6 and 9, which term is 8?**

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Then, } a_{13} = a + (13 - 1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = a + 12d \text{ ..... (1)}$$

$$\& \quad a_{22} = a + (22 - 1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 = a + 21d \text{ ..... (2)}$$

Subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$9d = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{3}$$

Again, from (1), we get

$$6 = a + 12 \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = a + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

Let  $a_n = 8$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = 2 + (n - 1) \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = \frac{6 + n - 1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 = n + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 19$$

$\therefore$  the 19<sup>th</sup> term is 8.

**Q12. The  $p^{\text{th}}$  and  $q^{\text{th}}$  term of an AP are respectively  $q$  and  $p$ . Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term.**

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Then, } p^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = a + (p - 1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow q = a + (p - 1)d \text{ ..... (1)}$$

$$\& \quad q^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = a + (q - 1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow p = a + (q - 1)d \text{ ..... (2)}$$

Subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$p - q = (q - p)d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{p - q}{q - p} = -1 \text{ ..... (3)}$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = a + (n - 1)(-1)$$

$$= (p + q - 1) - n + 1 \text{ [from (2)]}$$

$$= p + q - n$$



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**Q13. A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is given by  $a_n = n^2 - 1$ ,  $n \in N$ . Show that it is not an AP.**

**Solution:** Here,  $a_n = n^2 - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } a_{n+1} - a_n &= \{(n+1)^2 - 1\} - \{n^2 - 1\} \\ &= n^2 + 2n + 1 - 1 - n^2 + 1 \\ &= 2n + 1, \text{ this is not a constant.}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the given sequence is not an A. P.

**Q14. If  $a, b, c$  are in AP, show that**

**(i)  $b+c, c+a, a+b$  are also in AP.**

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore b - a &= c - b \\ \Rightarrow 2b &= c + a\end{aligned}$$

Now,  $(b+c), (c+a), (a+b)$  are in AP.

$$\text{if } (c+a) - (b+c) = (a+b) - (c+a)$$

$$\text{if } a - b = b - c$$

$$\text{if } b - a = c - b$$

$$\text{if } 2b = c + a \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence  $(b+c), (c+a), (a+b)$  are in AP.

**(ii)  $a^2(b+c), b^2(c+a), c^2(a+b)$  are also in AP.**

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP.

$$2b = a + c$$

$$\therefore a^2(b+c), b^2(c+a), c^2(a+b) \text{ are in AP}$$

$$\text{if } b^2(c+a) - a^2(b+c) = c^2(a+b) - b^2(c+a)$$

$$\text{if } b^2c + b^2a - a^2b - a^2c = c^2a + c^2b - b^2c - b^2a$$

$$\text{if } c(b^2 - a^2) + ab(b-a) = a(c^2 - b^2) + bc(c-b)$$

$$\text{if } (b-a)(bc+ca+ab) = (c-b)(ac+ab+bc)$$

$$\text{if } b-a = c-b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $a^2(b+c), b^2(c+a), c^2(a+b)$  are in AP.



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(iii)  $\frac{1}{bc}, \frac{1}{ca}, \frac{1}{ab}$  are also in AP.

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP.

$$b - a = c - b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{bc}, \frac{1}{ca}, \frac{1}{ab}$  are in AP

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{ca} - \frac{1}{bc} = \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{ca}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{2}{ca} = \frac{c+a}{abc}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{2abc}{ca} = c + a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = c + a \text{ which is true by (1)}$$

Hence,  $\frac{1}{bc}, \frac{1}{ca}, \frac{1}{ab}$  are in AP

**Q15. If  $x, y, z$  respectively  $p^{\text{th}}, q^{\text{th}}, r^{\text{th}}$  terms of an AP. Show that  $p(y-z) + q(z-x) + r(x-y) = 0$**

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Now, } x = a + (p-1)d$$

$$y = a + (q-1)d$$

$$z = a + (r-1)d$$

$$x - y = (p - q)d$$

$$y - z = (q - r)d$$

$$z - x = (r - p)d$$

$$\text{Now, } p(y-z) + q(z-x) + r(x-y)$$

$$= p(q-r)d + q(r-p)d + r(p-q)d$$

$$= (pq - pr + qr - qp + rp - rq)d$$

$$= 0 \times d$$

$$= 0$$



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**Q16.** If  $\frac{1}{b+c}, \frac{1}{c+a}, \frac{1}{a+b}$  are in AP, show that  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in AP.

**Solution:** Since  $\frac{1}{b+c}, \frac{1}{c+a}, \frac{1}{a+b}$  are in AP.

$$\frac{1}{c+a} - \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{1}{a+b} - \frac{1}{c+a} \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Now,  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in AP.

$$\text{if } b^2 - a^2 = c^2 - b^2$$

$$\text{if } (b-a)(b+a) = (c-b)(c+b)$$

$$\text{if } \frac{b-a}{b+c} = \frac{c-b}{a+b}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{(b+c) - (c+a)}{(c+a)(b+c)} = \frac{(c+a) - (a+b)}{(a+b)(c+a)}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{c+a} - \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{1}{a+b} - \frac{1}{c+a} \text{ which is true by (1)}$$

Hence,  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in AP.

**Q17.** If the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of 3, 5, 7, 9, ..... is the same as that of 9,  $10\frac{1}{2}, 12, 13\frac{1}{2}, \dots$ , find  $n$ .

**Solution:** By question, we have

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots = n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 9, 10\frac{1}{2}, 12, 13\frac{1}{2}, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + (n-1)2 = 9 + (n-1)\frac{3}{2} \left[ \because 10\frac{1}{2} - 9 = \frac{3}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 2n - 2 = \frac{18 + 3n - 3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2n+1) = 3n+15$$

$$\Rightarrow 4n+2 = 3n+15$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 13$$



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**Q18.** The sum of three numbers in AP is 21 and the sum of their squares is 179. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $a - d, a, a + d$  be the three numbers.

$$\text{Then, } a - d + a + a + d = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 7$$

$$\text{and } (a - d)^2 + a^2 + (a + d)^2 = 179$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 2ad + d^2 + a^2 + a^2 + 2ad + d^2 = 179$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a^2 + 2d^2 = 179$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times 7^2 + 2d^2 = 179$$

$$\Rightarrow 2d^2 = 179 - 147$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = \frac{32}{2} = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm 4$$

When  $d = 4$ , the three numbers are 3, 7 and 11.

When  $d = -4$ , the three numbers are 11, 7 and 3.

**Q19.** The sum of three numbers in AP is 24 and the product of the two extremes is 55. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $a - d, a, a + d$  be the three numbers.

$$\text{Then, } a - d + a + a + d = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 8$$

Now, product of the extremes  $(a - d)$  and  $(a + d) = 55$

$$\Rightarrow (a - d)(a + d) = 55$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - d^2 = 55$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 - d^2 = 55$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm 3$$

When  $d=3$ , the three numbers are 5, 8, 11

and when  $d = -3$ , the three numbers are 11, 8, 5.



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**Q20.** The sum of four numbers in AP is 48 and the product of two extremes is 108. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $a - 3d, a - d, a + d$  and  $a + 3d$  be the numbers.

By question,

$$a - 3d + a - d + a + d + a + 3d = 48$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a = 48$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 12$$

and,  $(a - 3d)(a + 3d) = 108$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 9d^2 = 108$$

$$\Rightarrow 12^2 - 9d^2 = 108$$

$$\Rightarrow 144 - 108 = 9d^2$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = \frac{36}{9} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm 2$$

When  $d=2$ , the four numbers are 6, 10, 14 and 18.

When  $d=-2$ , the four numbers are 18, 14, 10 and 6.

**Q21.** Find the arithmetic mean between

(i) 10 and 20

**Solution:** AM of 10 and 20 =  $\frac{10+20}{2} = 15$

(ii) -5 and 5

**Solution:** A.M. of -5 and 5 =  $\frac{-5+5}{2} = 0$

(iii) -5 and 9

**Solution:** A.M. of -5 and 9 =  $\frac{-5+9}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$

**Q22.** Insert

(i) 2 arithmetic means between 2 and 11.

**Solution:** Let  $a_1, a_2$  be the AM between 2 and 11.

Then, 2,  $a_1, a_2, 11$  are in AP

$\therefore$  First term = 2,  $n = 4$

Let  $d$  be the common difference

Then, 4<sup>th</sup> term = 11

$$\Rightarrow 2 + (4-1)d = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 3d = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 3$$

$\therefore$  The means are  $a_1 = 2 + 3 = 5$  &  $a_2 = 5 + 3 = 8$ .





**(ii) 3 arithmetic means between 6 and 22.**

**Solution:**  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  be the AMs between 6 and 22.

Then, 6,  $a_1, a_2, a_3, 22$  are in AP

Let  $a$  = first term = 6 and  $d$  be the common difference.

Now, 5<sup>th</sup> term = 22

$$\Rightarrow 6 + (5 - 1)d = 22$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 + 4d = 22$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

$\therefore$  The three AMs are  $a_1 = 6 + 4 = 10$ ,  $a_2 = 10 + 4 = 14$  and  $a_3 = 14 + 4 = 18$ .

**(iii) 4 arithmetic means between 5 and 20.**

**Solution:** Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  be the four AMs between 5 and 20

Then, 5,  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, 20$  are in AP.

Let  $a$  = first term = 5 and  $d$  be the C.D.

Now, 6<sup>th</sup> term = 20

$$\Rightarrow 5 + (6 - 1)d = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 5d = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 3$$

$\therefore a_1 = 5 + 3 = 8$ ,  $a_2 = 8 + 3 = 11$ ,  $a_3 = 11 + 3 = 14$ ,  $a_4 = 14 + 3 = 17$ .

Hence the four AMs are 8, 11, 14, 17.

**(iv)  $n$  arithmetic means between 1 and  $n^2$ .**

**Solution:** Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  be the  $n$  AMs between 1 and  $n^2$ .

Then, 1,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, n^2$  are in AP.

Let  $a$  = first term = 1, and  $d$  be the c.d.

Now,  $(n + 2)^{\text{th}}$  term =  $n^2$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + (n + 2 - 1)d = n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (n + 1)d = n^2 - 1 = (n - 1)(n + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d = n - 1$$

$\therefore a_1 = 1 + n - 1 = n$  ,  $a_2 = n + n - 1 = 2n - 1$  ,  $a_3 = 2n - 1 + n - 1 = 3n - 2$  ,

$a_4 = 3n - 2 + n - 1 = 4n - 3, \dots, a_n = n^2 - (n - 1) = n^2 - n + 1$ .

$\therefore$  The AMs between 1 and  $n^2$  are  $n, 2n - 1, 3n - 2, 4n - 3, \dots, n^2 - n + 1$ .



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(v) 3 arithmetic means between  $2n+1$  and  $2n-1$

**Solution:** Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  be the three AMs.

Then,  $2n+1, a_1, a_2, a_3, 2n-1$  are in AP.

Let  $a$  = first term =  $2n+1$  and  $d$  be the common difference.

Then, 5<sup>th</sup> term =  $2n-1$

$$\Rightarrow 2n+1 + (5-1)d = 2n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4d = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_1 = (2n+1) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2n + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2 = 2n + \frac{1}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2n$$

$$a_3 = 2n + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2n - \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore$  The three AMs are  $2n + \frac{1}{2}, 2n$  and  $2n - \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Q23.** There are  $n$  arithmetic means between 4 and 64. If the ratio of the fourth mean to the eighth is 7:13, find  $n$ .

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

Then,  $a + (n+2-1)d = 64$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + (n+1)d = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+1)d = 60$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{60}{n+1}$$

4<sup>th</sup> mean is the 5<sup>th</sup> term

$$\therefore 5^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } x_4 = 4 + (5-1) \frac{60}{n+1} = 4 + \frac{4 \times 60}{n+1}$$

$$\text{And } 8^{\text{th}} \text{ mean, } x_8 = 4 + (9-1) \frac{60}{n+1} = 4 + \frac{8 \times 60}{n+1}$$

$$\text{Then, } \left\{ 4 + \frac{4 \times 60}{n+1} \right\} : \left\{ 4 + \frac{8 \times 60}{n+1} \right\} = 7 : 13$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4n+4+4 \times 60}{n+1} : \frac{4n+4+8 \times 60}{n+1} = 7 : 13$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4(n+1)+4 \times 60}{n+1} \times \frac{n+1}{4(n+1)+8 \times 60} = 7 : 13$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4(n+1)+4 \times 60}{4(n+1)+8 \times 60} = \frac{7}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n+1+60}{n+1+120} = \frac{7}{13}$$



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$$\Rightarrow \frac{n+61}{n+121} = \frac{7}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow 13n+793 = 7n+847$$

$$\Rightarrow 6n = 54$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

**Q24.** If  $a+b+c \neq 0$  and  $\frac{b+c}{a}, \frac{c+a}{b}, \frac{a+b}{c}$  are in AP, prove that  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}$  are also in AP.

**Solution:** Since  $\frac{b+c}{a}, \frac{c+a}{b}, \frac{a+b}{c}$  are in AP.

$$\therefore \frac{c+a}{b} - \frac{b+c}{a} = \frac{a+b}{c} - \frac{c+a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a(c+a) - b(b+c)}{ab} = \frac{b(a+b) - c(c+a)}{bc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ac + a^2 - b^2 - bc}{ab} = \frac{ab + b^2 - c^2 - ac}{bc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 - b^2) + c(a-b)}{ab} = \frac{(b^2 - c^2) + a(b-c)}{bc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a-b)(a+b+c)}{ab} = \frac{(b-c)(b+c+a)}{bc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{ab} = \frac{b-c}{bc} \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}$  are in AP.

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{b}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a-b}{ab} = \frac{b-c}{bc} \text{ which is true by (1)}$$

Hence  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}$  are in AP.



**Q25. Find the sum of the first**

**(i) 20 terms of the AP 1, 5, 9, 13, .....**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1, d = 4, n = 20$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{The required sum} &= \frac{20}{2} \{2 \times 1 + (20 - 1)4\} \\ &= 10 \{2 + 19 \times 4\} \\ &= 10 \times \{2 + 76\} \\ &= 780\end{aligned}$$

**(ii) 25 terms of the AP. 9, 12, 15, 18,.....**

**Solution:** Here  $a = 9, d = 3, n = 25$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{The required sum} &= \frac{25}{2} \{2 \times 9 + (25 - 1) \times 3\} \\ &= \frac{25}{2} \{18 + 24 \times 3\} \\ &= \frac{25}{2} \{18 + 72\} \\ &= \frac{25}{2} \times 90 \\ &= 1125\end{aligned}$$

**(iii) 30 terms of the AP,  $1\frac{2}{3}, 2, 2\frac{1}{3}, 2, \frac{2}{3}, \dots$**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1\frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}, d = 2 - 1\frac{2}{3} = 2 - \frac{5}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $n = 30$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore S_{30} &= \frac{30}{2} \left\{ 2 \times \frac{5}{3} + (30 - 1) \times \frac{1}{3} \right\} \\ &= 15 \left\{ \frac{10}{3} + \frac{29}{3} \right\} \\ &= 15 \times \frac{39}{3} \\ &= 195\end{aligned}$$



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(iv) 40 terms of the AP, 10, 8, 6, 4, .....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 10$ ,  $d = -2$ ,  $n = 40$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore S_{40} &= \frac{40}{2} \{2 \times 10 + (40 - 1)(-2)\} \\ &= 20 \{20 - 78\} \\ &= 20 \times (-58) \\ &= -1160\end{aligned}$$

(v)  $n$  term of the AP,  $3n, 3n - 1, 3n - 2, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 3n$ ,  $d = 3n - 1 - 3n = -1$  and  $n = n$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore S_n &= \frac{n}{2} [2 \times 3n + (n - 1)(-1)] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} [6n - n + 1] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} [5n + 1]\end{aligned}$$

(vi)  $n$  terms of the AP  $\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{a}}, \frac{1}{1 - a}, \frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{a}}, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{a}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}d &= \frac{1}{1 - a} - \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{a}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - \sqrt{a})(1 + \sqrt{a})} - \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{a}} \\ &= \frac{1 - (1 - \sqrt{a})}{(1 - \sqrt{a})(1 + \sqrt{a})} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a}}{1 - a}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore S_n &= \frac{n}{2} \left[ 2 \times \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{a}} + (n - 1) \left( \frac{\sqrt{a}}{1 - a} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \times \frac{1}{1 - a} [2(1 - \sqrt{a}) + (n - 1)\sqrt{a}] \\ &= \frac{n}{2(1 - a)} [2 - 3\sqrt{a} + n\sqrt{a}] = \frac{n}{2(1 - a)} [(n - 3)\sqrt{a} + 2]\end{aligned}$$



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**Q26. Find the sum of the following series:**

**(i)  $5+8+11+\dots+47$**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 5$ ,  $d = 8 - 5 = 3$

Let  $n$  be the no. of terms.

Now,  $a_n = 47$

$$\Rightarrow a + (n-1)d = 47$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 + (n-1) \times 3 = 47$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n - 3 = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{45}{3} = 15$$

$$\therefore \text{Required sum} = \frac{n}{2}[a+l]$$

$$= \frac{15}{2}[5+47]$$

$$= \frac{15}{2} \times 52$$

$$= 390$$

**(ii)  $4+7+10+\dots+49$**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 4$ ,  $d = 7 - 4 = 3$

Let  $n$  be the no. of terms.

Now,  $a_n = a + (n-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow 49 = 4 + (n-1) \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 45 = 3n - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n = 48$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 16$$

$$\therefore \text{Required sum} = \frac{n}{2}[a+l]$$

$$= \frac{16}{2}[4+49]$$

$$= 8 \times 53$$

$$= 424$$



(iii)  $4+8+12+\dots+80$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 4$ ,  $d = 8 - 4 = 4$

Let  $n$  be the no. of terms.

Now,  $a_n = 80$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + (n-1)4 = 80$$

$$\Rightarrow 4n = 80$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 20$$

$$\therefore \text{Required sum} = \frac{n}{2}[a+l]$$

$$= \frac{20}{2}[4+80]$$

$$= 10 \times 84$$

$$= 840$$

(iv)  $(\sqrt{2}+1)+\sqrt{2}+(\sqrt{2}-1)+\dots+(\sqrt{2}-14)$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = \sqrt{2}+1$ ,  $d = \sqrt{2} - (\sqrt{2}+1) = -1$

Let  $n$  be the no. of terms.

Now,  $a_n = \sqrt{2} - 14$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} + 1 + (n-1)(-1) = \sqrt{2} - 14$$

$$\Rightarrow -n + 2 = -14$$

$$\Rightarrow -n = -16$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 16$$

$$\therefore \text{Required sum} = \frac{n}{2}[a+l]$$

$$= \frac{16}{2}[\sqrt{2}+1+\sqrt{2}-14]$$

$$= 8[2\sqrt{2}-13]$$



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(v)  $(x - y)^2 + (x^2 + y^2) + (x + y)^2 + \dots + (x^2 + y^2 + 18xy)$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = (x - y)^2$ ,  $d = x^2 + y^2 - (x - y)^2$   
 $= x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 - 2xy + y^2)$   
 $= 2xy$

Let  $n$  be the no. of terms.

Now,  $a_n = x^2 + y^2 + 18xy$   
 $\Rightarrow (x - y)^2 + (n - 1)2xy = x^2 + y^2 + 18xy$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 2xy + 2nxy - 2xy = x^2 + y^2 + 18xy$   
 $\Rightarrow 2nxy = 22xy$   
 $\Rightarrow n = 11$

$\therefore$  Required sum  $= \frac{11}{2} [(x - y)^2 + x^2 + y^2 + 18xy]$   
 $= \frac{11}{2} (x^2 + y^2 - 2xy + x^2 + y^2 + 18xy)$   
 $= \frac{11}{2} (2x^2 + 2y^2 + 16xy)$   
 $= 11(x^2 + y^2 + 8xy)$

**Q27. (i) How many terms of the AP, 5, 9, 13, 17, ..... Must be taken so that the sum be 1224?**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 5$ ,  $d = 9 - 5 = 4$   
 Let  $n$  be the no. of terms.

Now, Sum  $= \frac{n}{2} \{2a + (n - 1)d\}$

$\Rightarrow 1224 = \frac{n}{2} \{2 \times 5 + (n - 1) \times 4\}$

$\Rightarrow 2448 = n(10 + 4n - 4)$

$\Rightarrow 2448 = n(4n + 6)$

$\Rightarrow 1224 = 2n^2 + 3n$

$\Rightarrow 2n^2 + 3n - 1224 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2n^2 + 51n - 48n - 1224 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2n(n - 24) + 51(n - 24) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (n - 24)(2n + 51) = 0$

$\Rightarrow n = 24$  or  $n = -\frac{51}{2}$

Since number of terms cannot be negative therefore,  $n = 24$ .





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(ii) How many terms of the AP, 3, 8, 13, 18, .....must be taken so that the sum be 1010.

**Solution:** Let  $n$  be the no. of terms so that the sum  $S = 1010$ . ]

Here,  $a = 3$ ,  $d = 8 - 3 = 5$

$$\text{Now, } S = \frac{n}{2} \{2a + (n-1)d\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1010 = \frac{n}{2} \{2 \times 3 + (n-1)5\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2020 = n(6 + 5n - 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2020 = n(5n + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5n^2 + n - 2020 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5n^2 + 101n - 100n - 2020 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n(5n + 101) - 20(5n + 101) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n - 20)(5n + 101) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 20 \text{ or } n = -\frac{101}{5}$$

Since  $n$  cannot be -ve, therefore  $n = 20$ .

Q28. How many terms of the AP 22, 18, 14, 10, .....must be taken so that the sum may be 64. Explain the double answer.

**Solution:** Here, for the AP 22, 18, 14, 10, .....first term,  $(a) = 22$ , c.d.  $(d) = 18 - 22 = -4$   
Let  $n$  be the number of terms so that the sum is 64.

Then,  $S = 64$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \{2a + (n-1)d\} = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \{2 \times 22 + (n-1)(-4)\} = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \times 2\{22 - 2n + 2\} = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow n(24 - 2n) = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 12n - n^2 = 32$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 12n + 32 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 8n - 4n + 32 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n - 8) - 4(n - 8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n - 8)(n - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 8 \text{ or } n = 4$$

Thus, the number of terms to be taken so that the sum is 64 is either 4 or 8.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, the sum of 4 additional terms} &= a_5 + a_6 + a_7 + a_8 \\ &= 6 + 2 + (-2) + (-6) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  We can take both values of  $n$  i. e. 4 and 8 as the sum of 4 additional terms is 0.



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**Q29.** The 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> terms of an AP are 41 and 20 respectively. Find the sum of the first 12 terms.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

Now, 5<sup>th</sup> term = 41

$$\Rightarrow a + (5 - 1)d = 41$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 4d = 41 \text{ ..... (1)}$$

& 11<sup>th</sup> term = 20

$$\Rightarrow a + (11 - 1)d = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 10d = 20 \text{ ..... (2)}$$

Subtracting (2) from (1), we get

$$-6d = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -\frac{21}{6} = -\frac{7}{2}$$

Substituting the value of  $d$  in (1), we get

$$a + 4\left(-\frac{7}{2}\right) = 41$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 41 + 14 = 55$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum to first 12 terms} = \frac{12}{2} \left[ 2 \times 55 + (12 - 1)\left(-\frac{7}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= 6 \left[ 110 - \frac{77}{2} \right]$$

$$= 6 \left( \frac{220 - 77}{2} \right)$$

$$= 3 \times 143$$

$$= 429$$



**Q30.** The 12<sup>th</sup> term of an AP = -13 and the sum of the first 4 terms is 24. Find the sum of the first 10 terms.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

Now,  $12^{\text{th}}$  term = -13  
 $\Rightarrow a + (12 - 1)d = -13$   
 $\Rightarrow a + 11d = -13$  ..... (1)

and  $24 = \frac{4}{2}\{2a + (4 - 1)d\}$   
 $\Rightarrow 24 = 2(2a + 3d)$   
 $\Rightarrow 24 = 4a + 6d$   
 $\Rightarrow 24 = 4(-13 - 11d) + 6d$  [From (1)]  
 $\Rightarrow 24 = -52 - 44d + 6d$   
 $\Rightarrow 76 = -38d$   
 $\Rightarrow d = -2$  ..... (2)

and  $a + 11 \times (-2) = -13$  [From (1) & (2)]  
 $\Rightarrow a - 22 = -13$   
 $\Rightarrow a = 9$

$\therefore$  Sum to first 10 terms =  $\frac{10}{2}\{2 \times 9 + (10 - 1)(-2)\}$   
=  $5\{10 + 9 \times (-2)\}$   
=  $5(10 - 18)$   
= 0

**Q31.** The first term of an AP is 7 and the sum of the first 15 terms is 420. Find the common difference of the AP.

**Solution:** Here  $a = 7$  and let  $d$  be the common difference.

Now, sum of the first 15 terms = 420

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{2}\{2 \times 7 + (15 - 1)d\} = 420$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{2}(14 + 14d) = 420$$

$$\Rightarrow 15(7 + 7d) = 420$$

$$\Rightarrow 105 + 105d = 420$$

$$\Rightarrow 105d = 315$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{315}{105} = 3$$



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**Q32.** The sum of the first 15 terms and that of the first 22 terms of an AP are 495 and 1034 respectively. Find the sum of the first 18 terms.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

Now, Sum of the first 15 terms = 495

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{2}[2a + (15-1)d] = 495$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{2}[2a + 14d] = 495$$

$$\Rightarrow 15[a + 7d] = 495$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 7d = 33 \quad \text{..... (1)}$$

& Sum of the first 22 terms = 1034

$$\Rightarrow \frac{22}{2}\{2a + (22-1)d\} = 1034$$

$$\Rightarrow 11(2a + 21d) = 1034$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 21d = 94$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(33 - 7d) + 21d = 94 \quad \text{[From (1)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 66 - 14d + 21d = 94$$

$$\Rightarrow 7d = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 4 \quad \text{..... (2)}$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$a + 7 \times 4 = 33$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 33 - 28 = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of the first 18 terms} = \frac{18}{2}\{2 \times 5 + (18-1)4\}$$

$$= 9(10 + 17 \times 4)$$

$$= 9(10 + 68)$$

$$= 9 \times 78$$

$$= 702$$



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**Q33.** The sum of the first 21 terms of an AP is 28 and that of the first 28 terms is 21. Show that one term of the AP is zero and find the sum of the preceding terms.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 28 &= \frac{21}{2}[2a + (21-1)d] \\ \Rightarrow 28 &= \frac{21}{2}[2a + 20d] \\ \Rightarrow 2a + 20d &= \frac{28 \times 2}{21} = \frac{8}{3} \quad \text{----- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } 21 &= \frac{28}{2}[2a + (28-1)d] \\ \Rightarrow 21 &= 14\{2a + 27d\} \\ \Rightarrow 2a + 27d &= \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{----- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$7d = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{8}{3} = \frac{9-16}{6} = \frac{-7}{6}$$

$$\therefore d = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore 2a + 20d = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 20 \times \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a - \frac{10}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = \frac{18}{3} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3$$

Now, let  $a_n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a + (n-1)d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + (n-1)\left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 18 - n + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 19 \in N$$

Thus, 0 is one of the term of the AP.

Again, the sum of the preceding terms = the sum of the first 18 terms

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{18}{2}\{2a + (18-1)d\} \\ &= 9\left\{2 \times 3 + 17 \times \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)\right\} \\ &= 9\left\{\frac{36-17}{6}\right\} = \frac{3 \times 19}{2} \\ &= \frac{57}{2} = 28\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



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**Q34.** The sum of the first 10 terms of an AP is 30 and the sum of the next 10 terms is  $-170$ . Find the sum of the next 10 terms following these.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Now, } 30 = \frac{10}{2} \{2a + (10-1)d\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 = 5(2a + 9d)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 9d = 6 \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$\& \quad -140 = \frac{20}{2} \{2a + (20-1)d\}$$

$$\Rightarrow -140 = 10(2a + 19d)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 19d = -14 \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

Now, subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$10d = -20$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -2$$

Putting the value of  $d$  in equation (1), we get

$$2a = 6 - \{9 \times (-2)\} = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 12$$

$$\text{Then, } 21^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = 12 + (21-1)(-2)$$

$$= 12 - 40 = -28$$

$$\therefore \text{ Sum of the next 10 terms} = \frac{10}{2} \{2 \times (-28) + (10-1)(-2)\}$$

$$= 5\{-56 - 18\}$$

$$= 5 \times (-74)$$

$$= -370$$



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**Q35. Find the sum of the integers between 21 and 99 divisible by 6.**

**Solution:** The integer divisible by 6 next to 21 is 24 and the integer divisible by 6 just below 99 is 96.

$$\therefore a = 24, d = 6 \text{ and the last term} = 96$$

$$\text{Then, } 96 = 24 + (n - 1)6$$

$$\Rightarrow 72 = 6n - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 6n = 78$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 13$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum} = \frac{13}{2} \{2 \times 24 + (13 - 1)6\}$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} \{48 + 12 \times 6\}$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} \{48 + 72\}$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} \times 120 = 780$$

**Q36. Find the AP when the sum to  $n$  terms is**

(i)  $n^2$

**Solution:** Here,  $S_n = n^2$

$$S_1 = 1^2 = 1$$

$$S_2 = 2^2 = 4 \text{ and so on.}$$

Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Then, } S_1 = a = 1$$

$$S_2 = a + (a + d)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = 1 + (1 + d)$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 2$$

Hence, the required A.P. is 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, .....



(ii)  $2n^2 + 5n$

**Solution:** Here,  $S_n = 2n^2 + 5n$

$$\therefore S_1 = 2.1^2 + 5.1 = 2 + 5 = 7$$

$$S_2 = 2.2^2 + 5.2 = 8 + 10 = 18 \text{ and so on.}$$

Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference,

Then,  $S_1 = a = 7$

$$S_2 = a + (a + d)$$

$$\Rightarrow 18 = 7 + 7 + d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 18 - 14 = 4$$

$\therefore$  The required AP. Is 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, .....

**Q37. If the first term of an AP be  $a$ , its common difference be  $2a$  and the sum of the first  $n$  terms be  $S$ , prove that  $n = \sqrt{\frac{S}{a}}$ .**

**Solution:** Here,  $a$  = first term, c.d. =  $2a$

$$\text{Now, Sum of the first } n \text{ terms} = \frac{n}{2} \{2a + (n-1)2a\}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \{2a + 2an - 2a\}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \times 2an$$

$$= an^2 = S$$

$$\text{Then, } \sqrt{\frac{S}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{an^2}{a}} = \sqrt{n^2} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \sqrt{\frac{S}{a}}$$





**Q38.** The sum of the first  $n$  terms and that of the first  $m$  terms of an AP are  $m$  and  $n$  respectively. Show that the sum of the first  $(m + n)$  terms is  $-(m + n)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Then, } S_n = m$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} \{2a + (n-1)d\} = m$$

$$\Rightarrow 2an + n(n-1)d = 2m \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } S_m = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{2} \{2a + (m-1)d\} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 2am + m(m-1)d = 2n \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

Subtracting (1) from (2), we get

$$2a(m-n) + \{m(m-1) - n(n-1)\}d = 2n - 2m$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a(m-n) + \{(m^2 - n^2) - (m-n)\}d = -2(m-n)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + (m+n-1)d = -2 \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

$$\text{Now, } S_{m+n} = \frac{m+n}{2} \{2a + (m+n-1)d\}$$

$$= \frac{m+n}{2} (-2) \quad \text{[by (3)]}$$

$$\therefore S_{m+n} = -(m+n).$$

**Q39.** If the sum of  $m$  terms of an AP be equal to the sum of  $n$  terms. Prove that the sum of  $(m+n)$  terms is zero.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference.

$$\text{Then, } S_m = S_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{2} [2a + (m-1)d] = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a(m-n) + \{m(m-1) - n(n-1)\}d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a(m-n) + \{m^2 - m - n^2 + n\}d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a(m-n) + \{(m^2 - n^2) - (m-n)\}d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m-n)[2a + (m+n-1)d] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + (m+n-1)d = 0 \quad [\because m-n \neq 0] \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$\therefore S_{m+n} = \frac{m+n}{2} [2a + (m+n-1)d]$$

$$= \frac{m+n}{2} \times 0 \quad \text{[by (1)]}$$

$$= 0$$



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Q40. If the  $p^{\text{th}}$  terms of an AP is  $\frac{1}{q}$  and  $q^{\text{th}}$  terms is  $\frac{1}{p}$ , prove that the sum of first  $pq$  terms =

$$\frac{1}{2}(pq+1).$$

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the c.d.

$$\text{Then, } a_p = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + (p-1)d = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + pd - d = \frac{1}{q} \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } a_q = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + (q-1)d = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + qd - d = \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

Subtracting (2) from (1), we get

$$a + pd - d - (a + qd - d) = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow (p-q)d = \frac{p-q}{pq} \Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{pq}$$

From (1), we get

$$a + (p-1) \times \frac{1}{pq} = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{p-1}{pq} = \frac{p-p+1}{pq} = \frac{1}{pq}$$

$$\therefore S_{pq} = \frac{pq}{2} \left[ 2 \times \frac{1}{pq} + (pq-1) \times \frac{1}{pq} \right]$$

$$= \frac{pq}{2} \left[ \frac{2+pq-1}{pq} \right]$$

$$= \frac{pq+1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(pq+1)$$



**SOLUTIONS**

**EXERCISE – 2.3**

**Q1. Find the specified term of the following GP.**

(i) 14<sup>th</sup> term of  $\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = \frac{1}{8}, r = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{8}{1} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 14^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } a_{14} &= ar^{14-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \times 2^{13} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^3} \times 2^{13} \\ &= 2^{10} = 1024 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) 7<sup>th</sup> term of 81, -27, 9, -3, .....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 81, r = -\frac{27}{81} = -\frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 7^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } a_7 &= ar^{7-1} \\ &= 81 \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 \\ &= 81 \times \frac{1}{729} \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) 10<sup>th</sup> term of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2}, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, r = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1/\sqrt{2}} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 10^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } a_{10} &= ar^{10-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 2^{10-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 2^9 \\ &= \frac{2^8 \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= 526\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$



(iv) 8<sup>th</sup> term of  $p^2, pq, q^2, \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = p^2$ ,  $r = \frac{pq}{p^2} = \frac{q}{p}$

$$\therefore 8^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } a_8 = ar^{8-1}$$

$$= p^2 \times \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^7$$

$$= \frac{q^7}{p^5}$$

**Q2. Find the value of  $k$  so that the following may be in GP.**

(i)  $k+1, 2k+2, 5k-2$

**Solution:** Since  $(k+1), (2k+2), (5k-2)$  are in GP,

$$(2k+2)^2 = (k+1)(5k-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k^2 + 8k + 4 = 5k^2 - 2k + 5k - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -k^2 + 5k + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 5k - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 6k + k - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-6)(k+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6 \text{ or } -1$$

When  $k = -1$ , the first term & 2<sup>nd</sup> term are zero.

Hence  $k = 6$ .

(ii)  $3k+1, 6k-4, 3k-2$

**Solution:** Since  $3k+1, 6k-4, 3k-2$  are in GP,

$$\therefore (6k-4)^2 = (3k+1)(3k-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 36k^2 - 48k + 16 = 9k^2 - 6k + 3k - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 27k^2 - 45k + 18 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k^2 - 5k + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-1)(3k-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1 \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}$$

When  $k = \frac{2}{3}$ , the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> terms are zero.

$\therefore k = 1$ .



(iii)  $k - 1, 3k - 3, 8k - 2$

**Solution:** Since  $k - 1, 3k - 3, 8k - 2$  are in GP,

$$\therefore (3k - 3)^2 = (k - 1)(8k - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k^2 - 18k + 9 = 8k^2 - 2k - 8k + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 8k + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 7k - k + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 7)(k - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 7 \text{ or } 1$$

When  $k = 1$ , the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> terms are zero.

$$\therefore k = 7$$

**Q3. The fourth and seventh terms of a GP are 54 and 1458 respectively. Find the 10<sup>th</sup> term.**

**Solution:** We have,  $a_4 = ar^{4-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow 54 = ar^3$  ----- (1)

&  $a_7 = ar^{7-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow 1458 = a.r^6$  ----- (2)

Dividing (2) by (1), we get

$$\frac{1458}{54} = \frac{ar^6}{ar^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 = r^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$

From (1),  $54 = a \times 27$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{54}{27} = 2$$

$\therefore$  10<sup>th</sup> term,  $a_{10} = ar^{10-1}$

$$= 2 \times 3^9$$

$$= 2 \times 19683$$

$$= 39366$$



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Q4. (i) Which term of the GP. 9, 3, 1, ..... is  $\frac{1}{243}$  ?

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{1}{243}$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term.

$$\text{Then, } ar^{n-1} = \frac{1}{243}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{243}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{9 \times 243} = \frac{1}{3^2 \times 3^5} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 7 + 1 = 8$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{243}$  is the 8<sup>th</sup> term.

(ii) Which term of the GP 32, -16, 8, -4, ..... is  $\frac{1}{32}$  ?

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{1}{32}$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term.

$$\text{Then, } ar^{n-1} = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$\Rightarrow 32 \times \left(-\frac{16}{32}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{32 \times 32} = \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 11$$

Hence,  $\frac{1}{32}$  is the 11<sup>th</sup> term.



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**Q5. If the sum of three nos. in GP. is 104 and their product is 13824, find the numbers.**

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{a}{r}$ ,  $a$  and  $ar$  be the three numbers.

$$\text{Then, product} = \frac{a}{r} \times a \times ar$$

$$\Rightarrow 13824 = a^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (24)^3 = a^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 24$$

& their sum = 104

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{r} + a + ar = 104$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a + ar + ar^2}{r} = 104$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 + 24r + 24r^2 = 104r$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + r + r^2 = \frac{104}{24}r = \frac{13r}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 3r + 3r^2 = 13r$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r^2 - 10r + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r^2 - 9r - r + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r(r-3) - 1(r-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r-3)(3r-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3 \text{ or } \frac{1}{3}$$

Hence, the numbers are 8, 24, 72 or 72, 24, 8 ....



**Q6. Divide 42 into three parts which are in GP such that their product is 512.**

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{a}{r}$ ,  $a$  and  $ar$  be the three numbers.

Then, 
$$\frac{a}{r} \times a \times ar = 512$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = 512 = 8^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 8$$

& 
$$\frac{a}{r} + a + ar = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow a \left( \frac{1}{r} + 1 + r \right) = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \left( \frac{1+r+r^2}{r} \right) = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+r+r^2}{r} = \frac{42}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+r+r^2 = \frac{21r}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 4r + 4r^2 = 21r$$

$$\Rightarrow 4r^2 - 17r + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4r^2 - 16r - r + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4r(r-4) - 1(r-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r-4)(4r-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 4 \text{ or } \frac{1}{4}$$

Hence, the three numbers are 2, 8, 32.





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**Q7. Divide 31 into three parts which are in GP such that the sum of their squares is 651.**

**Solution:** Let  $a, ar, ar^2$  be the three parts which are in GP.

$$\text{Then, } a + ar + ar^2 = 31 \quad \text{----- (i)}$$

$$\text{And } a^2 + a^2r^2 + a^2r^4 = 651 \quad \text{----- (ii)}$$

Squaring both sides of (i), we get

$$a^2 + a^2r^2 + a^2r^4 + 2a^2r + 2a^2r^3 + 2a^2r^2 = 31^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + a^2r^2 + a^2r^4) + 2ar(a + ar + ar^2) = 961$$

$$\Rightarrow 651 + 2ar \times 31 = 961$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 31ar = 310$$

$$\Rightarrow ar = \frac{310}{31 \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{r} \quad \text{----- (iii)}$$

Using (iii) in (i) we get

$$\frac{5}{r} + 5 + 5r = 31$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 + 5r + 5r^2 = 31r$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r^2 - 26r + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r^2 - 25r - r + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r(r - 5) - 1(r - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5r - 1)(r - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{5}, 5$$

When  $r = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $a = 25$  and the GP is 25, 5, 1

When  $r = 5$ ,  $a = 1$  and the GP is 1, 5, 25

Hence the three numbers are 1, 5 and 25.



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**Q8.** Three numbers whose sum is 18 are in AP. when 2, 4, 11 are added to them respectively, the resulting numbers are in GP. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $a - d, a, a + d$  be the three numbers.

$$\text{Then, } a - d + a + a + d = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 6$$

And  $(a - d + 2), (a + 4), (a + d + 11)$  are in GP

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a + 4}{a - d + 2} = \frac{a + d + 11}{a + 4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6 + 4}{6 - d + 2} = \frac{6 + d + 11}{6 + 4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{8 - d} = \frac{17 + d}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 136 + 8d - 17d - d^2 = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 + 9d - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 + 12d - 3d - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (d + 12)(d - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 3 \text{ or } -12$$

$\therefore$  The three nos. are 3, 6, 9 or 18, 6, -6.

**Q9.** The product of three numbers in GP is 729 and the sum of their product in pairs is 819. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{a}{r}, a, ar$  be the three nos. in GP.

$$\text{Then, } \frac{a}{r} \times a \times ar = 729$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = 9^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 9$$



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and  $\frac{a}{r} \times a + a \times ar + ar \times \frac{a}{r} = 819$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{r} + a^2r + a^2 = 819$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 + a^2r^2 + a^2r)}{r} = 819$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2(1+r^2+r) = 819r$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+r+r^2 = \frac{91r}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9+9r+9r^2-91r=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9r^2-82r+9=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9r^2-81r-r+9=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (9r-1)(r-9)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{9}, 9$$

Hence, the numbers are 1, 9, 81 or 81, 9, 1.

**10. If  $a, b, c$  are in GP, show that**

**(i)  $a^2 + b^2, ab + bc, b^2 + c^2$  are in GP.**

**(ii)  $\frac{1}{a+b}, \frac{1}{2b}, \frac{1}{b+c}$  are in AP**

**Solution:** (i) Since  $a, b, c$  are in GP

$$b^2 = ac \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

Now,  $a^2 + b^2, ab + bc, b^2 + c^2$  are in GP

$$\text{if } (ab + bc)^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\text{if } a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + 2b^2ac = a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^4 + b^2c^2$$

$$\text{if } 2b^2ac = a^2c^2 + b^2b^2$$

$$\text{if } 2b^2ac = a^2c^2 + b^2 \cdot ac \quad [\text{by (1)}]$$

$$\text{if } b^2ac = a^2c^2$$

$$\text{if } b^2 = ac \quad \text{which is true by (1)}$$

Hence  $a^2 + b^2, ab + bc, b^2 + c^2$  are in GP.



(ii) Since  $a, b, c$  are in GP

$$b^2 = ac \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{a+b}, \frac{1}{2b}, \frac{1}{b+c}$  are in AP

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{2b} - \frac{1}{a+b} = \frac{1}{b+c} - \frac{1}{2b}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a+b-2b}{2b(a+b)} = \frac{2b-b-c}{(b+c)2b}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a-b}{2b(a+b)} = \frac{b-c}{(b+c)2b}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a-b}{a+b} = \frac{b-c}{b+c}$$

$$\text{if } (a-b)(b+c) = (a+b)(b-c)$$

$$\text{if } ab + ac - b^2 - bc = ab - ac + b^2 - bc$$

$$\text{if } 2ac = 2b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac \text{ which is true by (1)}$$

Hence  $\frac{1}{a+b}, \frac{1}{2b}, \frac{1}{b+c}$  are in AP.

11. If  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP, prove that

(i)  $a+b, b+c, c+d$  are in GP

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP

$$ad = bc \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\text{And } \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

Now,  $a+b, b+c, c+d$  are in GP

$$\text{if } \frac{b+c}{a+b} = \frac{c+d}{b+c}$$

$$\text{if } (b+c)^2 = (a+b)(c+d)$$

$$\text{if } b^2 + 2bc + c^2 = ac + ad + bc + bd$$

$$\text{if } b^2 + c^2 + bc = ac + bc + bd \text{ [using (1)]}$$

$$\text{if } b^2 + c^2 = ac + bd$$

$$\text{if } ac + c^2 = ac + bd \left[ \because \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} \right]$$

$$\text{if } c^2 = bd \text{ which is true by (2)}$$

Hence  $a+b, b+c, c+d$  are in GP.



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(ii)  $a^2 - b^2, b^2 - c^2, c^2 - d^2$  are in GP

**Solution:** Let  $\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r$

$$\therefore b = ar, c = br = ar^2, d = cr = ar^3$$

Now,  $a^2 - b^2, b^2 - c^2, c^2 - d^2$  are in GP

$$\text{if } \frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2 - b^2} = \frac{c^2 - d^2}{b^2 - c^2}$$

$$\text{if } (b^2 - c^2)^2 = (a^2 - b^2)(c^2 - d^2)$$

$$\text{if } (a^2 r^2 - a^2 r^4)^2 = (a^2 - a^2 r^2)(a^2 r^4 - a^2 r^6)$$

$$\text{if } \{a^2 r^2 (1 - r^2)\}^2 = a^2 (1 - r^2) a^2 r^4 (1 - r^2)$$

$$\text{if } a^4 r^4 (1 - r^2) = a^4 r^4 (1 - r^2) \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $a^2 - b^2, b^2 - c^2, c^2 - d^2$  are in GP.

(iii)  $(a - b)^2, (b - c)^2, (c - d)^2$  are in GP

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP.

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r$$

$$\therefore b = ar, c = br = ar^2, d = cr = ar^3$$

Now,  $(a - b)^2, (b - c)^2, (c - d)^2$  are in GP.

$$\text{if } \frac{(b - c)^2}{(a - b)^2} = \frac{(c - d)^2}{(b - c)^2}$$

$$\text{if } (b - c)^4 = (a - b)^2 (c - d)^2$$

$$\text{if } (ar - ar^2)^4 = (a - ar)^2 (ar^2 - ar^3)^2$$

$$\text{if } \{ar(1 - r)\}^4 = a^2 (1 - r)^2 \{ar^2(1 - r)\}^2$$

$$\text{if } a^4 r^4 (1 - r)^4 = a^2 (1 - r)^2 a^2 r^4 (1 - r)^2$$

$$\text{if } a^4 r^4 (1 - r)^4 = a^4 r^4 (1 - r)^4 \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence,  $(a - b)^2, (b - c)^2, (c - d)^2$  are in GP.



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(iv)  $\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}, \frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}$  are in GP

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r$$

$$\therefore b = ar, c = br = ar^2, d = cr = ar^3$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}, \frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}$  are in GP

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2} \div \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 + d^2} \div \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2} = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{c^2 + d^2}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a^2 + a^2r^2}{a^2r^2 + a^2r^4} = \frac{a^2r^2 + a^2r^4}{a^2r^4 + a^2r^6}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{a^2(1+r^2)}{a^2r^2(1+r^2)} = \frac{a^2r^2(1+r^2)}{a^2r^4(1+r^2)}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence  $\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}, \frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}$  are in GP.



**Q12.** If  $p^{\text{th}}$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r^{\text{th}}$  terms of a GP. are also in GP, show that  $p, q, r$  are in AP.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $R$  be the common ratio.

$$\text{Then, } p^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = aR^{p-1}$$

$$q^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = aR^{q-1}$$

$$r^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = aR^{r-1}$$

The terms are also in GP.

$$\therefore \frac{aR^{q-1}}{aR^{p-1}} = \frac{aR^{r-1}}{aR^{q-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (R^{q-1})^2 = R^{r-1} R^{p-1}$$

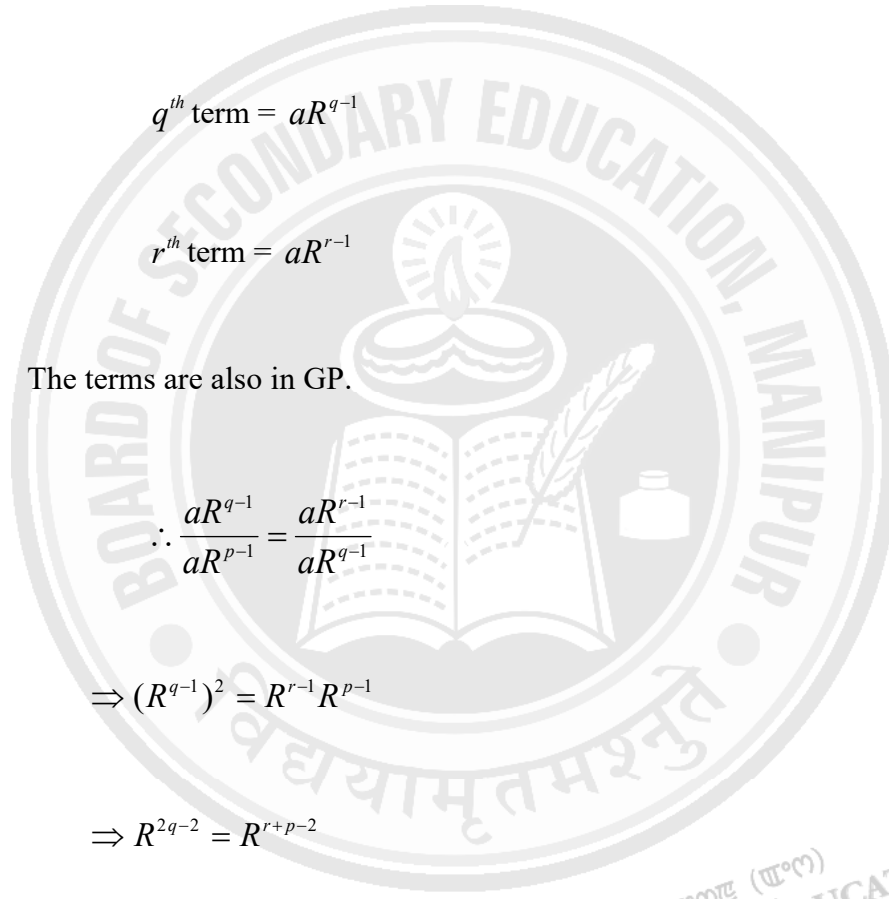
$$\Rightarrow R^{2q-2} = R^{r+p-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q - 2 = r + p - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q = r + p$$

$$\Rightarrow q - p = r - q$$

Hence  $p, q, r$  are in AP.





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**Q13. If  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP, show that**

(i)  $(b + c)(b + d) = (c + a)(c + d)$

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r \text{ (common ratio)}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = ar, c = br = ar^2, d = cr = ar^3$$

Now,  $(b + c)(b + d) = (ar + ar^2)(ar + ar^3)$   
 $= ar(1 + r)ar(1 + r^2)$   
 $= a^2r^2(1 + r)(1 + r^2)$

&  $(c + a)(c + d) = (ar^2 + a)(ar^2 + ar^3)$   
 $= a(1 + r^2).ar^2(1 + r)$   
 $= a^2r^2(1 + r)(1 + r^2)$

Hence,  $(b + c)(b + d) = (c + a)(c + d)$

(ii)  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) = (ab + bc + cd)^2$

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r$$

$$\Rightarrow b = ar, c = br = ar^2, d = cr = ar^3$$

Now,  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + c^2 + d^2)$   
 $= (a^2 + a^2r^2 + a^2r^4)(a^2r^2 + a^2r^4 + a^2r^6)$   
 $= a^2(1 + r^2 + r^4).a^2r^2(1 + r^2 + r^4)$   
 $= a^4r^2(1 + r^2 + r^4)^2$   
 $= \{a^2r(1 + r^2 + r^4)\}^2$   
 $= (a^2r + a^2r^3 + a^2r^5)^2$   
 $= (a.ar + ar.ar^2 + ar^2.ar^3)^2$   
 $= (ab + bc + cd)^2$

Hence proved.





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(iii)  $(b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (d-b)^2 = (a-d)^2$

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in GP

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r$$

$$\Rightarrow b = ar, c = br = ar^2, d = cr = ar^3$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (d-b)^2 \\ &= (ar - ar^2)^2 + (ar^2 - a)^2 + (ar^3 - ar)^2 \\ &= a^2r^2 - 2a^2r^3 + a^2r^4 + a^2r^4 - 2a^2r^2 + a^2 + a^2r^6 - 2a^2r^4 + a^2r^2 \\ &= 2a^2r^2 - 2a^2r^2 + 2a^2r^4 - 2a^2r^4 - 2a^2r^3 + a^2r^6 + a^2 \\ &= a^2 - 2a^2r^3 + (ar^3)^2 \\ &= \{a - (ar^3)\}^2 \\ &= (a-d)^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Q14.** If 1, 1, 3, 9 be added respectively to the four terms of an AP, a GP results. Find the four terms of the AP.

**Solution:** Let  $a-d, a, a+d, a+2d$  be the four terms of the AP.

Then,  $a-d+1, a+1, a+d+3, a+2d+9$  are in GP.

Then,

$$\frac{a+1}{a-d+1} = \frac{a+d+3}{a+1} = \frac{a+2d+9}{a+d+3}$$

Now,

$$\frac{a+1}{a-d+1} = \frac{a+d+3}{a+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 2a + 1 = (a^2 + ad + 3a - ad - d^2 - 3d + a + d + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 1 = 4a - d^2 - 2d + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 2a - 2d + 2 \text{----- (i)}$$



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and, 
$$\frac{a+1}{a-d+1} = \frac{a+2d+9}{a+d+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + ad + 3a + a + d + 3 = a^2 + 2ad + 9a - ad - 2d^2 - 9d + a + 2d + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a + d + 3 = 10a - 7d - 2d^2 + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 2d^2 = 6a - 8d + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 3a - 4d + 3 \text{ ----- (ii)}$$

Again, 
$$\frac{a+d+3}{a+1} = \frac{a+2d+9}{a+d+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + d^2 + 9 + 2ad + 6d + 6a = a^2 + 2ad + 9a + a + 2d + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 + 6d + 6a + 9 = 10a + 2d + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 + 4d - 4a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 4a - 4d \text{ ----- (iii)}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$2a - 2d + 2 = 3a - 4d + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2d - a = 1 \text{ ----- (iv)}$$

From (i) and (iii), we get

$$2a - 2d + 2 = 4a - 4d$$

$$\Rightarrow a - d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (2d - 1) - d = 1 \text{ [by using (iv)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 2$$

Putting  $d = 2$  in (iv), we get

$$2 \times 2 - a = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3$$

$\therefore$  The required AP is  $3 - 2, 3, 3 + 2, 3 + 2 \times 2$  i.e.  $1, 3, 5, 7$ .



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**Q15.** If  $a, b, c$  be the  $p^{\text{th}}, q^{\text{th}}, r^{\text{th}}$  terms both of an AP and of a GP. Show that  $a^{b-c} \cdot b^{c-a} \cdot c^{a-b} = 1$

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP.

$$b - a = c - b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c \quad \text{----- (i)}$$

Again,  $a, b, c$  are in GP

$$\therefore \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac$$

$$\therefore a^{b-c} b^{c-a} c^{a-b} = a^{b-c} \cdot (\sqrt{ac})^{(c-a)} c^{a-b}$$

$$= a^{b-c} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{2}(c-a)} \cdot c^{\frac{1}{2}(c-a)} \cdot c^{a-b}$$

$$= a^{b-c + \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}a} \cdot c^{\frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}a + a - b}$$

$$= a^{b - \frac{1}{2}(c+a)} \cdot c^{\frac{1}{2}(c+a) - b}$$

$$= a^{b-b} c^{b-b} \quad \text{[from (i)]}$$

$$= a^0 \cdot c^0$$

$$= 1 \times 1 = 1$$

**Q16.** If  $a, b, c$  are in GP and  $a^{\frac{1}{x}} = b^{\frac{1}{y}} = c^{\frac{1}{z}}$ . Show that  $x, y, z$  are in AP.

**Solution:** Let  $a^{\frac{1}{x}} = b^{\frac{1}{y}} = c^{\frac{1}{z}} = k$  (say)

$$\Rightarrow a = k^x$$

$$b = k^y$$

$$c = k^z$$

Since  $a, b, c$  are GP

$$\therefore \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k^y}{k^x} = \frac{k^z}{k^y}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^{2y} = k^x \cdot k^z$$

$$\Rightarrow k^{2y} = k^{x+z}$$

$$\Rightarrow y - x = z - y$$

Hence,  $x, y, z$  are in AP.



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**Q17. Find the Geometric mean between**

**(i) 3 and 27**

**Solution:** GM between 3 and 27  $= \sqrt{3 \times 27}$   
 $= \sqrt{81} = 9$

**(ii)  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $8\sqrt{2}$**

**Solution:** GM between  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $8\sqrt{2}$   $= \sqrt{\sqrt{2} \times 8\sqrt{2}}$   
 $= \sqrt{16} = 4$

**(iii)  $\frac{1}{5}$  and 125**

**Solution:** GM between  $\frac{1}{5}$  and 125  $= \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} \times 125}$   
 $= \sqrt{25} = 5$

**Q18. Insert (i) 2 geometric means between 2 and  $\frac{1}{4}$**

**(ii) 3 geometric means between  $-\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{9}{8}$**

**(iii) 3 geometric means between 3 and 48.**

**(iv) 3 geometric means between -2 and  $-\frac{1}{8}$ .**

**(v) 5 geometric means between 8 and  $\frac{1}{8}$**

**(vi) 3 geometric means between  $a$  and  $\frac{1}{a}$ .**

**Solution:** (i) Let  $x_1, x_2$  be the two geometric means.

Then,  $2, x, x_2, \frac{1}{4}$  are in GP.

Here,  $a = 2$  & 4<sup>th</sup> term =  $\frac{1}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow 2r^{4-1} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$x_2 = 1 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore$  The two geometric means are 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



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(ii) Let  $x_1, x_2$  be the two geometric means.

Then,  $-\frac{1}{3}, x_1, x_2, \frac{9}{8}$  are in GP.

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{9}{8} = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)r^{4-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{8} = -\frac{1}{3}r^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = -\frac{9 \times 3}{8} = -\frac{3^3}{2^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Hence, the two GMs are  $-\frac{1}{3} \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{-3}{2} = -\frac{3}{4}$ .

(iii) Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  be the three GMs

Then,  $3, x_1, x_2, x_3, 48$  are in GP

$$\therefore a = 3 \text{ and } 48 = 3 \times r^{5-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 48 = 3 \times r^4$$

$$\Rightarrow r^4 = 16 = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 3 \times 2 = 6, x_2 = 6 \times 2 = 12, x_3 = 12 \times 2 = 24$$

$\therefore$  The three GMs are 6, 12, 24.

(iv) Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  be the GMs

Then,  $-2, x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{-1}{8}$  are in GP

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{8} = (-2)r^{5-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{8} = (-2)r^4$$

$$\Rightarrow r^4 = \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{2^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -2 \times \frac{1}{2} = -1$$

$$x_2 = -1 \times \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Hence, the three GMs are  $-1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$ .



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(v) Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  be the five GMs

Then,  $8, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, \frac{1}{8}$  are in GP.

$$\therefore 8r^{7-1} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8r^6 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^6 = \frac{1}{64} = \frac{1}{2^6}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4, x_2 = 4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2, x_3 = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$x_4 = 1 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, x_5 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\therefore$  The five GMs. are  $4, 2, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$ .

(vi) Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  be the three GMs.

Then,  $a, x_1, x_2, x_3, \frac{1}{a}$  are in GP

$$\therefore \frac{1}{a} = ar^{5-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = ar^4$$

$$\Rightarrow r^4 = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = a \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} = \sqrt{a}, x_2 = \sqrt{a} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} = 1, x_3 = 1 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$$

Hence, the three GMs are  $\sqrt{a}, 1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$ .



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**Q19.** The arithmetic mean between two number is 15 and their geometric mean is 9. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the two numbers.

$$\text{Then, } AM = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 15 = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 30 \text{ ----- (i)}$$

&  $GM = \sqrt{ab}$

$$\Rightarrow 9 = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow (30-b)b = 81 \text{ [using(i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30b - b^2 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 30b + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 27b - 3b + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (b-27)(b-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 3, 27$$

$\therefore$  When  $b = 3$ ,  $a = 27$  and when  $b = 27$ ,  $a = 3$ .

Hence the two nos. are 3 and 27.

**Q20.** If  $a$  be the arithmetic mean between  $b$  and  $c$  and  $p, q$  be the geometric mean between them, show that  $p^3 + q^3 = 2abc$ .

**Solution:** AM. between  $b$  and  $c = \frac{b+c}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{b+c}{2} \text{ ----- (i)}$$

& since  $b, p, q, c$  are in GP

$$\frac{p}{b} = \frac{q}{p} = \frac{c}{q}$$

$$\therefore p^2 = bq, q^2 = pc \text{ and } bc = pq \text{ ----- (ii)}$$



Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^3 + q^3 &= p^2 \cdot p + q^2 \cdot q \\
 &= bq \cdot p + pc \cdot q \\
 &= pq(b+c) \\
 &= bc \times 2a \quad [\text{From (i) \& (ii)}] \\
 &= 2abc
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q21.** If  $a, b, c$  be in GP and  $x, y$  be the arithmetic means between  $a, b$  and  $b, c$  respectively, show

that (i)  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{2}{b}$  (ii)  $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{c}{y} = 2$

**Solution:** (i) Since  $a, b, c$  are in GP.

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac \quad \text{----- (i)}$$

&  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}, y = \frac{b+c}{2}$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{\frac{a+b}{2}} + \frac{1}{\frac{b+c}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{a+b} + \frac{2}{b+c}$$

$$= \frac{2(b+c) + 2(a+b)}{(a+b)(b+c)}$$

$$= \frac{2(a+2b+c)}{ab+ac+b^2+bc}$$

$$= \frac{2(a+2b+c)}{ab+b^2+b^2+bc} \quad [ \because b^2 = ac ]$$

$$= \frac{2(a+2b+c)}{b(a+2b+c)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{b}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad \frac{a}{x} + \frac{c}{y} &= \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{c}{b+c} \\
 &= \frac{2a}{a+b} + \frac{2c}{b+c} \\
 &= \frac{2a(b+c) + 2c(a+b)}{(a+b)(b+c)} \\
 &= \frac{2(ab+ac+ca+bc)}{ab+ac+b^2+bc} \\
 &= \frac{2(ab+ac+ac+bc)}{(ab+ac+ac+bc)} \quad [\because b^2 = ac] \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q22. Prove that the product of  $n$  geometric means between  $a$  &  $b$  is  $(ab)^{n/2}$ .**

**Solution:** Let  $ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots, ar^n$  be the geometric means between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Then,  $b = ar^{(n+2)-1} = ar^{n+1}$

Now, Product of  $n$  geometric means =  $ar \cdot ar^2 \cdot ar^3 \dots, ar^n$

$$= a^n r^{1+2+3+\dots+n}$$

$$= a^n r^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$$

$$= a^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot r^{\frac{n}{2}(n+1)}$$

$$= (a^2 r^{n+1})^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$= (a \cdot ar^{n+1})^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$= (ab)^{n/2} \quad [\because b = ar^{n+1}]$$

Hence proved.



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**Q23. Find the sum of the first**

**(i) 10 terms of the GP 1, 2, 4, 8, .....**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $r = \frac{2}{1} = 2$  and  $n = 10$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_{10} &= \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \quad [ \because r > 1 ] \\ &= \frac{1 \times (2^{10} - 1)}{2 - 1} \\ &= 2^{10} - 1 \\ &= 1024 - 1 = 1023 \end{aligned}$$

**(ii) 8 terms of the GP.  $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \dots$**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $n = 8$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_8 &= \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r} \quad [ \because r < 1 ] \\ &= \frac{1 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3^8} \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3^8 - 1}{3 - 1} \\ &= \frac{3^8 - 1}{2 \times 3^7} = \frac{6560}{2 \times 2187} = \frac{3280}{2187} \end{aligned}$$

**(iii) 12 terms of the GP. 8, 4, 2, 1, .....**

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 8$ ,  $r = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$  &  $n = 12$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_{12} &= \frac{a(1 - r^{12})}{1 - r} \quad [ \because r < 1 ] \\ &= \frac{8 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{12}} \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{8 \times (2^{12} - 1)}{\frac{1}{2} \times 2^{12}} \\ &= 8 \times \frac{4096 - 1}{2^{11}} \\ &= \frac{8 \times 4095}{2048} = \frac{4095}{256} \end{aligned}$$



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(iv) 7 terms of the GP. 1, -3, 9, -27,.....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $r = -3$ ,  $n = 7$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_7 &= \frac{a(1-r^7)}{1-r} \quad [ \because r < 1 ] \\ &= \frac{1\{1-(-3)^7\}}{1+3} = \frac{\{1-(-3)^7\}}{4} \\ &= \frac{1+2187}{4} = \frac{2188}{4} = 547 \end{aligned}$$

(v) 9 terms of the GP 1,  $-\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $-\frac{1}{8}$ ,.....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $r = -\frac{1}{2} < 1$ ,  $n = 9$

$$\begin{aligned} S_9 &= \frac{a(1-r^9)}{1-r} = \frac{1\left\{1-\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^9\right\}}{1-\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1-\left(-\frac{1}{512}\right)}{1+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{512+1}{512 \times \frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{513}{256 \times 3} = \frac{171}{256} \end{aligned}$$

(vi)  $n$  terms of the GP. 1,  $\frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\frac{1}{25}$ ,  $\frac{1}{125}$ ,.....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{5} < 1$  and  $n = n$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{1 \times \left\{1-\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n\right\}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{1-\frac{1}{5^n}}{\frac{4}{5}} = \frac{5}{4} \left(1-\frac{1}{5^n}\right) \end{aligned}$$



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(vii)  $n$  terms of the GP. 3, -6, 12, -24, .....

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 3, r = -\frac{6}{3} = -2 < 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } S_n &= \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{3\{1-(-2)^n\}}{1-(-2)} \\ &= \frac{3\{1-(-2)^n\}}{3} \\ &= 1-(-2)^n\end{aligned}$$

Q24. (i) How many terms of the GP. 1, 3, 9, 27, ..... Must be taken so that their sum is equal to 3280?

**Solution:** Let  $n$  be the no. of terms of the GP.

Now,  $a = 1, r = 3 > 1$

$$\text{Then, } S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3280 = \frac{1(3^n - 1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3280 \times 2 = 3^n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^n = 6560 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^n = 6561 = 3^8$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 8$$



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(ii) How many terms of the GP.  $1\frac{1}{3}, 2, 3, \dots$  must be taken so that their sum is equal to  $\frac{211}{12}$ ?

**Solution:** Let  $n$  be the no. of terms of the GP.

$$\text{We have, } a = 1\frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3}, r = \frac{2}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

$$\therefore S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{211}{12} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \left\{ \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n - 1 \right\}}{\frac{3}{2} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{211}{12} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{\left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n - 1}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{211}{12} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{211}{32} + 1 = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{243}{32} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^5 = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 5$$

**Q25. Find the least value of  $n$ , for which**

$$1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^n > 1000$$

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 1, r = 3 > 1$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{a(r^{n+1} - 1)}{r - 1} > 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1(3^{n+1} - 1)}{3 - 1} > 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{n+1} - 1 > 2000$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{n+1} > 2001$$

By inspection, the least value of  $n$  is given by  $n + 1 = 7 \Rightarrow n = 7 - 1 = 6$ .

Hence, the least value of  $n$  is 6.



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**Q26.** The 5<sup>th</sup> term of a GP is 48 and the 12<sup>th</sup> term is 6144. Find the sum of the first 10 terms.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio.

Then, 5<sup>th</sup> term = 48

$$\Rightarrow ar^4 = 48 \quad - \quad (i)$$

& 12<sup>th</sup> term = 6144

$$\Rightarrow ar^{11} = 6144 \quad - \quad (ii)$$

Dividing (ii) by (i), we get

$$\frac{ar^{11}}{ar^4} = \frac{6144}{48}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^7 = 128 = 2^7$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

From (i),

$$a \times 2^4 = 48$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{48}{16} = 3$$

Hence,  $S_{10} = \frac{a(r^{10} - 1)}{r - 1} \quad [ \because r > 1 ]$

$$= \frac{3(2^{10} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= 3(1024 - 1)$$

$$= 3 \times 1023$$

$$= 3069$$

**Q27.** In a GP, the first term is 5, the last term is 320 and the sum is 635. Find the 4<sup>th</sup> term.

**Solution:** Here,  $a = 5$ ,  $a_n = 320$

$$\Rightarrow ar^{n-1} = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow 5r^{n-1} = 320$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{n-1} = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow r^n = 64r \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$



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$$\text{Also, } S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 635 = \frac{5(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 127(r - 1) = r^n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 127r - 127 = 64r - 1 \quad [\text{using (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 63r = 126$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 4^{\text{th}} \text{ term} &= 5 \times 2^{4-1} \\ &= 5 \times 2^3 \\ &= 5 \times 8 = 40 \end{aligned}$$

**Q28.** The sum of the first 6 terms of a GP is 9 times the sum of the first 3 terms. If the 7<sup>th</sup> term be 384, find the sum of the first 10 terms.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio.

Then,

$$S_6 = 9 \times S_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a(r^6 - 1)}{r - 1} = 9 \times \frac{a(r^3 - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a(r^6 - 1)}{a(r^3 - 1)} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\{(r^3)^2 - 1^2\}}{r^3 - 1} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(r^3 - 1)(r^3 + 1)}{r^3 - 1} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 + 1 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 8 = 2^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

$$\& \quad ar^{7-1} = 384$$

$$\Rightarrow a \times 2^6 = 384$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{384}{64} = 6$$

$$\therefore S_{10} = \frac{a(r^{10} - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$= \frac{6(2^{10} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= 6(1024 - 1)$$

$$= 6 \times 1023 = 6138$$



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**Q29.** The sum of the first 10 terms of a GP is 33 times the sum of the first 5 terms. Find the common ratio.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } S_{10} &= 33 \times S_5 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a(r^{10} - 1)}{r - 1} &= 33 \times \frac{a(r^5 - 1)}{r - 1} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{r^{10} - 1}{r^5 - 1} &= 33 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(r^5)^2 - 1}{r^5 - 1} &= 33 \\ \Rightarrow r^5 + 1 &= 33 \\ \Rightarrow r^5 &= 32 = 2^5 \\ \Rightarrow r &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

**Q30.** The first and the last terms of a GP are respectively 3 and 768 and the sum is 1533. Find the number of terms and the common ratio.

**Solution:** Let  $n$  be the no. of terms and  $r$  be the common ratio.

We have,  $a = 3$

&  $ar^{n-1} = 768$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \cdot r^{n-1} = 768$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{n-1} = 256$$

$$\Rightarrow r^n = 256r \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Also,  $S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$

$$\Rightarrow 1533 = \frac{3(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 511(r - 1) = r^n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 511r - 511 = 256r - 1 \quad [\text{using (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 255r = 510$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

Again, from (i),  $\Rightarrow r^n = 256r$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n = 256 \times 2 = 512 = 2^9$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

Hence, the no. of terms = 9 and the common ratio is 2.





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**Q31.** If  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  be the sums of the first  $n$  terms,  $2n$  terms,  $3n$  terms respectively of a GP. Prove that

(i)  $S_1^2 + S_2^2 = S_1(S_2 + S_3)$

(ii)  $S_1(S_3 - S_2) = (S_1 + S_2)^2$

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term,  $r$  be the common ratio and  $n$  be the no. of terms.

$$S_1 = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{a(r^{2n} - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$S_3 = \frac{a(r^{3n} - 1)}{r - 1}$$

(i) Now,  $S_1^2 + S_2^2 = \left[ \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{a(r^{2n} - 1)}{r - 1} \right]^2$

$$= \frac{a^2 (r^n - 1)^2}{(r - 1)^2} + \frac{a^2 (r^{2n} - 1)^2}{(r - 1)^2}$$
$$= \frac{a^2 [r^{2n} - 2r^n + 1 + r^{4n} - 2r^{2n} + 1]}{(r - 1)^2}$$
$$= \frac{a^2}{(r - 1)^2} [r^{4n} - r^{2n} - 2r^n + 2]$$

$$\& S_1(S_2 + S_3) = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \left[ \frac{a(r^{2n} - 1)}{r - 1} + \frac{a(r^{3n} - 1)}{r - 1} \right]$$
$$= \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \left[ \frac{a(r^{2n} - 1 + r^{3n} - 1)}{r - 1} \right]$$
$$= \frac{a^2}{(r - 1)^2} [r^{4n} + r^{3n} - 2r^n - r^{3n} - r^{2n} + 2]$$
$$= \frac{a^2}{(r - 1)^2} [r^{4n} - r^{2n} - 2r^n + 2]$$

Hence,  $S_1^2 + S_2^2 = S_1(S_2 + S_3)$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad S_1(S_3 - S_2) &= \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \left[ \frac{a(r^{3n} - 1)}{r - 1} - \frac{a(r^{2n} - 1)}{r - 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{a^2(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \left[ \frac{r^{3n} - 1 - r^{2n} + 1}{r - 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{a^2(r^n - 1)}{(r - 1)(r - 1)} [r^{3n} - r^{2n}] \\ &= \frac{a^2(r^n - 1)(r^{3n} - r^{2n})}{(r - 1)^2} \\ \text{and, } (S_1 - S_2)^2 &= \left[ \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} - \frac{a(r^{2n} - 1)}{r - 1} \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ \frac{a(r^n - 1 - r^{2n} + 1)}{r - 1} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{a^2[r^n - r^{2n}]^2}{(r - 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{(r - 1)^2} [r^n(1 - r^n)]^2 \\ &= \frac{a^2}{(r - 1)^2} [(r^n - 1)(-r^n)]^2 \\ &= \frac{a^2}{(r - 1)^2} (r^n - 1)^2 r^{2n} \\ &= \frac{a^2(r^n - 1)(r^{3n} - r^{2n})}{(r - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $S_1(S_3 - S_2) = (S_1 - S_2)^2$



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**EXERCISE – 2.4**

**Q1. Find the specified term of each of the following HP.**

**(i) 10<sup>th</sup> term of**  $1, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{10}$

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference of the AP corresponding to the given HP.

Then,  $a = 1$ ,  $d = 4 - 1 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 10^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the corresponding AP} &= 1 + (10 - 1)3 \\ &= 1 + 9 \times 3 \\ &= 28 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The 10<sup>th</sup> term of the HP is  $\frac{1}{28}$

**(ii) 5<sup>th</sup> Term of**  $\frac{3}{4}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference of the AP corresponding to the given HP.

Then,  $a = \frac{4}{3}$ ,  $d = 1 - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 5^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} &= a + (5 - 1)d \\ &= \frac{4}{3} + 4 \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The 5<sup>th</sup> term of the HP does not exist for the reciprocal of 0 is not defined.

**(iii) 6<sup>th</sup> term of**  $3, 1\frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots$

**Solution:** The corresponding AP is  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, \dots$

Then,  $a = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $d = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 6^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} &= \frac{1}{3} + (6 - 1)\frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{3} \\ &= \frac{6}{3} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  6<sup>th</sup> term of the HP =  $\frac{1}{2}$



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(iv) 20<sup>th</sup> term of  $1, 1\frac{3}{5}, 4, \dots$

**Solution:** The corresponding AP is  $1, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$

$$\text{Then, } a = 1, d = \frac{5}{8} - 1 = \frac{-3}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 20^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} &= 1 + (20 - 1) \left( -\frac{3}{8} \right) \\ &= 1 + 19 \times \left( -\frac{3}{8} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{57}{8} = -\frac{49}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 20^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the HP} = -\frac{8}{49}$$

(v) The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of  $11\frac{2}{3}, 8\frac{3}{4}, 7, 5\frac{5}{6}$

**Solution:** The corresponding AP is

$$\frac{3}{35}, \frac{4}{35}, \frac{1}{7}, \frac{6}{35}$$

$$\text{Here, } a = \frac{3}{35}, d = \frac{4}{35} - \frac{3}{35} = \frac{1}{35}$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$= \frac{3}{35} + (n - 1) \frac{1}{35}$$

$$= \frac{3}{35} + \frac{n - 1}{35}$$

$$= \frac{3 + n - 1}{35}$$

$$= \frac{n + 2}{35}$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the HP} = \frac{35}{n + 2}$$



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**Q2. Find the H.P. whose**

**(i) 1<sup>st</sup> term is  $3\frac{1}{8}$  and 4<sup>th</sup> term is  $1\frac{7}{13}$**

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the common difference of the AP corresponding to the given HP

$$\text{Then, } a = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{25} = \frac{8}{25}}, a_4 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{20} = \frac{13}{20}}$$

$$\therefore 4^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = a + (n-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{20} = \frac{8}{25} + (4-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{20} - \frac{8}{25} = 3d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{65-32}{100} = 3d$$

$$\Rightarrow 3d = \frac{33}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{11}{100}$$

The corresponding AP is  $\frac{8}{25}, \frac{43}{100}, \frac{54}{100}, \dots$

Hence the required HP is  $\frac{25}{8}, \frac{100}{43}, \frac{100}{54}, \dots$  i.e.  $3\frac{1}{8}, 2\frac{14}{43}, 1\frac{23}{27}, \dots$

**(ii) 4<sup>th</sup> term is  $\frac{1}{12}$  and 14<sup>th</sup> term is  $\frac{1}{42}$**

**Solution:** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the c.d. of the corresponding AP.

$$\text{Then, } a_4 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 3d = 12 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\& a_{14} = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 13d = 42 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Subtracting (i) from (ii), we get

$$10d = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 3$$

$$\text{From (i), } a + 3 \times 3 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 12 - 9 = 3$$

$\therefore$  The corresponding AP = 3, 6, 9, 12, 15.

Hence, the required HP =  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{15}, \dots$



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**Q3. Find the 19<sup>th</sup> term of the HP whose 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> terms are  $-\frac{36}{151}$  and  $-\frac{4}{35}$  respectively.**

**Solution:** Here, 5<sup>th</sup> term of the corresponding AP =  $-\frac{151}{36}$

$$\Rightarrow a + 4d = -\frac{151}{36} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

& 10<sup>th</sup> term of the corresponding AP =  $-\frac{35}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow a + 9d = -\frac{35}{4} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} -5d &= -\frac{151}{36} + \frac{35}{4} \\ &= \frac{-151 + 315}{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow -5d = \frac{164}{36} = \frac{41}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -\frac{41}{45}$$

From (i), we get

$$a + 4 \times \left(-\frac{41}{45}\right) = -\frac{151}{36}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a &= -\frac{151}{36} + \frac{164}{45} \\ &= \frac{-755 + 656}{180} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{99}{180} = -\frac{11}{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_{19} &= a + (19-1)d \\ &= -\frac{11}{20} + 18 \times \left(-\frac{41}{45}\right) \\ &= -\frac{11}{20} - \frac{82}{5} \\ &= \frac{-11 - 328}{20} = -\frac{339}{20} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The 19<sup>th</sup> term of the HP =  $-\frac{20}{339}$ .



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**Q4. Insert:**

(i) two harmonic means between  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{81}$

**Solution:** Let  $x_1, x_2$  be the two harmonic means:

Then  $\frac{1}{3}, x_1, x_2, \frac{1}{81}$  are in HP

$\therefore 3, \frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, 81$  are in AP.

Let  $a = 3$  be the first term and  $d$  be the c.d. of the AP.

Now,  $81 = 3 + (4-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow 81 = 3 + 3d$$

$$\Rightarrow 3d = 78$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 26$$

$$\frac{1}{x_1} = 3 + 26 = 29 \quad \frac{1}{x_2} = 29 + 26 = 55$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{1}{29}, \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{55}$$

(ii) Three harmonic means between  $2\frac{2}{5}$  and 12.

**Solution:** Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  be the three harmonic means

Then,  $\frac{12}{5}, x_1, x_2, x_3, 12$  are in HP

$\therefore \frac{5}{12}, \frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, \frac{1}{x_3}, \frac{1}{12}$  are in AP

Let  $a = \frac{5}{12}$  and  $d$  be the c.d. of the AP.



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Now,  $\frac{1}{12} = \frac{5}{12} + (5-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{12} - \frac{5}{12} = 4d$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4}{12} = 4d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{-1}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_1} = \frac{5}{12} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_2} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{4-1}{12} = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_3} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{3-1}{12} = \frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Hence, the three harmonic means are 3, 4 and 6.

**(iii) four harmonic means between 1 and 6.**

**Solution:** Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  be the four harmonic means.

Then 1,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, 6$  are in HP

$\therefore 1, \frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, \frac{1}{x_3}, \frac{1}{x_4}, \frac{1}{6}$  are in AP

Here,  $a = 1$

Now,  $\frac{1}{6} = 1 + (6-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} = 1 + 5d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} - 1 = 5d$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{5}{6} = 5d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -\frac{1}{6}$$



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$$\therefore \frac{1}{x_1} = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_2} = \frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_3} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4-1}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_4} = \frac{3}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\therefore$  The four harmonic means are  $\frac{6}{5}, \frac{3}{2}, 2$  and  $3$ .

**(iv) Three harmonic means between  $a$  and  $b$ .**

**Solution:** Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  the three harmonic means.

Then,  $a, x_1, x_2, x_3, b$  are in HP .

$\therefore \frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, \frac{1}{x_3}, \frac{1}{b}$  are in AP.

Now, 
$$\frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a} + (5-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} = 4d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{ab} = 4d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{a-b}{4ab}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x_1} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{a-b}{4ab} = \frac{4b+a-b}{4ab} = \frac{a+3b}{4ab}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_2} = \frac{a+3b}{4ab} + \frac{a-b}{4ab} = \frac{a+3b+a-b}{4ab} = \frac{2a+2b}{4ab} = \frac{a+b}{2ab}$$

$$\frac{1}{x_3} = \frac{a+b}{2ab} + \frac{a-b}{4ab} = \frac{2a+2b+a-b}{4ab} = \frac{3a+b}{4ab}$$

$\therefore$  The three harmonic means are  $\frac{4ab}{a+3b}, \frac{2ab}{a+b}$  and  $\frac{4ab}{3a+b}$



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**Q5.** If the  $p^{\text{th}}$  term of an HP be  $q$  and the  $q^{\text{th}}$  term be  $p$ , prove that

(i)  $(p + q)^{\text{th}}$  term is  $\frac{pq}{p + q}$

(ii)  $n^{\text{th}}$  term is  $\frac{pq}{n}$

(iii)  $(pq)^{\text{th}}$  term is 1.

**Solution:**

(i) Let  $a$  be the first term and  $d$  be the c.d. of the corresponding AP.

Then,  $p^{\text{th}}$  term =  $\frac{1}{q}$

$$\Rightarrow a + (p - 1)d = \frac{1}{q} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

&  $q^{\text{th}}$  term =  $\frac{1}{p}$

$$\Rightarrow a + (q - 1)d = \frac{1}{p} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Subtracting (i) from (ii), we get

$$(q - 1 - p + 1)d = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow (q - p)d = \frac{q - p}{pq}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{pq}$$

From (i), we get

$$a + (p - 1)\frac{1}{pq} = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{p - 1}{pq} = \frac{p - p + 1}{pq} = \frac{1}{pq}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}(p+q)^{\text{th}} \text{ term} &= a + (p+q-1)d \\ &= \frac{1}{pq} + (p+q-1)\frac{1}{pq} \\ &= \frac{1+p+q-1}{pq} \\ &= \frac{p+q}{pq}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (p+q)^{\text{th}} \text{ term of HP} = \frac{pq}{p+q}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(ii) } n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} &= a + (n-1)d \\ &= \frac{1}{pq} + (n-1)\frac{1}{pq} \\ &= \frac{1+n-1}{pq} = \frac{n}{pq}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the HP} = \frac{pq}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(iii) } (pq)^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} &= a + (pq-1)d \\ &= \frac{1}{pq} + (pq-1)\frac{1}{pq} \\ &= \frac{1+pq-1}{pq} = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (pq)^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the HP} = 1$$



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**Q6.** If the  $p^{\text{th}}$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$  and  $r^{\text{th}}$  terms of the HP be  $a, b, c$  respectively, show that  $(q-r)bc + (r-p)ca - (p-q)ab = 0$ .

**Solution:** Let  $A$  be the first term and  $D$  be the c.d. of the corresponding A.P.

$$\text{Then, } p^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = A + (p-1)D$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = A + (p-1)D \quad - \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\frac{1}{b} = A + (q-1)D \quad - \quad \text{(ii)}$$

$$\& \quad \frac{1}{c} = A + (r-1)D \quad - \quad \text{(iii)}$$

Multiplying (i) by  $abc(q-r)$ , (ii) by  $abc(r-p)$  and (iii) by  $abc(p-q)$  and adding, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (q-r)bc + (r-p)ac + (p-q)ab &= A\{(q-r)abc + (r-p)abc + (p-q)abc\} \\ &+ D\{abc(q-r)(p-1) + abc(r-p)(q-1) + abc(p-q)(r-1)\} \\ &= A.abc(q-r+r-p+p-q) + Dabc\{qp-q-pr+r+rq-r-pq+p+pr-p-qr+q\} \\ &= abcA \times 0 + abc.D \times 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Q7.** If  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in AP, prove that  $b+c, c+a, a+b$  are in HP.

**Solution:** Since  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in AP,

$$b^2 - a^2 = c^2 - b^2$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{b+c}, \frac{1}{c+a}, \frac{1}{a+b}$  are in AP

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{c+a} - \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{1}{a+b} - \frac{1}{c+a}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{b+c-c-a}{(c+a)(b+c)} = \frac{c+a-a-b}{(a+b)(c+a)}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{b-a}{b+c} = \frac{c-b}{a+b}$$

$$\text{if } (b-a)(a+b) = (c-b)(b+c)$$

$$\text{if } ab - a^2 + b^2 - ab = bc + c^2 - b^2 - bc$$

$$\text{if } b^2 - a^2 = c^2 - b^2 \text{ which is true}$$

Hence,  $b+c, c+a, a+b$  are in HP.



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**Q8.** If  $a, b, c$  be in AP and  $p, q, r$  be in HP show that

$$\frac{a+c}{bq} = \frac{p+r}{pr}$$

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP

$$b - a = c - b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

and  $p, q, r$  are in HP

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}, \frac{1}{r} \text{ are in AP}$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{q}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p-q}{pq} = \frac{q-r}{qr}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p-q}{p} = \frac{q-r}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{q}{p} = \frac{q}{r} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{q}{r} + \frac{q}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+c}{b} = \frac{pq+qr}{rp}$$

[by using (i)]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+c}{bq} = \frac{p+r}{rp}$$



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**Q9.** If  $\frac{a+b}{2}, b, \frac{b+c}{2}$  be in HP, show that  $a, b, c$  are in GP.

**Solution:** Since  $\frac{2}{a+b}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{2}{b+c}$  are in AP

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{b} - \frac{2}{a+b} = \frac{2}{b+c} - \frac{1}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{b} = \frac{2}{a+b} + \frac{2}{b+c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} = \frac{b+c+a+b}{(a+b)(b+c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} = \frac{2b+c+a}{(a+b)(b+c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)(b+c) = 2b^2 + bc + ba$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + ac + b^2 + bc = 2b^2 + bc + ba$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$$

Hence,  $a, b, c$  are in GP.

**Q10.** If  $a, b, c$  are in HP, show that  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b+c}, \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c+a}, \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a+b}$  are also in HP.

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in HP.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c} \text{ are in AP.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{2}{b} \quad - \quad (i)$$



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Now,  $a(b+c), b(c+a), c(a+b)$  are in AP

$$\text{if } b(c+a) - a(b+c) = c(a+b) - b(c+a)$$

$$\text{if } bc + ba - ab - ac = ca + bc - bc - ab$$

$$\text{if } bc - ac = ca - ab$$

$$\text{if } bc + ba = 2ac$$

$$\text{if } \frac{bc + ba}{abc} = \frac{2ac}{abc}$$

$$\text{if } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{2}{b} \text{ which is true by (i)}$$

Hence,  $\frac{1}{a(b+c)}, \frac{1}{b(c+a)}, \frac{1}{c(a+b)}$  are in HP.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{a(b+c)}, \frac{a+b+c}{b(c+a)}, \frac{a+b+c}{c(a+b)} \text{ are in HP.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{a(b+c)} + \frac{b+c}{a(b+c)}, \frac{b}{b(c+a)} + \frac{a+c}{b(c+a)}, \frac{c}{c(a+b)} + \frac{a+b}{c(a+b)} \text{ are in HP.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{c+a} + \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{c} \text{ are in HP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b+c}, \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c+a}, \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a+b} \text{ are in HP.}$$

**Q11.** If  $a, b, c$  be in AP.,  $b, c, d$  in GP and  $c, d, e$  in HP, prove that  $a, c, e$  are in GP.

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP

$$b - a = c - b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{a+c}{2} \quad - \quad \text{(i)}$$

&  $b, c, d$  are in GP

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = bd \quad - \quad \text{(ii)}$$



Also,  $c, d, e$  are in HP

$\therefore \frac{1}{c}, \frac{1}{d}, \frac{1}{e}$  are in AP

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{d} = \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{c+e}{ce}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{2ce}{c+e} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$c^2 = \frac{a+c}{2} \times \frac{2ce}{c+e} = \frac{ce(a+c)}{c+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{e(a+c)}{c+e}$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 + ce = e(a+c)$$

$$c^2 = ae$$

$\therefore a, c, e$  are in GP.

**Q12.** If  $a, b, c$  are in GP, show that  $\log_a x, \log_b x, \log_c x$  are in HP.

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in GP

$$\therefore \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_x (b^2) = \log_x (ac) \quad [\text{Taking } \log \text{ on both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \log_x b = \log_x a + \log_x c$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_x b - \log_x a = \log_x c - \log_x b$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_x a, \log_x b, \log_x c \text{ are in A.P.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\log_x a}, \frac{1}{\log_x b}, \frac{1}{\log_x c} \text{ are in HP.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_a x, \log_b x, \log_c x \text{ are in HP.}$$





**Q13.** If  $a, b, c$  are in AP and  $b, c, d$  are in HP, prove that  $ad = bc$

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c$  are in AP,

$$\begin{aligned}
 b - a &= c - b \\
 \Rightarrow 2b &= a + c \quad \text{--- (i)}
 \end{aligned}$$

And  $b, c, d$  are in HP

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}, \frac{1}{d} &\text{ are in AP} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{b} &= \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{c} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{b - c}{bc} &= \frac{c - d}{cd} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{b - c}{b} &= \frac{c - d}{d} \\
 \Rightarrow bd - cd &= bc - bd \\
 \Rightarrow 2bd - cd &= bc \\
 \Rightarrow (a + c)d - cd &= bc \quad \text{[by (i)]} \\
 \Rightarrow ad &= bc
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q14.** If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are in HP, show that

$$x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}x_n = (n-1)x_1x_n.$$

**Solution:** Since  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are in HP

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \frac{1}{x_1}, \frac{1}{x_2}, \frac{1}{x_3}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n} &\text{ are in AP} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_2} - \frac{1}{x_1} &= \frac{1}{x_3} - \frac{1}{x_2} = \frac{1}{x_4} - \frac{1}{x_3} = \dots = \frac{1}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_{n-1}} = d \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{x_1 - x_2}{x_1x_2} &= \frac{x_2 - x_3}{x_2x_3} = \frac{x_3 - x_4}{x_3x_4} = \dots = \frac{x_{n-1} - x_n}{x_{n-1}x_n} = d \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{x_1 - x_2 + x_2 - x_3 + x_3 - x_4 + \dots + x_{n-1} - x_n}{x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 + \dots + x_{n-1}x_n} &= d \quad \text{[By addendo]} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{x_1 - x_n}{d} &= x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 + \dots + x_{n-1}x_n \quad \text{--- (i)}
 \end{aligned}$$



Now,  $\frac{1}{x_n} = \frac{1}{x_1} + (n-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_1} = (n-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1 - x_n}{x_1 x_n} = (n-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_n = (n-1)d \times x_1 x_n \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii), we get,

$$\frac{(n-1)d \times x_1 x_n}{d} = x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_4 + \dots + x_{n-1} x_n$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_4 + \dots + x_{n-1} x_n = (n-1)x_1 x_n$$

**Q15. If  $a, b, c, d$  are in HP, prove that  $a + d > b + c$ .**

**Solution:** Since  $a, b, c, d$  are in HP,

HM. between  $a$  and  $c = b$

& HM between  $b$  and  $d = c$

Again, AM between  $a$  and  $c = \frac{a+c}{2}$

& AM between  $b$  and  $d = \frac{b+d}{2}$

Now, A.M > H.M.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+c}{2} > b \text{ and } \frac{b+d}{2} > c$$

Then,  $\frac{a+c}{2} + \frac{b+d}{2} > b+c$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+c+b+d}{2} > b+c$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b+c+d > 2(b+c)$$

$$\Rightarrow a+d > b+c$$





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**Q16.** The GM and HM between two numbers are 9 and  $\frac{27}{5}$  respectively. Find the numbers.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the two numbers

Then,  $GM=9$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{ab} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 81 \quad - \quad (i)$$

$$\& \text{ HM} = \frac{27}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2ab}{a+b} = \frac{27}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \times 81}{a+b} = \frac{27}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = \frac{81 \times 2 \times 5}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 30 - b \quad - \quad (ii)$$

From (i) & (ii), we get

$$(30 - b)b = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 30b - b^2 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 30b + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 27b - 3b + 81 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b(b - 27) - 3(b - 27) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (b - 27)(b - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (b - 3)(b - 27) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 3, 27$$

When  $b = 3$ ,  $a = 30 - 3 = 27$

When  $b = 27$ ,  $a = 30 - 27 = 3$

$\therefore$  The two numbers are 3 and 27.

**Q17.** If AM and GM of two positive numbers are 12 and 6 respectively. Find their HM.

**Solution:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the two positive numbers.

Then,  $AM = 12$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 24$$

&  $GM = \sqrt{ab}$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 36$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ HM} &= \frac{2ab}{a+b} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 36}{24} = 3 \end{aligned}$$



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**Q18.** If  $\frac{b+c-a}{a}, \frac{c+a-b}{b}, \frac{a+b-c}{c}$  in AP, show that  $a, b, c,$  are in HP.

**Solution:** Since  $\frac{b+c-a}{a}, \frac{c+a-b}{b}, \frac{a+b-c}{c}$  are in AP.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c-2a}{a}, \frac{c+a+b-2b}{b}, \frac{a+b+c-2c}{c} \text{ are in AP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{a} - 2, \frac{a+b+c}{b} - 2, \frac{a+b+c}{c} - 2 \text{ are in AP.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{a}, \frac{a+b+c}{b}, \frac{a+b+c}{c} \text{ are in AP}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c} \text{ are in AP}$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b, c \text{ are in HP.}$$

**Q19.** Which term of the HP  $1, \frac{8}{5}, 4, \dots$  is  $-\frac{1}{8}$ ?

**Solution:** We have, the corresponding AP is  $1, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$

$$\therefore a = 1, d = \frac{5}{8} - 1 = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the HP} = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of the AP} = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + (n-1)\left(-\frac{3}{8}\right) = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1)\left(-\frac{3}{8}\right) = -9$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1) = -9 \times \left(-\frac{8}{3}\right) = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 25$$

Hence  $-\frac{1}{8}$  is the 25<sup>th</sup> term of the HP.



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**Q20.** If  $A$  be the AM and  $H$  be the HM between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Prove that  $\frac{a-A}{a-H} \times \frac{b-A}{b-H} = \frac{A}{H}$

**Solution:** We have,  $A = \frac{a+b}{2}$

$$H = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a-A}{a-H} \times \frac{b-A}{b-H} &= \frac{a - \frac{a+b}{2}}{a - \frac{2ab}{a+b}} \times \frac{b - \frac{a+b}{2}}{b - \frac{2ab}{a+b}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2a-a-b}{2}}{\frac{a^2+ab-2ab}{a+b}} \times \frac{\frac{2b-a-b}{2}}{\frac{ab+b^2-2ab}{a+b}} \\ &= \frac{a-b}{2} \times \frac{a+b}{a^2-ab} \times \frac{b-a}{2} \times \frac{a+b}{b^2-ab} \\ &= \frac{a-b}{2} \times \frac{a+b}{a(a-b)} \times \frac{b-a}{2} \times \frac{a+b}{b(b-a)} \\ &= \frac{(a+b)^2}{4ab} \\ &= \frac{a+b}{2} \times \frac{a+b}{2ab} \\ &= \frac{\frac{a+b}{2}}{\frac{2ab}{a+b}} \\ &= \frac{A}{H} \end{aligned}$$



## SOLUTIONS

### EXERCISE 2.5

Find the sum of the following series to  $n$  terms.

1.  $1+4+7+10+\dots\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the series,  $t_n = 1 + (n - 1)3$   
 $= 1 + 3n - 3$   
 $= 3n - 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Required sum} &= \sum t_n \\ &= \sum (3n - 2) \\ &= 3 \sum n - 2n \\ &= \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} - 2n \\ &= \frac{n}{2} [3(n+1) - 4] \\ &= \frac{n}{2} (3n - 1)\end{aligned}$$

Q2.  $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots\dots\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the series,  $t_n = [1 + (n - 1)2]^2$

$$= (2n - 1)^2 = 4n^2 - 4n + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Required sum} &= \sum (4n^2 - 4n + 1) \\ &= 4 \sum n^2 - 4 \sum n + n \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 4 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n \\ &= n \left[ \frac{2(n+1)(2n+1)}{3} - 2(n+1) + 1 \right] \\ &= n \left[ \frac{2(2n^2 + n + 2n + 1)}{3} - 2n - 2 + 1 \right] \\ &= n \left[ \frac{4n^2 + 6n + 2 - 6n - 6 + 3}{3} \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{3} [4n^2 - 1]\end{aligned}$$



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Q3.  $1.2+2.3+3.4+\dots$

**Solution:** We have,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,2,3,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 2, 3, 4, \dots]$

$$= [1 + (n-1) \times 1][2 + (n-1) \times 1]$$
$$= n(n+1) = n^2 + n$$

$\therefore$  Required sum  $= \sum (n^2 + n)$

$$= \sum n^2 + \sum n$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{2n+1}{3} + 1 \right]$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{2n+1+3}{3} \right]$$
$$= \frac{n}{6} (n+1)(2n+4)$$
$$= \frac{n}{3} (n+1)(n+2)$$

Q4.  $1.3+3.5+5.7+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,3,5,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 3,5,7, \dots]$

$$= [1 + (n-1)2][3 + (n-1)2]$$
$$= (2n-1)(2n+1) = 4n^2 - 1$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum (4n^2 - 1)$

$$= 4 \sum n^2 - n$$
$$= \frac{4n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - n$$
$$= \frac{n}{3} [2(n+1)(2n+1) - 3]$$
$$= \frac{n}{3} [4n^2 + 2n + 4n + 2 - 3]$$
$$= \frac{n}{3} [4n^2 + 6n - 1]$$



**Q5.**  $1.2^2 + 2.3^2 + 3.4^2 + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,2,3,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 2,3,4,\dots]^2$

$$= n(n+1)^2 = n^3 + 2n^2 + n$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum (n^3 + 2n^2 + n)$

$$= \sum n^3 + 2\sum n^2 + \sum n$$

$$= \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2 + \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{2(2n+1)}{3} + 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2 + 3n + 8n + 4 + 6}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2 + 11n + 10}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{12} (n+1)(3n^2 + 11n + 10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+5)$$

**Q6.**  $1.3^2 + 2.4^2 + 3.5^2 + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,2,3,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 3,4,5,\dots]^2$

$$= [1 + (n-1)1][3 + (n-1)1]^2$$

$$= n(n+2)^2$$

$$= n(n^2 + 4n + 4)$$

$$= n^3 + 4n^2 + 4n$$

$S_n = \sum (n^3 + 4n^2 + 4n)$

$$= \sum n^3 + 4\sum n^2 + 4\sum n$$

$$= \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2 + \frac{4n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{4n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{4(2n+1)}{3} + 4 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2 + 3n + 16n + 8 + 24}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2 + 19n + 32}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{12} (n+1)(3n^2 + 19n + 32)$$





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**Q7.**  $1.2^2 + 3.5^2 + 5.8^2 + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,3,5,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 2,5,8,\dots]^2$

$$= [1 + (n-1) \cdot 2][2 + (n-1) \cdot 3]^2$$

$$= (2n-1)(3n-1)^2$$

$$= (2n-1)(9n^2 - 6n + 1)$$

$$= 18n^3 - 12n^2 + 2n - 9n^2 + 6n - 1$$

$$= 18n^3 - 21n^2 + 8n - 1$$

Now,  $S_n = \sum t_n$

$$= \sum (18n^3 - 21n^2 + 8n - 1)$$

$$= 18 \sum n^3 - 21 \sum n^2 + 8 \sum n - n$$

$$= 18 \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 - 21 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 8 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{18n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{21(2n+1)}{3} + 8 \right] - n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [9n^2 + 9n - 14n - 7 + 8] - n$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [(n+1)(9n^2 - 5n + 1) - 2]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [9n^3 - 5n^2 + n + 9n^2 - 5n + 1 - 2]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [9n^3 + 4n^2 - 4n - 1]$$

**Q8.**  $1+(1+3)+(1+3+5)+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = (1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + n)$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2 \cdot 1 + (n-1)2]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2 + 2n - 2]$$

$$= n^2$$

Now,  $S_n = \sum t_n$

$$= \sum n^2$$

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



Q9.  $1^3+3^3+5^3+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [1 + (n-1)2]^3$

$$= (2n-1)^3$$

$$= 8n^3 - 12n^2 + 6n - 1$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum(8n^3 - 12n^2 + 6n - 1)$

$$= 8\sum n^3 - 12\sum n^2 + 6\sum n - n$$

$$= 8\left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2 - 12 \times \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 6 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{8n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{12(2n+1)}{3} + 6 \right] - n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [4n^2 + 4n - 8n - 4 + 6] - n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [4n^2 - 4n + 2] - n$$

$$= n(n+1)(2n^2 - 2n + 1) - n$$

$$= n(2n^3 - 2n^2 + n + 2n^2 - 2n + 1 - 1)$$

$$= n(2n^3 - n)$$

$$= n^2(2n^2 - 1)$$

Q10.  $1.1+2.3+3.5+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,2,3,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,3,5,\dots]$

$$= [1 + (n-1)1][1 + (n-1)2]$$

$$= n(2n-1)$$

$$= 2n^2 - n$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum(2n^2 - n)$

$$= 2\sum n^2 - \sum n$$



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

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{2(2n+1)}{3} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{4n+2-3}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{6} (n+1)(4n-1)$$

Q11.  $1.3+2.5+3.7+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 1,2,3,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 3,5,7,\dots]$

$$= n(2n+1)$$

$$= 2n^2 + n$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum (2n^2 + n)$$

$$= 2\sum n^2 + \sum n$$

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

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{2(2n+1)}{3} + 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{4n+2+3}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{6} (n+1)(4n+5)$$

Q12.  $1.2.4+2.3.7+3.4.10+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [1 + (n-1)1][2 + (n-1)1][4 + (n-1)3]$

$$= n(n+1)(3n+1)$$

$$= (n^2 + n)(3n+1)$$

$$= 3n^3 + n^2 + 3n^2 + n$$

$$= 3n^3 + 4n^2 + n$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore S_n &= \sum (3n^3 + 4n^2 + n) \\
 &= 3\sum n^3 + 4\sum n^2 + \sum n \\
 &= 3\left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2 + 4\left[\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right] + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{4(2n+1)}{3} + 1 \right] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{9n^2 + 9n + 16n + 8 + 6}{6} \right] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{9n^2 + 25n + 14}{6} \right] \\
 &= \frac{n}{12} (n+1)(9n^2 + 25n + 14)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q13.**  $1 + \frac{1+2}{2} + \frac{1+2+3}{3} + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2n} \\
 &= \frac{n+1}{2} \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore S_n &= \sum \left( \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum n + \frac{1}{2} n \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{1}{2} n \\
 &= \frac{n}{4} [n+1+2] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+3)}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Q14.** 2.4+4.6+6.8+.....

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 2,4,6,\dots] [n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of } 4,6,8,\dots]$

$$= [2 + (n-1)2][4 + (n-1)2]$$

$$= [2 + 2n - 2][4 + 2n - 2]$$

$$= 2n(2n + 2)$$

$$= 4n^2 + 4n$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum (4n^2 + 4n)$$

$$= 4\sum n^2 + 4\sum n$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{n(n+1)(2n-1)}{6} + \frac{4n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{2n-1}{3} + 1 \right]$$

$$= 2n(n+1) \left[ \frac{2n-1+3}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}n(n+1)(n+2)$$

**Q15.** 1.3.5+3.5.7+5.7.9+.....

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [1 + (n-1)2][3 + (n-1)2][5 + (n-1)2]$

$$= (2n-1)(2n+1)(2n+3)$$

$$= (4n^2 - 1)(2n+3)$$

$$= 8n^3 + 12n^2 - 2n - 3$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum (8n^3 + 12n^2 - 2n - 3)$$

$$= 8\sum n^3 + 12\sum n^2 - 2\sum n - 3n$$

$$= 8 \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + 12 \left[ \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right] - 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 3n$$



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$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ 8 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 12 \frac{(2n+1)}{3} - 2 \right] - 3n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [4n^2 + 4n + 8n + 4 - 2] - 3n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [4n^2 + 12n + 2] - 3n$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [4n^3 + 12n^2 + 2n + 4n^2 + 12n + 2] - 3n$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [4n^3 + 16n^2 + 14n + 2] - 3n$$

$$= n [2n^3 + 8n^2 + 7n + 1 - 3]$$

$$= n(2n^3 + 8n^2 + 7n - 2)$$

**Q16.** 1.4.7+2.5.8+3.6.9+.....

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n$

$$= [1 + (n-1)1][4 + (n-1)1][7 + (n-1)1]$$

$$= n(n+3)(n+6)$$

$$= (n^2 + 3n)(n+6)$$

$$= n^3 + 6n^2 + 3n^2 + 18n$$

$$= n^3 + 9n^2 + 18n$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum (n^3 + 9n^2 + 18n)$$

$$= \sum n^3 + 9 \sum n^2 + 18 \sum n$$

$$= \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{9n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{18n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{9(2n+1)}{3} + 18 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n^2+n+12n+6+36}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{4} (n+1)(n^2 + 13n + 42)$$

$$= \frac{n}{4} (n+1)(n+6)(n+7)$$



**Q17. 1.5.9+2.6.10+3.7.11+.....**

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [1+(n-1)1][5+(n-1)1][9+(n-1)1]$

$$= n(n+4)(n+8)$$
$$= (n^2 + 4n)(n+8)$$
$$= n^3 + 8n^2 + 4n^2 + 32n$$
$$= n^3 + 12n^2 + 32n$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum (n^3 + 12n^2 + 32n)$

$$= \sum n^3 + 12\sum n^2 + 32\sum n$$
$$= \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{12n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{32n(n+1)}{2}$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{12(2n+1)}{3} + 32 \right]$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n^2 + n + 16n + 8 + 64}{2} \right]$$
$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n^2 + 17n + 72}{2} \right]$$
$$= \frac{n}{4} (n+1)(n+8)(n+9)$$

**Q18. 1.2.4+2.3.5+3.4.6+.....**

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [1+(n-1)1][2+(n-1)1][4+(n-1)1]$

$$= n(n+1)(n+3)$$
$$= (n^2 + n)(n+3)$$
$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + n^2 + 3n$$
$$= n^3 + 4n^2 + 3n$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum (n^3 + 4n^2 + 3n)$

$$= \sum n^3 + 4\sum n^2 + 3\sum n$$



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$$= \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{4n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{3n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{4(2n+1)}{3} + 3 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2+3n+16n+8+18}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2+19n+26}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{12} (n+1) (3n^2 + 6n + 13n + 26)$$

$$= \frac{n}{12} (n+1)(n+2)(3n+13)$$

Q19.  $1.3.4+2.4.5+3.4.6+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n$

$$= [1+(n-1)1][3+(n-1)1][4+(n-1)1]$$

$$= n(n+2)(n+3)$$

$$= (n^2 + 2n)(n+3)$$

$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n^2 + 6n$$

$$= n^3 + 5n^2 + 6n$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum (n^3 + 5n^2 + 6n)$$

$$= \sum n^3 + 5 \sum n^2 + 6 \sum n$$

$$= \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{5n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{6n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{5(2n+1)}{3} + 6 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{3n^2+3n+20n+10+36}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} [3n^2 + 23n + 46]$$





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Q20.  $1.3.5+2.4.6+3.5.7+\dots\dots\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = [1+(n-1)1][3+(n-1)1][5+(n-1)1]$

$$= n(n+2)(n+4)$$

$$= (n^2 + 2n)(n+4)$$

$$= n^3 + 4n^2 + 2n^2 + 8n$$

$$= n^3 + 6n^2 + 8n$$

$\therefore S_n = \sum (n^3 + 6n^2 + 8n)$

$$= \sum n^3 + 6 \sum n^2 + 8 \sum n$$

$$= \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{6n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{8n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 2(2n+1) + 8 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{n^2+n+8n+4+16}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} [n^2 + 9n + 20]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} (n+4)(n+5)$$

Q21.  $1^2 + \frac{1^2+2^2}{2} + \frac{1^2+2^2+3^2}{3} + \dots\dots\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = \frac{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots\dots\dots + n^2}{n}$

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

$$= \frac{1}{6} [2n^2 + n + 2n + 1]$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{3} + \frac{3n}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{n^2}{3} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{6}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore S_n &= \sum \left( \frac{n^2}{3} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \sum n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum n + \frac{1}{6} n \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3 \times 6} + \frac{n(n+1)}{2 \times 2} + \frac{1}{6} n \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{2n+1}{9} + \frac{1}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} n \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{4n+2+9}{18} \right] + \frac{1}{6} n \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left( \frac{4n+11}{18} \right) + \frac{1}{6} n \\
 &= \frac{n}{36} [4n^2 + 11n + 4n + 11 + 6] \\
 &= \frac{n}{36} [4n^2 + 15n + 17]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q22.**  $1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2) + (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots) + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} [(n^2 + n)(2n+1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} [(2n^3 + n^2 + 2n^2 + n)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} [(2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} n^3 + \frac{1}{2} n^2 + \frac{1}{6} n
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore S_n &= \sum \left( \frac{1}{3}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \sum n^3 + \frac{1}{2} \sum n^2 + \frac{1}{6} \sum n \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{12} [n(n+1) + (2n+1) + 1] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{12} [n^2 + n + 2n + 1 + 1] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{12} [n^2 + 3n + 2] \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)(n+1)(n+2)}{12} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q23.**  $\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3 + 2^3}{1+2} + \frac{1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3}{1+2+3} + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = \frac{1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3}{1+2+3+\dots+n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2}{\left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore S_n &= \sum \left( \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum n
 \end{aligned}$$



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

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} \left[ \frac{2n+1}{3} + 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} \left[ \frac{2n+1+3}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} \times \frac{(2n+4)}{3}$$

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

**Q24.**  $\frac{1^2}{2} + \frac{1^2+2^2}{3} + \frac{1^2+2^2+3^2}{4} + \dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = \frac{1^2+2^2+\dots+n^2}{n+1}$

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

$$= \frac{2n^2+n}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum \left( \frac{1}{3}n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum n^2 + \frac{1}{6} \sum n$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{6} \left[ \left( \frac{2n+1}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{6} \frac{4n+2+3}{6}$$

$$= \frac{n}{36} (n+1)(4n+5)$$

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Q25.  $2+(2+5)+(2+5+8)+\dots$

**Solution:** Here,  $t_n = 2 + 5 + 8 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms

$$= \frac{n}{2}[2.2 + (n-1).3]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}[4 + 3n - 3]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}(3n + 1)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$$

$$\therefore S_n = \sum \left( \frac{3}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \sum n^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum n$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} [2n+1+1]$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} [2n+2]$$

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

