

Chapter- 9

Sequences and Series

Numbers are a determine order forms a sequence.

Sequence

A sequence is a function whose domain is the set of natural numbers and range is a subset of a set of real numbers.

i.e $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ (where $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$) be defined by $f(n) = a_n$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$

A sequence is represented by $\{a_n\}$ or (a_n)

We have $\{a_n\} = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$ here a_1, a_2 are called the terms or enumerations of the sequences.

a_n is the n th term and is called the general term of the sequence

If $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$ are real number, the $\{a_n\}$ is called a real sequence.

Types of Sequence:**1. Finite sequence**

A sequence is said to be finite if it contains a finite number of terms

2. Infinite sequence

A sequence which is not a finite sequence is known as an infinite sequence.

Representation of a sequence

A real sequence can be represented in different ways.

(i) A real sequence can be represented by listing its few terms until the rule for writing down other terms becomes clear.

e.g $3, 5, 7, \dots$ is a sequence and rule for writing down other terms is $(2n+1)$

(ii) A real sequence can be represented in terms of a rule or an algebraic formula of writing the n th term of the sequence

e.g. The sequence $1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$ can be written as $a_n = 2n - 1$

(iii) Sometimes the sequence i.e an arrangement of numbers has no visible pattern but the sequence can be represented by the recurrence relation.

e.g. The sequence $1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots$ has no visible pattern but its recurrence relation is $a_1 = a_2 = 1$ and $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1}$, $n \geq 2$. This sequence is called Fibonacci sequence.

Example:-1

Find the first three terms of the sequence defined by, $a_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$

Solution:-

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$a_3 = \frac{3}{9+1} = \frac{3}{10}$$

Example:-2

If the n th term, ' a_n ' is given by $a_n = n^2 - n + 1$ write down its first five terms

Solution:-

$$a_1 = 1 - 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 4 - 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$a_3 = 9 - 3 + 1 = 7$$

$$a_4 = 16 - 4 + 1 = 13$$

$$a_5 = 25 - 5 + 1 = 21$$

Example:-3

Find the first four terms of the sequence defined by $a_1 = 3$ and $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 1$ for all $n > 1$

Solution:-

$$a_2 = 3a_1 + 1 = 3(3) + 1 = 10$$

$$a_3 = 3a_2 + 1 = 3(10) + 1 = 31$$

$$a_4 = 3a_3 + 1 = 3(31) + 1 = 94$$

Series:-

The sum of terms of a sequence is called a series. If a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots are terms of a sequence, then

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \text{ is a series}$$

A series is said to be finite or infinite according to the corresponding sequence is finite or infinite.

Example:-4

Let the sequence a_n is defined as $a_1 = 2, a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$ for $n \geq 2$. Find the first five terms and write the corresponding series.

Solution:-

We have $a_1=2$ and $a_n=a_{n-1}+3$, so $a_2=5, a_3=8, a_4=11, a_5=14$

Thus first five terms of given sequence are 2,5,8,11 and 14.

Also, the corresponding series is $2+5+8+11+14+\dots$

Arithmetic Progression (A.P)

A sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots is called as A.P of $a_2 - a_1 = a_3 - a_2 = \dots = a_n - a_{n-1} = \dots = d$ where d is called the common difference.

i.g 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, is an A.P

Example:-1

Show that the sequence defined by $a_n = 4n + 5$ is an AP. Also, find its common difference.

Solution:-

$$a_n = 4n + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n-1} = 4(n-1) + 5$$

$$= 4n + 1$$

$$\text{Now, } a_n - a_{n-1}$$

$$= (4n + 5) - (4n + 1) = 4$$

Which is a constant and is independent of n . Thus the given sequence is an A.P and the common difference is 4.

Example:-2

Show that the sequence defined by $a_n = 2n^2 + 3$ is not an AP.

Solution:-

$$a_n = 2n^2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n-1} = 2(n-1)^2 + 3$$

$$= 2n^2 + 2 - 4n + 3$$

$$= 2n^2 - 4n + 5$$

$$\text{Now, } a_n - a_{n-1}$$

$$= (2n^2 + 3) - (2n^2 - 4n + 5)$$

$$= 4n - 2$$

Which is not independent of n

Thus the given sequence is not an AP; we cannot determine the common difference.

Properties:-

01. If a constant is added or subtracted to each term of an AP, then the resulting sequence is also an A.P
02. If each term of an AP is multiplied by a constant, then its resulting sequence is also an AP
03. If each term of an AP is divided by a non-zero constant, then the resulting sequence is also an AP
04. If a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots are in AP and b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots are in AP, then the sequence obtained by termwise addition is also an AP. i.e. $a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3, \dots$ is an A.P

Note:- If d is a common difference and a is the first term, then the terms of the sequence which is in AP are $a, a + d, a + 2d, a + 3d, \dots$

The general term of an AP:-

If a be the first term and d be the common difference of an AP, then its n^{th} term is $a_n = a + (n - 1)d$.

Example: - 3

Show that the sequence 9, 12, 15, 18, is an AP. Find its 16th term.

Solution:- Here $12 - 9 = 15 - 12 = 18 - 15 = \dots = 3$

So, the given sequence is an AP

Here, $a = 9, d = 3, n = 16$

Now, $a_{16} = 9 + 15 \times 3 = 54$

Example:-4

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Which term of the sequence 72, 70, 68, 66, is 40?

Solution:- Here, $70 - 72 = 68 - 70 = \dots = -2$

$a = 72$, let the n^{th} term is 40, i.e. $a_n = 40$

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

$$\Rightarrow 40 = 72 + (n - 1)(-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2)(n - 1) = -32$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 17$$

Hence, the 17th term of the sequence is 40.

Example:- 5

Which term of the sequence 4, 9, 14, 19, is 124?

Solution:- Here, $a = 4, d = 5, a_n = 124$

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

$$\Rightarrow 124 = 4 + (n-1)5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(n-1) = 120$$

$$\Rightarrow n-1 = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 25$$

Hence, the 25th term of the AP is 124.

Example:- 6

The sum of three numbers in AP is -3 and their product is 8. Find the AP

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

According to question sum of three numbers in AP is -3

$$\Rightarrow a - d + a + a + d = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1$$

Also, their product is 8

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

$$\Rightarrow a(a^2 - d^2) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)(1 - d^2) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - d^2 = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm 3$$

When $d = 3,$ the numbers are -4, -1, 2

When $d = -3,$ the numbers are 2, -4, -4

The Sum to n terms of A.P:-

Let $a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+(n-1)d$ be an A.P

$$\text{Then } l = a + (n-1)d$$

The sum S_n of n terms with first terms

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

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

$$= \frac{n}{2} [\text{First term} + \text{last term}]$$

Example:- 1

The sum of n terms of two arithmetic progression is in the ratio $(3n + 8) : (7n + 15)$. Find the ratio of their 12th terms.

Solution:-Let a_1, a_2 , and d_1, d_2 be the first term and common difference between the first and second arithmetic progression, respectively. According to the given condition we have

$$\frac{\text{Sum to } n \text{ terms of first AP}}{\text{Sum to } n \text{ terms of second AP}} = \frac{3n + 8}{7n + 15}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n}{2} [2a_1 + (n-1)d_1]}{\frac{n}{2} [2a_2 + (n-1)d_2]} = \frac{3n + 8}{7n + 15}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a_1 + (n-1)d_1}{2a_2 + (n-1)d_2} = \frac{3n + 8}{7n + 15} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Now $\frac{12\text{th term of first AP}}{12\text{th term of second AP}} = \frac{a_1 + 11d_1}{a_2 + 11d_2}$

$$\frac{2a_1 + 22d_1}{2a_2 + 22d_2} = \frac{3 \times 23 + 8}{7 \times 23 + 15} \quad (\text{By putting } n=23 \text{ in (1)})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a_1 + 11d_1}{a_2 + 11d_2} = \frac{12\text{th terms of first AP}}{12\text{th terms of second AP}} = \frac{7}{16}$$

Hence, the required ratio is 7:16

Example:- 2

The income of a person is RS 3, 00,000 in, first-year and he receives an increase of RS 10,000 to his income per year for the next 19 years. Find the total amount, he received in 20 years.

Solution:-Here ,we have an AP with $a=3,00,000, d=10,000$ and $n=20$

Using the sum formula, we get $S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} [600000 + 19 \times 10000] = 79,00,000$

The arithmetic mean:-

Let a and b be any two number

Then A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are called n

AMS of a and b if

$a, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, b$ are in AP

Here, $(n+2)$ th term = b

If d is a common difference then $b = a + (n+2-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow b = a + (n+1)d$$

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

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{b-a}{n+1}$$

$$\text{So, } A_1 = a + d = a + \frac{b-a}{n+1}$$

$$A_2 = a + 2d = a + 2\left(\frac{b-a}{n+1}\right)$$

$$A_n = a + n\left(\frac{b-a}{n+1}\right)$$

A number A is called the AM of a and b if a, A, b are in AP

$$A - a = b - A$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A = a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

Example:- 3

Insert 6 numbers between 3 and 24 such that the resulting sequence is an AP.

Solution:- Let A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5 and A_6 be six numbers between 3 and 24 such that

$3, A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, 24$ are in A.P. Here $a=3, b=24, n=8$

Therefore $24=3+(8-1)d$, so that $d=3$

Thus

$$A_1 = a + d = 3 + 3 = 6;$$

$$A_4 = a + 4d = 15;$$

$$A_2 = a + 2d = 9$$

$$A_5 = a + 5d = 18$$

$$A_3 = a + 3d = 12$$

$$A_6 = a + 6d = 21$$

Hence six numbers between 3 and 24 are 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 21.

Geometric Progressions:-

A sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots of positive numbers is called a geometric progression if $\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = r, \forall n$

Here, r is called the common ratio

Example:- 1

The sequence $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{-9}{8}$ is a GP since

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{-3}{2} \qquad \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{-\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

Properties of Geometric progression:-

01. If all the terms of a G.P are multiplied or divided by the same non-zero constant, then it remains a G.P
02. The reciprocal of the terms of a given G.P form a G.P
03. If each term of a G.P is raised to the same power, then the resulting sequence also forms a G.P.
04. If the terms of a given G.P are chosen at regular intervals, then the new sequence so formed also forms a G.P
05. if a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots is a G.P of non zero non-negative terms, then $\log a_1, \log a_2, \log a_3, \dots$ are in AP and vice versa.

General Term of a G.P:-

The nth term of a G.P is called the general term. If a is the first term and r is the common ratio, then nth term $= a_n = ar^{n-1}$.

Example:- 2

Find the 5th term of the progression $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{-1}{2}, 1, -2, \dots$

Solution:- Here, $a = \frac{1}{4}$

$$r = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4}} = -2$$

SO, 5th term, $a_5 = ar^{5-1}$

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

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 16 = 4$$

Example:- 3

Find the 5th term of the progression $1, \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{3}}, \frac{3-2\sqrt{2}}{12}, \frac{5\sqrt{2}-7}{24\sqrt{2}}$

Solution:- Here, $a_1 = 1$

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$5^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } a_5 = a r^{n-1} = 1 \times \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^4 = \frac{(2+1-2\sqrt{2})^2}{16 \times 9}$$

$$= \frac{(3-2\sqrt{2})^2}{144} = \frac{9+8-12\sqrt{2}}{144} = \frac{17-12\sqrt{2}}{144}$$

Note:-

If a is the first term and r is the common ratio of a GP, then the GP can be written as a, ar, ar^2, \dots

n^{th} term from the end:-

The n^{th} term from the end of a term GP consisting m terms is the $(m-n+1)^{\text{th}}$ term from the beginning. So, $a_{m-n+1} = a r^{m-n}$

Note:-

The n^{th} term from the end of a GP with last term l and common ratio r is given by $a_n = l \times \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{n-1}$

Example:-4

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Find the fifth term from the end of the GP $3, 6, 12, 24, \dots, 3072$

Solution:- Here, $r = 2, l = 3072$

$$\text{So, the fifth term from the end} = l \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^4$$

$$= 3072 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = 3072 \times \frac{1}{16} = 192$$

Example:- 5

Which term of the G.P $2, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$ is $\frac{1}{512}$?

Solution:- Here, $a = 2, r = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{Let the } n^{\text{th}} \text{ term is } \frac{1}{512}$$

$$\text{i.e } a_n = \frac{1}{512}$$

$$\Rightarrow a r^{n-1} = \frac{1}{512}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{512}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{1024}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow n-1=10$$

$$\Rightarrow n=11$$

Example:-6

The fourth, seventh, and last term of a GP are 10, 80, 2560 respectively. Find the first term and the number of terms in G.P

Solution:-

Let a be the first term and r be the common ratio of the given G.P

Here, $a_4 = 10$, $a_7 = 80$ and $a_n = 2560$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3 = 10, ar^6 = 80, ar^{n-1} = 2560$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{ar^6}{ar^3} = \frac{80}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

Since, $a r^3 = 10$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{10}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{4}$$

Since, $a r^{n-1} = 2560$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} \times (2)^{n-1} = 2560$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = \frac{2560 \times 4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 512 \times 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 2048$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 2^{11} = n-1 = 11 = n = 12$$

Example:- 7

If the sum of three numbers is G.P is 38 and their product is 1728. Find the numbers

Solution:- Let the numbers are $\frac{a}{r}, a, ar$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{r} \times a \times ar = 1728$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = 1728$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = 12^3 = a = 12$$

Also, sum = 38

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{r} + a + ar = 38$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{r} + 12 + 12r = 38$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12}{r} + 12 + 12r = 38$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 \left(\frac{1}{r} + 1 + r \right) = 38$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 \left(\frac{1+r+r^2}{r} \right) = 38$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 + 12r + 12r^2 = 38r$$

$$\Rightarrow 12r^2 - 26r + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r^2 - 9r - 4r + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r^2 - 9r - 4r + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r(2r-3) - 2(2r-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3r-2)(2r-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2/3 \text{ or } r = 3/2$$

If $r = 2/3$ the terms are 18, 12, 8

If $r = 3/2$, the terms are 8, 12, 18

Sum to n-terms of a G.P:-

Let 'a' is the first term and r is the common ratio of the G.P. Then the sum of n terms is given by

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} & \text{if } r < 1 \\ na & \text{if } r = 0 \\ \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r-1} & \text{if } r > 1 \end{cases}$$

Note:- If l is the last term of a G.P this $l = \frac{a - ar^n}{1 - r}$

$$\text{Now, } S_n = \frac{a - ar^n}{1 - r} = \frac{a - ar^{n-1} \cdot r}{1 - r} = \frac{a - lr}{1 - r}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{a - lr}{1 - r}$$

Example:- 1

Find the sum of eight terms of the G.P 3, 6, 12,.....

Solution:- Here, $a = 3, r = 2, n = 8$

$$\text{So, } S_n = \frac{3(2^8 - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= 3 \times 255 = 765$$

Example:-2

Find the sum to 7 terms of the sequence $\left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5^2} + \frac{3}{5^3}\right), \left(\frac{1}{5^4} + \frac{2}{5^5} + \frac{3}{5^6}\right), \left(\frac{1}{5^7} + \frac{2}{5^6} + \frac{3}{5^9}\right)$

Solution:-

$$\text{Here, } a = \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5^2} + \frac{3}{5^3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{25 + 10 + 3}{125} = \frac{38}{125}$$

$$\text{Here, } r = \frac{1}{5^3} = \frac{1}{125} < 1$$

$$\text{So, } S_7 = \frac{a(1-r^7)}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{38}{125} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{125} \right)^7 \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{125}}$$

$$= \frac{38}{125} \left[\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{125} \right)^7}{\frac{124}{125}} \right] = \frac{19}{62} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{125} \right)^7 \right]$$

Example:-3

Find the sum of the series $2+6+18+\dots+4374$

Solution:-

Here, $a = 2$, $\ell = 4374$, $r = 3$

$$\text{So, } S = \frac{a - \ell r}{1 - r}$$

$$= \frac{2 - 4374 \times 3}{1 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{-13120}{-2} = 6560$$

Example:- 4

Find the sum of the following series $5+55+555+5555+\dots$ to n term

Solution:- Let 5 be the sum of the series

$S = 5 + 55 + 5555 + 5555 + \dots$ to n terms

$= 5(1 + 11 + 111 + 1111 + \dots \text{to n term})$

$$= \frac{5}{9} [9 + 99 + 999 + 999 + \dots \text{to n terms}]$$

$$= \frac{5}{9} [(10^1 - 1) + (10^2 - 1) + (10^3 - 1) + \dots + (10^n - 1)]$$

$$= \frac{5}{9} \{ (10^1 + 10^2 + 10^3 + \dots + 10^n) - n \}$$

$$= \frac{5}{9} \left[\frac{10(10^n - 1)}{10 - 1} - n \right]$$

$$= \frac{5}{81} [10^{n+1} - 9n - 10]$$

Example:-5

Find the sum to n-terms of the sequence gives by $a_n = 2^n + 3n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

Solution:- We have $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = (2 + 3 \times 1) + (2^2 + 3 \times 2) + (2^3 + 3 \times 3) + \dots + (2^n + 3 \times n)$$

$$= (2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n) + 3(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)$$

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

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

Example:-6

Find the sum to n terms of the series $11 + 103 + 1005 + \dots$

Solution:-

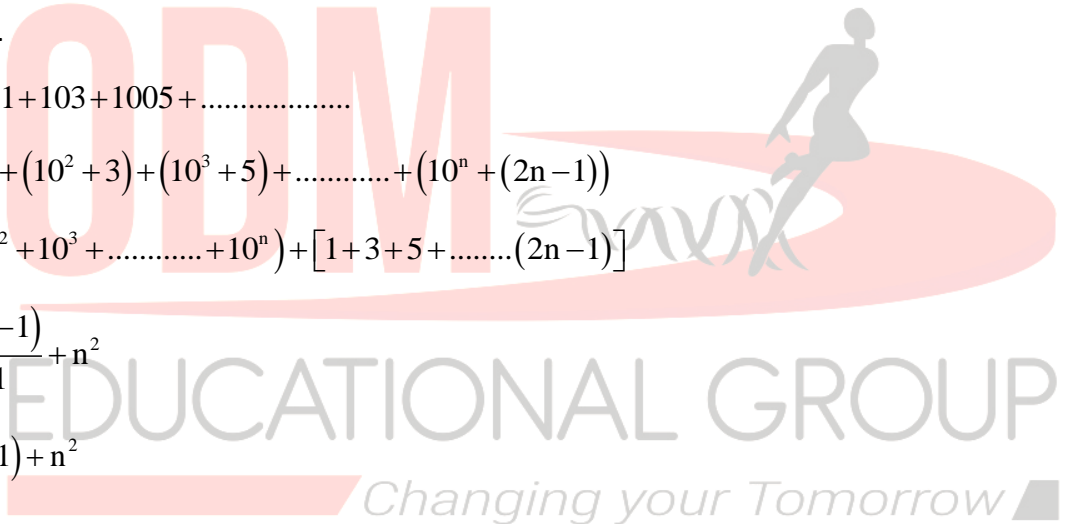
Let $S_n = 11 + 103 + 1005 + \dots$

$$= (10 + 1) + (10^2 + 3) + (10^3 + 5) + \dots + (10^n + (2n - 1))$$

$$= (10 + 10^2 + 10^3 + \dots + 10^n) + [1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1)]$$

$$= \frac{10(10^n - 1)}{10 - 1} + n^2$$

$$\frac{10}{9}(10^n - 1) + n^2$$



Sum of an Infinite G.P:-

If the first term is a and the common ratio is r, where $|r| < 1$, i.e $-1 < r < 1$ then sum of as infinite G.P is

$$S = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

Example:-1

Find the sum to infinity of the G.P $-\frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{-5}{64}, \dots$

Solution:-

Here, $a = \frac{-5}{4}, r = \frac{-1}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } S &= \frac{a}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{-5/4}{1 - (-1/4)} = \frac{-5/4}{1 + 1/4} \\ &= \frac{-1/4}{5/4} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Geometric Means:-

Let a and b two gives numbers, then the numbers $G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n$ are n geometric means of a and b , if the sequence $a, G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, b$ is a G.P

Let r is the common ratio

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

$$\Rightarrow ar^{n+2-1} = b$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{n+1} = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$$

$$\text{Now, } G_1 = ar = a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$$

$$G_2 = ar^2 = a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{2}{n+1}}$$

$$G_n = ar^n = a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{n}{n+1}}$$

If 3 number a, G, b are is G.P this $\frac{G}{a} = \frac{b}{G}$

$$\Rightarrow G^2 = ab$$

$$\Rightarrow G = \sqrt{ab}$$

Example:- 2

Insert five numbers between 576 and 9 so that the resulting sequence is a GP.

Solution:-

Here, $a = 576, b = 9, n = 5$

$$r = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{1/n+1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{9}{576}\right)^{1/6} = \left(\frac{1}{64}\right)^{1/6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$G_1 = ar = 576 \times \frac{1}{2} = 288$$

$$G_2 = G_1 r = 288 \times \frac{1}{2} = 144$$

$$G_3 = G_2 r = 144 \times \frac{1}{2} = 72$$

$$G_4 = G_3 r = 72 \times \frac{1}{2} = 36$$

$$G_5 = G_4 r = 36 \times \frac{1}{2} = 18$$

Example:- 3

Insert five numbers between 16 and $\frac{1}{4}$ so that the resulting sequence is a GP.

Solution:- Here, $a = 16$, $b = \frac{1}{4}$, $n = 5$

$$r = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{1/n+1} = \left(\frac{\frac{1}{4}}{16}\right)^{1/5+1} = \left(\frac{1}{66}\right)^{1/6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$G_1 = ar = 16 \times \frac{1}{2} = 8$$

$$G_2 = G_1 r = 8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4$$

$$G_3 = G_2 r = 4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

$$G_4 = G_3 r = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$G_5 = G_4 \times 5 = 1 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

The relation between AM and G.M

(a) If A and G are respectively AM and GM between two positive numbers a and b then $A > G$.

$$\text{Here } A = \frac{a+b}{2} \text{ and } G = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\text{Now, } A - G = \frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}$$

$$= \frac{a+b-2\sqrt{ab}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b})^2}{2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A > G$$

(b) If A and G are respectively AM and GM between two positive quantity, a and b then the quadratic equation having a and b as the roots are $x^2 - 2Ax + G^2 = 0$

(c) if A and G is the AM and GM between two positive numbers, then the numbers are $A \pm \sqrt{A^2 - G^2}$

Example:-4

If, AM and GM of two positive numbers a and b are 10 and 8 respectively. Find the numbers.

Solution:- Here A = 10, G = 8

If a and b are two numbers, then

$$a = A + \sqrt{A^2 - G^2}$$

$$= 10 + \sqrt{100 - 64}$$

$$= 10 + 6 = 16$$

$$b = A - \sqrt{A^2 - G^2}$$

$$= 10 - 6 = 4$$

Hence, a = 16, b = 4

Some special series:-

(a) The sum of 1st n natural number

$$S_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n K = \frac{n}{2}(1+n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

(b) The sum of the squares of first n natural numbers

$$S_n = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n K^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Consider, $(K+1)^3 - K^3$

$$= K^3 + 3K^2 + 3K + 1 - K^3$$

$$= 3K^2 + 3K + 1$$

Putting K = 1, $2^3 - 1^3 = 3.1^2 + 3.1 + 1$

$$K = 2, 3^3 - 2^3 = 3.2^2 + 3.2 + 1$$

$$K = 3, 4^3 - 3^3 = 3.3^2 + 3.3 + 1$$

$$K = n, (n+1)^3 - n^3 = 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

Adding these by term wise

$$(n+1)^3 - 1^3 = 3(1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2) + 3(1 + 2 + \dots + n) + n$$

$$\Rightarrow n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1 - 1 = 3S_n + 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3S_n = n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n - 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - n$$

$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n - \frac{3n^2}{2} - \frac{3n}{2} - n$$

$$= \frac{2n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n - 3n^2 - 3n}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n(2n^2 + 3n + 1)}{2} \Rightarrow S_n = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

(c) Sum of cubes of first n natural numbers

$$S_n = \sum_{K=1}^n K^3$$

$$= 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3$$

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

(d) $4n^3 + 6n^2 + 2n$

Here, $a_n = 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 2n$

$$S_n = \sum_{K=1}^n K$$

$$= \sum_{K=1}^n (4K^3 + 6K^2 + 2K)$$

$$= 4 \sum_{K=1}^n K^3 + 6 \sum_{K=1}^n K^2 + 2 \sum_{K=1}^n K$$

$$= 4 \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + 6 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= n^2(n+1)^2 + n(n+1)(2n+1) + n(n+1) \\
&= n(n+1)[n(n+1) + 2n+1 + 1] \\
&= n(n+1)[n^2 + n + 2n + 2] \\
&= (n^2 + n)[n^2 + 3n + 2] \\
&= n(n+1)(n+1)(n+2) \\
&= n(n+1)^2(n+2)
\end{aligned}$$

Example:-1

Find the sum of the series $(1 \times 2 \times 3) + (3.3.4) + (3.4.5) + \dots$ to n terms

Solution:-

Here n th term, $a_n = n(n+1)(n+2)$

$$= (n^2 + n)(n+2)$$

$$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_r = \sum_{k=1}^n (K^3 + 3K^2 + 2K)$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 + \frac{2 \cdot n(n+1)}{2}$$

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

$$= n(n+1) \left[\frac{2n+1}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)}{4} + 1 \right]$$

$$= n(n+1) \left[\frac{4n+2+n^2+n+4}{4} \right]$$

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

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(n^2+5n+6)}{4}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}$$

Example:-2

Find the sum of the series $3.8+6.11+9.14+\dots$ to n terms

Solution:-

Here, $a_n =$ nth term of $(3.8+6.11+9.14+\dots)$

$$= 3n(3n+5) = 9n^2 + 15n$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (9k^2 + 15k)$$

$$= \frac{9n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{15n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3n(n+1)(2n+1)}{2} + \frac{15n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} [2n+1+5]$$

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

$$= 3n(n+1)(n+3)$$

Example:-3

Find the sum of n terms of the series $5+11+19+29+41+\dots$ to n term

Solution:-

$$\text{Let } S_n = 5+11+19+29+41+\dots$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = 5+11+19+29+41+\dots+a_{n-1}+a_n$$

$$\text{Also } S_n = 5+11+19+29+41+\dots+a_{n-2}+a_{n-1}+a_n$$

On subtraction, we get

$$0 = 5+6+8+10+12+\dots+(a_n - a_{n-1}) - a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 5 + [6+8+10+12+\dots+(n-1)\text{ terms}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 5 + \frac{n-1}{2} [2 \times 6 + (n-1-1)2]$$

$$= 5 + \frac{n-1}{2} [12 + 2n - 4]$$

$$= 5 + \frac{n-1}{2} [8 + 2n]$$

$$= 5 + (n-1)(n+4)$$

$$= n^2 + 3n + 1$$

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (k^2 + 3k + 1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n 3k + \sum_{k=1}^n 1$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

$$= n \left[\frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{3(n+1)}{2} + 1 \right]$$

$$= n \left[\frac{(n+1)(2n+1) + 9(n+1) + 6}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n}{6} [(n+1)(2n+1) + 9(n+1) + 6]$$

$$= \frac{n}{6} (2n^2 + 12n + 16)$$

$$= \frac{n}{3} (n^2 + 6n + 8)$$

$$= \frac{n}{3} (n+4)(n+2)$$

