

# Progression and Series

## Finding the $n^{\text{th}}$ term of any sequence

i) 1, 3, 5, 7, ...  $(2n - 1)$

ii) 2, 4, 6, 8, ...  $2n$

iii) 2, 4, 8, 16, ...  $2^n$

iv) 2, 6, 12, 20, ...  $(n+1)n$

v) 3, 10, 29, 66, ...  $n^3 + 2$

vi) 1, -2, 3, -4, 5, -6, ...  $(-1)^{n-1} \cdot n$

Q. If in any sequence  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1$   
 such that  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \forall n \geq 3$   
 find  $a_6$

$a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1$

$a_3 = 2 + 1 = 3, a_4 = 7, a_5 = 17,$

$\Rightarrow a_6 = 41$

## \* Arithmetic Progression \*

$a, a+d, a+2d, \dots$   
 $T_1 \quad T_2 \quad T_3 \quad \dots$

$\Rightarrow T_2 - T_1 = T_3 - T_2 = T_4 - T_3 = \dots = d$

$a =$  first term,  $d =$  common difference

$T_n = a + (n-1)d$

$$T'_1 = T_n$$

$$T'_2 = T_{n-1}$$

$$T'_3 = T_{n-2}$$

$$T'_4 = T_{n-3}$$

$$1 \cdot n = n$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T'_k = T_{n-k+1}}$$

$1 \cdot n + 0 \quad 1 \cdot n + 0$

$2 \cdot n \quad 2 \cdot n$

#  $a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+(n-1)d$

$T_1 + T_n = 2a + (n-1)d$   
 $T_2 + T_{n-1} = 2a + (n-1)d$   
 $T_3 + T_{n-2} = 2a + (n-1)d$

\*  $T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots + T_{n-2} + T_{n-1} + T_n$   
 $n = \text{even} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{no. of pairs} = \frac{n}{2}$

$\sum T_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d)$   
 $\hookrightarrow \text{no. of pairs} = \frac{n}{2} \times \frac{2a + (n-1)d}{2} = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{4}$



$T_{\text{mid}} = \frac{T_1 + T_n}{2} = \frac{a + a + (n-1)d}{2} = \frac{2a + (n-1)d}{2}$

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

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

$$* S_n = \left( \frac{a + T_n}{2} \right) \cdot n *$$

## Properties of an AP:

1) If any constant  $k$  is added / - /  $\times$  /  $\div$  from each term the resultant series is still in A.P.

2) If 3 terms are in AP

$$a, b, c$$

$$\Rightarrow b - a = c - b$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2b = a + c}$$

# \* Geometric Progression \*

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots, ar^{n-1}$$

where  $a =$  first term of G.P.  
 $r =$  common ratio

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

Q. Consider a G.P. 2, 6, 18, 54, ...  
 Find i) 20<sup>th</sup> term.

$$T_{20} = 2 \times (3)^{19} = 2 \times 1162261467$$

$$\text{ii) } \frac{3T_5 + 4T_4 + T_7}{3T_8 + 4T_7 + T_{10}} = \frac{3ar^4 + 4ar^3 + ar^6}{3ar^7 + 4ar^6 + ar^9}$$

$$= \frac{3r + 4 + r^3}{3r^3 + 4r^2 + r} = \frac{1}{r}$$

(c)

The term closest to 500

$$a^n - 1 = 500$$

$$3^n - 1 = 250$$

$$n = 6$$

Q. If  $p^{\text{th}}$  term of G.P is  $q$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$  term of that G.P is  $p$ . Find  $(p+q-1)^{\text{th}}$  term.

$$a(r)^{p-1} = q$$

$$a(r)^{q-1} = p$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{p-q} = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$a = q \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

$$T_{p+q-1} = q \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{q-1}{p-q}}$$

\*  $a, ar, \dots, ar^{n-1}$

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

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

$$S(1-r) = a(1-r^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}$$

Q.  $1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{8} + \frac{15}{16} + \dots$  n terms

Q.  $a^n + a^{n-1} \cdot b + a^{n-2} \cdot b^2 + \dots + ab^{n-1} + b^n$

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

(n+1) term

\*  $b^{n+1} - a^{n+1} = (b-a)(a^n + a^{n-1}b + a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + b^n)$

Q.  $(1+a) + (1+a+a^2) + (1+a+a^2+a^3) + \dots + T_n$

$$\frac{(1-a) \{ (1+a) + (1+a+a^2) + (1+a+a^2+a^3) + \dots + T_n \}}{(1-a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1-a^2) + (1-a^3) + (1-a^4) + \dots + T_n}{1-a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n - a^2 (1+a+a^2 + \dots \text{ n terms})}{1-a}$$

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

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



~~##~~  $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + \dots + \dots \rightarrow \infty$  terms

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = \begin{cases} \pm \infty & |r| > 1 \\ 0 & |r| < 1 \end{cases}$$

If  $|r| \geq 1$

$$S_\infty = \pm \infty$$

\* If  $|r| < 1$

\*  $S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}$

## Properties of G.P. :

$T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, \dots, T_n$  are in G.P.

1) If we multiply any constant in terms then the new series is also in G.P. i.e.,

$kT_1, kT_2, kT_3, kT_4, \dots, kT_n$   
are in G.P.

2) If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in G.P.  
 $T_1 a_1, T_2 a_2, T_3 a_3, \dots, T_n a_n$  is also in G.P.

3) If 3 terms  $a, b, c$  are in G.P.

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow * \boxed{b^2 = ac}$$

4) General terms in G.P.

i) 3 terms  
 $\rightarrow a, ah, ah^2$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{a}{h}, a, ah$

ii) 4 terms

$\rightarrow a, \frac{a}{h}, ah, ah^3$   
 $\rightarrow \frac{a}{h^3}, \frac{a}{h}, ah, ah^3$   
 $\rightarrow a, ah^2, ah^3, ah^4$

5)

$$c^2 = 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = \pm 2}$$

$$a, ah, ah^2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow ah^{n-2}, ah^{n-1}$$

$$T_1, T_2, T_3 \dots T_{n-1}, T_n$$

$$T_1 \cdot T_n = a^2 h^{n-1}$$

$$T_2 \cdot T_{n-1} = a^2 h^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T_1 T_n = T_2 T_{n-1} = T_3 T_{n-2} = \dots}$$

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$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} ah^i = a \cdot ah \cdot ah^2 \cdot \dots \cdot ah^{n-1}$$

$$= a^n h^{\frac{(n-1)n}{2}}$$

$$= \left[ a^2 h^{n(n-1)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$* (\Sigma a)^2 = \Sigma a^2 + \Sigma ab$$

## \* Harmonic Progression \*

$$\frac{1}{a_1}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \frac{1}{a_3}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n} \text{ AP}$$

$\Rightarrow a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in H.P.

$$H_n = \frac{1}{a + (n-1)d}$$

Q. If  $T_4$  of HP is  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $T_{10}$  of HP is  $\frac{2}{11}$   
find  $T_{15}$

$$T_4 = \frac{3}{2}, T_{10} = \frac{21}{2}$$

$$6d = \frac{9}{2} = 4$$

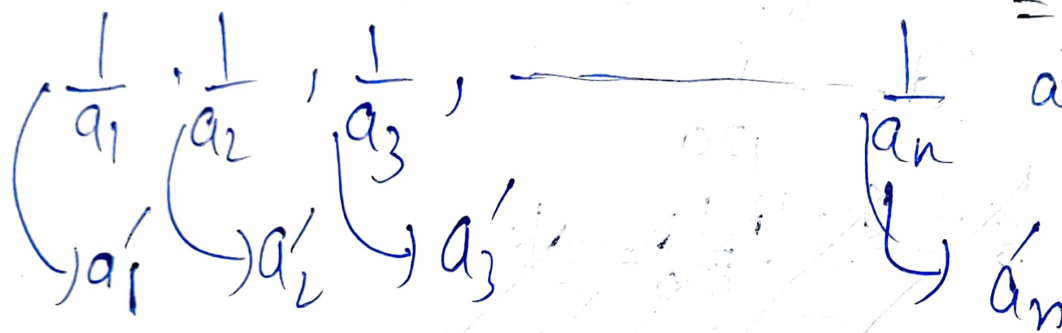
$$d = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$T_{15} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \times 11} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{22}{3}} = \frac{1}{\frac{9}{6} + \frac{44}{6}} = \frac{1}{\frac{53}{6}} = \frac{6}{53}$$

$$T_{15} = \frac{6}{53}$$

Q. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in H.P.

P.T.  $\frac{1}{a_1}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \frac{1}{a_3}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n}$  are in AP



$= (n-1)ca, a_n$   
are in AP

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_1 a_2} + \frac{1}{a_2 a_3} + \frac{1}{a_3 a_4} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1} a_n} = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{1}{a_n} + \frac{1}{a_1} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{d} \left[ \frac{a_1 - a_n}{a_n a_1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(n-1)}{d(a_n a_1)} = (n-1) \frac{a_n}{a_1}$$