

Arithmetic-Geometric Progression (AGP): This is a sequence in which each term consists of the product of an arithmetic progression and a geometric progression. In variables, It looks like:

$$a, (a+d)r, (a+2d)r^2, (a+3d)r^3, \dots, (a+(n-1)d)r^{n-1}$$

where a is the first term, d is a common difference, and r is the common ratio.

The general term of AGP: The n^{th} term of the AGP is obtained by multiplying the corresponding terms of the arithmetic progression (AP) and the geometric progression (GP).

So, in the above sequence, the n^{th} term is given by:

$$T_n = (a+(n-1)d)r^{n-1}$$

Sum of terms of AGP : The sum of the first n terms of the AGP is

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (a + (k-1)d)r^{k-1}$$

which can be solved further to obtain

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

PROOF:

again using the method of subtraction:

$$S_n = a + (a+d)r + (a+2d)r^2 + (a+3d)r^3 + (a+4d)r^4 + \dots + (a+(n-1)d)r^{n-1} \quad \text{eqn}_1$$

$$S_n r = ar + (a+d)r^2 + (a+2d)r^3 + (a+3d)r^4 + (a+4d)r^5 + \dots + (a+(n-1)d)r^n \quad \text{eqn}_2$$

$$S_n - S_n r = a + dr + dr^2 + dr^3 + dr^4 + \dots + dr^{n-1} - (a+(n-1)d)r^n$$

look at the equation : $dr + dr^2 + dr^3 + dr^4 + \dots + dr^{n-1}$

this is GP with first term dr and common ratio r

$$\text{therefore } dr + dr^2 + dr^3 + dr^4 + \dots + dr^{n-1} = \frac{dr(1-r^{n-1})}{1-r}$$

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

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

Now what if $|r| < 1$ then there is possibility of infinite AGP:

$$S_{\infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{dr(1 - r^{n-1})}{(1 - r)^2} + \frac{a - (a + (n - 1)d)r^n}{(1 - r)}$$
$$= \frac{dr}{(1 - r)^2} + \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

[What is this condition $|r| < 1$, why we need this for infinite GP or AGP?

now consider $x = 0.1 = \frac{1}{10}$ $|x| < 1$

let's calculate $x^2 = 0.01 = \frac{1}{100} < x$

again $x^3 = 0.001 = \frac{1}{1000}$ again which is very small as compared to x

now observe the pattern, as we increase the power of x its value was getting small and small, what if we go on upto infinity its value will be tending (approaches) to **0**

So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = 0$ if and only if $|r| < 1$ **and** $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n \rightarrow \infty$ if and only if $|r| > 1$

so, $|r| < 1$ is a necessary condition for existence of infinite GP or AGP.]

Example: To find the sum $1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots$ upto infinite terms ($|x| < 1$)

Ex. Find the sum $1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots$ ∞ ($|x| < 1$)

Solution: - method 1)

$$\text{let } S = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$$

$$Sx = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots$$

$$S - Sx = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$S(1-x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

method 2)

direct putting all values in the formula

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} + \frac{dr}{(1-r)^2}$$

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

method 3)

$$\text{let } S = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \infty$$

$$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \infty = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

differentiate both hand side w.r.t. x

$$0 + 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots \infty = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\therefore 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$