

It is given that $\frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha}$, 1 , $2^n \sin \alpha$ are in A.P.

A.P. for some value of α , $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Let say for $n=1$, α satisfying the above A.P. is α_1 , for $n=2$, the value of α is α_2 and so on.

if $S = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sin \alpha_r$, then the value of S is

- a) 1 b) $\frac{1}{2}$ c) 2 d) None

Solution:-

since $\frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha}$, 1 , $2^n \sin \alpha$ are in A.P.

$$\therefore 2 = \frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha} + 2^n \sin \alpha \quad \left(\because \text{if } a, b, c \text{ are in AP} \right)$$
$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c$$

since we have reciprocal system which points to $AM \geq GM$
now, $2^n > 0$ & $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \Rightarrow \sin \alpha > 0$ inequality

$$\therefore 2^n \sin \alpha > 0$$

now, consider AM of $2^n \sin \alpha$ and $\frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha}$

$$AM = \frac{2^n \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$GM = \sqrt{(2^n \sin \alpha) \left(\frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha} \right)} = 1$$

since, $AM = GM$

\Rightarrow terms are equal.

$$\therefore 2^n \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2^n \sin \alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin \alpha)^2 = \frac{1}{(2^n)^2} \Rightarrow \sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\text{for } n=1 \quad \sin \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2^1}$$

$$n=2 \quad \sin \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$n=3 \quad \sin \alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2^3}$$

$$\& \text{ for } n=\infty \quad \sin \alpha_\infty = \frac{1}{2^\infty}$$

$$\text{now, } S = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sin \alpha_r = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sin \alpha_r + \sin \alpha_2 + \dots + \sin \alpha_\infty$$

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

$$= \frac{1/2}{1-1/2} = 1 \quad \left(\because S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \right)$$

$$\therefore S = 1$$

Main thing in this question was to understand that this is problem of AM, GM inequality.

since we have reciprocal system and its sum was also given which points towards AM, GM inequality.

Reciprocal system means if you have terms like $bx, \frac{a}{x}$ where $a, b \in R$

wherein if we multiply the two numbers we should get rid of the variable x .

NOTE 1 : here a and b are some real constants and x is a variable

NOTE 2 : if $AM=GM$ or $AM=HM$ or $GM=HM$ then, the terms involved in the means will be equal to each other.

Similar questions can be asked in quadratic equations and expressions chapter (using (AM GM) , (GM HM) , (AM HM) inequalities).

For example :

If the equation $x^4 - 4x^3 + cx^2 + dx + 1 = 0$ has three positive roots then find the value of :

$$\frac{1}{(\text{root}_1)^2} + \frac{1}{(\text{root}_2)^2} + \frac{1}{(\text{root}_3)^2} + \frac{1}{(\text{root}_4)^2}$$

SOLUTION :

The image shows a handwritten solution on lined paper. It starts with the equation $x^4 - 4x^3 + cx^2 + dx + 1 = 0$. It then states that the roots are $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$. From Vieta's formulas, it deduces that $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 1$. Since there are three positive roots, it concludes that $\delta > 0$. The final part of the handwritten solution shows the derivation of $\delta > 0$ from the other three roots being positive.

$$x^4 - 4x^3 + cx^2 + dx + 1 = 0$$

let its roots be $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$

now, $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 1$

since, we have given in the question that there are 3 positive roots,

let those 3 positive roots be α, β, γ

$$\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 1$$
$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha, \beta, \gamma \rightarrow \alpha\beta\gamma > 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \delta > 0$$

because (+ve number) (+ve number) (+ve number) (+ve number) = (+ve number)

\therefore all roots are positive

now, sum of roots, $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 4$

product of roots, $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 1$

since, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta > 0$

\therefore AM = $\frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$

~~GM = $(\alpha\beta\gamma\delta)$~~ GM = $(\alpha\beta\gamma\delta)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1$
(roots)

now, AM = GM \Rightarrow all terms are equal

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma = \delta$

$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 4$

$\Rightarrow 4\alpha = 4$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 1$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma = \delta = 1$

$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\delta} = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$