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PROGRESSIONS

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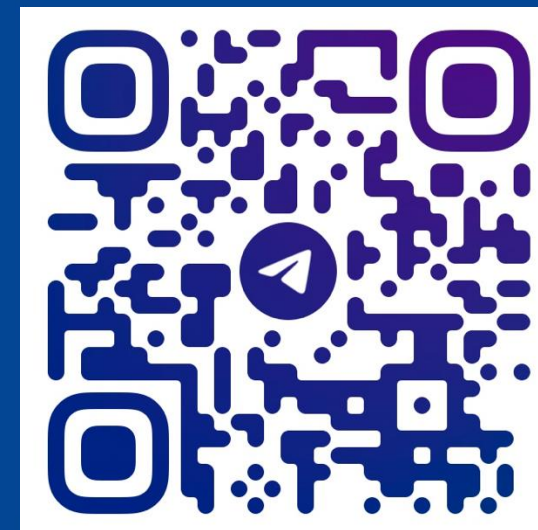


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Progressions

A sequence following a certain pattern is known as a progression.

Series.

2, 2, 2, 2,

3 6 9 12 15
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Arithmetic progressions

$a, a+d, a+2d, a+3d, \dots$

↑
first term

$d =$ common difference

\therefore n^{th} term of an A.P.

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



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... 100
Sum of n terms in A.P.

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

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [t_1 + t_n]$$

$\frac{a + a + (n-1)d}{2a + (n-1)d} \cdot n$

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



2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ... → 2¹, 2², 2³, 2⁴, 2⁵, ...

Geometric Progression

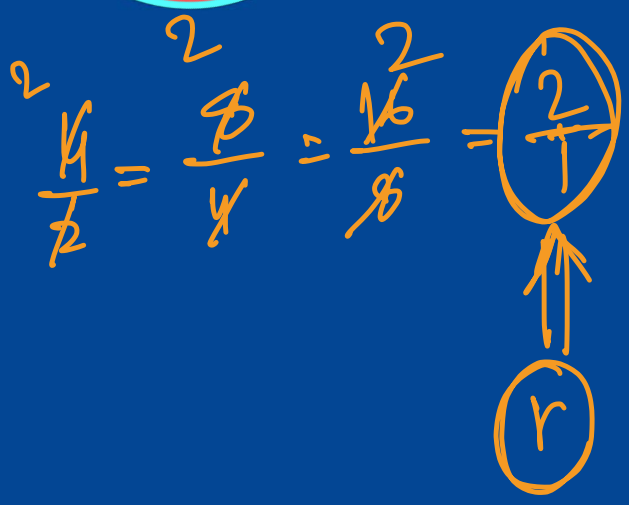


$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$

are in G.P. if.

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

where $r =$ common ratio of G.P.





$a \rightarrow 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots$

n th term of G.P.

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

$$\underline{\underline{n = 18}}$$

$$a = 2$$

$$r = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{t_{18}}} &= 2 \cdot 2^{17} \\ &= \textcircled{2^{18}} \end{aligned}$$



Sum of n terms of G.P.

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

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

Sum of infinite terms of G.P.

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1 - r} \quad \text{where } |r| < 1$$



Harmonic Progression $2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots$
 $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots$

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

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

From start.

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term of H.P. } (T_n) = \frac{a_1 a_2}{a_2 + (n-1)(a_1 - a_2)}$$



n^{th} term from the end of H.P.

$$T'_n = \frac{a_1 a_2 a_n}{a_1 a_2 - a_n(n-1)(a_1 - a_2)}$$

Important Note:

- $\frac{1}{T_n} + \frac{1}{T'_n} = \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_n}$
- Any term of HP cannot be zero.



Mean of a and b .

$$\text{Arithmetic Mean (A)} = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\text{Geometric Mean (G)} = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\text{Harmonic Mean (H)} = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$



Relation between A, G and H

$$A > G > H$$

$$G^2 = AH$$

$$\therefore G = \sqrt{AH}$$



Sum of n terms of Series.

1. Sum of n natural numbers

$$= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n$$

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



2. Sum of squares of n natural nos.

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

$$= \sum n^2$$

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



Sum of cubes of n natural nos.

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

$$= \sum n^3$$

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



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

$$= \frac{n}{n+1}$$



$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)(n+2)}$$



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



$$r_2 = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4}} = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{1} = \textcircled{-2}$$

Which term of a series $\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots$ is **-128?**

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th
- (c) 11th
- (d) 12th

$$t_n = a \cdot r^{n-1}$$

$$-128 = \frac{1}{4} (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$-512 = (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$(-2)^q = (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$q = n - 1$$

$$n = \underline{q + 1}$$

$$n = \underline{\underline{10}}$$



$$a = 1 = 0.4 + \frac{23}{1000} \times \frac{100}{99} = \frac{4}{10} + \frac{23}{990} = \frac{3960 + 230}{9900}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$0.4 + 0.023 + \underline{\underline{0.00023}} + 0.0000023 + \dots$$

The value of $0.4\overline{23}$ is

- (a) $419/990$
- (b) $419/999$
- (c) $417/990$
- (d) $417/999$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{100}} = \frac{100}{99}$$

$$= 0.4 + \left[\frac{23}{10^3} + \frac{23}{10^5} + \frac{23}{10^7} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 0.4 + \frac{23}{10^3} \left[1 + \frac{1}{10^2} + \frac{1}{10^4} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 0.4 + \frac{23}{10^3} \left[\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^4 + \dots \right]$$

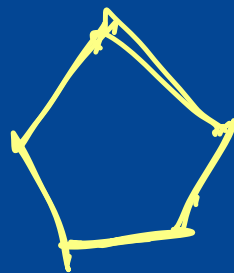
$$\frac{4190}{9900}$$



$$180(n-2) \quad n \geq 3$$

$$180(2) = 360$$

$$180 \times 3 = \underline{\underline{540}}$$



$$n(n-14) - 9(n-16) = 0$$

$$(n-9)(n-16) = 0$$

9

16

The interior angles of a polygon are in AP. If the smallest angle be 120° and the common difference be 5, then the number of side is

(a) 8

(b) 10

(c) 9

(d) 6

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

$$180(n-2) = \frac{n}{2} [240 + (n-1) \cdot 5]$$

$$360(n-2) = n [240 + 5n - 5]$$

$$360n - 720 = 235n + 5n^2$$

$$5n^2 + 235n - 360n + 720 = 0$$

$$\frac{16 \times 9 = 144}{4 \times 25}$$

$$5n^2 - 125n + 720 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 25n + 144 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 16n - 9n + 144 = 0$$



$$a = p \quad d = q$$

$$S_{10} = 4S_5$$

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

If the sum of first 10 terms of an arithmetic progression with first term p and common difference q, is 4 times the sum of the first 5 terms, then what is the ratio of p:q?

(a) 1:2

(b) 1:4

(c) 2:1

(d) 4:1

$$\cancel{5} \frac{10}{2} [2p + 9q] = 4 \times \cancel{5} \frac{5}{2} [2p + 4q]$$

$$2p + 9q = 4p + 8q$$

$$q = 2p$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{p}{q}$$



$$AP_1 \Rightarrow a=1 \quad d=1 \Rightarrow S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2 + (n-1)1]$$

$$AP_2 \Rightarrow a=1 \quad d=2 \quad = \frac{n}{2} [2 + n - 1]$$

$$AP_3 \Rightarrow a=1 \quad d=3 \quad S_1^2 = \left[\frac{n}{2} [1 + n] \right]^2$$

The sum of n terms of three AP's is whose first term is 1 and common differences are 1, 2 and 3 are S_1 , S_2 and S_3 , respectively. Then, the true relation is

(a) $S_1 + S_3 = S_2$

$$S_2 = \frac{n}{2} [2 + (n-1)2]$$

~~(b) $S_1 + S_3 = 2S_2$~~

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2 + 2n - 2] = \frac{n}{2} [2n] = n^2$$

(c) $S_1 + S_2 = 2S_3$

(d) $S_1 + S_2 = S_3$

$$S_3 = \frac{n}{2} [2 + 3n - 3] = \frac{n}{2} [3n - 1]$$

$$S_1 + S_3 = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{3n^2}{2} + \frac{3n^2}{2} - \frac{n}{2} = \frac{4n^2}{2} = \boxed{2n^2} \Rightarrow 2S_2$$



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ... 100

2 \Rightarrow 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, ... 20, ... 100 $\Rightarrow a=2$ $n=50$
 $t_n = 100$
 $= S_n$

The sum of integers from 1 to 100 that are

$S_n = \frac{50 [2+100]}{2}$ divisible by 2 or 5 is

(a) 3000

(b) 3050

(c) 4050

(d) None of these

\Rightarrow 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, ... 100
5, 15, 25, ... 95

$$S_n = \frac{10 [5+95]}{2} = 5 \times 100 = 500$$

$$= 25 \times 102$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2550}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{2550 + 500}}$$



$$t_1 + t_3 = 12$$

$$\underline{t_1 \times t_2 = 24}$$

$$\boxed{a-d}, a, a+d$$
$$6-2 \text{ (4)}$$

The sum of the first and third term of an arithmetic progression is 12 and the product of of first and second term is 24, then first term is

- (a) 1 (b) 81 (c) 4 (d) 6

$$a-d + a+d = 12 \Rightarrow 2a = 12$$
$$a = 6$$

$$(a-d)(a) = 24$$

$$(6-d)(6) = 24$$

$$6-d = 4 \rightarrow d = 2$$



$$G = \sqrt{xy} \Rightarrow \underline{G^2 = xy}$$

If G be the geometric mean of x and y , then $\frac{1}{G^2 - x^2} + \frac{1}{G^2 - y^2}$ is equal to

(a) G^2

(b) $1/G^2$

(c) $2/G^2$

(d) $3G^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{xy} \cdot \frac{1}{G^2} = \frac{1}{xy(y-x)} - \frac{x}{xy(y-x)} = \frac{y-x}{xy(y-x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{xy-x^2} + \frac{1}{xy-y^2} = \frac{1}{x(y-x)} + \frac{1}{y(x-y)} = \frac{1}{x(y-x)} - \frac{1}{y(y-x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{xy-x^2} + \frac{1}{xy-y^2} \end{aligned}$$



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

$$16 = 1 \cdot r^4$$

$$16 = r^4$$

$$r = 2$$

$$2^0 \cdot 2^1 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 2^4$$

If 1, x, y, z and 16 are in geometric progression, then what is the value of $x + y + z$?

- (a) 8 (b) 12 (c) 14 (d) 16

$$2 + 4 + 8 = 14$$



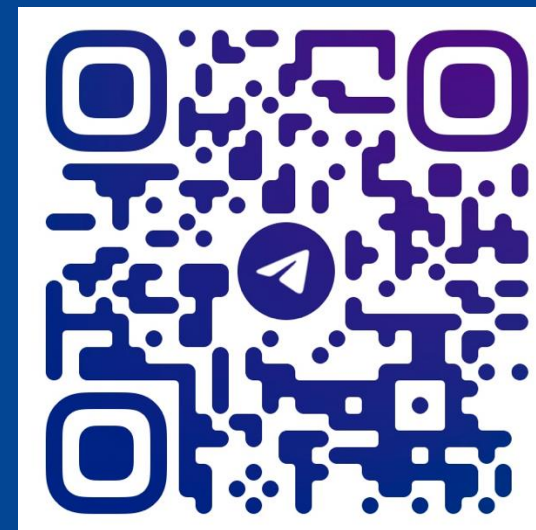
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