DISCRETE 11.9.3 Q-4

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Question:

The 4^{th} term of a G.P. is square of its second term, and the first term is -3. Determine its 7^{th} term, and find the Z transform of the series.

Solution:

Let, first term of this G.P.(X(0)) be a. Given, the first term is -3.

i.e. a = -3 (given).....(1)

Let r be the common ratio of G.P.

Given that the fourth term of G.P. is square of its second term.

We know that the general term of a G.P. can be written as: $X(n)=ar^n....(2)$

$$X(3) = (X(1))^2$$
 (Given).....(3) (1)

substituting (2) in (3),

$$ar^3 = (ar^1)^2$$
 (2)

$$ar^3 = a^2r^2 \tag{3}$$

$$r = a$$
 (4)

$$(from (1)) \quad r = -3.....(4)$$
 (5)

$$7^{th}term(X(6)) = ar^{6}$$
 (6)

from (1) and (4)

$$X(6) = (-3)(-3)^{6} \tag{7}$$

$$X(6) = (-3)^7 = -2187$$
 (8)

So 7^{th} term of the G.P. is -2187.

Finding Z transform:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) z^{-n}$$
(9)

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} ar^n u(n) z^{-n}$$
 (10)

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n z^{-n} \tag{11}$$

$$= a(1 + rz^{-1} + r^2z^{-2} + r^3z^{-3} + \dots) \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{a}{1 - rz^{-1}} \tag{13}$$

$$\{ROC: rz^{-1} < 1\}$$

So, the Z-transform of the given series is $X(n) = \frac{a}{1-rz^{-1}} = \frac{-3}{1+3z^{-1}}$.

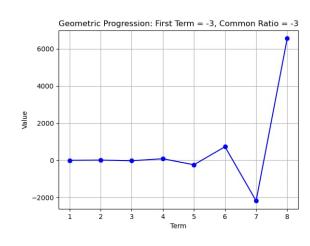


Fig. 1. Graph showing first 8 terms of the GP

Variable	Description	value
a	first term of G.P.	-3
r	Common ratio of G.P.	-3
X(n)	general term of the G.P.	ar^n
TABLE I		

A TABLE WITH INPUT PARAMETERS