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.

Solution:

Variable	Description	value
x(0)	first term of G.P.	-3
r	Common ratio of G.P.	?
x(n)	general term of the G.P.	$x(0) r^n$
x(3)	fourth term	$[x(1)]^2$
$\mathrm{u}(n)$	unit step function	-

TABLE I

A TABLE WITH INPUT PARAMETERS

$$x(0) r^{3} = (x(0) r^{1})^{2}$$
 (1)

$$= x(0)^2 r^2 \tag{2}$$

$$\implies r = x(0) \tag{3}$$

$$= -3 \tag{4}$$

general term

$$x(n) = x(0) r^{n} u(n)$$
(5)

$$= (-3)^{n+1} u(n) (6)$$

The 7^{th} term of the sequence will be:

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

$$= -2187$$
 (8)

Z transform of the given G.P is:

$$X(z) = \frac{x(0)}{1 - rz^{-1}} = \frac{-3}{1 + 3z^{-1}}. \quad |z| > 3 \quad (9)$$

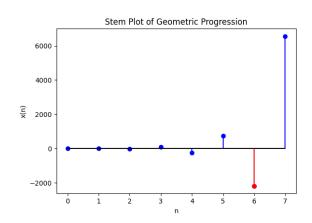


Fig. 1. Graph showing first 8 terms of the GP