

Discrete Assignment (10.5.3.20)

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Question :

The sum of some terms of G.P. is 315 whose first term and the common ratio are 5 and 2, respectively. Find the last term and the number of terms.

Solution :

Given:

$$x(0) = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$r = 2 \quad (2)$$

$$x(n) = x(0)r^n \quad (3)$$

$$x(z) = \frac{x(0)}{1 - rz^{-1}} \quad (4)$$

$$S(z) = X(z)U(z) \quad (5)$$

$$S(z) = \frac{x(0)(\frac{r}{1-rz^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}})}{r-1} \quad (6)$$

By contour integration:

$$s(n) = x(0) \left(\frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1} \right) u(n) \quad (7)$$

From (7):

$$315 = 5(2^{n+1} - 1) \quad (8)$$

$$63 = 2^{n+1} - 1 \quad (9)$$

$$64 = 2^{n+1} \quad (10)$$

$$n = 5 \quad (11)$$

$$x(n) = x(0) \cdot r^n \quad (12)$$

$$x(5) = 5 \cdot 2^5 \quad (13)$$

$$= 160 \quad (14)$$

Therefore, the number of terms is 6, and the last term is 160.