Q:Two APs have the same common difference. The difference between their 100th terms is 100, what is the difference between their 1000th terms?

Solution:

Let us assume given two APs(Arithmetic Progressions) as A and B whose first terms are given by a(1) and b(1). Let d be the common difference of the APs.

We know that, nth term of an AP is given by a(n) = a(1) + (n-1)d.

Given that the difference between the 100th terms is 100.

$$a(100) - b(100) = 100 \tag{1}$$

$$(a(1) + 99d) - (b(1) + 99d) = 100$$
(since 999d cancels out, the equation will be) (2)

$$a(1) - b(1) = 100 \tag{3}$$

Now to find the difference between the 1000th terms of APs;

$$a(1000) - b(1000) = (a(1) + 999d) - (b(1) + 999d)$$
(since 999d cancels out, the equation will be) (4)

$$= a(1) - b(1) \tag{5}$$

$$= 100$$
(from the above equation) (6)

Therefore, the difference between the 1000th terms of two given APs is 100.

We know that,

The Z-transform of a discrete signal x(n) is given by:

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

Considering a(n) and b(n) as n^{th} terms of the APs(Arithmetic Progressions), Z-transform for a(n) and b(n) can be given by

$$A(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{a(n)\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a(n)z^{-n}$$
(7)

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{n} a(n) z^{-n}$$
 (8)

$$= a(1)z^{-1} + a(2)z^{-2} + \ldots + a(n)z^{-n}$$
(9)

$$= a(1)z^{-1} + (a(1) + d)z^{-2} + \dots + (a(1) + (n-1)d)z^{-n}$$
(10)

$$= a(1)[z^{-1} + z^{-2} + \dots + z^{-n}] + d[1.z^{-2} + \dots + (n-1).z^{-n}]$$
(11)

$$= a(1) \cdot U(z) + d[-z \cdot \frac{d(U(z))}{dz} - U(z)]$$
 (12)

(13)

$$A(z) = [a(1) - d] \cdot U(z) + d\left[-z \cdot \frac{d(U(z))}{dz}\right]$$

similarly

$$B(z) = [b(1) - d] \cdot U(z) + d[-z \cdot \frac{d(U(z))}{dz}]$$