

# NCERT DISCRETE 10.5.4 Q1

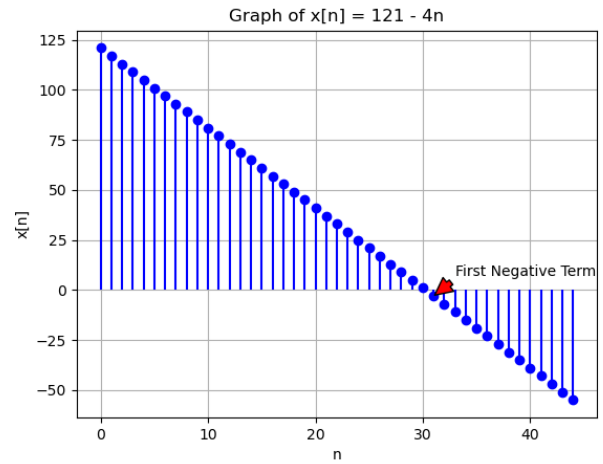
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**Question:** Which term of the AP: 121, 117, 113, ..., is its first negative term?

**Solution:**

Symbol	Description	Value
$x[n]$	General term	$121 - 4n$
$x[0]$	Initial term	121
$d$	Common difference	4

TABLE I  
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z-transform of this sequence

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (121 - 4n)z^{-n} \quad (2)$$

$$X(z) = \frac{z(121z - 125)}{(z - 1)^2} \quad (3)$$

The pole is at  $z = 1$ .

$$x[n] = 121 - 4n < 0 \quad (4)$$

$$n > \frac{121}{4} \quad (5)$$

the first negative term in the sequence occurs at

$$n = 31$$