

Sequence & Series

Sequences

A particular order in which related things follow each other or a set of related things.

⇒ Geometric Progression } Types
⇒ Arithmetic Sequence }

(i) Find the Sequences Given by
Explicit formula.

$$1 - a_k = \frac{k}{k+1} \quad k \geq 1$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{1+1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2}{2+1} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3}{3+1} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4}{4+1} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}$$

$$(2) \quad b_i = i-1 \quad i \geq 2$$

$$b_2 = \frac{2-1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b_3 = \frac{3-1}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$$

$$b_4 = \frac{4-1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$$

Alternative method.

Compute first five terms of sequence.

$$c_j = (-1)^j \quad j \geq 0$$

$$c_0 = (-1)^0 \Rightarrow 1$$

$$c_1 = (-1)^1 \Rightarrow -1$$

$$c_2 = (-1)^2 \Rightarrow 1$$

$$c_3 = (-1)^3 \Rightarrow -1$$

$$c_4 = (-1)^4 \Rightarrow 1$$

$$1, -1, 1, -1, 1$$

find the explicit formula to fit the given initial terms

$$1, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, -\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{25}, \dots$$

as we want to find explicit formula.

index	1	2	3	4	5
Value	2	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$-\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{25}$

$$a_k = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k^2}$$

2)

2, 6, 12, 20, 30, 42

index	1	2	3	4	5	6
Value	2	6	12	20	30	42
	1×2	2×3	3×4	4×5	5×6	6×7

$$a_k = k(k+1) \quad k \geq 1$$

Types:

- i) Arithmetic Sequences
- ii) Geometric Sequences.

Arithmetic Sequences:

A sequence in which each term is achieved by adding a constant term in previous one.

Example:

$$1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \dots$$

Formula:

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

Find term first term Difference

Example:

find 20th term of Sequence.

$$S = 3, 9, 15, 21, \dots$$

$$a = 3$$

$$d = a - 3 \Rightarrow 6$$

$$n = 20 \quad a_{20} = ?$$

$$a_{20} = a + (n-1)d$$

$$3 + (20-1)6$$

$$3 + 19 \times 6 \Rightarrow 117$$

(2)

find the 36th term of A.P

whose 3rd term is 7 & 8th

term is 17

$$a_{36} = ?$$

$$a_3 = 7$$

$$a_8 = 17$$

$$a_3 = a + (3-1)d$$

$$7 = a + 2d \quad \text{--- i)}$$

$$a_8 = a + (8-1)d$$

$$17 = a + 7d \quad \text{--- ii)}$$

Subtract i) & ii)

$$7 = a + 2d$$

Put $d=2$ in i)

$$+17 = +a + 7d$$

$$7 = a + 2(2)$$

$$-10 = -5d$$

$$7 = a + 4$$

$$\boxed{d = 2}$$

$$7 - 4 = a$$

$$\boxed{a = 3}$$

$$a_{36} = a + (36-1)d$$

$$3 + 35 \times 2$$

$$a_{36} = 73$$

Geometric Sequence

A sequence in which each term except first term achieved by multiplying previous term with a constant.

Formula:

$$a_n = ar^{n-1} \quad \text{for all integers } n > 1$$

Example:

Find 8th term of Sequence by G.S

4, 12, 36, 108

$$a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$a_8 = ?$$

$$a_8 = 4(3)^{8-1}$$

$a = 4 \Rightarrow$ initial term

$$4(3)^7$$

$r = \frac{12}{4} = 3 \Rightarrow$ Common ratio

$$4(2187) \Rightarrow 8748 \quad n = \text{term}$$

(Example No 2)

which term of A.P is $\frac{1}{8}$ if

its 1st term is 4 and $r = \frac{1}{2}$.

$n = ?$ find =?

$$a_n = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = 4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8 \times 4} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{32} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \Rightarrow 5 = n-1$$

$$\boxed{n=6}$$

Example No. 3

find the G.P with terms whose
2nd term is 9 & 6th term is
one.

$$a_2 = 9$$

$$a_4 = 1$$

$$a_2 = ar^{2-1}$$

$$a_2 = ar \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$9 = ar$$

$$r = \frac{9}{a}$$

$$a_6 = ar^{4-1}$$

$$= ar^3$$

put value of r

$$1 = a \left[\frac{9}{a} \right]^3$$

put value of a ; $1 = a \frac{(ar)^3}{a^2}$

$$r = \frac{9}{27}$$

$$a^2 = 9^3$$

$$r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a^2 = 729$$

$$a = 27$$

$$a = ar^{n-1}$$

$$27 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Series :-

Sum of terms of Sequence
is called Series.

⇒ we just use (+) sign.

Representation :-

use summation notation / Sigma.

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 (2i-1) = [2(1)-1] + [2(2)-1] + [2(3)-1] \\ = 1 + 3 + 5 \Rightarrow 9$$

: Properties:

i) $\sum_{k=m}^n c \cdot a_k = c \sum_{k=m}^n a_k$

ii) $\sum_{k=1}^n c = n \cdot c$

iii) $\sum_{k=n}^n (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=n}^n a_k + \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$

: Types:

- * Arithmetic Series
- * Geometric Series

Arithmetic Series

Sum of arithmetic Sequences
is arithmetic Series.

formula.

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

or

$$\frac{n}{2} (\underline{a} + \underline{a_n})$$

initial term final term

Examples:

$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots$$

$$n = 50$$

$$\frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$a = 1 \quad d = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$n = 50$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{50}{2} (2(1) + (50-1)1) \\ & 25 (2 + 49) \end{aligned}$$

$$25(51) = 1275$$

Example : 2

$$S_{10} = ?$$

$$n = 10$$

$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} n & (2a + (n-1)d) \\ \frac{10}{2} & (2(1) + (9)(1)) \\ \frac{9}{2} & (2+9) \\ 5 & (11) \Rightarrow 55 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$S = 3 + 9 + 15 + 21$$

$$S_{10}=?$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 3 \quad d = 6 && \text{not correct} \\ \frac{10}{2} & (2(3) + (10-1)6) \\ \frac{9}{2} & (6 + (9)(6)) \\ 5 & (6+54) \end{aligned}$$

$$5 \times 60 \Rightarrow 300$$

\Rightarrow by using other formula:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{10}{2} (3+21) && \text{correct} \\ &= 5(24) \Rightarrow 120 \end{aligned}$$

Example NO 3:

$$1 + 4 + 7 + 10 + 13$$

$$a = 1$$

$$S_8=?$$

$$d = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d) \\
 &= \frac{8}{2} (2(1) + (8-1)(3)) \\
 &= 4 (2 + 7(3)) \\
 &= 4 (2 + 21) \Rightarrow 23 \times 4 \\
 &\quad \text{92 Ans}
 \end{aligned}$$

Geometric Series:

Sum of geometric sequence is

$$ar^0 + ar^1 + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} ar^i = \text{Sigma notation}$$

formula:

$$S = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

Example No 1:

$$2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + \dots$$

$$a = 2 \quad n = 10$$

$$r = 2$$

$$S_{10} = ?$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{2(2^{10} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{2(1023)}{1} \Rightarrow 2046$$

Example No 2:

$$4 + 12 + 36 + 108 + \dots$$

$$S_6 = ?$$

$$a = 4, r = \frac{12}{4} = 3 \Rightarrow n = 6$$

$$S_6 = \frac{4(3^6 - 1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$4(728) \Rightarrow 1456$$

Example No 3:

$$\frac{9}{4} + \frac{3}{2} + 1 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a = \frac{9}{4}, r = \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{\frac{9}{4}} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}, n = 6$$

$$S_6 = ?$$

$$S_6 = \frac{\frac{9}{4} \left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 - 1 \right]}{\frac{2}{3} - 1} \Rightarrow \frac{665}{108} \text{ Ans}$$