

# NCERT Maths 11.9.2 Q6

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**Question:** If the sum of certain number of terms in a AP 25,22,19,... is 116. Find the last term.

The sum of the terms of the sequence is computed using the residue theorem, expressed as  $R_i$ , which represents the residue of the Z-transform at  $z = 1$  for the expression  $Y(z)$ .

**Solution:**

Symbol	Value	Description
$x(0)$	25	first term of AP
$d$	-3	common difference
$y(n)$	116	sum of terms

TABLE I  
GIVEN PARAMETERS

$$x(n) = (25 - 3n)u(n) \quad (1)$$

Applying Z transform:

$$x(z) = \frac{25}{1 - z^{-1}} - \frac{3z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{25 - 28z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} \quad (3)$$

Region of Convergence or R.O.C :

$$|z| > 1 \quad (4)$$

For AP, the sum of first  $n+1$  terms can be written as :

$$y(n) = x(n) * u(n) \quad (5)$$

Applying Z transform on both sides

$$Y(z) = x(z)u(z) \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{25}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} - \frac{3z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^3} \quad (7)$$

Using contour integration to find inverse Z transform:

$$y(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C Y(z)z^{n-1} dz \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \left[ \frac{25}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} - \frac{3z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^3} \right] z^{n-1} dz \quad (9)$$

$$R_i = R_1 + R_2 \quad (10)$$

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are residues calculated at the poles of the Z-transform.

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \left. \frac{d(25z^{n+1})}{dz} \right|_{z=1} \quad (11)$$

$$= 25(n+1) \quad (12)$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{(3-1)!} \left. \frac{d^2(-3z^{n+1})}{dz^2} \right|_{z=1} \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{-3}{2}(n+1)(n) \quad (14)$$

The sum of terms is given by  $R_i$ :

$$25(n+1) + \frac{-3}{2}n(n+1) = 116 \quad (15)$$

Solving the equation gives :

$$n = 7 \quad (16)$$

$$n = 8.667 \quad (17)$$

Since  $n$  can take only integer values,  $n = 8.667$  is rejected. Upon substituting the value of  $n$  in 1 :

$$x(7) = 4 \quad (18)$$

Hence the last term of the given AP is 4.

