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AI1110 Assignment 1

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1 ICSE 2018 GRADE 10 QUESTION 11(A)

The 4^{th} term of an A.P. is 22 and 15^{th} term is 66. Find the first term and the common difference.Hence find the sum of series upto 8^{th} term.

2 SOLUTION

Let \mathbf{m}^{th} and \mathbf{n}^{th} term of an A.P be a_m and a_n respectively

Let first term of A.P. be a

Let common difference of A.P. be d

The \mathbf{x}^{th} (a_x) term of any Arithmetic progression is given by

$$a_x = a + (x - 1)d$$

So,

$$a_m = a + (m-1)d (2.0.1)$$

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d (2.0.2)$$

Subtracting (2.0.1) and (2.0.2) we get,

$$(m-n)d = a_m - a_n$$
 (2.0.3)

$$d = \frac{a_m - a_n}{m - n} {(2.0.4)}$$

Putting the value of d in (2.0.1) equation

$$a + (m-1)(\frac{a_m - a_n}{m-n}) = a_m$$
 (2.0.5)

$$a = a_m - (m-1)(\frac{a_m - a_n}{m-n})$$
 (2.0.6)

Given the 4^{th} term of the A.P is 22

 15^{th} term of A.P. is 66

Putting the values of a_4 and a_{15} in (2.0.1) and (2.0.2)

We get

$$a_4 = a + 3d = 22 \tag{2.0.7}$$

$$a_{15} = a + 14d = 66$$
 (2.0.8)

Putting the values of

$$m = 4$$

$$n = 15$$

$$a_m = 22$$

$$a_n = 66$$

in (2.0.4) and (2.0.6) we get 1st term of the A.P. is 10 and common difference is 4.

Sum of an A.P till n terms is given by

$$S_n = (\frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d)$$
 (2.0.9)

So, sum of A.P till 8th term is

$$S_8 = \frac{8}{2}(2(10) + (8-1)4 \tag{2.0.10}$$

$$S_8 = 4(20 + 28) \tag{2.0.11}$$

$$S_8 = 192 (2.0.12)$$