

# Discrete Assignment

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**Question 11.9.5.15:** The  $p$ th,  $q$ th and  $r$ th terms of an AP are  $a, b, c$  respectively. Show that

$$(q - r)a + (r - p)b + (p - q)c = 0$$

**Solution:**

The AP has the following parameters

Term	Value	Description
$x(0)$	-	First term
$d$	-	Common Difference
$x(n)$	$(x(0) + nd)u(n)$	General term
$x(p)$	$a$	$p$ th term
$x(q)$	$b$	$q$ th term
$x(r)$	$c$	$r$ th term

TABLE 0  
INPUT PARAMETERS

Now,

$$x(0) + pd = a \quad (1)$$

$$x(0) + qd = b \quad (2)$$

$$x(0) + rd = c \quad (3)$$

which can be represented as,

$$x(0) + p.d + a.(-1) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$x(0) + q.d + b.(-1) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$x(0) + r.d + c.(-1) = 0 \quad (6)$$

resulting in the matrix equation,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & a \\ 1 & q & b \\ 1 & r & c \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad (7)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ d \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

solving the equations (1),(2) and (3) by row reducing the matrix in (7),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & a \\ 1 & q & b \\ 1 & r & c \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow[R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1]{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & a \\ 0 & q - p & b - a \\ 0 & r - p & c - a \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{R_2}{q-p}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & a \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b-a}{q-p} \\ 0 & r - p & c - a \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - p.R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a - p \cdot \frac{b-a}{q-p} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b-a}{q-p} \\ 0 & r - p & c - a \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - (r-p).R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a - p \cdot \frac{b-a}{q-p} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b-a}{q-p} \\ 0 & 0 & (c - a) - \frac{(r-p)(b-a)}{q-p} \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{aq-pb}{q-p} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{b-a}{q-p} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{a(r-q)+b(p-r)+c(q-p)}{q-p} \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

After row reduction of matrix we get,

$$x(0) = \frac{aq - pb}{q - p} \quad (14)$$

$$d = \frac{b - a}{q - p} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{a(r - q) + b(p - r) + c(q - p)}{q - p} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\therefore (q - r)a + (r - p)b + (p - q)c = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$x(n) \xrightarrow{Z} X(z) \quad (18)$$

$$X(z) = \frac{aq - pb}{(q - p)(1 - z^{-1})} + \frac{(b - a)z^{-1}}{(q - p)(1 - z^{-1})^2} \quad (19)$$

$$R.O.C(|z| > 1) \quad (20)$$

Hence proved