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Question:

The 5th, 8th and 11th terms of a GP are p, q and s respectively. show that

$$q^2 = ps$$

$$u(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

solution:

Given,

$$x(5) = p \quad (1) \quad x(n) = a \cdot r^{n-1} \cdot u(n) \quad (17)$$

$$x(8) = q \quad (2) \quad \text{from equation (18)}$$

$$x(11) = s \quad (3) \quad x(n) = \begin{cases} a \cdot r^{n-1} \cdot u(n), & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

let first term of a GP = a

common ratio of GP = r

we know,

$$n\text{th term of a GP} = x(n) = a \cdot r^{n-1}, \text{ if } n \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{so 5th term of GP } (x(5)) = a \cdot r^4 = p \quad (5)$$

$$8\text{th term of GP } (x(8)) = a \cdot r^7 = q \quad (6)$$

$$11\text{th term of GP } (x(11)) = a \cdot r^{10} = s \quad (7)$$

$$x(8) \cdot x(8) = a \cdot r^7 \cdot a \cdot r^7 \quad (8)$$

$$= a^2 \cdot r^{14} \quad (9)$$

$$x(5) \cdot x(11) = a \cdot r^4 \cdot a \cdot r^{10} \quad (10)$$

$$= a^2 \cdot r^{14} \quad (11)$$

$$x(8)^2 = x(5) \cdot x(11) \quad (12)$$

so,

$$p = a \cdot r^4 \quad (13)$$

$$q = a \cdot r^7 \quad (14)$$

$$s = a \cdot r^{10} \quad (15)$$

$$q^2 = p \cdot s \quad (16)$$

hence proved

symbol	value	description
$x(5)$	$a \cdot r^4 = p$	5th term of GP
$x(8)$	$a \cdot r^7 = q$	8th term of GP
$x(11)$	$a \cdot r^{10} = s$	11th term of GP