

NCERT 11.9.5

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Question:

Which term of the following sequences:

(a) $2, 2\sqrt{2}, 4, \dots$ is 128 (b) $\sqrt{3}, 3, 3\sqrt{3}, \dots$ is 729

(c) $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \dots$ is $\frac{1}{19683}$

Answer: (a) Let $x_1(0) = 2$, $r_1 = \sqrt{2}$, then the general term is:

$$x_1(n) = x_1(0) r_1^n u[n] \quad (1)$$

where $u[0] = 1$. Assume n^{th} ($n > 0$) term is 128:

$$x_1(n) = x_1(0) r_1^n = 128 \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \log_{r_1} \frac{128}{x_1(0)} \quad (3)$$

Using values from Table 1,

$$\Rightarrow n = \log_{\sqrt{2}} \frac{128}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore n = 12 \quad (5)$$

Thus the 13th term of the G.P $x_1(n)$ is 128.

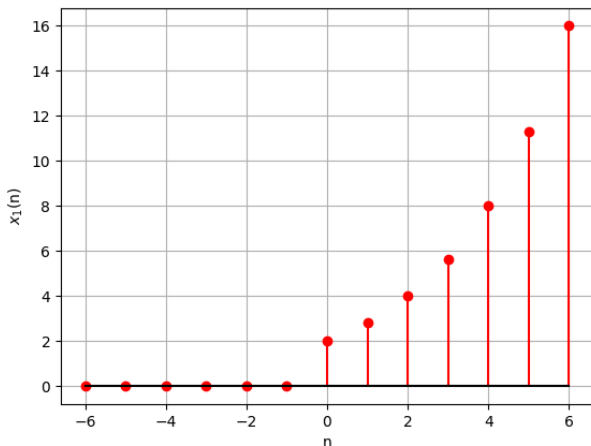


Fig. 1: Plot of $x_1(n)$ vs n . See Table 1

Let $x(n) = x(0) r^n u[n]$ then:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) \cdot z^{-n} \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(0) r^n z^{-n} \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = x(0) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n z^{-n} \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = x(0) \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{r}{z}} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\therefore X(z) = \frac{x(0)}{1 - rz^{-1}} \quad \forall |z| > |r| \quad (10)$$

$$\therefore X_1(z) = \frac{2}{1 - \sqrt{2}z^{-1}} \quad \forall |z| > \sqrt{2} \quad (11)$$

(b) Let $x_2(0) = \sqrt{3}$, $r_2 = \sqrt{3}$, then the general term is:

$$x_2(n) = x_2(0) r_2^n u[n] \quad (12)$$

Assume n^{th} ($n > 0$) term is 729, which gives:

$$x_2(n) = x_2(0) r_2^n = 729 \quad (13)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2^n = \frac{729}{x_2(0)} \quad (14)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \log_{r_2} \frac{729}{x_2(0)} \quad (15)$$

Using values from Table 1,

$$\Rightarrow n = \log_{\sqrt{3}} \frac{729}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (16)$$

$$\therefore n = 11 \quad (17)$$

Thus the 12th term of the G.P $x_2(n)$ is 729.

By eqn 10, the Z-transform of $x_2(n)$:

$$X_2(z) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}z^{-1}} \quad \forall |z| > \sqrt{3} \quad (18)$$

(c) Let $x_3(0) = \frac{1}{3}$, $r_3 = \frac{1}{3}$, then the general term is:

$$x_3(n) = x_3(0) r_3^n u[n] \quad (19)$$

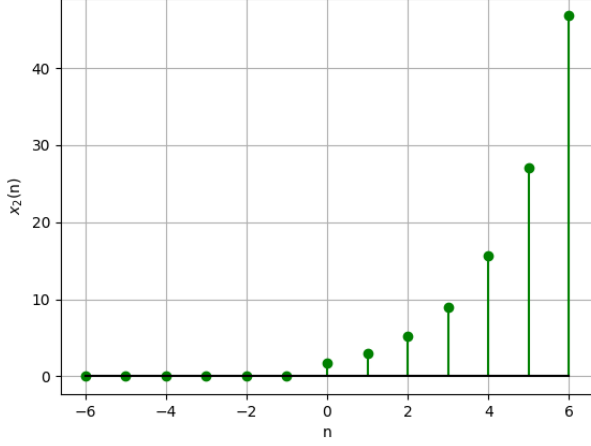


Fig. 2: Plot of $x_2(n)$ vs n . See Table 1

Assume n^{th} ($n > 0$) term is $\frac{1}{19683}$, which gives:

$$x_3(n) = x_3(0) r_3^n = \frac{1}{19683} \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \log_{r_3} \frac{1}{19683 x_3(0)} \quad (21)$$

Using values from Table 1,

$$\Rightarrow n = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1}{19683 \frac{1}{3}} \quad (22)$$

$$\therefore n = 8 \quad (23)$$

Thus the 9^{th} term of the G.P $x_3(n)$ is $\frac{1}{19683}$.
By eqn 10, the Z-transform of $x_3(n)$:

$$\therefore X_3(z) = \frac{1}{3 - z^{-1}} \quad \forall \quad |z| > \frac{1}{3} \quad (24)$$

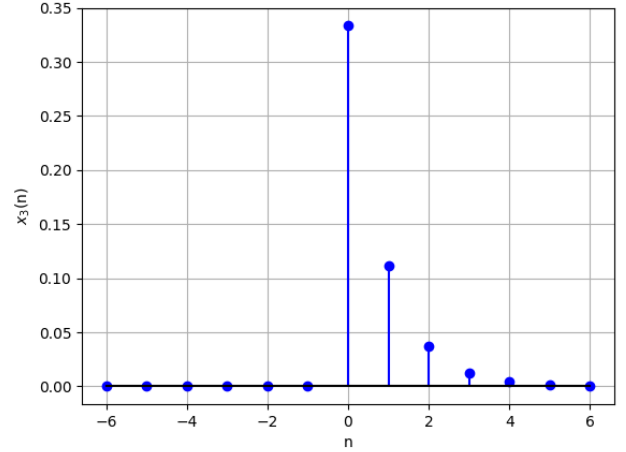


Fig. 3: Plot of $x_3(n)$ vs n . See Table 1

Parameter	Description	Value
r_i	Common ratio of G.P (a),(b),(c)	$\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{3}$
$x_i(n)$	Sequence	$x_i(0) r_i^n u[n]$
$X_i(z)$	Transform of $x_i(n)$	$\frac{x_i(0)}{1 - r_i z^{-1}}$

TABLE 1: Table of parameters