

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 $x_1(0) = 2$, $x_1(1) = 2\sqrt{2}$, $x_1(2) = 4$. Since, $\frac{x_1(1)}{x_1(0)} = \frac{x_1(2)}{x_1(1)}$, the sequence $x_1(n)$ is a G.P Series. Let $r_1 = \frac{x_1(1)}{x_1(0)} = \sqrt{2}$, then the general term is $x_1(n) = x_1(0) r_1^{n-1}$.

Assume n^{th} term is 128, which gives:

$$x_1(n) = x_1(0) r_1^{n-1} = 128 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1^{n-1} = \frac{128}{x_1(0)} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{r_1} \frac{128}{x_1(0)} \quad (3)$$

Using values from Table 1,

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{\sqrt{2}} \frac{128}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{\sqrt{2}} 64 \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2}^{12} \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = 12 \quad (7)$$

$$\therefore n = 13 \quad (8)$$

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

$$x_1(n) = x_1(0) r_1^n u[n] \quad (9)$$

where $u[0] = 1$. Taking the Z - transform:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) \cdot z^{-n} \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(0) r_1^n z^{-n} \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = x(0) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_1^n z^{-n} \quad (12)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = \frac{x(0)}{r} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{r}{z}} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$\therefore X(z) = \frac{x(0)z}{r(z-r)} \forall |z| > |r| \quad (14)$$

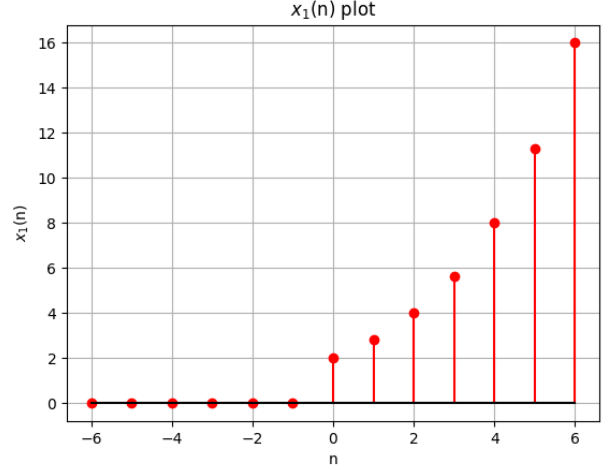


Fig. 1: Plot of $x_1(n)$ from $n = -6$ to 6

$$\therefore X_1(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2}z}{z - \sqrt{2}} \forall |z| > \sqrt{2} \quad (15)$$

with ROC:

$$|z| > \sqrt{2}$$

(b) Let $x_2(0) = \sqrt{3}$, $x_2(1) = 3$, $x_2(2) = 3\sqrt{3}$. Since $\frac{x_2(1)}{x_2(0)} = \frac{x_2(2)}{x_2(1)}$, the sequence $x_2(n)$ is a G.P Series. Let $r_2 = \frac{x_2(1)}{x_2(0)} = \sqrt{3}$, then the general term is $x_2(n) = x_2(0) r_2^{n-1}$.

Assume n^{th} term is 729, which gives:

$$x_2(n) = x_2(0) r_2^{n-1} = 729 \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2^{n-1} = \frac{729}{x_2(0)} \quad (17)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{r_2} \frac{729}{x_2(0)} \quad (18)$$

Using values from Table 1,

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{\sqrt{3}} \frac{729}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (19)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{\sqrt{3}} \frac{3^6}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{3}^{11} \quad (21)$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = 11 \quad (22)$$

$$\therefore n = 12 \quad (23)$$

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

$$x_2(n) = x_2(0)r_2^n u[n] \quad (24)$$

By 14, the Z-transform of $x_b(n)$:

$$X_2(z) = \frac{z}{z - \sqrt{3}} \quad (25)$$

with ROC:

$$|z| > \sqrt{3}$$

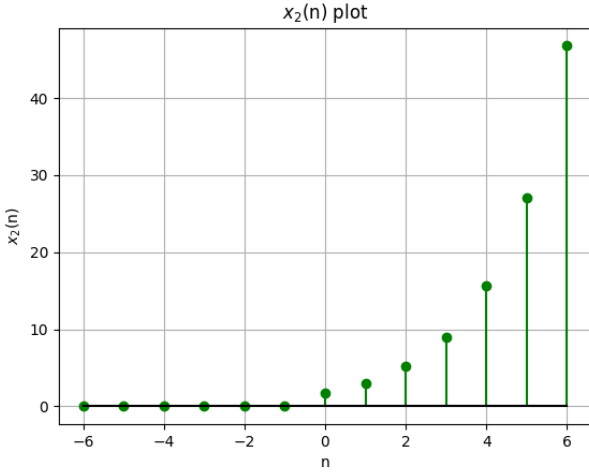


Fig. 2: Plot of $x_b(n)$ from $n = -6$ to 6

Thus the 9th term of the G.P $x_3(n)$ is $\frac{1}{19683}$.

$$x_3(n) = x_3(0)r_3^n u[n] \quad (34)$$

By 14, the Z-transform of $x_3(n)$:

$$X_3(z) = \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{3}} \implies X_3(z) = \frac{3z}{3z - 1} \quad (35)$$

with ROC:

$$|z| > \frac{1}{3}$$

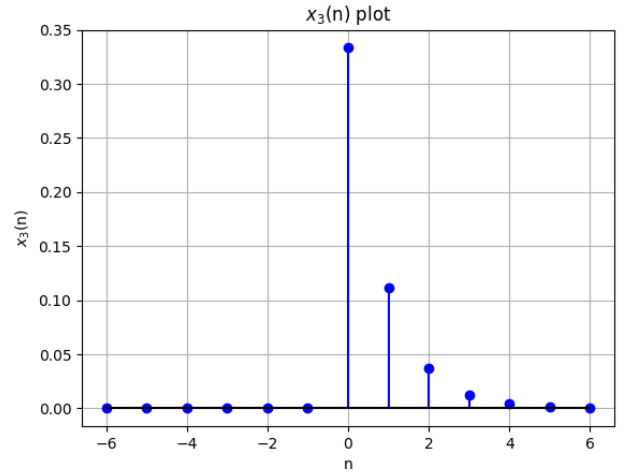


Fig. 3: Plot of $x_3(n)$ from $n = -6$ to 6

(c) Let $x_3(0) = \frac{1}{3}$, $x_3(1) = \frac{1}{9}$, $x_3(2) = \frac{1}{27}$.

Since $\frac{x_3(1)}{x_3(0)} = \frac{x_3(2)}{x_3(1)}$, the sequence $x_3(n)$ is a G.P Series. Let $r_3 = \frac{x_3(1)}{x_3(0)} = \frac{1}{3}$, then the general term is $x_3(n) = x_3(0)r_3^{n-1}$.

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

$$x_3(n) = x_3(0)r_3^{n-1} = \frac{1}{19683} \quad (26)$$

$$\implies r_3^{n-1} = \frac{1}{19683x_3(0)} \quad (27)$$

$$\implies n - 1 = \log_{r_3} \frac{1}{19683x_3(0)} \quad (28)$$

Using values from Table 1,

$$\implies n - 1 = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1}{19683 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} \quad (29)$$

$$\implies n - 1 = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1}{6561} \quad (30)$$

$$\implies n - 1 = \log_{\frac{1}{3}} 3^{-8} \quad (31)$$

$$\implies n - 1 = 8 \quad (32)$$

$$\therefore n = 9 \quad (33)$$

Parameter	Description	Value
r_1	Common ratio of G.P (a)	$\sqrt{2}$
a_n	Sequence	$2, 2\sqrt{2}, 4, \dots$
$x_1(n)$	Function equivalent of sequence a_n	—
$x_1(0)$	a_1	2
$X_1(z)$	Transform of $x_1(n)$	—
r_2	Common ratio of G.P (b)	$\sqrt{3}$
b_n	Sequence	$\sqrt{3}, 3, 3\sqrt{3}, \dots$
$x_2(n)$	Function equivalent of sequence b_n	—
$x_2(0)$	b_1	$\sqrt{3}$
$X_2(z)$	Z-transform of $x_2(n)$	—
r_3	Common ratio of G.P (c)	$\frac{1}{3}$
c_n	Sequence	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \dots$
$x_3(n)$	Function equivalent of sequence c_n	—
$x_3(0)$	c_1	$\frac{1}{3}$
$X_3(z)$	Z-transform of $x_3(n)$	—

TABLE 1: Table of parameters