

Chapter-4  
Sequence and series

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1. For any two numbers 'a' and 'b'. 'AM', 'GM' and 'HM' between them are given by;

a.  $A.M = \frac{a+b}{2}$

b.  $G.M = \sqrt{ab}$

c.  $H.M = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$

Proof :

a. Let A be the AM between a and b then a, A, b are in Arithmetic sequence.

$$\text{So, } A-a = b-A$$

$$\text{or, } A+A = a+b$$

$$\text{or, } 2A = a+b$$

$$\text{or } A = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\therefore A.M = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\therefore A.M = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

b. Let G be the G.M between a and b then a, G, b are in geometric sequence.

$$\text{or, } G^2 = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{or, } G^2 = ab$$

$$\text{or, } G = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\therefore G.M = \sqrt{ab}$$

c. Let H be harmonic mean between a and b then a, H, b are in Harmonic Sequence. Then

$\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{H}, \frac{1}{b}$  are in A.S

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{H} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{H}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{H} + \frac{1}{H} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{2}{H} = \frac{a+b}{ab}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2ab}{ab} = H$$

$$\therefore H.M = \frac{2ab}{ab}$$

2. The AM, GM and HM between any two unequal and positive number satisfy following condition:

a.  $G.M^2 = A.M \times H.M$

b.  $A.M > G.M > H.M$

Proof:

Let a and b are two unequal and positive numbers then

$$A.M = \frac{a+b}{2}, G.M = \sqrt{ab}, H.M = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$

a.  $A.M \times H.M = \frac{a+b}{2} \times \frac{2ab}{a+b}$

$$= ab$$

$$= (\sqrt{ab})^2$$

$$= G.M^2$$

$$\therefore G.M^2 = A.M \times H.M$$

Proved

$$b. AM - GM = \frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2} - 2\sqrt{ab}$$

$$= (\sqrt{a})^2 - 2\sqrt{ab} + (\sqrt{b})^2$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b})^2}{2} > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } AM - GM > 0$$

$$\rightarrow AM > GM \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Again,

We know that

$$AM \times HM = GM^2$$

$$\text{or, } AM \times HM = GM \times GM$$

$$\therefore \frac{GM}{HM} = \frac{AM}{GM}$$

$$\rightarrow GM > HM \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Combining two relations, we get

$$AM > GM > HM$$

*Proved*

## Exercise - 4.1

1. Let A.M., G.M. and H.M. be the arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean between two numbers.

- a. If A.M. = 36 and H.M. = 16, Find their G.M.

Solution:

We know,

$$G.M^2 = A.M \times H.M$$

$$\text{or, } G.M^2 = 36 \times 16$$

$$\text{or, } G.M = \sqrt{576}$$

$$\therefore G.M = 24$$

- b. If A.M. = 8 and G.M. = 6, find their H.M.

Solution:

We know,

$$G.M^2 = A.M \times H.M$$

$$\text{or, } 6^2 = 8 \times H.M$$

$$\therefore H.M = \frac{9}{2}$$

- 2.a. If H be the harmonic mean between a and b, prove

$$\text{that } \frac{1}{H-a} + \frac{1}{H-b} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

Solution:

L.H.S

$$\frac{1}{H-a} + \frac{1}{H-b}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2ab} + \frac{2}{ab} = \frac{2}{ab} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2ab - a^2 - ab} + \frac{1}{2ab - ab - b^2}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{a(2b-a-b)} + \frac{a+b}{b(2a-a-b)}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{a} \times \frac{1}{(b-a)} + \frac{a+b}{b} \times \frac{1}{(a-b)}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{(a-b)} \left[ -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(a+b)}{(a-b)} \left[ \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(a+b)}{(a-b)} \frac{(a-b)}{ab}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{ab}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$$

Proved

b. If  $G$  is the geometric mean between  $a$  and  $b$ , show that

$$\frac{1}{G^2-a^2} + \frac{1}{G^2-b^2} = \frac{2}{G^2}$$

Solution:

L.H.S

$$\frac{1}{G^2-a^2} + \frac{1}{G^2-b^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{ab})^2 - a^2} + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{ab})^2 - b^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ab - a^2} + \frac{1}{ab - b^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a(b-a)} + \frac{1}{b(a-b)}$$

$$= \frac{-b+a}{ab(a-b)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{ab})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{G^2}$$

Proved

c. If one G.M. 'G' and two A.M.'s 'p' and 'q' are inserted between two numbers, prove that  $G^2 = (2p-q)(2q-p)$

Solution:

Let the two numbers be 'a' and 'b' then,

$$G = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\text{or, } G^2 = ab$$

Also, p and q are inserted between two numbers that is 'a' and 'b'.

$\therefore a, p, q, b$  are in A.P

$$\text{Now, } P-a = q-p$$

$$\therefore a = 2P-q \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also,

$$q-p = b-q$$

$$\text{or, } b = 2q-p \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Combining (1) and (2)

$$ab = (2P-q)(2q-p)$$

$$\text{or, } G^2 = (2P-q)(2q-p) \text{ proved}$$

d. If A be the A.M. and H, the H.M. between two quantities a and b, show that  $\frac{a-A}{a-H} \times \frac{b-A}{b-H} = A$

Solution:

$$\text{We know, } A = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$H = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$

Now, substituting the value in  $\frac{a-A}{a-H} \times \frac{b-A}{b-H}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a - \frac{a+b}{2} \times \frac{b-a+b}{2} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{a-2ab}{atb} \times \frac{b-2ab}{atb} \\
 &= \frac{(a-b)}{2} \times \frac{(atb)}{2a(a-b)} \times \frac{(b-a)(atb)}{2b(b-a)} \\
 &= \frac{(atb)}{2a} \times \frac{(atb)}{2b}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(atb)}{2} \times \frac{1}{\frac{2ab}{atb}}$$

$$= \frac{A}{H}$$

Proved,

e. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P. Prove that  $b^2 > ac$ .

Solution:

$$b = \frac{a+c}{2}$$

$$a, b^2 = \left(\frac{a+c}{2}\right)^2$$

$$a, b^2 = \frac{(a+c)^2}{4}$$

$$\text{Now, } b^2 - ac = \left(\frac{a+c}{2}\right)^2 - ac$$

$$= \frac{(a+c)^2 - 4ab}{4}$$

$$= \frac{(a-c)^2}{4} > 0 \quad (\because (a-b)^2 = (atb)^2 - 4ab)$$

3.a. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P..., prove that  $btc, cta, atb$  are in A.P. and  $bc, ca, ab$  are in H.P.

**Solution:**

Given,  $a, b, c$  are in A.P

$$\text{Then, } b = \frac{a+c}{2}$$

$$\text{or } 2b = a+c$$

Now, we have to prove;  $btc, cta, atb$  are in A.P

$$\text{i.e. } cta = \frac{btc + atb}{2}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \frac{b + c + a}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2b + a + c}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a + c + a + c}{2}$$

$$= 2(cta)$$

Again,

We have to prove;  $bc, ca, ab$  are in H.P

$$\text{i.e. } ca = \frac{2bc \cdot ab}{bc + ab} \quad [\because \text{H.M} = \frac{2ab}{atb}]$$

R.H.S

$$2bc \cdot ab$$

$$bc + ab$$

$$= \frac{2abc^2}{b(cta)}$$

$$= \frac{2abc}{atc}$$

$$= 2a \cdot \frac{a+c}{2} - c$$

$$\left[ \therefore b = \frac{a+c}{2} \right]$$

$$a+c$$

$$= \frac{ac(a+c)}{(a+c)}$$

= ac proved

b. If  $\frac{1}{2}(x+y)$ ,  $y$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(y+z)$  be in H.P. show that

$x, y, z$  are in G.P.

Solution:

Given,  $\frac{1}{2}(x+y)$ ,  $y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}(y+z)$  are in H.P.

$$\text{⇒ i.e. } y = \frac{2(x+y)}{2} \cdot \frac{(y+z)}{2} \quad \left[ \therefore \text{H.M} = \frac{2ab}{a+b} \right]$$

$$y = \frac{(x+y)(y+z)}{(x+y)(y+z)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To prove:

$x, y, z$  are in G.P.

$$\text{i.e. } y = \sqrt{xz}$$

L.H.S Solving equation (1)

$$y = (x+y)(y+z)$$

$$\text{or } y = \frac{xy + xz + y^2 + yz}{x + y + z}$$

$$\text{or } xy + 2y^2 + yz = xy + xz + y^2 + yz$$

$$\text{or, } xy - xy + 2y^2 - y^2 + yz - yz = xz$$

$$\text{or, } y^2 = xz$$

$$\therefore y = \sqrt{xz} \quad \text{proved}$$

c. If  $a, b, c$  are in H.P. Prove that  $a(b+c), b(c+a), c(a+b)$  are in A.P.

Solution:

Given;  $a, b, c$  are in H.P.

$$\text{i.e. } b = \frac{2ac}{a+c} \rightarrow b(a+c) = 2ac$$

To prove:

$a(b+c), b(c+a), c(a+b)$  are in A.P.

$$\text{i.e. } b(c+a) = a(b+c) + c(a+b)$$

$$2b(a+c) = 2ac + 2ab + 2bc$$

R.H.S

$$a(b+c) + c(a+b)$$

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$$= \frac{ab+ac+ac+bc}{2}$$

$$= \frac{ab+bc+2ac}{2}$$

$$= \frac{ab+bc+b(a+c)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{ab+bc+ab+bc}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2ab+2bc}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2b(a+c)}{2}$$

$$= b(c+a)$$

LHS proved

Q. If  $x$  be the A.M. between  $y$ , and  $z$ ,  $y$  the G.M. between  $z$  and  $x$ , prove that  $z$  will be the H.M. between  $x$  and  $y$ .

Solution:

Given;

$x$  be the A.M. between  $y$  and  $z$

$$\text{i.e. } x = \frac{y+z}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$y$  be the G.M. between  $z$  and  $x$

$$\text{i.e. } y = \sqrt{xz} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

To prove:

$z$  be the H.M. between  $x$  and  $y$

$$\text{i.e. } z = \frac{xy}{x+y}$$

from equation (1)

$$x = \frac{y+z}{2}$$

$$\text{or, } xy = \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)y$$

$$\text{or, } xy = \frac{y^2 + zy}{2}$$

$$\text{or, } 2xy = zy + zy \quad \left( \because y^2 = xz, \text{ from (2)} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } 2xy = z(x+y)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{2xy}{(x+y)} = z$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{2xy}{(x+y)} \text{ proved,}$$

b. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.,  $b, c, a$  are in H.P. Prove that  $c, a, b$  are in G.P.

Solution:

Given;  $a, b, c$  are in A.P

$$\text{i.e. } b = a + c \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

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Also,  $b, c, a$  are in H.P

$$\text{i.e. } c = \frac{2ab}{b+a} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

To prove:  $c, a, b$  are in G.P

$$\text{i.e. } a = \sqrt{bc}$$

Now,

from equation (i) and (ii)

$$c = \frac{2b-a}{a+b}$$

$$c = \frac{(a+c)a}{a+b} \quad [\because 2b = a+c, \text{ from (i)}]$$

$$\text{or } ac + bc = a^2 + ac$$

$$\text{or } a^2 = bc$$

$$\therefore a = \sqrt{bc}$$

∴  $a, c, b$  are in G.P. proved

c. If  $a^x = b^y = c^z$  and  $a, b, c$  are in G.P. Prove that  $x, y, z$  are in H.P

Solution:

Given;

$$a^x = b^y = c^z = r \text{ (let)}$$

Now,

$$a^x = r^1$$

$$b^y = r^1$$

$$c^z = r^1$$

$$\therefore a = r^{1/x}$$

$$\therefore b = r^{1/y}$$

$$\therefore c = r^{1/z}$$

Also,  $a, b, c$  are in G.P.  
 i.e.  $b = \sqrt{ac}$   
 or  $b^2 = ac \quad \text{--- (1)}$

To prove:

$x, y, z$  are in H.P.  
 i.e.  $y = \frac{2xz}{x+z}$

Now, from equation (1),

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 &= ac \\ \text{or } (\gamma^{1/2}y)^2 &= \gamma^{1/2}x \cdot \gamma^{1/2}z \\ \text{or, } \gamma^{\frac{2}{2}} \frac{y}{\gamma} &= \gamma^{\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2}{y} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2}{y} = \frac{x+z}{xz}$$

$$\text{L.H.S. or } \frac{2xz}{y} = x+z$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{2xz}{x+z}$$

proved

5.a. If  $x^2, b^2, y^2$  are in A.P.,  $a, x, b$  and  $b, y, c$  both are in G.P., prove that  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.

Solution:

Given;

$x^2, b^2, y^2$  are in A.P.

$$\text{i.e. } b^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also,

$a, x, b$  are in G.P.  
 i.e.  $x = \sqrt{ab} \quad \text{--- (2)}$

$b, y, c$  are in G.P

$$\text{i.e. } y = \sqrt{bc} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

To prove:

$a, b, c$  are in A.P

$$\text{i.e. } b = a + c$$

from equation (I), (II) and (III).

$$b^2 = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}$$

$$\text{or, } 2b^2 = ab + bc$$

$$\text{or, } b^2 = \frac{b(a+c)}{2}$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{a+c}{2}$$

Proved

b. If  $a, b, c$  be in A.P.,  $b, c, d$  in G.P and  $c, d, e$  in H.P.

Prove that  $a, c, e$  are in G.P.

Solution:

Given;

$a, b, c$  are in A.P

$$\text{i.e. } b = \frac{a+c}{2} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$b, c, d$  are in G.P

$$\text{i.e. } c = \sqrt{bd} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

To prove:

$c, d, e$  in H.P

$$\text{i.e. } d = \frac{2ce}{c+e} \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

To prove:  $a, c, e$  in G.P

$$\text{i.e. } c = \sqrt{ae}$$

Putting the value of  $b$  and  $d$  in equation (ii)

$$c = \sqrt{bd}$$

$$\text{or, } c = \sqrt{\frac{atc}{2} \times \frac{2ce}{cte}}$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = \frac{(atc)ce}{cte}$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = ace + c^2e$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{c^2}{c} = \frac{ace(atc)}{c(cte)} \quad \text{[Dividing by 'c' both sides]}$$

$$\text{or, } c = \frac{e(atc)}{cte}$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 + ce = ace + ce$$

$$\text{or, } c^2 = ae$$

$$\therefore c = \sqrt{ae} \text{ proved}$$

Q. Find two numbers whose arithmetic mean is 25 and geometric mean is 20.

Solution:

Let two numbers be  $a$  and  $b$ .

By question:

$$\text{A.M} = 25$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{a+b}{2} = 25$$

$$\text{or, } a+b = 50 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Also,

$$\text{G.M} = 20$$

$$\sqrt{ab} = 20$$

$$\text{or, } ab = 400 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

We know that

$$(a-b)^2 = (a+b)^2 - 4ab$$

$$\therefore (a-b)^2 = 2500 - 1600$$

$$\therefore (a-b)^2 = 900$$

$$\therefore (a-b) = 30 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Solving equation (i) and (iii)

$$a+b = 50$$

$$a-b = 30$$

$$2a = 80$$

$$\therefore a = 40$$

putting the value of a in eq (i)

$$40 + b = 50$$

$$\therefore b = 10$$

- b. If the G.M. and H.M. between two positive numbers a and b are such that G.M. = 5 H.M. Prove that  $a:b = 4:1$ .

Solution:

Let two numbers be a and b such that  $a > b$

By question:  $(\sqrt{ab})^2 = 5 \cdot \frac{2ab}{a+b}$

$$\text{G.M.} = \frac{5}{4} \text{H.M.}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{ab} = \frac{5}{4} \frac{2ab}{(a+b)} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

To prove:  $a:b = 4:1$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{a}{b} = 4$$

$$\therefore a = 4b$$

Solving equation (i)

$$\sqrt{ab} = \frac{5}{4} \frac{2ab}{(a+b)}$$

Squaring both sides;

$$ab = \frac{100a^2b^2}{16(a+b)^2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{16}{100} = \frac{a^2b^2}{ab(a+b)^2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{16}{100} = \frac{a^2b}{a^2+2ab+b^2}$$

$$\text{or, } 16a^2 + 32ab + 16b^2 = 100ab$$

$$\text{or, } 16a^2 + 16b^2 = 68ab$$

$$\text{or, } 4(a^2 + b^2) = 17ab$$

$$\text{or, } 4a^2 - 17ab + 4b^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 4a^2 - 16ab - ab + 4b^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (a-4b)(4a-b) = 0$$

(i) Either

OR

$$a-4b = 0$$

$$4a-b = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 4b$$

$$\therefore b = 4a$$

So, the ratio is 4:1

7a. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are the  $p$ th,  $q$ th,  $r$ th term of an A.P., prove that  $a(q-r) + b(r-p) + c(p-q) = 0$

Solution:

Given;

$$t_p = a$$

$$\text{or, } t_1 + (p-1)d = a \quad \text{--- (i)} \quad (\because t_n = a + (n-1)d)$$

Also,

$$t_q = b$$

$$\text{or, } t_1 + (q-1)d = b \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Also,

$$t_r = c$$

$$\text{or, } t_1 + (r-1)d = c \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

To prove:

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

L.H.S:

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

$$= a(t_2 + pd - d)(q-r) + (t_1 + qd - d)(r-p) + (t_1 + rd - d)(p-q)$$

$$= t_{1q} - t_{1r} + Pdq - qdr - dq + dr + t_{1r} + qdr - rd - t_{1p} - Pdq + pd$$

$$+ t_{1p} + Pdr - dp - t_{1q} - rdq + dq$$

$$= 0$$

Proved

b. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are the  $p^{\text{th}}$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$  and  $r^{\text{th}}$  term of a G.P.

$$\text{Prove that. } a^{q-r} b^{r-p} c^{p-q} = 1$$

Solution:

Let  $A$  be the 1<sup>st</sup> term and  $R$  be the common difference.

Common ratio:

Given,

$$\text{If } t_p = a$$

$$\text{or } AR^{p-1} = a \quad \dots \text{--- (i)}$$

Also,

$$t_q = b$$

$$\text{or } AR^{q-1} = b \quad \dots \text{--- (ii)}$$

Also,

$$t_r = c$$

$$\text{or } AR^{r-1} = c \quad \dots \text{--- (iii)}$$

To Prove:

$$a^{q-r} b^{r-p} c^{p-q} = 1$$

Substituting the value of  $a, b, c$  in L.H.S

$$(AR^{p-1})^{q-r} (AR^{q-1})^{r-p} (AR^{r-1})^{p-q}$$

$$= A^{(q-r)} R^{(p-1)(q-r)} \times A^{(r-p)} R^{(q-1)(r-p)} \times A^{(p-q)} R^{(r-1)(p-q)}$$

$$= A^0 R^0$$

∴ proved