

# Lecture\_09

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# Arithmetic Progressions

- Word problems based on  $S_n$  formula

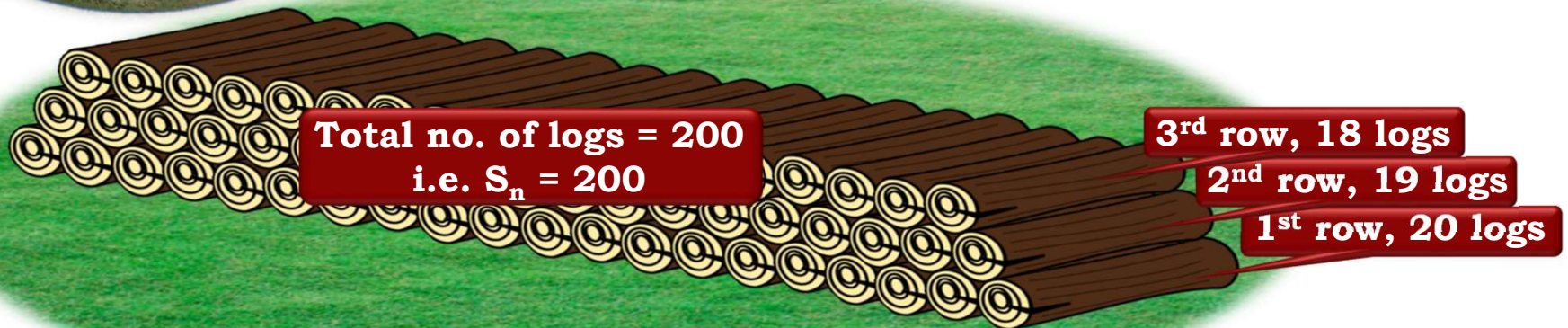
19) 200 logs are stacked in the following manner, 20 logs in the bottom row, 19 in next row, 18 in the next to it and so on. In how many rows are the 200 logs placed and how many logs are in the top row?

We need to find no. of rows i.e. value of 'n'

**Sol:** Number of logs placed in successive row starting from bottom are as follows: 20, 19, 18, ...

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$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$\therefore 200 = \frac{n}{2}[2(20) + (n-1)(-1)]$$

$$\therefore 200 \times 2 = n[40 - n + 1]$$

$$\therefore 400 = n[41 - n]$$

$$\therefore 400 = 41n - n^2$$

$$\therefore n^2 - 41n + 400 = 0$$

$$\therefore n^2 - 25n - 16n + 400 = 0$$

For given value of  $S_n$ ,  
Let's use the formula

Substitute,

$a = 20, d = -1$  &  $S_n = 200$

$$\therefore (n-25)(n-16) = 0$$

$$\therefore n - 25 = 0$$

$$\therefore n = 25$$

when,  $n = 25$

It's a quadratic equation,  
let's solve it by  
factorisation method

$$\therefore n \neq 25$$

when,  $n = 16$

$$a_{16} = a + 15d = 20 + 15(-1) = 20 - 15 = 5$$

Let's find no. of  
That means in 25<sup>th</sup>  
row there are -4 logs

Let's find no. of  
logs in 16<sup>th</sup> row  
there are 5 logs

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5 \\ 0 \end{array}$$

**$\therefore$  Number of rows in which 200 logs placed are 16 and 5 logs are placed in top row.**

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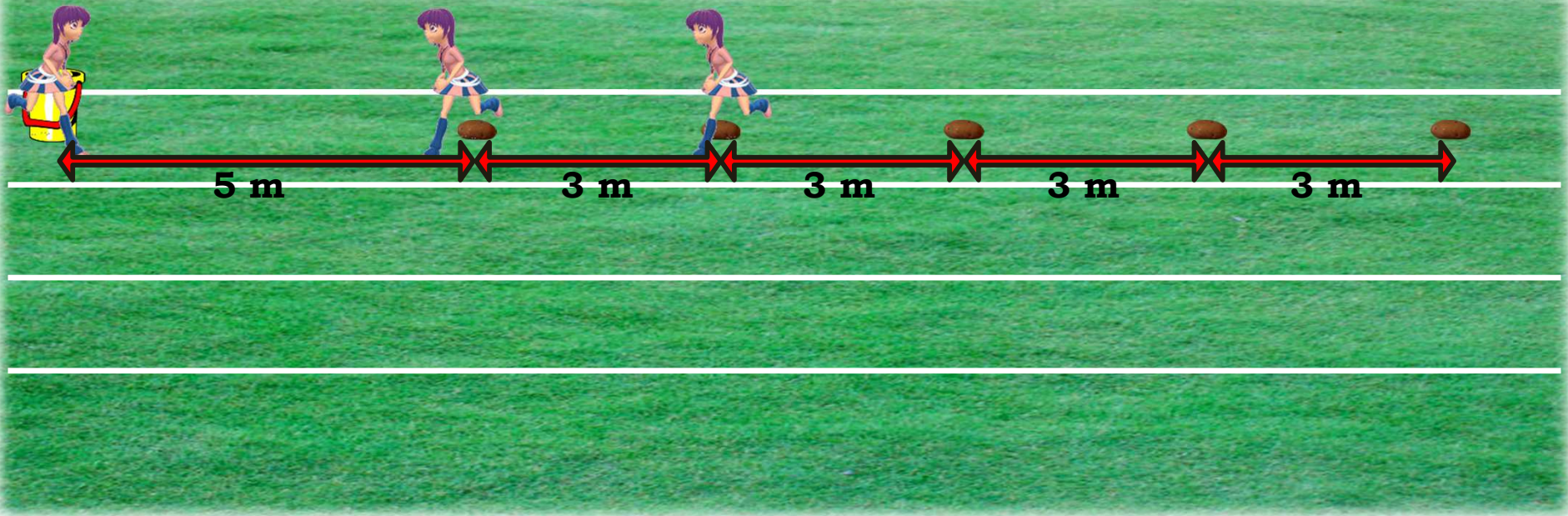
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A competitor starts from the bucket, picks up the nearest potato, runs back with it, drops it in the bucket, runs back to pick up the next potato, runs to the bucket to drop it in and she continues in the same way until all the potatoes are in the bucket. What is the total distance the competitor has to run?





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**Sol:** The distance of potatoes are as follows: 5, 8, 11, ...

These numbers form an A.P. with  $a = 5$  and  $d = 3$ .

We know that,

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_{10} &= \frac{10}{2} [2(5) + (10-1)(3)] \\ &= 5 [10 + (9)(3)] \\ &= 5 [10 + 27] \\ &= 5 [37] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore S_{10} = 185$$

For  $S_{10}$  substitute,  $n = 10$ ,  $a = 5$  &  $d = 3$

Since, there are 10 potatoes

As every time he has to run back to the bucket, therefore, the total distance that the competitor has to run will be two times of it.

$$= 2 \times 185$$

$$= 370\text{m}$$



Distance of 1st potato from bucket + Distance of 2nd potato from bucket + Distance of 3rd potato from bucket + ... + Distance of 10th potato from bucket

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# Arithmetic Progressions

- Additional sums based on concepts of AP

**Q.1]** The 24<sup>th</sup> term of an A.P. is twice the 10<sup>th</sup> term. Show that its 72<sup>nd</sup> term is 4 times the 15<sup>th</sup> term.

$$a_{24} = a + 23d \quad a_{10} = a + 9d$$

**Sol:**

$$a_{24} = 2(a_{10})$$

$$\therefore a + 23d = 2(a + 9d)$$

$$\therefore a + 23d = 2a + 18d$$

$$\therefore 23d - 18d = 2a - a$$

$$\therefore 5d = a \quad \dots (i)$$

LHS,  $a_{72} = a + 71d$

$$= a + 71d$$

$$= 5d + 71d$$

$$= 76d$$

RHS,

$$a_{15} = a + 14d$$

$$4(a_{15}) = 4(a + 14d)$$

$$= 4(5d + 14d)$$

$$= 4(29d)$$

$$= 76d$$

$$\therefore a_{72} = 4(a_{15})$$

Lets check,  
what is given?

Show that  
 $a_{72} = 4(a_{15})$

Lets simplify  
LHS & RHS

**Q.2]** The sum of first  $n$  terms of an AP is  $5n^2 + 3n$ . If its  $m$ th term is 168, find the value of  $m$ . Also, find the 20<sup>th</sup> term of this AP.

**Sol:**

$$S_n = 5n^2 + 3n$$

$$\therefore S_1 = 5(1)^2 + 3(1)$$

$$= 5 + 3$$

$$= 8$$

$$\therefore S_1 = a_1 = 8$$

$$\therefore S_2 = 5(2)^2 + 3(2)$$

$$= 5(4) + 6$$

$$= 20 + 6$$

$$= 26$$

$$a_2 = S_2 - S_1$$

$$= 26 - 8$$

$$= 18$$

Find  $S_2$  by putting  $n = 2$

$S_1$  means sum of first term i.e. first term itself

$$a_m = 168$$

$$\therefore a + (m - 1)d = 168$$

$$\therefore 8 + (m - 1)10 = 168$$

$$\therefore (m - 1)10 = 160$$

$$\therefore m - 1 = 16$$

$$\therefore m = 17$$

$$a_{20} = a + 19d$$

$$= 8 + 19(10)$$

$$= 8 + 190$$

$$a_{20} = 198$$

$$a_m = a + (m - 1)d$$

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# Arithmetic Progressions

- Additional sums based on concepts of AP

**Q.3] The sum of first  $m$  terms of an AP is same as the sum of its  $n$  terms, show that the sum of its  $(m + n)$  term is zero. ( $m - n \neq 0$ )**

**Sol:**

$$S_m = S_n$$

$$\frac{m}{2}[2a + (m-1)d] = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

For  $S_m$ ,  
replace  $n$  by  $m$

We need to show that:

$$S_{(m+n)} = 0$$

Take  $2a$  common

$$2am + m^2d - 2an - n^2d = 0$$

By using  $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$   
Bring all terms to LHS

We need '0' in RHS

$$2am - 2an + m^2d - n^2d = 0$$

How to get  $(m - n)$  in this term?

Take  $(m - n)$  common

$$2a(m - n) + d(m + n)(m - n) - d(m - n) = 0$$

$$2a(m - n) + d(m + n)(m - n) - d(m - n) = 0$$

$$(m - n)[2a + d(m + n) - d] = 0$$

$$2a + d(m + n) - d = 0$$

$$2a + dm + dn - d = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$S_{(m+n)} = \frac{m+n}{2}[2a + (m+n-1)d]$$

$$= \frac{m+n}{2}[2a + dm + dn - d]$$

$$= \frac{m+n}{2}[0] \quad \dots(\text{From i})$$

$$S_{(m+n)} = 0$$

**The sum of  $(m + n)^{\text{th}}$  term is 0**

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- Additional sums based on concepts of AP

**Q.4]** A piece of equipment cost a certain factory Rs.6,00,000. If it depreciates in value, 15% the first year, 13.5% the next year, 12% the third year, and so on. What will be its value at the end of 10 years, all percentage applying to the

**Decrease in value**

**Sol:** The amount of depreciation for successive years are: 90000, 81000, 72000, ...

**Cost Rs.6,00,000**

**We need to find:**

$$\frac{15}{100} \times 600000 = 90000$$

**End of first year**  
– 15% of Rs.6,00,000

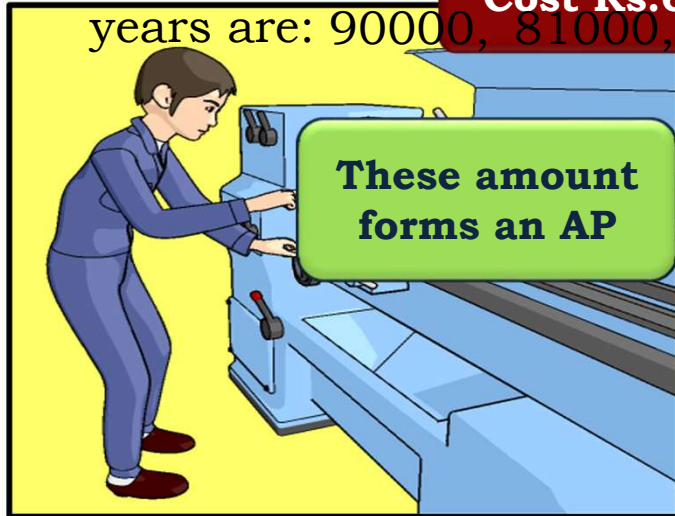
$$\frac{13.5}{100} \times 600000 = 81000$$

**End of second year**  
– 13.5% of Rs.6,00,000

$$\frac{12}{100} \times 600000 = 72000$$

**End of third year**  
– 12% of Rs.6,00,000

**These amount forms an AP**



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**If it depreciates in value, 15% the first, 13.5% the next year, 12% the third year, and so on. What will be its value at the end of 10 years, all percentage applying to the original cost?**

**Sol:** The amount of depreciation for successive years are: 90000, 81000, 72000, ...

Which forms an A.P. with  $a = 90000$

and  $d = 81000 - 90000 = -9000$

We know that,

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore S_{10} &= \frac{10}{2} [2(90000) + (10-1)(-9000)] \\ &= 5 [180000 + 9(-9000)] \\ &= 5 [180000 - 81000] \\ &= 5 [99000] \\ &= 495000\end{aligned}$$

**We need to find:  
Total depreciation value  
of equipment in 10 years**

**Find  $S_{10}$  for list of  
depreciation value**

In 10 years value of equipment depreciates by Rs.4,95,000

**$\therefore$  Value of equipment at the end of  
10 years will be =  $600000 - 495000$   
= **Rs.105000****



**Thank You**