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## Ratio and Proportion

(Including Properties and Uses)

### 7.1 Introduction :

Basic concepts of ratio and proportion have already been studied in earlier classes, especially in classes 8 and 9. In this chapter of Class 10, we shall study ratio and proportion in more detail.

### 7.2 Ratio :

The ratio of two quantities of the same kind and in the same units is a comparison obtained by dividing the first quantity by the other.

If  $a$  and  $b$  are two quantities of the same kind and with the same units such that  $b \neq 0$ ; then the quotient  $\frac{a}{b}$  is called the **ratio** between  $a$  and  $b$ .

#### Remember :

- Ratio  $\frac{a}{b}$  has no unit and can be written as  $a : b$  (read as  $a$  is to  $b$ ).
- The quantities  $a$  and  $b$  are called terms of the ratio. The first quantity  $a$  is called the *first term* or the *antecedent* and the second quantity  $b$  is called the *second term* or the *consequent* of the ratio  $a : b$ .

**The second term of a ratio cannot be zero.**

- i.e. (i) In the ratio  $a : b$ , the second term  $b$  cannot be zero ( $b \neq 0$ ).  
 (ii) In the ratio  $b : a$ , the second term  $a \neq 0$ .
- If both the terms of a ratio are multiplied or divided by the same non-zero number, the ratio remains unchanged.
  - A ratio must always be expressed in its *lowest terms* i.e. both the terms of the ratio must be co-prime.

The ratio is in its lowest terms, if the H.C.F. of its both the terms is 1 (unity).

- e.g. (i) The ratio  $3 : 7$  is in its lowest terms as the H.C.F. of its terms 3 and 7 is 1.  
 (ii) The ratio  $4 : 20$  is not in its lowest terms as the H.C.F. of its terms 4 and 20 is 4 and not 1.
- Ratios  $a : b$  and  $b : a$  cannot be equal unless  $a = b$   
 i.e.,  $a : b \neq b : a$ , unless  $a = b$ .

In other words, the order of the terms in a ratio is important.

- If  $2x + 3y : 3x + 5y = 18 : 29$ , find  $x : y$ .
  - If  $x : y = 2 : 3$ , find the value of  $3x + 2y : 2x + 5y$ .

**Solution :**

$$(i) \quad 2x + 3y : 3x + 5y = 18 : 29$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x + 3y}{3x + 5y} = \frac{18}{29}$$

$$\Rightarrow 58x + 87y = 54x + 90y$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 3y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{i.e. } x : y = 3 : 4$$

**Ans.**

$$(ii) \quad x : y = 2 : 3 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Now, } 3x + 2y : 2x + 5y = \frac{3x + 2y}{2x + 5y}$$

$$= \frac{3\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 2}{2\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 5}$$

[Dividing each term by y]

$$= \frac{3 \times \frac{2}{3} + 2}{2 \times \frac{2}{3} + 5}$$

$$[ \because \frac{x}{y} = \frac{2}{3} ]$$

$$= 12 : 19$$

**Ans.****Alternative method :**

$$\Rightarrow x : y = 2 : 3 \Rightarrow 3x = 2y \Rightarrow x = \frac{2y}{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x + 2y}{2x + 5y} = \frac{3 \times \frac{2y}{3} + 2y}{2 \times \frac{2y}{3} + 5y} = \frac{4y}{\frac{19y}{3}} = \frac{4 \times 3}{19} = 12 : 19$$

**Ans.**

$$\text{OR, } x : y = 2 : 3 \Rightarrow 3x = 2y \Rightarrow y = \frac{3x}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x + 2y}{2x + 5y} = \frac{3x + 2 \times \frac{3x}{2}}{2x + 5 \times \frac{3x}{2}} = \frac{6x}{\frac{19x}{2}} = \frac{6 \times 2}{19} = 12 : 19$$

**Ans.****3rd Method :**

$$x : y = 2 : 3 \Rightarrow \text{if } x = 2k \text{ then } y = 3k$$

$$\text{And, } \frac{3x + 2y}{2x + 5y} = \frac{3 \times 2k + 2 \times 3k}{2 \times 2k + 5 \times 3k} = \frac{12k}{19k} = \frac{12}{19} = 12 : 19$$

**Ans.**



**Precaution :**

For  $x : y = 2 : 3$ ; if we take  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ ; then

$$\frac{3x + 2y}{2x + 5y} = \frac{3 \times 2 + 2 \times 3}{2 \times 2 + 5 \times 3} = \frac{12}{19} = 12 : 19; \text{ which is the same as obtained in each solution given above.}$$

But this solution is absolutely wrong and for this solution, a student will score no marks.

**Reason :** Let the age of Mohit = 15 yrs. and the age of his elder brother Rahul = 24 yrs. The ratio between the ages of Mohit and Rahul = 15 yrs : 24 yrs = 5 : 8. Now read it otherwise, that the ratio between the ages of Mohit and Rahul is 5 : 8. What does it mean ? Does it mean that Mohit's age is 5 years and Rahul's age is 8 years. The answer is simple, i.e. No.

In the same way, if  $x : y = 2 : 3$ , it does not mean  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ .

- 2** If  $a : b = 5 : 3$ , find  $(5a + 8b) : (6a - 7b)$ .

[2002]

**Solution :**

Let  $a : b = 5 : 3 \Rightarrow$  if  $a = 5x$ , then  $b = 3x$ ;

$$\text{and } \frac{5a + 8b}{6a - 7b} = \frac{5 \times 5x + 8 \times 3x}{6 \times 5x - 7 \times 3x} = \frac{49x}{9x} = 49 : 9 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

- 3** Two numbers are in the ratio 3 : 5. If 8 is added to each number, the ratio becomes 2 : 3. Find the numbers.

**Solution :**

Since, the ratio between the numbers is 3 : 5

$\Rightarrow$  if one number is  $3x$ ; the other number is  $5x$

$$\text{Given : } \frac{3x + 8}{5x + 8} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 10x + 16 = 9x + 24$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x = 8$$

$\therefore$  Nos. are  $3x$  and  $5x = 3 \times 8$  and  $5 \times 8 = 24$  and  $40$

Ans.

- 4** (i) What quantity must be added to each term of the ratio 8 : 15 so that it becomes equal to 3 : 5 ?  
(ii) What quantity must be subtracted from each term of the ratio  $a : b$  so that it becomes  $c : d$  ?

**Solution :**

(i) Let  $x$  be added to each term of the ratio 8 : 15.

$$\text{Given : } \frac{8 + x}{15 + x} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 40 + 5x = 45 + 3x \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

Ans.

(ii) Let  $x$  be subtracted, then :

$$\frac{a-x}{b-x} = \frac{c}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow ad - dx = bc - cx$$

$$\Rightarrow cx - dx = bc - ad$$

$$\Rightarrow x(c - d) = bc - ad \Rightarrow x = \frac{bc - ad}{c - d}$$

Ans.

- 5** The work done by  $(x - 3)$  men in  $(2x + 1)$  days and the work done by  $(2x + 1)$  men in  $(x + 4)$  days are in the ratio 3 : 10. Find the value of  $x$ . [2003]

**Solution :**

Assuming that all the men do the same amount of work in one day and one day work of each man = 1 unit; we get :

Amount of work done by  $(x - 3)$  men in  $(2x + 1)$  days

= amount of work done by  $(x - 3)$   $(2x + 1)$  men in one day

=  $(x - 3)(2x + 1)$  units of work.

Similarly, amount of work done by  $(2x + 1)$  men in  $(x + 4)$  days.

= amount of work done by  $(2x + 1)(x + 4)$  men in one day.

=  $(2x + 1)(x + 4)$  units of work.

According to the given statement :

$$\frac{(x-3)(2x+1)}{(2x+1)(x+4)} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x^2 + x - 6x - 3}{2x^2 + 8x + x + 4} = \frac{3}{10} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{2x^2 + 9x + 4} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20x^2 - 50x - 30 = 6x^2 + 27x + 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 14x^2 - 77x - 42 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 11x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 6)(2x + 1) = 0$$

[On factorising]

$$\Rightarrow x = 6, \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$x = -\frac{1}{2}$  is not possible as it will make no. of men  $(x - 3)$  negative.

$$\therefore x = 6$$

Ans.

### 7.3 Increase (or decrease) in a ratio :

1. Let the price of an article increases from ₹ 20 to ₹ 24; we say that the price has increased in the ratio  $20 : 24 = 5 : 6$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The original price of the article : Its increased price =  $5 : 6$

2. Let the price of an article decreases from ₹ 24 to ₹ 20; we say that the price has decreased in the ratio  $24 : 20 = 6 : 5$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The original price of the article : Its decreased price =  $6 : 5$



**In general :**

If a quantity increases or decreases in the ratio  $a : b$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The new (resulting) quantity =  $\frac{b}{a}$  times of the original quantity.

- 6** When the fare of a certain journey by an airliner was increased in the ratio  $5 : 7$  the cost of the ticket for the journey became ₹ 1,421. Find the increase in the fare.

**Solution :**

According to the given statement :

The original fair : Increased fair =  $5 : 7$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \times \text{The original fare} = 5 \times \text{Increased fair}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \times \text{The original fare} = 5 \times ₹ 1,421$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{The original fare} = \frac{5 \times ₹ 1,421}{7} = ₹ 1,015$$

$$\therefore \text{Increase in the fare} = ₹ (1,421 - 1,015) = ₹ 406 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

- 7** In a regiment, the ratio of number of officers to the number of soldiers was  $3 : 31$  before a battle. In the battle 6 officers and 22 soldiers were killed. The ratio between the number of officers and the number of soldiers now is  $1 : 13$ . Find the number of officers and soldiers in the regiment before the battle. [1992]

**Solution :****Before the battle :**

Let the number of officers be  $3x$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the number of soldiers} = 31x$$

**After the battle :**

The number of officers =  $3x - 6$

and, the number of soldiers =  $31x - 22$

$$\text{Given : } \frac{3x-6}{31x-22} = \frac{1}{13} \Rightarrow x = 7 \quad [\text{On solving}]$$

$$\therefore \text{The no. of officers before battle} = 3x = 3 \times 7 = 21$$

$$\text{and the no. of soldiers before battle} = 31x = 31 \times 7 = 217 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

- 8** If  $\frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{b}{c+a} = \frac{c}{a+b}$  and  $a + b + c = 0$ ; show that each given ratio is equal to  $-1$ .

**Solution :**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since, } a + b + c = 0 &\Rightarrow a + b = -c, \\ &b + c = -a \text{ and } c + a = -b \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{a}{-a} = -1; \frac{b}{c+a} = \frac{b}{-b} = -1 \text{ and } \frac{c}{a+b} = \frac{c}{-c} = -1$$

Hence, **each of the given ratios is -1.**

**Ans.**

**9** If  $\frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{b}{c+a} = \frac{c}{a+b}$  and  $a + b + c \neq 0$ ; show that each given ratio is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Solution :**

For any two or more equal ratios, each ratio is equal to the ratio between sum of their antecedents and sum of their consequents.

$$\therefore \text{(i)} \quad \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a+c}{b+d}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = \frac{a+c+e}{b+d+f} \text{ and so on.}$$

$$\text{Given : } \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{b}{c+a} = \frac{c}{a+b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{b}{c+a} = \frac{c}{a+b} &= \frac{\text{sum of antecedents}}{\text{sum of consequents}} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{(b+c)+(c+a)+(a+b)} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{2a+2b+2c} = \frac{a+b+c}{2(a+b+c)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Ans**

## **7.4 Commensurable and incommensurable quantities :**

If the ratio between any two quantities of the same kind and having the same unit can be expressed exactly by the ratio between two integers; the quantities are said to be *commensurable*; otherwise *incommensurable*,

e.g. (i) The ratio between  $2\frac{1}{3}$  and  $3\frac{1}{2}$

$$= \frac{7}{3} : \frac{7}{2} = \frac{7}{3} \times \frac{2}{7} = 2 : 3; \text{ which is the ratio between two integers 2 and 3.}$$

Therefore,  $2\frac{1}{3}$  and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  are *commensurable quantities*.

(ii) The ratio between  $\sqrt{3}$  and 5 is  $\sqrt{3} : 5$ ; which can never be expressed as the ratio between two integers; therefore  $\sqrt{3}$  and 5 are *incommensurable quantities*.



## 7.5 Composition of Ratios :

### (i) Compound Ratio :

For two or more ratios, the ratio between the product of their antecedents to the product of their consequents is called **compound ratio**.

e.g., For ratios  $a : b$  and  $c : d$ ; the compound ratio is  $(a \times c) : (b \times d)$ .

For ratios  $a : b$ ,  $c : d$  and  $e : f$ ; the compound ratio is

$$(a \times c \times e) : (b \times d \times f) \text{ and so on.}$$

### (ii) Duplicate Ratio :

It is the compound ratio of two equal ratios.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g., Duplicate ratio of } a : b &= \text{Compound ratio of } a : b \text{ and } a : b \\ &= (a \times a) : (b \times b) = a^2 : b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, duplicate ratio of } 2 : 3 &= 2^2 : 3^2 \\ &= 4 : 9 \end{aligned}$$

### (iii) Triplicate Ratio :

It is the compound ratio of three equal ratios.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g., Triplicate ratio of } a : b &= \text{Compound ratio of } a : b, a : b \text{ and } a : b \\ &= (a \times a \times a) : (b \times b \times b) = a^3 : b^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, triplicate ratio of } 2 : 3 &= 2^3 : 3^3 \\ &= 8 : 27 \end{aligned}$$

### (iv) Sub-duplicate Ratio :

**For any ratio  $a : b$ , its sub-duplicate ratio is  $\sqrt{a} : \sqrt{b}$**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, sub-duplicate ratio of } 9 : 16 &= \sqrt{9} : \sqrt{16} \\ &= 3 : 4. \end{aligned}$$

### (v) Sub-triplicate Ratio :

**For any ratio  $a : b$ , its sub-triplicate ratio is  $\sqrt[3]{a} : \sqrt[3]{b}$**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, sub-triplicate ratio of } 27 : 64 &= \sqrt[3]{27} : \sqrt[3]{64} \\ &= 3 : 4 \end{aligned}$$

### (vi) Reciprocal Ratio :

**For any ratio  $a : b$ ; where  $a, b \neq 0$ , its reciprocal ratio is  $\frac{1}{a} : \frac{1}{b} = b : a$ .**

$$\text{Thus, reciprocal ratio of } 3 : 5 = \frac{1}{3} : \frac{1}{5} = 5 : 3.$$

### 10 Find the compound ratio of :

(i)  $3a : 2b$ ,  $2m : n$  and  $4x : 3y$

(ii)  $a - b : a + b$ ,  $(a + b)^2 : a^2 + b^2$  and  $a^4 - b^4 : (a^2 - b^2)^2$ .

**Solution :**

(i) **Required compound ratio**  $= (3a \times 2m \times 4x) : (2b \times n \times 3y)$

$$= \frac{24 a m x}{6 b n y} = 4 a m x : b n y$$

**Ans.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) Required compound ratio} &= [(a-b) \cdot (a+b)^2 \cdot (a^4-b^4)] : [(a+b) \cdot (a^2+b^2) \cdot (a^2-b^2)^2] \\
 &= \frac{(a-b)(a+b)^2(a^2+b^2)(a^2-b^2)}{(a+b)(a^2+b^2)(a^2-b^2)(a+b)(a-b)} \\
 &= 1 : 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Ans.

- 11** Find the ratio compounded of the duplicate ratio of 5 : 6, the reciprocal ratio of 25 : 42 and the sub-triplicate ratio of 216 : 343.

**Solution :**

$$\text{Since, duplicate ratio of } 5 : 6 = 5^2 : 6^2 = 25 : 36,$$

$$\text{reciprocal ratio of } 25 : 42 = \frac{1}{25} : \frac{1}{42} = 42 : 25$$

$$\text{and, sub-triplicate ratio of } 216 : 343 = \sqrt[3]{216} : \sqrt[3]{343} = 6 : 7.$$

$$\text{Therefore, the required compounded ratio} = (25 \times 42 \times 6) : (36 \times 25 \times 7)$$

$$= \frac{25 \times 42 \times 6}{36 \times 25 \times 7} = 1 : 1 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

### EXERCISE 7(A)

- If  $a : b = 5 : 3$ , find :  $\frac{5a-3b}{5a+3b}$ .
- If  $x : y = 4 : 7$ , find the value of  $(3x + 2y) : (5x + y)$ .
- If  $a : b = 3 : 8$ , find the value of  $\frac{4a+3b}{6a-b}$ .
- If  $(a-b) : (a+b) = 1 : 11$ , find the ratio  $(5a+4b+15) : (5a-4b+3)$ .
- Find the number which bears the same ratio to  $\frac{7}{33}$  that  $\frac{8}{21}$  does to  $\frac{4}{9}$ .
- If  $\frac{m+n}{m+3n} = \frac{2}{3}$ , find :  $\frac{2n^2}{3m^2+mn}$ .
- Find  $\frac{x}{y}$ ; when  $x^2 + 6y^2 = 5xy$ .
- If the ratio between 8 and 11 is the same as the ratio of  $2x - y$  to  $x + 2y$ , find the value of  $\frac{7x}{9y}$ .
- Divide ₹ 1,290 into A, B and C such that A is  $\frac{2}{5}$  of B and  $B : C = 4 : 3$ .
- A school has 630 students. The ratio of the number of boys to the number of girls is 3 : 2. This ratio changes to 7 : 5 after the admission of 90 new students. Find the number of newly admitted boys.
- What quantity must be subtracted from each term of the ratio 9 : 17 to make it equal to 1 : 3 ?
- The monthly pocket money of Ravi and Sanjeev are in the ratio 5 : 7. Their expenditures are in the ratio 3 : 5. If each saves ₹ 80 every month, find their monthly pocket money. [2012]
- The work done by  $(x-2)$  men in  $(4x+1)$  days and the work done by  $(4x+1)$  men in  $(2x-3)$  days are in the ratio 3 : 8. Find the value of  $x$ .
- The bus fare between two cities is increased in the ratio 7 : 9. Find the increase in the fare, if :
  - the original fare is ₹ 245;
  - the increased fare is ₹ 207.
- By increasing the cost of entry ticket to a fair in the ratio 10 : 13, the number of visitors to the fair has decreased in the ratio 6 : 5. In



- what ratio has the total collection increased or decreased ?
16. In a basket, the ratio between the number of oranges and the number of apples is 7 : 13. If 8 oranges and 11 apples are eaten, the ratio between the number of oranges and the number of apples becomes 1 : 2. Find the original number of oranges and the original number of apples in the basket.
  17. In a mixture of 126 kg of milk and water, milk and water are in ratio 5 : 2. How much water must be added to the mixture to make this ratio 3 : 2 ?
  18. (a) If  $A : B = 3 : 4$  and  $B : C = 6 : 7$ , find :  
(i)  $A : B : C$   
(ii)  $A : C$   
(b) If  $A : B = 2 : 5$  and  $A : C = 3 : 4$ , find :  
 $A : B : C$ .
  19. (i) If  $3A = 4B = 6C$ ; find :  $A : B : C$ .  
(ii) If  $2a = 3b$  and  $4b = 5c$ , find :  $a : c$ .
  20. Find the compound ratio of :  
(i) 2 : 3, 9 : 14 and 14 : 27.  
(ii)  $2a : 3b$ ,  $mn : x^2$  and  $x : n$ .  
(iii)  $\sqrt{2} : 1$ ,  $3 : \sqrt{5}$  and  $\sqrt{20} : 9$ .
  21. Find duplicate ratio of :  
(i) 3 : 4                      (ii)  $3\sqrt{3} : 2\sqrt{5}$
  22. Find triplicate ratio of :  
(i) 1 : 3                      (ii)  $\frac{m}{2} : \frac{n}{3}$
  23. Find sub-duplicate ratio of :  
(i) 9 : 16                      (ii)  $(x - y)^4 : (x + y)^6$
  24. Find sub-triplicate ratio of :  
(i) 64 : 27                      (ii)  $x^3 : 125y^3$
  25. Find the reciprocal ratio of :  
(i) 5 : 8                      (ii)  $\frac{x}{3} : \frac{y}{7}$
  26. If  $(x + 3) : (4x + 1)$  is the duplicate ratio of 3 : 5, find the value of  $x$ .
  27. If  $m : n$  is the duplicate ratio of  $m + x : n + x$ ; show that :  $x^2 = mn$ .
  28. If  $(3x - 9) : (5x + 4)$  is the triplicate ratio of 3 : 4, find the value of  $x$ .
  29. Find the ratio compounded of the reciprocal ratio of 15 : 28, the sub-duplicate ratio of 36 : 49 and the triplicate ratio of 5 : 4.
  30. (a) If  $r^2 = pq$ , show that  $p : q$  is the duplicate ratio of  $(p + r) : (q + r)$ .  
(b) If  $(p - x) : (q - x)$  be the duplicate ratio of  $p : q$  then show that :  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{x}$ .

## 7.6 Proportion :

Four non-zero quantities,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are said to be in proportion (or, are proportional), if  $a : b = c : d$ .

This is often expressed as  $a : b :: c : d$  and is read as “ $a$  is to  $b$  as  $c$  is to  $d$ ”.

1. In  $a : b = c : d$ ,  
(i)  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are called the terms of the proportion; where  $a$  = first term,  $b$  = second term,  $c$  = third term and  $d$  = fourth term.  
(ii) ‘ $a$ ’ and ‘ $d$ ’ are called *extremes* (end-terms) whereas ‘ $b$ ’ and ‘ $c$ ’ are called *means* (middle terms).
2.  $a : b = c : d \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \Rightarrow a \times d = b \times c$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **product of extremes = product of means.**
3. In  $a : b = c : d$ , the fourth term ‘ $d$ ’ is called the *fourth proportional*.
4. In  $a : b = c : d$ , quantities  $a$  and  $b$  must be of the same kind with the same units, whereas;  $c$  and  $d$  may separately be of the same kind with the same units.  
e.g. 5kg : 15 kg = ₹ 75 : ₹ 225

## 7.7 Continued proportion :

Three non-zero quantities of the same kind and in the same unit are said to be in **continued proportion**, if the ratio of the first to the second is the same as the ratio of the second to the third.

Thus,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are in the continued proportion if  $a : b = b : c$ .

In general, the non-zero quantities  $a, b, c, d, e, \dots$ , etc. (all of the same kind and in the same unit) are in continued proportion  $\Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{d}{e} \dots \dots \dots$ .

$a, b$  and  $c$  are in continued proportion

$$\Leftrightarrow a : b = b : c,$$

Here, the *second quantity* i.e. ' $b$ ' is called the *mean proportional* between ' $a$ ' and ' $c$ '; whereas the *third quantity* i.e. ' $c$ ' is called the *third proportional* to ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ '.

- 12** Find : (i) the fourth proportional to 3, 6 and 4.5.  
(ii) the mean proportional between 6.25 and 0.16.  
(iii) the third proportional to 1.2 and 1.8.

**Solution :**

- (i) Let the fourth proportional to 3, 6 and 4.5 be  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow 3 : 6 = 4.5 : x$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times x = 6 \times 4.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 9$$

**Ans.**

- (ii) Let the mean proportional between 6.25 and 0.16 be  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow 6.25, x \text{ and } 0.16 \text{ are in continued proportion.}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6.25 : x = x : 0.16$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times x = 6.25 \times 0.16 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 1$$

**Ans.**

- (iii) Let the third proportional to 1.2 and 1.8 be  $x$

$$\Rightarrow 1.2, 1.8 \text{ and } x \text{ are in continued proportion.}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.2 : 1.8 = 1.8 : x \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{1.8 \times 1.8}{1.2} = 2.7$$

**Ans.**

- 13** Quantities  $a, 2, 10$  and  $b$  are in continued proportion; find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Solution :**

$a, 2, 10$  and  $b$  are in continued proportion

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{2} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{10}{b} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{a}{2} = \frac{2}{10} \text{ and } \frac{2}{10} = \frac{10}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0.4 \text{ and } b = 50$$

**Ans.**



- 14** What number should be subtracted from each of the numbers 23, 30, 57 and 78; so that the remainders are in proportion ? [2004]

**Solution :**

Let the number subtracted be  $x$ .

$$\therefore (23 - x) : (30 - x) :: (57 - x) : (78 - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{23-x}{30-x} = \frac{57-x}{78-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1794 - 101x + x^2 = 1710 - 87x + x^2 \Rightarrow 14x = 84 \text{ and } x = 6 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

- 15** What should be added to each of the numbers 13, 17 and 22 so that the resulting numbers are in continued proportion ?

**Solution :**

Let the required number to be added is  $x$ .

$\therefore 13 + x, 17 + x$  and  $22 + x$  are in continued proportion.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13+x}{17+x} = \frac{17+x}{22+x} \quad \text{i.e. } (13+x)(22+x) = (17+x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 286 + 35x + x^2 = 289 + 34x + x^2 \quad \text{i.e. } x = 3$$

$\therefore$  **Required number = 3** **Ans.**

- 16** If  $(a^2 + c^2)$ ,  $(ab + cd)$  and  $(b^2 + d^2)$  are in continued proportion; prove that  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are in proportion.

**Solution :**

Given,  $(a^2 + c^2)$ ,  $(ab + cd)$  and  $(b^2 + d^2)$  are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{a^2 + c^2}{ab + cd} = \frac{ab + cd}{b^2 + d^2} \quad \Rightarrow (a^2 + c^2)(b^2 + d^2) = (ab + cd)^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } a^2b^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2d^2 = a^2b^2 + 2abcd + c^2d^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 - 2abcd = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } (ad - bc)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ad - bc = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } ad = bc$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \quad \text{i.e. } a, b, c \text{ and } d \text{ are in proportion}$$

**Hence Proved.**

- 17** If  $p : q :: q : r$ , prove that  $p : r = p^2 : q^2$ .

**Solution :**

$$p : q :: q : r \Rightarrow q^2 = pr$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore p^2 : q^2 &= \frac{p^2}{q^2} = \frac{p^2}{pr} & [\because q^2 = pr] \\ &= \frac{p}{r} = p : r. & \text{Hence Proved.}\end{aligned}$$

**18** If  $a \neq b$  and  $a : b$  is the duplicate ratio of  $a + c$  and  $b + c$ , prove that 'c' is the mean proportional between 'a' and 'b'.

**Solution :**

'c' will be mean proportional between 'a' and 'b', if  $a : c = c : b$  i.e., if  $c^2 = ab$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given :} \quad \frac{a}{b} &= \frac{(a+c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \\ \Rightarrow a(b^2 + c^2 + 2bc) &= b(a^2 + c^2 + 2ac) \\ \Rightarrow ab^2 + ac^2 + 2abc &= a^2b + bc^2 + 2abc \\ \Rightarrow ac^2 - bc^2 &= a^2b - ab^2 \\ \Rightarrow c^2(a - b) &= ab(a - b) \\ \Rightarrow c^2 &= ab & [\text{As } a \neq b] \\ \Rightarrow \text{'c' is mean proportional between 'a' and 'b'}. & \text{Hence Proved.}\end{aligned}$$

**19** If  $a + c = mb$  and  $\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{d} = \frac{m}{c}$ , prove that a, b, c and d are in proportion.

**Solution :**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{d} &= \frac{m}{c} & \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d+b}{bd} = \frac{m}{c} \\ \text{i.e.} \quad cd + cb &= mbd \\ \Rightarrow cd + bc &= (a+c)d & [\because a+c=mb] \\ \Rightarrow cd + bc &= ad + cd \\ \Rightarrow bc &= ad & \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \\ \Rightarrow \text{a, b, c and d are in proportion} & \text{Hence Proved.}\end{aligned}$$

**Alternative method :**

$$a + c = mb \quad \Rightarrow \quad m = \frac{a+c}{b}$$

Substituting the value of  $m$  in the other given equation, we get :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{d} &= \frac{a+c}{bc} & \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d+b}{bd} = \frac{a+c}{bc} \\ \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{d+b}{d} &= \frac{a+c}{c} & \Rightarrow \quad cd + bc = ad + cd\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{i.e.} & bc = ad & \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \\ \text{i.e.} & a, b, c \text{ and } d \text{ are in proportion} & \text{Hence Proved.} \end{array}$$

**20** If  $q$  is the mean proportional between  $p$  and  $r$ , prove that :

$$p^2 - q^2 + r^2 = q^4 \left( \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right).$$

**Solution :**

$$\because q \text{ is the mean proportional between } p \text{ and } r \Rightarrow q^2 = pr$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{R.H.S.} &= q^4 \left( \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{q^4}{p^2} - q^2 + \frac{q^4}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{p^2 r^2}{p^2} - q^2 + \frac{p^2 r^2}{r^2} \quad [q^2 = pr \Rightarrow q^4 = p^2 r^2] \\ &= r^2 - q^2 + p^2 = \text{L.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

**Hence Proved.**

**Alternative method ('k' method) :**

- Step :**
1. Put each given ratios equal to  $k$ .
  2. Obtain the antecedent of each ratio in terms of  $k$ .
  3. Substitute the values, obtained in step 2 in terms of  $k$ .
  4. Simplify.

Given :  $q$  is the mean proportional between  $p$  and  $r$

$$\Rightarrow p : q = q : r$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{q} = \frac{q}{r} = k \text{ (say)} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{p}{q} = k \text{ and } \frac{q}{r} = k$$

$$\text{i.e. } p = qk, q = rk \text{ and } p = qk = (rk)k = rk^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{R.H.S.} &= q^4 \left( \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{1}{q^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \\ &= r^4 k^4 \left( \frac{1}{r^2 k^4} - \frac{1}{r^2 k^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \quad [\because q = rk \text{ and } p = rk^2] \\ &= r^2 - r^2 k^2 + r^2 k^4 \\ &= r^2 - (rk)^2 + (rk^2)^2 \\ &= r^2 - q^2 + p^2 \quad [\because q = rk \text{ and } p = rk^2] \\ &= \text{L.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

**Hence Proved.**

**21** If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , prove that each given ratio ( $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $\frac{c}{d}$ ) is equal to :

(i)  $\frac{3a-5c}{3b-5d}$

(ii)  $\sqrt{\frac{2a^2+9c^2}{2b^2+9d^2}}$

(iii)  $\left(\frac{5a^3-13c^3}{5b^3-13d^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Solution :**

Let  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = k$  and  $\frac{c}{d} = k \Rightarrow a = bk$  and  $c = dk$

(i)  $\frac{3a-5c}{3b-5d} = \frac{3(bk)-5(dk)}{3b-5d} = \frac{k(3b-5d)}{3b-5d} = k = \text{each given ratio}$

**Hence Proved.**

(ii)  $\sqrt{\frac{2a^2+9c^2}{2b^2+9d^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(bk)^2+9(dk)^2}{2b^2+9d^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{k^2(2b^2+9d^2)}{2b^2+9d^2}}$   
 $= \sqrt{k^2} = k = \text{each given ratio}$

**Hence Proved.**

(iii)  $\left(\frac{5a^3-13c^3}{5b^3-13d^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left[\frac{5(bk)^3-13(dk)^3}{5b^3-13d^3}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left[\frac{k^3(5b^3-13d^3)}{5b^3-13d^3}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
 $= [k^3]^{\frac{1}{3}} = k = \text{each given ratio}$

**Hence Proved.**

**22** If  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are in proportion, prove that :

(i)  $\frac{a-b}{c-d} = \sqrt{\frac{3a^2+8b^2}{3c^2+8d^2}}$

(ii)  $\frac{5a^2+12c^2}{5b^2+12d^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3a^4-7c^4}{3b^4-7d^4}}$

**Solution :**

$a, b, c$  and  $d$  are in proportion

$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k$  (let)

$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = k$  and  $\frac{c}{d} = k$  i.e.  $a = bk$  and  $c = dk$

(i) L.H.S.  $= \frac{a-b}{c-d} = \frac{bk-b}{dk-d} = \frac{b(k-1)}{d(k-1)} = \frac{b}{d}$  ..... I

R.H.S.  $= \sqrt{\frac{3a^2+8b^2}{3c^2+8d^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(bk)^2+8b^2}{3(dk)^2+8d^2}}$   
 $= \sqrt{\frac{b^2(3k^2+8)}{d^2(3k^2+8)}} = \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{d^2}} = \frac{b}{d}$  ..... II

From equations I and II, we get : **L.H.S. = R.H.S.**

**Hence Proved.**



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{5a^2 + 12c^2}{5b^2 + 12d^2} = \frac{5(bk)^2 + 12(dk)^2}{5b^2 + 12d^2} \\
 &= \frac{k^2(5b^2 + 12d^2)}{5b^2 + 12d^2} = k^2 \quad \dots \text{I} \\
 \text{R.H.S.} &= \sqrt{\frac{3a^4 - 7c^4}{3b^4 - 7d^4}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(bk)^4 - 7(dk)^4}{3b^4 - 7d^4}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{k^4(3b^4 - 7d^4)}{3b^4 - 7d^4}} = \sqrt{k^4} = k^2 \quad \dots \text{II}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equations I and II, we get : **L.H.S. = R.H.S.**

**Hence Proved.**

**23** 6 is the mean proportion between two numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and 48 is third proportion to  $x$  and  $y$ . Find the numbers. [2011]

**Solution :**

Since, 6 is mean proportional between  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\Rightarrow x : 6 = 6 : y \quad \Rightarrow \quad xy = 36 \quad \dots \text{I}$$

and, 48 is third proportional to  $x$  and  $y$

$$\Rightarrow x : y = y : 48 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y^2 = 48x \quad \dots \text{II}$$

$$\text{From eq. (I); } xy = 36 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{36}{y}$$

Substituting  $x = \frac{36}{y}$  in eq. II, we get :

$$y^2 = 48 \times \frac{36}{y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y^3 = 36 \times 48 \text{ and, } y = 12$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{36}{y} = \frac{36}{12} = 3$$

**$\therefore$  The required nos. are 3 and 12.**

**Ans.**

### EXERCISE 7(B)

- Find the fourth proportional to :
  - 1.5, 4.5 and 3.5
  - $3a$ ,  $6a^2$  and  $2ab^2$
- Find the third proportional to :
  - $2\frac{2}{3}$  and 4
  - $a - b$  and  $a^2 - b^2$
- Find the mean proportional between :
  - $6 + 3\sqrt{3}$  and  $8 - 4\sqrt{3}$
  - $a - b$  and  $a^3 - a^2b$ .
- If  $x + 5$  is the mean proportion between  $x + 2$  and  $x + 9$ ; find the value of  $x$ .
- If  $x^2$ , 4 and 9 are in continued proportion, find  $x$ .
- What least number must be added to each of the numbers 6, 15, 20 and 43 to make them proportional ? (2005, 2013)
- If  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  are in continued proportion, show that :  $\frac{a^2 + b^2}{b(a+c)} = \frac{b(a+c)}{b^2 + c^2}$ .

- (ii) If  $a, b, c$  are in continued proportion and  $a(b - c) = 2b$ , prove that :

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

- (iii) If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , show that :

$$\frac{a^3c + ac^3}{b^3d + bd^3} = \frac{(a+c)^4}{(b+d)^4}$$

8. What least number must be subtracted from each of the numbers 7, 17 and 47 so that the remainders are in continued proportion ?
9. If  $y$  is the mean proportional between  $x$  and  $z$ ; show that  $xy + yz$  is the mean proportional between  $x^2 + y^2$  and  $y^2 + z^2$ .
10. If  $q$  is the mean proportional between  $p$  and  $r$ , show that :
- $$pqr(p + q + r)^3 = (pq + qr + pr)^3$$

$q$  is the mean proportional between  $p$  and  $r \Rightarrow q^2 = pr$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= pqr(p + q + r)^3 \\ &= q \cdot q^2(p + q + r)^3 \quad \because pr = q^2 \\ &= q^3(p + q + r)^3 \\ &= [q(p + q + r)]^3 \\ &= (pq + q^2 + qr)^3 \\ &= (pq + pr + qr)^3 = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

11. If three quantities are in continued proportion; show that the ratio of the first to the third is the duplicate ratio of the first to the second.

If the three quantities be  $x, y$  and  $z$ ; then  $x : y = y : z$  and to prove that  $x : z = x^2 : y^2$

12. If  $y$  is the mean proportional between  $x$  and  $z$ , prove that :
- $$\frac{x^2 - y^2 + z^2}{x^{-2} - y^{-2} + z^{-2}} = y^4$$

13. Given four quantities  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are in proportion. Show that :

$$\begin{aligned} (a - c)b^2 : (b - d)cd \\ = (a^2 - b^2 - ab) : (c^2 - d^2 - cd) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Given : } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k \text{ (let)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

Now, find the values of L.H.S. and R.H.S. of the required result by substituting  $a = bk$  and  $c = dk$ ; and show **L.H.S. = R.H.S.**

14. Find two numbers such that the mean proportional between them is 12 and the third proportional to them is 96.
15. Find the third proportional to  $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$  and  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
16. If  $p : q = r : s$ ; then show that :
- $$mp + nq : q = mr + ns : s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p}{q} = \frac{r}{s} &\Rightarrow \frac{mp}{q} = \frac{mr}{s} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{mp}{q} + n = \frac{mr}{s} + n \text{ and so on.} \end{aligned}$$

17. If  $p + r = mq$  and  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{s} = \frac{m}{r}$ ; then prove that :  $p : q = r : s$ .
18. If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , prove that each of the given ratio is equal to :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \frac{5a+4c}{5b+4d} & \quad \text{(ii)} \quad \frac{13a-8c}{13b-8d} \\ \text{(iii)} \quad \sqrt{\frac{3a^2-10c^2}{3b^2-10d^2}} & \quad \text{(iv)} \quad \left( \frac{8a^3+15c^3}{8b^3+15d^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

19. If  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are in proportion, prove that :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \frac{13a+17b}{13c+17d} &= \sqrt{\frac{2ma^2-3nb^2}{2mc^2-3nd^2}} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \sqrt{\frac{4a^2+9b^2}{4c^2+9d^2}} &= \left( \frac{xa^3-5yb^3}{xc^3-5yd^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

20. If  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c}$ , prove that :

$$\frac{2x^3-3y^3+4z^3}{2a^3-3b^3+4c^3} = \left( \frac{2x-3y+4z}{2a-3b+4c} \right)^3$$

## 7.8 Some Important Properties of Proportion :

If four quantities  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  form a proportion

i.e. if  $a : b :: c : d$ , many other proportions may be obtained using the properties of fractions. Some of these proportions are given below :



### 1. Invertendo :

According to this property of proportions :

If  $a : b = c : d$ , then  $b : a = d : c$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Proof : } a : b = c : d &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \frac{d}{c} \quad [\text{Taking reciprocal of both the sides}] \\ &\Rightarrow b : a = d : c.\end{aligned}$$

### 2. Alternendo :

According to this property of proportions :

If  $a : b = c : d$ , then  $a : c = b : d$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Proof : } a : b = c : d &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \\ &\Rightarrow a \times d = b \times c \quad [\text{By cross-multiplication}] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{d} \Rightarrow a : c = b : d.\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Componendo :

If  $a : b = c : d$ , then  $a + b : b = c + d : d$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Proof : } a : b = c : d &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} + 1 = \frac{c}{d} + 1 \quad [\text{Adding 1 on each side}] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{c+d}{d} \\ &\Rightarrow a + b : b = c + d : d\end{aligned}$$

### 4. Dividendo :

If  $a : b = c : d$ , then  $a - b : b = c - d : d$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Proof : } a : b = c : d &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} - 1 = \frac{c}{d} - 1 \quad [\text{Subtracting 1 from each side}] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{b} = \frac{c-d}{d} \\ &\Rightarrow a - b : b = c - d : d.\end{aligned}$$

### 5. Componendo and Dividendo :

If  $a : b = c : d$ , then  $a + b : a - b = c + d : c - d$ .

By componendo,  $a : b = c : d \Rightarrow a + b : b = c + d : d$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{c+d}{d} \quad \dots\dots I$$

By dividendo,  $a : b = c : d \Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{b} = \frac{c-d}{d}$  .....II

Dividing I by II, we get :  $\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{c+d}{c-d}$

Thus,  $a : b = c : d \Rightarrow a + b : a - b = c + d : c - d$ .

Thus;  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \Rightarrow$  (i)  $\frac{b}{a} = \frac{d}{c}$  By Invertendo

(ii)  $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{d}$  By Alternendo

(iii)  $\frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{c+d}{d}$  By Componendo

(iv)  $\frac{a-b}{b} = \frac{c-d}{d}$  By Dividendo

(v)  $\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{c+d}{c-d}$  By Componendo and Dividendo

## 7.9 Direct Applications :

24 If  $\frac{8x+13y}{8x-13y} = \frac{9}{7}$ , find  $x : y$ .

**Solution :**

**Applying componendo and dividendo :**

$$\frac{8x+13y}{8x-13y} = \frac{9}{7} \text{ gives } \frac{8x+13y+8x-13y}{8x+13y-8x+13y} = \frac{9+7}{9-7}$$

i.e.  $\frac{16x}{26y} = \frac{16}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{16}{2} \times \frac{26}{16} = \frac{13}{1}$  i.e.  $x : y = 13 : 1$  **Ans.**

**Alternative method :**

$$\frac{8x+13y}{8x-13y} = \frac{9}{7} \Rightarrow 72x - 117y = 56x + 91y$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x = 208y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{208}{16} = \frac{13}{1} \text{ i.e. } x : y = 13 : 1 \text{ **Ans.**}$$

25 If  $a : b = c : d$ , show that :  $3a + 2b : 3a - 2b = 3c + 2d : 3c - 2d$ .

**Solution :**

$$a : b = c : d \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{3a}{2b} = \frac{3c}{2d} \quad \text{[Multiplying each side by } \frac{3}{2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3a + 2b}{3a - 2b} = \frac{3c + 2d}{3c - 2d} \quad \text{[By componendo and dividendo]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a + 2b : 3a - 2b = 3c + 2d : 3c - 2d \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Alternative method :**

$$a : b = c : d \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k \text{ (let)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

$$\therefore 3a + 2b : 3a - 2b = \frac{3a + 2b}{3a - 2b} = \frac{3bk + 2b}{3bk - 2b} \quad \text{[As } a = bk]$$

$$= \frac{b(3k + 2)}{b(3k - 2)} = \frac{3k + 2}{3k - 2} \quad \text{.....I}$$

$$\text{and } 3c + 2d : 3c - 2d = \frac{3c + 2d}{3c - 2d} = \frac{3dk + 2d}{3dk - 2d} \quad \text{[As } c = dk]$$

$$= \frac{d(3k + 2)}{d(3k - 2)} = \frac{3k + 2}{3k - 2} \quad \text{.....II}$$

From I and II, we get :

$$3a + 2b : 3a - 2b = 3c + 2d : 3c - 2d \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**26** If  $\frac{8a-5b}{8c-5d} = \frac{8a+5b}{8c+5d}$ , prove that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ .

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**Solution :**

$$\text{Given : } \frac{8a-5b}{8c-5d} = \frac{8a+5b}{8c+5d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8a-5b}{8a+5b} = \frac{8c-5d}{8c+5d} \quad \text{[Applying alternendo]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8a-5b+8a+5b}{8a-5b-8a-5b} = \frac{8c-5d+8c+5d}{8c-5d-8c-5d} \quad \text{[Applying componendo and dividendo]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16a}{-10b} = \frac{16c}{-10d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

**Hence Proved.**

**27** If  $p = \frac{4xy}{x+y}$ , find the value of  $\frac{p+2x}{p-2x} + \frac{p+2y}{p-2y}$ .

**Solution :**

$$p = \frac{4xy}{x+y} \Rightarrow \frac{P}{2x} = \frac{2y}{x+y} \quad [\text{Now apply componendo and dividendo}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p+2x}{p-2x} = \frac{2y+x+y}{2y-x-y} = \frac{x+3y}{y-x}$$

$$\text{Again, } p = \frac{4xy}{x+y} \Rightarrow \frac{P}{2y} = \frac{2x}{x+y} \quad [\text{Now apply componendo and dividendo}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p+2y}{p-2y} = \frac{2x+x+y}{2x-x-y} = \frac{3x+y}{x-y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{p+2x}{p-2x} + \frac{p+2y}{p-2y} &= \frac{x+3y}{y-x} + \frac{3x+y}{x-y} \\ &= \frac{x+3y}{y-x} - \frac{3x+y}{y-x} = \frac{x+3y-3x-y}{y-x} = 2 \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**Alternative method :**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p+2x}{p-2x} + \frac{p+2y}{p-2y} &= \frac{\frac{4xy}{x+y} + 2x}{\frac{4xy}{x+y} - 2x} + \frac{\frac{4xy}{x+y} + 2y}{\frac{4xy}{x+y} - 2y} \\ &= \frac{4xy + 2x(x+y)}{4xy - 2x(x+y)} + \frac{4xy + 2y(x+y)}{4xy - 2y(x+y)} \\ &= \frac{4xy + 2x^2 + 2xy}{4xy - 2x^2 - 2xy} + \frac{4xy + 2xy + 2y^2}{4xy - 2xy - 2y^2} \\ &= \frac{6xy + 2x^2}{2xy - 2x^2} + \frac{6xy + 2y^2}{2xy - 2y^2} \\ &= \frac{2x(3y+x)}{2x(y-x)} + \frac{2y(3x+y)}{2y(x-y)} \\ &= \frac{3y+x}{y-x} - \frac{3x+y}{y-x} \quad \left[ \because \frac{3x+y}{x-y} = -\frac{3x+y}{y-x} \right] \\ &= \frac{3y+x-3x-y}{y-x} = \frac{2y-2x}{y-x} = \frac{2(y-x)}{y-x} = 2 \quad \text{Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

**28** If  $a : b = c : d$ ; prove that :

$$(a^2 + ac + c^2) : (a^2 - ac + c^2) = (b^2 + bd + d^2) : (b^2 - bd + d^2)$$

**Solution :**

$$a : b = c : d \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k \text{ (say)} \Rightarrow a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

$$\therefore (a^2 + ac + c^2) : (a^2 - ac + c^2) = \frac{a^2 + ac + c^2}{a^2 - ac + c^2}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{b^2 k^2 + (bk)(dk) + d^2 k^2}{b^2 k^2 - (bk)(dk) + d^2 k^2} \quad [\because a = bk \text{ and } c = dk] \\
 &= \frac{k^2 (b^2 + bd + d^2)}{k^2 (b^2 - bd + d^2)} \\
 &= (b^2 + bd + d^2) : (b^2 - bd + d^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Hence Proved.**

**29** If  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are in continued proportion, prove that :

$$x^2 - y^2 : x^2 + y^2 = x - z : x + z.$$

**Solution :**

$x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are in continued proportion

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{y}{z} = k \text{ (say)} \Rightarrow x = yk, y = zk \text{ and } x = yk = (zk)k = zk^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore x^2 - y^2 : x^2 + y^2 &= \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{y^2 k^2 - y^2}{y^2 k^2 + y^2} \quad [\because x = yk] \\
 &= \frac{y^2 (k^2 - 1)}{y^2 (k^2 + 1)} = \frac{k^2 - 1}{k^2 + 1} \quad \dots \text{I}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also, } x - z : x + z &= \frac{x - z}{x + z} = \frac{zk^2 - z}{zk^2 + z} \quad [\because x = zk^2] \\
 &= \frac{z (k^2 - 1)}{z (k^2 + 1)} = \frac{k^2 - 1}{k^2 + 1} \quad \dots \text{II}
 \end{aligned}$$

From I and II, we get :

$$x^2 - y^2 : x^2 + y^2 = x - z : x + z$$

**Hence Proved.**

**Alternative method :**

$$x, y \text{ and } z \text{ are in continued proportion} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{y}{z} \Rightarrow y^2 = xz.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore x^2 - y^2 : x^2 + y^2 &= \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{x^2 - xz}{x^2 + xz} \quad [\because y^2 = xz] \\
 &= \frac{x(x - z)}{x(x + z)} = \frac{x - z}{x + z} = x - z : x + z \quad \text{Hence Proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

**30** Using the properties of proportion, solve the following equation for  $x$  :

$$\frac{x^3 + 3x}{3x^2 + 1} = \frac{341}{91}$$

**Solution :**

Applying componendo and dividendo, we get :

$$\frac{x^3 + 3x + 3x^2 + 1}{x^3 + 3x - 3x^2 - 1} = \frac{341 + 91}{341 - 91}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x+1)^3}{(x-1)^3} = \frac{432}{250} = \frac{216}{125} = \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{6}{5}$$

Again, applying componendo and dividendo, we get :

$$\frac{x+1+x-1}{x+1-x+1} = \frac{6+5}{6-5} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{11}{1} \Rightarrow x = 11$$

Ans.

**31** If  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}{\sqrt{3a+2b} - \sqrt{3a-2b}}$ , prove that :  $bx^2 - 3ax + b = 0$

**Solution :**

Given :  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}{\sqrt{3a+2b} - \sqrt{3a-2b}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b} + \sqrt{3a+2b} - \sqrt{3a-2b}}{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b} - \sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}$$

[Applying componendo and dividendo]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{2\sqrt{3a+2b}}{2\sqrt{3a-2b}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b}}{\sqrt{3a-2b}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x^2-2x+1} = \frac{3a+2b}{3a-2b} \quad \text{[Squaring both the sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2+2x+1+x^2-2x+1}{x^2+2x+1-x^2+2x-1} = \frac{3a+2b+3a-2b}{3a+2b-3a+2b} \quad \text{[By componendo and dividendo]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2(x^2+1)}{4x} = \frac{6a}{4b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2+1}{2x} = \frac{3a}{2b} \quad \text{i.e., } 2bx^2 + 2b = 6ax$$

$$\Rightarrow bx^2 - 3ax + b = 0$$

Hence Proved.

**Alternative method :**

Given :  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}{\sqrt{3a+2b} - \sqrt{3a-2b}}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}{\sqrt{3a+2b} - \sqrt{3a-2b}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}{\sqrt{3a+2b} + \sqrt{3a-2b}}$$

$$= \frac{3a+2b+3a-2b+2\sqrt{(3a+2b)(3a-2b)}}{3a+2b-3a+2b}$$

$$= \frac{6a+2\sqrt{9a^2-4b^2}}{4b} = \frac{3a+\sqrt{9a^2-4b^2}}{2b}$$



$$\Rightarrow 2bx = 3a + \sqrt{9a^2 - 4b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2bx - 3a = \sqrt{9a^2 - 4b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4b^2x^2 + 9a^2 - 12abx = 9a^2 - 4b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4b^2x^2 - 12abx + 4b^2 = 0 \Rightarrow bx^2 - 3ax + b = 0$$

[ Squaring ]

Hence Proved.

### EXERCISE 7(C)

1. If  $a : b = c : d$ , prove that :

(i)  $5a + 7b : 5a - 7b = 5c + 7d : 5c - 7d$ .

(ii)  $(9a + 13b) (9c - 13d)$   
 $= (9c + 13d) (9a - 13b)$ .

(iii)  $xa + yb : xc + yd = b : d$

2. If  $a : b = c : d$ , prove that :

$(6a + 7b) (3c - 4d) = (6c + 7d) (3a - 4b)$ .

3. Given,  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , prove that :

$$\frac{3a - 5b}{3a + 5b} = \frac{3c - 5d}{3c + 5d}$$

[2000]

4. If  $\frac{5x + 6y}{5u + 6v} = \frac{5x - 6y}{5u - 6v}$ ;

then prove that  $x : y = u : v$ .

5. If  $(7a + 8b) (7c - 8d)$   
 $= (7a - 8b) (7c + 8d)$ ;  
 prove that  $a : b = c : d$ .

6. (i) If  $x = \frac{6ab}{a + b}$ , find the value of :

$$\frac{x + 3a}{x - 3a} + \frac{x + 3b}{x - 3b}$$

(ii) If  $a = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}$ , find the value of :

$$\frac{a + 2\sqrt{2}}{a - 2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{a + 2\sqrt{3}}{a - 2\sqrt{3}}$$

7. If  $(a + b + c + d) (a - b - c + d)$   
 $= (a + b - c - d) (a - b + c - d)$ ;  
 prove that :  $a : b = c : d$ .

8. If  $\frac{a - 2b - 3c + 4d}{a + 2b - 3c - 4d}$   
 $= \frac{a - 2b + 3c - 4d}{a + 2b + 3c + 4d}$ ,

show that :  $2ad = 3bc$ .

9. If  $(a^2 + b^2) (x^2 + y^2) = (ax + by)^2$ ;

prove that :  $\frac{a}{x} = \frac{b}{y}$ .

10. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are in continued proportion, prove that :

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

(ii)  $\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{(a + b + c)^2} = \frac{a - b + c}{a + b + c}$ .

11. Using properties of proportion, solve for  $x$  :

(i)  $\frac{\sqrt{x+5} + \sqrt{x-16}}{\sqrt{x+5} - \sqrt{x-16}} = \frac{7}{3}$ .

(ii)  $\frac{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x-1}} = \frac{4x-1}{2}$ .

(iii)  $\frac{3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}}{3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}} = 5$ .

12. If  $x = \frac{\sqrt{a+3b} + \sqrt{a-3b}}{\sqrt{a+3b} - \sqrt{a-3b}}$ , prove that :  
 $3bx^2 - 2ax + 3b = 0$ . [2007]

13. Using the properties of proportion, solve for  $x$ , given  $\frac{x^4+1}{2x^2} = \frac{17}{8}$ . [2013]

14. If  $x = \frac{\sqrt{m+n} + \sqrt{m-n}}{\sqrt{m+n} - \sqrt{m-n}}$ , express  $n$  in terms of  $x$  and  $m$ .

15. If  $\frac{x^3 + 3xy^2}{3x^2y + y^3} = \frac{m^3 + 3mn^2}{3m^2n + n^3}$ , show that :  $nx = my$ .

### EXERCISE 7(D)

- If  $a : b = 3 : 5$ , find :  
(10a + 3b) : (5a + 2b)
- If  $5x + 6y : 8x + 5y = 8 : 9$ , find :  $x : y$ .
- If  $(3x - 4y) : (2x - 3y) = (5x - 6y) : (4x - 5y)$ , find :  $x : y$ .
- Find the :  
(i) duplicate ratio of  $2\sqrt{2} : 3\sqrt{5}$   
(ii) triplicate ratio of  $2a : 3b$ ,  
(iii) sub-duplicate ratio of  $9x^2a^4 : 25y^6b^2$   
(iv) sub-triplicate ratio of  $216 : 343$   
(v) reciprocal ratio of  $3 : 5$   
(vi) ratio compounded of the duplicate ratio of  $5 : 6$ , the reciprocal ratio of  $25 : 42$  and the sub-duplicate ratio of  $36 : 49$ .
- Find the value of  $x$ , if :  
(i)  $(2x + 3) : (5x - 38)$  is the duplicate ratio of  $\sqrt{5} : \sqrt{6}$ .  
(ii)  $(2x + 1) : (3x + 13)$  is the sub-duplicate ratio of  $9 : 25$ .  
(iii)  $(3x - 7) : (4x + 3)$  is the sub-triplicate ratio of  $8 : 27$ .
- What quantity must be added to each term of the ratio  $x : y$  so that it may become equal to  $c : d$ ?
- A woman reduces her weight in the ratio  $7 : 5$ . What does her weight become if originally it was 84 kg?
- If  $15(2x^2 - y^2) = 7xy$ , find  $x : y$ ; if  $x$  and  $y$  both are positive.
- Find the :  
(i) fourth proportional to  $2xy, x^2$  and  $y^2$ .  
(ii) third proportional to  $a^2 - b^2$  and  $a + b$ .  
(iii) mean proportion to  $(x - y)$  and  $(x^3 - x^2y)$
- Find two numbers such that the mean proportional between them is 14 and third proportional to them is 112.
- If  $x$  and  $y$  be unequal and  $x : y$  is the duplicate ratio of  $x + z$  and  $y + z$ , prove that  $z$  is mean proportional between  $x$  and  $y$ .
- If  $q$  is the mean proportional between  $p$  and  $r$ , prove that :  $\frac{p^3 + q^3 + r^3}{p^2q^2r^2} = \frac{1}{p^3} + \frac{1}{q^3} + \frac{1}{r^3}$ .
- If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are in continued proportion, prove that :  $a : c = (a^2 + b^2) : (b^2 + c^2)$ .
- If  $x = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$ , find the value of :  $\frac{x+a}{x-a} + \frac{x+b}{x-b}$ .
- If  $(4a + 9b)(4c - 9d) = (4a - 9b)(4c + 9d)$ , prove that :  $a : b = c : d$ .
- If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , show that :  
 $(a + b) : (c + d) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} : \sqrt{c^2 + d^2}$
- If  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c}$ , prove that :  
 $\frac{ax - by}{(a+b)(x-y)} + \frac{by - cz}{(b+c)(y-z)} + \frac{cz - ax}{(c+a)(z-x)} = 3$
- There are 36 members in a student council in a school and the ratio of the number of boys to the number of girls is  $3 : 1$ . How many more girls should be added to the council so that the ratio of number of boys to the number of girls may be  $9 : 5$ ?
- If  $7x - 15y = 4x + y$ , find the value of  $x : y$ . Hence, use componendo and dividendo to find the values of :  
(i)  $\frac{9x + 5y}{9x - 5y}$  (ii)  $\frac{3x^2 + 2y^2}{3x^2 - 2y^2}$
- If  $\frac{4m+3n}{4m-3n} = \frac{7}{4}$ , use properties of proportion to find :  
(i)  $m : n$  (ii)  $\frac{2m^2 - 11n^2}{2m^2 + 11n^2}$ .



21. If  $x, y, z$  are in continued proportion, prove

that :  $\frac{(x+y)^2}{(y+z)^2} = \frac{x}{z}$ . [2010]

22. Given  $x = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2} + \sqrt{a^2-b^2}}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2} - \sqrt{a^2-b^2}}$ .

Use componendo and dividendo to prove that :

$b^2 = \frac{2a^2x}{x^2+1}$ . [2010]

23. If  $\frac{x^2+y^2}{x^2-y^2} = 2\frac{1}{8}$ , find :

(i)  $\frac{x}{y}$  (ii)  $\frac{x^3+y^3}{x^3-y^3}$  [2014]

24. Using componendo and dividendo, find the value of  $x$  :

$\frac{\sqrt{3x+4} + \sqrt{3x-5}}{\sqrt{3x+4} - \sqrt{3x-5}} = 9$ . [2011]

25. If  $x = \frac{\sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a-1}}{\sqrt{a+1} - \sqrt{a-1}}$ , using properties of proportion show that :

$x^2 - 2ax + 1 = 0$ . [2012]

26. Given  $\frac{x^3+12x}{6x^2+8} = \frac{y^3+27y}{9y^2+27}$ . Using componendo and dividendo, find  $x : y$ .

[2015]