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Ex 20.1 Q 1

(i)  $4, -2, 1, -\frac{1}{2}, \dots$

$$\frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = r = \text{common ratio} \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{-2}{4} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{1}{-2} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

(ii)  $-\frac{2}{3}, -6, -54, \dots$

Using (i)

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{-6}{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{18}{2} = 9$$

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{-54}{-6} = 9$$

$$\therefore r = 9$$

(iii)  $a, \frac{3a^2}{4}, \frac{9a^3}{16}, \dots$

Using (i)

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{9a^3}{16}}{\frac{3a^2}{4}} = \frac{9a^3}{16} \times \frac{4}{3a^2} = \frac{3a}{4}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{3a^2}{4}}{a} = \frac{3a^2}{4a}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{3}{4}a$$

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$$(iv) \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{4}{27}, \dots$$

Using (i)

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{2}{3}$$

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Ex 20.1 Q 2

$$a_n = \frac{2}{3^n}, n \in N$$

Put  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  because  $n$  is natural number

$$\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3^2}, \frac{2}{3^3}, \dots$$

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{2}{3^3}}{\frac{2}{3^2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{2}{3^2}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Ratio of consecutive terms is solve

$$\therefore \frac{1}{3} \text{ is common ratio, Hence it is G.P } \forall n \in N.$$

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Ex 20.1 Q 3

(i) 9<sup>th</sup> term of G.P 1, 4, 16, 64, ...

$$t_1 = 1 = a$$

$$t_2 = 4$$

Because it is G.P

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \text{common ratio} = r$$

$$r = \frac{4}{1} = 4$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_9 = ar^8 = 1(4)^8 = 4^8$$

(ii) 10<sup>th</sup> term of G.P  $\frac{-3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{2}{4}, \dots$

$$a = \frac{-3}{4}$$

Because it is G.P

$$\therefore r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{-3}{4}} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_{10} = ar^9 = \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^9 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8$$

(iv) 12<sup>th</sup> term of G.P  $\frac{1}{a^3x^3}, ax, a^3x^5, \dots$

$$a = \frac{1}{a^3x^3}$$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{ax}{\frac{1}{a^3x^3}} = a^4x^4$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_{12} = ar^{11}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{a^3x^3} \right) (a^4x^4)^{11}$$

$$= (ax)^{41}$$

(v)  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of G.P  $\sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}, \dots$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_n = \left( \sqrt{3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

(vi) 10<sup>th</sup> term of G.P  $\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \dots$

$$a = \sqrt{2}$$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_{10} = ar^9$$

$$= \left( \sqrt{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^9$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^9$$

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