

# Senior 2 Math Part I

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# Chapter 12

## Sequence and Series

### 12.1 Sequence and Series

#### 12.1.1 Practice 1

- Find the first 5 terms of the sequence  $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n+1}$ .

**Sol.**  $a_1 = \frac{2}{2} = 1, a_2 = \frac{4}{3}, a_3 = \frac{8}{4}, a_4 = \frac{16}{5}, a_5 = \frac{32}{6}$

- Write the general term of the sequence 1, 8, 27, 64, ...

**Sol.**  $a_n = n^3$

#### 12.1.2 Practice 2

- Express the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} n^2 + 1$  in the form of numbers.

**Sol.**  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} n^2 + 1$   
 $= (1^2 + 1) + (2^2 + 1) + (3^2 + 1) + (4^2 + 1)$   
 $+ (5^2 + 1) + (6^2 + 1) + (7^2 + 1)$   
 $+ (8^2 + 1) + (9^2 + 1) + (10^2 + 1)$   
 $= 2 + 5 + 10 + 17 + 26 + 37 + 50 + 65$   
 $+ 82 + 101$

- Write the first term, last term and the number of terms of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{10} (3^n - 2^n)$ .

**Sol.** First term  $= (3^1 - 2^1) = 1$

Last term  $= (3^{10} - 2^{10}) = 59049$

Number of terms  $= 10$

- Express the series  $2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + 4 \times 9 + \dots + 15 \times 31$  in the form of  $\sum$ .

**Sol.**

$$a_1 = 2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$a_2 = 3 \times 7 = 21$$

$$a_3 = 4 \times 9 = 36$$

$$a_4 = 5 \times 11 = 55$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{15} = 15 \times 31 = 465$$

$$\therefore 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + 4 \times 9 + \dots + 15 \times 31$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{15} a_n$$

#### 12.1.3 Exercise 12.1

- Find the general term of the following sequences.

- 5, 8, 11, 14, ...

**Sol.**  $a_n = 3n + 2$

- 2, 4, 8, 16, ...

**Sol.**  $a_n = 2^n$

- $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{4}, \dots$

**Sol.**  $a_n = \frac{n+1}{n}$

- $\frac{2}{5}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{6}{9}, \frac{8}{11}, \dots$

**Sol.**  $a_n = \frac{2n}{2n+1}$

- Find the first 5 terms of the following sequences.

- $a_n = 2n + 3$

**Sol.**  $a_1 = 2 \times 1 + 3 = 5, a_2 = 2 \times 2 + 3 = 7, a_3 = 2 \times 3 + 3 = 9, a_4 = 2 \times 4 + 3 = 11, a_5 = 2 \times 5 + 3 = 13$

- $a_n = n(n - 2)$

**Sol.**  $a_1 = 1 \times (-1) = -1, a_2 = 2 \times 0 = 0, a_3 = 3 \times 1 = 3, a_4 = 4 \times 2 = 8, a_5 = 5 \times 3 = 15$

- $a_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}$

**Sol.**  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2 \times 1 + 1} = \frac{1}{3}, a_2 = \frac{2}{2 \times 2 + 1} = \frac{2}{5}, a_3 = \frac{3}{2 \times 3 + 1} = \frac{3}{7}, a_4 = \frac{4}{2 \times 4 + 1} = \frac{4}{9}, a_5 = \frac{5}{2 \times 5 + 1} = \frac{5}{11}$

- $a_n = (-3)^n$

**Sol.**  $a_1 = (-3)^1 = -3, a_2 = (-3)^2 = 9, a_3 = (-3)^3 = -27, a_4 = (-3)^4 = 81, a_5 = (-3)^5 = -243$

- Express the following series in the form of numbers.

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^5 n(n+3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } \sum_{n=1}^5 n(n+3) &= (1 \times 4) + (2 \times 5) + (3 \times 6) + (4 \times 7) \\ &\quad + (5 \times 8) \\ &= 4 + 10 + 18 + 28 + 40 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \sum_{n=2}^6 \frac{1}{3^n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } \sum_{n=2}^6 \frac{1}{3^n} &= \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{3^5} + \frac{1}{3^6} \\ &= \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{243} + \frac{1}{729} \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^6 \frac{1}{n(2n+1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } \sum_{n=1}^6 \frac{1}{n(2n+1)} &= \frac{1}{1(2 \times 1 + 1)} + \frac{1}{2(2 \times 2 + 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3(2 \times 3 + 1)} + \frac{1}{4(2 \times 4 + 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{5(2 \times 5 + 1)} + \frac{1}{6(2 \times 6 + 1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{21} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{55} + \frac{1}{78} \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \sum_{n=2}^5 \frac{1}{n^2+2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } \sum_{n=2}^5 \frac{1}{n^2+2} &= \frac{1}{4+2} + \frac{1}{9+2} + \frac{1}{16+2} + \frac{1}{25+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{27} \end{aligned}$$

4. Find the first term, last term and the number of terms of the following series.

$$(a) \sum_{n=3}^{10} 2^2$$

$$\text{Sol. } a_3 = 2^2 = 4, a_{10} = 2^2 = 4, n = 10 - 3 + 1 = 8$$

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^8 \frac{n+2}{n}$$

$$\text{Sol. } a_1 = \frac{1+2}{1} = \frac{3}{1} = 3, a_8 = \frac{8+2}{8} = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4}, n = 8 - 1 + 1 = 8$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{10} 3n^2 - n$$

$$\text{Sol. } a_1 = 3 \times 1^2 - 1 = 2, a_{10} = 3 \times 10^2 - 10 = 290, n = 10 - 1 + 1 = 10$$

$$(d) \sum_{n=9}^{14} n^2(n-7)$$

$$\text{Sol. } a_9 = 9^2(9-7) = 9^2 \times 2 = 162, a_{14} = 14^2(14-7) = 14^2 \times 7 = 2744, n = 14 - 9 + 1 = 6$$

5. Express the following series in the form of  $\sum$ .

$$(a) 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{30}$$

**Sol.**

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{30} = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\therefore 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{30} = \sum_{n=1}^{30} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$(b) 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + 50^3$$

**Sol.**

$$a_1 = 1^3$$

$$a_2 = 2^3$$

$$a_3 = 3^3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{50} = 50^3$$

$$\therefore 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + 50^3 = \sum_{n=1}^{50} n^3$$

$$(c) 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16}$$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1-1} \\
 a_2 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2-1} \\
 a_3 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3-1} \\
 a_4 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{4-1} \\
 a_5 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5-1} \\
 \therefore 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^5 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $2 \times 4 + 4 \times 7 + 6 \times 10 + 8 \times 13 + 10 \times 16$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 2 \times 1 \times (3 \times 1 + 1) \\
 a_2 &= 2 \times 2 \times (3 \times 2 + 1) \\
 a_3 &= 2 \times 3 \times (3 \times 3 + 1) \\
 a_4 &= 2 \times 4 \times (3 \times 4 + 1) \\
 a_5 &= 2 \times 5 \times (3 \times 5 + 1) \\
 \therefore 2 \times 4 + 4 \times 7 + 6 \times 10 + 8 \times 13 \\
 &+ 10 \times 16 = \sum_{n=1}^5 2n(3n + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

## 12.2 Arithmetic Progression

General term of an Arithmetic Progression (AP) is given by

$$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$$

where  $a_1$  is the first term,  $d$  is the common difference and  $n$  is the number of terms.

### 12.2.1 Practice 3

- Find the number of terms of the AP  $-4 - 2\frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + 16$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= -4 \\
 a_n &= 16 \\
 d &= -2\frac{3}{4} - (-4) \\
 &= -2\frac{3}{4} + 4 \\
 &= \frac{5}{4} \\
 16 &= -4 + (n - 1)\frac{5}{4} \\
 20 &= \frac{5}{4}(n - 1) \\
 80 &= 5(n - 1) \\
 n - 1 &= 16 \\
 n &= 17
 \end{aligned}$$

- Given that  $a_2 = 4$  and  $a_6 = -8$ , find the 10th term of the AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_2 &= 4 \\
 a + (2 - 1)d &= 4 \\
 a_6 &= -8 \\
 a + (6 - 1)d &= -8 \\
 \begin{cases} a + d &= 4 \\ a + 5d &= -8 \end{cases} & \quad (12.1) \\
 & \quad (12.2) \\
 (2) - (1) : 4d &= -12 \\
 d &= -3 \\
 a + (-3) &= 4 \\
 a &= 7 \\
 \therefore a_{10} &= 7 + (10 - 1)(-3) \\
 &= 7 - 27 \\
 &= -20
 \end{aligned}$$

- How many multiples of 7 are there between 50 and 500?

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 56 \\
 a_n &= 497 \\
 d &= 7 \\
 497 &= 56 + (n - 1)7 \\
 441 &= 7(n - 1) \\
 n - 1 &= 63 \\
 n &= 64
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Find 5 numbers between 30 and 54 such that these numbers form an AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 30 \\a_7 &= 54 \\54 &= 30 + (7 - 1)d \\24 &= 6d \\d &= 4\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  These 5 numbers are 34, 38, 42, 46, and 50.

### Arithmetic mean

If A is in between x and y, and x, A, y are in AP, then

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

#### 12.2.2 Practice 4

1. If 9, x, 17 are in AP, find x.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{9 + 17}{2} \\&= \frac{26}{2} \\&= 13\end{aligned}$$

2. Find the arithmetic mean of 26 and -11.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \frac{26 - 11}{2} \\&= \frac{15}{2}\end{aligned}$$

3. Find x and y when 3, x, 12, y, 21 are in AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{3 + 12}{2} \\&= \frac{15}{2} \\y &= \frac{12 + 21}{2} \\&= \frac{33}{2}\end{aligned}$$

### Summation of Arithmetic Progression

The summation formula for AP is given by

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

or

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$$

#### 12.2.3 Practice 5

1. Find the sum of the first 16 terms of the AP  
22 + 18 + 14 + 10 + ...

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 22 \\n &= 16 \\d &= -4 \\S_n &= \frac{16}{2}(2 \times 22 + (-4)(16 - 1)) \\&= \frac{16}{2}(44 + (-4)(15)) \\&= \frac{16}{2}(44 - 60) \\&= \frac{16}{2}(-16) \\&= -128\end{aligned}$$

2. If the sum of AP 23 + 19 + 15 + ... is 72, find the number of terms.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 23 \\S_n &= 72 \\d &= -4 \\72 &= \frac{n}{2}(2 \times 23 + (-4)(n - 1)) \\72 &= \frac{n}{2}(46 + (-4)(n - 1)) \\144 &= n(46 + (-4)(n - 1)) \\144 &= n(46 - 4n + 4) \\144 &= n(50 - 4n) \\144 &= 50n - 4n^2 \\72 &= 25n - 2n^2 \\2n^2 - 25n + 72 &= 0 \\(n - 8)(2n - 9) &= 0 \\n &= 8\end{aligned}$$

3. Given that  $S_n = 2n + 3n^2$ , find the first term and the common difference of the AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= 2n + 3n^2 \\ 2n + 3n^2 &= \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d) \\ 4n + 6n^2 &= n(2a + (n-1)d) \\ 4n + 6n^2 &= 2na + (n-1)nd \\ 4n + 6n^2 &= 2na + n^2d - nd \\ 4n + 6n^2 &= (2a - d)n + dn^2 \end{aligned}$$

*Comparing both sides,*

$$\begin{aligned} 2a - d &= 4 \\ a &= 6 \\ d &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

### 12.2.4 Exercise 12.2

1. Find the 10th terms of the AP 5, 13, 21, ...

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 5 \\ n &= 10 \\ d &= 8 \\ a_{10} &= 5 + (10-1) \times 8 \\ &= 5 + 72 \\ &= 77 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the 8th term of the AP 5,  $4\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{3}{4}$ , ...

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 5 \\ n &= 8 \\ d &= -\frac{3}{4} \\ a_8 &= 5 + (8-1) \times -\frac{3}{4} \\ &= 5 - \frac{3}{4} \times 7 \\ &= 5 - \frac{21}{4} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the number of terms of the following AP.

- (a) 4, 9, ..., 64

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 4 \\ a_n &= 64 \\ d &= 5 \\ 64 &= 4 + (n-1) \times 5 \\ 60 &= 5(n-1) \\ 12 &= n-1 \\ n &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $4\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $3\frac{2}{3}$ , 3, ...,  $-10\frac{1}{3}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 4\frac{1}{3} \\ a_n &= -10\frac{1}{3} \\ d &= -\frac{2}{3} \\ -10\frac{1}{3} &= 4\frac{1}{3} + (n-1) \times -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{31}{3} &= \frac{13}{3} - \frac{1}{3}(n-1) \\ -31 &= 13 - 2n + 2 \\ -46 &= 2n \\ n &= 23 \end{aligned}$$

4. The 6th term of an AP is 43, and its 10th term is 75. Find the first term and common difference of this AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} a_6 &= 43 \\ a_{10} &= 75 \\ 43 &= a + (6-1)d \\ 75 &= a + (10-1)d \\ 32 &= 4d \\ d &= 8 \\ 43 &= a + 5 \times 8 \\ 43 &= a + 40 \\ 3 &= a \\ a &= 3 \\ \therefore a_1 &= 3, d = 8 \end{aligned}$$

5. The 7th term of an AP is -10, and the 12th term -25, find the 15th term of this AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_7 &= -10 \\a_{12} &= -25 \\-10 &= a + (7 - 1)d \\-25 &= a + (12 - 1)d \\-15 &= 5d \\d &= -3 \\-10 &= a + 6 \times -3 \\-10 &= a - 18 \\a &= 8 \\a_{15} &= 8 + (15 - 1) \times -3 \\&= 8 - 42 \\&= -34\end{aligned}$$

6. How many multiples of 7 are there between 100 and 200?

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a &= 105 \\d &= 7 \\a_n &= 196 \\196 &= 105 + (n - 1) \times 7 \\91 &= 7(n - 1) \\13 &= n - 1 \\n &= 14\end{aligned}$$

7. Find the arithmetic mean of the following number pairs.

(a) (8, 20)

**Sol.**

$$\frac{8 + 20}{2} = 14$$

(b) (-9, 17)

**Sol.**

$$\frac{-9 + 17}{2} = 4$$

8. Find 5 numbers between 22 and 58 such that these 7 numbers are in AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 22 \\a_7 &= 58 \\58 &= 22 + (7 - 1)d \\36 &= 6d \\d &= 6 \\\therefore \text{These 5 numbers are } 22, 28, 34, 40, 46\end{aligned}$$

9. Find the sum of first 20 terms of AP  $12 + 15 + 18 + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 12 \\n &= 20 \\d &= 3 \\S_{20} &= \frac{20}{2}(2 \times 12 + (20 - 1) \times 3) \\&= 10(24 + 57) \\&= 10(81) \\&= 810\end{aligned}$$

10. Find the sum of first 12 terms of the AP  $18 + 10 + 2 - 6 - \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 18 \\n &= 12 \\d &= -8 \\S_{12} &= \frac{12}{2}(2 \times 18 + (12 - 1) \times -8) \\&= 6(36 - 88) \\&= 6(-52) \\&= -312\end{aligned}$$

11. Find the sum of first 14 terms of the AP  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{5}{2} + \dots$



**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= \frac{1}{6} \\n &= 14 \\d &= \frac{7}{6} \\S_{14} &= \frac{14}{2} \left( 2 \times \frac{1}{6} + (14-1) \times \frac{7}{6} \right) \\&= 7 \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{91}{6} \right) \\&= 7 \times \frac{93}{6} \\&= 7 \times \frac{31}{2} \\&= \frac{217}{2}\end{aligned}$$

12. Find the sum of all the multiples of 13 in between 200 and 800.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 208 \\a_n &= 793 \\d &= 13 \\793 &= 208 + (n-1) \times 13 \\585 &= 13(n-1) \\45 &= n-1 \\n &= 46\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_{46} &= \frac{46}{2} (2 \times 208 + (46-1) \times 13) \\&= 23(416 + 585) \\&= 23(1001) \\&= 23023\end{aligned}$$

13. If the sum of first  $n$  terms of the AP  $-3, -7, -11, \dots$  is  $-903$ , find the value of  $n$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= -3 \\d &= -4 \\-903 &= \frac{n}{2} (2 \times (-3) - 4(n-1)) \\-1806 &= -2n - 4n^2 \\4n^2 + 2n - 1806 &= 0 \\2n^2 + n - 903 &= 0 \\(n-21)(2n+43) &= 0 \\n &= 21, -43(\text{invalid}) \\\therefore n &= 21\end{aligned}$$

14. Given that the first 3 terms of an AP are  $x, 3x-4, 2x+7$ , find:

- (a) The value of  $x$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}3x-4 &= \frac{x+2x+7}{2} \\6x-8 &= 3x+7 \\3x &= 15 \\x &= 5\end{aligned}$$

- (b) The common difference

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= x = 5 \\a_2 &= 3x-4 = 3 \times 5 - 4 = 11 \\d &= 11-5 \\&= 6\end{aligned}$$

- (c) The sum of first 10 terms.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= x = 5 \\n &= 10 \\d &= 6 \\S_{10} &= \frac{10}{2} (2 \times 5 + (10-1) \times 6) \\&= 5(10+54) \\&= 5(64) \\&= 320\end{aligned}$$

15. Let the sum of the first  $n$  terms of an AP to be  $S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$ , find:

- (a) The first term

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n(n+1)}{4} &= \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d) \\ n(n+1) &= 2n(2a + dn - d) \\ n^2 + n &= 4na + 2dn^2 - 2nd \\ n^2 + n &= 2dn^2 + (4a - 2d)n\end{aligned}$$

*Comparing both sides,*

$$\begin{aligned}2d &= 1 \\ d &= \frac{1}{2} \\ 4a - 2d &= 1 \\ 4a - 1 &= 1 \\ 4a &= 2 \\ a &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

(b) The common difference

**Sol.**

$$d = \frac{1}{2}$$

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(c) The 6th terms

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ n &= 6 \\ d &= \frac{1}{2} \\ a_6 &= \frac{1}{2} + (6-1) \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2} \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

(d) The sum from 6th term to 10th term

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \frac{1}{2} \\ d &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_{10} &= \frac{10}{2} \left( 2 \times \frac{1}{2} + (10-1) \times \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{10}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{9}{2} \right) \\ &= 5 \times \frac{11}{2} \\ &= \frac{55}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_5 &= \frac{5}{2} \left( 2 \times \frac{1}{2} + (5-1) \times \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{5}{2} (1 + 2) \\ &= \frac{15}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}S_{10} - S_5 &= \frac{55}{2} - \frac{15}{2} \\ &= \frac{40}{2} \\ &= 20\end{aligned}$$

16. Given three numbers in an AP, the sum of these three numbers is 30, and the sum of square of these numbers is 318, find these three numbers.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 + a_2 + a_3 &= 30 \\
 a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 &= 318 \\
 a_2 - a_1 &= a_3 - a_2 \\
 a_1 - 2a_2 + a_3 &= 0 \\
 3a_2 &= 30 \\
 a_2 &= 10 \\
 a_1 - 20 + a_3 &= 0 \\
 a_1 + a_3 &= 20 \\
 a_3 &= 20 - a_1 \\
 a_1^2 + 100 + (20 - a_1)^2 &= 318 \\
 a_1^2 + 100 + 400 + a_1^2 - 40a_1 &= 318 \\
 2a_1^2 - 40a_1 + 182 &= 0 \\
 a_1^2 - 20a_1 + 91 &= 0 \\
 (a_1 - 7)(a_1 - 13) &= 0 \\
 a_1 = 7 \text{ or } a_1 = 13
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  These three numbers are 7, 10, and 13

17. Find the sum of all the numbers between 100 and 200 that are both the multiples of 2 and 3.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 102 \\
 d &= 6 \\
 a_n &= 198 \\
 198 &= 102 + (n - 1) \times 6 \\
 96 &= 6(n - 1) \\
 6n - 6 &= 96 \\
 6n &= 102 \\
 n &= 17 \\
 S_{17} &= \frac{17}{2}(2 \times 102 + (17 - 1) \times 6) \\
 &= \frac{17}{2}(204 + 96) \\
 &= \frac{17}{2}(300) \\
 &= 150 \times 17 \\
 &= 2550
 \end{aligned}$$

18. Given an AP  $-100 - 96 - 92 - \dots$ :

- (a) Find the term where the number become positive.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= -100 \\
 d &= 4 \\
 a_n &= -100 + (n - 1) \times 4 > 0 \\
 -100 + 4n - 4 &> 0 \\
 4n &> 104 \\
 n &> 26 \\
 \therefore n &= 27
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the term where the sum of this AP becomes positive.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_n &= \frac{n}{2}(2(-100) + (n - 1) \times (4)) > 0 \\
 \frac{n}{2}(-200 + 4n - 4) &> 0 \\
 \frac{n}{2}(-204 + 4n) &> 0 \\
 n(2n - 102) &> 0 \\
 n(n - 51) &> 0 \\
 n &> 51
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n = 52$$

19. Find the first negative term of the AP  $20, 19\frac{1}{5}, 18\frac{2}{5}, \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 20 \\
 d &= -\frac{4}{5} \\
 a_n &= 20 + (n - 1) \times \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) < 0 \\
 100 - 4n + 4 &< 0 \\
 4n &> 104 \\
 n &> 26 \\
 \therefore n &= 27
 \end{aligned}$$

20. Given an AP  $10 + 9\frac{1}{5} + 8\frac{2}{5} + \dots$ , what is the first negative term? When will the sum of the terms become negative, and what's the value of it?

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= 10 + (n-1) \times \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) < 0 \\
 10 - \frac{4}{5}(n-1) &< 0 \\
 50 - 4n + 4 &< 0 \\
 -4n &< -54 \\
 n &> 13\frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n = 14$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_n &= \frac{n}{2}(2 \times 10 + (n-1) \times \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)) < 0 \\
 \frac{n}{2}(20 - \frac{4}{5}(n-1)) &< 0 \\
 20n - \frac{4}{5}(n^2 - n) &< 0 \\
 100n - 4n^2 + 4n &< 0 \\
 25n - n^2 + n &< 0 \\
 26n - n^2 &< 0 \\
 n(n-26) &> 0 \\
 n &> 26
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n = 27$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{27} &= \frac{27}{2}(2 \times 10 + (27-1) \times \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)) \\
 &= \frac{27}{2}(20 - \frac{4}{5}(27-1)) \\
 &= \frac{27}{2}(20 - \frac{4}{5}(26)) \\
 &= \frac{27}{2} \times \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{54}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The first negative term is the 14th term

$\therefore$  The first term where the sum of the terms becomes negative is the 27th term

$\therefore$  The value of the sum of the terms when it becomes negative is  $-\frac{54}{5}$

21. Given a polygon which all their internal angles are in AP. The common difference of this AP is

$6^\circ$ , the largest angle is  $135^\circ$ . How many sides does this polygon have?

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 135 \\
 d &= -6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{n}{2}(2 \times 135 + (n-1) \times (-6)) &= 180(n-2) \\
 n(270 - 6(n-1)) &= 360(n-2) \\
 n(276 - 6n) &= 360n - 720 \\
 276n - 6n^2 &= 360n - 720 \\
 46n - n^2 &= 60n - 120 \\
 n^2 + 14n - 120 &= 0 \\
 (n+20)(n-6) &= 0 \\
 n &= -20 \text{ (invalid)} \\
 n &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The number of sides is 6

22. Given an AP which its 5th term is 3 and the sum of its first 10 terms is  $26\frac{1}{4}$ . Which term in this AP is 0?

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_5 &= a + (5-1)d = 3 \\
 a + 4d &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{10}{2}(2a + (10-1)d) = 26\frac{1}{4}$$

$$5(2a + 9d) = 26\frac{1}{4}$$

$$20(2a + 9d) = 105$$

$$4(2a + 9d) = 21$$

$$8a + 36d = 21$$

$$8a + 32d = 24$$

$$4d = -3$$

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

$$a = 3 + \frac{3}{4} \times 4$$

$$= 6$$

$$a_n = 6 + (n-1) \times \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = 0$$

$$6 - \frac{3}{4}(n-1) = 0$$

$$24 - 3n + 3 = 0$$

$$3n = 27$$

$$n = 9$$

23. Given that the sum of the first 6 terms of an AP is 96, and the sum of the first 20 terms is 3 times the sum of the first 10 terms of this AP. Find the first term and the 10th term of it.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_6 &= \frac{6}{2}(2a + (6-1)d) = 96 \\
 3(2a + 5d) &= 96 \\
 2a + 5d &= 32 \\
 S_{20} &= 3S_{10} \\
 \frac{20}{2}(2a + (20-1)d) &= 3 \times \frac{10}{2}(2a + (10-1)d) \\
 10(2a + 19d) &= 15(2a + 9d) \\
 2(2a + 19d) &= 3(2a + 9d) \\
 4a + 38d &= 6a + 27d \\
 2a - 11d &= 0 \\
 16d &= 32 \\
 d &= 2 \\
 a &= \frac{11 \times 2}{2} \\
 &= 11 \\
 a_{10} &= 11 + (10-1) \times 2 \\
 &= 29
 \end{aligned}$$

24. Given that  $5^2 \times 5^4 \times 5^6 \times \dots \times 5^{2n} = (0.04)^{-28}$ , find the value of  $n$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (0.04)^{-28} &= \frac{1}{25}^{-28} \\
 &= (5^{-2})^{-28} \\
 &= 5^{56} \\
 \therefore n^a \times n^b &= n^{a+b} \\
 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n &= 56 \\
 S_n &= \frac{n}{2}(2 \times 2 + (n-1) \times 2) = 56 \\
 n(4 + 2(n-1)) &= 112 \\
 n(2 + 2n) &= 112 \\
 2n^2 + 2n &= 112 \\
 n^2 + n - 56 &= 0 \\
 (n+8)(n-7) &= 0 \\
 n &= -8 \text{ (invalid)} \\
 n &= 7
 \end{aligned}$$

25. Given that the 9th term of an AP is double the 5th term of it. Find the ratio of the sum of first 9 terms and the sum of first 5 terms of the AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_9 &= 2a_5 \\
 a + (9-1)d &= 2(a + (5-1)d) \\
 a + 8d &= 2a + 8d \\
 a &= 0 \\
 S_9 : S_5 &= \frac{9}{2}(2a + a_9) : \frac{5}{2}(2a + a_5) \\
 &= \frac{9}{2}(2a + 2a_5) : \frac{5}{2}(2a + a_5) \\
 &= 9(a + a_5) : \frac{5}{2}(2a + a_5) \\
 \frac{S_9}{S_5} &= \frac{9(a + a_5)}{\frac{5}{2}(2a + a_5)} \\
 &= \frac{18(a + a_5)}{5(2a + a_5)} \\
 &= \frac{18 \times a_5}{5 \times a_5} \\
 &= \frac{18}{5} \\
 \therefore S_9 : S_5 &= 18 : 5
 \end{aligned}$$

## 12.3 Geometric Progression

The general formula of a geometric progression (GP) is given by

$$a_n = a_1 \times r^{n-1}$$

where  $a_1$  is the first term,  $r$  is the common ratio, and  $n$  is the number of terms.

### 12.3.1 Practice 6

1. Find the 6th term of the GP 12, -18, 27, ...

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 12 \\
 r &= \frac{-18}{12} \\
 &= -\frac{3}{2} \\
 a_6 &= 12 \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^{6-1} \\
 &= 12 \times \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^5 \\
 &= 12 \times \left(-\frac{243}{32}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{729}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the number of terms of GP  $\frac{1}{64} - \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots - 512$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= \frac{1}{64} \\
 r &= \frac{-\frac{1}{32}}{\frac{1}{64}} \\
 &= -2 \\
 -512 &= \frac{1}{64}(-2)^{n-1} \\
 (-2)^9 &= \frac{1}{2^6}(-2)^{n-1} \\
 (-2)^{15} &= (-2)^{n-1} \\
 n-1 &= 15 \\
 n &= 16
 \end{aligned}$$

3. The 5th term of a GP is 3, and its 9th term is  $\frac{1}{27}$ , find the first term and the common ratio of this GP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_5 &= ar^4 = 3 \\
 a_9 &= ar^8 = \frac{1}{27} \\
 r^4 &= \frac{1}{27} \times \frac{1}{3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{81} \\
 r &= \frac{1}{3} \\
 a_1 &= 3 \times 81 \\
 &= 243
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Find 5 numbers between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{128}$  such that these 7 numbers are in GP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 n &= 7 \\
 \frac{1}{128} &= \frac{1}{2}r^{7-1} \\
 r^6 &= \frac{1}{64} \\
 r &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  These 5 numbers are  $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{64}$

### Geometric Mean

The geometric mean G of two numbers  $x$  and  $y$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{G}{x} &= \frac{G}{y} \\
 G^2 &= xy \\
 G &= \pm \sqrt{xy}
 \end{aligned}$$

### 12.3.2 Practice 7

Find the geometric mean of  $\frac{27}{8}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= \pm \sqrt[2]{\frac{27}{8} \times \frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \pm \sqrt[2]{\frac{9}{4}} \\
 &= \pm \frac{3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Summation of Geometric Progression

The sum of  $n$  terms of a GP is given by

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r} \quad (r \neq 1)$$

### 12.3.3 Practice 8

1. Find the sum of the first 8 terms of GP  $3 + 6 + 12 + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 3 \\
 r &= \frac{6}{3} \\
 &= 2 \\
 n &= 8 \\
 S_n &= \frac{3(1-2^8)}{1-2} \\
 &= \frac{3(1-256)}{1-2} \\
 &= 3 \times 255 \\
 &= 765
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the sum of the GP  $1 + \sqrt{3} + 3 + \dots + 81$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 1 \\
 r &= \sqrt{3} \\
 81 &= 1 \times (\sqrt{3})^{n-1} \\
 3^4 &= (\sqrt{3})^{n-1} \\
 (\sqrt{3})^8 &= (\sqrt{3})^{n-1} \\
 n-1 &= 8 \\
 n &= 9 \\
 S_n &= \frac{1(1-(\sqrt{3})^9)}{1-\sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1-81\sqrt{3}}{1-\sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \frac{(1-81\sqrt{3})(1+\sqrt{3})}{-2} \\
 &= \frac{1-81\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3}-243}{-2} \\
 &= \frac{-242-80\sqrt{3}}{-2} \\
 &= 121+40\sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Given that the sum of the first  $n$  terms of GP  $4\frac{4}{5}, 1\frac{3}{5}, \frac{8}{15}, \dots$  is  $7\frac{145}{729}$ , find  $n$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= \frac{24}{5} \\
 r &= \frac{8}{5} \times \frac{5}{24} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \\
 S_n &= \frac{24}{5} \times \frac{1-(\frac{1}{3})^n}{1-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 \frac{5248}{729} &= \frac{24}{5} \times \frac{1-(\frac{1}{3})^n}{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 \frac{5248}{729} \times \frac{5}{24} \times \frac{2}{3} &= 1 - (\frac{1}{3})^n \\
 \frac{6560}{6561} &= 1 - (\frac{1}{3})^n \\
 -\frac{1}{6561} &= -(\frac{1}{3})^n \\
 (\frac{1}{3})^8 &= (\frac{1}{3})^n \\
 n &= 8
 \end{aligned}$$

## Summation of Infinite Geometric Progression

The sum of infinite GP is given by

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a_1}{1-r} \quad (-1 < r < 1)$$

### 12.3.4 Practice 9

1. Find the sum of the following infinite GP.

(a)  $16 + 8 + 4 + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 16 \\
 r &= \frac{8}{16} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 S_{\infty} &= \frac{16}{1-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{16}{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 32
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $18 - 12 + 8 + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 18 \\r &= \frac{8}{-12} \\&= -\frac{2}{3} \\S_\infty &= \frac{18}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} \\&= \frac{18}{\frac{5}{3}} \\&= \frac{54}{5}\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{9}{16} + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 1 \\r &= \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{16}{9} \\&= \frac{3}{4} \\S_\infty &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} \\&= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} \\&= 4\end{aligned}$$

(d)  $\sqrt{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= \sqrt{2} \\r &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\S_\infty &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \\&= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}}} \\&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}-1} \\&= 2(\sqrt{2}+1)\end{aligned}$$

2. Convert the following recurring decimals to fraction using the summation of infinite geometric series.

(a)  $0.\bar{3}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 0.3 \\r &= 0.1 \\S_\infty &= \frac{0.3}{1 - 0.1} \\&= \frac{0.3}{0.9} \\&= \frac{1}{3} \\\therefore 0.\bar{3} &= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $0.5\bar{3}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 0.03 \\r &= 0.01 \\S_\infty &= \frac{0.03}{1 - 0.01} \\&= \frac{0.03}{0.99} \\&= \frac{3}{99} \\\therefore 0.5\bar{3} &= \frac{5}{10} + \frac{3}{99} \\&= \frac{53}{99}\end{aligned}$$

### 12.3.5 Exercise 12.3

1. Find the 10th term of the GP 2, 4, 8, ...

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 2 \\r &= \frac{4}{2} \\&= 2 \\a_{10} &= 2 \times 2^{10-1} \\&= 2 \times 512 \\&= 1024\end{aligned}$$

2. Find the 8th term of the GP 243, -162, 108, ...



**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 243 \\r &= \frac{-162}{243} \\&= -\frac{2}{3} \\a_8 &= 243 \times \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{8-1} \\&= 243 \times \left(-\frac{128}{2187}\right) \\&= -\frac{128}{9}\end{aligned}$$

3. Find the number of terms of the following GP.

(a)  $8, 4, 2, 1, \dots, \frac{1}{64}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 8 \\r &= \frac{4}{8} \\&= \frac{1}{2} \\\frac{1}{64} &= 8 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\\frac{1}{512} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\\frac{1}{2^9} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\n-1 &= 9 \\n &= 10\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $6, -18, 54, \dots, -13122$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 6 \\r &= \frac{-18}{6} \\&= -3 \\-13122 &= 6 \times (-3)^{n-1} \\-2187 &= (-3)^{n-1} \\(-3)^7 &= (-3)^{n-1} \\n-1 &= 7 \\n &= 8\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $54, 36, 24, \dots, 3\frac{13}{81}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 54 \\r &= \frac{36}{54} \\&= \frac{2}{3} \\\frac{256}{81} &= 54 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \\\frac{256}{81} \times \frac{1}{54} &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \\\frac{128}{2187} &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \\\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^7 &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \\n-1 &= 7 \\n &= 8\end{aligned}$$

4. Given that the 2nd term of a GP is 12, and its 4th term is 108, find the first term and the common ratio of it.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= ar = 12 \\a_4 &= ar^3 = 109 \\r^2 &= 9 \\r &= \pm 3 \\a_1 &= \pm 4 \\\therefore a_1 = 4, r = 3 \text{ or } a_1 = -4, r = -3\end{aligned}$$

5. Given that the 3rd term of an GP is  $1\frac{1}{3}$ , and its 8th term is  $-10\frac{1}{8}$ . Find the 5th term of this AP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_3 &= ar^2 = \frac{4}{3} \\a_8 &= ar^7 = -\frac{81}{8} \\r^5 &= -\frac{81}{8} \times \frac{3}{4} \\&= -\frac{243}{32} \\&= \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^5 \\r &= -\frac{3}{2} \\a &= \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{4}{9} \\&= \frac{16}{27} \\a_5 &= \frac{16}{27} \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4 \\&= \frac{16}{27} \times \frac{81}{16} \\&= 3\end{aligned}$$

6. Find the geometric mean of 2 and 18.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}G &= \pm \sqrt[2]{2 \times 18} \\&= \pm \sqrt{36} \\&= \pm 6\end{aligned}$$

7. Given that  $x+12$ ,  $x+4$  and  $x-2$  are in GP, find the value of  $x$  and the common ratio of this GP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}x+4 &= \pm \sqrt{(x+12)(x-2)} \\x^2 + 8x + 16 &= x^2 + 10x - 24 \\2x &= 40 \\x &= 20 \\a_1 &= 20 + 12 = 32 \\a_2 &= 20 + 4 = 24 \\r &= \frac{24}{32} \\&= \frac{3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

8. Find 3 numbers between 14 and 224 such that these 5 numbers are in GP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 14 \\a_5 &= 224 \\224 &= 14 \times r^4 \\16 &= r^4 \\(\pm 2)^4 &= r^4 \\r &= \pm 2\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  These 3 numbers are 28, 56, 112  
or -28, 56, -112

9. Calculate the sum of the first 6 terms of the GP  
 $2 + 6 + 18 + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 2 \\r &= \frac{6}{2} \\&= 3 \\S_6 &= \frac{2(1-3^6)}{1-3} \\&= \frac{2(1-729)}{-2} \\&= 728\end{aligned}$$

10. Calculate the sum of the first 8 terms of the GP  
 $32 - 16 + 8 - \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 32 \\r &= \frac{-16}{32} \\&= -\frac{1}{2} \\S_8 &= \frac{32(1-(\frac{1}{2})^8)}{1+\frac{1}{2}} \\&= \frac{32(1-\frac{1}{256})}{\frac{3}{2}} \\&= 32 \times \frac{255}{256} \times \frac{2}{3} \\&= \frac{85}{4}\end{aligned}$$

11. Find the sum of the GP  $14 - 28 + 56 - \dots + 3584$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 14 \\r &= \frac{-28}{14} = -2 \\3584 &= 14 \times (-2)^{n-1} \\256 &= (-2)^{n-1} \\(-2)^8 &= (-2)^{n-1} \\n-1 &= 8 \\n &= 9 \\S_9 &= \frac{14(1 - (-2)^9)}{1 - (-2)} \\&= \frac{14(1 + 512)}{3} \\&= \frac{14 \times 513}{3} \\&= 2394\end{aligned}$$

12. If the first term of a GP is 7, its common ratio is 3, and the sum of its terms is 847, find the number of terms and the last term of this GP.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 7 \\r &= 3 \\S_n &= \frac{7(1 - 3^n)}{1 - 3} = 847 \\7(1 - 3^n) &= -1694 \\1 - 3^n &= -242 \\3^n &= 243 \\3^n &= 3^5 \\n &= 5 \\a_5 &= 7 \times 3^4 = 567\end{aligned}$$

13. Find the sum of the following infinite GP.

(a)  $24 + 18 + 13\frac{1}{2} + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 24 \\r &= \frac{18}{24} = \frac{3}{4} \\S_\infty &= \frac{24}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} \\&= \frac{24}{\frac{1}{4}} \\&= 96\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $27 - 9 + 3 - 1 + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 27 \\r &= \frac{-9}{27} = -\frac{1}{3} \\S_\infty &= \frac{27}{1 + \frac{1}{3}} \\&= \frac{27}{\frac{4}{3}} \\&= \frac{81}{4}\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $2 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{32} + \dots$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 2 \\r &= \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{2} = -\frac{1}{4} \\S_\infty &= \frac{2}{1 + \frac{1}{4}} \\&= \frac{2}{\frac{5}{4}} \\&= \frac{8}{5}\end{aligned}$$

14. Given an infinite GP which has a sum of 24 and first term of 30, find the common difference.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 30 \\S_\infty &= 24 \\24 &= \frac{30}{1 - r} \\24(1 - r) &= 30 \\24 - 24r &= 30 \\-24r &= 6 \\r &= -\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

15. Convert the following recurring decimals into fractions.

(a)  $0.\overline{45}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 0.45 \\r &= 0.01 \\S_\infty &= \frac{0.45}{1 - 0.01} \\&= \frac{0.45}{0.99} \\&= \frac{45}{99} \\&= \frac{5}{11}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 0.\overline{45} = \frac{5}{11}$$

(b)  $0.\overline{037}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 0.037 \\r &= 0.001 \\S_\infty &= \frac{0.037}{1 - 0.001} \\&= \frac{0.037}{0.999} \\&= \frac{37}{999} \\&= \frac{1}{27}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 0.\overline{037} = \frac{1}{27}$$

(c)  $0.2\overline{18}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 0.018 \\r &= 0.01 \\S_\infty &= \frac{0.018}{1 - 0.01} \\&= \frac{0.018}{0.99} \\&= \frac{18}{990} \\&= \frac{1}{55}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 0.2\overline{18} &= \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{55} \\&= \frac{12}{55}\end{aligned}$$

(d)  $1.\overline{3}$

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 0.3 \\r &= 0.1 \\S_\infty &= \frac{0.3}{1 - 0.1} \\&= \frac{0.3}{0.9} \\&= \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 1.\overline{3} &= 1 + \frac{1}{3} \\&= \frac{4}{3}\end{aligned}$$

16. Three integers are in GP, summing up to 42 while accumulating up to 512, find these three integers.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 + a_2 + a_3 &= 42 \\a_1 a_2 a_3 &= 512 \\a_2 &= \pm\sqrt{a_1 a_3} \\a_1 a_3 &= a_2^2 \\a_2^3 &= 512 \\a_2 &= \sqrt[3]{512} \\&= 8 \\a_1 a_3 &= 64 \\a_3 &= \frac{64}{a_1} \\a_1 + 8 + \frac{64}{a_1} &= 42 \\a_1 + \frac{64}{a_1} &= 34 \\a_1^2 + 64 &= 34a_1 \\a_1^2 - 34a_1 + 64 &= 0 \\(a_1 - 32)(a_1 - 2) &= 0 \\a_1 &= 32 \text{ or } a_1 = 2\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  These three integers are 2, 8, 32

17. The sum of first 6 term of a GP is 9 times the sum of first 3 terms. Find the common ratio.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}S_6 &= 9S_3 \\ \frac{a(1-r^6)}{1-r} &= 9 \times \frac{a(1-r^3)}{1-r} \\ a(1-r^6) &= 9a(1-r^3) \\ 1-r^6 &= 9(1-r^3) \\ &= 9-9r^3 \\ r^6-9r^3+8 &= 0 \\ (r^3-8)(r^3-1) &= 0 \\ r^3 &= 8 \text{ or } r^3 = 1 \\ r &= 1 \text{ (invalid)} \\ r &= 2\end{aligned}$$

18. Given a GP, its first term is 16, last term is  $\frac{1}{2}$  and its sum is  $31\frac{1}{2}$ , find its common ratio and number of terms.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 16 \\ \frac{1}{2} &= 16r^{n-1} \\ \frac{1}{32} &= r^{n-1} \\ &= r^n \times \frac{1}{r} \\ r^n &= \frac{r}{32} \\ \frac{63}{2} &= \frac{16(1-r^n)}{1-r} \\ 63(1-r) &= 32(1-r^n) \\ 63-63r &= 32-32r^n \\ -31 &= 32r^n-63r \\ -31 &= r-63r \\ -31 &= -62r \\ r &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} &= \frac{1}{32} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \\ n-1 &= 5 \\ n &= 6\end{aligned}$$