

Senior 2 Math Part I

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Chapter 12

Sequence and Series

12.1 Sequence and Series

12.1.1 Practice 1

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

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

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

Sol. $a_n = n^3$

12.1.2 Practice 2

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

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

2. 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 $= 10$

3. 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

1. Find the general term of the following sequences.

- (a) 5, 8, 11, 14, ...

Sol. $a_n = 3n + 2$

- (b) 2, 4, 8, 16, ...

Sol. $a_n = 2^n$

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

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

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

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

2. Find the first 5 terms of the following sequences.

- (a) $a_n = 2n + 3$

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

- (b) $a_n = n(n - 2)$

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

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

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

- (d) $a_n = (-3)^n$

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

3. 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.

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

- 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° , the largest angle is 135° . 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.

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

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.

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 &= 14 \\a_5 &= 224 \\244 &= 14 \times r^4 \\16 &= r^4 \\(\pm 2)^4 &= r^4 \\r &= \pm 2\end{aligned}$$

\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.

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

19. Given a GP, its 3rd term is 6 less than its 2nd term, and its 2nd term is 9 less than its 1st term. Find the 4th term and the sum of the first 4 terms.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } x &= a_2 \\
 a_3 &= x-6 \\
 a_1 &= x+9 \\
 x &= \pm\sqrt{(x-6)(x+9)} \\
 x^2 &= x^2+3x-54 \\
 3x-54 &= 0 \\
 x &= 18 \\
 a_2 &= 18 \\
 a_1 &= 27 \\
 r &= \frac{12}{18} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \\
 a_4 &= 27 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 \\
 &= 8 \\
 S_4 &= \frac{27(1-(\frac{16}{3})^4)}{1-\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{27(1-\frac{8}{81})}{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= 81 \times \frac{65}{81} \\
 &= 65
 \end{aligned}$$

20. Given an infinite GP, its common ratio is positive and the sum of it is 9. The sum of the first two terms is 5, find the 4th term.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\infty} &= \frac{a}{1-r} = 9 \\
 a &= 9(1-r) \\
 &= 9-9r \\
 S_2 &= \frac{a(1-r^2)}{1-r} = 5 \\
 a-ar^2 &= 5-5r \\
 9-9r-(9-9r)r^2 &= 5-5r \\
 9-9r-9r^2+9r^3 &= 5-5r \\
 4-4r-9r^2+9r^3 &= 0 \\
 4(1-r)-9r^2(1-r) &= 0 \\
 (4-9r^2)(1-r) &= 0 \\
 (9r^2-4)(r-1) &= 0 \\
 (3r^2+2)(3r^2-2)(r-1) &= 0 \\
 r &= 1 \text{ (invalid)} \\
 r &= -\frac{2}{3} \text{ (invalid)} \\
 r &= \frac{2}{3} \\
 a &= 9(1-\frac{2}{3}) \\
 &= 3 \\
 a_4 &= 3(\frac{2}{3})^3 \\
 &= 3 \times \frac{8}{27} \\
 &= \frac{8}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

21. If $x+1, x-2, \frac{1}{2}x$ are the first three terms of an infinite GP, find:

(a) The value of x

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x-2 &= \pm \sqrt{(x+1)(\frac{1}{2}x)} \\
 x^2-4x+4 &= \frac{1}{2}x(x+1) \\
 2x^2-8x+8 &= x^2+x \\
 x^2-9x+8 &= 0 \\
 (x-8)(x-1) &= 0 \\
 x &= 8 \text{ or } x = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) The common ratio

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{When } x &= 8, \\
 r &= \frac{8-2}{8+1} \\
 &= \frac{6}{9} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{When } x &= 1, \\
 r &= \frac{1-2}{1+1} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) The sum of the GP

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{When } x &= 8, \\
 S_{\infty} &= \frac{a}{1-r} \\
 &= \frac{9}{1-\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= 9 \times 3 \\
 &= 27
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{When } x &= 1, \\
 S_{\infty} &= \frac{a}{1-r} \\
 &= \frac{2}{1+\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{2}{3} \\
 &= \frac{4}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

12.4 Simple Summation of Special Series

Sum formula of natural number:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Sum formula of square of natural number:

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

Sum formula of cube of natural number:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n k^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$

12.4.1 Practice 10

1. Find the sum of the following series.

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^8 3k$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^8 3k &= 3 \sum_{k=1}^8 k \\ &= 3 \times \frac{8(8+1)}{2} \\ &= 3 \times \frac{8 \times 9}{2} \\ &= 3 \times \frac{72}{2} \\ &= 3 \times 36 \\ &= 108 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{12} k^2$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{12} k^2 &= \frac{12(12+1)(2 \times 12 + 1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{12 \times 13 \times 25}{6} \\ &= 650 \end{aligned}$$

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

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^{10} (2k - 3) &= 2 \sum_{k=3}^{10} k - \sum_{k=3}^{10} 3 \\ &= 2 \left[\sum_{k=1}^{10} k - \sum_{k=1}^2 k \right] - (30 - 6) \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{10(10+1)}{2} - \frac{2(2+1)}{2} \right] - 8 \\ &= 2(55 - 3) - 24 \\ &= 2 \times 52 - 24 \\ &= 104 - 24 \\ &= 80 \end{aligned}$$

(d) $\sum_{k=7}^{13} 3k^2$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=7}^{13} 3k^2 &= 3 \left[\sum_{k=1}^{13} k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^6 k^2 \right] \\ &= 3 \times \left[\frac{13(13+1)(2 \times 13 + 1)}{6} - \frac{6(6+1)(2 \times 6 + 1)}{6} \right] \\ &= 3 \times \left[\frac{13 \times 14 \times 27}{6} - \frac{6 \times 7 \times 13}{6} \right] \\ &= 3 \times \left[\frac{4914}{6} - \frac{546}{6} \right] \\ &= 3 \times \frac{4368}{6} \\ &= 3 \times 728 \\ &= 2184 \end{aligned}$$

2. Given that the n th term of a series is $n(n+3)$, find the sum of the first 20 terms of the series.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{20} k(k+3) &= \sum_{k=1}^{20} k^2 + 3k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{20} k^2 + 3 \sum_{k=1}^{20} k \\ &= \frac{20(20+1)(2 \times 20 + 1)}{6} + 3 \times \frac{20(20+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{20 \times 21 \times 41}{6} + 3 \times \frac{20 \times 21}{2} \\ &= 2870 + 630 \\ &= 3500 \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the sum of series $1 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 5 + \dots + n(n+2)$.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n k(k+2) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + 2k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 2 \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + n(n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1) + 6n(n+1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+7)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

4. Find the sum of the following series.

(a) $\sum k = 1^8 5k^2$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^8 5k^2 &= 5 \sum_{k=1}^8 k^2 \\ &= 5 \times \frac{8(8+1)(2 \times 8 + 1)}{6} \\ &= 5 \times \frac{8 \times 9 \times 17}{6} \\ &= 5 \times \frac{1368}{6} \\ &= 5 \times 204 \\ &= 1020 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^9 k^3$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^9 k^3 &= \left[\frac{9(9+1)}{2} \right]^2 \\ &= 45^2 \\ &= 2025 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{10} (3n-5)$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{10} (3n-5) &= 3 \sum_{n=1}^{10} n - 5 \sum_{n=1}^{10} 1 \\ &= 3 \times \frac{10(10+1)}{2} - 5 \times 10 \\ &= 3 \times \frac{10 \times 11}{2} - 5 \times 10 \\ &= 3 \times 55 - 50 \\ &= 3 \times 5 - 50 \\ &= 165 - 50 \\ &= 115 \end{aligned}$$

(d) $\sum_{k=3}^6 2k^3$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^6 2k^3 &= 2 \sum_{k=3}^6 k^3 \\ &= 2 \left(\sum_{k=1}^6 k^3 - \sum_{k=1}^2 k^3 \right) \\ &= 2 \left\{ \left[\frac{6(6+1)}{2} \right]^2 - \left[\frac{2(2+1)}{2} \right]^2 \right\} \\ &= 2(21^2 - 3^2) \\ &= 2(441 - 9) \\ &= 2 \times 432 \\ &= 864 \end{aligned}$$