



# Exercise 6.5



**Q1:** Find the 6<sup>th</sup> term of the G.P:  $-6, -3, -\frac{3}{2}, \dots$

**Sol:** Here Given G.P. is  $-6, -3, -3/2$

$$a_1 = -6 \text{ and } r = \frac{-3}{-6} = \frac{1}{2}, n = 6$$

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

$$a_6 = -6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-1} = -6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = -6 \cdot \frac{1}{32} = -\frac{6}{32} = -\frac{3}{16}$$

**Q2:** Find the 8<sup>th</sup> term of the sequence,  $3, 3^2, 3^3, \dots$

**Sol:** Given G.P. is  $3, 3^2, 3^3, \dots$

$$\text{Here } a_1 = 3 \text{ and } r = \frac{3^2}{3} = 3, n = 8$$

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

$$a_8 = 3 \cdot 3^{8-1} = 3 \cdot 3^7 = 3^8 = 6561$$

**Q3:** The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence,  $1, 2, 4, 8, \dots$  and  $256, 128, 64, \dots$  are equal.

Find the value of  $n$ .

**Sol:** For sequence 1:  $a_1, r = 2, n = n$  so

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1} = (1)2^{n-1}$$

For sequence 2:  $b_1 = 256, r = \frac{1}{2}, n = n$  so

$$b_n = b_1 r^{n-1} = (256) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\text{Given } a_n = b_n \Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 256 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$2^{n-1} = 2^8 \cdot (2^{-1})^{n-1} \Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 2^8 \cdot 2^{-1(n-1)}$$

$$2^{n-1} = 2^{8-n+1} \Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 2^{9-n}$$

$$n-1 = 9-n \Rightarrow 2n = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 5$$

**Q4:** Find the first five terms of each sequence described:

i.  $a_1 = 243, r = \frac{1}{3}$

**Sol:**  $a_1 = 243$

$$a_2 = a_1 \cdot r = 243 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 81$$

$$a_3 = a_2 \cdot r = 81 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 27$$

$$a_4 = a_3 \cdot r = 27 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 9$$

$$a_5 = a_4 \cdot r = 9 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 3$$

ii.  $a_1 = 579, r = -\frac{1}{2}$

**Sol:**  $a_1 = 579$

$$a_2 = a_1 \cdot r = 579 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{579}{2}$$

$$a_3 = a_2 \cdot r = \left(-\frac{579}{2}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{579}{4}$$

$$a_4 = a_3 \cdot r = \frac{579}{4} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{579}{8}$$

$$a_5 = a_4 \cdot r = \left(-\frac{579}{8}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{579}{16}$$

**Q5:** Find the 12<sup>th</sup> term of the sequence,  $1 + i, 2i, -2 + 2i, \dots$

**Sol:** Here  $1 + i, 2i, -2 + 2i, \dots, a_{12} = ?$

$$a_1 = 1 + i, r = \frac{2i}{1+i}, n = 12$$

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

$$a_{12} = (1+i) \frac{(2i)^{11}}{(1+i)^{11}} = \frac{2^{11} \times i^{11}}{(1+i)^{10}} = \frac{2048 \times i \times (i^2)^5}{[(1+i)^2]^5}$$

$$a_{12} = \frac{2048 \times i \times (-1)^5}{(2i)^5} = \frac{-2048i}{32i^5} = \frac{-64i}{i^2 \cdot i^2 \cdot i} = \frac{-64i}{(-1)(-1)i} = -64$$



**Q6:** If the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> terms of a G.P. are 54 and 13122 respectively. Find the G.P. Also find its general term.

**Sol:** Given  $a_4 = 54$  and  $a_9 = 13122$

The formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of a G.P. is

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

From the given information, we can set up two equations:

$$a_4 = a_1 \cdot r^{4-1} = 54$$

$$\Rightarrow a_4 = a_1 \cdot r^3 = 54 \text{-----}(I)$$

$$a_9 = a_1 \cdot r^{9-1} = 13122$$

$$\Rightarrow a_9 = a_1 \cdot r^8 = 13122 \text{-----}(II)$$

Divide the second equation by the first equation:

$$\frac{a_1 \cdot r^8}{a_1 \cdot r^3} = \frac{13122}{54} \Rightarrow r^5 = 243 \Rightarrow r^5 = (3)^5 \Rightarrow r = 3$$

Substitute the value of  $r = 3$  in I:

$$a_1 \cdot (3)^3 = 54 \Rightarrow a_1 \cdot 27 = 54$$

$$a_1 = \frac{54}{27} \Rightarrow a_1 = 2$$

The G.P. starts with  $a_1 = 2$  and has a common ratio  $r = 3$ .

The terms of the G.P. are:  $2, 2 \cdot 3, 2 \cdot 3^2, 2 \cdot 3^3, \dots$

The G.P. is  $2, 6, 18, 54, \dots$

The general term of the G.P. is  $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$ .

Substituting the values of  $a_1$  and  $r$ :  $a_n = 2 \cdot 3^{n-1}$

**Q7:** If  $a, b, c, d$  are in G.P., prove that

i.  $a - b, b - c, c - d$  are in G.P.

**Sol:** Given  $a, b, c, d$  are in G.P. then

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} \text{ or } \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}, \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c}, \frac{d}{c} = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = ac \text{ \& } c^2 = bd \text{ \& } bc = ad \text{ ---} \rightarrow I$$

Now if  $a - b, b - c, c - d$  are in G.P. then

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

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)(c-d) = (b-c)(b-c) = (b-c)^2$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = (a-b)(c-d) = ac - ad - bc + bd$$

$$= b^2 - bc - bc + c^2 \text{ (use I)}$$

$$= b^2 - 2bc + c^2 = (b-c)^2$$

So, L.H.S = R.H.S

Hence  $(a-b), (b-c), (c-d)$  are in G.P

ii.  $a^2 - b^2, b^2 - c^2, c^2 - d^2$  are in G.P

**Sol:** If  $a^2 - b^2, b^2 - c^2, c^2 - d^2$  are in G.P

$$\text{Then } \frac{c^2 - d^2}{b^2 - c^2} = \frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2 - b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b^2 - c^2)^2 = (a^2 - b^2)(c^2 - d^2)$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = (a^2 - b^2)(c^2 - d^2) = a^2c^2 - a^2d^2 - b^2c^2 + b^2d^2$$

$$= (ac)^2 - (ad)^2 - b^2c^2 + (bd)^2$$

$$= (b^2)^2 - (bc)^2 - b^2c^2 + (c^2)^2 \text{ Use I}$$

$$= (b^2)^2 - b^2c^2 - b^2c^2 + (c^2)^2$$

$$= (b^2)^2 - 2b^2c^2 + (c^2)^2$$

$$= (b^2 - c^2)^2 = \text{L.H.S}$$

Hence Proved.

iii.  $a^2 + b^2, b^2 + c^2, c^2 + d^2$  are in G.P

**Sol:** If  $a^2 + b^2, b^2 + c^2, c^2 + d^2$  are in G.P

$$\text{Then } \frac{c^2 + d^2}{b^2 + c^2} = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b^2 + c^2)^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)$$

R.H.S

$$= (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = a^2c^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + b^2d^2$$

$$= (ac)^2 + (ad)^2 + b^2c^2 + (bd)^2$$

$$= (b^2)^2 + (bc)^2 + b^2c^2 + (c^2)^2 \text{ Use I}$$

$$= (b^2)^2 + b^2c^2 + b^2c^2 + (c^2)^2$$

$$= (b^2)^2 + 2b^2c^2 + (c^2)^2$$

$$= (b^2 + c^2)^2 = \text{L.H.S}$$

Hence,

$a^2 + b^2, b^2 + c^2, c^2 + d^2$  are in G.P

**Q8:** If  $(p+q)^{\text{th}}$  term of a G.P. is  $m$  and  $(p-q)^{\text{th}}$  term is  $n$ , then find the  $p^{\text{th}}$  term.

**Sol:**  $a_{p+q} = ar^{(p+q)-1} = m$

$$a_{p-q} = ar^{(p-q)-1} = n$$

$$(ar^{(p+q)-1}) \cdot (ar^{(p-q)-1}) = mn$$

$$a^2 r^{(p+q)-1+(p-q)-1} = mn$$

$$a^2 r^{2p-2} = mn$$

$$a^2 r^{2(p-1)} = mn$$

$$(ar^{p-1})^2 = mn$$

$$a_p = ar^{p-1} = \sqrt{mn} \text{ Hence } p^{\text{th}} \text{ term } a_p \text{ is } \sqrt{mn}$$

**Q9:** Find three, consecutive numbers in G.P whose sum is 26 and their product is 216.

**Sol:** Suppose three numbers in G.P. are  $\frac{a_1}{r}, a_1, a_1 r$

$$\text{Condition II} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a_1}{r}\right)(a_1)(a_1 r) = 216$$

$$a_1^3 = 216 \Rightarrow (6)^3 \Rightarrow a_1 = 6$$

$$\text{Condition I} \Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{r} + a_1 + a_1 r = 26$$

$$a_1 \left(\frac{1}{r} + 1 + r\right) = 26$$

$$a_1 \left(\frac{1+r+r^2}{r}\right) = 26 \Rightarrow 6(r^2+r+1) = 26r$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r^2 + 6r + 6 - 26r = 0 \Rightarrow 6r^2 - 20r + 6 = 0$$

$$\div \text{by } 2 \Rightarrow 3r^2 - 10r + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r^2 - 9r - r + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow 3r(r-3) - 1(r-3) = 0$$

$$(r-3)(3r-1) = 0$$

$$r-3 = 0 \text{ or } 3r-1 = 0$$

$$r = 3 \text{ or } r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{When } r = \frac{1}{3} \& a_1 = 6$$

$$\frac{a}{r} = \frac{6}{\frac{1}{3}} = 6 \times 3 = 18$$

$$a_1 = 6 \text{ and } a_1 r = 6 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2$$

$$\text{When } a_1 = 6, r = 3$$

$$\frac{a_1}{r} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$a_1 = 6$$

$$a_1 r = (6)(3) = 18$$

Hence numbers are 18, 6, 2 or 2, 6, 18

**Q10:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> term of a G.P. is the square of 1<sup>st</sup> term. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> term is 9 then find the 6<sup>th</sup> term.

**Sol:** Given  $a_3 = a_1^2$  and  $a_2 = 9, a_6 = ?$

$$a_1 r^2 = a_1^2 \text{ and } a_1 r = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = r^2 \text{ and } (r^2)(r) = 9 \Rightarrow r^3 = 9 \text{ (put } a_1 = r^2)$$

$$a_6 = a_1 r^5 = (r^2) r^5 = r^7$$

$$r^7 = r^3 \cdot r^3 \cdot r = 9 \cdot 9 \cdot r = 81r \Rightarrow r^7 = 81r$$

$$\Rightarrow r^6 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow r^6 = (9)^2 \Rightarrow r = 9^{\frac{2}{6}} = 9^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ also } a_1 = r^2 = 9^{2/3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } a_6 &= a_1 r^5 = 9^{2/3} (9^{1/3})^5 = 9^{2/3} \cdot 9^{5/3} = 9^{\frac{2+5}{3}} \\ &= 9^{\frac{7}{3}} = 9^{2+\frac{1}{3}} = 9^2 \cdot 9^{\frac{1}{3}} = 81 \cdot \sqrt[3]{9} \end{aligned}$$

**Q11:** If  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}$  and  $\frac{1}{c}$  are in G.P.

Show that the common ratio is  $\pm \sqrt{\frac{a}{c}}$ .

**Sol:** If  $\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}$  are in G.P.

$$\text{Then } r = \frac{\text{Second}}{\text{First}} = \frac{\frac{1}{b}}{\frac{1}{a}} = \frac{1}{b} \times \frac{a}{1} = \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow I$$

$$r = \frac{\text{Third}}{\text{Second}} = \frac{\frac{1}{c}}{\frac{1}{b}} = \frac{1}{c} \times \frac{b}{1} = \frac{b}{c} \rightarrow II$$

$I \times II$

$$r^2 = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} \Rightarrow \pm \sqrt{\frac{a}{c}}$$

**Q12:** If the numbers 1, 4 and 3 are subtracted from three consecutive terms of an A.P., the resulting numbers are in G.P. Find the original numbers if their sum is 21.

**Sol:** Suppose three now in A.P are  $a_1 - d, a_1, a_1 + d$

$$\text{Condition II } a_1 - d + a_1 + a_1 + d = 21$$

$$3a_1 = 21 \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{21}{3} = 7 \Rightarrow a_1 = 7$$

Condition I  $\Rightarrow a_1 - d - 1, a_1 - 4, a_1 + d - 3$  are in G.P

$$7 - d - 1, 7 - 4, 7 + d - 3 \text{ are in G.P}$$

$$6 - d, 3, 4 + d \text{ are in G.P}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4+d}{3} = \frac{3}{6-d} \Rightarrow (4+d)(6-d) = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 - 4d + 6d - d^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 + 2d - d^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow -d^2 + 2d + 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 - 2d - 15 = 0 \quad (\times \text{ by } -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 - 5d + 3d - 15 = 0$$

$$d(d-5) + 3(d-5) = 0$$

$$(d-5)(d+3) = 0$$

$$d-5 = 0 \text{ or } d+3 = 0$$

$$d = 5 \text{ or } d = -3$$

$$\text{When } d = 5 \& a_1 = 7$$

$$a_1 - d = 7 - 5 = 2 = 7$$

$$a_1 + d = 7 + 5 = 12$$

When  $d = -3$  and  $a_1 = 7$

$$a_1 - d = 7 - (-3) = 7 + 3 = 10 = 7$$

$$a_1 + d = 7 + (-3) = 7 - 3 = 4$$

Required numbers are 4, 7, 10 or 2, 7, 12

**Q13:** If three consecutive numbers in A.P. are increased by 1, 4, 15 respectively, the resulting numbers are in G.P. Find the original numbers if their sum is 6.

**Sol:** Let the A.P. terms be  $a_1 - d, a_1, a_1 + d$   
 $(a_1 - d) + a_1 + (a_1 + d) = 6 \Rightarrow 3a_1 = 6 \Rightarrow a_1 = 2.$

A.P. terms are  $2 - d, 2, 2 + d$

$$\text{Now } (2 - d) + 1 = 3 - d, 2 + 4 = 6$$

$$(2 + d) + 15 = 17 + d$$

Are in G.P.

$$\frac{17 + d}{6} = \frac{6}{3 - d} \Rightarrow 6^2 = (3 - d)(17 + d)$$

$$36 = 51 + 3d - 17d - d^2$$

$$36 = 51 - 14d - d^2$$

$$d^2 + 14d + 36 - 51 = 0$$

$$d^2 + 14d - 15 = 0$$

Factor the quadratic equation:

$$(d + 15)(d - 1) = 0$$

$$d = 1 \text{ or } d = -15$$

**Case 1:** If  $d = 1$

Original numbers:  $2 - 1, 2, 2 + 1 \Rightarrow 1, 2, 3.$

**Case 2:** If  $d = -15$

Original numbers:  $2 - (-15), 2, 2 + (-15)$

$$\Rightarrow 17, 2, 13.$$

**Q14:** If  $p^{\text{th}}, q^{\text{th}}$  terms of a G.P. are  $q$  and  $p$  respectively, show that  $(p + q)^{\text{th}}$  term is

$$(q^p + p^q)^{\frac{1}{p - q}}.$$

**Sol:** Given:

$$a_p = q \Rightarrow AR^{p-1} = q \longrightarrow (i)$$

$$a_q = p \Rightarrow AR^{q-1} = p \longrightarrow (ii)$$

Divide (i) by (ii):

$$\frac{AR^{p-1}}{AR^{q-1}} = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$R^{(p-1)-(q-1)} = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$R^{p-q} = \frac{q}{p}$$

Raise both sides to the power of  $\frac{1}{p - q}$ :

$$R = \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-q}}$$

Now, express  $A$  in terms of  $R$  from (i):

$$A = \frac{q}{R^{p-1}} \text{ (From i)}$$

Substitute the value of  $R$ :

$$A = \frac{q}{\left(\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-q}}\right)^{p-1}} = q \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

$$A = q \cdot \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

$$A = q \cdot \frac{p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}}{q^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}}$$

$$A = q^{1 - \frac{p-1}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

$$A = q^{\frac{p-q-(p-1)}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

$$A = q^{\frac{p-q-p+1}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

$$A = q^{\frac{1-q}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}}$$

Now find the  $(p + q)^{\text{th}}$  term,  $a_{p+q} = AR^{(p+q)-1}$ :

$$a_{p+q} = \left( q^{\frac{1-q}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}} \right) \cdot \left( \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-q}} \right)^{(p+q)-1}$$

$$a_{p+q} = q^{\frac{1-q}{p-q}} p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}} \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{p+q-1}{p-q}} = q^{\frac{1-q}{p-q}} p^{\frac{p-1}{p-q}} \cdot \frac{q^{\frac{p+q-1}{p-q}}}{p^{\frac{p+q-1}{p-q}}}$$

$$a_{p+q} = q^{\frac{1-q+p+q-1}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1-(p+q-1)}{p-q}}$$

$$a_{p+q} = q^{\frac{p}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{p-1-p-q+1}{p-q}} = q^{\frac{p}{p-q}} \cdot p^{\frac{-q}{p-q}}$$

$$a_{p+q} = \frac{q^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}{p^{\frac{q}{p-q}}} = \left(\frac{q^p}{p^q}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-q}}$$

**Q15:** If  $a, 2a+2, 3a+3, \dots$  are in G.P., then find the fifth term.

**Sol:**  $a, 2a+2, 3a+3$  are in G.P.

$$\text{Then } \frac{3a+3}{2a+2} = \frac{2a+2}{a} \Rightarrow (2a+2)^2 = (3a+3)a$$

$$(2(a+1))^2 = 3(a+1) \cdot a$$

$$\frac{4(a+1)^2}{(a+1)} = 3a \Rightarrow 4a+4 = 3a \Rightarrow a = -4$$

If  $a = -4$ :

$$a_1 = -4$$

$$a_2 = 2(-4) + 2 = -6$$

$$a_3 = 3(-4) + 3 = -9$$

G.P. is  $-4, -6, -9, \dots$

$$\text{Common ratio } r = \frac{-6}{-4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Fifth term  $a_5 = a_1 r^4$ :

$$a_5 = -4 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^4$$

$$a_5 = -4 \cdot \frac{81}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_5 = -\frac{81}{4}$$

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