



Exercise 6.7



Q.1. Find the sum of first 15 terms of the G.P., $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots$

Sol: $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots$

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + a_{15}$$

$$a_1 = 1, r = \frac{1}{3} < 1, n = 15$$

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{15}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{14348907}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{14348907 - 1}{14348907} \times \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{14348906}{14348907} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7172453}{4782969}$$

Q.2. The 3rd term of a G.P. is 16 and the 6th term is -128. Find the first term and the sum of the first seven terms.

Sol: Given that

$$a_3 = 16 \quad \Rightarrow \quad ar^2 = 16 \quad (i)$$

$$a_6 = -128 \quad \Rightarrow \quad ar^5 = -128 \quad (ii)$$

Divide (ii) by (i)



$$\frac{ar^n}{ar^2} = \frac{-128}{16}$$

$$r^3 = -8 \Rightarrow r^3 = (-2)^3 \Rightarrow r = -2$$

Put $r = -2$ in (i)

$$a(-2)^2 = 16 \Rightarrow 4a = 16 \Rightarrow a = 4$$

To find the sum of first 7 terms

$$S_7 = \frac{a(1-r^7)}{1-r} = \frac{4(1-(-2)^7)}{1-(-2)} = \frac{4(1+128)}{3} = \frac{4(129)}{3} = \frac{516}{3} = 172$$

The sum of first 7 terms is 172.

Q.3. Sum to n terms the series:

$$0.2 + 0.22 + 0.222 + \dots$$

Sol: i) $S_n = .2 + .22 + .222 + \dots + n \text{ terms}$

$$= 2(.1 + .11 + .111 + \dots + n \text{ terms})$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{10}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{100}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1000}\right) + \dots \text{to } n \text{ terms} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[(1+1+1+\dots \text{to } n \text{ terms}) - \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + \dots \text{to } n \text{ term}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + \dots \text{to } n \text{ term}\right) \right]$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{10}, r = \frac{100}{1000} = \frac{1}{10} < 1, n = n$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r} \right] = \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \frac{\frac{1}{10} \left(1 - \frac{1}{10}\right)^n}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} \right] = \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \frac{\frac{1}{10} \left(1 - \frac{1}{10}\right)^n}{\frac{9}{10}} \right] = \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \frac{10}{9} \times \frac{1}{10} \left[1 - \frac{1}{10^n}\right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \frac{1}{9} \left(1 - \frac{1}{10^n}\right) \right] = \frac{2}{9} \left[n - \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{10^n - 1}{10^n}\right) \right]$$

ii) $3 + 33 + 333 + \dots$

Sol: $3 + 33 + 333 + \dots + \text{to } n \text{ terms}$

$$3(1 + 11 + 111 + \dots + \text{to } n \text{ terms})$$

$$= \frac{3}{9}(9 + 99 + 999 + \dots + \text{to } n \text{ terms}) = \frac{1}{3} [((10-1) + (100-1) + (1000-1) + \dots + \text{to } n \text{ terms})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [(10 + 100 + 1000 + \dots + n \text{ terms}) - (1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + n \text{ terms})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [10 + 100 + 1000 + \dots + n \text{ terms} - n]$$

$$a = 10, r = \frac{100}{10} = 10 > 1, n = n$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[10 \left(\frac{10^n - 1}{10 - 1} \right) - n \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{10}{9} (10^n - 1) - n \right]$$

Q.4. Sum to n terms the series:

i. $1 + (a+b) + (a^2 + ab + b^2) + (a^3 + a^2b + ab^2 + b^3) + \dots$

Sol: $1 + (a+b) + (a^2 + ab + b^2) + (a^3 + a^2b + ab^2 + b^3) + \dots$ to n terms

'x' & '+' by $(a-b)$

$$= \frac{1}{(a-b)} [(a-b) + (a^2 - b^2) + (a^3 - b^3) + \dots n \text{ terms}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(a-b)} [a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots n \text{ terms} - (b + b^2 + b^3 + \dots n \text{ terms})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(a-b)} \left[\frac{a(a^n - 1)}{a-1} - \frac{b(b^n - 1)}{b-1} \right] = \frac{1}{(a-b)} \left[\frac{a(b-1)(a^n - 1) - b(a-1)(b^n - 1)}{(a-1)(b-1)} \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{a(b-1)(a^n - 1) - b(a-1)(b^n - 1)}{(a-b)(a-1)(b-1)} \right]$$

ii. $r + (1+k)r^2 + (1+k+k^2)r^3 + \dots$

Sol: $r + (1+k)r^2 + (1+k+k^2)r^3 + \dots$ n terms

'x' & '+' by $(1-k)$ we get

$$= \frac{1}{(1-k)} [(1-k)r + (1-k^2)r^2 + (1-k^3)r^3 + \dots n \text{ terms}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-k)} [r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots n \text{ terms}] - [kr + k^2r^2 + k^3r^3 + \dots n \text{ term}]$$

First series $a_1 = r, r = \frac{r^2}{r}, n = n$, second series $a_1 = kr, r = \frac{k^2r^2}{kr} = kr$

$$S_n = \frac{1}{(1-k)} \left[\frac{r(r^n - 1)}{r-1} - \frac{kr((kr)^n - 1)}{kr-1} \right]$$

Q.5. Sum the series $2 + (1-i) + \left(\frac{1}{i}\right) + \dots$ to 8 terms.

Sol: $2 + (1-i) + \frac{1}{i} + \dots + 8 \text{ terms}$

$$a_1 = 2, r = \frac{1-i}{2}, n = 8, |r| < 1$$

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{1-i}{2} \right)^8 \right)}{1 - \frac{1-i}{2}} = \frac{2(2^8 - (1-i)^8)}{2^8 \left(\frac{2-1+i}{2} \right)} = \frac{256 - ((1-i)^2)^4}{64(1+i)} = \frac{256 - (1+i^2-2i)^4}{64(1+i)} = \frac{256 - (\cancel{1} - \cancel{1} - 2i)^4}{64(1+i)}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{256-16}{64(1+i)} = \frac{240}{64(1+i)} = \frac{15}{4(1+i)} \times \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{15(1-i)}{4(1-i^2)} = \frac{15(1-i)}{4(1+1)} = \frac{15}{8}(1-i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1+i)^4 &= [(1-i)^2]^4 \\ &= (1+i^2-2i)^4 = (1-1-2i)^4 = (-2i)^4 \\ &= 16i^4 = 16i^2 \cdot i^2 = 16(-1)(-1) = 16 \end{aligned}$$

Q.6. Show that the ratio of the sum of first n terms of a G.P. to the sum of terms from $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ to $(2n)^{\text{th}}$ term is $\frac{1}{r^n}$. Where r is the common ratio of the G.P.

Sol: Let the geometric progression be

$$a, ar, ar^2, \dots$$

Where a is the first term and r is the common ratio, then

$$\text{Sum of first } n \text{ term} = S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

Sum of terms from $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ to $(2n)^{\text{th}}$ terms:

$$S' = ar^n + ar^{n+1} + \dots + ar^{2n-1} = \frac{ar^n(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

Now let's find the ratio:

$$\frac{S_n}{S'} = \frac{\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}}{\frac{ar^n(1-r^n)}{1-r}} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \times \frac{1-r}{ar^n(1-r^n)} = \frac{1}{r^n}$$

The ratio of the sum of first n terms to the sum of terms from $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ to $(2n)^{\text{th}}$ term is indeed $\frac{1}{r^n}$.