

## MATHEMATICS

### PROGRESSIONS\_SYNOPSIS

•	If $t_n = an + b$ , then the series so formed is an A.P.
•	If $S_n = an^2 + bn$ then series so formed is an A.P.
•	If every term of an A.P. is increased or decreased by some quantity, the resulting terms will also be in A.P.
•	If every term of an A.P. is multiplied or divided by some non-zero quantity, the resulting terms will also be in A.P.
•	In an A.P. the sum of terms equidistant from the beginning and end is constant and equal to sum of first and last terms.
•	Sum and difference of corresponding terms of two A.P.'s will form an A.P.
•	If terms $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots, a_{2n+1}$ are in A.P., then sum of these terms will be equal to $(2n + 1)a_{n+1}$ .
•	If terms $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n-1}, a_{2n}$ are in A.P. The sum of these terms will be equal to $(2n) \cdot \left( \frac{a_n + a_{n+1}}{2} \right)$
•	The product of the terms equidistant from the beginning and end is constant, and it is equal to the product of the first and the last term.
•	If every term of a G.P. is multiplied or divided by the some non-zero quantity, the resulting progression is a G.P.
•	If $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots$ and $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$ be two G.P.'s of common ratio $r_1$ and $r_2$ respectively, then $a_1b_1, a_2b_2 \dots$ and $\frac{a_1}{b_1}, \frac{a_2}{b_2}, \frac{a_3}{b_3} \dots$ will also form a G.P. Common ratio will be $r_1r_2$ and $\frac{r_1}{r_2}$ respectively.
•	If $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$ be a G.P. of positive terms, then $\log a_1, \log a_2, \log a_3, \dots$ will be an A.P. and conversely.
•	If every term of a H.P. is multiplied or divided by some non zero fixed quantity, the resulting progression is a H.P.
•	<b>INSERTION OF MEANS BETWEEN TWO NUMBERS</b> Let a and b be two given numbers. (i) Arithmetic Means If three terms are in A.P. then the middle term is called the arithmetic mean

(A.M.) between the other two i.e. if  $a, b, c$  are in A.P. then  $b = \frac{a+c}{2}$  is the A.M. of  $a$  and  $b$ .

If  $a, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, b$  are in A.P., then  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are called  $n$  A.M.'s between  $a$  and  $b$ .

If  $d$  is the common difference, then  $b = a + (n + 2 - 1) d \Rightarrow d = \frac{b-a}{n+1}$

$$A_i = a + id = a + i \frac{b-a}{n+1} = \frac{a(n+1-i) + ib}{n+1}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Note: The sum of  $n$ -A.s, i.e.,  $A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n = \frac{n}{2}(a+b)$

(ii) Geometric means

If three terms are in G.P. then the middle term is called the geometric mean (G.M.) between the two. So if  $a, b, c$  are in G.P. then  $b = \sqrt{ac}$  or  $b = -\sqrt{ac}$  corresponding to  $a$  &  $c$  both are positive or negative respectively.

If  $a, G_1, G_2 \dots G_n, b$  are in G.P., then  $G_1, G_2 \dots G_n$  are called  $n$  G.M.s between  $a$

and  $b$ . If  $r$  is the common ratio, then  $b = a.r^{n+1} \Rightarrow r = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{(n+1)}}$

$$G_i = ar^i = a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{i}{n+1}} = a^{\frac{n+1-i}{n+1}} \cdot b^{\frac{i}{n+1}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Note: The product of  $n$ -G. s i.e.,  $G_1 G_2 \dots G_n = (\sqrt{ab})^n$

(iii) Harmonic mean:

If  $a$  &  $b$  are two non-zero numbers, then the harmonic mean of  $a$  &  $b$  is a number  $H$  such that  $a, H, b$  are in H.P. &  $\frac{1}{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right)$  or  $H = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$

If  $a, H_1, H_2 \dots H_n, b$  are in H.P., then  $H_1, H_2 \dots H_n$  are called  $n$  between  $a$  and  $b$ .

If  $d$  is the common difference of the corresponding A.P., then

$$\frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a} + (n+2-1)d \Rightarrow d = \frac{a-b}{ab(n+1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{H_i} = \frac{1}{a} + id = \frac{1}{a} + i \frac{a-b}{ab(n+1)}, \quad H_i = \frac{ab(n+1)}{b(n-i+1) + ia}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

(iv) Term  $t_{n+1}$  is the arithmetic, geometric or harmonic mean of  $t_1$  &  $t_{2n+1}$  according as the terms  $t_1, t_{n+1}, t_{2n+1}$  are in A.P., G.P. or H.P. respectively.

- ARITHMETIC-GEOMETRIC SERIES**

A series whose each term is formed, by multiplying corresponding terms of an A.P. and a G.P., is called an Arithmetic-geometric series.

e.g.  $1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$ ;  $a + (a+d)r + (a+2d)r^2 + \dots$

(i) **Summation of n terms of an Arithmetic-Geometric Series**

Let  $S_n = a + (a + d)r + (a + 2d)r^2 + \dots + [a + (n - 1)d]r^{n-1}$ ,

Multiply by 'r' and rewrite the series in the following way

$$rS_n = ar + (a + d)r^2 + (a + 2d)r^3 + \dots + [a + (n - 2)d]r^{n-1} + [a + (n - 1)d]r^n$$

on subtraction,

$$S_n(1 - r) = a + d(r + r^2 + \dots + r^{n-1}) - [a + (n - 1)d]r^n$$

$$\text{or, } S_n(1 - r) = a + \frac{dr(1 - r^{n-1})}{1 - r} - [a + (n - 1)d]r^n$$

$$\text{or, } S_n = \frac{a}{1 - r} + \frac{dr(1 - r^{n-1})}{(1 - r)^2} - \frac{[a + (n - 1)d]r^n}{1 - r}$$

(ii) **Summation of Infinite Series**

If  $|r| < 1$ , then  $(n - 1)r^n, r^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $S_\infty = S = \frac{a}{1 - r} + \frac{dr}{(1 - r)^2}$

• **SUM OF MISCELLANEOUS SERIES**

(i) **Difference Method**

Suppose  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is a sequence such that the sequence  $a_2 - a_1, a_3 - a_2, \dots$  is either an A.P. or G.P. The nth term ' $a_n$ ' of this sequence is obtained as follows.

$$S = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$S = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-2} + a_{n-1} + a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = a_1 + [(a_2 - a_1) + (a_3 - a_2) + \dots + (a_n - a_{n-1})]$$

Since the terms within the brackets are either in an A.P. or in a G.P. we can find the value of  $a_n$ , the nth term. We can now find the sum of the n terms of the

$$\text{sequence as } S = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

(ii)  **$V_n - V_{n-1}$  Method**

Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots$  be the terms of a sequence. If there exists a sequence  $V_1, V_2, V_3$

...satisfying  $T_k = V_k - V_{k-1}, k \geq 1$ ,

$$\text{then } S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n T_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (V_k - V_{k-1}) = V_n - V_0$$

• **INEQUALITIES**

(i)

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be n positive real numbers, then we define their arithmetic mean

(A), geometric mean (G) and harmonic mean (H) as  $A = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}$ ,

$$G = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{1/n} \text{ and } H = \frac{n}{\left(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \frac{1}{a_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}\right)}$$

It can be shown that Moreover equality holds at either place if and only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$

(ii) Weighted Means

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be  $n$  positive real numbers and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  be  $n$  positive rational numbers. Then we define weighted Arithmetic mean ( $A^*$ ), weighted Geometric mean ( $G^*$ ) and weighted harmonic mean ( $H^*$ ) as

$$A^* = \frac{a_1 w_1 + a_2 w_2 + \dots + a_n w_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}, \quad G^* = (a_1^{w_1} \cdot a_2^{w_2} \dots a_n^{w_n})^{\frac{1}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}}$$

$$\text{and } H^* = \frac{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}{\frac{w_1}{a_1} + \frac{w_2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{w_n}{a_n}}.$$

$A^* \geq G^* \geq H^*$  More over equality holds at either place if & only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$

(iii) Cauchy's Schwartz Inequality:

If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  are  $2n$  real numbers, then

$$(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2) (b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_n^2)$$

with the equality holding if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$ .

• **ARITHMETIC MEAN OF  $m^{\text{th}}$  POWER**

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be  $n$  positive real numbers and let  $m$  be a real number, then

$$\frac{a_1^m + a_2^m + \dots + a_n^m}{n} \geq \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right)^m, \text{ if } m \in \mathbb{R} - [0,1].$$

However if  $m \in (0, 1)$ , then  $\frac{a_1^m + a_2^m + \dots + a_n^m}{n} \leq \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right)^m$

Obviously if  $m \in \{0,1\}$ , then  $\frac{a_1^m + a_2^m + \dots + a_n^m}{n} = \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right)^m$

• **KEY POINTS**

**A.P.**

If  $a$  = first term,  $d$  = common difference and  $n$  is the number of terms, then  $n^{\text{th}}$  term is denoted by  $t_n$  and is given by

$$t_n = a + (n - 1) d.$$

Sum of first n terms is denoted by  $S_n$  and is given by

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

or  $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a + l)$ , where  $l =$  last term in the series i.e.,  $l = t_n = a + (n - 1) d$ .

Arithmetic mean A of any two numbers a and b  $A = \frac{a + b}{2}$ .

Sum of first n natural numbers ( $\sum n$ )

$$\sum n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Sum of squares of first n natural numbers ( $\sum n^2$ )

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

Sum of cubes of first n natural numbers ( $\sum n^3$ )

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

### G.P.

If a = first term, r = common ratio and n is the number of terms, then  $n^{\text{th}}$  term, denoted by  $t_n$ , is given by  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$

Sum of first n terms denoted by  $S_n$  is given by

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \text{ or } \frac{a(r^n-1)}{r-1}$$

In case  $r = 1$ ,  $S_n = na$ .

- Sum of infinite terms ( $S_\infty$ )

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \text{ (for } |r| < 1 \text{ \& } r \neq 0)$$

- **H.P.**

If a, b are first two terms of an H.P. then

$$t_n = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + (n-1)\left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a}\right)}$$

There is no formula for sum of n terms of an H.P.

- **MEANS**

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If  $a$  &  $b$  are two non-zero numbers, then the harmonic mean of  $a$  &  $b$  is a number

$H$  such that  $a, H, b$  are in H.P. &  $\frac{1}{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right)$  or  $H = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$

If  $a, H_1, H_2 \dots H_n, b$  are in H.P., then  $H_1, H_2 \dots H_n$  are called  $n$  between  $a$  and  $b$ .

If  $d$  is the common difference of the corresponding A.P., then

$$\frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a} + (n+2-1)d \Rightarrow d = \frac{a-b}{ab(n+1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{H_i} = \frac{1}{a} + id = \frac{1}{a} + i \frac{a-b}{ab(n+1)}; \quad H_i = \frac{ab(n+1)}{b(n-i+1) + ia}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

## PROGRESSIONS\_ASSIGNMENT

- The third term of a G.P. is 4. The product of the first five terms is  
A)  $4^3$                       B)  $4^5$                       C)  $4^4$                       D) none of these
- If a, b, c, d are in H.P., then  $ab + bc + cd$  is equal to  
A)  $3ad$                       B)  $(a + b)(c + d)$                       C)  $ac$                       D) none of these
- If A and G be the A.M. and G.M. respectively between two numbers, then the numbers are  
A)  $A \pm \sqrt{G^2 - A^2}$                       B)  $A \pm \sqrt{A^2 - G^2}$                       C)  $A \pm \sqrt{A^2 + G^2}$                       D)  $G \pm \sqrt{A^2 - G^2}$
- If S be the sum, P the product and R the sum of the reciprocals of n terms of a G.P., then  
 $\left(\frac{S}{R}\right)^n =$   
A) P                      B)  $P^2$                       C)  $P^3$                       D)  $\sqrt{P}$
- If x, y, z be respectively the pth, qth and rth terms of G.P., then  
 $\log x + (r - p) \log y + (p - q) \log z =$   
A) 0                      B) 1                      C) -1                      D) none
- The sum of integers from 1 to 100 which are divisible by 2 or 5 is  
A) 300                      B) 3050                      C) 3200                      D) 3250
- The interior angles of a polygon are in arithmetic progression. The smallest angle is  $120^\circ$  and the common difference is 5. The number of sides of the polygon is  
A) 7                      B) 9                      C) 11                      D) 16
- If  $S_n = nP + \frac{1}{2} n(n - 1) Q$  where  $S_n$  denotes the sum of the first n terms of an A.P., then the common difference is  
A) P + Q                      B)  $2P + 3Q$                       C) 2Q                      D) Q
- If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in H.P., then  $\frac{a_1}{a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}, \frac{a_2}{a_1 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}}$  are in  
A) A.P.                      B) G.P.                      C) H.P.                      D) none of these





18. If the ratio of sum of  $m$  terms and  $n$  terms of an A.P. be  $m^2 : n^2$ , then the ratio of its  $m^{\text{th}}$  and  $n^{\text{th}}$  terms will be  
 A)  $2m - 1 : 2n - 1$     B)  $M : n$     C)  $2m + 1 : 2n + 1$     D) none
19. The ratio between the sum of  $n$  terms of two A.P.'s is  $3n + 8 : 7n + 15$ . Then the ratio between their  $12^{\text{th}}$  terms is  
 A)  $5 : 7$     B)  $7 : 16$     C)  $12 : 11$     D) none
20. If A.M. between two numbers is 5 and their G.M. is 4, then the H.M. will be:  
 A)  $\frac{16}{5}$     B)  $\frac{14}{5}$     C)  $\frac{11}{5}$     D) none of these
21. The A.M. between two numbers  $b$  and  $c$  is  $a$  and the two G.M.s between them are  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ . If  $g_1^3 + g_2^3 = k abc$ , then  $k$  is equal to  
 A) 1    B) 2    C) 3    D) 4
22. Between 1 and 31 are inserted  $m$  arithmetic means, so that the ratio of the 7th and  $(m - 1)$ th means is  $5 : 9$ . Then the value of  $m$  is  
 A) 12    B) 13    C) 14    D) 15
23. Sum to  $n$  terms of the series  $\frac{1}{(1+x)(1+2x)} + \frac{1}{(1+2x)(1+3x)} + \frac{1}{(1+3x)(1+4x)} + \dots$   
 is  
 A)  $\frac{nx}{(1+x)(1+nx)}$     B)  $\frac{n}{(1+x)[1+(n+1)x]}$   
 C)  $\frac{x}{(1+x)(1+(n-1)x)}$     D) none of these
24.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)\dots(n+k)}$  is equal to  
 A)  $\frac{1}{(k-1)k}$     B)  $\frac{1}{k^2}$     C)  $\frac{1}{(k-1)k}$     D)  $\frac{1}{k}$

25. Sum of the series  $S = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(1+2) + \frac{1}{3}(1+2+3) + \frac{1}{4}(1+2+3+4) + \dots$  upto 20 terms is
- A) 110                      B) 111                      C) 115                      D) 116
26. The sum of first  $n$  terms of the series  $1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + 5^2 + 2 \times 6^2 + \dots$  is  $n(n+1)^2/2$  when  $n$  is even. When  $n$  is odd the sum of the series is
- A)  $n^2(3n+1)/4$     B)  $n^2 \frac{(n+1)}{2}$                       C)  $n^3(n-1)/2$                       D) none of these
27. Sum of the series  $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r}{(n+1)!}$  is
- A)  $1 - \frac{1}{n!}$                       B)  $1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$                       C)  $2 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$                       D) none of these
28. If the A.M. and G.M. of two numbers are 13 and 12 respectively then the two numbers are
- A) 8, 12                      B) 8, 18                      C) 10, 18                      D) 12, 18
29. If  $2p + 3q + 4r = 15$ , the maximum value of  $p^3 q^5 r^7$  will be
- A) 2180                      B)  $\frac{5^4 \cdot 3^5}{2^{15}}$                       C)  $\frac{5^5 \cdot 7^7}{2^{17} \cdot 9}$                       D) 2285
30. If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are positive real numbers whose product is a fixed number  $c$ , then the minimum value of  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + 2a_n$  is
- A)  $n(2c)^{1/n}$                       B)  $(n+1)c^{1/n}$                       C)  $2nc^{1/n}$                       D)  $(n+1)(2c)^{1/n}$

## KEY SHEET

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| 8)  | D | 9)  | C | 10) | B | 11) | A | 12) | D | 13) | D | 14) | C |
| 15) | A | 16) | C | 17) | C | 18) | A | 19) | B | 20) | A | 21) | B |
| 22) | C | 23) | B | 24) | C | 25) | C | 26) | B | 27) | B | 28) | B |
| 29) | C | 30) | A |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |