



STEPPING STONE SCHOOL (HIGH)

TOPIC:- Arithmetic Progression:

A progression is a sequence of numbers whose each term is related to its predecessor and successor by a uniform law. For example.

Even number series: 2, 4, 6, 8, ... is an Arithmetic progression (A.P)

Similarly odd number series: 1, 3, 5, 7, ... is also an A.P of the terms in those series are equispaced with common difference 'd'. Similarly common difference (d) in the

series: 5, 10, 15, 20, ... is 5

So if we denote first term of the series as 'a' and common difference as 'd', so the A.P.

will be $a, a+d, a+2d, a+3d, \dots$

Note $T_1 = \text{term one} = \text{first term} = a$

$T_2 = \text{second term} = a + d$

$T_3 = \text{third " } = a + 2d \dots \dots \dots \rightarrow$

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So on n^{th} term = $t_n = a + (n-1)d$ --- (1)
(Remember)

If the last term is $t_n = l = a + (n-1)d$

Then we write the sum of the terms of an

A.P. as $S_n = a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (l-d) + l$ --- (i)

or, $S_n = l + (l-d) + (l-2d) + \dots + (a+d) + a$ --- (ii)

Adding (i) + (ii) we get; -

$$2S_n = (a+l) + (a+l) + (a+l) + \dots + (a+l) \text{ n times}$$

[Added 'termwise']

$$2S_n = n(a+l) \Rightarrow S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a+l) \text{ --- (2)}$$

(Remember)

So sum of 'n' natural numbers is

$$S_n = 1+2+3+\dots+n; \text{ so } S_n = \frac{n}{2}(1+n)$$

$$S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \text{ as } a=1 \text{ and } l=n$$

E.g. $S_{100} = 1+2+\dots+100 = \frac{100(101)}{2} = 5050$

Now again from (2) $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[a + a + (n-1)d]$ if
last term $l = a + (n-1)d$. $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$ --- (3)

Remember

If a, b, c are in A.P; then

$$b-a = c-b \Rightarrow 2b = a+c \Rightarrow b = \frac{a+c}{2}$$

Hence 'b' is called arithmetical mean (A.M) of 'a' & 'c' e.g. A.M between 1, and 9

is $\frac{1+9}{2} = 5$; So the Series will be

1, 5, 9, 13 ---- and C.d = d = 4

Examples: ① If n^{th} term of an A.P is

$$t_n = 2n - 3. \text{ Find the A.P}$$

Ans $\rightarrow t_n = 2n - 3$; So $t_1 = 2 - 3 = -1$

$$t_2 = 2 \times 2 - 3 = 1; t_3 = 2 \times 3 - 3 = 3$$

So the Series become: -1, 1, 3, 5 ----

② If the sum of the terms of an A.P is n^2 ; find the Series

Ans $\rightarrow S_n = n^2 \Rightarrow S_1 = 1^2 = 1 = t_1$

$$S_2 = t_1 + t_2 = 2^2 = 4 \Rightarrow 1 + t_2 = 4 \Rightarrow$$

$t_2 = 3$ --- So the Series is: 1, 3, 5, ----

ie Odd No. Series; Note applying formula \rightarrow

ie $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a+l)$ we get -

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$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (1 + 2n-1)$ of odd no. series has n^{th} term $(2n-1)$.

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2n) = n^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As, } a_n &= 1 + (n-1)2 \\ &= 1 + 2n - 2 \\ &= 2n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

EXERCISES: ① Find the A.P whose second term is 12 and 7th term exceeds the 4th by 15.

② Find the 24th term of the A.P: 12, 10, 8, ----

③ Is 402 a term of the sequence; 8, 13, 18, 23, ---

④ How many terms are there in the series: -

4, 7, 10, 13,

⑤ Which term of an A.P: 1, 4, 7, 10, ---- is 52

⑥ The 5th and 6th term of an A.P are respectively 6 and 5. Find the 11th term.

⑦ Find the 10th term from the end of the A.P

4, 9, 14, 254

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