



STEPPING STONE SCHOOL (HIGH)

Topic: - PROBLEMS ON A.P.

Example 1. How many whole numbers, each divisible by 7, lie between 200 and 500

Ans $\rightarrow 200 \div 7 = 28 \frac{4}{7}$ and $500 \div 7 = 71 \frac{3}{7}$

So the numbers between 200 and 500 and divisible by 7 are: $29 \times 7, 30 \times 7, 31 \times 7, \dots, 71 \times 7$

$= 203, 210, 217, \dots, 497.$

So first term is 203 and last term $= l = 497$
Obviously common difference $= d = 7$. So

So $l = a + (n-1)d \Rightarrow 497 = 203 + (n-1)7$

$\Rightarrow (n-1)7 = 294 \Rightarrow n-1 = \frac{294}{7} = 42$

So $n = 43.$

Example 2: If $n-2, 4n-1,$ and $5n+2$ are in A.P.

Find the value of 'n'.

Proof: Let us apply the result, $2b = a+c$ if

a, b, c are in A.P., we get —

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$$2(4n-1) = (n-2) + (5n+2) = 6n$$

$$\Rightarrow 8n - 2 = 6n \Rightarrow 2n = 2 \Rightarrow n = 1 \text{ (Ans)}$$

Example 3.0 In an A.P.; $t_m = n$ and $t_n = m$; prove that its $t_r = m+n-r$

Ans \rightarrow Let us assume that first term is 'a' and

common difference 'd'. So $t_m = n \Rightarrow$

$$a + (m-1)d = n \quad \text{and} \quad t_n = m \Rightarrow$$

$$a + (n-1)d = m \quad \text{Subtracting the above relation}$$

$$\text{we get } (m-n)d = (n-m) \Rightarrow d = -1 \text{ as } m \neq n$$

So we put, 'd = -1' in $a + (m-1)d = n$, we

$$\text{get } a - (m-1) = n \Rightarrow a = (m+n-1)$$

$$\text{Now } t_r = a + (r-1)d = (m+n-1) + (r-1)(-1)$$

$$= (m+n-1) - r + 1 \Rightarrow m+n-r \quad \text{(Proved)}$$

Example 4: The angles of a triangle are in A.P.

The greatest angle is twice the least. Find all angles of the triangles.

Ans \rightarrow Let the three angles of the triangle be \rightarrow

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$$(a-d)^{\circ}, a^{\circ}, (a+d)^{\circ} \cdot \therefore a-d + a + a+d = 180^{\circ}$$

$$\therefore 3a = 180^{\circ} \Rightarrow a = 60^{\circ} \cdot \text{Also given}$$

$$(a+d) = 2(a-d) \Rightarrow a = 3d \Rightarrow d = 20$$

So the angles are; $60-20$; 60° , $60+20$

$$= 40; 60; 80$$

EXERCISES 1) If t_n represents the n^{th} term of

an A.P; $t_2 + t_5 - t_3 = 10$ and $t_2 + t_9 = 17$,

find its first term and its common difference.

② An A.P consist of 60 terms. If the first and the last terms be 7 and 125 respectively. Find the 31st term.

③ If the third^{term} of an A.P is 5 and the seventh terms is 9. Find the 17th term.

④ Determine the value of 'K' for which $K^2 + 4K + 8$, $2K^2 + 3K + 6$ and $3K^2 + 4K + 4$ are in A.P.

⑤ How many three-digit numbers are divisible by 87

⑥ Which term of the A.P: 3, 10, 17, ... will be 84 more than its 13th term.

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