



# STEPPING STONE SCHOOL (HIGH)

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Topic: - Geometrical Progression (G.P)  
Chapter → 11

CONCEPT: When the terms of the sequence are generated from first term by multiplying a fixed number (called Common ratio)

to the predecessor e.g

2, 4, 8, 16, ----- or more generally if first term is 'a' and Common ratio is 'r'

then the Series: - a, ar, ar<sup>2</sup>, ar<sup>3</sup>, ----- ar<sup>n-1</sup>

is called Geometrical progression. 'r' may be greater than or less than '1'. E.g the Series

1,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{9}$ ,  $\frac{1}{27}$ , ----- has Common ratio r

$= \frac{1}{3} < 1$ . Hence nth term of G.P,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$ .

If a, b, c, d, ----- are in G.P then

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} = r = \text{Common ratio}$$

G.M

⇒  $b^2 = ac$  or,  $c^2 = bd$  i.e. b is the  
geometrical mean between 'a' and 'c'. P.T.O

Similarly, 'c' is G.M between 'b' and 'd'. The terms in between the first and the last term are called means. P<sub>2</sub>

Note: If two numbers 'a' and 'b' s.t.  $a \neq b$

Arithmetical mean is  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  and let G.M be

$x$  then,  $x^2 = ab \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{ab}$ . We

can show  $A.M > G.M$ . Hence,  $\frac{a+b}{2} > \sqrt{ab}$

Proof:- As  $a \neq b$   $(a-b)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$(a+b)^2 - 4ab > 0 \Rightarrow (a+b)^2 > 4ab$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 > ab \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} > \sqrt{ab} \quad (\text{Taking sq. root of both side})$$

• If  $S_n$  be the sum of  $n$ th term of a G.P

$$\text{then } S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$r \times S_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Subtracting (ii) - (i) we get

$$S_n(r-1) = ar^n - a = a(r^n - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r-1} \quad \text{if } r > 1 \Rightarrow \text{P.T.O}$$

or  $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$  if  $r < 1$ . Eg - (P3)

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots = ?$$

If add upto  $n$ th term of the series it becomes

$$S_n = \frac{1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^n}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^n}\right)}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^n}\right)$$

Now if we extend the series upto infinity and if we know  $r^n \rightarrow 0$  if  $r < 1 \Rightarrow$

So  $\frac{1}{3^n} \rightarrow 0$  if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . As  $r = \frac{1}{3}$

$$S_\infty = \frac{3}{2} (1 - 0) = \frac{3}{2} \text{ . Hence if } r < 1$$

The sum of the series  $= \frac{a(1-0)}{1-r} = \frac{a}{1-r}$  ..  
(Remember)

Example

1.

Find the seventh term of the G.P

$$\sqrt{3} + 1, 1, \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}, \dots$$

Ans  $\rightarrow$  Here first term 'a'  $= \sqrt{3} + 1$  and Common

$$\text{ratio} = r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{3-1} \text{ (rationalizing)} =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} \text{ . So applying the formula, } t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_7 = (\sqrt{3} + 1) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}\right)^6 = \frac{(\sqrt{3}+1)(\sqrt{3}-1)}{2^6} \cdot (\sqrt{3}-1)^5 = \frac{1}{2^5} (\sqrt{3}-1)^5$$
$$= \frac{1}{32} (\sqrt{3}-1)^5$$

P.T.O  $\rightarrow$

Example 2: Find the G.P whose 5<sup>th</sup> term is 48 and 8<sup>th</sup> term is 384.

Ans → If first term is 'a' and Common ratio be 'r'

then  $t_5 = ar^4 = 48$  — (i)

$t_8 = ar^7 = 384$  — (ii)

$\Rightarrow \frac{ar^7}{ar^4} = \frac{384}{48} = 8 \Rightarrow r^3 = 2^3 \Rightarrow r = 2$

So from (i)  $a \cdot 2^4 = 48 \Rightarrow a = \frac{48}{16} = 3$

Hence the Series is: 3, 6, 12, ...

Example 3. For which term of G.P, 3, -6, +12, -24 + ... is -384

Ans → Let us assume that n<sup>th</sup> term is '-384'

So by formula;  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$ , we get

$-384 = 3 \cdot (-2)^{n-1}$  as  $r = \text{Common ratio} = \frac{-6}{3} = -2$  and first term = 3.

$\Rightarrow (-2)^{n-1} = -128$

$\Rightarrow (-2)^{n-1} = (-2)^7 \Rightarrow n-1 = 7 \Rightarrow n = 8.$

Example 4: Find the 4<sup>th</sup> term from the end of the Series 8, 4, 2, ...  $\frac{1}{128}$ .

Ans: 4

Note: If 'l' be the last term, then a G.P can be written as: —

$a, ar, ar^2, \dots, \frac{l}{r^2}, \frac{l}{r}, l$ , where 'r' is the common ratio and 'a' is first term. Hence the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the G.P from the last will be —

$l \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{l}{r^{n-1}}$ . So in our given sum  $l = \frac{1}{128}$  and  $r = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$ . So by the above formula 4<sup>th</sup> term from the last =  $\frac{l}{r^3} =$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{128}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3} = \frac{1}{128} \times 2^3 = \frac{2^3}{2^7} = \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{1}{16} \text{ (Ans)}$$

Exercises: ① Find the 10<sup>th</sup> term of the G.P: —

$$12, 4, 1\frac{1}{3}, \dots$$

② If the third, sixth and the last term of a G.P are 6, 48 and 3072 respectively. Find the number of terms in the G.P.

③ If  $x, 2x+2, 3x+3$  are the first three terms of a geometric progression. Find its fourth term.

P.T.O

④ The third term of a G.P is '4'.

Find the product of its first five terms.

Q5) If the 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> terms of G.P are  $x, y, z$  respectively. Prove that,  $x, y, z$  are in G.P.

Q6) The product of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> term of a G.P is 243. If its 4<sup>th</sup> term is 3; find its 7<sup>th</sup> term.

Home work := Complete Exercise '11A' from your Text Book. (CONCISE MATHEMATICS).

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