



# STEPPING STONE SCHOOL (HIGH)

Topic: STANDARD PROBLEMS ON G.P & A.P. Chapt - 11

Example 1. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P;  $a, x, b$  are in G.P where  $b, y, c$  are also in G.P. Show that;  $x^2, b^2, y^2$  are in A.P

Ans: As  $a, b, c$  are in A.P; Hence;  $2b = a + c$  --- (i)

And  $a, x, b$  in G.P  $\Rightarrow x^2 = ab$

"  $b, y, c$  in G.P  $\Rightarrow y^2 = bc$

So  $x^2 + y^2 = ab + bc = b(a + c) = b \cdot 2b = 2b^2$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2b^2 \Rightarrow x^2, b^2, y^2$  are in A.P.

Ex-2: If  $a, b, c$  are in G.P and  $a, x, b, y, c$

are in A.P. Prove that; i)  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{2}{b}$

ii)  $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{c}{y} = 2$

Ans: Given,  $b^2 = ac$ ,  $2x = a + b$  and  $2y = b + c$

So  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{2}{a+b} + \frac{2}{b+c} = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} \right]$

$= 2 \left[ \frac{2b + ac}{(b+a)(b+c)} \right] = \frac{2[2b + ac]}{b^2 + b(a+c) + ac}$  (Using above relation)

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$$= \frac{2(2b + a + c)}{b^r + b(a+c) + b^r} \quad (\because b^r = ac) \quad (P-2)$$

$$= \frac{2(2b + a + c)}{2b^r + b(a+c)} = \frac{2(2b + a + c)}{b(2b + a+c)} = \frac{2}{b}$$

$$ii) \quad \frac{a}{x} + \frac{c}{y} = 2 \left[ \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{c}{b+c} \right] \quad (\text{Putting 'x' and 'y' in 'a, b, c'})$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{ab + ac + ac + bc}{b^r + b(a+c) + ac} \right] \quad \text{Put; } ac = b^r$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{ab + bc + 2ac}{b^r + b(a+c) + b^r} \right] = 2 \frac{(ab + bc + 2b^r)}{ab + ac + 2b^r}$$

$= 2$ . Proved.

Ex-3: If the sum of  $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$  is 255; find the value of 'n'

Ans  $\rightarrow$  Here  $S_n = 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$ ; has 'n' terms and first term is '1'; So by formula

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}; \quad r = \text{Common difference} = 2 \text{ (here)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot (2^n - 1)}{2 - 1} = 2^n - 1 = 255, \text{ Given.}$$

$$\text{So } 2^n = 256 = 2^8 \Rightarrow 2^n = 2^8 \Rightarrow n = 8.$$

P.T.O

Ex-4: Find a G.P for which the sum of first two terms is '-4' and the fifth term is 4 times the third term.

Ans - Let the first term and Common ratio be 'a' and 'r' respectively. Hence;  $a + ar = -4$  --- (i)

$$\text{and } ar^4 = 4ar^2 \text{ --- (ii)}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 2 \Rightarrow r = \pm 2. \text{ So from (i)}$$

$$\text{we get } a(1+r) = -4 \Rightarrow a(1+2) = -4 \text{ if } r=+2$$

So  $a = -4/3$ . So the Series becomes -

$$-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{8}{3}, -\frac{16}{3} \dots \text{ Now if } r = -2 \text{ then}$$

$$a(1-2) = -4 \Rightarrow a = 4, \text{ Hence the Series become}$$

$$4, -8, 16, -32, 64 \dots$$

Exercises: (1) If a, b, c are in G.P and

$$a^{\frac{1}{x}} = b^{\frac{1}{y}} = c^{\frac{1}{z}}; \text{ prove that, } x, y, z \text{ are in A.P}$$

(2) If  $(p+q)^{\text{th}}$  term of a G.P is 'm' and  $(p-q)^{\text{th}}$  term is 'n'; Show that  $p^{\text{th}}$  term is  $\sqrt{mn}$  and  $q^{\text{th}}$  term is  $m \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{\frac{p}{2q}}$ .

P.T.O  $\rightarrow$



Ex-3. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P;  $b, c, d$  are in G.P and  $\frac{1}{c}, \frac{1}{d}, \frac{1}{e}$  are in A.P; Prove that;  $a, c, e$  are in G.P.

[Hints:  $b = \frac{a+c}{2}$  — (i)  $c^2 = bd$  — (ii) and  $\frac{2}{d} = \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{e} \Rightarrow d = \frac{2ce}{a+c}$  — (iii). Substitute the values of 'b' and 'd' from (i) and (iii) in (ii)]

Ex-4) If  $p$ th,  $q$ th and  $r$ th term of an A.P are in G.P; Prove that the common ratio of the G.P is  $\frac{q-r}{p-q}$ . [Apply the property: If

$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , then each ratio is  $\frac{a-c}{b-d}$  ie

$$\frac{t_p}{t_q} = \frac{t_r}{t_q} \Rightarrow C.R = \frac{t_q - t_r}{t_p - t_q}]$$

Ex-5) The lengths of three unequal edges of Rectangular Solid block are in G.P. The volume of the block

is  $216 \text{ cm}^3$  and its surface area is  $252 \text{ cm}^2$ .

Find the length of the longest edge.

Ex-6) If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P as well as in G.P also. Prove that,  $a = b = c$

Home Work  $\rightarrow$  11C and 11D Problems.

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