

**CBSE Class-11 Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**Chapter - 9 Sequences and Series**  
**Exercise 9.3**

1. Find the 20<sup>th</sup> and  $n^{\text{th}}$  terms of the G.P.  $\frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \dots$

**Ans.** Here  $a = \frac{5}{2}$  and  $r = \frac{5}{4} \div \frac{5}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{20} = \frac{5}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{20-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{20} = \frac{5}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{19} = \frac{5}{2^{20}}$$

$$\text{And } a_n = \frac{5}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{5}{2 \times 2^{n-1}} = \frac{5}{2^n}$$

2. Find the 12<sup>th</sup> term of a G.P. whose 8<sup>th</sup> term is 192 and the common ratio is 2.

**Ans.** Let  $a$  be the first term of given G.P. Here  $r = 2$  and  $a_8 = 192$

$$\therefore a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_8 = a \times (2)^{8-1} = 192$$

$$\Rightarrow a \times (2)^7 = 192$$

$$\Rightarrow a \times 128 = 192$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{192}{128} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_{12} = ar^{12-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{12} = \frac{3}{2} \times 2^{11} = 3 \times 2^{10}$$

$$= 3 \times 1024 = 3072$$

**3. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> terms of a G.P. are  $p, q$  and  $s$  respectively. Show that  $q^2 = ps$ .**

**Ans.** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

$$\therefore a_5 = p \Rightarrow ar^4 = p \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$a_8 = q \Rightarrow ar^7 = q \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$a_{11} = s \Rightarrow ar^{10} = s \dots\dots\dots(iii)$$

Squaring both sides of eq. (ii), we get  $q^2 = (ar^7)^2$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = a^2 r^{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = (ar^4)(ar^{10})$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = ps \text{ [From eq. (i) and (iii)]}$$

**4. The 4<sup>th</sup> term of a G.P. is square of its second term and the first term is  $-3$ . Determine its 7<sup>th</sup> term.**

**Ans.** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

Here  $a = -3$  and  $a_4 = (a_2)^2$

Now,  $a_4 = (a_2)^2$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3 = (ar)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3 = a^2r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = a$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -3 \quad [\because a = -3]$$

$$\therefore a_7 = ar^{7-1} = (-3) \times (-3)^6$$

$$= -3 \times 729 = -2187$$

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**5. Which term of the following sequences:**

(a)  $2, 2\sqrt{2}, 4, \dots$  is 128?

(b)  $\sqrt{3}, 3, 3\sqrt{3}, \dots$  is 729?

(c)  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \dots$  is  $\frac{1}{19683}$ ?

**Ans. (a)** Here  $a = 2$ ,  $r = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $a_n = 128$

$$\therefore a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 64 = (\sqrt{2})^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2})^{12} = (\sqrt{2})^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow n-1 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 13$$

Therefore, 13<sup>th</sup> term of the given G.P. is 128.

(b) Here  $a = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $r = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$  and  $a_n = 729$

$$\therefore a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 729 = \sqrt{3} \times (\sqrt{3})^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3})^{12} = (\sqrt{3})^n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 12$$

Therefore, 12<sup>th</sup> term of the given G.P. is 729.

(c) Here  $a = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{9} \div \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $a_n = \frac{1}{19683}$

$$\therefore a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{19683} = \frac{1}{3} \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^9 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

Therefore, 9<sup>th</sup> term of the given G.P. is  $\frac{1}{19683}$ .

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**6. For what values of  $x$ , the numbers  $\frac{-2}{7}$ ,  $x$ ,  $\frac{-7}{2}$  are in G.P.?**

**Ans.** Given:  $\frac{-2}{7}$ ,  $x$ ,  $\frac{-7}{2}$  are in G.P.

$$\therefore \frac{x}{\frac{-2}{7}} = \frac{\frac{-7}{2}}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{-2}{7} \times \frac{-7}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

Therefore for  $x = \pm 1$  the given numbers are in G.P

**Find the sum to indicated number of terms in each of the geometric progression in Exercises 7 to 10:**

**7. 0.15, 0.015, 0.0015, ..... 20 terms**

**Ans.** Here,  $a = 0.15$  and  $r = \frac{0.015}{0.15} = \frac{1}{10}$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_{20} = \frac{0.15 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{10} \right)^{20} \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{10}}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{20} = \frac{15}{100} \times \frac{10}{9} \left[ 1 - (0.1)^{20} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{20} = \frac{1}{6} \left[ 1 - (0.1)^{20} \right]$$

**8.  $\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{21}, 3\sqrt{7}, \dots n$  terms**

**Ans.** Here,  $a = \sqrt{7}$  and  $r = \frac{\sqrt{21}}{\sqrt{7}} = \sqrt{3}$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{\sqrt{7}[(\sqrt{3})^n - 1]}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} [(3)^{\frac{n}{2}} - 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{\sqrt{7}(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2} [(3)^{\frac{n}{2}} - 1]$$

9.  $1, -a, a^2, -a^3, \dots n \text{ terms (if } a \neq -1)$

**Ans.** Here,  $a = 1$  and  $r = \frac{-a}{1} = -a$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{1[1 - (-a)^n]}{1 - (-a)}$$

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

10.  $x^3, x^5, x^7, \dots n \text{ terms (if } x \neq \pm 1)$

**Ans.** Here,  $a = x^3$  and  $r = \frac{x^5}{x^3} = x^2$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{x^3[1-(x^2)^n]}{1-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{x^3}{1-x^2} [1-x^{2n}]$$

**11. Evaluate:**  $\sum_{k=1}^{11} (2+3^k)$

**Ans. Given:**  $\sum_{k=1}^{11} (2+3^k)$

$$= (2+3^1) + (2+3^2) + (2+3^3) + \dots + (2+3^{11})$$

$$= (2+2+2+\dots 11 \text{ times}) + (3+3^2+3^3+\dots+3^{11})$$

$$= 22 + (3+3^2+3^3+\dots+3^{11}) \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Here  $3, 3^2, 3^3, \dots, 3^{11}$  is in G.P.

$$\therefore a = 3 \text{ and } r = \frac{3^2}{3} = 3$$

$$\therefore S_n = \frac{3(3^{11}-1)}{3-1} = \frac{3}{2}(3^{11}-1)$$

Putting the value of  $S_n$  in eq. (i), we get  $\sum_{k=1}^{11} (2+3^k) = 22 + \frac{3}{2}(3^{11}-1)$

**12. The sum of first three terms of a G.P. is  $\frac{39}{10}$  and their product is 1. Find the common**

ratio and the terms.

**Ans.** Let  $\frac{a}{r}, a, r$  be first three terms of the given G.P.

According to question,  $\frac{a}{r} + a + ar = \frac{39}{10}$  .....(i)

And  $\frac{a}{r} \times a \times r = 1$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1$$

Putting value of  $a$  in eq. (i),  $\frac{1}{r} + 1 + r = \frac{39}{10}$

$$\Rightarrow 10 + 10r + 10r^2 = 39r$$

$$\Rightarrow 10r^2 - 29r + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{-(-29) \pm \sqrt{(-29)^2 - 4 \times 10 \times 10}}{2 \times 10}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{29 \pm \sqrt{841 - 400}}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{29 \pm 21}{20}$$

Taking  $r = \frac{29+21}{20} = \frac{50}{20} = \frac{5}{2}$  and Taking  $r = \frac{29-21}{20} = \frac{8}{20} = \frac{2}{5}$

When  $r = \frac{5}{2}$ , then first three terms are  $\frac{1}{5/2}, 1, 1 \times \frac{5}{2}$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{5}, 1, \frac{5}{2}$$

When  $r = \frac{2}{5}$ , then first three terms are  $\frac{1}{2/5}, 1, 1 \times \frac{2}{5}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{2}, 1, \frac{2}{5}$$

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**13. How many terms of G.P.  $3, 3^2, 3^3, \dots$  are needed to give the sum 120 ?**

**Ans.** Here,  $\therefore a = 3$  and  $r = \frac{3^2}{3} = 3$

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

$$\Rightarrow 120 = \frac{3(3^n - 1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 120 = \frac{3}{2}(3^n - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 120 \times \frac{2}{3} = 3^n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^n = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^n = (3)^4$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 4$$

Therefore, the sum of 4 terms of the given G.P. is 120.

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**14. The sum of first three terms of a G.P. is 16 and the sum of the next three terms is 128. Determine the first term, the common ratio and the sum of  $n$  terms of the G.P.**

NA. Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

$$\therefore a + ar + ar^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow a(1 + r + r^2) = 16 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

And  $ar^3 + ar^4 + ar^5 = 128$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3(1 + r + r^2) = 128 \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

Putting the value from eq. (i) into eq. (ii), we get

$$16r^3 = 128$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

Putting value of  $r$  in eq. (i), we get  $a(1 + 2 + 2^2) = 16$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{16}{7}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{\frac{16}{7}(2^n - 1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{16}{7}(2^n - 1)$$

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**15. Given a G.P. with  $a = 729$  and 7<sup>th</sup> term 64, determine  $S_7$ .**

**Ans.** Given:  $a = 729$  and  $a_7 = 64$

$$\Rightarrow ar^6 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 729r^6 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow r^6 = \frac{64}{729} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_7 = \frac{729 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^7 \right]}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{729 \left[ 1 - \frac{128}{2187} \right]}{\frac{3-2}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_7 = 729 \times 3 \left( \frac{2187 - 128}{2187} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_7 = \frac{729 \times 3 \times 2059}{2187} = 2059$$

**16. Find a G.P. for which sum of the first two terms is  $-4$  and the fifth term is 4 times the third term.**

**Ans.** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

Given:  $a + ar = -4$

$$\Rightarrow a(1+r) = -4 \dots\dots(i)$$

And  $a_5 = 4a_3$

$$\Rightarrow ar^4 = 4ar^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \pm 2$$

Putting  $r = 2$  in eq. (i), we get  $a(1+2) = -4$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{-4}{3}$$

Therefore, required G.P. is  $\frac{-4}{3}, \frac{-8}{3}, \frac{-16}{3}, \dots$

Putting  $r = -2$  in eq. (i), we get  $a(1-2) = -4$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4$$

Therefore, required G.P. is  $4, -8, 16, -32, \dots$

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

**Ans.** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

$$\therefore a_4 = x$$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3 = x \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$a_{10} = y$$

$$\Rightarrow ar^9 = y \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$a_{16} = z$$

$$\Rightarrow ar^{15} = z \dots\dots\dots(iii)$$

From eq. (ii),  $ar^9 = y$

$$\Rightarrow (ar^9)^2 = y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = (ar^3)(ar^{15})$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = xz \text{ [From eq. (i) and (iii)]}$$

$\therefore x, y, z$  are in G.P.

**18. Find the sum to  $n$  terms of the sequences 8, 88, 888, 8888, .....**

**Ans.** Here  $S_n = 8 + 88 + 888 + 8888 + \dots$  up to  $n$  terms

$$\Rightarrow S_n = 8(1 + 11 + 111 + 1111 + \dots \text{ up to } n \text{ terms})$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{8}{9}(9 + 99 + 999 + 9999 + \dots \text{ up to } n \text{ terms})$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{8}{9}[(10 - 1) + (10^2 - 1) + (10^3 - 1) + \dots \text{ up to } n \text{ terms}]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{8}{9}[(10 + 10^2 + 10^3 + \dots \text{ up to } n \text{ terms}) - (1 + 1 + 1 + \dots \text{ up to } n \text{ terms})]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{8}{9} \left[ \frac{10 \times (10^n - 1)}{10 - 1} - n \right]$$

$$= \frac{8}{9} \left[ \frac{10}{9} (10^n - 1) - n \right]$$

$$= \frac{80}{81} (10^n - 1) - \frac{8}{9} n$$

**19. Find the sum of the product of the corresponding terms of the sequences 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 128, 32, 8, 2,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .**

**Ans.** Multiplying the corresponding terms of the given sequences 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 128, 32, 8, 2,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$(2 \times 128), (4 \times 32), (8 \times 8), (16 \times 2), \left( 32 \times \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow 256, 128, 64, 32, 16$  are in G.P.

Here  $a = 256, r = \frac{128}{256} = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $n = 5$

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

$$\Rightarrow S_5 = \frac{256 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^5 \right]}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 256 \times 2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{32} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_5 = 256 \times 2 \times \frac{31}{32} = 496$$

**20. Show that the products of the corresponding terms of the sequences**

$a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^{n-1}$  and  $A, AR, AR^2, \dots, AR^{n-1}$  form a G.P. and find the common ratio.

**Ans.** Multiplying the corresponding terms of the given sequences, we have

$$(a \times A), (ar \times AR), (ar^2 \times AR^2), \dots, (ar^{n-1} \times AR^{n-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow (aA), (aArR), (aAr^2R^2), \dots, (aAr^{n-1}R^{n-1}) \text{ are in G.P.}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{aArR}{aA} = rR \text{ and } \frac{a_3}{a_2} = \frac{aAr^2R^2}{aArR} = rR$$

Since the ratio of the two succeeding terms are same, the resulting sequence is also in G.P

$$\text{and common ratio} = \frac{aArR}{aA} = rR$$

**21. Find four numbers forming a geometric progression in which the third term is greater than the first term by 9 and the second term is greater than by 4<sup>th</sup> by 18.**

**Ans.** Let the four numbers in G.P. be  $a, ar, ar^2, ar^3$

$$\therefore ar^2 = a + 9 \text{ and } ar = ar^3 + 18$$

$$\text{Now, } ar^2 - a = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow a(r^2 - 1) = 9 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{And } ar - ar^3 = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow ar(1 - r^2) = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow -ar(r^2 - 1) = 18 \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

Dividing eq. (ii) by eq. (i), we have

$$\frac{-ar(r^2 - 1)}{a(r^2 - 1)} = \frac{18}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -2$$

Putting value of  $r$  in eq. (i), we get

$$a(4 - 1) = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$\therefore ar = 3 \times (-2) = -6$$

$$ar^2 = 3 \times (-2)^2 = 12$$

$$ar^3 = 3 \times (-2)^3 = -24$$

Therefore, the required numbers are 3, -6, 12, -24.

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**22. If the  $p^{\text{th}}$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$  and  $r^{\text{th}}$  terms of a G.P. are  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  respectively. Prove that**

$$a^{q-r} b^{r-p} c^{p-q} = 1.$$

**Ans.** Let A be the first term and R be the common ratio of given G.P.

$$\therefore a_p = a$$

$$\Rightarrow AR^{p-1} = a \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$a_q = b$$

$$\Rightarrow AR^{q-1} = b \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$a_r = c$$

$$\Rightarrow AR^{r-1} = c \dots\dots\dots(iii)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, L.H.S.} &= a^{q-r} b^{r-p} c^{p-q} = (AR^{p-1})^{q-r} \cdot (AR^{q-1})^{r-p} \cdot (AR^{r-1})^{p-q} \\ &= A^{q-r} R^{(p-1)(q-r)} \cdot A^{r-p} R^{(q-1)(r-p)} \cdot A^{p-q} R^{(r-1)(p-q)} \\ &= A^{q-r+r-p+p-q} R^{pq-pr-q+r+qr-pq-r+p+pr-qr-p+q} \\ &= A^0 R^0 = 1 \times 1 = 1 = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

**23.** If the first and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of a G.P. are  $a$  and  $b$  respectively and if P is the product of  $n$  terms, prove that  $P^2 = (ab)^n$ .

**Ans.** Let r be the common ratio of the given G.P

Here, first term of G.P. is  $a$

$$\text{and } a_n = b$$

$$\Rightarrow ar^{n-1} = b \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{Given: } P = a \cdot ar \cdot ar^2 \cdot ar^3 \dots\dots\dots ar^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = a^n \cdot r^{1+2+3+\dots+n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = a^n r^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$



$$\Rightarrow p^2 = a^{2n} r^{n(n-1)} = [aar^{n-1}]^n \text{ [Squaring both sides]}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 = (ab)^n \text{ [From eq. (i)]}$$

Hence proved

**24. Show that the ratio of the sum of first  $n$  terms of a G.P. to the sum of terms from**

**$(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  to  $(2n)^{\text{th}}$  term is  $\frac{1}{r^n}$ .**

**Ans.** Let  $a$  be the first term and  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } & \frac{\text{Sum of first } n \text{ terms}}{\text{Sum of terms from } (n+1)^{\text{th}} \text{ to } (2n)^{\text{th}}} \\ &= \frac{a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}}{ar^n + ar^{n+1} + \dots + ar^{2n-1}} \\ &= \frac{a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}}{r^n [a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}]} = \frac{1}{r^n} \end{aligned}$$

**25. If  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are in G.P., show that**

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) = (ab + bc + cd)^2.$$

**Ans.** Given  $a, b, c, d$  are in G.P

Let  $r$  be the common ratio of given G.P.

$$\text{Then } b = ar, c = ar^2 \text{ and } d = ar^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, L.H.S.} &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \\ &= (a^2 + a^2r^2 + a^2r^4)(a^2r^2 + a^2r^4 + a^2r^6) \\ &= a^2(1 + r^2 + r^4)a^2r^2(1 + r^2 + r^4) = a^4r^2(1 + r^2 + r^4)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{R.H.S.} &= (ab + bc + cd)^2 \\ &= (a.ar + ar.ar^2 + ar^2.ar^3)^2 \\ &= (a^2r + a^2r^3 + a^2r^5)^2 \\ &= (a^2r)^2(1 + r^2 + r^4)^2 = a^4r^2(1 + r^2 + r^4)^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, L.H.S. = R.H.S.

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**26. Insert two numbers between 3 and 81 so that the resulting sequence is G.P.**

**Ans.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two numbers between 3 and 81 such that 3,  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ , 81 are in G.P.

Let  $r$  be the common ratio

Here  $a = 3$  and  $a_4 = 81$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times r^3 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$

$$\therefore G_1 = ar = 3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$\text{And } G_2 = ar^2 = 3 \times (3)^2 = 27$$

Therefore, the required numbers are 9 and 27.

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**27. Find the value of  $n$  so that  $\frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n}$  may be the geometric mean between  $a$  and  $b$ .**

**Ans.** Since, G.M. between two numbers  $a$  and  $b$  is  $\sqrt{ab}$ .

According to question,  $\frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n} = \sqrt{ab}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n} = a^{\frac{1}{2}} b^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} = (a^n + b^n) a^{\frac{1}{2}} b^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} = a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} b^{\frac{1}{2}} + a^{\frac{1}{2}} b^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{n+1} - a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} b^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{2}} b^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - b^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \left( a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = b^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \left( a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = b^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}{b^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^0$$

$$\Rightarrow n + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

**28.** The sum of two numbers is 6 times their geometric mean, show that numbers are in the ratio  $(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) : (3 - 2\sqrt{2})$ .

**Ans.** Let the numbers be  $a$  and  $b$

Given:  $a + b = 6\sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} = \frac{3}{1}$

Applying componendo and dividendo, we get

$$\frac{a+b+2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b-2\sqrt{ab}} = \frac{3+1}{3-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b})^2}{(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b})^2} = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1}$$

Again applying componendo and dividendo, we get

$$\frac{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}+\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}-1}$$

Squaring both sides,  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{2+1+2\sqrt{2}}{2+1-2\sqrt{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3+2\sqrt{2}}{3-2\sqrt{2}}$$

Therefore, the numbers are in the ratio  $(3+2\sqrt{2}) : (3-2\sqrt{2})$ .

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**29. If  $A$  and  $G$  be A.M. and G.M. respectively between two positive numbers, prove that the numbers are  $A \pm \sqrt{(A+G)(A-G)}$ .**

**Ans.** Let the two positive numbers be  $a$  and  $b$

Therefore  $A = \frac{a+b}{2}$  and  $G = \sqrt{ab}$

Now,  $A \pm \sqrt{(A+G)(A-G)} = A \pm \sqrt{A^2 - G^2}$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 - (\sqrt{ab})^2}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab}{4} - ab}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab - 4ab}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{(a-b)^2}{4}} = \frac{a+b}{2} \pm \frac{a-b}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{a-b}{2} \text{ and } \frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{a-b}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a+b+a-b}{2} \text{ and } \frac{a+b-a+b}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2a}{2} = a \text{ and } \frac{2b}{2} = b$$

**30. The number of bacteria in a certain culture doubles every hour. If there were 30 bacteria present in the culture originally, how many bacteria will be present at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, 4<sup>th</sup> hour and  $n^{\text{th}}$  hour?**

**Ans.** Bacteria present in the culture originally = 30

Since the bacteria doubles itself after each hour, then the sequence of bacteria after each hour is a G.P.

Here  $a = 30$  and  $r = 2$

$$\therefore \text{Bacteria at the end of } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ hour} = 30 \times 2^{3-1} = 30 \times 2^2 = 120$$

$$\text{And Bacteria at the end of } 4^{\text{th}} \text{ hour} = 30 \times 2^{5-1} = 30 \times 2^4 = 480$$

$$\text{And Bacteria at the end of } n^{\text{th}} \text{ hour} = a_{n+1} = 30(2^{(n+1)-1}) = 30(2^n)$$

**31. What will Rs. 500 amount to 10 years after its deposit in a bank which pays annual interest rate of 10% compounded annually?**

**Ans.** Original amount = Rs. 500, Rate of interest = 10% compounded annually

$$\therefore \text{Interest of one year} = \frac{500 \times 10 \times 1}{100} = \text{Rs. } 50$$

$$\text{And Amount after one year} = 500 + 50 = \text{Rs. } 550$$

$$\text{Here } a = 500 \text{ and } r = \frac{550}{500} = 1.1$$

$$\text{Therefore, amount after 10 years} = \text{Amount in the } 11^{\text{th}} \text{ year} = 500 \times (1.1)^{11-1} = \text{Rs. } 500(1.1)^{10}$$

**32. If A.M. and G.M. of roots of a quadratic equation are 8 and 5 respectively then obtain the quadratic equation.**

**Ans.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the roots of required quadratic equation.

$$\text{Then A.M.} = \frac{a+b}{2} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b=16$$

$$\text{And G.M.} = \sqrt{ab} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 25$$

Now, Quadratic equation  $x^2 - (\text{Sum of roots})x + (\text{Product of roots}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - (a+b)x + ab = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 16x + 25 = 0$$

Therefore, required equation is  $x^2 - 16x + 25 = 0$ .