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24. Arithmetic Progressions

An arithmetic progression is a sequence of numbers such that a constant value is obtained when any term (other than the first term) is subtracted from the term right after that term.

Example: 9, 11, 13, 15,...11-9=2
13-11=2This constant value '2' is called the common difference.
Since there is a common difference, this sequence of
numbers are called the arithmetic progression

The n^{th} term Tn of the arithmetic progression with first term a and common difference d is given by

$$T_n = a + (n-1) d$$

The sum S_n of the first n terms of an arithmetic progression with first term a and common difference d is given by

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} \{2a + (n-1)d\}$$

Example:

Find the 11 th term of the arithmetic progression 10, 15, 20, 25,...

a = 10, d = 5, n = 11, $T_n = a + (n-1) d$ $T_{11} = 10 + (11 - 1)5$ $= 10 + 10 \times 5$ = 10 + 50= 60

(1) Find the indicated term of each of the following arithmetic progressions.

 $(12^{th} term)$ (I) 5, 10, 15, 20,... (ii) 10, 13, 16, 19, ... (21th term) (iii) 14, 18, 22, 26,... (11th term) (iv) 70, 65, 60, 55,... (15th term) (v) 100, 97, 94, 91,... (10th term) $(vi) \frac{1}{2}, 1, 1\frac{1}{2}, 2, \dots$ (16th term)

| Example: | | (iii) 10, 13, 16, 19, first |
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| Find which term is 27 in the | (2) For each of the following | (iv) 16, 20, 24, 28, first |
| arithmetic progression 1, 3, 5, 7, | situations, find the number of terms (n) of the relevant | (v) 50, 45, 40, 35, first |
| $a=1$, $d=2$, $T_n=27$ $n=?$ | arithmetic progression. | (vi) 12, 8, 4, 0, first 12 |
| $T_n = a + (n-1)d$ | (i) 5, 10, 15, 20, $T_n = 50$ | (vii) -2, -4, -6, -8, first |
| 27 = 1 + (n-1)2 | (ii) 13, 15, 17, 19, $T_n = 41$ | (viii) $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{3}$, first |
| 27 = 1 + 2n - 2 | (iii) 10, 20, 30, 40, T _n = 510 | 3' 3' 3' |
| 27 = 2n - 1 | (iv) 18, 20, 22, 24, $T_n = 60$ | |
| 27 + 1 = 2n | (v) 30, 28, 26, 24, $T_n = 0$ | |
| 28 = 2n | (vi) 30, 25, 20, 15, T_n = -15 | |
| 14 = n | (vii) 0.3, 0.6, 0.9, 1.2,T _n = 3 | |
| 27 is the 14 th term | (viii) -3, -6, -9, -12, T _n = -45 | |
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Example:

Find the sum of the first 10 terms of the arithmetic progression 5, 10, 15, 20,...

 $a = 5, d = 5, n = 10 s_n = ?$ $S_n = \frac{n}{2} \{ 2a + (n-1) d \}$ $S_{10} = \frac{10}{2} \{2 \times 5 + (10 - 1)5\}$ $S_{10} = 5 \{10 + 9 \times 5\}$ $S_{10} = 5 \{10 + 45\}$ $S_{10} = 5 \times 55$ $S_{10} = 275$

(3) Find the sum of the indicated number of terms in each of the following progressions

(i) 10, 20, 30, 40,... first 20 terms (ii) 9, 11, 13, 15,... first 10 terms st 15 terms st 12 terms t 10 terms 2 terms 13 terms t 10 terms