

**RD Sharma**  
**Solutions**  
**Class 11 Maths**  
**Chapter 20**  
**Ex 20.1**

(i)  $4, -2, 1, -\frac{1}{2}, \dots$

$$\frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = r = \text{common ratio} \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{-2}{4} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{1}{-2} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

(ii)  $\frac{-2}{3}, -6, -54, \dots$

Using (i)

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{-6}{\frac{-2}{3}} = \frac{18}{2} = 9$$

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{-54}{-6} = 9$$

$$\therefore r = 9$$

(iii)  $a, \frac{3a^2}{4}, \frac{9a^3}{16}, \dots$

Using (i)

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{9a^3}{16}}{\frac{3a^2}{4}} = \frac{9a^3}{16} \times \frac{4}{3a^2} = \frac{3a}{4}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{3a^2}{4}}{a} = \frac{3a^2}{4a}$$

$$\therefore r = \frac{3}{4}a$$

$$(iii) a, \frac{3a^2}{4}, \frac{9a^3}{16}, \dots$$

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$$\therefore r = \frac{3}{4}a$$

$$(iv) \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{4}{27}, \dots$$

Using (i)

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

### RD Sharma Class 11 Solutions Chapter 20 Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 2

$$a_n = \frac{2}{3^n}, n \in N$$

Put  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  because  $n$  is natural number

$$\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3^2}, \frac{2}{3^3}, \dots$$

$$\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{2}{3^3}}{\frac{2}{3^2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{2}{3^2}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Ratio of consecutive terms is solve

$$\therefore \frac{1}{3} \text{ is common ratio, Hence it is G.P } \forall n \in N.$$

## RD Sharma Class 11 Solutions Chapter 20 Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 3

(i) 9<sup>th</sup> term of G.P 1, 4, 16, 64, ...

$$t_1 = 1 = a$$

$$t_2 = 4$$

Because it is G.P

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \text{common ratio} = r$$

$$r = \frac{4}{1} = 4$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_9 = ar^8 = 1(4)^8 = 4^8$$

(ii) 10<sup>th</sup> term of G.P  $\frac{-3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{2}{4}, \dots$

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

Because it is G.P

$$\therefore r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{-3}{4}} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_{10} = ar^9 = \left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^9 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8$$

(iv) 12<sup>th</sup> term of G.P  $\frac{1}{a^3x^3}, ax, a^3x^5, \dots$

$$a = \frac{1}{a^3x^3}$$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{ax}{\frac{1}{a^3x^3}} = a^4x^4$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_{12} = ar^{11}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{a^3x^3}\right) (a^4x^4)^{11}$$

$$= (ax)^{41}$$

(v)  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of G.P  $\sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}, \dots$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_n = (\sqrt{3}) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

(vi) 10<sup>th</sup> term of G.P  $\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \dots$

$$a = \sqrt{2}$$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_{10} = ar^9$$

$$= (\sqrt{2}) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^9$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8$$

### RD Sharma Class 11 Solutions Chapter 20 Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 4

$$\frac{2}{27}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots, 162$$

$n^{\text{th}}$  term from the end

$$a_n = l \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$l = 162, r = \text{common ratio} = \frac{t_2}{t_1}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{2}{27}} = 3$$

$$n = 4$$

$$t_4 = (162) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{162}{27}$$

$$= 6$$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 5

0.004, 0.02, 0.1, ... is 12.5

Here,

$$a = 0.004, \quad t_n = 12.5$$

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{0.02}{0.004} = 5$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$12.5 = (0.004)(5)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{12.5}{0.004} = (5)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{125 \times 100}{4} = 5^{n-1}$$

$$5^5 = 5^{n-1}$$

$$= n - 1$$

$$n = 6$$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 6

$\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots$  is  $\frac{1}{512\sqrt{2}}$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$a = \sqrt{2}, \quad r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t_n = \frac{1}{512\sqrt{2}}, \quad n = ?$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{512\sqrt{2}} = (\sqrt{2})\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{512 \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{1024} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$10 = (n - 1)$$

$$n = 11$$

$\therefore$  term is 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 6 i

$2, 2\sqrt{2}, 4, \dots$  is 128

$$a = 2, r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}, n = ?$$

$$t_n = 128$$

Also,

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

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

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

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

$$(2)^6 = (\sqrt{2})^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 = n - 1$$

$$n = 13$$

$\therefore$  13<sup>th</sup> term is 128.

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 6 ii

$\sqrt{3}, 3, 3\sqrt{3}, \dots, 729$

$$a = \sqrt{3}, r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}}, n = ?, t_n = 729$$

Now,

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

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

Now,

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

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

$$729 = (\sqrt{3})^n$$

$$(3)^6 = (\sqrt{3})^n$$

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

$$\Rightarrow n = 12$$

$\therefore$  12<sup>th</sup> term is 729.

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 6 iii

$$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \dots, \frac{1}{19683}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3}, r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}, t_n = \frac{1}{19683}, n = ?$$

Now,

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

$\therefore$  9<sup>th</sup> term of G.P is  $\frac{1}{19683}$ .

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 7

$$18, -12, 8, \dots \text{ is } \frac{512}{729}$$

$$a = 18, n = ?, t_n = \frac{512}{729}, r = \frac{t_{n-1}}{t_n}$$

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{-12}{18} = \frac{-2}{3}$$

Also,

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{512}{729} = (18) \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{2^9}{36} \times \frac{1}{2 \times 3^2} = \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8 = (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$n = 9$$



### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 8

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{18}, \frac{1}{54}, \dots, \frac{1}{4374}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}, l = \frac{1}{4374}, r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}} = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Term from the end is

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= l \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)^{n-1} \\ t_4 &= \left( \frac{1}{4374} \right) (3)^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{4374} \times 3^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{162} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  4<sup>th</sup> term from the end is  $\frac{1}{162}$ .

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 9

$$t_4 = 27$$

$$t_7 = 729$$

We know that  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$

$$t_4 = ar^3 = 27$$

$$t_7 = ar^6 = 729$$

Now,

$$\frac{t_7}{t_4} = \frac{ar^6}{ar^3} = r^3 = \frac{729}{27}$$

$$r^3 = \left( \frac{9}{3} \right)^3$$

$$r^3 = 3^3$$

$$r = 3$$

$$t_4 = ar^3 = 27$$

$$a(3)^3 = 27$$

$$a(27) = 27$$

$$a = 1$$

Now G.P is  $a, ar, ar^2, \dots$

$$1, 3, 9, \dots$$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 10

$$t_7 = 8t_4$$

$$t_5 = 48$$

We know that  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$

$a$  = first term

$r$  = common ratio

$n$  = number of terms

$$t_7 = ar^6 = 8(ar^3)$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$r = 2$$

Also,

$$t_5 = 48$$

$$ar^4 = 48$$

$$a(2)^4 = 48$$

$$a = \frac{48}{16} = 3$$

$\therefore$  G.P is  $a, ar, ar^2, \dots$

$$3, 6, 12, \dots$$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 11

5, 10, 20, ...  $n$  term

1280, 640, 320, ...,  $n$  terms.

Let  $t_n$  be the general term of first G.P and  $t_n'$  be general term of second G.P whose  $n$ th terms are equal.

$a$  for first G.P = 5

$a$  for second G.P = 1280

$$r \text{ for first G.P} = \frac{10}{5} = 2$$

$$r \text{ for second G.P} = \frac{640}{1280} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

Applying and equating for both G.P's

$$(5)(2)^{n-1} = 1280 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$(2)^{n-1} = \frac{1280}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$= 256 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$= 2^8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{(2)^{n-1}}{28} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = 2^{n-1} = 2^{-n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n = 10$$

$$n = 5$$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 12

We have

$$\begin{aligned}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)p^2 - 2(ab + bc + cd)p + (b^2 + c^2 + d^2) &\leq 0 \\ (a^2p^2 - 2abp + b^2) + (b^2p^2 - 2bcp + c^2) + (c^2p^2 - 2cdp + d^2) &\leq 0 \\ (ap - b)^2 + (bp - c)^2 + (cp - d)^2 &\leq 0\end{aligned}$$

This is only possible when

$$ap - b = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$bp - c = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$cp - d = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{d}{c}$$

Thus

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c}$$

Hence  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are in G.P

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 13

$$\frac{a + bx}{a - bx} = \frac{b + cx}{b - cx} = \frac{c + dx}{c - dx}, \text{ two show that } a, b, c, d \text{ are in G.P}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ to show } \frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{d}{c} \quad \text{---(i)}$$

Now,

$$\frac{a + bx}{a - bx} = \frac{b + cx}{b - cx} \text{ and } \frac{b + cx}{b - cx} = \frac{c + dx}{c - dx}$$

Cross multiplying

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bx)(b - cx) &= (b + cx)(a - bx) \\ ab - acx + b^2x - bcx^2 &= ab - b^2x + acx - bcx^2\end{aligned}$$

Cancelling  $ab$  and  $-bcx^2$  on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}-acx + b^2x &= -b^2x + acx \\ x(b^2 - ac) &= -x(b^2 - ac)\end{aligned}$$

$$2b^2x = 2acx$$

$$2b^2 = 2ac = b^2 = ac$$

$$\text{From (i) } b^2 = ac$$

Also,

$$\frac{b + cx}{b - cx} = \frac{c + dx}{c - dx}, \text{ cross multiplying}$$

$$c^2x - cdx^2 + bc - bdx = bc + bdx - c^2x - cdx^2$$

$$2c^2x = 2bdx$$

$$\text{From (i) } c^2 = bd$$

Hence,  $a, b, c, d$  are in G.P.

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 14

We have

$$a_5 = p$$

$$a_8 = q$$

$$a_{11} = s$$

We have to show that

$$q^2 = ps$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q}{p} = \frac{s}{q}$$

$$\text{Now, } q = ar^7$$

$$p = ar^4$$

$$s = ar^{10}$$

$$\therefore \frac{q}{p} = \frac{s}{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ar^7}{ar^4} = \frac{ar^{10}}{ar^7}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = r^3$$

Hence proved.

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 15

Let  $a$  be the first term

$$\text{then } a = -3$$

Now we have

$$a_4 = (a_2)^2$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow r = a = -3$$

$$\therefore a_7 = ar^6 = (-3)^7 = -2187$$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 16

Let the first term is  $a$  and the common ratio is  $r$ .

Then

$$ar^2 = 24 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } ar^5 = 192 \dots (2)$$

(2)  $\div$  (1), we get

$$\frac{ar^5}{ar^2} = \frac{192}{24}$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$r = 2$$

Now

$$ar^2 = 24$$

$$a \cdot 2^2 = 24$$

$$a = 6$$

Thus the 10<sup>th</sup> term will be:  $ar^9 = 6 \cdot 2^9 = 3072$

### Solutions Of Geometric Progressions Ex 20.1 Q 17

$$\text{nth term of GP} = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\text{pth term} = q = ar^{p-1}$$

$$\text{qth term} = p = ar^{q-1}$$

$$\frac{q}{p} = r^{p-q}$$

$$r = \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-q}}$$

$$a = p \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{1-q}{p-q}}$$

$$p+q \text{ th term} = p \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1-q}{p-q}} \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{p+q-1}{p-q}}$$

$$= p \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1-q+p+q-1}{p-q}}$$

$$= p \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{p}{p-q}}$$

$$= \frac{p \cdot q^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}{p^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}$$

$$= \frac{p \cdot q^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}{p^{\frac{p}{p-q}-1}}$$

$$= \frac{p \cdot q^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}{p^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}$$

$$= \frac{q^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}{p^{\frac{p}{p-q}}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{q^p}{p^p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-q}}$$