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**Class 11**  
**Mathematics**

Chapter 4  
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### Exercise # 4.4

Determine whether each sequence is geometric. If so, find the common ratio.

5, 20, 100, 500, ...

If sequence is geometric then ratio of every two consecutive is same but

$$\frac{20}{5} \neq \frac{100}{20}, \text{ hence is not geometric sequence.}$$

2, 4, 6, 8, ...

If sequence is geometric then ratio of every two consecutive is same as:

$$\frac{4}{2} \neq \frac{6}{4}, \text{ hence is not geometric sequence.}$$

$\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, \frac{27}{8}, \frac{81}{16}, \dots$

If sequence is geometric then ratio of every two consecutive no. is same as:

$$\frac{9/4}{3/2} = \frac{27/8}{9/4} = \frac{81/16}{27/8}, \text{ hence is geometric sequence}$$

4.  $7, 14, 21, 28, \dots$

If sequence is geometric then common ratio of two consecutive no. is same but

$\frac{14}{7} \neq \frac{21}{14}$ , hence is geometric sequence.

Find the first four terms of the geometric sequence

5.  $a_1 = 3, r = -2$

Sol:-

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for  $n$ ,  $a_2 = (3)(-2)^{2-1}$   
 $a_2 = -6$

$a_3 = (3)(-2)^{3-1}$   
 $a_3 = 12$

$\therefore G.P = 3, -6, 12, \dots$

6.  $a_1 = 27, r = -\frac{1}{3}$

Sol:-

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for  $n$ ,  $a_2 = (27)(-\frac{1}{3})^{2-1}$   
 $a_2 = -9$

$$a_3 = (27)(-1/3)^{3-1}$$

$$a_3 = 3$$

$$\therefore G.P = 27, -9, 3, \dots$$

$$a_1 = 12, r = \frac{1}{2}$$

Sol:-

$$\text{As, } a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$\text{for, } a_2 = (12)(1/2)^{2-1}$$

$$a_2 = 6$$

$$a_3 = (12)(1/2)^{3-1}$$

$$a_3 = 3$$

$$\therefore G.P = 12, 6, 3, \dots$$

Find the next two terms of each geometric sequence.

$$e. 90, 30, 10, \dots$$

Sol:-

$$\text{Here, } a_1 = 90, \text{ common ratio} = r = \frac{30}{90} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$a_4 = (90)(1/3)^{4-1}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$a_5 = (90)(1/3)^{5-1}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{10}{9}$$

$$\therefore 90, 30, 10, \frac{10}{3}, \frac{10}{9}, \dots$$

9.  $2, 6, 18, \dots$

Sol:-

Here,  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $r = \frac{6}{2} \Rightarrow r = 3$

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for  $a_4 = (2)(3)^{4-1}$   
 $a_4 = 54$

$a_5 = (2)(3)^{5-1}$   
 $a_5 = 162$

$\therefore 2, 6, 18, 54, 162, \dots$

10.  $20, 30, 45, \dots$

Sol:-

Here,  $a_1 = 20$ ,  $r = \frac{30}{20} = \frac{3}{2}$

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for,  $a_4 = (20)(\frac{3}{2})^{4-1}$   
 $a_4 = \frac{135}{2}$

$a_5 = (20)(\frac{3}{2})^{5-1}$   
 $a_5 = \frac{405}{4}$

$\therefore 20, 30, 45, \frac{135}{2}, \frac{405}{4}, \dots$

729, 243, 81, ...

Sol:-

Here,  $a_1 = 729$ ,  $r = \frac{243}{729} = \frac{1}{3}$

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for,  $a_4 = (729)(\frac{1}{3})^{4-1}$   
 $a_4 = 27$

$a_5 = (729)(\frac{1}{3})^{5-1}$   
 $a_5 = 9$

$\therefore 729, 243, 81, 27, 9, \dots$

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

Sol:-

Here,  $a_1 = \frac{1}{27}$ ,  $r = \frac{1/9}{1/27} = 3$

$\therefore a_4 = (\frac{1}{27})(3)^{4-1}$   
 $a_4 = 1$

$a_5 = (\frac{1}{27})(3)^{5-1}$   
 $a_5 = 3$

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

13.  $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, +1, \dots$

Sol:-

Here,  $a_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $r = \frac{1/2}{1/4} = 2$

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for,  $a_4 = (\frac{1}{4})(2)^{4-1}$   
 $a_4 = +2$

$a_5 = (\frac{1}{4})(2)^{5-1}$   
 $a_5 = 4$

$\therefore \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, 4, \dots$

Find the  $n$ th term of each geometric sequence.

14.  $a_1 = 4, n = 3, r = 5$

$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

$a_3 = (4)(5)^{3-1}$

$a_3 = 100$

15.  $a_1 = 2, n = 5, r = 2$

$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

$a_5 = (2)(2)^{5-1}$

$a_5 = 32$

$$a_1 = 7, n = 4, r = 2$$

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$a_4 = (7)(2)^{4-1}$$

$$a_4 = 56$$

$$a_1 = 243, n = 5, r = -1/3$$

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$a_5 = (243)(-1/3)^{5-1}$$

$$a_5 = 3$$

$$a_1 = 32, n = 6, r = -1/2$$

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$a_6 = (32)(-1/2)^{6-1}$$

$$a_6 = -1$$

$$a_1 = 16, n = 8, r = 1/2$$

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$a_8 = (16)(1/2)^{8-1}$$

$$a_8 = 1/8$$

6. A ping-pong ball is dropped from a height of 16 ft and always rebound one-fourth of the distance fallen. How high does it rebound at the 6<sup>th</sup> time.

Sol:-

We have,  $a_1 = 16$  ;  $r = \frac{1}{4}$

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

for  $a_7 = (16)(1/4)^{7-1}$   
 $a_7 = \frac{1}{256}$

Therefore, at 6<sup>th</sup> time the ball will rebound a distance of  $\frac{1}{256}$  ft

27. A city has current population of 100,000 and the population is increasing by 3% each year. What will be population in 15<sup>th</sup> year

Sol:-

Since population is increasing by 3%.

we have exponential growth form:-

$$y = a(1+r)^t$$

where,  $a = 100,000$

$$r = 3\% = \frac{3}{100}$$

$$t = 15 \text{ years}$$

$$\therefore y = 100,000 \left(1 + \frac{3}{100}\right)^{15}$$

$$y = 155796.74$$

$$y \approx 155797$$

Therefore, population in the 15<sup>th</sup> year will 155,797.

A super ball dropped from the tower (556 ft high) always rebound three-fourth of the distance fallen. How far the ball have travelled when it hits the ground for the 6<sup>th</sup> time.

Sol:-

we have,  $a_1 = 556$ ,  $r = \frac{3}{4}$

For 6<sup>th</sup> rebound,  $n = 7$

$$\therefore a_n = a_1(r)^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_7 = (556)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{7-1}$$

$$a_7 = 98.95$$

$$a_7 \approx 99 \text{ ft}$$

Therefore, at 6<sup>th</sup> rebound ball will jump 99 ft.

2. The teaching staff of high school informs its member of school cancellation by telephone. The principle calls 2 teachers, each of whom in turns call two(2) others, and so on. In order to inform the entire staff, 6 rounds of call are made. Counting the principle how many staff at high school.

Sol:-

Let first person be informed  $= a_1 = 1$

No. of people informed after 1 round call  $= a_2 = 2$

No. of people informed after 2 round call  $= a_3 = 4$

No. of people informed after 3 round call  $= a_4 = 8$

So, at the 6th round call i.e.  $a_7$ .

We have,  $r = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 1$

As,  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

$$a_7 = 1(2)^{7-1}$$

$$a_7 = 64$$

for  $a_6 = 2(2)^{6-1}$

$$a_6 = 32$$

for  $a_5 = 2(2)^{5-1}$

$$a_5 = 16$$

$$\therefore \text{Total staff} = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + 64$$
$$= 127$$

Q30. A 5-day rain caused the river to rise.

After the first day, the river rose one inch.

Each day rise in the river tripled. How

much had the river risen after 5-days.

Sol:-

we have,  $r = 3$

first day  $= a_1 = 1$  inch

$$\text{As, } a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$\text{at } 5^{\text{th}} \text{ day, } a_5 = (1)(3)^{5-1}$$

$$a_5 = 81 \text{ inch.}$$