#### Question 1.

Find, which of the following sequence form a G.P. : (i) 8, 24, 72, 216, ..... (ii)  $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{24}$ ,  $\frac{1}{72}$ ,  $\frac{1}{216}$ , ..... (iii) 9, 12, 16, 24, .....

#### Solution 1(i).

Given sequence: 8, 24, 72, 216..... Now,  $\frac{24}{8} = 3$ ,  $\frac{72}{24} = 3$ ,  $\frac{216}{72} = 3$ Since  $\frac{24}{8} = \frac{72}{24} = \frac{216}{72} = \dots = 3$ , the given sequence is a G.P. with common ratio 3.

#### Solution 1(ii).

Given sequence: 
$$\frac{1}{8}$$
,  $\frac{1}{24}$ ,  $\frac{1}{72}$ ,  $\frac{1}{216}$ .....  
Now,  
 $\frac{\frac{1}{24}}{\frac{1}{8}} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{\frac{1}{72}}{\frac{1}{24}} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{\frac{1}{216}}{\frac{1}{72}} = \frac{1}{3}$   
Since  $\frac{\frac{1}{24}}{\frac{1}{8}} = \frac{\frac{1}{72}}{\frac{1}{24}} = \frac{\frac{1}{216}}{\frac{1}{72}} = \dots = \frac{1}{3}$ , the given sequence is a G.P.  
with common ratio  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

#### Solution 1(iii).

Given sequence: 9, 12, 16, 24..... Now,  $\frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3}, \quad \frac{16}{12} = \frac{4}{3}, \quad \frac{24}{16} = \frac{3}{2}$ Since  $\frac{24}{8} = \frac{72}{24} \neq \frac{216}{72}$ , the given sequence is not a G.P.



**Question 2.** Find the 9th term of the series : 1, 4, 16, 64 ......

# Solution:

Given sequence: 1, 4, 16, 64..... Now,  $\frac{4}{1} = 4, \quad \frac{16}{4} = 4, \quad \frac{64}{16} = 4$ Since  $\frac{4}{1} = \frac{16}{4} = \frac{64}{16} = \dots = 4$ , the given sequence is a G.P. with first term, a = 1 and common ratio, r = 4. Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\Rightarrow t_9 = 1 \times 4^8 = 65536$ 

Question 3. Find the seventh term of the G.P. : 1,  $\sqrt{3}$ , 3,  $3\sqrt{3}$  .....

# Solution:

Given G.P.: 1,  $\sqrt{3}$ , 3,  $3\sqrt{3}$ , .... Here, First term, a = 1Common ration,  $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = \sqrt{3}$ Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\Rightarrow t_7 = 1 \times (\sqrt{3})^6 = 27$ 

# Question 4.

Find the 8<sup>th</sup> term of the sequence :  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  3, .....



Given sequence: 
$$\frac{3}{4}$$
,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 3,....  
i.e.  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ , 3, ....  
Now,  
 $\frac{3}{2}$   
 $\frac{3}{2}$  = 2,  $\frac{3}{3/2}$  = 2,  
Since  $\frac{3}{2}$  =  $\frac{3}{3/2}$  = ..... = 2, the given sequence is a G.P.  
with first term,  $a = \frac{3}{4}$  and common ratio,  $r = 2$ .  
Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow t_8 = \frac{3}{4} \times 2^7 = \frac{3}{4} \times 2 = 3 \times 2^5 = 96$ 

#### Question 5.

Find the 10<sup>th</sup> term of the G.P. :

#### Solution:

Given G.P.: 12, 4,  $1\frac{1}{3}$ ,..... Here, First term, a = 12 Common ration,  $r = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$ Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\Rightarrow t_{10} = 12 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^9 = 12 \times \frac{1}{19683} = \frac{4}{6561}$ 

**Question 6.** Find the  $n^{th}$  term of the series :





Given series: 1, 2, 4, 8, ..... Now,  $\frac{2}{1} = 2$ ,  $\frac{4}{2} = 2$ ,  $\frac{8}{4} = 2$ Since  $\frac{2}{1} = \frac{4}{2} = \frac{8}{4} = \dots = 2$ , the given sequence is a G.P. with first term, a = 1 and common ratio, r = 2. Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\Rightarrow t_n = 1 \times 2^{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$ 

# Question 7.

Find the next three terms of the sequence :

√5, 5, 5√5, .....

# Solution:

Given sequence:  $\sqrt{5}$ , 5,  $5\sqrt{5}$ ,.... Now,  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} = \sqrt{5}$ ,  $\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{5} = \sqrt{5}$ Since  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{52} = \dots = \sqrt{5}$ , the given sequence is a G.P. with first term,  $a = \sqrt{5}$  and common ratio,  $r = \sqrt{5}$ . Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$   $\therefore$  Next three terms:  $4^{th}$  term =  $\sqrt{5} \times (\sqrt{5})^3 = \sqrt{5} \times 5\sqrt{5} = 25$   $5^{th}$  term =  $\sqrt{5} \times (\sqrt{5})^4 = \sqrt{5} \times 25 = 25\sqrt{5}$  $6^{th}$  term =  $\sqrt{5} \times (\sqrt{5})^5 = \sqrt{5} \times 25\sqrt{5} = 125$ 

# Question 8.

Find the sixth term of the series :  $2^2$ ,  $2^3$ ,  $2^4$ , .....





Given sequence:  $2^2$ ,  $2^3$ ,  $2^4$ ,.... Now,  $\frac{2^3}{2^2} = 2$ ,  $\frac{2^4}{2^3} = 2$ Since  $\frac{2^3}{2^2} = \frac{2^4}{2^3} = .... = 2$ , the given sequence is a G.P. with first term,  $a = 2^2 = 4$  and common ratio, r = 2. Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\therefore t_6 = 4 \times (2)^5 = 4 \times 32 = 128$ 

### Question 9.

Find the seventh term of the G.P. : [late]\sqrt{3}+1,1, \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}[/latex], .....

### Solution:

Given G.P.:  $\sqrt{3} + 1$ , 1,  $\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}$ , ..... Here, First term,  $a = \sqrt{3} + 1$ Common ration,  $r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 1}$ Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$   $\Rightarrow t_7 = (\sqrt{3} + 1) \times (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 1})^6$   $= (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 1})^5$   $= (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1})^5$   $= (\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2})^5$  $= \frac{1}{32} (\sqrt{3} - 1)^5$ 

#### Question 10.

Find the G.P. whose first term is 64 and next term is 32.

#### Solution:

First term, a = 64  
Second term, t<sub>2</sub> = 32  

$$\Rightarrow$$
 ar = 32  
 $\Rightarrow$  64 x r = 32  
 $\Rightarrow$  r =  $\frac{32}{64} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\therefore$  Required G.P. = a, ar, ar<sup>n-1</sup>, ar<sup>n-2</sup>,.....  
= 64, 32, 64 x  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$ , 64 x  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$ , .....  
= 64, 32, 16, 8, .....

#### Question 11.

Find the next three terms of the series:

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

#### Solution:

Given sequence:  $\frac{2}{27}$ ,  $\frac{2}{9}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ , ..... Now,  $\frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{2}{27}} = 3$ ,  $\frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{9}} = 3$ Since  $\frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{2}{27}} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{9}} = \dots = 3$ , the given sequence is a G.P. with first term,  $a = \frac{2}{27}$  and common ratio, r = 3. Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\therefore$  Next three terms:





4<sup>th</sup> term = 
$$\frac{2}{27} \times (3)^3 = \frac{2}{27} \times 27 = 2$$
  
5<sup>th</sup> term =  $\frac{2}{27} \times (3)^4 = \frac{2}{27} \times 27 \times 3 = 6$   
6<sup>th</sup> term =  $\frac{2}{27} \times (3)^5 = \frac{2}{27} \times 27 \times 9 = 18$ 

# Question 12.

Find the next two terms of the series 2 - 6 + 18 - 54 .....

#### Solution:

Given series: 2-6+18-54...Now,  $\frac{-6}{2} = -3$ ,  $\frac{18}{-6} = -3$ ,  $\frac{-54}{18} = -3$ Since  $\frac{-6}{2} = \frac{18}{-6} = \frac{-54}{18} = ...$  = -3, the given sequence is a G.P. with first term, a = 2 and common ratio, r = -3. Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$   $\therefore$  Next two terms:  $5^{\text{th}}$  term =  $2 \times (-3)^4 = 2 \times 81 = 162$  $6^{\text{th}}$  term =  $2 \times (-3)^5 = 2 \times (-243) = -486$ 

# **Exercise 11B**

### Question 1.

Which term of the G.P. :

$$-10, \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{5}{6}, \dots$$
 is  $-\frac{5}{72}$ ?



For the given G.P.:  
First term, 
$$a = -10$$
  
Common ratio,  $r = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{-10} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$   
If  $-\frac{5}{72}$  is the n<sup>th</sup> term of the given G.P., then  
 $-\frac{5}{72} = ar^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{5}{72} = -10 \times \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{144} = \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}} = \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow n - 1 = 4$   
 $\Rightarrow n = 5$ 

# Question 2.

The fifth term of a G.P. is 81 and its second term is 24. Find the geometric progression.

#### Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r. 5<sup>th</sup> term = 81  $\Rightarrow$  ar<sup>4</sup> = 81 2<sup>nd</sup> term = 24  $\Rightarrow$  ar = 24 Now,  $\frac{ar^4}{ar} = \frac{81}{24}$   $\Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{27}{8}$   $\Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{2}$ ar = 24





⇒ a = 16  
∴ G.P. = a, ar, ar<sup>2</sup>, ar<sup>3</sup>, .....  
= 16, 24, 16 × 
$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$
, 16 ×  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$ , .....  
= 16, 24, 36, 54, .....

#### Question 3.

Fourth and seventh terms of a G.P. are  $\frac{1}{18}$  and  $-\frac{1}{486}$  respectively. Find the GP.

# Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r.

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \frac{1}{18} \Rightarrow ar^{3} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$7^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = -\frac{1}{486} \Rightarrow ar^{6} = -\frac{1}{486}$$
Now,  $\frac{ar^{6}}{ar^{3}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{486}}{\frac{1}{18}}$ 

$$\Rightarrow r^{3} = -\frac{1}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$ar^{3} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{3} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{27}{18} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

:: G.P. = a, ar, ar<sup>2</sup>, ar<sup>3</sup>, .....  
= 
$$-\frac{3}{2}$$
,  $-\frac{3}{2} \times \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)$ ,  $-\frac{3}{2} \times \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{18}$ , ....  
=  $-\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-\frac{1}{6}$ ,  $\frac{1}{18}$ , ....





#### Question 4.

If the first and the third terms of a G.P. are 2 and 8 respectively, find its second term.

# Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r.

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\therefore 1^{st} \text{ term} = a = 2
And, 3^{rd} \text{ term} = 8 \Rightarrow ar^{2} = 8
Now, \frac{ar^{2}}{a} = \frac{8}{2}
\Rightarrow r^{2} = 4
\Rightarrow r = \pm 2
When a = 2 and r = 2
2^{rd} \text{ term} = ar = 2 \times 2 = 4
When a = 2 and r = -2
2^{rd} \text{ term} = ar = 2 \times (-2) = -4
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# Question 5.

The product of 3rd and 8th terms of a G.P. is 243. If its 4<sup>th</sup> term is 3, find its 7<sup>th</sup> term.

# Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r. Now,  $t_3 \times t_8 = 243$   $\Rightarrow ar^2 \times ar^7 = 243$   $\Rightarrow a^2r^9 = 243$  ....(i) Also,  $t_4 = 3$   $\Rightarrow ar^3 = 3$   $\Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{r^3}$ Substituting the value of a in (i), we get  $\left(\frac{3}{r^3}\right)^2 \times r^9 = 243$ 





$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{r^6} \times r^9 = 243$$
  

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 27$$
  

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{3^3} = \frac{3}{27} = \frac{1}{9}$$
  

$$\therefore 7^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = t_7 = ar^6 = \frac{1}{9} \times (3)^6 = 81$$

#### Question 6.

Find the geometric progression with  $4^{th}$  term = 54 and  $7^{th}$  term = 1458.

### Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r.  $4^{th}$  term =  $54 \Rightarrow ar^3 = 54$   $7^{th}$  term =  $1458 \Rightarrow ar^6 = 1458$ Now,  $\frac{ar^6}{ar^3} = \frac{1458}{54}$   $\Rightarrow r^3 = 27$   $\Rightarrow r = 3$   $ar^3 = 54$   $\Rightarrow a \times (3)^3 = 54$   $\Rightarrow a = \frac{54}{27} = 2$   $\therefore$  GP. = a, ar,  $ar^2$ ,  $ar^3$ , .....  $= 2, 2 \times 3, 2 \times (3)^2, 54, .....$ = 2, 6, 18, 54, .....

### Question 7.

Second term of a geometric progression is 6 and its fifth term is 9 times of its third term. Find the geometric progression. Consider that each term of the G.P. is positive.





Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r. Now,  $2^{nd}$  term =  $t_2 = 6 \Rightarrow ar = 6$ Also,  $t_5 = 9 \times t_3$   $\Rightarrow ar^4 = 9 \times ar^2$   $\Rightarrow r^2 = 9$   $\Rightarrow r = \pm 3$ Since, each term of a G.P. is positive, we have r = 3 ar = 6  $\Rightarrow a \times 3 = 6 \Rightarrow a = 2$   $\therefore$  GP. = a, ar,  $ar^2$ ,  $ar^3$ , .....  $= 2, 6, 2 \times (3)^2, 2 \times (3)^3$ , ..... = 2, 6, 18, 54, .....

# **Question 8.**

The fourth term, the seventh term and the last term of a geometric progression are 10, 80 and 2560 respectively. Find its first term, common ratio and number of terms.

# Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r. Now,  $4^{th}$  term =  $t_4 = 10 \Rightarrow ar^3 = 10$   $7^{th}$  term =  $t_7 = 80 \Rightarrow ar^6 = 80$   $\frac{ar^6}{ar^3} = \frac{80}{10}$   $\Rightarrow r^3 = 8$   $\Rightarrow r = 2$   $ar^3 = 10$   $\Rightarrow a \times (2)^3 = 10$  $\Rightarrow a = \frac{10}{8} = \frac{5}{4}$  Last term = I = 2560 Let there be n terms in given G.P.  $\Rightarrow t_n = 2560$   $\Rightarrow ar^{n-1} = 2560$   $\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} \times (2)^{n-1} = 2560$   $\Rightarrow (2)^{n-1} = 2048$   $\Rightarrow (2)^{n-1} = (2)^{11}$   $\Rightarrow n - 1 - 11$   $\Rightarrow n = 12$ 

Thus, we have First term =  $\frac{5}{4}$ , Common ratio = 2 and Number of terms = 12

#### Question 9.

If the 4th and 9th terms of a G.P. are 54 and 13122 respectively, find the GP. Also, find its general term.

#### Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r. Now,  $4^{th}$  term =  $t_4 = 54 \Rightarrow ar^3 = 54$   $9^{th}$  term =  $t_9 = 13122 \Rightarrow ar^8 = 13122$   $\frac{ar^8}{ar^3} = \frac{13122}{54}$   $\Rightarrow r^5 = 243$   $\Rightarrow r = 3$   $ar^3 = 54$   $\Rightarrow a \times (3)^3 = 54$   $\Rightarrow a = \frac{54}{27} = 2$   $\therefore$  Required G.P. = a, ar,  $ar^2$ ,  $ar^3$ ,......  $= 2,2 \times 3, 2 \times (3)^2, 54$  = 2, 6, 18, 54General term =  $t_n = ar^{n-1} = 2 \times (3)^{n-1}$ 

#### Question 10.

The fifth, eight and eleventh terms of a geometric progression are p, q and r respectively. Show that :  $q^2 = pr$ .

#### Solution:

Let the first term of the G.P. be a and its common ratio be r.

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5<sup>th</sup> term = t_5 = p

\Rightarrow ar^4 = p

8<sup>th</sup> term = t_8 = q

\Rightarrow ar^7 = q

11<sup>th</sup> term = t_{11} = r

\Rightarrow ar^{10} = r

Now,

pr = ar^4 \times ar^{10} = a^2 \times r^{14} = (a \times r^7)^2 = q^2
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# **Exercise 11C**

### Question 1.

 $\Rightarrow q^2 = pr$ 

### Solution:

Given series: 
$$\sqrt{2}$$
, 2,  $2\sqrt{2}$ , ..., 32  
Now,  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}$   
So, the given series is a G.P. with common ratio,  $r = \sqrt{2}$   
Here, last term,  $l = 32$ 

:. 7<sup>th</sup> term from an end = 
$$\frac{1}{r^6} = \frac{32}{(\sqrt{2})^6} = \frac{32}{8} = 4$$



### Question 2.

Find the third term from the end of the GP.

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

### Solution:

Given G.P.:  $\frac{2}{27}$ ,  $\frac{2}{9}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ , ...., 162 Here, Common ratio,  $r = \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\frac{2}{27}} = 3$ Last term, l = 162 $\therefore 3^{rd}$  term from an end  $= \frac{l}{r^2} = \frac{162}{(3)^2} = \frac{162}{9} = 18$ 

# Question 3.

### Solution:

Given G.P.: 
$$\frac{1}{27}$$
,  $\frac{1}{9}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , ...., 81  
Here,  
Common ratio,  $r = \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\frac{1}{27}} = 3$   
First term,  $a = \frac{1}{27}$  and Last term,  $I = 81$   
 $\therefore 4^{\text{th}}$  term from the beginning =  $ar^3 = \frac{1}{27} \times (3)^3 = \frac{1}{27} \times 27 =$   
And,  $4^{\text{th}}$  term from an end =  $\frac{1}{r^3} = \frac{81}{(3)^3} = \frac{81}{27} = 3$ 

Thus, required product =  $1 \times 3 = 3$ 

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# Question 4.

If for a G.P.,  $p^{th}$ ,  $q^{th}$  and  $r^{th}$  terms are a, b and c respectively ; prove that :  $(q - r) \log a + (r - p) \log b + (p - q) \log c = 0$ 

### Solution:

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Let the first term of the G.P. be A and its common ratio be R.

Then,

p^{th} term = a \Rightarrow AR^{p-1} = a

q^{th} term = b \Rightarrow AR^{q-1} = b

r^{th} term = c \Rightarrow AR^{r-1} = c

Now,

a^{q-r} \times b^{r-p} \times c^{p-q} = (AR^{p-1})^{q-r} \times (AR^{q-1})^{r-p} \times (AR^{r-1})^{p-q}

= A^{q-r} \cdot R^{(p-1)(q-r)} \times A^{r-p} \cdot R^{(q-1)(r-p)} \times A^{p-q} \cdot R^{(r-1)(p-q)}

= A^{q-r+r-p+p-q} \times R^{(p-1)(q-r)+(q-1)(r-p)+(r-1)(p-q)}

= A^{0} \times R^{0}

= 1

Taking log on both the sides, we get

log(a^{q-r} \times b^{r-p} \times c^{p-q}) = log 1

\Rightarrow (q-r)log a + (r-p)log b + (p-q)log c = 0 \dots (proved)
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# Question 5.

If a, b and c in G.P., prove that : log  $a^n$ , log  $b^n$  and log  $c^n$  are in A.P.

# Solution:

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Here, a, b, c are in G.P.

\Rightarrow b^2 = ac

Taking log on both sides, we get

\log (b^2) = \log (ac)

\Rightarrow 2\log b = \log a + \log c

\Rightarrow \log b + \log b = \log a + \log c

\Rightarrow \log b - \log a = \log c - \log b

\Rightarrow \log a, \log b and \log c are in A.P.
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#### Question 6.

If each term of a G.P. is raised to the power x, show that the resulting sequence is also a G.P.

# Solution:

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$  be a G.P. with common ratio r.  $\Rightarrow \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = r \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$ If each term of a G.P. is raised to the power x, we get the sequence  $a_1^{\times}, a_2^{\times}, a_3^{\times}, \dots, a_n^{\times}, \dots$ Now,  $\frac{(a_{n+1})^{\times}}{(a_n)^{\times}} = \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right)^{\times} = r^{\times}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ Hence,  $a_1^{\times}, a_2^{\times}, a_3^{\times}, \dots, a_n^{\times}, \dots$  is also a G.P.

# Question 7.

If a, b and c are in A.P. a, x, b are in G.P. whereas b, y and c are also in G.P. Show that :  $x^2$ ,  $b^2$ ,  $y^2$  are in A.P.

### Solution:

a, b and c are in A.P.  

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c$$
a, x and b are in G.P.  

$$\Rightarrow x^{2} = ab$$
b, y and c are in G.P.  

$$\Rightarrow y^{2} = bc$$
Now,  

$$x^{2} + y^{2} = ab + bc$$

$$= b(a + c)$$

$$= b \times 2b$$

$$= 2b^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2}, b^{2} \text{ and } y^{2} \text{ are in A.P.}$$

# Question 8.

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

# Solution 8(i).

a, b and c are in G.P.  

$$\Rightarrow b^{2} = ac$$
a, x, b, y and c are in A.P.  

$$\Rightarrow 2x = a + b \Rightarrow x = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

$$2b = x + y \Rightarrow b = \frac{x + y}{2}$$

$$2y = b + c \Rightarrow y = \frac{b + c}{2}$$
Now,

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{2}{a+b} + \frac{2}{b+c}$$
$$= \frac{2b+2c+2a+2b}{ab+ac+b^2+bc}$$
$$= \frac{2a+2c+4b}{ab+b^2+b^2+bc}$$
$$= \frac{2a+2c+4b}{ab+2b^2+bc}$$
$$= \frac{2(a+c+2b)}{b(a+2b+c)}$$
$$= \frac{2}{b}$$

# Solution 8(ii).

a, b and c are in G.P.  

$$\Rightarrow b^{2} = ac$$
a, x, b, y and c are in A.P.  

$$\Rightarrow 2x = a + b \Rightarrow x = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

$$2b = x + y \Rightarrow b = \frac{x + y}{2}$$

$$2y = b + c \Rightarrow y = \frac{b + c}{2}$$



Now,

$$\frac{a}{x} + \frac{c}{y} = \frac{2a}{a+b} + \frac{2c}{b+c}$$
$$= \frac{2a(b+c) + 2c(a+b)}{(a+b)(b+c)}$$
$$= \frac{2ab + 2ac + 2ac + 2bc}{ab + ac + b^2 + bc}$$
$$= \frac{2ab + 4ac + 2bc}{ab + b^2 + b^2 + bc}$$
$$= \frac{2(ab + 2ac + bc)}{ab + 2b^2 + bc}$$
$$= \frac{2(ab + 2ac + bc)}{ab + 2ac + bc}$$
$$= \frac{2(ab + 2ac + bc)}{ab + 2ac + bc}$$
$$= 2$$

**Question 9.** If a, b and c are in A.P. and also in G.P., show that: a = b = c.

#### Solution:

a, b and c are in A.P.  

$$\Rightarrow 2b = a + c$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{a + c}{2}$$
a, b and c are also in G.P.  

$$\Rightarrow b^{2} = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a + c}{2}\right)^{2} = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{2} + c^{2} + 2ac}{4} = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} + c^{2} + 2ac = 4ac$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} + c^{2} - 2ac = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - c)^{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = a$$
Thus, we have  $a = b = c$ 





# Question 10.

The first term of a G.P. is a and its n<sup>th</sup> term is b, where n is an even number. If the product of first n numbers of this G.P. is P ; prove that :  $p^2 - (ab)^n$ .

#### Solution:

For a G.P.,  
First term = a  
Let the common ratio = r  
n<sup>th</sup> term = b  

$$\Rightarrow ar^{n-1} = b$$
  
P = Product of first n numbers of the given G.P.  
 $\Rightarrow P = a \times ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times ar^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = a \times ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = a \times ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = a \times ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = (ab) \times (ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}) \times (ar^2 \times ar^2 \times ar^2 \times ar^{n-1}) \times (ar^2 \times ar^2 \times ar^{n-1}) \times ar^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = (ab) \times (ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}) \times ar^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = (ab) \times (ar \times ar^2 \times ar^3 \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}) \times ar^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = (ab) \times (ab) \times (ab) \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = (ab) \times (ab) \times (ab) \times \dots \times xr^{n-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = (ab)^{\frac{n}{2}}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = \sqrt{ab^n}$   
 $\Rightarrow p^2 = ab^n$ 

### Question 11.

If a, b, c and d are consecutive terms of a G.P. ; prove that :  $(a^2+b^2),\,(b^2+c^2)$  and  $(c^2+d^2)$  are in GP.





Let r be the common ratio of this G.P.  
Given: a, b, c, d are in G.P.  

$$\Rightarrow 1^{st} = a,$$

$$2^{nd} \text{ term } = b = ar,$$

$$3^{rd} \text{ term } = c = ar^{2}$$

$$4^{th} \text{ term } = d = ar^{3}$$
Now,  $(b^{2} + c^{2})^{2} = [(ar)^{2} + (ar^{2})^{2}]^{2}$ 

$$= [a^{2}r^{2} + a^{2}r^{4}]^{2}$$

$$= [a^{2}r^{2}(1+r^{2})]^{2}$$

$$= a^{4}r^{4}(1+r^{2})^{2}$$
And,  $(a^{2} + b^{2}) \times (c^{2} + d^{2}) = [a^{2} + (ar)^{2}] \times [(ar^{2})^{2} + (ar^{3})^{2}]$ 

$$= [a^{2} + a^{2}r^{2}] \times [a^{2}r^{4} + a^{2}r^{6}]$$

$$= a^{2}(1+r^{2}) \times a^{2}r^{4}(1+r^{2})$$

$$= a^{4}r^{4}(1+r^{2})^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b^{2} + c^{2})^{2} = (a^{2} + b^{2}) \times (c^{2} + d^{2})$$
i.e.  $\frac{b^{2} + c^{2}}{a^{2} + b^{2}} = \frac{c^{2} + d^{2}}{b^{2} + c^{2}}$ 
Hence,  $(a^{2} + b^{2}), (b^{2} + c^{2})$  and  $(c^{2} + d^{2})$  are in G.P.

# **Question 12.** If a, b, c and d are consecutive terms of a G.P. To prove:

$$\frac{1}{a^2+b^2}$$
,  $\frac{1}{b^2+c^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{c^2+d^2}$  are in G.P.



Let r be the common ratio of this G.P. Given : a, b, c, d are in G.P.  $\Rightarrow 1^{st} = a_{i}$  $2^{nd}$  term = b = ar.  $3^{rd}$  term = c = ar<sup>2</sup>  $4^{\text{th}}$  term = d =  $ar^3$ Now,  $\left(\frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}\right)^2 = \left[\frac{1}{(ar)^2 + (ar^2)^2}\right]^2$  $=\left[\frac{1}{2^{2}r^{2}+2^{2}r^{4}}\right]^{2}$  $=\frac{1}{a^4r^4}\left[\frac{1}{1+r^2}\right]^2$  $=\frac{1}{a^4r^4} \times \frac{1}{(1+r^2)^2}$ And,  $\left(\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}\right) = \left[\frac{1}{a^2 + (ar)^2}\right] \times \left[\frac{1}{(ar^2)^2 + (ar^3)^2}\right]$  $=\left[\frac{1}{a^2+a^2r^2}\right] \times \left[\frac{1}{a^2r^4+a^2r^6}\right]$  $=\frac{1}{a^2}\left(\frac{1}{1+r^2}\right)\times\frac{1}{a^2r^4}\left(\frac{1}{1+r^2}\right)$  $=\frac{1}{a^4r^4} \times \frac{1}{(1+r^2)^2}$  $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}\right)$ Hence,  $\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{b^2 + c^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{c^2 + d^2}$  are in G.P.

# **Exercise 11D**

### Question 1.

Find the sum of G.P. : (i) 1 + 3 + 9 + 27 + ...... to 12 terms. (ii) 0.3 + 0.03 + 0.003 + 0.0003 + ..... to 8 terms.



(*iii*) 
$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$
 to 9 terms.  
(*iv*)  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots$  to *n* terms.  
(*v*)  $\frac{x+y}{x-y} + 1 + \frac{x-y}{x+y} + \dots$  upto *n* terms.  
(*vi*)  $\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots$  to *n* terms.

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#### Solution 1(i).

 $\sqrt{3}$ 

Given GP.: 1+3+9+27+...Here, first term, a = 1common ratio,  $r = \frac{3}{1} = 3$  (r > 1) number of terms to be added, n = 12  $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$  $\Rightarrow S_{12} = \frac{1(3^{12} - 1)}{3 - 1} = \frac{3^{12} - 1}{2} = \frac{531441 - 1}{2} = \frac{531440}{2} = 265720$ 

#### Solution 1(ii).

Given G.P.: 0.3 + 0.03 + 0.003 + 0.003 + ...Here, first term, a = 0.3common ratio,  $r = \frac{0.03}{0.3} = 0.1 (r < 1)$ number of terms to be added, n = 8  $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$  $\Rightarrow S_8 = \frac{0.3(1 - (0.1)^8)}{1 - 0.1} = \frac{0.3(1 - (0.1)^8)}{0.9} = \frac{1 - (0.1)^8}{3} = \frac{1}{3}(1 - \frac{1}{10^8})$ 

Solution 1(iii).

Given G.P.:  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$ Here, first term, a = 1 common ratio,  $r = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{2}(r < 1)$ number of terms to be added, n = 9 $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$  $\Rightarrow S_8 = \frac{1\left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^9\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}$  $=\frac{1-\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{9}}{1+\frac{1}{2}}$  $=\frac{1+\frac{1}{2^9}}{\frac{3}{5}}$  $=\frac{2}{3}\left(1+\frac{1}{2^9}\right)$  $=\frac{2}{3}\left(1+\frac{1}{512}\right)$  $=\frac{2}{3}\times\frac{513}{512}$  $=\frac{171}{256}$ 





# Solution 1(iv).

Given G.P.:  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots$  upto n terms Here, first term, a = 1 common ratio,  $r = \frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3}} = -\frac{1}{3}(r < 1)$ number of terms to be added = n  $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$  $\Rightarrow S_{n} = \frac{1\left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n}\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}$  $=\frac{1\left(1-\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n\right)}{1+\frac{1}{2}}$  $=\frac{\left\lfloor 1-\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n\right\rfloor}{\frac{4}{3}}$  $=\frac{3}{4}\left[1-\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n}\right]$ 





# Solution 1(v).

Given G.P.:  $\frac{x+y}{x-y} + 1 + \frac{x-y}{x+y} + \dots$  upto n terms

Here,

first term,  $a = \frac{x + y}{x - y}$ common ratio,  $r = \frac{1}{\frac{x + y}{x - y}} = \frac{x - y}{x + y}$  (r < 1) number of terms to be added = n

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

$$\Rightarrow S_{n} = \frac{\frac{x+y}{x-y}\left(1-\left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right)^{n}\right)}{1-\left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{x+y}{x-y}\left(1-\left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right)^{n}\right)}{\frac{x+y-x+y}{x+y}}$$

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

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





### Solution 1(vi).

Given G.P.:  $\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} + \dots$  upto n terms Here, first term,  $a = \sqrt{3}$ common ratio,  $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{3}$  (r < 1) number of terms to be added = n  $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$   $\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{\sqrt{3}\left(1-\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n\right)}{1-\frac{1}{3}}$   $= \frac{\sqrt{3}\left(1-\frac{1}{3^n}\right)}{\frac{2}{3}}$  $= \frac{3\sqrt{3}\left(1-\frac{1}{3^n}\right)}{2}$ 

### Question 2.

How many terms of the geometric progression 1+4 + 16 + 64 + ...... must be added to get sum equal to 5461?

### Solution:

Given G.P.:  $1 + 4 + 16 + 64 + \dots$ Here, first term, a = 1common ratio,  $r = \frac{4}{1} = 4$  (r > 1) Let the number of terms to be added = n Then,  $S_n = 5461$  $\Rightarrow \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = 5461$ 





$$\Rightarrow \frac{1(4^{n} - 1)}{4 - 1} = 5461$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4^{n} - 1}{3} = 5461$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 4^{n} - 1 = 16383$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 4^{n} = 16384$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 4^{n} = 4^{7}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow n = 7$$
  
Hence, required number of terms = 7

### Question 3.

The first term of a G.P. is 27 and its 8<sup>th</sup> term is  $\frac{1}{81}$ . Find the sum of its first 10 terms.

### Solution:

Given, First term, a = 27 8<sup>th</sup> term = ar<sup>7</sup> =  $\frac{1}{81}$ n = 10 Now,  $\frac{ar^7}{a} = \frac{\frac{1}{81}}{27}$   $\Rightarrow r^7 = \frac{1}{2187}$   $\Rightarrow r^7 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7$   $\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{3}(r < 1)$   $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$   $\Rightarrow S_{10} = \frac{27\left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{10}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$   $= \frac{27\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^{10}}\right)}{\frac{2}{3}}$  $\frac{81}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^{10}}\right)$ 





### Question 4.

A boy spends ₹ 10 on first day, ₹ 20 on second day, ₹ 40 on third day and so on. Find how much, in all, will he spend in 12 days?

### Solution:

Amount spent on 1<sup>st</sup> day = Rs. 10 Amount spent on 2<sup>nd</sup> day = Rs. 20 Amount spent on 3<sup>rd</sup> day = Rs. 40 and so on Now,  $\frac{20}{10} = 2$ ,  $\frac{40}{20} = 2$ , Thus, 10, 20, 40, ..... is a G.P. with first term, a = 10 and common ratio, r = 2 (r > 1)  $\therefore$  Total amount spent in 12 days = S<sub>12</sub> S<sub>n</sub> =  $\frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$  $\Rightarrow$  S<sub>12</sub> =  $\frac{10(2^{12} - 1)}{2 - 1} = 10(2^{12} - 1) = 10(4096 - 1) = 10 \times 4095 = 40950$ 

Hence, the total amount spent in 12 days is Rs. 40950.

# Question 5.

The 4th and the 7th terms of a G.P. are  $\frac{1}{27}$  and  $\frac{1}{729}$  respectively. Find the sum of n terms of this G.P.

### Solution:

For a G.P.,  

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \text{ar}^3 = \frac{1}{27}$$
  
 $7^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \text{ar}^6 = \frac{1}{729}$   
Now,  $\frac{\text{ar}^6}{\text{ar}^3} = \frac{\frac{1}{729}}{\frac{1}{27}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{r}^3 = \frac{1}{27} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$ 







#### Question 6.

A geometric progression has common ratio = 3 and last term = 486. If the sum of its terms is 728; find its first term.

### Solution:

For a G.P.,  
Common ratio, 
$$r = 3$$
 ( $r > 1$ )  
Last term,  $l = 486$   
 $S = 728$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{lr - a}{r - 1} = 728$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{486 \times 3 - a}{3 - 1} = 728$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1458 - a}{2} = 728$   
 $\Rightarrow 1458 - a = 1456$   
Hence, the first term is 2.

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#### Question 7.

Find the sum of G.P. : 3, 6, 12, ..... 1536.

### Solution:

Given G.P.: 3, 6, 12, ....., 1536 Here, First term, a = 3 Common ratio,  $r = \frac{6}{3} = 2$  (r > 1) Last term, l = 1536  $\therefore$  Required sum =  $\frac{lr - a}{r - 1}$   $= \frac{1536 \times 2 - 3}{2 - 1}$  = 3072 - 3= 3069

#### Question 8.

How many terms of the series 2 + 6 + 18 + ..... must be taken to make the sum equal to 728 ?

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### Solution:

Given series: 2+6+18+...Now,  $\frac{6}{2} = 3$ ,  $\frac{18}{6} = 3$ Thus, given series is a G.P. with first term, a = 2and common ratio, r = 3 (r > 1) Let the number of terms to be added = n Then,  $S_n = 728$   $\Rightarrow \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = 728$   $\Rightarrow \frac{2(3^n - 1)}{3 - 1} = 728$   $\Rightarrow 3^n - 1 = 728$   $\Rightarrow 3^n = 729$   $\Rightarrow 3^n = 3^6$   $\Rightarrow n = 6$ Hence, required number of terms = 6

#### Question 9.

In a G.P., the ratio between the sum of first three terms and that of the first six terms is 125 : 152.

Find its common ratio.

# Solution:

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

Now, sum of first three terms =  $S_3 = \frac{a(r^3 - 1)}{r - 1}$ Now, sum of first six terms =  $S_6 = \frac{a(r^6 - 1)}{r - 1}$ It is given that  $\frac{\frac{a(r^3-1)}{r-1}}{\frac{a(r^6-1)}{r-1}} = \frac{125}{152}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{r^3 - 1}{r^6 - 1} = \frac{125}{152}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{r^{3} - 1}{\left(r^{3}\right)^{2} - \left(1\right)^{2}} = \frac{125}{152}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{r^3 - 1}{(r^3 - 1)(r^3 + 1)} = \frac{125}{152}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r^3 + 1} = \frac{125}{152}$  $\Rightarrow r^3 + 1 = \frac{152}{125}$  $\Rightarrow r^{3} = \frac{152}{125} - 1 = \frac{152 - 125}{125} = \frac{27}{125}$  $\Rightarrow$  r<sup>3</sup> =  $\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^3$  $\Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{5}$ Hence, the common ratio is  $\frac{3}{5}$ .



#### Question 10.

Find how many terms of G.P.  $\frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$  ..... must be added to get the sum equal to  $\frac{55}{72}$ ?

#### Solution:

Given G.P.:  $\frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$ ..... Here, First term,  $a = \frac{2}{a}$ Common ratio,  $r = \frac{-1/3}{2/3} = -\frac{3}{2} < 1$ Let required number of terms be n.  $\Rightarrow$  S<sub>n</sub> =  $\frac{55}{72}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{a(1-r^{n})}{1-r} = \frac{55}{72}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{2}{9}\left(1 - \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)} = \frac{55}{72}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{2}{9}\left(1 - \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n\right)}{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{55}{72}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{2}{9} \left( 1 - \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n \right) = \frac{55}{72} \times \frac{5}{2}$  $\Rightarrow 1 - \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n = \frac{55}{72} \times \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{9}{2}$  $\Rightarrow 1 - \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n = \frac{275}{32}$  $\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{275}{32} = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n$  $\Rightarrow -\frac{243}{32} = \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^n$  $\Rightarrow \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^5 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$ ⇒n=5 :. Required number of terms = 5





**Question 11.** If the sum  $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$  is 255, find the value of n.

# Solution:

Required series:  $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$ Now,  $\frac{2}{1} = 2$ ,  $\frac{2^2}{2} = 2$ Thus, given series is a G.P. with first term, a = 1common ratio, r = 2 (r > 1)Last term, I = 2<sup>n-1</sup> Let there be n terms in the series. Then, S<sub>n</sub> = 255  $\Rightarrow \frac{|r-a|}{|r-1|} = 255$  $\Rightarrow \frac{2^{n-1} \times 2 - 1}{2 - 1} = 255$  $\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} \times 2 - 1 = 255$  $\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} \times 2 = 256$  $\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 128$  $\Rightarrow 2^{n-1} = 2^7$  $\Rightarrow$  n – 1 = 7 ⇒n=8

# Question 12.

Find the geometric mean between :

(i)  $\frac{4}{9}$  and  $\frac{9}{4}$ (ii) 14 and  $\frac{7}{32}$ (iii) 2a and 8a<sup>3</sup>

# Solution 12(i).

Geometric mean between  $\frac{4}{9}$  and  $\frac{9}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} \times \frac{9}{4}} = \sqrt{1} = 1$ 

# Solution 12(ii).

Geometric mean between 14 and 
$$\frac{7}{32} = \sqrt{14 \times \frac{7}{32}} = \sqrt{\frac{49}{16}} = \frac{7}{4} = 1\frac{3}{4}$$



#### Solution 12(iii).

Geometric mean between 2a and 8a<sup>3</sup> =  $\sqrt{2a \times 8a^3} = \sqrt{16 \times a^4} = 4a^2$ 

#### Question 13.

The sum of three numbers in G.P. is  $\frac{39}{10}$  and their product is 1. Find the numbers.

### Solution:

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Let the numbers be \frac{a}{r}, a and ar.
\Rightarrow \frac{a}{r} \times a \times ar = 1
\Rightarrow a^3 = 1
 ⇒a=1
Now, \frac{a}{r} + a + ar = \frac{39}{10}
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} + 1 + r = \frac{39}{10}
\Rightarrow \frac{1+r+r^2}{r} = \frac{39}{10}
\Rightarrow 10 + 10r + 10r^2 = 39r
 \Rightarrow 10r^2 - 29r + 10 = 0
 \Rightarrow 10r^2 - 25r - 4r + 10 = 0
 \Rightarrow 5r(2r - 5) - 2(2r - 5) = 0
\Rightarrow (2r-5)(5r-2) = 0
\Rightarrowr = \frac{5}{2} or r = \frac{2}{5}
Thus, required terms are:
\frac{a}{r}, a, ar = \frac{1}{57}, 1, 1×\frac{5}{2} OR \frac{1}{27}, 1, 1×\frac{2}{5}
               =\frac{2}{5}, 1, \frac{5}{2} OR \frac{5}{2}, 1, \frac{2}{5}
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### Question 14.

The first term of a G.P. is -3 and the square of the second term is equal to its  $4^{th}$  term. Find its  $7^{th}$  term.

### Solution:





For a G.P.,  
First term, 
$$a = -3$$
  
It is given that,  
 $(2^{nd} \text{ term})^2 = 4^{th} \text{ term}$   
 $\Rightarrow (ar)^2 = ar^3$   
 $\Rightarrow a^2r^2 = ar^3$   
 $\Rightarrow a = r$   
 $\Rightarrow r = -3$   
Now,  $7^{th} \text{ term} = ar^6 = -3 \times (-3)^6 = -3 \times 729 = -2187$ 

#### Question 15.

Find the 5<sup>th</sup> term of the G.P.  $\frac{5}{2}$ , 1, ....

#### Solution:

First term (a) =  $\frac{5}{2}$ And, common ratio (r) =  $\frac{1}{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{2}{5}$ Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$  $\Rightarrow 5^{\text{th}}$  term =  $t_5 = \frac{5}{2} \times \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{5-1} = \frac{5}{2} \times \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 = \frac{8}{125}$ 

#### Question 16.

The first two terms of a G.P. are 125 and 25 respectively. Find the 5th and the 6th terms of the G.P.

### Solution:

First term (a) = 125 And, common ratio (r) =  $\frac{25}{125} = \frac{1}{5}$ Now,  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$   $\Rightarrow 5^{\text{th}}$  term =  $t_5 = 125 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{5-1} = 125 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^4 = 125 \times \frac{1}{625} = \frac{1}{5}$  $\Rightarrow 6^{\text{th}}$  term =  $t_6 = 125 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{6-1} = 125 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^5 = 125 \times \frac{1}{3125} = \frac{1}{25}$ 

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# Question 17.

Find the sum of the sequence  $-\frac{1}{3}$ , 1, – 3, 9, ..... upto 8 terms.

### Solution:

Here,

$$\frac{1}{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{-3}{1} = \frac{9}{-3} = -3$$

first term (a) =  $-\frac{1}{3}$  and common ratio (r) = -3 (r < 1). Thus, the given sequence is a G.P. with

Number of terms to be added, n = 8

$$\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$
$$\Rightarrow S_s = \frac{-\frac{1}{3}(1-(-3)^s)}{1+3} = \frac{-1+3^s}{12} = \frac{1}{12}(3^s-1)$$

# Question 18.

The first term of a G.P. in 27. If the 8th term be  $\frac{1}{81}$ , what will be the sum of 10 terms ?

# Solution:

Given,  
First term, 
$$a = 27$$
  
 $8^{th}$  term  $= ar^7 = \frac{1}{81}$   
 $n = 10$   
Now,  
 $\frac{ar^7}{a} = \frac{\frac{1}{81}}{\frac{27}{27}}$   
 $\Rightarrow r^7 = \frac{1}{2187}$   
 $\Rightarrow r^7 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7$   
 $\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{3}(r < 1)$   
 $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$ 





$$\Rightarrow S_{10} = \frac{27\left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{10}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$$
$$= \frac{27\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^{10}}\right)}{\frac{2}{3}}$$
$$= \frac{81}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3^{10}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{81}{2}(1 - 3^{-10})$$

#### Question 19.

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

#### Solution:

Let the five terms of the given G.P. be

$$\frac{a}{r^{2}}, \frac{a}{r}, a, ar, ar^{2}$$
Given, sum of first two terms = -4
$$\frac{a}{r^{2}} + \frac{a}{r} = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a + ar}{r^{2}} = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ar = -4r^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(1 + r) = -4r^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(1 + r) = -4r^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{4r^{2}}{1 + r}$$
And, 5<sup>th</sup> term = 4(3<sup>rd</sup> term)
$$\Rightarrow ar^{2} = 4(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{2} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \pm 2$$
When r = +2,
$$a = -\frac{4(2)^{2}}{1 + 2} = -\frac{16}{3}$$



When r = -2,

$$a = -\frac{4(-2)^2}{1-2} = 16$$

Thus, the required terms are  $\frac{a}{r^2}$ ,  $\frac{a}{r}$ , a, ar, ar<sup>2</sup>.

i.e. 
$$\frac{-\frac{16}{3}}{4}, \frac{-\frac{16}{3}}{2}, -\frac{16}{3}, -\frac{16}{3} \times 2, -\frac{16}{3} \times 4$$
 OR  $\frac{16}{4}, \frac{16}{-2}, 16, 16(-2), 16 \times 4$   
i.e.  $-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{8}{3}, -\frac{16}{3}, -\frac{32}{3}, -\frac{64}{3}$  OR 4, -8, 16, -32, 64

# **Additional Questions**

#### Question 1.

Find the sum of n terms of the series : (i) 4 + 44 + 444 + ...... (ii) 0.8 + 0.88 + 0.888 + .....

#### Solution 1(i).

Required sum = 4+ 44+ 444 + ..... upton terms  
= 4(1+11+111+.... upton terms)  
= 
$$\frac{4}{9}(9+99+999+.....upton terms)$$
  
=  $\frac{4}{9}[(10-1)+(100-1)+(1000-1)+.....upton terms]$   
=  $\frac{4}{9}[(10+10^2+10^3+.....upton terms)]$   
=  $\frac{4}{9}[\frac{10(10^6-1)}{10-1}-n]$   
=  $\frac{4}{9}[\frac{10(10^6-1)}{10-1}-n]$ 

# Solution 1(ii).

Required sum = 0.8 + 0.88 + 0.888 + ...... upton terms  
= 8(0.1 + 0.11 + 0.111 + ...... upton terms)  
= 
$$\frac{8}{9}(0.9 + 0.99 + 0.999 + .......upton terms)$$
  
=  $\frac{8}{9}[(1 - 0.1) + (1 - 0.01) + (1 - 0.001) + ...... upton terms]$   
=  $\frac{8}{9}[(1 + 1 + 1 + ......upton terms) - (0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 + ......upton terms)]$   
=  $\frac{8}{9}[(1 + 1 + 1 + ......upton terms) - (0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 + ......upton terms)]$   
=  $\frac{8}{9}[(1 + 1 + 1 + ......upton terms) - (0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 + .....upton terms)]$   
=  $\frac{8}{9}[(1 + 1 + 1 + ......upton terms) - (\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + .....upton terms)]$   
=  $\frac{8}{9}[n - \frac{\frac{1}{10}(1 - \frac{1}{10^n})}{1 - \frac{1}{10}}]$  [ $\because r = \frac{1}{10} < 1$ ]  
=  $\frac{8}{9}[n - \frac{10}{9} \times \frac{1}{10}(1 - \frac{1}{10^n})]$   
=  $\frac{8}{9}[n - \frac{10}{9} \times \frac{1}{10}(1 - \frac{1}{10^n})]$ 

#### Question 2.

Find the sum of infinite terms of each of the following geometric progression:

(i) 
$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots$$
  
(ii)  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$   
(iii)  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots$   
(iv)  $\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} + \dots$   
(v)  $\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{9\sqrt{3}} + \dots$ 



# Solution 2(i).

Given G.P.: 
$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots$$
  
Here,  
First term,  $a = 1$   
Common ratio,  $r = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1} = \frac{1}{3} \left( |\mathbf{r}| = \left| \frac{1}{3} \right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \right)$   
 $\therefore$  Required sum  $= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2}$ 

# Solution 2(ii).

Given G.P.:  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$ Here, First term, a = 1Common ratio,  $r = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{1} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \left| r \right| = \left| -\frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \right)$  $\therefore$  Required sum =  $\frac{a}{1 - r} = \frac{1}{1 - \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$ 

#### Solution 2(iii).

Given GP.: 
$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots$$
  
Here,  
First term,  $a = \frac{1}{3}$   
Common ratio,  $r = \frac{\frac{1}{3^2}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \left( |r| = \left| \frac{1}{3} \right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \right)$   
 $\therefore$  Required sum  $= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{2}$ 



# Solution 2(iv).

Given GP.: 
$$\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} + \dots$$
  
Here,  
First term,  $a = \sqrt{2}$   
Common ratio,  $r = \frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( |r| = \left| -\frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \right)$   
 $\therefore$  Required sum  $= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1-\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$ 

# Solution 2(v).

Given G.P.: 
$$\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{9\sqrt{3}} + \dots$$
  
Here,  
First term,  $a = \sqrt{3}$   
Common ratio,  $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \left( |r| = \left| \frac{1}{3} \right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \right)$   
 $\therefore$  Required sum  $= \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ 

#### **Question 3**.

The second term of a G.P. is 9 and sum of its infinite terms is 48. Find its first three terms.

#### Solution:

Let a be the first term and r be the common ratio of a G.P.  $2^{nd}$  term,  $t_2 = ar = 9$   $\Rightarrow r = \frac{9}{a}$ Sum of its infinite terms, S = 48  $\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r} = 48$ 





$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1 - \frac{9}{a}} = 48$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{2}}{a - 9} = 48$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} = 48a - 432$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} - 48a + 432 = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} - 36a - 12a + 432 = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a(a - 36) - 12(a - 36) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow (a - 36)(a - 12) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a = 36 \text{ or } a = 12$$
  
When  $a = 36$ ,  $r = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}$   

$$\Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = 36$$
,  
 $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term} = ar = 36 \times \frac{1}{4} = 9$   
 $3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term} = ar^{2} = 36 \times \frac{1}{16} = \frac{9}{4}$   
When  $a = 12$ ,  $r = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$   

$$\Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = 12$$
,  
 $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term} = ar = 12 \times \frac{3}{4} = 9$   
 $3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term} = ar^{2} = 12 \times \frac{9}{16} = \frac{27}{4}$ 

# Question 4.

Find three geometric means between  $\frac{1}{3}$  and 432.

# Solution:





Let  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$  be three geometric means between  $a = \frac{1}{3}$  and b = 432. Then,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ , 432 is a G.P. Thus, we have First term =  $a = \frac{1}{3}$ 5<sup>th</sup> term of the G.P. =  $ar^4 = 432$   $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \times r^4 = 432$   $\Rightarrow r^4 = 1296$   $\Rightarrow r^4 = 6^4$   $\Rightarrow r = 6$   $\therefore G_1 = ar = \frac{1}{3} \times 6 = 2$   $G_2 = ar^2 = \frac{1}{3} \times 6 \times 6 = 12$  $G_3 = ar^3 = \frac{1}{3} \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 = 72$ 

#### Question 5.

Find : (i) two geometric means between 2 and 16 (ii) four geometric means between 3 and 96. (iii) five geometric means between  $3\frac{5}{9}$  and  $40\frac{1}{2}$ 

#### Solution 5(i).

Let  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$  be two geometric means between a = 2 and b = 16. Then, 2,  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ , 16 is a G.P. Thus, we have First term = a = 2  $4^{th}$  term of the G.P. =  $ar^3 = 16$   $\Rightarrow 2 \times r^3 = 16$   $\Rightarrow r^3 = 8$   $\Rightarrow r^3 = 2^3$   $\Rightarrow r = 2$   $\therefore G_1 = ar = 2 \times 2 = 4$  $G_2 = ar^2 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$ 

#### Solution 5(ii).

Let  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ ,  $G_4$  be four geometric means between a = 3 and b = 96. Then, 3,  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ ,  $G_4$ , 96 is a G.P. Thus, we have First term = a = 3  $6^{th}$  term of the G.P. =  $ar^5 = 96$   $\Rightarrow 3 \times r^5 = 96$   $\Rightarrow r^5 = 32$   $\Rightarrow r^5 = 2^5$   $\Rightarrow r = 2$   $\therefore G_1 = ar = 3 \times 2 = 6$   $G_2 = ar^2 = 3 \times 4 = 12$   $G_3 = ar^3 = 3 \times 8 = 24$  $G_4 = ar^4 = 3 \times 16 = 48$ 

### Solution 5(iii).

Let  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ ,  $G_4$ ,  $G_5$  be five geometric means between  $a = 3\frac{5}{9} = \frac{32}{9}$  and  $b = 40\frac{1}{2} = \frac{81}{2}$ . Then,  $\frac{32}{9}$ ,  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ ,  $G_4$ ,  $G_5$ ,  $\frac{81}{2}$  is a G.P. Thus, we have First term =  $a = \frac{32}{9}$   $7^{th}$  term of the G.P. =  $ar^6 = \frac{81}{2}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{32}{9} \times r^6 = \frac{81}{2}$   $\Rightarrow r^6 = \frac{81}{2} \times \frac{9}{32}$   $\Rightarrow r^6 = \frac{729}{64}$   $\Rightarrow r^6 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6$  $\Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{2}$ 

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$$G_{1} = ar = \frac{32}{9} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$G_{2} = ar^{2} = \frac{32}{9} \times \frac{9}{4} = 8$$

$$G_{3} = ar^{3} = \frac{32}{9} \times \frac{27}{8} = 12$$

$$G_{4} = ar^{4} = \frac{32}{9} \times \frac{81}{16} = 18$$

$$G_{5} = ar^{5} = \frac{32}{9} \times \frac{243}{32} = 27$$

# Question 6.

The sum of three numbers in G.P. is  $\frac{39}{10}$  and their product is 1. Find the numbers.

# Solution:

Sum of three numbers in G.P. =  $\frac{39}{10}$  and their product = 1

Let number be  $\frac{a}{r}$ , a, ar, then

$$\frac{a}{r} \times a \times ar = 1 \Rightarrow a^3 = 1 = (1)^3$$
  

$$\therefore a = 1$$
  
and  $\frac{a}{r} + a + ar = \frac{39}{10}$   

$$\Rightarrow a\left(\frac{1}{r} + 1 + r\right) = \frac{39}{10}$$
  

$$\frac{1}{r} + 1 + r = \frac{39}{10} \times 1 = \frac{39}{10}$$
  

$$r + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{39}{10} - 1 = \frac{39 - 10}{10} = \frac{29}{10}$$
  

$$r^2 + 1 = \frac{29}{10}r$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 10r^{2} - 4r - 25r + 10 = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 2r(5r - 2) - 5(5r - 2) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow (5r - 2) (2r - 5) = 0$$
  
Either  $5r - 2 = 0$ , then  $r = \frac{2}{5}$   
or  $2r - 5 = 0$ , then  $r = \frac{5}{2}$   
 $\therefore$  Numbers are  $\frac{2}{5}$ , 1,  $\frac{4}{25}$ , or  $\frac{5}{2}$ , 1,  $\frac{25}{4}$ 

#### Question 7.

Find the numbers in G.P. whose sum is 52 and the sum of whose product in pairs is 624.

#### Solution:

Let the numbers be a, ar and ar<sup>2</sup>.  $\Rightarrow a + ar + ar<sup>2</sup> = 52 \qquad \dots(i)$ And,  $(a \times ar) + (ar \times ar<sup>2</sup>) + (ar<sup>2</sup> \times a) = 624$   $\Rightarrow ar(a + ar<sup>2</sup> + ar) = 624$   $\Rightarrow ar(a + ar<sup>2</sup> + ar) = 624$   $\Rightarrow ar \times 52 = 624 \qquad \dots[From (i)]$   $\Rightarrow ar = 12$   $\Rightarrow a = \frac{12}{r}$ Substituting in (i), we get  $\frac{12}{r} + \frac{12}{r} \times r + \frac{12}{r} \times r^{2} = 52$   $\Rightarrow \frac{12}{r} + 12r + 12r^{2} = 52$   $\Rightarrow 12r + 12r + 12r^{2} = 52r$   $\Rightarrow 12r^{2} - 40r + 12 = 0$   $\Rightarrow 3r^{2} - 10r + 3 = 0$ 





$$\Rightarrow 3r^{2} - 9r - r + 3 = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 3r(r - 3) - 1(r - 3) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow (3r - 1)(r - 3) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } r = 3$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{12}{\frac{1}{3}} = 36 \text{ or } 4$$
  
Thus, required terms are:  
a, ar, ar^{2} = 36, 36 \times \frac{1}{3}, 36 \times \frac{1}{9} \text{ OR } 4, 4 \times 3, 4 \times 9  

$$= 36, 12, 4 \text{ OR } 4, 12, 36$$

#### Question 8.

The sum of three numbers in G.P. is 21 and the sum of their squares is 189. Find the numbers.

# Solution:

Let the numbers be a, ar and ar<sup>2</sup>.  

$$\Rightarrow (a)^{2} + (ar)^{2} + (ar^{2})^{2} = 189$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} + a^{2}r^{2} + a^{2}r^{4} = 189$$
And,  $a + ar + ar^{2} = 21$ 

$$\Rightarrow (a + ar + ar^{2})^{2} = 21^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} + a^{2}r^{2} + a^{2}r^{4} + 2a^{2}r + 2a^{2}r^{3} + 2a^{2}r^{2} = 441$$

$$\Rightarrow 189 + 2ar(a + ar^{2} + ar) = 441$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ar \times 21 = 441 - 189$$

$$\Rightarrow 42ar = 252$$

$$\Rightarrow ar = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{6}{a}$$
Now,  $a + ar + ar^{2} = 21$ 

$$\Rightarrow a + a \times \frac{6}{a} + a \times \frac{36}{a^{2}} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 6 + \frac{36}{a} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} + 6a + 36 = 21a$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} - 15a + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} - 12a - 3a + 36 = 0$$





$$\Rightarrow a(a-12) - 3(a-12) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow (a-12)(a-3) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a = 12 \text{ or } a = 3$$
  

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } r\frac{6}{3} = 2$$
  
Thus, required terms are:  
a, ar, ar<sup>2</sup> = 12, 12 ×  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 12 ×  $\frac{1}{4}$  OR 3, 3 × 2, 3 × 4  
= 12, 6, 3 OR 3, 6, 12



