

## Common term A.P.

→ common terms' A.P.'s common difference =  $d_1 \times d_2$   
 where  $d_1$  &  $d_2$  are common differences of two different A.P.s.

### Example :-

(1) Given two A.P. are 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, ... to 110 term  
 & 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, ... to 100 terms

Soln:- Here, last term of first A.P. is,

$$T_{110} = 3 + (110-1)4 = 439$$

& last term of second A.P. is,

$$T_{100} = 2 + (100-1)5 = 497.$$

So, common term A.P. is ... ( $d = 4 \times 5 = 20$ )

$$7, 27, 47, 67, \dots$$

$$\text{Also, } T_n = 7 + (n-1)20 \leq 439$$

$$\text{or, } (n-1)20 \leq 432$$

$$\text{or, } (n-1) \leq \frac{432}{20}$$

$$\text{i.e. } n \leq \frac{452}{20} = 22.6$$

$$\therefore \boxed{n = 22 \text{ terms}}$$

$$\therefore T_n = 7 + (22-1) \times 20$$

$$= 7 + 21 \times 20 = 420 + 7$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{T_n = 427.}$$

(2.) The number of terms common between the two series  $2 + 5 + 8 + \dots$  to 50 terms &  $3 + 5 + 7 + \dots$  to 60 terms is ---

- (a) 24      (b) 26      (c) 25      (d) NOT.

Soln:- Last term of first A.P.,  $= 2 + (50-1) \times 2$   
 $= 147 + 2 = 149$

Last term of second A.P.,  $= 3 + 59 \times 2$   
 $= 121$

$\therefore$  common difference of common term A.P.  
 $= d_1 \times d_2 = 3 \times 2 = 6$

So, common term A.P. is,

$$5, 11, 17, 23, \dots$$

So,  $T_n = 5 + (n-1)6 = 5 + 6n - 6 = 6n - 1$

$$\therefore 6n - 1 \leq 121 \Rightarrow n \leq \frac{122}{6}$$

$$\text{i.e. } n \leq 20.33$$

Hence,  $n = 20$ .

So, option 'D'.

### ARITHMETIC MEAN :-

→ Arithmetic mean betw. two numbers 'a' & 'b' is

$$A = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

Proof:-  $a, A, b \Rightarrow A - a = b - A$

$$\text{or, } 2A = a + b$$

i.e.  $A = \frac{a+b}{2}$

Inserting  $n$  A.M.s between 'a' & 'b' :-

→ Let,  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  are  $n$  A.M.s bet<sup>n</sup>  $a$  &  $b$

∴  $a, A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n, b$  are in A.P.

$$\text{So, } b = a + (n+2-1)d \Rightarrow b-a = (n+1)d$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{(b-a)}{(n+1)}$$

$$\text{So, } A_1 = a+d = a + \frac{b-a}{n+1} = \frac{an+a+b-a}{(n+1)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } A_1 = \frac{an+b}{n+1}$$

$$A_2 = a+2d = a + \frac{2(b-a)}{n+1} = \frac{an+a+2b-2a}{(n+1)}$$

$$\therefore A_2 = \frac{(n-1)a+2b}{(n+1)}$$

$$A_3 = a+3d = a + \frac{3(b-a)}{n+1} = \frac{an+a+3b-3a}{(n+1)}$$

$$\therefore A_3 = \frac{(n-2)a+3b}{(n+1)}$$

$$\therefore A_K = \frac{(n-k+1)a+kb}{(n+1)}$$

Note :- If  $A$  be the single A.M. bet<sup>n</sup> two quantities &  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  be ' $n$ ' A.M.s bet<sup>n</sup> the same quantity

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n A_i = nA$$

→ If there are 'n' A.M.s betw. two quantities then sum of the A.M.s equidistant from the beginning & the end is constant & is equal to  $(a+b)$ .

$$\text{i.e. } A_1 + A_n = a+b = A_2 + A_{n-1} = \dots$$

Q. If  $a_k = \frac{1}{k(n+1)}$ , for  $k=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  then  $\left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 =$

$$(A) \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (B) \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} \quad (C) \frac{n^4}{(n+1)^4} \quad (D) \frac{n^6}{(n+1)^6}$$

Say :-

$$a_k = \frac{(k+1)-k}{k(n+1)} = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \left( \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n+1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 = \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}$$

Q. 20 A.M.s  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{20}$  are inserted betw. 10 & 42, find  $A_{12}$ .

Say :- 10,  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{20}, 42$

$$\therefore 42 = 10 + (22-1)d \Rightarrow d = \frac{22}{21}$$

$$\text{So, } A_{12} = 10 + 12d$$

$$= 10 + \left( 12 \times \frac{22}{21} \right)$$

$$\therefore A_{12} = \frac{198}{7}$$

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- Q. For any three positive real nos.  $a, b \neq c, 9(25a^2 + b^2) + 25(c^2 - 3ac) = 15b(2a + c)$  then  
 (a)  $a, b, c$  are in A.P. (b)  $b, c, a$  are in A.P. (c)  $c, a, b$  are in A.P. (d) NOT.

Soln:- Multiplying by '2' on both sides of the given eqn:

$$2(9a^2(25) + 9b^2 + 25c^2 - 2 \times 25ac) = (15 \times 2ab + 15bc) \times 2$$

$$\text{or, } (9b^2 - 20bc + 25c^2) + (9b^2 - 90ab + 225a^2) + (25c^2 - 150ac + 225a^2) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (2b - 5c)^2 + (2b - 15a)^2 + (5c - 15a)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2b = 5c, 2b = 15a, 5c = 15a$$

$$\Rightarrow 3b = 5c = 15a$$

$$\text{or, } b = 5a \\ c = 3a$$

so,  $\frac{5a}{b}, \frac{3a}{c}, a$  are in A.P.

so,  $b, c, a$  are in A.P. i.e. option 'b'.

- Q. Sum of first 'm' terms of an A.P. = sum of next 'n' terms of an A.P. & sum of first 'm' terms of an A.P. = sum of next 'p' terms of an A.P. Then pt:  $(m+n)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{m}\right) = (m+p)\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\right)$

Soln:- According to question,  $S_{m+n} = 2S_m$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m+n}{2} \{2a + (m+n-1)d\} = 2 \times \frac{m}{2} \{2a + (m-1)d\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (m+n) \{2a + (m+n-1)d\} = 2m \{2a + (m-1)d\} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{let } 2a + (m-1)d = x$$

∴ eqn. ① becomes.

$$(m+n)(x+nd) = 2mx \Rightarrow (m+n)nd = (m-n)x \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Similarly,  $\sum_{m+p} = 2sm$

$$\therefore (m+p)pd = (m-p)x \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

(ii)  $\div$  (iii), we get

$$\frac{(m+n)n}{(m+p)p} = \frac{(m-n)}{(m-p)} \Rightarrow (m+n)(m-p)n = p(m+p)(m-n)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{(m+n)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{m}\right) = (m+p)\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m}\right)}$$

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Hence proved.

Q Let  $p \& q$  be the roots of the eqn.  $x^2 - 2x + A = 0$  &  
let 'r' 's' be the roots of the eqn.  $x^2 - 18x + B = 0$ . If  
 $p < q < r < s$  are in A.P., then  $A = \dots$ ,  $B = \dots$ .

Soln:- Let, four terms in A.P. be,  $\underset{p}{q-2d}, \underset{q}{q-d}, \underset{r}{q+d}, \underset{s}{q+2d}$

$$\therefore p+q = 2 \quad \& \quad r+s = 18 \Rightarrow p+q+r+s = 20$$

$$\text{i.e. } 4q = 20 \Rightarrow \boxed{q = 5}$$

$$\text{Also, } p+q = 2 \Rightarrow 2q - 4d = 2 \Rightarrow q - 2d = 1 \\ \therefore \boxed{d = 2}$$

$$\text{So, } p = -1, q = 3, r = 7, s = 11$$

$$\text{So, } A = pxq = (-1) \times 3 = -3$$

$$\boxed{A = -3} \checkmark$$

$$\text{So, } B = rxs = 7 \times 11 = 77$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{B = 77} \checkmark$$

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Q. The real nos  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  satisfying the eqn:  $x^3 - x^2 + px + q = 0$  are in A.P. Find the intervals in which  $p+q$  lie?

Soln:- Let,  $x_1 = a-d, x_2 = a, x_3 = a+d.$

$$\therefore 2a = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } a(a-d)(a+d) &= -p \Rightarrow a(a^2 - d^2) = p \\ \text{or } \frac{1}{2}(1 - d^2) &= p \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}d^2 = p \\ \text{or } \frac{1}{2} + q &= \frac{1}{2}d^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow q \geq -\frac{1}{2} \\ \text{So } q \in &[-\frac{1}{2}, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } a(a-d) + (a-d)(a+d) + a(a+d) = p$$

$$\text{or } a^2 - ad + a^2 - d^2 + a^2 + ad = p \Rightarrow 3a^2 - d^2 = p$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} - d^2 = p \Rightarrow d^2 = \frac{1}{2} - p \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow p \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } p \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2}].$$

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Q. The fourth power of the common difference of an A.P. with integer entries is added to the product of any four consecutive terms of it. Prove that resulting sum is square of an integer.

Soln:- Let,  $a-2d, a-d, a+d, a+2d \Rightarrow 2d = c \cdot d = \text{int.}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p &= (2d)^4 + (a-2d)(a-d)(a+d)(a+2d) \\ &= (a^2 - 5d^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - 5d^2 = a^2 - ad^2 + (2d)^2 = \underbrace{(a+2d)}_{\text{int}} \underbrace{(a-2d)}_{\text{int}} + \underbrace{(2d)^2}_{\text{int}}$$

$$\text{So, } a^2 - 5d^2 = \text{int.}$$

$$\text{Hence, } p = (\text{int.})^2$$