

1. Arithmetic Sequences - Class 9

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If the number of terms of an arithmetic sequence is **odd**
Sum = Number of terms × Middle term
Middle Term = $\frac{\text{Sum}}{\text{Number of terms}}$ or Middle Term = $\frac{\text{Pair Sum}}{2}$

If the number of terms of an arithmetic sequence is **even**
Sum = Number of pairs × Pair sum
Pair Sum = $\frac{\text{Sum}}{\text{Number of pairs}}$



Sum of consecutive natural numbers starting with 1

- When the number of terms are **odd**

Odd number of terms	No of terms (n)	Middle Term	Sum = n × middle term
1 + 2 + 3	3	$\frac{3+1}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$	3 × 2 = 6
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5	5	$\frac{5+1}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$	5 × 3 = 15
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7	7	$\frac{7+1}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$	7 × 4 = 28
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9	9	$\frac{9+1}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$	9 × 5 = 45
1 + 2 + 3 + + n	n	$\frac{n+1}{2}$	$n \times \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)$

If there are **odd** number of terms

$$\text{Middle term} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$\text{Sum} = \text{No of terms} \times \text{Middle term}$$

$$= n \times \left(\frac{n+1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- When the number of terms are **even**

Even number of terms	No of terms (n)	No of pairs $\frac{n}{2}$	Sum of a pair	Sum = No of pairs \times Pair sum
$1 + 2 + 3 + 4$	4	$\frac{4}{2} = 2$	$4 + 1 = 5$	$2 \times 5 = 10$
$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6$	6	$\frac{6}{2} = 3$	$6 + 1 = 7$	$3 \times 7 = 21$
$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8$	8	$\frac{8}{2} = 4$	$8 + 1 = 9$	$4 \times 9 = 36$
$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$	n	$\frac{n}{2}$	$n + 1$	$\frac{n}{2} \times (n + 1)$

If there are **even** number of terms

$$\text{Number of pairs} = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\text{Pair Sum} = n + 1$$

$$\text{Sum} = \text{No of pairs} \times \text{Pair sum}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \times (n + 1)$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Conclusion :

The sum of any number of consecutive natural numbers , starting with one , is half the product of the last number and the next natural number .

That is ,

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Activity 1

Find the following sums.

- a) $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100$
- b) $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 200$
- c) $3 + 6 + 9 + \dots + 300$
- d) $5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 500$

Ans)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100 &= \frac{100(100+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{100 \times 101}{2} \\ &= 50 \times 101 = 5050 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100 = 5050$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 200 &= 2(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100) \\ &= 2 \times 5050 \\ &= 10100 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } 3 + 6 + 9 + \dots + 300 &= 3(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100) \\ &= 3 \times 5050 \\ &= 15150 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } 5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 500 &= 5(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100) \\ &= 5 \times 5050 \\ &= 25250 \end{aligned}$$

Activity 2

Consider the sequence 6 , 11 ,16 ,

a) Write the algebraic form of the sequence.

b) Find the sum of first 100 terms of this sequence.

Ans)

a) $d = 11 - 6 = 5$

Here each term of the sequence is one more than the multiples of 5 . So, algebraic form is $5n + 1$

b) $6 + 11 + 16 + \dots (100 \text{ terms})$

$$= (5 + 1) + (10 + 1) + (15 + 1) + \dots$$

$$= (\underbrace{5 + 10 + 15 + \dots}_{100 \text{ terms}}) + (\underbrace{1 + 1 + 1 + \dots}_{100 \text{ times}})$$

$$= 5 (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100) + 1 \times 100$$

$$= 5 \times 5050 + 100$$

$$= 25250 + 100 = 25350$$

Activity 3

Consider the sequence 4 , 9 , 14 ,

a) Write the algebraic form of the sequence.

b) Find the sum of first 100 terms of this sequence.

Ans)

a) $d = 9 - 4 = 5$

Here each term of the sequence is one less than the multiples of 5 . So, algebraic form is $5n - 1$

b) $4 + 9 + 14 + \dots (100 \text{ terms})$

$$= (5 - 1) + (10 - 1) + (15 - 1) + \dots$$

$$= (\underbrace{5 + 10 + 15 + \dots}_{100 \text{ terms}}) - (\underbrace{1 + 1 + 1 + \dots}_{100 \text{ times}})$$

$$= 5(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100) - 1 \times 100$$

$$= 5 \times 5050 - 1 \times 100$$

$$= 25250 - 100 = 25150$$

Activity 4

Consider the sequence 4 , 11 , 18 ,

- a) Write the algebraic form of the sequence.
 b) Find the sum of first 100 terms of this sequence.

Ans)

a) $d = 11 - 4 = 7$

Here each term of the sequence is 3 less than the multiples of 7 . So, algebraic form is $7n - 3$

b) $4 + 11 + 18 + \dots$ (100 terms)

$$\begin{aligned} &= (7 - 3) + (14 - 3) + (21 - 3) + \dots \\ &= (7 + 14 + 21 + \dots) - (3 + 3 + 3 + \dots) \\ &= 7(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100) - 3 \times 100 \\ &= 7 \times 5050 - 3 \times 100 \\ &= 35350 - 300 = 35050 \end{aligned}$$

Activity 5 :

The algebraic form of an arithmetic sequence is $10n - 4$
 Find the sum of first 20 terms of this sequence.

Ans)

$$X_n = 10n - 4$$

$$d = 10$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term, } X_1 = 10 \times 1 - 4 = 10 - 4 = 6$$

Sequence is 6, 16, 26 ,

$$\text{Sum} = 6 + 16 + 26 + \dots$$
 (20 terms)

$$\begin{aligned} &= (10 - 4) + (20 - 4) + (30 - 4) + \dots \\ &= (10 + 20 + 30 + \dots) - (4 + 4 + 4 + \dots) \\ &= 10(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 20) - 4 \times 20 \\ &= 10 \times \frac{20 \times 21}{2} - 80 = 2100 - 80 = 2020 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term , } X_1 = 10 \times 1 - 4 = 10 - 4 = 6$$

$$20^{\text{th}} \text{ term , } X_{20} = 10 \times 20 - 4 = 200 - 4 = 196$$

20 terms of sequence are 6, 16,

Sum = No of pairs \times Pair sum

$$= \frac{20}{2} \times (196 + 6)$$

$$= 10 \times (196 + 6) = 10 \times 202 = 2020$$

Activity 6 :

The sum of first 'n' terms of an arithmetic sequence

Algebraic form of arithmetic sequence is $x_n = an + b$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = x_1 = a \times 1 + b = a + b$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term} = x_2 = a \times 2 + b = 2a + b$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term} = x_3 = a \times 3 + b = 3a + b$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = x_4 = a \times 4 + b = 4a + b$$

$$5^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = x_5 = a \times 5 + b = 5a + b$$

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$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = x_n = an + b$$

$$\text{Sum of first } n \text{ terms} = (a \times 1 + b) + (a \times 2 + b) + (a \times 3 + b) + \dots + (a \times n + b)$$

$$= a(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n) + (b + b + b + \dots + b)$$

$$= a \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + b \times n$$

$$= a \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + bn$$

For the arithmetic sequence

$$x_n = an + b$$

the sum of the first 'n' terms is

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n = a \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + bn$$

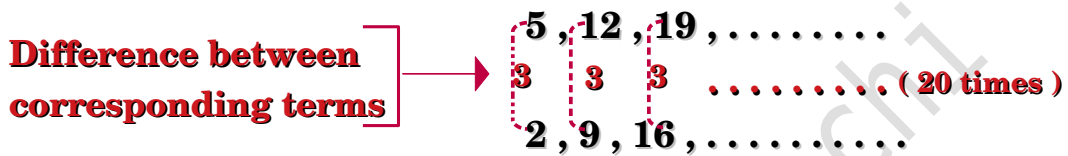
Activity 7:

Calculate the difference between the sums of the first 20 terms of the arithmetic sequences $2, 9, 16, \dots$ and $5, 12, 19, \dots$

Ans) $2, 9, 16, \dots$ $d = 9 - 2 = 7$

$5, 12, 19, \dots$ $d = 12 - 5 = 7$

Here both the arithmetic sequences have same common difference 7.



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Difference between the sums of the first 20 terms} &= 20 \times 3 \\ &= 60 \end{aligned}$$

Activity 8:

What is the difference between the sum of the first 10 terms and the next 10 terms of the arithmetic sequence $7, 11, 15, \dots$

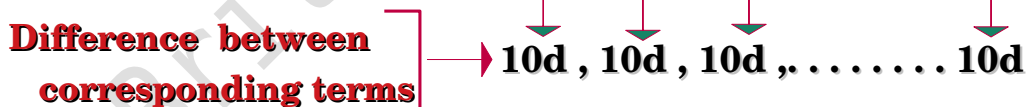
Ans)

Sequence is $7, 11, 15, \dots$

$$d = 11 - 7 = 4$$

First 10 terms $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_{10}$

Next 10 terms $X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, \dots, X_{20}$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Difference between sums} &= 10d + 10d + 10d + \dots (10 \text{ times}) \\ &= 10 \times 10d \\ &= 10 \times 10 \times 4 \\ &= 400 \end{aligned}$$

Activity 9:

Common difference of an arithmetic sequence is 6 and the sum of the first 20 terms is 1300. Write down the sequence.

Ans) Sum of first 20 natural numbers is

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 20 = \frac{20 \times 21}{2} = 210$$

Any arithmetic sequence with common difference 6 is obtained by multiplying the sequence of natural numbers by 6 and adding or subtracting a fixed number.

$$6 \times (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 20) = 6 + 12 + 18 + \dots$$

$$6 + 12 + 18 + \dots = 6 \times 210 = 1260$$

Sum of the first 20 terms of the arithmetic sequence given in the question is 1300 and this is more than 1260.

$$\text{Difference in sum} = 1300 - 1260$$

$$= 40$$

Divide this 40 among 20 terms of the required sequence,

$$\text{ie, } \frac{40}{20} = 2 \text{ ,}$$

Add this 2 to each term of the sequence 6, 12, 18,

\therefore Required sequence is 8, 14, 20,

Assignment

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- (1) Find the sum of the first 25 terms of each of the arithmetic sequences below.
 - i) 11, 22, 33, ... ii) 12, 23, 34, ... iii) 21, 32, 43, ...
 - iv) 19, 28, 37, ... v) 1, 6, 11, ...
- (2) What is the difference between the sum of the first 20 terms and the next 20 terms of the arithmetic sequence 6, 10, 14, ...?
- (3) Calculate the difference between the sums of the first 20 terms of the arithmetic sequences 6, 10, 14, ... and 15, 19, 23, ...
- (4) Find the sum of all three digit numbers, which are multiples of 9.

