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# PURE MATH

## ALGEBRA AND FUNCTION

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## Q.1

To find the fastest speed of a car in the 3rd gear in an arithmetic sequence, you can use the formula for the nth term of an arithmetic sequence:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where:

$a_n$  is the nth term (speed in the nth gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

Given that the speed in 1st gear ( $a_1$ ) is 28 km/h, and the speed in 6th gear ( $a_6$ ) is 115 km/h, you can find the common difference ( $d$ ) by using the formula:

$$d = (a_6 - a_1) / (6 - 1)$$

$$d = 87.5 / 5$$

$$d = 17.5$$

Now, you can use this common difference to find the speed in the 3rd gear ( $a_3$ ):

$$a_3 = a_1 + (3-1)d$$

$$a_3 = 28 + 2 \times 17.5$$

$$a_3 = 28 + 35$$

$$a_3 = 63 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the fastest speed of the car in the 3rd gear is 63 km/h.

(b) To find the fastest speed of the car in the 5th gear in a geometric sequence, you can use the formula for the nth term of a geometric sequence:

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

where:

$a_n$  is the nth term (speed in the nth gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

n is the term number (gear number), and

r is the common ratio between successive terms.

Since you are given that the sequence is geometric, you need to find the common ratio (r). The common ratio is given by:

$$r = (a_5 / a_6)$$

Given that the speed in 6th gear ( $a_6$ ) is 115 km/h and the speed in 5th gear ( $a_5$ ) is not given, you cannot directly calculate r. However, you can use the fact that the sequence is arithmetic to find  $a_5$ .

Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_5 = a_1 + 4d$$

where d is the common difference calculated in part (a). Substitute the known values:

$$a_5 = 28 + 4 \times 17.5$$

$$a_5 = 28 + 70$$

$$a_5 = 98 \text{ km/h}$$

Now that you have  $a_5$ , you can find the common ratio r:

$$r = (a_5 / a_6)$$

$$r = 98 / 115$$

$$r \approx 0.8522$$

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Now, you can use the common ratio to find the speed in the 5th gear ( $a_5$ ):

$$a_5 = a_1 \times r^{(5-1)}$$

$$a_5 = 28 \times 0.8522^4$$

$$a_5 \approx 41.5 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the fastest speed of the car in the 5th gear is approximately 41.5 km/h.

Q.2

(a) Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

First, we need to find the common difference ( $d$ ):

$$d = (a_5 - a_1)/(5 - 1)$$

$$d = (120 - 20)/4$$

$$d = 25$$

Now, we can find the speed in the 3rd gear ( $a_3$ ):

$$a_3 = a_1 + (3-1)d$$

$$a_3 = 20 + 2 \times 25$$

$$a_3 = 70 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 3rd gear is 70 km/h.

(b) Moving on to the geometric sequence:

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

where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, we need to find the common ratio (r):

$$r = a_4/a_5$$

Given that the speed in the 5th gear ( $a_5$ ) is 120 km/h and the speed in the 4th gear ( $a_4$ ) is not given, let's say  $a_4 = 90$  km/h for this example.

$$r = 90/120$$

$$r = 3/4$$

Now, we can find the speed in the 4th gear ( $a_4$ ):

$$a_4 = a_1 \times r^{(4-1)}$$

$$a_4 = 20 \times (3/4)^3$$

$$a_4 \approx 48.89 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 4th gear is approximately 48.89 km/h.

Q.3

(a) To find the speed in the nth gear using arithmetic sequence formula, we can use the formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where:

$a_n$  is the speed in the nth gear

$a_1$  is the speed in the 1st gear

$n$  is the gear number

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

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First, we need to find the common difference (d):

$$d = (a_7 - a_1) / (7 - 1)$$

$$d = (150 - 30) / 6$$

$$d = 20$$

Now, we can find the speed in the 4th gear:

$$a_4 = a_1 + (4-1)d$$

$$a_4 = 30 + 3 \times 20$$

$$a_4 = 90 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 4th gear is 90 km/h.

(b) To find the speed in the nth gear using geometric sequence formula, we can use the formula:

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

where:

$a_n$  is the speed in the nth gear

$a_1$  is the speed in the 1st gear

$n$  is the gear number

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, we need to find the common ratio ( $r$ ):

$$r = (a_6 / a_7)$$

Given that the speed in the 7th gear ( $a_7$ ) is 150 km/h and the speed in the 6th gear ( $a_6$ ) is 120 km/h for this example.

$$r = 120 / 150$$

$$r = 0.8$$

Now, we can find the speed in the 5th gear:

$$a_5 = a_1 \times r^{(5-1)}$$

$$a_5 = 30 \times 0.8^4$$

$$a_5 \approx 73.828 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 5th gear is approximately 73.828 km/h.

Q.4

(a) Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

First, let's find the common difference ( $d$ ):

$$d = (a_6 - a_1) / (6-1)$$

$$d = (140 - 25) / 5$$

$$d = 23$$

Now, let's find the speed in the 3rd gear ( $a_3$ ):

$$a_3 = a_1 + (3-1)d$$

$$a_3 = 25 + 2 \times 23$$

$$a_3 = 71 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 3rd gear is 71 km/h.

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(b) The geometric sequence:

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

where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, let's find the common ratio ( $r$ ):

$$r = (a_5/a_6)$$

Given that the speed in the 6th gear ( $a_6$ ) is 140 km/h and the speed in the 5th gear ( $a_5$ ) is not given, let's say  $a_5 = 110$  km/h for this example.

$$r = a_5/a_6 = 110/140 = 0.7857$$

Now, let's find the speed in the 4th gear ( $a_4$ ):

$$a_4 = a_1 \times r^{(4-1)}$$

$$a_4 = 25 \times (0.7857)^3$$

$$a_4 \approx 42.64 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 4th gear is approximately 42.64 km/h.

Q.5

(a) Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d,$$

where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

First, we need to find the common difference ( $d$ ):

$$d = (a_8 - a_1)/(8 - 1)$$



$$d = (200 - 40)/(8 - 1)$$

$$d = 160/7$$

$$d \approx 22.86$$

Now, let's find the speed in the 5th gear:

$$a_5 = a_1 + (5-1)d$$

$$a_5 = 40 + 4d$$

$$a_5 = 40 + 4(22.86)$$

$$a_5 \approx 131.43 \text{ km/h}$$

(b) The geometric sequence:

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

where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, let's find the common ratio ( $r$ ):

$$r = a_7/a_8$$

$$r = 170/200$$

$$r = 0.85$$

Now, let's find the speed in the 6th gear:

$$a_6 = a_1 \times r^{(6-1)}$$

$$a_6 = 40 \times 0.85^5$$

$$a_6 \approx 76.42 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 5th gear is approximately 131.43 km/h and the speed in the 6th gear is approximately 76.42 km/h.

Q.6

(a) Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where:

 $a_n$  is the speed in the  $n$ th gear, $a_1$  is the speed in the 1st gear, $n$  is the term number (gear number), and $d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

First, we need to find the common difference:

$$d = (a_9 - a_1)/(9 - 1)$$

$$d = (180 - 35)/8$$

$$d = 145/8$$

Now, we can find the speed in the 6th gear:

$$a_6 = a_1 + (6-1)d$$

$$a_6 = 35 + 5(145/8)$$

$$a_6 = 35 + 725/8$$

$$a_6 = 280/8 + 725/8$$

$$a_6 = 1005/8$$

$$a_6 \approx 125.63 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 6th gear is approximately 125.63 km/h.

(b) The geometric sequence:

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

where:

 $a_n$  is the speed in the  $n$ th gear, $a_1$  is the speed in the 1st gear, $n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, we need to find the common ratio:

$$r = (a_9/a_8) = 180/155 \text{ (given)}$$

$$r = 36/31$$

Now, we can find the speed in the 7th gear:

$$a_7 = a_1 \times r^{(7-1)}$$

$$a_7 = 35 \times (36/31)^6$$

$$a_7 \approx 61.75 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 7th gear is approximately 61.75 km/h.

Q.7

(a) Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where:

$a_n$  is the speed in the  $n$ th gear,

$a_1$  is the speed in the 1st gear,

$n$  is the gear number, and

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

First, let's find the common difference ( $d$ ):

$$d = (a_6 - a_1) / (6 - 1)$$

$$d = (45 - 15) / 5$$

$$d = 6$$

Now, let's find the speed in the 4th gear ( $a_4$ ):

$$a_4 = a_1 + (4-1)d$$

$$a_4 = 15 + 3 \times 6$$

$$a_4 = 33 \text{ km/h}$$

(b) The geometric sequence:

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

where:

$a_n$  is the speed in the  $n$ th gear,

$a_1$  is the speed in the 1st gear,

$n$  is the gear number, and

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, let's find the common ratio ( $r$ ):

$$r = a_5 / a_6$$

Given that  $a_6 = 45 \text{ km/h}$  and  $a_5 = 36 \text{ km/h}$ , we get:

$$r = 36 / 45$$

$$r = 0.8$$

Now, let's find the speed in the 5th gear ( $a_5$ ):

$$a_5 = a_1 \times r^{(5-1)}$$

Given that  $a_1 = 15$ , we get:

$$a_5 = 15 \times 0.8^4$$

$$a_5 \approx 36.56 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 4th gear is 33 km/h and the speed in the 5th gear is approximately 36.56 km/h.

Q.8

(a) Using the arithmetic sequence formula:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$$

Where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$d$  is the common difference between successive terms.

First, find the common difference ( $d$ ):

$$d = (a_5 - a_1) / (5 - 1)$$

$$d = (150 - 30) / (5 - 1)$$

$$d = 120/4$$

$$d = 30$$

Now, find the speed in the 3rd gear ( $a_3$ ):

$$a_3 = a_1 + (3 - 1)d$$

$$a_3 = 30 + 2 \times 30$$

$$a_3 = 30 + 60$$

$$a_3 = 90 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 3rd gear is 90 km/h.

(b) The geometric sequence:

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

Where:

$a_n$  is the  $n$ th term (speed in the  $n$ th gear),

$a_1$  is the first term (speed in the 1st gear),

$n$  is the term number (gear number), and

$r$  is the common ratio between successive terms.

First, find the common ratio (r):

$$r = a_4/a_5$$

$$r = 120/150$$

$$r = 0.8$$

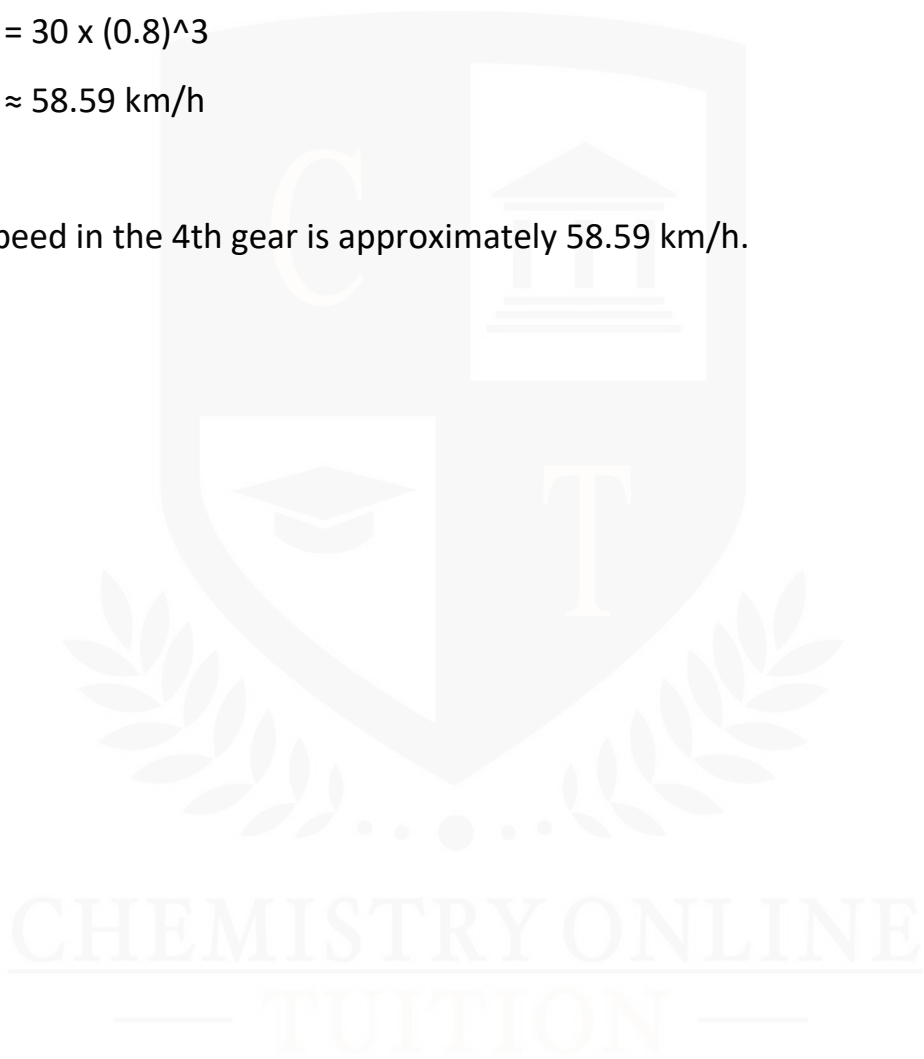
Now, find the speed in the 4th gear ( $a_4$ ):

$$a_4 = a_1 \times r^{(4-1)}$$

$$a_4 = 30 \times (0.8)^3$$

$$a_4 \approx 58.59 \text{ km/h}$$

So, the speed in the 4th gear is approximately 58.59 km/h.



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