

September 19, 2017 Time allowed: 35 minutes

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1. Three numbers (x, y, z) form an arithmetic progression. That is, they differ by a constant in a series (e.g. $y-x = z-y$). Three other numbers (a, b, c) form a geometric series. That is, one is multiplied by a constant to get the other one in the series (e.g. $b = \beta a$, $c = \beta b$). You are given the following: $x + a = 85$, $y + b = 76$, $z + c = 84$ and $x + y + z = 126$. What are the 6 numbers?

2. Given: $u = a + by + cy^2 + dy^3$ where a, b, c and d are constants, and the conditions: $y = 0, u = 0$; $y = \delta, u = U_\alpha$; $y = \delta, \frac{du}{dy} = 0$; $y = 0, \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = 0$, obtain an expression for u as a function of U_α, δ and y .

Solution

#1

$$\begin{aligned} x + a &= 85 \\ y + b &= 76 \\ z + c &= 84 \\ \text{and } x + y + z &= 126 \\ \therefore a + b + c &= 119 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the Arithmetic progression

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } y - x &= \varepsilon \\ z - y &= \varepsilon \\ \hline -z + 2y - x &= 0 \\ \text{or } x - 2y + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } x + y + z &= 126 \\ x - 2y + z &= 0 \end{aligned} \rightarrow 3y = 126 \therefore y = 42$$

$$\text{Since } y + b = 76 \Rightarrow b = 34$$

Consider the geometric progression.

$$a, b, c \equiv \frac{b}{\beta}, b, b\beta$$

$$\therefore a + b + c = b \left(\frac{1}{\beta} + 1 + \beta \right) = 119 \quad \text{or}$$

$$1 + \beta + \beta^2 = \frac{119}{34} \beta \Rightarrow \beta^2 - 2.5\beta + 1 = 0$$

The roots (from $\alpha V^2 + \varepsilon V + \gamma = 0$ with roots

$$V = \frac{-\varepsilon \pm \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}}{2\alpha} \quad \text{are } \beta = 2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}$$

Let $\beta = 2$, $a = 17$, $b = 34$ and $c = 68$

$\alpha = 68$, $y = 42$ and $z = 16$

The second root work as well. Show.

#2. $u = a + by + cy^2 + dy^3$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = b + 2cy + 3dy^2$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = 2c + 6dy$$

Conditions

$$y = 0 \quad u = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$y = \delta \quad \frac{du}{dy} = 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$y = \delta \quad u = u_\alpha \quad (iii)$$

$$y = 0 \quad \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = 0 \quad (iv)$$

Use condition (i) $\Rightarrow a = 0$

✓ ✓ (iv) $\Rightarrow c = 0$

Use ✓ (ii) $0 = b + 3d\delta^2 \quad \times \delta$

✓ ✓ (iii) $u_\alpha = b\delta + d\delta^3$ Subtract

$$-u_\alpha = 2d\delta^3 \Rightarrow d = -\frac{u_\alpha}{2\delta^3}$$

and $b = -3\left(-\frac{u_\alpha}{2\delta^3}\right)\delta^2 = \frac{3}{2}\frac{u_\alpha}{\delta}$

Substitute for a , b , c and d in original equation

$$u = \frac{3}{2}u_\alpha \frac{y}{\delta} - \frac{1}{2}u_\alpha \frac{y^3}{\delta^3} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{u}{u_\alpha} = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^3 \quad \longrightarrow$$