

EXERCISE 19.6

Find the A.M. between:

(i) 7 and 13 (ii) 12 and - 8 (iii) (x - y) and (x + y)

Solution:

(i) Let A be the Arithmetic mean

Then 7, A, 13 are in AP

Now, let us solve

$$A - 7 = 13 - A$$

$$2A = 13 + 7$$

$$A = 10$$

(ii) Let A be the Arithmetic mean

Then 12, A, - 8 are in AP

Now, let us solve

$$A - 12 = - 8 - A$$

$$2A = 12 - 8$$

$$A = 2$$

(iii) Let A be the Arithmetic mean Then x - y, A, x + y are in AP Now, let us solve

$$A - (x - y) = (x + y) - A$$

$$2A = x + y + x - y$$

$$A = x$$

2. Insert 4 A.M.s between 4 and 19.

Solution:

Let A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 be the 4 AM Between 4 and 19

Then, 4, $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, 19$ are in AP.

By using the formula,

$$\begin{aligned}d &= (b-a) / (n+1) \\ &= (19 - 4) / (4 + 1) \\ &= 15/5 \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$A_1 = a + d = 4 + 3 = 7 \quad A_2$$

$$= A_1 + d = 7 + 3 = 10 \quad A_3$$

$$= A_2 + d = 10 + 3 = 13$$

$$A_4 = A_3 + d = 13 + 3 = 16$$

3. Insert 7 A.M.s between 2 and 17.

Solution:

Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7$ be the 7 AMs between 2 and 17

Then, 2, $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7, 17$ are in AP

By using the formula,

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

$$a_n = 17, a = 2, n = 9$$

so,

$$17 = 2 + (9 - 1)d$$

$$17 = 2 + 9d - d$$

$$17 = 2 + 8d$$

$$8d = 17 - 2$$

$$8d = 15$$

$$d = 15/8$$

So,

$$A_1 = a + d = 2 + 15/8 = 31/8$$

$$A_2 = A_1 + d = 31/8 + 15/8 = 46/8$$

$$A_3 = A_2 + d = 46/8 + 15/8 = 61/8$$

$$A_4 = A_3 + d = 61/8 + 15/8 = 76/8$$

$$A_5 = A_4 + d = 76/8 + 15/8 = 91/8$$

$$A_6 = A_5 + d = 91/8 + 15/8 = 106/8$$

$$A_7 = A_6 + d = 106/8 + 15/8 = 121/8$$

\therefore the 7 AMs between 2 and 7 are $31/8, 46/8, 61/8, 76/8, 91/8, 106/8, 121/8$

4. Insert six A.M.s between 15 and - 13.

Solution:

Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6$ be the 7 AM between 15 and - 13

Then, 15, $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, - 13$ are in AP

By using the formula,

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

$$a_n = -13, a = 15, n = 8$$

so,

$$-13 = 15 + (8 - 1)d$$

$$-13 = 15 + 7d$$

$$7d = -13 - 15$$

$$7d = -28$$

$$d = -4$$

So,

$$A_1 = a + d = 15 - 4 = 11$$

$$A_2 = A_1 + d = 11 - 4 = 7$$

$$A_3 = A_2 + d = 7 - 4 = 3$$

$$A_4 = A_3 + d = 3 - 4 = -1$$

$$A_5 = A_4 + d = -1 - 4 = -5$$

$$A_6 = A_5 + d = -5 - 4 = -9$$

5. There are n A.M.s between 3 and 17. The ratio of the last mean to the first mean is $3:1$. Find the value of n .

Solution:

Let the series be 3, A_1 , A_2 , A_3 ,....., A_n , 17

Given, $a_n/a_1 = 3/1$

We know total terms in AP are $n + 2$

So, 17 is the $(n + 2)$ th term

By using the formula,

$$A_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$A_n = 17, a = 3$$

$$\text{So, } 17 = 3 + (n + 2 - 1)d$$

$$17 = 3 + (n + 1)d$$

$$17 - 3 = (n + 1)d$$

$$14 = (n + 1)d$$

$$d = 14/(n+1)$$

Now,

$$A_n = 3 + 14/(n+1) = (17n + 3) / (n+1)$$

$$A_1 = 3 + d = (3n+17)/(n+1)$$

Since,

$$a_n/a_1 = 3/1$$

$$(17n + 3) / (3n+17) = 3/1$$

$$17n + 3 = 3(3n + 17)$$

$$17n + 3 = 9n + 51$$

$$17n - 9n = 51 - 3$$

$$8n = 48$$

$$n = 48/8$$

$$= 6$$

\therefore There are 6 terms in the AP

6. Insert A.M.s between 7 and 71 in such a way that the 5th A.M. is 27. Find the number of A.M.s.

Solution:

Let the series be 7, $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n, 71$

We know total terms in AP are $n + 2$

So 71 is the $(n + 2)$ th term

By using the formula,

$$A_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$A_n = 71, n = 6$$

$$A_6 = a + (6 - 1)d$$

$$a + 5d = 27 \text{ (5th term)}$$

$$d = 4$$

so,

$$71 = (n + 2)\text{th term}$$

$$71 = a + (n + 2 - 1)d$$

$$71 = 7 + n(4)$$

$$n = 15$$

\therefore There are 15 terms in AP

7. If n A.M.s are inserted between two numbers, prove that the sum of the means equidistant from the beginning and the end is constant.

Solution:

Let a and b be the first and last terms

The series be $a, A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n, b$

We know, Mean = $(a+b)/2$

Mean of A_1 and $A_n = (A_1 + A_n)/2$

$$A_1 = a+d$$

$$A_n = a - d$$

$$\text{So, AM} = (a+d+b-d)/2$$

$$= (a+b)/2$$

$$\text{AM between } A_2 \text{ and } A_{n-1} = (a+2d+b-2d)/2$$

$$= (a+b)/2$$

Similarly, $(a + b)/2$ is constant for all such numbers

Hence, AM = $(a + b)/2$

8. If x, y, z are in A.P. and A_1 is the A.M. of x and y , and A_2 is the A.M. of y and z , then prove that the A.M. of A_1 and A_2 is y .

Solution:

Given that,

$$A_1 = \text{AM of } x \text{ and } y$$

$$\text{And } A_2 = \text{AM of } y \text{ and } z$$

$$\text{So, } A_1 = (x+y)/2$$

$$A_2 = (y+x)/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AM of } A_1 \text{ and } A_2 &= (A_1 + A_2)/2 \\ &= [(x+y)/2 + (y+z)/2]/2 \\ &= [x+y+y+z]/2 \\ &= [x+2y+z]/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } x, y, z \text{ are in AP, } y = (x+z)/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AM} &= [(x + z)/2 + (2y/2)]/2 \\ &= (y + y)/2 \\ &= 2y/2 \\ &= y \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

9. Insert five numbers between 8 and 26 such that the resulting sequence is an A.P

Solution:

Let A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5 be the 5 numbers between 8 and 26

Then, 8, $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, 26$ are in AP

By using the formula,

$$A_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$A_n = 26, a = 8, n = 7$$

$$26 = 8 + (7 - 1)d$$

$$26 = 8 + 6d$$

$$6d = 26 - 8$$

$$6d = 18$$

$$d = 18/6$$

$$= 3$$

So,

$$A_1 = a + d = 8 + 3 = 11$$

$$A_2 = A_1 + d = 11 + 3 = 14$$

$$A_3 = A_2 + d = 14 + 3 = 17$$

$$A_4 = A_3 + d = 17 + 3 = 20$$

$$A_5 = A_4 + d = 20 + 3 = 23$$