

4 The first term of an arithmetic progression is a and the common difference is -4 . The first term of a geometric progression is $5a$ and the common ratio is $-\frac{1}{4}$. The sum to infinity of the geometric progression is equal to the sum of the first eight terms of the arithmetic progression.

(a) Find the value of a . [4]

The k th term of the arithmetic progression is zero.

(b) Find the value of k . [2]

6 The first three terms of an arithmetic progression are $\frac{p^2}{6}$, $2p - 6$ and p .

(a) Given that the common difference of the progression is not zero, find the value of p . [3]

(b) Using this value, find the sum to infinity of the geometric progression with first two terms $\frac{p^2}{6}$ and $2p - 6$. [2]

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9 The first term of a progression is $\cos \theta$, where $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(a) For the case where the progression is geometric, the sum to infinity is $\frac{1}{\cos \theta}$.

(i) Show that the second term is $\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$.

[3]

(ii) Find the sum of the first 12 terms when $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$, giving your answer correct to 4 significant figures. [2]

(b) For the case where the progression is arithmetic, the first two terms are again $\cos \theta$ and $\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$ respectively.

Find the 85th term when $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$.

[4]

4 The first term of a geometric progression and the first term of an arithmetic progression are both equal to a .

The third term of the geometric progression is equal to the second term of the arithmetic progression.

The fifth term of the geometric progression is equal to the sixth term of the arithmetic progression.

Given that the terms are all positive and not all equal, find the sum of the first twenty terms of the arithmetic progression in terms of a . [6]

9 The first term of a geometric progression is 216 and the fourth term is 64.

(a) Find the sum to infinity of the progression.

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The second term of the geometric progression is equal to the second term of an arithmetic progression.

The third term of the geometric progression is equal to the fifth term of the same arithmetic progression.

(b) Find the sum of the first 21 terms of the arithmetic progression.

[6]

8 The first, second and third terms of an arithmetic progression are a , $\frac{3}{2}a$ and b respectively, where a and b are positive constants. The first, second and third terms of a geometric progression are a , 18 and $b + 3$ respectively.

(a) Find the values of a and b .

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(b) Find the sum of the first 20 terms of the arithmetic progression.

[3]

4 The circumference round the trunk of a large tree is measured and found to be 5.00 m. After one year the circumference is measured again and found to be 5.02 m.

(a) Given that the circumferences at yearly intervals form an arithmetic progression, find the circumference 20 years after the first measurement. [2]

(b) Given instead that the circumferences at yearly intervals form a geometric progression, find the circumference 20 years after the first measurement. [3]

8 A progression has first term a and second term $\frac{a^2}{a+2}$, where a is a positive constant.

(a) For the case where the progression is geometric and the sum to infinity is 264, find the value of a . [5]

(b) For the case where the progression is arithmetic and $a = 6$, determine the least value of n required for the sum of the first n terms to be less than -480 . [5]