

(iii) Let  $S_n = -5 + (-8) + (-11) + \dots + (-230)$

Here  $a = -5$ ,  $d = -8 - (-5) = -3$ ,  $a_n = -230 = l$

$$\therefore a_n = -230$$

$$\Rightarrow a + (n-1)d = -230 \Rightarrow -5 + (n-1)(-3) = -230$$

$$-3(n-1) = -230 + 5 = -225$$

$$n-1 = \frac{225}{3} = 75$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 75 + 1 = 76$$

$$\therefore S_{76} = \frac{76}{2}[a+l] = 38[-5 + (-230)] = -38 \times 235 = -8930.$$

### Example

(i) Given  $a = 5$ ,  $d = 3$ ,  $a_n = 50$ , find  $n$  and  $S_n$

(ii) Given  $a = 7$ ,  $a_{13} = 35$ , find  $d$  and  $S_{13}$

(iii) Given  $a_{12} = 37$ ,  $d = 3$ , find  $a$  and  $S_{12}$

(iv) Given  $a_3 = 15$ ,  $S_{10} = 120$ , find  $d$  and  $a_{10}$

(v) Given  $d = 5$ ,  $S_9 = 75$ , find  $a$  and  $a_9$

(vi) Given  $a = 2$ ,  $d = 8$ ,  $S_n = 90$ , find  $n$  and  $a_n$

(vii) Given  $a = 8$ ,  $a_n = 62$ ,  $S_n = 210$ , find  $n$  and  $d$

(viii) Given  $a_n = 4$ ,  $d = 2$ ,  $S_n = -14$ , find  $n$  and  $a$

(ix) Given  $a = 3$ ,  $n = 8$ ,  $S = 192$ , find  $d$

(x) Given  $l = 28$ ,  $S = 144$  and there are total 9 terms. Find  $a$ .

**Solution.** (i) Given :  $a = 5$ ,  $d = 3$ ,  $a_n = 50$ ,  $n = ?$ ,  $S_n = ?$

$$\therefore a_n = 50 \Rightarrow a + (n-1)d = 50$$

$$5 + (n-1) \times 3 = 50 \Rightarrow 3(n-1) = 45$$

$$n-1 = \frac{45}{3} = 15 \text{ or } n = 16$$

$$\text{Now, } S_n = \frac{n}{2}[a + a_n] \Rightarrow S_{16} = \frac{16}{2}[5 + 50] = 8 \times 55 = 440.$$

(ii) Given :  $a = 7$ ,  $a_{13} = 35$ ,  $d = ?$ ,  $S_{13} = ?$

$$\therefore a_{13} = 35 \Rightarrow a + 12d = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 + 12d = 35 \Rightarrow 12d = 35 - 7 = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{28}{12} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\therefore S_{13} = \frac{13}{2}[a + a_{13}] = \frac{13}{2}[7 + 35] = \frac{13}{2} \times 42 = 13 \times 21 = 273.$$

(iii) Given :  $a_{12} = 37$ ,  $d = 3$ ,  $a = ?$ ,  $S_{12} = ?$

$$\therefore a_{12} = 37$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 11d = 37$$

$$\text{or } a + 11 \times 3 = 37 \text{ or } a = 4$$

$$\therefore S_{12} = \frac{12}{2}[a + a_{12}] = 6[4 + 37] = 6 \times 41 = 246.$$

(iv) Given :  $a_3 = 15$ ,  $S_{10} = 120$ ,  $d = ?$ ,  $a_{10} = ?$ 

$$a_3 = 15 \Rightarrow a + 2d = 15 \text{ or } a = 15 - 2d$$

Also,  $S_{10} = \frac{10}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$

$$120 = 5 [2 \times (15 - 2d) + (10-1)d]$$

$$24 = 30 - 4d + 9d$$

$$\therefore 5d = 24 - 30 = -6 \text{ or } d = -\frac{6}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 15 - 2 \times \left(-\frac{6}{5}\right) = \frac{87}{5}$$

$$\therefore a_{10} = a + 9d = \frac{87}{5} + 9 \times \left(-\frac{6}{5}\right) = \frac{87 - 54}{5} = \frac{33}{5} = 6.6.$$

$$[\because S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]]$$

(v) Given :  $d = 5$ ,  $S_9 = 75$ ,  $a = ?$ ,  $a_9 = ?$ 

$$S_9 = \frac{9}{2} [2a + (9-1)d]$$

$$75 = \frac{9}{2} [2a + 8 \times 5]$$

$$75 = 9a + \frac{9}{2} \times 8 \times 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 75 = 9a + 180$$

$$\Rightarrow 9a = 75 - 180 = -105 \quad \text{or} \quad a = -\frac{105}{9} = -\frac{35}{3}$$

$$\therefore a_9 = a + 8d = -\frac{35}{3} + 8 \times 5 = \frac{-35 + 40 \times 3}{3} = \frac{85}{3}$$

Hence,  $a = -\frac{35}{3}$  and  $a_9 = \frac{85}{3}$ .

$$[\because S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]]$$

(vi) Given :  $a = 2$ ,  $d = 8$ ,  $S_n = 90$ ,  $n = ?$ ,  $a_n = ?$ 

$$\therefore S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d] \Rightarrow 90 = \frac{n}{2} [2 \times 2 + (n-1) \times 8]$$

$$180 = 4n + 8n^2 - 8n \quad \text{or} \quad 8n^2 - 4n - 180 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2n^2 - n - 45 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2n^2 - 10n + 9n - 45 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2n(n-5) + 9(n-5) = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad (n-5)(2n+9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad n = -\frac{9}{2}$$

$$n = -\frac{9}{2} \text{ is not possible, so } n = 5$$

$$\therefore a_5 = 2 + (5-1) \times 8 = 2 + 32 = 37.$$

(vii) Given :  $a = 8$ ,  $a_n = 62$ ,  $S_n = 210$ ,  $n = ?$ ,  $d = ?$ 

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [a + a_n]$$

$$210 = \frac{n}{2} [8 + 62] = \frac{n}{2} \times 70 = 35n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{210}{35} = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } a_n = 62 &\Rightarrow a_6 = 62 \\ \Rightarrow a + 5d = 62 &\text{ or } 5d = 62 - a = 62 - 8 = 54 \\ \therefore d = \frac{54}{5} &= 10.8. \end{aligned}$$

(viii) Given :  $a_n = 4$ ,  $d = 2$ ,  $S_n = -14$ ,  $n = ?$ ,  $d = ?$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[a + a_n] \Rightarrow -14 = \frac{n}{2}[a + 4]$$

$$-28 = na + 4n \Rightarrow a = \frac{-4n - 28}{n}$$

Also,  $a_n = 4 \Rightarrow a + (n-1)d = 4$

$$a + (n-1)2 = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{-4n - 28}{n} + (n-1)2 = 4$$

$$-4n - 28 + 2n^2 - 2n = 4n \Rightarrow 2n^2 - 10n - 28 = 0$$

or  $n^2 - 5n - 14 = 0$  or  $n^2 - 7n + 2n - 14 = 0$

or  $n(n-7) + 2(n-7) = 0$  or  $(n-7)(n+2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow n = 7 \text{ or } n = -2$$

But  $n = -2$  is not possible, so  $n = 7$ .

$$\therefore a = \frac{-4 \times 7 - 28}{7} = -\frac{56}{7} = -8.$$

(ix) Given :  $a = 3$ ,  $n = 8$ ,  $S = 192$ ,  $d = ?$

$$S_8 = 192$$

[Given]

$$\frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d] = 192 \Rightarrow \frac{8}{2}[2 \times 3 + (8-1)d] = 192$$

$$24 + 28d = 192 \text{ or } 28d = 192 - 24 = 168$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{168}{28} = \frac{24}{4} = 6.$$

(x) Given :  $l = 28$ ,  $S = 144$ ,  $n = 9$ ,  $a = ?$

$$l = 28$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[a + l] \Rightarrow 144 = \frac{9}{2}[a + 28]$$

$$\frac{2}{9} \times 144 = a + 28 \text{ or } 32 = a + 28$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 32 - 28 = 4.$$

**Example 6** How many terms of the AP : 9, 17, 25, ... must be taken to give a sum of 636 ?

[NCERT]

**Solution.** Given the AP : 9, 17, 25, ... Here,  $a = 9$ ,  $d = 17 - 9 = 8$

Let  $S_n = 636$

Then,  $\frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d] = 636 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{2}[2 \times 9 + (n-1)8] = 636$

$$\Rightarrow 9n + n(n-1) \times 4 = 636 \Rightarrow 4n^2 - 4n + 9n = 636 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4n^2 + 5n - 636 = 0 \Rightarrow 4n^2 + 53n - 48n - 636 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n(4n + 53) - 12(4n + 53) = 0 \Rightarrow (4n + 53)(n - 12) = 0$$

$$n - 12 = 0$$

$$n = 12$$

Ans

$$n = \frac{-53}{4} \text{ not}$$