

Example 84 Show that $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ form an AP where a_n is defined as below :

(i) $a_n = 3 + 4n$

(ii) $a_n = a - 5n$

Also, find the sum of the first fifteen terms in each case.

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Solution. (i) Given : $a_n = 3 + 4n$. Putting $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$, we get

$a_1 = 3 + 4 \times 1 = 7, a_2 = 3 + 4 \times 2 = 11, a_3 = 3 + 4 \times 3 = 15, a_4 = 3 + 4 \times 4 = 19$, and so on.

The list of numbers is 7, 11, 15, 19, ...

Here, $11 - 7 = 15 - 11 = 19 - 15 = 4$, and so on.

Hence, the above list of numbers forms an AP with $a = 7$, and $d = 4$

Also, $S_{15} = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$, (where $n = 15$)

$$= \frac{15}{2}[14 + 14 \times 4] = \frac{15}{2} \times 70 = 525.$$

(ii) Given : $a_n = 9 - 5n$. Putting $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$, we get

$a_1 = 9 - 5 \times 1 = 4, a_2 = 9 - 5 \times 2 = -1, a_3 = 9 - 5 \times 3 = -6, a_4 = 9 - 5 \times 4 = -11$, and so on.

The list of numbers is 4, -1, -6, -11, ...

Here, $-1 - 4 = -6 - (-1) = -11 - (-6) = -5$

Hence, the above list of numbers is an AP with $a = 4$ and $d = -5$

Also, $S_{15} = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$, (where $n = 15$)

$$= \frac{15}{2}[8 + 14 \times (-5)] = \frac{15}{2} \times (-62) = 15 \times (-31) = -465.$$

Example 85 The sum of n terms of an AP is $3n^2 + 5n$. Find the AP. Hence, find its 16th term.

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Solution. Here, $S_n = 3n^2 + 5n$

$$\Rightarrow S_{n-1} = 3(n-1)^2 + 5(n-1) = 3(n^2 + 1 - 2n) + 5n - 5 = 3n^2 - n - 2$$

The n th term of the AP will be

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1} = 3n^2 + 5n - 3n^2 + n + 2 = 6n + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = 6 \times 1 + 2 = 8, a_2 = 6 \times 2 + 2 = 14, a_3 = 6 \times 3 + 2 = 20, \dots$$

Hence, the AP is 8, 14, 20, Also, $a_{16} = 6 \times 16 + 2 = 98$.

Example 86 If S_n , the sum of first n terms of an AP is given by $S_n = 3n^2 - 4n$, then find its n th term.

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Solution. Here, $S_n = 3n^2 - 4n$

$$\Rightarrow S_{n-1} = 3(n-1)^2 - 4(n-1) = 3(n^2 - 2n + 1) - 4n + 4 = 3n^2 - 10n + 7$$

The n th term of the AP will be

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1} = (3n^2 - 4n) - (3n^2 - 10n + 7) = 6n - 7.$$

Example 87 If the sum of the first n terms of an AP is $4n - n^2$, what is the first term (that S_1)? What is the sum of first two terms? What is the second term? Similarly, find the 3rd, the 10th and the n th terms.

Solution. Here, $S_n = 4n - n^2$

First term, $a_1 = S_1 = 4 \times 1 - 1^2 = 3$

Sum of first two terms, $S_2 = 4 \times 2 - 2^2 = 4$

Second term, $a_2 = S_2 - S_1 = 4 - 3 = 1$

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$$S_3 = 4 \times 3 - 3^2 = 3$$

$$\therefore a_3 = S_3 - S_2 = 3 - 4 = -1$$

Also, $S_9 = 4 \times 9 - 9^2 = -45$

$$S_{10} = 4 \times 10 - 10^2 = -60$$

$$\therefore a_{10} = S_{10} - S_9 = -60 - (-45) = -15$$

Again, $S_n = 4n - n^2$

$$\Rightarrow S_{n-1} = 4(n-1) - (n-1)^2 = (4n-4) - (n^2 - 2n + 1) = -n^2 + 6n - 5$$

$$\therefore \text{nth term, } a_n = S_n - S_{n-1} = (4n - n^2) - (-n^2 + 6n - 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 5 - 2n$$

$$S_{15} = \frac{15}{2}(2a + 14d) = \frac{15}{2}(4 + 14 \times 5) = 555.$$

Example 12

Find the sum of :

(i) the first 1000 positive integers

(ii) the first n positive integers.

Solution. (i) Let $S = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 1000$

It is an arithmetic series with $a = 1$, $d = 1$, $n = 1000$ and $l = 1000$

As
$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l)$$

$$\therefore S_{1000} = \frac{1000}{2}(1 + 1000) = 500 \times 1001 = 500500$$

Hence, the sum of the first 1000 positive integers is 500500.

(ii) Let $S_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$

It is an arithmetic series with $a = 1$, $d = 1$ and $l = n$

$$\therefore S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l) = \frac{n}{2}(1 + n) = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

Hence, the sum of the first n positive integers is given by $S_n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$.

Example 13 Find the sum of first 40 positive integers divisible by 6.

Solution. The first 40 positive integers divisible by 6 are :

$$6 \times 1, 6 \times 2, 6 \times 3, \dots, 6 \times 40 \quad \text{or} \quad 6, 12, 18, \dots, 240$$

It is an AP with $a = 6$, $l = 240$, $n = 40$

$$\therefore S_{40} = \frac{n}{2}(a + l), \quad (\text{where } n = 40)$$

$$= \frac{40}{2}(6 + 240) = 20 \times 246 = 4920$$

Hence, the sum of the first 40 positive integers divisible by 6 is 4920.

Example 14 Find the sum of first fifteen multiple of 8.

Solution. The first 15 multiples of 8 are

$$8 \times 1, 8 \times 2, 8 \times 3, \dots, 8 \times 15 \quad \text{or} \quad 8, 16, 24, \dots, 120$$

It is an AP with $a = 8$, $l = 120$, $n = 15$

$$\therefore S_{15} = \frac{n}{2}(a + l), \quad (\text{where } n = 15)$$

$$= \frac{15}{2}(8 + 120) = 15 \times 64 = 960$$

Hence, the sum of first fifteen multiples of 8 is 960.

Example Find the sum of all the odd numbers between 0 and 50.

Solution. The odd numbers between 0 and 50 are : 1, 3, 5, ..., 49

It is an AP with $a = 1$, $d = 3 - 1 = 2$, $l = 49$

Let $l = a_n = 49$

$$\Rightarrow a + (n-1)d = 49 \quad \Rightarrow 1 + (n-1) \times 2 = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 1 = 24 \quad \Rightarrow n = 25$$

$$\therefore S_{25} = \frac{n}{2}(a+l), \quad (\text{where } n = 25)$$

$$= \frac{25}{2}(1+49) = 25 \times 25 = 625$$

Hence, the sum of all the odd numbers between 0 and 50 is 625.