

- If 'a' is the first term and 'r' is the common ratio of the geometric progression, then its  $n^{\text{th}}$  term is given by  $a_n = ar^{n-1}$
- The sum,  $S_n$  of the first 'n' terms of the G.P. is given by  $S_n = a(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)$ , when  $r \neq 1$ ;  $= na$ , if  $r = 1$
- If  $-1 < x < 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$ . Hence, the sum of an infinite G.P. is  $1 + x + x^2 + \dots = 1/(1 - x)$
- If  $-1 < r < 1$ , then the sum of the infinite G.P. is  $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots = a/(1 - r)$
- If each term of the G.P. is multiplied or divided by a non-zero fixed constant, the resulting sequence is again a G.P.
- If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  and  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$  are two geometric progressions, then  $a_1b_1, a_2b_2, a_3b_3, \dots$  is also a geometric progression and  $a_1/b_1, a_2/b_2, \dots, a_n/b_n$  will also be in G.P.
- Suppose  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in G.P. then  $a_n, a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_3, a_2, a_1$  will also be in G.P.
- Taking the inverse of a G.P. also results a G.P. Suppose  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in G.P. then  $1/a_1, 1/a_2, 1/a_3, \dots, 1/a_n$  will also be in G.P.
- If we need to assume three numbers in G.P. then they should be assumed as  $a/b, a, ab$  (here common ratio is  $b$ )
- Four numbers in G.P. should be assumed as  $a/b^3, a/b, ab, ab^3$  (here common ratio is  $b^2$ )
- Five numbers in G.P.  $a/b^2, a/b, a, ab, ab^2$  (here common ratio is  $b$ )
- If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  is a G.P. ( $a_i > 0 \forall i$ ), then  $\log a_1, \log a_2, \log a_3, \dots, \log a_n$  is an A.P. In this case, the converse of the statement also holds good.
- If three terms are in G.P., then the middle term is called the geometric mean (G.M.) between the two. So if  $a, b, c$  are in G.P., then  $b = \sqrt{ac}$  is the geometric mean of  $a$  and  $c$ .
- Likewise, if  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are non-zero positive numbers, then their G.M.(G) is given by  $G = (a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n)^{1/n}$ .
- If  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  are  $n$  geometric means between  $a$  and  $b$  then  $a, G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, b$  will be a G.P.
- Here  $b = ar^{n+1} \Rightarrow r = \sqrt[n+1]{b/a}$ , Hence,  $G_1 = a \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{b/a}$ ,  $G_2 = a(\sqrt[n+1]{b/a})^2, \dots, G_n = a(\sqrt[n+1]{b/a})^n$ .