

Arithmetic Sequences

- 1 The first term of an arithmetic progression is 14 and the 20th term is 25.4.
- (i) Find the common difference. [2]
- (ii) Find the sum of the first 500 terms. [2]
- 2 An arithmetic progression has first term a and common difference d . The sum of the first 50 terms is 5200. Another arithmetic progression also has first term a . This progression has common difference $3d$ and its 20th term is 234. Find the values of a and d . [6]
- 3 An arithmetic progression has first term 1.71 and common difference 0.02. A geometric progression has first term 250 and common ratio r . The sum to infinity of the geometric progression is equal to the sum of the first 80 terms of the arithmetic progression. Find the value of r . [6]
- 4 The first term of a sequence is 8 and the second term is 10.
- (i) Given that the terms of the sequence form an arithmetic progression, find the sum of the first 100 terms. [3]
- (ii) Given instead that the terms of the sequence form a geometric progression and that the sum of the first K terms is greater than 10^{15} , find the least possible value of K . [5]
- 5 An arithmetic progression has first term 8 and common difference 1.2. The sum of the first n terms of the arithmetic progression is denoted by S_n .
- A geometric progression has first term 8 and common ratio 1.2. The sum of the first 35 terms of the geometric progression is denoted by G .
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- Given that $S_n > G$, find the least possible value of n . [8]