

Generalized Arithmetic Progressions–A Survey

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Dedicated to my esteemed teacher the Shri. S. Iyer who taught me Euclid, Descartes,
Progressions.

Abstract. Given any Arithmetic Progression we could treat the Sequence of its Sum upto n terms as another Progression and Find a Formula for the Sum of this Progression, repeat the process as many times as we may desire {find the Super-Sums of the Original Arithmetic Progression upto any [α -Level] we may say} and Find a Formula for the Sum upto n terms in each case. The Progressive Rhythm upto any level [α - Level] may be cumulatively collected and A Generalized Arithmetic Progression Defined and its Sum upto n terms and Super-Sums upto n terms may also be formulated analytically.

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1 Super-sums of an Arithmetic progression

Let $\left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{array} \right] = a + (n - 1)b = \mathbf{A}_n$ be a given Arithmetic Progression with “ a ” as the Initiating Term and “ b ” as the Basic Difference where “ a ” and “ b ” are algebraic numbers. We can determine the Super-Sums upto any Level $\infty = 1, 2, 3 \dots \infty$. The ordinary sum of the Arithmetic Progression is clearly the Super-Sum Level-1.

Notation

In $[S]_n \left[\begin{array}{c} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{array} \right]$, $[S]_n$ is the Sum upto n terms of the α^{th} Level of the

Arithmetic Progression [super-sum α^{th} Level] and it yields the \mathbf{A}_n [$\alpha + 1$]
[a, b]
 the $(\alpha + 1)^{th}$ Level of the given Arithmetic Progression.

We define Arithmetic Progression.

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{array} \right] = a + (n - 1)b = \mathbf{A}_n$$

ALL the following Sequence of Formulae could be easily Proved by the Method of Mathematical Induction by now traditionally formalized. For each Level, the induction is performed on “ n ” and for the General

$$[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha - 1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{bmatrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha-2)}{(\alpha-1)!} \right] +$$

$$\left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)\dots(n+\alpha-2)}{\alpha!} \right] b = \begin{matrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{matrix}$$

$$[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{bmatrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha-1)}{\alpha!} \right] +$$

$$\left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)\dots(n+\alpha-1)}{(\alpha+1)!} \right] b = \begin{matrix} [\alpha+1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{matrix}$$

$$[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha+1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{bmatrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha)}{(\alpha+1)!} \right] +$$

$$\left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)\dots(n+\alpha)}{(\alpha+2)!} \right] b = \begin{matrix} [\alpha+2] \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b] \end{matrix}$$

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2 Inductive-progression

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix} = a + (n-1)b + \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [1] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}$$

“ a ” as the Initiating Term and “ b ” as the Basic Difference and “ c ” is the inductive Factor [a,b, and c are algebraic numbers]. We can determine the Super-Sums upto any Level $\alpha = 1, 2, 3 \dots \infty$. The ordinary Sum of the INDUCTIVE-PROGRESSION IS clearly the Super-Sum Level - 1.

Notation

In $[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix}$ $[S]_n$ is the Sum upto n terms of the α^{th} Level of the

INDUCTIVE-PROGRESSION [super-sum α^{th} Level] and it yields the $[a + 1]$

\mathbf{I}_n the $(\alpha + 1)^{\text{th}}$ Level of the given INDUCTIVE- PROGRESSION. $[a, b, c]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix} = a + (n - 1)b + \left[\frac{(n - 2)(n - 1)}{2} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [1] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}$$

{An interesting example of INDUCTIVE-PROGRESSION is the set of Triangular Numbers. [Substitute $a = 1, b = 2, c = 1$].}

Now we can easily prove by Induction that the sum of this progression up to n terms is

$$[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [1] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix} = an + \left[\frac{(n - 1)(n)}{2!} \right] b + \left[\frac{(n - 2)(n - 1)(n)}{3!} \right]$$

$$c = \begin{matrix} [2] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}$$

ALL the following Sequence of Formulae could be easily Proved by the Method of Mathematical Induction by now traditionally formalized. For each Level, the induction is performed on “ n ” and for the General Result the induction is performed on “ α ”. The Routine Steps are omitted to save Eternal Space-Time!

$$[S]_n \begin{matrix} [2] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2!} \right] + \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)}{3!} \right] b$$

$$+ \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)(n)(n+1)}{4!} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [3] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}$$

$$[S]_n \begin{matrix} [3] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!} \right] + \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)(n+2)}{4!} \right] b$$

$$+ \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)(n)(n+1)(n+2)}{5!} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [4] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}$$

$$[S]_n \begin{matrix} [4] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4!} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{5!} \right] b \\
 & + \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)(n)(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{6!} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [5] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 [S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha - 1] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+\alpha-2)}{(\alpha-1)!} \right] + \\
 & \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1) \dots (n+\alpha-2)}{\alpha!} \right] \\
 & b + \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)(n) \dots (n+\alpha-2)}{(\alpha+1)!} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+\alpha-1)}{\alpha!} \right] + \\
 & \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1) \dots (n+\alpha-1)}{(\alpha+1)!} \right] \\
 & b + \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)(n) \dots (n+\alpha-1)}{(\alpha+2)!} \right] c = \begin{matrix} [\alpha + 1] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha + 1] \\ \mathbf{I}_n \\ [a, b, c] \end{bmatrix} = a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+\alpha)}{(\alpha+1)!} \right] +$$

$$\left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)\dots(n+\alpha)}{(\alpha+2)!} \right]$$

$$b + \left[\frac{(n-2)(n-1)(n)\dots(n+\alpha)}{(\alpha+3)!} \right] c = \mathbf{I}_n^{[\alpha+2]}_{[a, b]}$$

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3 Generalized Arithmetic Progressions-simple [* Arithmetic Progression]

We define the

GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS-SIMPLE [* ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION]

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} A_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{array} \right] = a + (n-1)b_1 + \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)}{2} \right] b_2 +$$

$$\left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)}{3!} \right] b_3 + \dots +$$

$$+ \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)\dots(n+\beta-2)}{\beta!} \right] b_\beta$$

$$= a + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-1)\dots(n+\phi-2)}{\phi!} \right] b_\phi = \mathbf{A}_n^* [1]_{[a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta]}$$

“a” as the initiating Term and “b₁”, “b₂”, “b₃” ---“b_β” as the Basic Differences [a, b₁, b₂, b₃, ---, b_β are algebraic numbers]. We can determine the Super-Sums of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION -SIMPLE UPTO any Level α = 1, 2, 3 ---∞. The ordinary

Sum of GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION -SIMPLE is clearly the Super-Sum Level-1 of the same. “β” may be called Generalization of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION -SIMPLE.

Notation

In $[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}$ $[S]_n$ is the Sum upto n terms of the α^{th} Level

of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION-SIMPLE [Super-

$$[a + 1]$$

Sum α^{th} Level] and it yields the \mathbf{I}_n the $(\alpha + 1)^{\text{th}}$ Level of the given

$$[a, b, c]$$

GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION-SIMPLE.

$$\begin{bmatrix} * \\ \mathbf{A}_n \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix} = a + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-1) \dots (n+\phi-2)}{\phi!} \right] b_\phi$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}$$

ALL the following Sequence of Formulae could be easily Proved by the Method of Mathematical Induction by now traditionally formalized. For each Level, the induction is performed on “n” and for The General Result the induction is performed on “α”. The Routine Steps are omitted to save Eternal Space -Time!

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix} &= an + \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)}{2!} \right] b_1 \\
&+ \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)}{3!} \right] b_2 + \dots + \\
&+ \left[\frac{(n-1)(n)(n+1)\dots(n+\beta-1)}{(\beta+1)!} \right] b_\beta \\
&= an + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-1)\dots(n+\phi-1)}{(\phi+1)} (\phi+1)! \right] b_\phi \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} [2] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [2] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2!} \right] + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-1)\dots(n+\phi)}{(\phi+2)!} \right] b_\phi \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} [3] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha - 1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha-2)}{(\alpha-1)!} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-1)\dots(n+\phi+\alpha-3)}{(\phi+\alpha-1)!} \right] b_\phi \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha-1)}{\alpha!} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-1)\dots(n+\phi+\alpha-2)}{(\phi+\alpha)!} \right] b_\phi \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha + 1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha + 1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n + 1)(n + 2) \dots (n + \alpha)}{(\alpha + 1)!} \right] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n - 1) \dots (n + \phi + \alpha - 1)}{(\phi + \alpha + 1)!} \right] b_\phi \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha + 2] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^* \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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4 Generalized Arithmetic Progressions-Random [^{*r} Arithmetic Progressions]

We define the

GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS -RANDOM [^{*r} ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{bmatrix} &= a + (n - j_1)b_1 + \left[\frac{(n - j_2)(n - j_2 + 1)}{2!} \right] b_2 \\
 &\quad + \left[\frac{(n - j_3)(n - j_3 + 1)(n - j_3 + 2)}{3!} \right] b_3 + \dots \\
 &\quad + \left[\frac{(n - j_\beta)(n - j_\beta + 1)(n - j_\beta + 2) \dots (n - j_\beta + \beta - 1)}{\beta!} \right] b_\beta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n - j_{\phi}) \dots (n - j_{\phi} + \phi - 1)}{\phi!} \right] b_{\phi} \\
&= \begin{matrix} [1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_{\beta}] \\ [@, j_1, \dots, j_{\beta}] \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

with “ a ” as the Initiating Term and “ b_1 ”, “ b_2 ”, “ b_3 ” --- “ b_{β} ” as the Basic Differences [$a, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_{\beta}$ are algebraic numbers] induced at [@] “ j_1 ”, “ j_2 ”, “ j_3 ”, ---, “ j_{β} ” respectively [$j_i > 1, i = 1, 2 \dots \beta$]. We can determine the Super-Sums of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION-RANDOM upto any Level $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots \infty$. The ordinary Sum of GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION -RANDOM is clearly the Super- Sum Level -1 of the same. “ β ” may be called Generalization- Level of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION -RANDOM. $J_i, (I = 1, 2 \dots \beta)$ may be called the Inductive Points of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION -RANDOM.

Notation

In $[S]_n \begin{bmatrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_{\beta}] \\ [@ j_1, \dots, j_{\beta}] \end{bmatrix}, [S]_n$ is the sum upto n terms of the α^{th} Level

of the GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION-RANDOM [Super-

Sum α^{th} Level] and it yields the $[a + 1]$
 \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} the $(\alpha + 1)^{\text{th}}$ Level of the
 $[a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta]$
 $[@j_1, \dots, j_\beta]$
 given GENERALIZED ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION-RANDOM.

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{array} \right] = a + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n - j_\phi) \dots (n - j_\phi + \phi - 1)}{\phi!} \right] b_\phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} &[@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \\ &= \begin{array}{c} [1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

ALL the following Sequence of Formulae could be easily Proved by the Method of Mathematical Induction by now traditionally formalized. For each Level, the induction is performed on “ n ” and for The General Result the induction is performed on “ α ”. The Routine Steps are omitted to save Eternal Space-Time!

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} [1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{array} \right] = an + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n - j_\phi) \dots (n - j_\phi + \phi)}{(\phi + 1)!} \right] b_\phi$$

$$[@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{matrix} [2] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix} \\
& =
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{matrix} [2] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2!} \right] \\
& + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-j_\phi) \dots (n-j_\phi + \phi + 1)}{(\phi+2)!} \right] b_\phi \\
& = \begin{matrix} [3] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{matrix} [3] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3!} \right] \\
& + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-j_\phi) \dots (n-j_\phi + \phi + 2)}{(\phi+3)!} \right] b_\phi
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{matrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix} \\
[S]_n \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} [\alpha] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{matrix} \\ [@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha-1)}{\alpha!} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-j_\phi)\dots(n-j_\phi+\phi+\alpha-1)}{(\phi+\alpha)!} \right] b_\phi \\
&= \begin{matrix} [\alpha+1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\ [@j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[S]_n \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} [\alpha+1] \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\ [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \end{matrix} \\ [@, j_1, \dots, j_\beta] \end{matrix} &= a \left[\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+\alpha)}{(\alpha+1)} \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{\phi=1}^{\beta} \left[\frac{(n-j_\phi)\dots(n-j_\phi+\phi+\alpha+1)}{(\phi+\alpha+1)!} \right] b_\phi
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [\alpha + 2] \\
 & \mathbf{A}_n^{*r} \\
 = & [a, b_1, \dots, b_\beta] \\
 & [@j_1, \dots, j_\beta]
 \end{aligned}$$

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We could of course induct and repeat the same inductive-block at as many random points of entry and generalize appropriately. The details though trivial are cumbersome. [See:1]

Since the Initiating term and Basic differences can be any algebraic number, we can see that each family of the Progressions elucidated here, defines a unique Algebraic Field of Sequences.

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