

(73) 等比級數

若 a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n 滿足以下的條件，則此數列是一個等比級數。

$$a_1 = a$$

$$a_2 = ar$$

$$a_3 = ar^2$$

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$$a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

例

$a_1 = 1, r = 2$ ，則 $1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64$ 為一等比級數

$a_1 = -1, r = 2$ ，則 $-1, -2, -4, -8, -16, -32, -64$ 為一等比級數

$a_1 = -1, r = -2$ ，則 $-1, 2, -4, 8, -16, 32, -64$ 為一等比級數

1. $a = 3, r = 2$ ，求 a_5

$$a_5 = ar^{n-1} = 3(2)^4 = 3 \times 16 = 48$$

2. $a = -3, r = -2$ ，求 a_5

$$a_5 = ar^{n-1} = (-3)(-2)^4 = (-3) \times 16 = -48$$

3. $a_1 = -3, r = -2$ ，求 a_6

$$a_6 = ar^{n-1} = (-3)(-2)^5 = (-3)(-32) = 96$$

4. $a = 2, r = \frac{1}{2}$ ，求 a_5

$$a_5 = ar^{n-1} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = 2 \times \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$$

5. $a = 1, r = \sqrt{2}$ ，求 a_5

$$a_5 = ar^{n-1} = (1)(\sqrt{2})^4 = 4$$

6. $a = 1, r = \sqrt{2}$ ，求 a_6

$$a_6 = ar^{n-1} = (1)(\sqrt{2})^5 = 4\sqrt{2}$$

7. 已知 $r = 2, a_5 = 48$, 求 a
 $a_5 = ar^{n-1} = a(2)^4 = 48$
 $16a = 48$
 $a = 3$

8. $r = -2, a_6 = 96$, 求 a
 $a_6 = ar^{n-1} = a(-2)^5 = 96$
 $-32a = 96$
 $a = -3$

9. $r = \frac{1}{2}, a_5 = \frac{1}{8}$, 求 a
 $a_5 = ar^{n-1} = a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{8}$
 $\frac{1}{16}a = \frac{1}{8}$
 $a = 2$

10. $r = \sqrt{2}, a_5 = 4$, 求 a
 $a_5 = ar^{n-1} = a(\sqrt{2})^4 = 4$
 $4a = 4$
 $a = 1$

11. $a = 3, a_5 = 48$, 求 r
 $a_5 = ar^{n-1} = 3(r)^4 = 48$
 $(r)^4 = 16$
 $r = \pm 2, \pm 2i$

12. $a = -3, a_5 = -48$, 求 r
 $a_5 = ar^{n-1} = (-3)(r)^4 = -48$
 $(r)^4 = 16$
 $r = \pm 2, \pm 2i$

13. $a = -3, a_6 = 96$, 求 r
 $a_6 = ar^{n-1} = (-3)(r)^5 = 96$
 $(r)^5 = -32$
 $r = -2$

因為 $a_i = ar^{i-1}$, $a_j = ar^{j-1}$

$$\text{故 } \frac{a_j}{a_i} = \frac{ar^{j-1}}{ar^{i-1}} = r^{(j-1)-(i-1)} = r^{j-i}$$

$$\therefore a_j = a_i r^{j-i}$$

14. 已知 $a_5 = 48$, $r = 2$, 求 a_7

$$a_7 = a_5 r^{7-5} = (48)(2)^2 = 192$$

15. 已知 $a_5 = -48$, $r = -2$, 求 a_7

$$a_7 = a_5 r^{7-5} = (-48)(-2)^2 = -192$$

16. 已知 $a_6 = 96$, $r = -2$, 求 a_2

$$a_6 = a_2 r^{6-2} = a_2 r^4 = a_2 (-2)^4 = 96$$

$$a_2 (16) = 96$$

$$a_2 = 6$$

17. 已知 $a_6 = 96$, $r = -2$, 求 a_1

$$a_6 = a_1 r^{6-1} = a_1 r^5 = a_1 (-2)^5 = 96$$

$$a_1 (-32) = 96$$

$$a_1 = -3$$

等比級數還有一個有趣的公式：

如 a, b, c 為等比級數，則 $b^2 = ac$

證明： $b = ar$, $c = ar^2$

$$ac = a(ar^2) = a^2 r^2 = (ar)^2 = b^2$$

18. a, b, c 為等比級數， $a = 2, c = 8$ ，求 b

$$b^2 = ac = 2 \times 8 = 16$$

$$b = \pm 4$$

19. a, b, c 為等比級數， $a = -3, c = -27$ ，求 b

$$b^2 = ac = (-3) \times (-27) = 81$$

$$b = \pm 9$$

20. a, b, c 為等比級數, $a = -2, c = -8$, 求 r

$$b^2 = ac = (-2) \times (-8) = 16$$

$$b = \pm 4$$

$$b = ar$$

$$\pm 4 = -2r$$

$$r = \pm 2$$

21. 已知 $a = 1, r = -3, S_n = -20$, 求 n

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{(1)((-3)^n - 1)}{-3 - 1} = -20$$

$$\frac{(-3)^n - 1}{-4} = -20$$

$$(-3)^n - 1 = 80$$

$$(-3)^n = 81$$

$$n = 4$$

$$\text{驗證 } S_n = 1 + (-3) + 9 + (-27) = -20$$

22. 已知 $r = 3, S_4 = 80$, 求 a

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{a((3)^4 - 1)}{3 - 1} = 80$$

$$\frac{80a}{2} = 80$$

$$80a = 160$$

$$a = 2$$

$$\text{驗證 } S_4 = 2 + 6 + 18 + 54 = 80$$

23. 已知 $r = -2, S_5 = -11$, 求 a

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{a((-2)^5 - 1)}{-2 - 1} = -11$$

$$\frac{-33a}{-3} = -11$$

$$-33a = 33$$

$$a = -1$$

$$\text{驗證 } S_5 = -1 + 2 + (-4) + 8 + (-16) = -11$$

24. a, b, c 為一等比級數， $a = x^2 + 4, c = 1, b^2 = 4x$ ，求 a, b

$$ac = b^2$$

$$x^2 + 4 = 4x$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

$$a = x^2 + 4 = 2^2 + 4 = 8$$

$$b^2 = 4x = 8$$

$$b = \pm\sqrt{8} = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

此等比級數的 r 是

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\pm 2\sqrt{2}}{8} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

驗證

$$a = 8$$

$$b = 8r = 8 \times \left(\pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right) = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$c = 8r^2 = 8\left(\pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right)^2 = 8\left(\frac{2}{16}\right) = 1$$

答案是正確的

25. a, b, c 為一等比級數， $a = x^2 - 4, c = 1, b^2 = 3x$ ，求 a, b

$$ac = b^2$$

$$x^2 - 4 = 3x$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \text{ 及 } x = -1$$

若 $x = 4$

$$a = x^2 - 4 = 4^2 - 4 = 12$$

$$b^2 = 3x = 12$$

$$b = \pm\sqrt{12} = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\pm 2\sqrt{3}}{12} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

可以證明 $a = 12, b = \pm 2\sqrt{3}, c = 1$ 為一等比級數

若 $x = -1$

$$a = x^2 - 4 = (-1)^2 - 4 = -3$$

$$b^2 = 3x = -3$$

$$b = \sqrt{3}i$$

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{-3} = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{此時 } c = br = (\sqrt{3}i)\left(\frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = -i^2 = 1$$

可以證明 $a = -3, b = \sqrt{3}i, c = 1$ 為一等比級數

26. a, b, c 為一等比級數， $a = x^2 + 6$, $b^2 = 5x$, $c = 1$ ，求 a, b

$$ac = b^2$$

$$x^2 + 6 = 5x$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 3 \text{ 及 } x = 2$$

若 $x = 3$

$$a = x^2 + 6 = 3^2 + 6 = 15$$

$$b^2 = 5x = 15$$

$$b = \pm\sqrt{15}$$

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{15}}{15} = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}$$

可以證明 $a = 15, b = \pm\sqrt{15}, c = 1$ 為一等比級數

若 $x = 2$

$$a = x^2 + 6 = 2^2 + 6 = 10$$

$$b^2 = 5x = 10$$

$$b = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\pm\sqrt{10}}{10} = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$$

可以證明 $a = 10, b = \pm\sqrt{10}, c = 1$ 為一等比級數

27. a, b, c 為一等比級數， $a = x - 3$ ， $b^2 = 4$ ， $c = x$ ，求 a, b, c

$$ac = b^2$$

$$x(x - 3) = 4$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x + 1)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = -1 \text{ 及 } x = 4$$

$$\text{若 } x = -1$$

$$a = x - 3 = -1 - 3 = -4$$

$$b^2 = 4$$

$$b = 2$$

$$c = -1$$

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{2}{-4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$-4, 2, -1$ 為一等比級數

$$\text{若 } x = 4$$

$$a = x - 3 = 4 - 3 = 1$$

$$b^2 = 4$$

$$b = 2$$

$$c = 4$$

$$r = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

$1, 2, 4$ 為一等比級數

28. a, b, c 為一等差級數，也是一等比級數， $abc = 27$ ，求 a, b, c

$\because a, b, c$ 為一等比級數，故

$$ac = b^2$$

$$\therefore abc = b^2(b) = b^3 = 27$$

$$\therefore b = 3$$

a, b, c 為一等差級數，故

$$a + c = 2b$$

$$a = 2b - c = 6 - c$$

$$\because abc = 27, b = 3$$

$$(6 - c)3c = 27$$

$$c^2 - 6c + 9 = 0$$

$$(c - 3)^2 = 0$$

$$c = 3$$

$$a = 6 - c = 3$$

在以下，我們要討論等比級數的和

$$\text{令 } s_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$rs_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n$$

$$s_n - rs_n = (1 - r)s_n = a - ar^n = a(1 - r^n)$$

$$\therefore s_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{a(r^n-1)}{r-1}$$

29. $n = 5, a = 1, r = 2$ ，求 S_n

$$S_n = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 = 31$$

$$\text{用公式 } S_n = \frac{a(r^n-1)}{r-1} = \frac{1(2^5-1)}{2-1} = 31$$

也可以用 $s_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$ ，可以得到相同的結果

30. $n = 5, a = -1, r = -2$ ，求 S_n

$$S_n = -1 + 2 + (-4) + 8 + (-16) = -11$$

$$\text{用公式 } S_n = \frac{a(r^n-1)}{r-1} = \frac{(-1)((-2)^5-1)}{-2-1} = \frac{(-1)(-32-1)}{-3} = \frac{(-1)(-33)}{-3} = -11$$