

## ARITHMETIC PROGRESSIONS

An **arithmetic progression** (AP) is a list of numbers in which each term is obtained by adding a fixed number  $d$  to the preceding term, except the first term. The fixed number  $d$  is called the **common difference**

**For examples :**

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| 1) 1,2,3,4,5, ... ..          | $d = 2 - 1 = 1$   |
| 2) 1,5,9,13,17, ... ..        | $d = 5 - 1 = 4$   |
| 3) 10,7,4,1, -2, ... ..       | $d = 7 - 10 = -3$ |
| 4) 8,4,0, -4, -8, -12, ... .. | $d = 4 - 8 = -4$  |
| 5) 3,3,3,3,3 ... ..           | $d = 3 - 3 = 0$   |

**For an AP ,if the common difference is :**

- **Positive** ,the AP is
- **Zero** , the AP is
- **Negative** the AP is

**For the following APs, write the common difference:**

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| 1) 1, 4, 7, 10, ... ..        | $d =$ |
| 2) 2, 6, 10, 14, ... ..       | $d =$ |
| 3) 10, 8, 6, 4, ... ..        | $d =$ |
| 4) 3, 1, -1, -3, ... ..       | $d =$ |
| 5) 5, 5, 5, 5, ... ..         | $d =$ |
| 6) 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, ... ..     | $d =$ |
| 7) 0.6, 1.7, 2.8, 3.9, ... .. | $d =$ |