

common divisor of two algebraic polynomials and prove this divisor to be the lowest common multiple of all the common divisors.

Find the H. C. D. of

$$18x^4 + 9x^3 - 17x^2 - 4x + 4;$$

$$8x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 - x + 1;$$

and resolve these quantities into simple factors.

6. Reduce to a single fraction

$$\frac{3}{4(1-x)} + \frac{3}{8(1-x)} + \frac{1}{8(1+x)} - \frac{1-x}{4(1+x^2)}$$

7. What is the distinction between an equation and an identity?

To which class, having regard to x , does the following belong :

$$\left(x + \frac{5a}{2}\right) \left(x - \frac{3a}{2}\right) + ax.$$

$$= (x+5a)(x-3a) + 11\frac{1}{2}?$$

If $a = 1$, how then?

8. Find the Arithmetic, Geometric and Harmonic means between two quantities.

If a, b, c , be in Harmonic progression, then

$$\text{will } \frac{ab}{a+b}, \frac{ac}{a+c}, \frac{bc}{b+c}, \text{ be in H. P.}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{b+c}{a}, \frac{c+a}{b}, \frac{a+b}{c}, \text{ in A. P.}$$

9. If a varies as b and c varies as d , then will ad vary as bc .

There are two circles each of radius 3 and form others of radii 4, 5, 6, 7, respectively, show that they can all be made up into a single circle of radius 12, assuming that the area of a circle varies as the square of its radius.

10. Given the first and last of a given number of quantities in arithmetical progression, find their sum.

Find a series where, the first term being 11, the sum of the first three terms is equal to that of the first nine terms.

11. Given any two terms of a geometric series, show how to construct it.

Find a series where the first term is 3, the fifth term $\frac{1}{27}$, and the sum of the first five terms $2\frac{1}{27}$.

12. Find the limit of the sum of a geometric series indefinitely extended, the common ratio being less than unity.

Deduce the ordinary arithmetic rule for finding the value of a recurring decimal.

$$\text{Prove that } \sqrt{1.77} = 1.33.$$

13. The latter half of $2n$ terms of an arithmetic series is one-third of the sum of $3n$ terms of the same series.

If a denote the sum of n terms of $1 + 5 + 9 + \dots$, and b the sum of $3 + 7 + 11 + \dots$ to $n-1$ or n terms then will $a+b = (a-b)^2$.

The fraction $\frac{1}{81}$ on being converted to a decimal will continually produce successively in order the digits 0 to 9 with the exception of 8. Explain this.

14. How are equations divided into orders?

Prove that every equation in x involving x^2 and no higher power of x , has two and only two roots.

Prove that the roots of $ax^2 - bx = a^2x - ab$ are rational.

15. Solve the equations

$$(1.) (a+x)(b+x) = nab.$$

$$(2.) 1 + \sqrt{x} = 6x.$$

$$(3.) \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{x+1}.$$

$$(4.) x+y+z = \frac{a^3}{x} = \frac{b^2}{y} = \frac{c^2}{z}.$$

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1. Squares are described upon the three sides of an isosceles right angled triangle.