

Ratio and Proportion

Exercise -6.1

Solution 1:

1. Ratio of 63 to 36 is $\frac{63}{36} = \frac{9 \times 7}{9 \times 4} = \frac{7}{4}$
2. Ratio of 44 to 99 is $\frac{44}{99} = \frac{11 \times 4}{11 \times 9} = \frac{4}{9}$
3. Ratio of 161 to 115 is $\frac{161}{115} = \frac{23 \times 7}{23 \times 5} = \frac{7}{5}$
4. Ratio of 135 to 405 is $\frac{135}{405} = \frac{135 \times 1}{135 \times 3} = \frac{1}{3}$

Solution 2:

1. 55 cm, 2 m

$$2 \text{ m} = 2 \times 100 = 200 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Ratio of 55 cm to 200 cm} = \frac{55}{200} = \frac{5 \times 11}{5 \times 40} = \frac{11}{40}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ratio of 55 cm to 2 m} = 11 : 40$$

2. 3.5 Kg, 6500 gm

$$3.5 \text{ Kg} = 3.5 \times 1000 = 3500 \text{ gm}$$

$$\text{Ratio of 3500 gm to 6500 gm} = \frac{3500}{6500} = \frac{500 \times 7}{500 \times 13} = \frac{7}{13}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ratio of 3.5 Kg to 6500 gm} = 7 : 13$$

3. 3 min 54 sec, 2 min 6 sec

$$3 \text{ min } 54 \text{ sec} = 3 \times 60 + 54 = 180 + 54 = 234 \text{ sec}$$

$$2 \text{ min } 6 \text{ sec} = 2 \times 60 + 6 = 120 + 6 = 126 \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{Ratio of 234 sec to 126 sec} = \frac{234}{126} = \frac{18 \times 13}{18 \times 7} = \frac{13}{7}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ratio of 3 min 54 sec to 2 min 6 sec} = 13 : 7$$

4. Rs. 11, Rs. 15 and paise 40

$$\text{Rs. 11} = 11 \times 100 = 1100 \text{ paise}$$

$$\text{Rs. 15 and paise 40} = 15 \times 100 + 40 = 1500 + 40 = 1540 \text{ paise}$$

$$\text{Ratio of 1100 paise to 1540 paise} = \frac{1100}{1540} = \frac{220 \times 5}{220 \times 7} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ratio of Rs. 11 to Rs. 15 and paise 40} = 5 : 7$$

Solution 3:

1. 117 cm : 52 cm

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{117}{52} \\ &= \frac{13 \times 9}{13 \times 4} \\ &= \frac{9}{4} \\ &= 9 : 4 \end{aligned}$$

2. 8 years 4 months = $8 \times 12 + 4 = 96 + 4 = 100$ months

11 years 8 months = $11 \times 12 + 8 = 132 + 8 = 140$ months

11 years 8 months : 8 years 4 months

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{140}{100} \\ &= \frac{20 \times 7}{20 \times 5} \\ &= \frac{7}{5} \\ &= 7 : 5 \end{aligned}$$

3. 2.40 m : 1.44 m

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2.40}{1.44} \\ &= \frac{0.48 \times 5}{0.48 \times 3} \\ &= \frac{5}{3} \\ &= 5 : 3 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4:

1. $108 : 100$

$$= \frac{108}{100}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 27}{4 \times 25}$$

$$= \frac{27}{25}$$

2. $25 : 100$

$$= \frac{25}{100}$$

$$= \frac{25 \times 1}{25 \times 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 1 : 4$$

3. 60%

$$= \frac{60}{100}$$

$$= \frac{20 \times 3}{20 \times 5}$$

$$= \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= 3 : 5$$

4. 225%

$$= \frac{225}{100}$$

$$= \frac{25 \times 9}{25 \times 4}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}$$

$$= 9 : 4$$

Solution 5:

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & \frac{14}{20} \\ &= \frac{14}{20} \\ &= \frac{14 \times 5}{20 \times 5} \\ &= \frac{70}{100} \\ &= 70 \% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad & 3 : 50 \\ &= \frac{3}{50} \\ &= \frac{3 \times 2}{50 \times 2} \\ &= \frac{6}{100} \\ &= 6 \% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad & \frac{9}{25} \\ &= \frac{9 \times 4}{25 \times 4} \\ &= \frac{36}{100} \\ &= 36 \% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad & \frac{5}{16} \\ &= \frac{5 \times \frac{100}{16}}{16 \times \frac{100}{16}} \\ &= \frac{500}{1600} \\ &= \frac{500}{16} \% \\ &= 31.25 \% \end{aligned}$$

Solution 6:

1. For ratios $\frac{9}{7}, \frac{3}{2}$

We have $9 \times 2 = 18$ and $3 \times 7 = 21$

But, $9 \times 2 < 3 \times 7$

$$\therefore \frac{9}{7} < \frac{3}{2}$$

2. For ratios $\frac{5}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$

We have $5 \times \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{50}$ and

$$4 \times \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{48}$$

But, $\sqrt{50} > \sqrt{48}$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{4} > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

3. For ratios $\frac{2.5}{7}, \frac{3}{8}$

We have $2.5 \times 8 = 20$ and $7 \times 3 = 21$

But, $20 < 21$

$$\therefore \frac{2.5}{7} < \frac{3}{8}$$

4. $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}}$

We have $3\sqrt{3} \times 3\sqrt{3} = (3 \times 3) \times (\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}) = 9 \times 3 = 27$ and

$$2\sqrt{2} \times 2\sqrt{2} = (2 \times 2) \times (\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}) = 4 \times 2 = 8$$

But, $27 > 8$

$$\therefore \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} > \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

Solution 7:

Let the common multiple be x .

The given numbers are $3x$ and $5x$ respectively.

Given that their sum is 360.

$$\therefore 3x + 5x = 360$$

$$\therefore 8x = 360$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{360}{8}$$

$$\therefore x = 45$$

$$\therefore \text{The first number} = 3x = 3 \times 45 = 135$$

$$\text{and the second number} = 5x = 5 \times 45 = 225$$

The numbers are 135 and 225.

Solution 8:

Let the common multiple be x .

$\therefore$ The present ages of Shreya and Kavita are $3x$ and $4x$ years respectively.

Five years hence,

Shreya's age will be $(3x + 5)$ years and

Kavita's age will be $(4x + 5)$ years

From the given condition,

$$\frac{3x + 5}{4x + 5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\therefore 5(3x + 5) = 4(4x + 5)$$

$$\therefore 15x + 25 = 16x + 20$$

$$\therefore 16x - 15x = 25 - 20$$

$$\therefore x = 5$$

$$\text{Shreya's present age} = 3x = 3 \times 5 = 15 \text{ years}$$

$$\text{Kavita's present age} = 4x = 4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ years}$$

Solution 9:

Let the common multiple be x .

$\therefore$ The length and breadth are $5x$ cm and $3x$ cm respectively.

The area of a rectangle = length $\times$ breadth

$$\therefore 5x \times 3x = 29.4$$

$$\therefore 15x^2 = 29.4$$

$$\therefore x^2 = \frac{29.4}{15}$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 1.96$$

$$\therefore x = 1.4$$

$$\text{Length of the rectangle} = 5x = 5 \times 1.4 = 7 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Breadth of the rectangle} = 3x = 3 \times 1.4 = 4.2 \text{ cm}$$

Solution 10:

Let the common multiple be x .

$\therefore$ The measures of the angles are $2x^\circ$, $3x^\circ$, $4x^\circ$ and x° respectively.

By the angle sum property of a quadrilateral,

$$2x^\circ + 3x^\circ + 4x^\circ + x^\circ = 360^\circ$$

$$\therefore 10x^\circ = 360^\circ$$

$$\therefore x^\circ = 36^\circ$$

$$m\angle D = x^\circ = 36^\circ$$

$$m\angle A = 2x^\circ = 2 \times 36^\circ = 72^\circ$$

$$m\angle B = 3x^\circ = 3 \times 36^\circ = 108^\circ$$

$$m\angle C = 4x^\circ = 4 \times 36^\circ = 144^\circ$$

$$\text{Now, } m\angle A + m\angle B = 72^\circ + 108^\circ = 180^\circ \text{ and}$$

$$m\angle C + m\angle D = 144^\circ + 36^\circ = 180^\circ$$

side $AD \parallel$ side BC (By interior angle test for parallel lines.)

$$\text{Again, } m\angle A + m\angle D = 72^\circ + 36^\circ \neq 180^\circ \text{ and}$$

$$m\angle B + m\angle C = 108^\circ + 144^\circ \neq 180^\circ$$

$\therefore$ Side AB is not parallel to side CD .

$\therefore$ Only one pair of opposite sides is parallel,

$\therefore \square ABCD$ is a trapezium.

Solution 11(i):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a}{b} - \frac{a+1}{b+1} &= \frac{ab + a - ab - b}{b(b+1)} \\ &= \frac{a-b}{b(b+1)}\end{aligned}$$

Here we have $a < b$

$$\therefore a - b < 0$$

$$b(b+1) > 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{a-b}{b(b+1)} \text{ is negative}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} < \frac{a+1}{b+1}$$

Solution 11(ii):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{5} - \frac{3+c}{5+c} &= \frac{15 + 3c - 15 - 5c}{5(5+c)} \\ &= \frac{-2c}{5(5+c)}\end{aligned}$$

Here we have $c > 0$,

$$\therefore -2c < 0 \text{ and } 5(5+c) > 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{-2c}{5(5+c)} \text{ is neagtive}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3}{5} < \frac{3+c}{5+c}$$

Solution 11(iii):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a-1}{b-1} - \frac{a+1}{b+1} \\ &= \frac{(a-1)(b+1) - (a+1)(b-1)}{(b-1)(b+1)} \\ &= \frac{ab + a - b - 1 - ab + a - b + 1}{(b-1)(b+1)} \\ &= \frac{2a - 2b}{(b-1)(b+1)} \\ &= \frac{2(a-b)}{(b-1)(b+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Here we have $a > b$ and $b \neq \pm 1$

$\therefore \frac{2(a-b)}{(b-1)(b+1)}$ is positive

$$\therefore \frac{a-1}{b-1} > \frac{a+1}{b+1}$$

Exercise – 6.2

Solution 1:

$$\text{i. } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{5}{8} \quad \dots(\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore \frac{b}{a} = \frac{8}{5} \quad \dots(\text{Invertendo})$$

$$\therefore b : a = 8 : 5$$

$$\text{ii. } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{5}{8} \quad \dots(\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{5+8}{8} \quad \dots(\text{Componendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+b}{b} = \frac{13}{8}$$

$$\text{iii. } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{5}{8} \quad \dots(\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a-b}{b} = \frac{5-8}{8} \quad \dots(\text{Dividendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a-b}{b} = \frac{-3}{8}$$

$$\text{iv. } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{5}{8} \quad \dots(\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{5+8}{5-8} \quad \dots(\text{Componendo and Dividendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{13}{-3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+b}{a-b} = -\frac{13}{3}$$

Solution 2(i):

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{6}{5} \quad \dots (\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{q} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{5} \times \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3p}{4q} = \frac{9}{10}$$

$$\frac{3p + 4q}{3p - 4q} = \frac{9 + 10}{9 - 10} \quad \dots (\text{Componendo - Dividendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{3p + 4q}{3p - 4q} = \frac{19}{-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3p + 4q}{3p - 4q} = -\frac{19}{1}$$

Solution 2(ii):

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{6}{5} \quad \dots (\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{q^2} = \frac{36}{25} \quad \dots (\text{Squaring both the sides})$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{q^2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{36}{25} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{2q^2} = \frac{36}{50}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{2q^2} = \frac{18}{25}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2 + 2q^2}{2q^2} = \frac{18 + 25}{25} \quad \dots (\text{Componendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^2 + 2q^2}{2q^2} = \frac{43}{25}$$

Solution 2(iii):

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{6}{5} \quad \dots (\text{Given})$$

$$\therefore 5p = 6q$$

$$\therefore 5p - 6q = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{5p - 6q}{3p + 4q} = \frac{0}{3p + 4q} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{5p - 6q}{3p + 4q} = 0$$

Solution 2(iv):

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^3}{q^3} = \frac{216}{125} \quad \dots (\text{Cubing both the sides})$$

$$\frac{p^3 - q^3}{q^3} = \frac{216 - 125}{125} \quad \dots (\text{Dividendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{p^3 - q^3}{q^3} = \frac{91}{125}$$

$$\therefore \frac{q^3}{p^3 - q^3} = \frac{125}{91} \quad \dots (\text{Invertendo})$$

Solution 3:

$$\frac{7a^2 + 2b^2}{7a^2 - 2b^2} = \frac{113}{13}$$

$$\frac{7a^2 + 2b^2 + 7a^2 - 2b^2}{7a^2 + 2b^2 - (7a^2 - 2b^2)} = \frac{113 + 13}{113 - 13} \quad \dots (\text{Compendendo - Dividendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{14a^2}{7a^2 + 2b^2 - 7a^2 + 2b^2} = \frac{126}{100}$$

$$\therefore \frac{14a^2}{4b^2} = \frac{126}{100}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{126}{100} \times \frac{4}{14}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{9}{25}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \pm \frac{3}{5} \quad \dots (\text{Taking square root})$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3}{5} \text{ or } \frac{a}{b} = -\frac{3}{5}$$

Solution 4(i):

$$\frac{x^2 - 5x + 12}{5x - 12} = \frac{x^2 - x - 4}{x + 4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2 - 5x + 12 + 5x - 12}{5x - 12} = \frac{x^2 - x - 4 + x + 4}{x + 4} \dots (\text{Componendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{5x - 12} = \frac{x^2}{x + 4}$$

Now, for $x = 0$, the equation is satisfied

$\therefore x = 0$ is one of the solutions,

When $x \neq 0$, $x^2 \neq 0$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{5x - 12} = \frac{1}{x + 4}$$

$$\therefore 5x - 12 = x + 4$$

$$\therefore 5x - x = 4 + 12$$

$$\therefore 4x = 16$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{16}{4}$$

$$\therefore x = 4$$

$\therefore x = 0$ or $x = 4$ is the solution.

Solution 4(ii):

$$\frac{x^2 + 8x - 3}{8x - 3} = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4}{4x + 4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2 + 8x - 3 - (8x - 3)}{8x - 3} = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4 - (4x + 4)}{4x + 4} \dots (\text{Dividendo})$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2 + 8x - 3 - 8x + 3}{8x - 3} = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4x - 4}{4x + 4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{8x - 3} = \frac{x^2}{4x + 4}$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 0 \text{ or } 8x - 3 = 4x + 4$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$8x - 4x = 4 + 3$$

$$\therefore 4x = 7$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{7}{4}$$

$\therefore x = 0$ and $x = \frac{7}{4}$ is the solution.

Solution 4(iii):

$$\frac{10x^2 + 15x + 63}{5x^2 - 25x + 12} = \frac{2x + 3}{x - 5}$$

$$\therefore \frac{5x(2x + 3) + 63}{5x(x - 5) + 12} = \frac{2x + 3}{x - 5}$$

Substituting a for $2x + 3$ and b for $x - 5$,

$$\therefore \frac{5xa + 63}{5xb + 12} = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\therefore b(5xa + 63) = a(5xb + 12)$$

$$\therefore 5xab + 63b = 5xab + 12a$$

$$\therefore 63b = 12a$$

$$\therefore 21b = 4a$$

Resubstituting values of a and b,

$$21(x - 5) = 4(2x + 3)$$

$$\therefore 21x - 105 = 8x + 12$$

$$\therefore 21x - 8x = 12 + 105$$

$$\therefore 13x = 117$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{117}{13}$$

$$\therefore x = 9$$

$\therefore x = 9$ is the solution.

Solution 4(iv):

$$\frac{(5x + 2)^2 + (5x - 2)^2}{(5x + 2)^2 - (5x - 2)^2} = \frac{13}{12}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(5x + 2)^2 + (5x - 2)^2 + (5x + 2)^2 - (5x - 2)^2}{(5x + 2)^2 + (5x - 2)^2 - (5x + 2)^2 + (5x - 2)^2} = \frac{13 + 12}{13 - 12}$$

...(Componendo-Dividendo)

$$\therefore \frac{2(5x + 2)^2}{2(5x - 2)^2} = \frac{25}{1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(5x + 2)^2}{(5x - 2)^2} = \frac{25}{1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{5x + 2}{5x - 2} = \pm 5 \quad \dots(\text{Taking square root})$$

$$\therefore \frac{5x + 2}{5x - 2} = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5x + 2}{5x - 2} = -5$$

$$\text{If } \frac{5x + 2}{5x - 2} = 5$$

$$5x + 2 = 5(5x - 2)$$

$$\therefore 5x + 2 = 25x - 10$$

$$\therefore 25x - 5x = 10 + 2$$

$$\therefore 20x = 12$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{12}{20}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{5x + 2}{5x - 2} = -5$$

$$5x + 2 = -5(5x - 2)$$

$$\therefore 5x + 2 = -25x + 10$$

$$\therefore 5x + 25x = 10 - 2$$

$$\therefore 30x = 8$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{8}{30}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{4}{15}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{5} \text{ and } x = \frac{4}{15} \text{ is the solution.}$$

Solution 4(v):

$$\frac{(3x - 4)^3 - (x + 1)^3}{(3x - 4)^3 + (x + 1)^3} = \frac{61}{189}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(3x - 4)^3 - (x + 1)^3 + (3x - 4)^3 + (x + 1)^3}{(3x - 4)^3 - (x + 1)^3 - (3x - 4)^3 - (x + 1)^3} = \frac{61 + 189}{61 - 189}$$

...(Componendo-Dividendo)

$$\therefore \frac{2(3x - 4)^3}{-2(x + 1)^3} = \frac{250}{-128}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(3x - 4)^3}{-(x + 1)^3} = \frac{125}{-64}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(3x - 4)^3}{(x + 1)^3} = \frac{125}{64}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x - 4}{x + 1} = \frac{5}{4} \quad \dots(\text{Taking cube root})$$

$$\therefore 4(3x - 4) = 5(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore 12x - 16 = 5x + 5$$

$$\therefore 12x - 5x = 5 + 16$$

$$\therefore 7x = 21$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{21}{7}$$

$$\therefore x = 3$$

$$\therefore x = 3 \text{ is the solution.}$$

Exercise – 6.3

Solution 1:

$$\text{Let } \frac{x}{y+z-x} = \frac{y}{z+x-y} = \frac{z}{x+y-z} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios we get,

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{x+y+z}{y+z-x+z+x-y+x+y-z} \\ &= \frac{x+y+z}{x+y+z} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{y+z-x} = \frac{y}{z+x-y} = \frac{z}{x+y-z} = 1$$

Solution 2:

$$\text{Let } \frac{y+z}{a} = \frac{z+x}{b} = \frac{x+y}{c} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios we get

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{z+x+x+y-y-z}{b+c-a} \\ &= \frac{2x}{b+c-a} \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{x+y+y+z-z-x}{c+a-b} \\ &= \frac{2y}{c+a-b} \quad \dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{y+z+z+x-x-y}{a+b-c} \\ &= \frac{2z}{a+b-c} \quad \dots(iii) \end{aligned}$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x}{b+c-a} &= \frac{2y}{c+a-b} = \frac{2z}{a+b-c} \\ \frac{x}{b+c-a} &= \frac{y}{c+a-b} = \frac{z}{a+b-c} \quad \dots \left(\text{Multiplying each ratio by } \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3:

$$\frac{a}{y+z-x} = \frac{b}{z+x-y} = \frac{c}{x+y-z}$$
$$\frac{y+z-x}{a} = \frac{z+x-y}{b} = \frac{x+y-z}{c} \quad \dots (\text{Invertendo})$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{y+z-x}{a} = \frac{z+x-y}{b} = \frac{x+y-z}{c} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$k = \frac{z+x-y+x+y-z}{b+c} = \frac{2x}{b+c} \quad \dots (i)$$

Again,

$$k = \frac{x+y-z+y+z-x}{c+a} = \frac{2y}{c+a} \quad \dots (ii)$$

Also,

$$k = \frac{y+z-x+z+x-y}{a+b} = \frac{2z}{a+b} \quad \dots (iii)$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii),

$$\frac{x}{b+c} = \frac{y}{c+a} = \frac{z}{a+b} \quad \dots \left(\text{Multiplying each ratio by } \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Solution 4:

$$\frac{z-y}{z-x} \times \frac{(-3)}{(-3)} = \frac{-3z+3y}{-3z+3x} \quad \dots \left(\frac{a}{b} = \frac{ak}{bk} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{2x-3y}{3z+y} = \frac{-3z+3y}{-3z+3x} = \frac{x+3z}{2y-3x},$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{2x-3y}{3z+y} = \frac{-3z+3y}{-3z+3x} = \frac{x+3z}{2y-3x} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$k = \frac{2x-3y-3z+3y+x+3z}{3z+y-3z+3x+2y-3x}$$
$$= \frac{3x}{3y}$$
$$= \frac{x}{y}$$

Solution 5:

$$\text{Let } \frac{ax + by}{x + y} = \frac{bx + az}{x + z} = \frac{ay + bz}{y + z} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{ax + by + bx + az + ay + bz}{x + y + x + z + y + z} \\ &= \frac{x(a + b) + y(a + b) + z(a + b)}{2(x + y + z)} \\ &= \frac{(a + b)(x + y + z)}{2(x + y + z)} \\ &= \frac{(a + b)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Each ratio} = \frac{(a + b)}{2}$$

Solution 6:

$$\text{Let } \frac{x}{x + 2y + z} = \frac{y}{y + 2z + x} = \frac{z}{z + 2x + y} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{x + y + z}{x + 2y + z + y + 2z + x + z + 2x + y} \\ &= \frac{x + y + z}{4x + 4y + 4z} \\ &= \frac{x + y + z}{4(x + y + z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \quad \dots (\because x + y + z \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 7:

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{x+y} = \frac{b}{y+z} = \frac{c}{z-x} = k$$

$$\therefore \frac{b}{y+z} = k \quad \dots(i)$$

Also,

$$\frac{a}{x+y} = \frac{c}{z-x}$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$k = \frac{a+c}{x+y+z-x}$$

$$k = \frac{a+c}{y+z} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\therefore \frac{b}{y+z} = \frac{a+c}{y+z} \quad \dots(\text{from (i) and (ii)})$$

$$\therefore b = a + c$$

Solution 8:

$$a(y+z) = b(z+x) = c(x+y)$$

$$\therefore \frac{y+z}{bc} = \frac{z+x}{ca} = \frac{x+y}{ab} \quad \dots(\text{dividing by } abc)$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{y+z}{bc} = \frac{z+x}{ca} = \frac{x+y}{ab} = k$$

By theorem on equal ratios,

$$k = \frac{(x+y) - (z+x)}{ab - ca}$$

$$= \frac{x+y-z-x}{ab-ca}$$

$$= \frac{y-z}{a(b-c)} \quad \dots(i)$$

Also,

$$k = \frac{(y+z) - (x+y)}{bc - ab}$$

$$= \frac{y+z-x-y}{bc-ab}$$

$$= \frac{z-x}{b(c-a)} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}k &= \frac{(z + x) - (y + z)}{ca - bc} \\&= \frac{z + x - y - z}{ca - bc} \\&= \frac{x - y}{c(a - b)} \quad \dots (iii)\end{aligned}$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii),

$$\frac{y - z}{a(b - c)} = \frac{z - x}{b(c - a)} = \frac{x - y}{c(a - b)}$$

Solution 9:

$$\frac{12x^2 + 18x + 12}{18x^2 + 12x + 58} = \frac{2x + 3}{3x + 2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{12x^2 + 18x + 12}{18x^2 + 12x + 58} = \frac{6x(2x + 3)}{6x(3x + 2)}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{12x^2 + 18x + 12}{18x^2 + 12x + 58} = \frac{6x(2x + 3)}{6x(3x + 2)} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$k = \frac{12x^2 + 18x + 12 - 6x(2x + 3)}{18x^2 + 12x + 58 - 6x(3x + 2)}$$

$$= \frac{12x^2 + 18x + 12 - 12x^2 - 18x}{18x^2 + 12x + 58 - 18x^2 - 12x}$$

$$= \frac{12}{58}$$

$$= \frac{6}{29}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2x + 3}{3x + 2} = \frac{6}{29}$$

$$\therefore 29(2x + 3) = 6(3x + 2)$$

$$\therefore 58x + 87 = 18x + 12$$

$$\therefore 58x - 18x = 12 - 87$$

$$\therefore 40x = -75$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-75}{40}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-15}{8}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-15}{8} \text{ is the solution}$$

Solution 10:

$$\frac{16y^2 - 20y + 9}{8y^2 + 12y + 21} = \frac{4y - 5}{2y + 3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{16y^2 - 20y + 9}{8y^2 + 12y + 21} = \frac{4y(4y - 5)}{4y(2y + 3)}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{16y^2 - 20y + 9}{8y^2 + 12y + 21} = \frac{4y(4y - 5)}{4y(2y + 3)} = k$$

By Theorem on Equal Ratios,

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{16y^2 - 20y + 9 - 4y(4y - 5)}{8y^2 + 12y + 21 - 4y(2y + 3)} \\ &= \frac{16y^2 - 20y + 9 - 16y^2 + 20y}{8y^2 + 12y + 21 - 8y^2 - 12y} \\ &= \frac{9}{21} \\ &= \frac{3}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4y - 5}{2y + 3} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\therefore 7(4y - 5) = 3(2y + 3)$$

$$\therefore 28y - 35 = 6y + 9$$

$$\therefore 28y - 6y = 35 + 9$$

$$\therefore 22y = 44$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{44}{22}$$

$$\therefore y = 2$$

$\therefore y = 2$ is the solution

Exercise – 6.4

Solution 1(i)(1):

Let the fourth proportional be x

$$\therefore \frac{14}{21} = \frac{4}{x}$$

$$\therefore 14 \times x = 4 \times 21$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{4 \times 21}{14}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{4 \times 3}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 6$$

$\therefore$ 6 is the fourth proportional to 14, 21, 4.

Solution 1(i)(2):

Let the fourth proportion be x

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{ab} = \frac{b^2}{x}$$

$$\therefore a^2 \times x = b^2 \times ab$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{b^2 \times ab}{a^2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{b^3}{a}$$

$\frac{b^3}{a}$ is the fourth proportion to a^2 , ab , b^2 .

Solution 1(i)(3):

Let the fourth proportion be x

$$\therefore \frac{5}{\sqrt{75}} = \frac{\sqrt{48}}{x}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{\sqrt{48} \times \sqrt{75}}{5}$$

$$\therefore x = 4\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore x = 4 \times 3$$

$$\therefore x = 12$$

12 is the fourth proportion to 5, $\sqrt{75}$, $\sqrt{48}$.

Solution 1(ii)(1):

Let the mean proportional be x .

$$\therefore x^2 = 8 \times 18$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 144$$

$$\therefore x = 12$$

$\therefore$ The mean proportional is 12.

Solution 1(ii)(2):

Let the mean proportional be x .

$$\therefore x^2 = 8 \times 32$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 256$$

$$\therefore x = 16$$

$\therefore$ The mean proportional is 16.

Solution 1(ii)(3):

Let the mean proportional be x .

$$\therefore x^2 = ak \times ak^3$$

$$\therefore x^2 = a^2k^4$$

$$\therefore x = ak^2$$

$\therefore$ The mean proportional is ak^2 .

Solution 1(iii):

4.8, 6.0, x and 8.5 are in proportion

$$\therefore \frac{4.8}{6.0} = \frac{x}{8.5}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{4.8 \times 8.5}{6.0}$$

$$\therefore x = 0.8 \times 8.5$$

$$\therefore x = 6.8$$

Solution 1(iv):

$6a^3b$, $12a^2b^2$, k and $48ab^3$

$$\therefore \frac{6a^3b}{12a^2b^2} = \frac{k}{48ab^3}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{6a^3b \times 48ab^3}{12a^2b^2}$$

$$\therefore k = 6ab \times 4ab$$

$$\therefore k = 24a^2b^2$$

Solution 2:

$\frac{p+q}{p-q}$, x and $p^2 - q^2$ are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{\frac{p+q}{p-q}}{x} = \frac{x}{p^2 - q^2}$$

$$\therefore x^2 = \frac{p+q}{p-q} \times (p^2 - q^2)$$

$$\therefore x^2 = \frac{p+q}{p-q} \times (p-q)(p+q)$$

$$\therefore x^2 = (p+q) \times (p+q)$$

$$\therefore x^2 = (p+q)^2$$

$$\therefore x = (p+q)$$

Solution 3:

$x+1$, $x+5$, $x+7$ and $x+19$ are in proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{x+1}{x+5} = \frac{x+7}{x+19}$$

$$\therefore (x+1)(x+19) = (x+7)(x+5)$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 20x + 19 = x^2 + 12x + 35$$

$$\therefore 20x - 12x = 35 - 19$$

$$\therefore 8x = 16$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{16}{8}$$

$$\therefore x = 2$$

Solution 4:

Let x be the number to be added to each of the given numbers.

Then the numbers $(1 + x)$, $(9 + x)$, $(13 + x)$ and $(45 + x)$ are in proportion.

$$\therefore \frac{(1 + x)}{(9 + x)} = \frac{(13 + x)}{(45 + x)}$$

$$\therefore (1 + x)(45 + x) = (13 + x)(9 + x)$$

$$\therefore 45 + 46x + x^2 = 117 + 22x + x^2$$

$$\therefore 46x - 22x = 117 - 45$$

$$\therefore 24x = 72$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{72}{24}$$

$$\therefore x = 3$$

Thus, 3 should be added to each of the given numbers to make them in proportion.

Solution 5:

Let x be the number to be subtracted from each of the given numbers.

Then the numbers $(13 - x)$, $(25 - x)$ and $(55 - x)$ are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore (25 - x)^2 = (13 - x)(55 - x)$$

$$\therefore 625 - 50x + x^2 = 715 - 68x + x^2$$

$$\therefore -50x + 68x = 715 - 625$$

$$\therefore 18x = 90$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{90}{18}$$

$$\therefore x = 5$$

5 should be subtracted from each of the given numbers.

Solution 6:

$$(a + b + c)(a - b + c) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\therefore [(a + c) + b][(a + c) - b] = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\therefore (a + c)^2 - b^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\therefore a^2 + 2ac + c^2 = a^2 + 2b^2 + c^2$$

$$\therefore 2ac = 2b^2$$

$$\therefore b^2 = ac$$

Thus, a , b , and c are in continued proportion.

Solution 7:

$(x - 4)$ is the geometric mean of $(x - 5)$ and $(x - 2)$

$$\therefore (x - 4)^2 = (x - 5)(x - 2)$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 8x + 16 = x^2 - 7x + 10$$

$$\therefore -8x + 7x = 10 - 16$$

$$\therefore -x = -6$$

$$\therefore x = 6$$

Solution 8:

a , b , and c are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore ac = b^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (ab + bc + ac)^2$$

$$= (ab + bc + b^2)^2 \quad \dots[\text{from}(i)]$$

$$= [b(a + c + b)]^2$$

$$= b^2(a + c + b)^2$$

$$= ac(a + b + c)^2 \quad \dots[\text{from}(i)]$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore (ab + bc + ac)^2 = ac(a + b + c)^2$$

Solution 9:

$$\frac{(ab + c^2)}{(a - b + c)} = \frac{(b + c)}{1} \quad \dots(\text{given})$$

$$\therefore ab + c^2 = (b + c)(a - b + c)$$

$$\therefore ab + c^2 = b(a - b + c) + c(a - b + c)$$

$$\therefore ab + c^2 = ab - b^2 + bc + ac - bc + c^2$$

$$\therefore 0 = -b^2 + ac$$

$$\therefore b^2 = ac$$

$\therefore b$ is the geometric mean between a and c .

Solution 10:

$$b - c = \frac{2b}{a} \quad \dots(\text{given})$$

$$\therefore a(b - c) = 2b$$

$$\therefore a(b - c) = (a - b) \times b \quad \dots(\text{given } 2 = a - b)$$

$$\therefore ab - ac = ab - b^2$$

$$\therefore b^2 = ac$$

Solution 11:

Let a, b, c, d and e be the five numbers in continued proportion.
Second term is 6 and fourth term is 54.

$\therefore a, 6, c, 54$ and e are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore c^2 = 6 \times 54$$

$$\therefore c^2 = 6 \times 6 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$\therefore c^2 = 6^2 \times 3^2$$

$$\therefore c = 6 \times 3$$

$$\therefore c = 18$$

Further, $a, 6$ and c are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore 6^2 = a \times c$$

$$\therefore 36 = a \times 18$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{36}{18}$$

$$\therefore a = 2$$

Now, $c, 54$ and e are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore 54^2 = c \times e$$

$$\therefore 54^2 = 18 \times e$$

$$\therefore e = \frac{54 \times 54}{18}$$

$$\therefore e = 3 \times 54$$

$$\therefore e = 162$$

2, 6, 18, 54 and 162 are the required numbers.

Solution 12:

Let a, b, c, d, e be the five numbers in continued proportion.

$$\text{Then } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{d}{e}$$

The first term is 1 and the last term is 256.

$$\therefore \frac{1}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{d}{256}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{b} = \frac{d}{256}$$

$$\therefore bd = 256 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\frac{b}{c} = \frac{c}{d}$$

$$\therefore bd = c^2 \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii),

$$c^2 = 256$$

$$\therefore c = 16$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{b} = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\therefore b^2 = c$$

$$\therefore b^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore b = 4$$

Also,

$$\frac{c}{d} = \frac{d}{256}$$

$$\therefore d^2 = c \times 256$$

$$\therefore d^2 = 16 \times 256$$

$$\therefore d = 4 \times 16$$

$$\therefore d = 64$$

$\therefore 1, 4, 16, 64$ and 256 are the required numbers.

Exercise – 6.5

Solution 1:

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k$$

$$\therefore a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{bk}{b} = k$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + c^2}{b^2 + d^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{b^2k^2 + d^2k^2}{b^2 + d^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{k^2(b^2 + d^2)}{b^2 + d^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{k^2}$$

$$= k$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{\sqrt{b^2 + d^2}}$$

Solution 2:

a, b, c, and d are in proportion.

$$\therefore \text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = k$$

$$\therefore a = bk \text{ and } c = dk$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{b^2k^2}{b^2} = k^2$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{ac}{bd} = \frac{bk \times dk}{bd} = k^2$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{b^2} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

Solution 3:

a, b, and c are in continued proportion.

$$\therefore \text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = k$$

$$\therefore a = bk \text{ and } b = ck$$

$$\therefore a = ck.k$$

$$\therefore a = ck^2$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{(a+b)^2}{(b+c)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(ck^2 + ck)^2}{(ck + c)^2}$$

$$= \frac{[ck(k+1)]^2}{[c(k+1)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{c^2k^2}{c^2}$$

$$= k^2$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{(ck^2)^2 + (ck)^2}{(ck^2) + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{c^2k^4 + c^2k^2}{c^2k^2 + c^2}$$

$$= \frac{c^2k^2(k^2 + 1)}{c^2(k^2 + 1)}$$

$$= k^2$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{(a+b)^2}{(b+c)^2} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2}$$

Solution 4:

$$b^2 = ac$$

$$\therefore \text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = k$$

$$\therefore a = bk \text{ and } b = ck$$

$$\therefore a = ck \cdot k$$

$$\therefore a = ck^2$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a - c}{b + c}$$

$$= \frac{ck^2 - c}{ck + c}$$

$$= \frac{c(k^2 - 1)}{c(k + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{(k + 1)(k - 1)}{(k + 1)}$$

$$= (k - 1)$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{a - b}{b}$$

$$= \frac{ck^2 - ck}{ck}$$

$$= \frac{ck(k - 1)}{ck}$$

$$= (k - 1)$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a - c}{b + c} = \frac{a - b}{b}.$$

Solution 5:

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = \frac{c}{d} = k.$$

$$\text{Then } c = dk, b = ck = (dk)k = dk^2$$

$$\therefore b = dk^2$$

$$a = bk = (dk^2)k = dk^3$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{b^3 + c^3 + d^3}$$

$$= \frac{d^3k^9 + d^3k^6 + d^3k^3}{d^3k^6 + d^3k^3 + d^3}$$

$$= \frac{d^3k^3(k^6 + k^3 + 1)}{d^3(k^6 + k^3 + 1)}$$

$$= k^3$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{a}{d}$$

$$= \frac{dk^3}{d}$$

$$= k^3$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{b^3 + c^3 + d^3} = \frac{a}{d}$$

Solution 6:

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = k$$

$$\text{Then } a = bk, c = dk \text{ and } e = fk.$$

$$\left(\frac{7a^4 - 3c^4 + 5e^4}{7b^4 - 3d^4 + 5f^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \left(\frac{7b^4k^4 - 3d^4k^4 + 5f^4k^4}{7b^4 - 3d^4 + 5f^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \left[\frac{k^4(7b^4 - 3d^4 + 5f^4)}{(7b^4 - 3d^4 + 5f^4)^4} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= (k^4)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= k$$

$$\therefore \text{Each ratio} = \left(\frac{7a^4 - 3c^4 + 5e^4}{7b^4 - 3d^4 + 5f^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Solution 7:

b is the geometric mean of a and c .

$$\therefore b^2 = ac$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = a^2 b^2 c^2 \left[\frac{1}{a^3} + \frac{1}{b^3} + \frac{1}{c^3} \right]$$

$$= a^2 b^2 c^2 \left(\frac{b^3 c^3 + c^3 a^3 + a^3 b^3}{a^3 b^3 c^3} \right)$$

$$= (ac)^2 b^2 \left(\frac{b^3 c^3 + (ca)^3 + a^3 b^3}{(ac)^3 b^3} \right)$$

$$= (b^2)^2 b^2 \left[\frac{b^3 c^3 + (b^2)^3 + a^3 b^3}{(b^2)^3 b^3} \right] \quad \dots [\text{from (i)}]$$

$$= b^4 \cdot b^2 \left(\frac{b^3 c^3 + b^6 + a^3 b^3}{b^6 \cdot b^3} \right)$$

$$= b^6 \cdot b^3 \left(\frac{c^3 + b^3 + a^3}{b^6 \cdot b^3} \right)$$

$$= a^3 + b^3 + c^3$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\therefore a^2 b^2 c^2 \left[\frac{1}{a^3} + \frac{1}{b^3} + \frac{1}{c^3} \right] = a^3 + b^3 + c^3$$

Solution 8:

$$\frac{a}{(a+b)(a+c)} = \frac{1}{a+b+c+d}$$

$$\therefore a(a+b+c+d) = (a+b)(a+c)$$

$$\therefore a^2 + ab + ac + ad = a^2 + ac + ab + bc$$

$$\therefore ad = bc$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

$$\therefore a, b, c, \text{ and } d \text{ are in proportion.}$$

Solution 9:

$$\text{Let } \frac{u}{v} = \frac{w}{x} = \frac{y}{z} = k$$

$$\text{So, } u = vk, w = xk \text{ and } y = zk$$

$$\left[\frac{uw^2 + 7wy^2 + 3yu^2}{vx^2 + 7xz^2 + 3zv^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left[\frac{vk \times x^2 k^2 + 7 \times xk \times z^2 k^2 + 3 \times zk \times v^2 k^2}{vx^2 + 7xz^2 + 3zv^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \left[\frac{vx^2 k^3 + 7xz^2 k^3 + 3zv^2 k^3}{vx^2 + 7xz^2 + 3zv^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \left[\frac{k^3 (vx^2 + 7xz^2 + 3zv^2)}{(vx^2 + 7xz^2 + 3zv^2)} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= (k^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= k$$

$$\therefore \text{ Each ratio} = \left[\frac{uw^2 + 7wy^2 + 3yu^2}{vx^2 + 7xz^2 + 3zv^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = k$$

Solution 10:

$$\text{Let } \frac{x}{b+c-a} = \frac{y}{c+a-b} = \frac{z}{a+b-c} = k$$

$$\text{Then } x = k(b+c-a),$$

$$y = k(c+a-b) \text{ and}$$

$$z = k(a+b-c).$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(b-c) &= k(b+c-a)(b-c) \\ &= k(b^2 - c^2 - ab + ca) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(c-a) &= k(c+a-b)(c-a) \\ &= k(c^2 - a^2 - bc + ab) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\begin{aligned} z(a-b) &= k(a+b-c)(a-b) \\ &= k(a^2 - b^2 - ca + bc) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (iii)$$

$$\therefore \text{ from (i), (ii) and (iii),}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &x(b-c) + y(c-a) + z(a-b) \\ &= k(b^2 - c^2 - ab + ca) + k(c^2 - a^2 - bc + ab) + k(a^2 - b^2 - ca + bc) \\ &= k(b^2 - c^2 - ab + ca + c^2 - a^2 - bc + ab + a^2 - b^2 - ca + bc) \\ &= k(b^2 - c^2 + c^2 - a^2 + a^2 - b^2 - ab + ca - bc + ab - ca + bc) \\ &= k(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x(b-c) + y(c-a) + z(a-b) = 0$$