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# **Multiplicative Property of Geometric Mean**

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**ABSTRACT:** Pythagorean classical means play vital roles in finding measures of various characteristics of data namely central tendency, dispersion, correlation regression etc. Various properties of the three Pythagorean means have already been identified which are available in the literature of statistics while more properties of them are yet to be identified. Recently, one property of harmonic mean has been identified which can be termed as its additive property. In this study, one property of geometric mean has been derived which can be termed as its multiplicative property. Derivation of the property has been presented in this article along with numerical example.

KEYWORDS: Geometric Mean, Multiplicative Property, Derivation

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of average [4, 49] found to be used in almost everywhere. Measure of average was first developed by the great mathematician Pythagoras [7, 40, 42, 45, 46, 51]. He defined three measures of average namely arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean which were given the name "Pythagorean Means" [6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 35, 53] as a mark of honour to him. Later on, a number of definitions / formulations of average had been derived due to necessity of handling different situations. Some of them are quadratic mean or root mean square, square root mean, cubic mean, cube root mean, generalized p mean & generalized p<sup>th</sup> root mean etc. in addition to Arithmetic Mean, Geometric Mean & Harmonic Mean [10, 15, 29]. Moreover, one general method had been identified for defining average of a set of values of a variable as well as a generalized method of defining average of a function of a set (or of a list) of values [11, 13, 14, 17]. Recently, four formulations of average have been derived from the three Pythagorean means which are Arithmetic-Geometric Mean, Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean, Geometric-Harmonic Mean and Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic respectively [16, 19, 25, 29]. Pythagorean classical means, along with the other means derived from these three, play vital roles in finding measures of various characteristics of data namely central tendency, dispersion, correlation regression etc. [1, 2, 3, 18, 19 - 28, 30 - 34, 36, 37, 39, 41, 43, 44, 47, 48, 50, 52, 54]. Various properties of the three Pythagorean means have already been identified which are available in the literature of statistics [6, 45] while more properties of them are yet to be identified. Recently, one property of harmonic mean has been identified which can be termed as its additive property [38]. In this study, one property of geometric mean has been derived which can be termed as its multiplicative property. Derivation of the property has been presented in this article along with numerical example.

#### **II. GEOMETRIC MEAN**

Let us consider a list of N real numbers or values namely

Geometric Mean, denoted by 
$$G(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_N)$$
, of them is defined by

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N) = (\prod_{i=1}^N a_i)^{1/N}$$

provided the N numbers are strictly positive.

On the other hand, Arithmetic Mean of 
$$a_1$$
,  $a_2$ , ...,  $a_N$ , denoted by  $A(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_N)$ , is defined by  $A(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_N) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i$ 

Accordingly, if X is a variable which assumes the values

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 $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M$ 

then Geometric Mean of X, denoted by G(X), will be

$$G(X) = (\prod_{i=1}^{M} x_i)^{1/M}$$

Similarly,

$$A(X) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} x_i$$

## III. MULTIPLICATIVE PROPERTY OF GEOMETRIC MEAN

Let X & Y be two variables such that

X assumes the non-zero values

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$$

and Y assumes the non-zero values

 $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ 

then

$$G(X) = (\prod_{j=1}^{m} x_i)^{1/m}$$
 &  $G(Y) = (\prod_{j=1}^{n} y_j)^{1/n}$ 

Now the variable XY assumes the nm values

 $x_1y_1, x_1y_2, \dots, x_1y_n, x_2y_1, x_2y_2, \dots, x_2y_n, x_2y_n, \dots$ 

 $x_m y_1$  ,  $x_m y_2$  , ... ,  $x_m y_n$  ,

which are all non-zero.

Accordingly,

$$G(XY) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{m} \prod_{j=1}^{n} x_i y_j\right)^{1/mn}$$
  
= {(  $\prod_{i=1}^{m} x_i$  )<sup>n</sup> ( $\prod_{j=1}^{n} y_j$ )<sup>m</sup>}<sup>1/mn</sup>  
= (  $\prod_{i=1}^{m} x_i$  )<sup>1/m</sup> ( $\prod_{j=1}^{n} y_j$ )<sup>1/n</sup>

i.e. 
$$G(XY) = G(X) G(Y)$$

Now, if X, Y & Z are three discrete random variables such that all assume non-zero values then

XYZ = X(YZ)

where YZ is a variable.

Accordingly,

 $\boldsymbol{G}(XYZ) = \boldsymbol{G}(X) \; \boldsymbol{G}(YZ)$ 

i.e. 
$$G(XYZ) = G(X) G(Y) G(Z)$$

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By the application the mathematical induction, one can obtain that if

 $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , ....,  $X_p$ 

are p discrete random variables such that all assume non-zero values then

$$G(X_1X_2....X_p) = G(X_1) G(X_2) \ldots G(X_p)$$

Thus the following *theorem*, interpretable as multiplicative property of geometric mean, has been obtained:

#### **Theorem** (2.1):

The geometric mean of the **product** of a number of **variables** is equal to the **product** of their individual geometric means

i.e. if

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$$

are p variables such that all assume non-zero values then

$$G(X_1X_2....X_p) = G(X_1) G(X_2) \dots G(X_p)$$

## **IV. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE**

Let us define three variables *X*, *Y* & *Z* are as follows:

X = even integer in [1, 10],

Y = odd integer in [1, 10]

& Z = odd prime integer in [1, 10].

Then X assumes the 5 values

2,4,6,8,10

such that G(X) = 5.2103421693947037846515338478572

Similarly, Y assumes the 5 values

1,3,5,7,9

such that G(Y) = 3.9362834270353516267459019352484

Also, Z assumes the 4 values

1,3,5,7

such that G(Z) = 3.201085872943679463768304018522

Now, XY assumes the 25 values

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2,4,6,8,10
1,3,5,7,9
1,3,5,7
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 $2\,,4\,,6\,,8\,,10\,,6\,,12\,,18\,,24\,,30\,,10\,,20\,,30\,,40\,,50\,,14\,,\,28\,,42\,,56\,,70\,,18,36\,,54\,,72\,,90$ 



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such that G(XY) = 20.509383530571793200688884177484

Similarly, YZ assumes the 20 values

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, 5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 7, 21, 35, 49, 63

such that G(YZ) = 12.600381270185196770593306698998

Also, ZX assumes the 20 values

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 14, 28, 42, 56, 70

such that G(ZX) = 16.67875271165210998113673137267

Moreover, XYZ assumes the 100 values

2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 14, 28, 42, 56, 70, 18, 36, 54, 72, 90, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 18, 36, 54, 72, 90, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150, 42, 84, 126, 168, 210, 54, 108, 162, 216, 270, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 70, 140, 210, 280, 350, 90, 180, 270, 360, 450, 14, 28, 42, 56, 70, 42, 84, 126, 168, 210, 70, 140, 210, 280, 350, 98, 196, 294, 392, 490, 126, 252, 378, 504, 630

such that G(XYZ) = 10.24695076595959838322103868052

## Note that

 $\begin{array}{l} G(X) \ G(Y) = 5.2103421693947037846515338478572 \times 3.9362834270353516267459019352484 \\ = 20.509383530571793200688884177484 \\ = G(XY) \ , \\ G(Y) \ G(Z) = 3.9362834270353516267459019352484 \times 3.201085872943679463768304018522 \\ = 12.600381270185196770593306698998 \\ = G(YZ) \ , \\ G(Z) \ G(X) = 3.201085872943679463768304018522 \times 5.2103421693947037846515338478572 \\ = 16.67875271165210998113673137267 \\ = G(ZX) \\ \& \ G(X) \ G(Y) \ G(Z) = 5.2103421693947037846515338478572 \times 3.9362834270 353516267459019352484 \\ \times 3.201085872943679463768304018522 \\ = 10.24695076595959838322103868052 \\ = G(XYZ) \end{array}$ 

## V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

It is an established property of arithmetic mean that the arithmetic mean of the sum of a number of variables is the sum their individual arithmetic means. Geometric mean satisfies similar property with respect to the operation of multiplication.

Like arithmetic mean, there may be more properties of geometric mean which are required to be extracted in further research study.

Similarly, harmonic mean is also to carry some properties besides its established properties. Study can be made on extracting these properties also.

It is to be mentioned that the multiplicative property of **geometric mean** has here been derived in the case of a discrete variable. Derivation of this property is to be done in the case of continuous variable.



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University and Prof. V. D. Thawani Academic Award for securing 1<sup>st</sup> position in Post Graduate Examination in the year 1983.



(Dr. Dhritikesh Chakrabarty, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left, in the International Conference on Electronics and Advances in Science & Technology 2024 held during 08 - 09 November, 2024)

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