

# Four Formulations of Average Derived from Pythagorean Means

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## **Abstract:**

*Four definitions / formulations of average termed here as Arithmetic-Geometric Mean (abbreviated as AGM), Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated as AHM), Geometric-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated as GHM) and Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic (abbreviated as Mean AGHM) respectively have been derived / developed from the three Pythagorean means namely arithmetic mean (abbreviated as Mean AM), geometric mean (abbreviated as Mean GM) and harmonic mean (abbreviated as Mean HM) with an objective of developing of more accurate measures of central tendency of data. The derivations of these four formulations of average, with numerical examples, have been presented in this paper.*

## **Key Words:**

*AGM, AHM, GHM, AGHM, Formulation of Average.*

## **1. Introduction**

Average [1] is a concept which describes any characteristic of an aggregate / population / class of individuals overall but not of an individual in the aggregate / population / class in particular. It is used in most of the measures associated to data (or list of numerical values). Pythagoras [2] , [4] , one exponent of mathematics, is the pioneer of defining average. He defined the three most common averages namely arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean which were given the name “Pythagorean Means” [4] , [16] , [35] , [37] as a mark of honor to him. Later on, a number of definitions / formulations of average had been derived due to necessity of handling different situations (different types of data) some of which are Quadratic Mean Square Root Mean , Cubic Mean , Cube Root Mean , Generalized  $p$  Mean & Generalized  $p^{\text{th}}$  Root Mean etc. in addition to Arithmetic Mean , Geometric Mean & Harmonic Mean [17] , [26] , [31] , [32] , [35] , [37] .

The next trend was towards developing generalized definitions / formulations of average and general method of defining average. Kolmogorov [35] , [36] , [39] , one great mathematician, formulated one generalized definition of average known as Generalized  $f$  - Mean [22] , [23] . Recently, two generalized definitions of average have been derived among which one is termed as Generalized  $f_H$  – Mean [24]) and the other as Generalized  $f_G$  – Mean [25] , [28] . However, none of these three generalized definitions is complete i.e. none of them can describe/yield all types of averages. This leads to the necessity of searching for one general method/definition of average which describe/yield most of the definitions/formulations of average. Accordingly, in another study, an attempt has been made on searching for a generalized method of defining average of a set of values of a variable [29] and later on a generalized method of defining average of a function of a set (or of a list) of values [30]. In statistics, the three Pythagorean means are used in measuring the central tendency of numerical data [38] , [42] , [43]. However, the accuracy of the value of central tendency yielded by each of the three Pythagorean means is not known.



Recently, there have been a lot of studies on analysis of numerical data based on average in general and on Pythagorean means specially [5] – [15] , [18] – [21] , [27] . In the mean time, several attempts have been made on determining accurate value of central tendency of numerical data. However, still there is necessity of more accurate measure of the same. With an objective of finding out more accurate measure of central tendency of data, definitions / formulations of average termed here as Arithmetic-Geometric Mean (abbreviated as AGM), Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated as AHM), Geometric-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated as GHM) and Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic (abbreviated as Mean AGHM) respectively have been derived / developed from the three Pythagorean means namely arithmetic mean (abbreviated as Mean AM), geometric mean (abbreviated as Mean GM) and harmonic mean (abbreviated as Mean HM). The derivations of these four formulations of average, with numerical examples, have been presented in this paper. It is to be mentioned that Arithmetic-Geometric Mean had been defined by Gauss [3] , [33] as the point of convergence of two sequences. In a similar manner, Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean [34] and Geometric-Harmonic Mean were also been defined later on [41]. However, these three definitions were formulated for two numbers only. In the current study, the definitions of these three along with one more namely Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic have been attempted for a set of finite number of values. The derivations of these four have been presented in this paper.

**2. Derivation of Four Formulations of Average**

Let  $a_0$  ,  $g_0$  &  $h_0$  be respectively the AM , the GM & the HM of the  $N$  numbers (or values or observations)

$$x_1 , x_2 , \dots\dots\dots , x_N$$

of  $N$  positive numbers or values or observations (not all equal or identical) which are strictly positive

i.e.  $a_0 = AM(x_1 , x_2 , \dots\dots\dots , x_N)$   
 $= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  , (2.1)

$g_0 = GM(x_1 , x_2 , \dots\dots\dots , x_N)$   
 $= (\prod_{i=1}^N x_i)^{1/N}$  (2.2)

&  $h_0 = HM(x_1 , x_2 , \dots\dots\dots , x_N)$   
 $= (\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^{-1})^{-1}$  (2.3)

which satisfy the inequality

$Max(x_1 , x_2 , \dots\dots\dots , x_N) > a_0 > g_0$   
 $> h_0 > Min(x_1 , x_2 , \dots\dots\dots , x_N)$  (2.4)

[4 , 16 , 35 , 37].

**The** following theorem in the mathematical field of real analysis known as monotone convergence theorem [40] will be used in deriving the formulations here.

*“If a sequence is increasing and bounded above by a supremum, then the sequence will converge to the supremum; in the same way, if a sequence is decreasing and is bounded below by an infimum, it will converge to the infimum.”*

**2. 1. Arithmetic-Geometric Mean (AGM)**

Let the two sequences  $\{a_n\}$  &  $\{g_n\}$  be defined by

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + g_n) \tag{2.5}$$

$$\& \quad g_{n+1} = (a_n \cdot g_n)^{1/2} \tag{2.6}$$

respectively where the square root takes the principal value.

It follows from the inequality (2.4) that

$$g_n < a_n$$

Now,  $g_{n+1} = (a_n \cdot g_n)^{1/2}$

$$\Rightarrow g_{n+1} > (g_n \cdot g_n)^{1/2} \Rightarrow g_{n+1} > g_n$$

This means that the sequence  $\{g_n\}$  is non-decreasing.

Moreover, the sequence  $\{g_n\}$  is bounded above by (2.4).

Therefore, by the monotone convergence theorem, the sequence is convergent.

Therefore, there exists a finite number  $M_{AG}$  such that  $g_n$  converges to  $M_{AG}$ .

Again,  $a_n$  can be expressed as

$$a_n = g_{n+1}^2 / g_n$$

This implies that the limiting value of  $a_n$  as  $n$  approaches infinity is  $M_{AG}$ .

Therefore,  $a_n$  also converges to  $M_{AG}$ .

Thus, the two sequences  $\{a_n\}$  &  $\{g_n\}$  converge to a common point  $M_{AG}$ .

This common point  $M_{AG}$  can be termed as the Arithmetic-Geometric Mean of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ .

Accordingly, Arithmetic-Geometric Mean can be defined as follows:

**Definition of Arithmetic-Geometric Mean (AGM)**

The Arithmetic-Geometric Mean (abbreviated by *AGM*) of the  $N$  positive real numbers

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

denoted by *AGM* ( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ )

can be defined to be is the common point of convergence  $M_{AG}$  of the two sequences  $\{a_n\}$  &  $\{g_n\}$  defined respectively

by

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (a_n + g_n) \quad \& \quad g_{n+1} = (a_n \cdot g_n)^{1/2}$$

where the square root takes the principal value

with  $a_0$  &  $g_0$  defined by (2.1) & (2.2) respectively.

**Note:**

(1) It is clear that each of  $\{a_n\}$  &  $\{g_n\}$  converges to  $M_{AG}$

Thus, the converging point of either  $\{a_n\}$  or  $\{g_n\}$  can be taken as the value of  $M_{AG}$ .

(2) Since  $g_n < g_{n+1}$

$$\text{i.e. } g_0 < g_1 < g_2 < g_3, \dots$$

Therefore,  $g_0 < M_{AG}$

Again,

$$a_n = g_{n+1}^2 / g_n \quad \& \quad a_{n+1} = g_{n+2}^2 / g_{n+1}$$

which implies,  $a_n > a_{n+1}$

$$\text{i.e. } a_0 > a_1 > a_2 > a_3 >, \dots$$

Therefore,  $a_0 > M_{AG}$

Hence, the following inequality is obtained:

$$a_0 > M_{AG} > g_0$$

$$\text{i.e. } AM > AGM > GM \tag{2.7}$$

**One Important Property of AGM**

For positive real constant  $c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & a_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n cx_i = c \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } & a_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= c \cdot a_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} & g_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= (\prod_{i=1}^N cx_i)^{1/N} = c \cdot (\prod_{i=1}^N x_i)^{1/N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } & g_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= c \cdot g_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & a_1(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ a_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ g_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \} \\
 &= c \cdot \frac{1}{2} \{ a_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \\
 &+ g_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \} \\
 \text{i.e. } &a_1(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &= c \cdot a_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &g_1(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &= \{ a_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \cdot \\
 &g_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \}^{1/2} \\
 &= c \cdot \{ a_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \cdot \\
 &g_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \}^{1/2} \\
 \text{i.e. } &g_1(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &= c \cdot g_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)
 \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a_{n+1}(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \{ a_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &+ g_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \} \\
 &= c \cdot \frac{1}{2} \{ a_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \\
 &+ g_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \} \\
 \text{i.e. } &a_{n+1}(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &= c \cdot a_{n+1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $a_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$  converges to  $M_{AG}$ , therefore,  $a_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$  converges to  $c \cdot M_{AG}$ .

**Hence, AGM satisfies the following property:**

**Property (2.1.1):** For positive real constant  $c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &AGM(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\
 &= c \cdot AGM(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \quad (2.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

**2.2. Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (AHM)**

Let  $\{a'_n\}$  &  $\{h'_n\}$  be two sequences defined by

$$a'_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + h'_n) \tag{2.9}$$

$$\& h'_{n+1} = \{ \frac{1}{2}(a'^{-1}_n + h'^{-1}_n) \}^{-1} \tag{2.10}$$

respectively where  $a'_0 = a_0$  &  $h'_0 = h_0$ .

By inequality (2.1),  $h'_n < a'_n$

Now,  $a'_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + h'_n)$

$$\Rightarrow a'_{n+1} < \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + a'_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow a'_{n+1} < a'_n$$

This means that the sequence  $\{a'_n\}$  is non-increasing.

Moreover, the sequence  $\{a'_n\}$  is bounded below by the inequality (2.4).

Hence, by the monotone convergence theorem, the sequence is convergent.

Therefore, there exists a finite number  $M_{AH}$  such that  $a'_n$  converges to  $M_{AH}$ .

Again,  $h'_n$  can be expressed as

$$h'_n = 2a'_{n+1} - a'_n$$

This implies that the limiting value of  $h'_n$  as  $n$  approaches infinity is  $M_{AH}$ .

Therefore,  $h'_n$  converges to  $M_{AH}$ .

Thus, the two sequences  $\{a'_n\}$  &  $\{h'_n\}$  converge to the same point  $M_{AH}$ .

This common point  $M_{AH}$  can be termed as the Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ .

**Accordingly**, Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean can be defined as follows:

**Definition of Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (AHM)**

The Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated by *AHM*) of the  $N$  positive real numbers

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

denoted by  $AHM(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$

can be defined to be the common point of convergence  $M_{AH}$  of the two sequences  $\{a'_n\}$  &  $\{h'_n\}$  defined respectively by

$$a'_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + h'_n)$$

$$\& h'_{n+1} = \{ \frac{1}{2}(a'^{-1}_n + h'^{-1}_n) \}^{-1}$$

respectively where  $a'_0 = a_0$  &  $h'_0 = h_0$

with  $a_0$  &  $g_0$  defined by (2.1) & (2.3) respectively.

**Note**

(1) It is clear that each of  $\{a'_n\}$  &  $\{h'_n\}$  converges to  $M_{AH}$ .

Thus, the converging point of either  $\{a'_n\}$  or  $\{h'_n\}$  can be taken as the value of  $M_{AH}$ .

(2) Since  $a'_{n+1} < a'_n$ ,

$$\text{i.e. } a_0 > a'_1 > a'_2 > a'_3 > \dots$$

Therefore,  $a_0 > M_{AH}$

$$\text{Again, } h'_n = 2a'_{n+1} - a'_n$$

$$\& \quad h'_{n+1} = 2a'_{n+2} - a'_{n+1}$$

which implies,  $h'_n < h'_{n+1}$

$$\text{i.e. } h_0 < h'_1 < h'_2 < h'_3 < \dots$$

Therefore,  $h_0 < M_{AH}$

**Hence**, the following inequality is obtained:

$$a_0 > M_{AH} > h_0$$

$$\text{i.e. } AM > AHM > HM \quad (2.11)$$

**One Important Property of AHM**

For positive real constant  $c$ , it has been shown that

$$a_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c \cdot a_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

$$\text{i.e. } a'_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c \cdot a'_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

Also,

$$h'_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= h_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$[[\{(cx_1)^{-1} + (cx_2)^{-1} + \dots + (cx_n)^{-1}\} / n]^{-1}]^{-1}$$

$$= c \cdot \{(x_1^{-1} + x_2^{-1} + \dots + x_n^{-1}) / n\}^{-1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } h'_0(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c. h'_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

Similarly it can be found that

$$d'_1(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c. d'_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

$$\& h'_1(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c. h'_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

In general,

$$d'_{n+1}(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ d'_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$+ h'_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \}$$

$$= c. \frac{1}{2} \{ d'_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

$$+ h'_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \}$$

$$\text{i.e. } d'_{n+1}(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c. d'_{n+1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

Now since  $d'_{n+1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$  converges to  $M_{AH}$ ,

therefore,  $d'_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$  converges to  $c.M_{AH}$ .

**Hence, AHM satisfies the following property:**

**Property (2.2.1):** For positive real constant  $C$ ,

$$AHM(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$$

$$= c. AHM(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \quad (2.12)$$

### 2. 3. Geometric-Harmonic Mean (GHM)

Let  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  be two sequences defined respectively by

$$g''_{n+1} = (g''_n \cdot h''_n)^{1/2} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\& h''_{n+1} = \{ \frac{1}{2}(g''_n^{-1} + h''_n^{-1}) \}^{-1} \quad (2.14)$$

where  $g''_0 = g_0$  &  $h''_0 = h_0$

and the square cube takes the principal value.

By inequality (2.1),

$$h''_n < g''_n$$

Therefore,

$$g''_{n+1} = (h''_n \cdot g''_n)^{1/2}$$



$$\Rightarrow g''_{n+1} < (g''_n \cdot g''_n)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } g''_{n+1} < g''_n$$

This means that the sequence  $\{g''_n\}$  is non-increasing.

Moreover, the sequence  $\{g''_n\}$  is bounded below by (2.4).

Hence, by the monotone convergence theorem, the sequence is convergent.

Therefore, there exists a finite number  $M_{GH}$  such that  $g''_n$  converges to  $M_{GH}$ .

$$\text{Again, } h''_n = g''_{n+1} / g''_n$$

This implies that the limiting value of  $h''_n$  as  $n$  approaches infinity is  $M_{GH}$ .

Therefore,  $h''_n$  converges to  $M_{GH}$ .

Thus the two sequences  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  converge to the same point  $M_{GH}$ .

This common limit  $M_{GH}$  can be termed as the Geometric-Harmonic Mean of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ .

**Accordingly**, Geometric-Harmonic Mean can be defined as follows:

**Definition of Geometric-Harmonic Mean (GHM)**

The Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated by *GHM*) of the  $N$  positive real numbers

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

denoted by  $GHM(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$

is the common limit (or equivalently the common point of convergence)  $M_{GH}$  of the two sequences  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  defined respectively by

$$g''_{n+1} = (g''_n \cdot h''_n)^{1/2}$$

$$\& h''_{n+1} = \{1/2(g''_n^{-1} + h''_n^{-1})\}^{-1}$$

where  $g''_0 = g_0$  &  $h''_0 = h_0$

with  $g_0$  &  $h_0$  defined by (2.2) & (2.3) respectively

and the square root takes the principal value.

**Note**

(1) It is clear that each of  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  converges to  $M_{GH}$ .

Thus, the converging point of either  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  can be taken as the value of  $M_{GH}$ .

(2) Since  $g''_{n+1} < g''_n$ ,

i.e.  $g_0 > g''_1 > g''_2 > g''_3 > \dots$

Therefore,  $g_0 > M_{GH}$

Again,  $h''_n = g''_{n+1}^2 / g''_n$   
 $\Rightarrow h''_n < h''_{n+1}$

i.e.  $h_0 < h''_1 < h''_2 < h''_3 < \dots$

Therefore,  $h_0 < M_{GH}$

Hence, the following inequality is obtained:

$$g_0 > M_{GH} > h_0$$

i.e.  $GM > GHM > HM$  (2.15)

**One Important Property of GHM**

For positive real constant  $C$ , it has been shown that

$$g''_0(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N)$$

$$= c \cdot g''_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

&  $h''_0(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N)$

$$= c \cdot h''_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

Similarly it can be found that

$$g''_1(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N)$$

$$= c \cdot g''_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

&  $h''_1(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N)$

$$= c \cdot h''_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

In general,

$$g''_{n+1}(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N)$$

$$= \{ g''_n(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N) \cdot$$

$$h''_n(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N) \}^{1/2}$$

$$= c \cdot \{ g''_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \cdot$$

$$h''_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \}^{1/2}$$

i.e.  $g''_{n+1}(c x_1, c x_2, \dots, c x_N)$

$$= c \cdot g''_{n+1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

Now since  $g''_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$  converges to  $M_{GH}$ ,

therefore,  $g''_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$  converges to  $c \cdot M_{GH}$ .

**Hence, GHM satisfies the following property:**

**Property (2.3.1):** For positive real constant  $c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &GHM(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= c \cdot GHM(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

**2.4. Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic Mean (AGHM)**

Let the three sequences  $\{a'''_n\}$ ,  $\{g'''_n\}$  &  $\{h'''_n\}$  be respectively defined by

$$a'''_{n+1} = 1/3 (a'''_n + g'''_n + h'''_n), \quad (2.17)$$

$$g'''_{n+1} = (a'''_n g'''_n h'''_n)^{1/3} \quad (2.18) \quad \& \quad h'''_{n+1} = \{1/3 (a'''_n^{-1} + g'''_n^{-1} + h'''_n^{-1})\}^{-1} \quad (2.19)$$

where  $a'''_0 = a_0$ ,  $g'''_0 = g_0$  &  $h'''_0 = h_0$

and the cube root takes the principal value.

By inequality (2.4),

$$h'''_n < g'''_n < a'''_n$$

Therefore,

$$a'''_{n+1} < 1/3 (a'''_n + a'''_n + a'''_n)$$

i.e.  $a'''_{n+1} < a'''_n$

This means that the sequence  $\{a'''_n\}$  is non-increasing.

Moreover, the sequence  $\{a'''_n\}$  is bounded below by (2.4).

Hence, by the monotone convergence theorem, the sequence  $\{a'''_n\}$  is convergent.

Therefore, there exists a finite number  $c$  such that  $a'''_n$  converges to  $c$ .

**Again,**  $g'''_n < a'''_n$ ,

and the sequence  $\{a'''_n\}$  is convergent.

Therefore, the sequence  $\{g'''_n\}$  is also convergent.

Similarly,  $h'''_n < a'''_n$ ,

and the sequence  $\{a'''_n\}$  is convergent.

Therefore, the sequence  $\{a'''_n\}$  is also convergent.

Suppose that the two sequences  $\{g'''_n\}$  and  $\{h'''_n\}$  converge to  $g$  and  $h$  respectively.

Then,  $g'''_n \rightarrow g$  &  $h'''_n \rightarrow h$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Equation (2.17)  $\Rightarrow g'''_n = 3 a'''_{n+1} - a'''_n - h'''_n$

& Equation (2.18)  $\Rightarrow h'''_n = g'''_{n+1}{}^{1/3} / (a'''_n g'''_n)$

Therefore,

$$g'''_n + g'''_{n+1}{}^3 / (a'''_n g'''_n) = 3 a'''_{n+1} - a'''_n$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  it is found that

$$g + \frac{g^3}{c g} = 3c - c$$

$$\Rightarrow g^2 + c g - a'''_n = 0$$

This is a quadratic equation in  $g$ .

Solving this equation for  $g$ , it is obtained that

$$g = c \quad \& \quad -2c$$

Since  $g$  cannot be negative, therefore we must have

$$g = c$$

Again from (2.1),

$$h'''_n = 3 a'''_{n+1} - a'''_n - g'''_n$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$h = 3c - c - g$$

i.e.  $h = 3c - c - c$ , since  $g = c$

which implies  $h = c$

Thus it is obtained that  $g = h = c$

**Therefore**,  $\{a'''_n\}$ ,  $\{g'''_n\}$  &  $\{h'''_n\}$  converge to the same limit  $c$ .

This common limit can be termed as the Geometric-Harmonic Mean of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ .

**Accordingly**, Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic Mean can be defined as follows:

**Definition of Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic Mean (AGHM)**

The Arithmetic-Geometric-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated by *AGHM*) of the  $N$  positive real numbers

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

denoted by *AGHM* ( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ )

is the common point of convergence  $M_{AGH}$  of the three sequences  $\{a'''_n\}$ ,  $\{g'''_n\}$  &  $\{h'''_n\}$  defined by

$$a'''_{n+1} = 1/3 (a'''_n + g'''_n + h'''_n) ,$$

$$g'''_{n+1} = (a'''_n g'''_n h'''_n)^{1/3}$$

$$\& h'''_{n+1} = \{1/3 (a'''_n^{-1} + g'''_n^{-1} + h'''_n^{-1})\}^{-1}$$

respectively where

$$a'''_0 = a_0 , g'''_0 = g_0 \ \& \ h'''_0 = h_0$$

with  $a_0$  ,  $g_0$  &  $h_0$  defined by (2.1) , (2.2) & (2.3) respectively and the cube root takes the principal value .

**One Important Property of AGHM)**

For positive real constant  $c$  , it has been shown that

$$a'''_0(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= c. a'''_0(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N) ,$$

$$g'''_0(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= c. g'''_0(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)$$

$$\& h'''_0(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= c. h'''_0(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)$$

Similarly it can be found that

$$a'''_1(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= c. a'''_1(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N) ,$$

$$g'''_1(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= c. g'''_1(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)$$

$$\& h'''_1(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= c. h'''_1(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)$$

In general,

$$a'''_{n+1}(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$= 1/3\{ a'''_n(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$+ g'''_n(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$$

$$+ h'''_n(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)\}$$

$$= c. 1/3\{ a'''_n(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)$$

$$+ g'''_n(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)$$

$$+ h'''_n(x_1 , x_2 , \dots , x_N)\}$$

i.e.  $a'''_{n+1}(cx_1 , cx_2 , \dots , cx_N)$

$$= c. a'''_{n+1}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

Now since  $a'''_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$  converges to  $M_{AGH}$ ,

therefore,  $a'''_n(cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N)$  converges to  $c.M_{AGH}$  .

**Hence, AGHM satisfies the following property:**

**Property (2.4.1):** For positive real constant  $C$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &AGHM (cx_1, cx_2, \dots, cx_N) \\ &= c. AGHM (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

**3. Example:**

**Example (3.1):** Let us take the two numbers **1 & 2** .

Here,

$$a_0 = AM (1, 2) = 1.5 ,$$

$$g_0 = GM (1, 2) = 1.4142135623730950488016887242097 ,$$

$$h_0 = HM (1, 2) = 1.4142135623730950488016887242097$$

**Calculation of AGM (1 , 2)**

In order to compute the AGM, it is required to compute the values of  $a_n$  &  $g_n$  for integral values of  $n$  .So, let us construct the following table (**Table – 3.1.1**):

**Table – 3.1.1**

(Computed values of  $a_n$  &  $g_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $a_n$ & $g_n$
1	$a_1$	<u>1.4571067811865475244008443621049</u>
	$g_1$	<u>1.4564753151219702608511618824733</u>
2	$a_2$	<u>1.4567910481542588926260031222891</u>
	$g_2$	<u>1.4567910139395549461941753969818</u>
3	$a_3$	<u>1.4567910310469069194100892596355</u>
	$g_3$	<u>1.4567910310469068189627755068948</u>
4	$a_4$	<u>1.4567910310469068691864323832652</u>
	$g_4$	<u>1.4567910310469068691864323832651</u>
5	$a_5$	<u>1.4567910310469068691864323832652</u>
	$g_5$	<u>1.4567910310469068691864323832652</u>

The digits in  $a_n$  &  $g_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the above table.

The common point of convergence of  $\{a_n\}$  &  $\{g_n\}$  is found to be

$$1.4567910310469068691864323832652$$

Therefore,

$$AGM(1, 2) = 1.4567910310469068691864323832652$$

**Calculation of AHM (1, 2)**

In order to compute the AHM, it is required to compute the values of  $a'_n$  &  $h'_n$  for integral values of  $n$ . So, let us construct the following table (Table – 3.1.2):

**Table – 3.1.2**

(Computed values of  $a'_n$  &  $h'_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $a'_n$ & $h'_n$
1	$a'_1$	<u>1.41</u> 66666666666666666666666666666667
	$h'_1$	<u>1.41</u> 17647058823529411764705882353
2	$a'_2$	<u>1.41421</u> 5686274509803921568627451
	$h'_2$	<u>1.41421</u> 14384748700173310225303293
3	$a'_3$	<u>1.4142135623</u> 746899106262955788901
	$h'_3$	<u>1.41421356237</u> 15001869770836681149
4	$a'_4$	<u>1.414213562373</u> 0950488016896235025
	$h'_4$	<u>1.414213562373</u> 0950488016878249168
5	$a'_5$	<u>1.414213562373</u> 0950488016887242097
	$h'_5$	<u>1.414213562373</u> 0950488016887242097

The digits in  $a'_n$  &  $h'_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the above table.

The common point of convergence of  $\{a'_n\}$  &  $\{h'_n\}$  is found to be

$$1.4142135623730950488016887242097$$

Therefore,

$$AHM(1, 2) = 1.4142135623730950488016887242097$$

**Calculation of GHM (1, 2)**

In order to compute the GHM, it is required to compute the values of  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$  for integral values of  $n$ .

Therefore, the following table (Table – 3.1.3) has been prepared for the computed values of  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$ :

The digits in  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the table.

**Table – 3.1.3**

(Computed values of  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $g''_n$ & $h''_n$
1	$g''_1$	<u>1.3731780959380785038868515034673</u>
	$h''_1$	<u>1.3725830020304792191729804126448</u>
2	$g''_2$	<u>1.3728805167403262392057405319496</u>
	$h''_2$	<u>1.3728804844963743741743109895869</u>
3	$g''_3$	<u>1.3728805006183502120284336369279</u>
	$h''_3$	<u>1.3728805006183501173668415130876</u>
4	$g''_4$	<u>1.3728805006183501646976375750077</u>
	$h''_4$	<u>1.3728805006183501646976375750078</u>
5	$g''_5$	<u>1.37288050061835016469763757500774</u>
	$h''_5$	<u>1.37288050061835016469763757500774</u>

The common point of convergence of  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  is found to be 1.37288050061835016469763757500774 .

Therefore,

$$GHM(1, 2) = 1.37288050061835016469763757500774$$

**Calculation of AGHM (1, 2)**

In order to compute the AGHM, it is required to compute the values of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$  for integral values of  $n$  .

Therefore, the following table (Table – 3.1.4) has been prepared for the computed values of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$  :

The digits in  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the table.

The common point of convergence of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$  is found to be 1.4142135623730950488016887242097 .

Therefore,

$$AGHM(1, 2) = 1.4142135623730950488016887242097$$

**Table – 3.1.4**

(Computed values of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $a'''_n$ , $g'''_n$ & $h'''_n$
1	$a'''_1$	<u>1.4158489652354761273783406858477</u>
	$g'''_1$	<u>1.4142135623730950488016887242097</u>



	$h'''_1$	1.412580048513416909948549472676
2	$a'''_2$	1.4142141920406626953761929609111
	$g'''_2$	1.4142135623730950488016887242097
	$h'''_2$	1.4142129327058077566798391059762
3	$a'''_3$	1.4142135623731885002859069303657
	$g'''_3$	1.4142135623730950488016887242097
	$h'''_3$	1.414213562373001597317470524229
4	$a'''_4$	1.4142135623730950488016887262681
	$g'''_4$	1.4142135623730950488016887242097
	$h'''_4$	1.4142135623730950488016887221513
5	$a'''_5$	1.4142135623730950488016887242097
	$g'''_5$	1.4142135623730950488016887242097
	$h'''_5$	1.4142135623730950488016887242097

**Example (3.2):** Let us take the three numbers **1 , 2 , 3**

In this case,

$$a_0 = AM(1, 2, 3) = 2,$$

$$g_0 = GM(1, 2, 3)$$

$$= 1.8171205928321396588912117563273$$

$$\& h_0 = HM(1, 2, 3)$$

$$= 1.6363636363636363636363636363636$$

**Calculation of AGM (1 , 2 , 3)**

As earlier, in order to compute the AGM, the following table (**Table – 3.2.1**) has been prepared for the computed values of  $a_n$

&  $g_n$ , in this case also, for integral values of  $n$ .

**Table – 3.2.1**

(Computed values of  $a_n$  &  $g_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $a_n$ & $g_n$
1	$a_1$	1.9085602964160698294456058781637
	$g_1$	1.9063685859938731475148179907989

2	$a_2$	<u>1.9074644412049714884802119344813</u>
	$g_2$	<u>1.9074641264156845057408620234234</u>
3	$a_3$	<u>1.9074642838103279971105369789524</u>
	$g_3$	<u>1.9074642838103215033916217579023</u>
4	$a_4$	<u>1.9074642838103247502510793684274</u>
	$g_4$	<u>1.9074642838103247502510793684246</u>
5	$a_5$	<u>1.907464283810324750251079368426</u>
	$g_5$	<u>1.907464283810324750251079368426</u>

The digits in  $a_n$  &  $g_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the above table.

The common point of convergence of  $\{a_n\}$  &  $\{g_n\}$  is found to be

$$1.907464283810324750251079368426$$

Therefore,

$$AGM(1, 2, 3) = 1.907464283810324750251079368426$$

**Calculation of AHM (1, 2, 3)**

In this case, in order to compute the AHM, the following table (Table – 3.2.2) has been prepared for the computed values of  $a'_n$  &  $h'_n$  for integral values of  $n$  :

The digits in  $a'_n$  &  $h'_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the table.

**Table – 3.2.2**

(Computed values of  $a'_n$  &  $h'_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $a'_n$ & $h'_n$
1	$a'_1$	<u>1.818181818181818181818181818181818</u>
	$h'_1$	<u>1.8</u>
2	$a'_2$	<u>1.809090909090909090909090909090909</u>
	$h'_2$	<u>1.8090452261306532663316582914573</u>
3	$a'_3$	<u>1.8090680676107811786203746002741</u>
	$h'_3$	<u>1.8090680673223822931528642315122</u>
4	$a'_4$	<u>1.8090680674665817358866194158932</u>
	$h'_4$	<u>1.8090680674665817358751253877476</u>
5	$a'_5$	<u>1.8090680674665817358808724018204</u>
	$h'_5$	<u>1.8090680674665817358808724018204</u>

It is observed that the common point of convergence of  $\{a'_n\}$  &  $\{h'_n\}$  is

$$1.8090680674665817358808724018204$$

Therefore,

$$AGM(1, 2, 3) = .8090680674665817358808724018204$$

**Calculation of GHM (1, 2, 3)**

In this case, in order to compute the GHM, it is required to compute the values of  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$  for integral values of  $n$ .

Therefore, the following table (Table – 3.2.3) has been prepared for the computed values of  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$ :

The digits in  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the table.

**Table – 3.2.3**

(Computed values of  $g''_n$  &  $h''_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $g''_n$ & $h''_n$
1	$g''_1$	<u>1.724375266871468066449811572054</u>
	$h''_1$	<u>1.7220116633863929641517494706201</u>
2	$g''_2$	<u>1.7231930598768357397574174548246</u>
	$h''_2$	<u>1.7231926546248362693922850161974</u>
3	$g''_3$	<u>1.7231928572508240914289732446021</u>
	$h''_3$	<u>1.7231928572508121782830952537755</u>
4	$g''_4$	<u>1.7231928572508181348560342491785</u>
	$h''_4$	<u>1.7231928572508181348560342491682</u>
5	$g''_5$	<u>1.7231928572508181348560342491733</u>
	$h''_5$	<u>1.7231928572508181348560342491733</u>

The common point of convergence of  $\{g''_n\}$  &  $\{h''_n\}$  is found to be 1.7231928572508181348560342491733.

Therefore,

$$GHM(1, 2, 3) = 1.7231928572508181348560342491733$$

**Calculation of AGHM (1, 2, 3)**

In order to compute the AGHM, it is required to compute the values of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$  for integral values of  $n$ .

Therefore, the following table (Table – 3.2.4) has been prepared for the computed values of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$ :

The digits in  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$ , which are agreed, have been underlined in the table.

The common point of convergence of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$  is found to be 1.8117422857304566825260427457086 .

Therefore,

$$AGHM(1, 2, 3) = 1.8117422857304566825260427457086$$

**Table – 3.2.4**

(Computed values of  $a'''_n$ ,  $g'''_n$  &  $h'''_n$ )

$n$	Term of sequence	Value of sequence $a'''_n$ , $g'''_n$ & $h'''_n$
1	$a'''_1$	<u>1.8178280763985920075091917975636</u>
	$g'''_1$	<u>1.8117482698069516271224852651028</u>
	$h'''_1$	<u>1.8056709052920116796224963481548</u>
2	$a'''_2$	<u>1.8117490838325184380847244702737</u>
	$g'''_2$	<u>1.8117422857379412045324993765718</u>
	$h'''_2$	<u>1.8117354876464184860385275271165</u>
3	$a'''_3$	<u>1.8117422857389593762185837913207</u>
	$g'''_3$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260544542536</u>
	$h'''_3$	<u>1.8117422857219539888335298955714</u>
4	$a'''_4$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260560470486</u>
	$g'''_4$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260427457086</u>
	$h'''_4$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260294443687</u>
5	$a'''_5$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260427457086</u>
	$g'''_5$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260427457086</u>
	$h'''_5$	<u>1.8117422857304566825260427457086</u>

**4. Conclusion:**

From the description, presented above, one can arrive at the following conclusions:

- (1) In addition to AM, GM, & HM, each of the four formulations namely AGM, AHM, GHM & AGHM can be regarded as a measure of average of a set of numbers.
- (2) AGM, AHM, GHM & AGHM are defined only when the associated numbers are strictly positive. For numbers other than strictly positive, there is necessity of searching for technique of finding these types of average.
- (3) It can be assumed that each of AGM, AHM, GHM & AGHM can be accepted as measure of central tendency of data. However, it is to be established with justification.
- (4) From the computed results, it has been found that

$$AHM(1, 2) \text{ \& } GM(1, 2) \text{ are equal}$$

but  $AHM(1, 2, 3)$  &  $GM(1, 2, 3)$  are not equal.

This may give an indication that AHM of two positive numbers can be equal to their GM. However, it is to be established theoretically.

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