

**NCERT solutions for class 11 maths chapter 8 Binomial Theorem**

**Question:1** Expand the expression.  $(1 - 2x)^5$

**Answer:**

Given,

The Expression:

$$(1 - 2x)^5$$

the expansion of this Expression is,

$$(1 - 2x)^5 =$$

$${}^5C_0(1)^5 - {}^5C_1(1)^4(2x) + {}^5C_2(1)^3(2x)^2 - {}^5C_3(1)^2(2x)^3 + {}^5C_4(1)^1(2x)^4 - {}^5C_5(2x)^5$$

$$1 - 5(2x) + 10(4x^2) - 10(8x^3) + 5(16x^4) - (32x^5)$$

$$1 - 10x + 40x^2 - 80x^3 + 80x^4 - 32x^5$$

**Question:2** Expand the expression.  $\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$

**Answer:**

Given,

The Expression:

$$\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$$

the expansion of this Expression is,

$$\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$+5 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^4}{16}\right) - \frac{x^5}{32}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{32}{x^5} - \frac{40}{x^3} + \frac{20}{x} - 5x + \frac{5x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{32}$$

**Question:3** Expand the expression.  $(2x - 3)^6$

**Answer:**

Given,

The Expression:

$$(2x - 3)^6$$

the expansion of this Expression is,

$$(2x - 3)^6 =$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^6C_0(2x)^6 - {}^6C_1(2x)^5(3) + {}^6C_2(2x)^4(3)^2 - {}^6C_3(2x)^3(3)^3 +$$

$${}^6C_4(2x)^2(3)^4 - {}^6C_5(2x)(3)^5 + {}^6C_6(3)^6$$

$$\Rightarrow 64x^6 - 6(32x^5)(3) + 15(16x^4)(9) - 20(8x^3)(27) + 15(4x^2)(81) - 6(2x)(243)$$

$$+ 729$$

$$\Rightarrow 64x^6 - 576x^5 + 2160x^4 - 4320x^3 + 4860x^2 - 2916x + 729$$

**Question:4** Expand the expression.  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5$

**Answer:**

Given,

The Expression:

$$\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5$$

the expansion of this Expression is,

$$\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5 \Rightarrow$$

$$+5 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^5}{243} + \frac{5x^3}{81} + \frac{10x}{27} + \frac{10}{9x} + \frac{5}{3x^2} + \frac{1}{x^5}$$

**Question:5** Expand the expression.  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$

**Answer:**

Given,

The Expression:

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$$

the expansion of this Expression is,

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$$

$$+15(x^2) \left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + 6(x) \left(\frac{1}{x^5}\right) + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^6 + 6x^4 + 15x^2 + 20 + \frac{15}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

**Question:6** Using binomial theorem, evaluate the following:  $(96)^3$

**Answer:**

As 96 can be written as  $(100-4)$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (96)^3 \\ &= (100 - 4)^3 \\ &= {}^3C_0(100)^3 - {}^3C_1(100)^2(4) + {}^3C_2(100)(4)^2 - {}^3C_3(4)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (100)^3 - 3(100)^2(4) + 3(100)(4)^2 - (4)^3$$

$$= 1000000 - 120000 + 4800 - 64$$

$$= 884736$$

**Question:7** Using binomial theorem, evaluate the following:  $(102)^5$

**Answer:**

As we can write 102 in the form  $100+2$

$$\Rightarrow (102)^5$$

$$= (100 + 2)^5$$

$$= {}^5C_0(100)^5 + {}^5C_1(100)^4(2) + {}^5C_2(100)^3(2)^2$$

$$+ {}^5C_3(100)^2(2)^3 + {}^5C_4(100)^1(2)^4 + {}^5C_5(2)^5$$

$$= 10000000000 + 1000000000 + 40000000 + 800000 + 8000 + 32$$

$$= 11040808032$$

**Question:8** Using binomial theorem, evaluate the following:

$$(101)^4$$

**Answer:**

As we can write 101 in the form  $100+1$

$$\Rightarrow (101)^4$$

$$= (100 + 1)^4$$

$$= {}^4C_0(100)^4 + {}^4C_1(100)^3(1) + {}^4C_2(100)^2(1)^2 + {}^4C_3(100)^1(1)^3 + {}^4C_4(1)^4$$

$$= 100000000 + 4000000 + 60000 + 400 + 1$$

$$= 104060401$$

**Question:9** Using binomial theorem, evaluate the following:  $(99)^5$

**Answer:**

As we can write 99 in the form 100-1

$$\Rightarrow (99)^5$$

$$= (100 - 1)^5$$

$$= {}^5C_0(100)^5 - {}^5C_1(100)^4(1) + {}^5C_2(100)^3(1)^2 - {}^5C_3(100)^2(1)^3 + {}^5C_4(100)^1(1)^4 - {}^5C_5(1)^5$$

$$= 10000000000 - 5000000000 + 100000000 - 100000 + 500 - 1$$

$$= 9509900499$$

**Question:10** Using Binomial Theorem, indicate which number is larger  $(1.1)^{10000}$  or 1000.

**Answer:**

AS we can write 1.1 as  $1 + 0.1$ ,

$$(1.1)^{10000} = (1 + 0.1)^{10000}$$

$$= {}^{10000}C_0 + {}^{10000}C_1(1.1) + \text{Other positive terms}$$

$$= 1 + 10000 \times 1.1 + \text{Other positive term}$$

$$> 1000$$

Hence,

$$(1.1)^{10000} > 1000$$



**Question:11** Find  $(a + b)^4 - (a - b)^4$ . Hence, evaluate  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4$ .

**Answer:**

Using Binomial Theorem, the expressions  $(a + b)^4$  and  $(a - b)^4$  can be expressed as

$$(a + b)^4 = {}^4C_0a^4 + {}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_2a^2b^2 + {}^4C_3ab^3 + {}^4C_4b^4$$

$$(a - b)^4 = {}^4C_0a^4 - {}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_2a^2b^2 - {}^4C_3ab^3 + {}^4C_4b^4$$

From Here,

$$(a + b)^4 - (a - b)^4 = {}^4C_0a^4 + {}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_2a^2b^2 + {}^4C_3ab^3 + {}^4C_4b^4 - {}^4C_0a^4 + {}^4C_1a^3b - {}^4C_2a^2b^2 + {}^4C_3ab^3 - {}^4C_4b^4$$

$$(a + b)^4 - (a - b)^4 = 2 \times ({}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_3ab^3)$$

$$(a + b)^4 - (a - b)^4 = 8ab(a^2 + b^2)$$

Now, Using this, we get

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4 = 8(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})(3 + 2) = 8 \times \sqrt{6} \times 5 = 40\sqrt{6}$$

**Question:12** Find  $(x + 1)^6 + (x - 1)^6$ . Hence or otherwise evaluate  $(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6$ .

**Answer:**

Using Binomial Theorem, the expressions  $(x + 1)^4$  and  $(x - 1)^4$  can be expressed as ,

$$(x + 1)^6 = {}^6C_0x^6 + {}^6C_1x^5 \cdot 1 + {}^6C_2x^4 \cdot 1^2 + {}^6C_3x^3 \cdot 1^3 + {}^6C_4x^2 \cdot 1^4 + {}^6C_5x \cdot 1^5 + {}^6C_6 \cdot 1^6$$

$$(x - 1)^6 = {}^6C_0x^6 - {}^6C_1x^5 \cdot 1 + {}^6C_2x^4 \cdot 1^2 - {}^6C_3x^3 \cdot 1^3 + {}^6C_4x^2 \cdot 1^4 - {}^6C_5x \cdot 1^5 + {}^6C_6 \cdot 1^6$$

From Here,

$$(x + 1)^6 - (x - 1)^6 = {}^6C_0x^6 + {}^6C_1x^5 \cdot 1 + {}^6C_2x^4 \cdot 1^2 + {}^6C_3x^3 \cdot 1^3 + {}^6C_4x^2 \cdot 1^4 + {}^6C_5x \cdot 1^5 + {}^6C_6 \cdot 1^6$$

$$+ {}^6C_0x^6 - {}^6C_1x^5 \cdot 1 + {}^6C_2x^4 \cdot 1^2 - {}^6C_3x^3 \cdot 1^3 + {}^6C_4x^2 \cdot 1^4 - {}^6C_5x \cdot 1^5 + {}^6C_6 \cdot 1^6$$

$$(x + 1)^6 + (x - 1)^6 = 2({}^6C_0x^6 + {}^6C_2x^4 \cdot 1^2 + {}^6C_4x^2 \cdot 1^4 + {}^6C_6 \cdot 1^6)$$

$$(x + 1)^6 + (x - 1)^6 = 2(x^6 + 15x^4 + 15x^2 + 1)$$

Now, Using this, we get

$$(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6 = 2((\sqrt{2})^6 + 15(\sqrt{2})^4 + 15(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1)$$

$$(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6 = 2(8 + 60 + 30 + 1) = 2(99) = 198$$

**Question:13** Show that  $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 64, whenever  $n$  is a positive integer.

**Answer:**

If we want to prove that  $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 64, then we have to prove that  $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k$

As we know, from binomial theorem,

$$(1 + x)^m = {}^mC_0 + {}^mC_1x + {}^mC_2x^2 + {}^mC_3x^3 + \dots + {}^mC_mx^m$$

Here putting  $x = 8$  and replacing  $m$  by  $n+1$ , we get,

$$9^{n+1} = {}^{n+1}C_0 + {}^{n+1}C_1 \cdot 8 + {}^{n+1}C_2 \cdot 8^2 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} \cdot 8^{n+1}$$



$$9^{n+1} = 1 + 8(n+1) + 8^2({}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 8 + {}^{n+1}C_4 8^2 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} 8^{n-1})$$

$$9^{n+1} = 1 + 8n + 8 + 64(k)$$

Now, Using This,

$$9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 9 + 8n + 64k - 9 - 8n = 64k$$

Hence

$9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$  is divisible by 64.

$$\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^n C_r = 4^n$$

**Question:14** Prove that

**Answer:**

As we know from Binomial Theorem,

$$\sum_{r=0}^n a^r {}^n C_r = (1 + a)^n$$

Here putting  $a = 3$ , we get,

$$\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^n C_r = (1 + 3)^n$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^n C_r = 4^n$$

Hence Proved.

## NCERT solutions for class 11 maths chapter 8 binomial theorem-

## Exercise: 8.2

**Question:1** Find the coefficient of

$$x^5 \text{ in } (x + 3)^8$$

**Answer:**

As we know that the  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Now let's assume  $x^5$  happens in the  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term of the binomial expansion of  $(x + 3)^8$

So,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^8 C_r x^{8-r} 3^r$$

On comparing the indices of x we get,

$$r = 3$$

Hence the coefficient of the  $x^5$  in  $(x + 3)^8$  is

$${}^8 C_3 \times 3^3 = \frac{8!}{5!3!} \times 9 = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6}{3 \times 2} \times 9 = 1512$$

**Question:2** Find the coefficient of  $a^5 b^7$  in  $(a - 2b)^{12}$

**Answer:**

As we know that the  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Now let's assume  $a^5 b^7$  happens in the  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term of the binomial expansion of  $(a - 2b)^{12}$

So,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{12} C_r x^{12-r} (-2b)^r$$

On comparing the indices of x we get,

$$r = 7$$

Hence the coefficient of the  $a^5 b^7$  in  $(a - 2b)^{12}$  is

**Question:3** Write the general term in the expansion of

$$(x^2 - y)^6$$

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So the general term of the expansion of  $(x^2 - y)^6$  :

$$T_{r+1} = {}^6 C_r (x^2)^{6-r} (-y)^r = (-1)^r \times {}^6 C_r x^{12-2r} y^r .$$

**Question:4** Write the general term in the expansion of

$$(x^2 - xy)^{12}, \quad x \neq 0$$

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So the general term of the expansion of  $(x^2 - xy)^{12}$ , is

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**Question:5** Find the 4<sup>th</sup> term in the expansion of  $(x - 2y)^{12}$  .

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So the 4<sup>th</sup> term of the expansion of  $(x - 2y)^{12}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &= -8 \times \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10}{3 \times 2} \times x^9 y^3 \\ &= -8 \times 220 \times x^9 y^3 \\ &= -1760x^9 y^3 \end{aligned} .$$

**Question:6** Find the 13<sup>th</sup> term in the expansion of  $\left(9x - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{18}$ ,  $x \neq 0$

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So the 13<sup>th</sup> term of the expansion of  $\left(9x - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{18}$  is

$$= \frac{18 \times 17 \times 16 \times 15 \times 14 \times 13}{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2} \times 9^6 \left(\frac{1}{3^{12}}\right)$$

$$= 18564$$

**Question:7** Find the middle terms in the expansion of  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$

**Answer:**

As we know that the middle terms in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  when n is odd are,

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th} \text{ term and } \left(\frac{n+1}{2} + 1\right)^{th} \text{ term}$$

Hence the middle term of the expansion  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$  are

$$\left(\frac{7+1}{2}\right)^{th} \text{ term and } \left(\frac{7+1}{2} + 1\right)^{th} \text{ term}$$



Which are 4<sup>th</sup> term and 5<sup>th</sup> term

Now,

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So the 4<sup>th</sup> term of the expansion of  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$  is

$$= -\frac{105}{8}x^9$$

And the 5<sup>th</sup> Term of the expansion of  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$  is,

$$= \frac{35}{48}x^{12}$$

Hence the middle terms of the expansion of given expression are

$$-\frac{105}{8}x^9 \text{ and } \frac{35}{48}x^{12}.$$

**Question:8** Find the middle terms in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$

**Answer:**

As we know that the middle term in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  when n is even is,



$$\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ term ,}$$

Hence the middle term of the expansion  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$  is,

$$\left(\frac{10}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ term}$$

Which is  $6^{\text{th}}$  term

Now,

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So the  $6^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion of  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T_6 &= T_{5+1} \\ &= {}^{10} C_5 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{10-5} (9y)^5 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 \times 9^5 \times {}^{10} C_5 \times x^5 y^5 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5 \times 9^5 \times \left(\frac{10!}{5!5!}\right) \times x^5 y^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 61236x^5y^5$$

Hence the middle term of the expansion of  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$  is **nbsp;**  $61236x^5y^5$ .

**Question:9** In the expansion of  $(1 + a)^{m+n}$ , prove that coefficients of  $a^m$  and  $a^n$  are equal

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So, the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + a)^{m+n}$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{m+n} C_r 1^{m+n-r} a^r = {}^{m+n} C_r a^r$$

Now, as we can see  $a^m$  will come when  $r = m$  and  $a^n$  will come when  $r = n$

So,

Coefficient of  $a^m$  :

$$K_{a^m} = {}^{m+n} C_m = \frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!}$$

Coefficient of  $a^n$  :

$$K_{a^n} = {}^{m+n} C_n = \frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!}$$

As we can see  $K_{a^m} = K_{a^n}$ .

Hence it is proved that the coefficients of  $a^m$  and  $a^n$  are equal.

**Question:10** The coefficients of the  $(r - 1)^{th}$ ,  $r^{th}$  and  $(r + 1)^{th}$  terms in the expansion of  $(x + 1)^n$  are in the ratio 1 : 3 : 5. Find  $n$  and  $r$ .

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So,

$(r + 1)^{th}$  Term in the expansion of  $(x + 1)^n$  :

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r x^{n-r} 1^r = {}^n C_r x^{n-r}$$

$r^{th}$  Term in the expansion of  $(x + 1)^n$  :

$$T_r = {}^n C_{r-1} x^{n-r+1} 1^{r-1} = {}^n C_{r-1} x^{n-r+1}$$

$(r - 1)^{th}$  Term in the expansion of  $(x + 1)^n$  :

$$T_{r-1} = {}^n C_{r-2} x^{n-r+2} 1^{r-2} = {}^n C_{r-2} x^{n-r+2}$$

Now, As given in the question,

$$T_{r-1} : T_r : T_{r+1} = 1 : 3 : 5$$

$${}^n C_{r-2} : {}^n C_{r-1} : {}^n C_r = 1 : 3 : 5$$

$$\frac{n!}{(r-2)!(n-r+2)!} : \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} : \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = 1 : 3 : 5$$

From here, we get ,

$$\frac{r-1}{n-r+2} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{r}{n-r+1} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Which can be written as

$$n - 4r + 5 = 0 \text{ and } 3n - 8r + 3 = 0$$

From these equations we get,

$$n = 7 \text{ and } r = 3$$

**Question:11** Prove that the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  is twice the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ .

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So, general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  is,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{2n} C_r 1^{2n-r} x^r$$

$x^n$  will come when  $r = n$ ,

So, Coefficient of  $x^n$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  is,

$$K_{1x^n} = {}^{2n} C_n$$

Now,

the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$  is,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{2n-1} C_r 1^{2n-1-r} x^r$$

Here also  $x^n$  will come when  $r = n$ ,

So, Coefficient of  $x^n$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$  is,

$$K_{2x^n} = {}^{2n-1}C_n$$

Now, As we can see

$${}^{2n-1}C_n = \frac{1}{2} \times {}^{2n}C_n$$

$$2 \times {}^{2n-1}C_n = {}^{2n}C_n$$

$$2 \times K_{2x^n} = K_{1x^n}$$

Hence, the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  is twice the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ .

**Question:12** Find a positive value of  $m$  for which the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion  $(1 + x)^m$  is 6.

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So, the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^m$  is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^mC_r 1^{m-r} x^r = {}^mC_r x^r$$



$x^2$  will come when  $r = 2$ . So,

The coefficient of  $x^2$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^m = 6$

$$\Rightarrow {}^m C_2 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m!}{2!(m-2)!} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m(m-1)}{2} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m-1) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - m - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m+3)(m-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 4 \text{ or } -3$$

Hence the positive value of  $m$  for which the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion  $(1 + x)^m$  is 6, is 4.

### NCERT solutions for class 11 maths chapter 8 binomial theorem- Miscellaneous Exercise

**Question:1** Find  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $n$  in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  if the first three terms of the expansion are 729, 7290 and 30375, respectively.

**Answer:**

As we know the Binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by



$$(a + b)^n = {}^n C_0 a^n + {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n b^n$$

Given in the question,

$${}^n C_0 a^n = 729 \dots \dots (1)$$

$${}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b = 7290 \dots \dots (2)$$

$${}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 = 30375 \dots \dots (3)$$

Now, dividing (1) by (2) we get,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^n C_0 a^n}{{}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b} = \frac{729}{7290}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{n!0!}}{\frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!}} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{729}{7290}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$10a = nb \dots \dots (4)$$

Now, Dividing (2) by (3) we get,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b}{{}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2} = \frac{7290}{30375}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!}}{\frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!}} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{7290}{30375}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2(n-2)!}{(n-1)!} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{7290}{30375}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{(n-1)} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{7290}{30375}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 30375 \times a = 7290 \times b \times (n-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 60750a = 7290b(n-1) \dots \dots (5)$$

Now, From (4) and (5), we get,

$$n = 6, a = 3 \text{ and } b = 5$$

**Question:2** Find  $a$  if the coefficients of  $x^2$  and  $x^3$  in the expansion of  $(3 + ax)^9$  are equal.

**Answer:**

As we know that the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

So, the general  $(r + 1)^{th}$  term  $T_{r+1}$  in the binomial expansion of  $(3 + ax)^9$  is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r 3^{n-r} (ax)^r = {}^n C_r 3^{n-r} a^r x^r$$

Now,  $x^2$  will come when  $r = 2$  and  $x^3$  will come when  $r = 3$

So, the coefficient of  $x^2$  is

$$K_{x^2} = {}^n C_2 3^{9-2} a^2 = {}^n C_2 3^7 a^2$$

And the coefficient of  $x^3$  is

$$K_{x^3} = {}^9C_3 3^{9-3} a^2 = {}^9C_3 3^6 a^3$$

Now, Given in the question,

$$K_{x^2} = K_{x^3}$$

$${}^9C_2 3^7 a^2 = {}^9C_3 3^6 a^3$$

$$\frac{9!}{2!7!} \times 3 = \frac{9!}{3!6!} \times a$$

$$a = \frac{18}{14} = \frac{9}{7}$$

Hence the value of a is 9/7.

**Question:3** Find the coefficient of  $x^5$  in the product  $(1 + 2x)^6(1 - x)^7$  using binomial theorem.

**Answer:**

First, lets expand both expressions individually,

So,

$$(1 + 2x)^6 = {}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1(2x) + {}^6C_2(2x)^2 + {}^6C_3(2x)^3 + {}^6C_4(2x)^4 + {}^6C_5(2x)^5 + {}^6C_6(2x)^6$$

$$(1 + 2x)^6 = {}^6C_0 + 2 \times {}^6C_1 x + 4 \times {}^6C_2 x^2 + 8 \times {}^6C_3 x^3 + 16 \times {}^6C_4 x^4 + 32 \times {}^6C_5 x^5 + 64 \times {}^6C_6 x^6$$

$$(1 + 2x)^6 = 1 + 12x + 60x^2 + 160x^3 + 240x^4 + 192x^5 + 64x^6$$

And

$$(1 - x)^7 = {}^7C_0 - {}^7C_1x + {}^7C_2x^2 - {}^7C_3x^3 + {}^7C_4x^4 - {}^7C_5x^5 + {}^7C_6x^6 - {}^7C_7x^7$$

$$(1 - x)^7 = 1 - 7x + 21x^2 - 35x^3 + 35x^4 - 21x^5 + 7x^6 - x^7$$

Now,

$$(1 + 2x)^6(1 - x)^7 = (1 + 12x + 60x^2 + 160x^3 + 240x^4 + 192x^5 + 64x^6)$$

$$(1 - 7x + 21x^2 - 35x^3 + 35x^4 - 21x^5 + 7x^6 - x^7)$$

Now, for the coefficient of  $x^5$ , we multiply and add those terms whose product gives  $x^5$ . So,

The term which contain  $x^5$  are,

$$\Rightarrow (1)(-21x^5) + (12x)(35x^4) + (60x^2)(-35x^3) + (160x^3)(21x^2) + (240x^4)(-7x) + (192x^5)(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 171x^5$$

Hence the coefficient of  $x^5$  is 171.

**Question:4** If  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct integers, prove that  $a - b$  is a factor of  $a^n - b^n$ , whenever  $n$  is a positive integer.

[ Hint: write  $a^n = (a - b + b)^n$  and expand]

**Answer:**

we need to prove,

$$a^n - b^n = k(a - b) \text{ where } k \text{ is some natural number.}$$

Now let's add and subtract  $b$  from  $a$  so that we can prove the above result,

$$a = a - b + b$$

$$a^n = (a - b + b)^n = [(a - b) + b]^n$$

$$= {}^n C_0 (a - b)^n + {}^n C_1 (a - b)^{n-1} b + \dots + {}^n C_n b^n$$

$$= (a - b)^n + {}^n C_1 (a - b)^{n-1} b + \dots + {}^n C_{n-1} (a - b) b^{n-1} + b^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a^n - b^n = (a - b) [(a - b)^{n-1} + {}^n C_2 (a - b)^{n-2} + \dots + {}^n C_{n-1} b^{n-1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^n - b^n = k(a - b)$$

Hence,  $a - b$  is a factor of  $a^n - b^n$ .

**Question:5** Evaluate  $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6$ .

**Answer:**

First let's simplify the expression  $(a + b)^6 - (a - b)^6$  using binomial theorem,

So,

$$(a + b)^6 = {}^6 C_0 a^6 + {}^6 C_1 a^5 b + {}^6 C_2 a^4 b^2 + {}^6 C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6 C_4 a^2 b^4 + {}^6 C_5 a b^5 + {}^6 C_6 b^6$$

$$(a + b)^6 = a^6 + 6a^5 b + 15a^4 b^2 + 20a^3 b^3 + 15a^2 b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6$$

And

$$(a - b)^6 = {}^6 C_0 a^6 - {}^6 C_1 a^5 b + {}^6 C_2 a^4 b^2 - {}^6 C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6 C_4 a^2 b^4 - {}^6 C_5 a b^5 + {}^6 C_6 b^6$$

$$(a - b)^6 = a^6 - 6a^5 b + 15a^4 b^2 - 20a^3 b^3 + 15a^2 b^4 - 6ab^5 + b^6$$

Now,



$$(a + b)^6 - (a - b)^6 = a^6 + 6a^5b + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6$$

$$-a^6 + 6a^5b - 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 - 15a^2b^4 + 6ab^5 - b^6$$

$$(a + b)^6 - (a - b)^6 = 2[6a^5b + 20a^3b^3 + 6ab^5]$$

Now, Putting  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = \sqrt{2}$ , we get

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6 = 2[54\sqrt{6} + 120\sqrt{6} + 24\sqrt{6}]$$

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6 = 2 \times 198\sqrt{6}$$

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6 = 396\sqrt{6}$$

**Question:6** Find the value of  $(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4 + (a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4$

**Answer:**

First, lets simplify the expression  $(x + y)^4 - (x - y)^4$  using binomial expansion,

$$(x + y)^4 = {}^4C_0x^4 + {}^4C_1x^3y + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 + {}^4C_3xy^3 + {}^4C_4y^4$$

$$(x + y)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4$$

And

$$(x - y)^4 = {}^4C_0x^4 - {}^4C_1x^3y + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 - {}^4C_3xy^3 + {}^4C_4y^4$$

$$(x - y)^4 = x^4 - 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 - 4xy^3 + y^4$$

Now,



$$(x + y)^4 - (x - y)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4 - x^4 + 4x^3y - 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 - y^4$$

$$(x + y)^4 - (x - y)^4 = 2(x^4 + 6x^2y^2 + y^4)$$

Now, Putting  $x = a^2$  and  $y = \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$  we get,

$$\left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 = 2[a^8 + 6a^4(a^2 - 1) + (a^2 - 1)^2]$$

$$\left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 = 2a^8 + 12a^6 - 12a^4 + 2a^4 - 4a^2 + 2$$

$$\left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 = 2a^8 + 12a^6 - 10a^4 - 4a^2 + 2$$

**Question:7** Find an approximation of  $(0.99)^5$  using the first three terms of its expansion.

**Answer:**

As we can write 0.99 as  $1 - 0.01$ ,

$$(0.99)^5 = (1 - 0.01)^5 = {}^5C_0(1)^5 - {}^5C_1(1)^4(0.01) + {}^5C_2(1)^3(0.01)^2$$

+ other negligible terms

$$\Rightarrow (0.99)^5 = 1 - 5(0.01) + 10(0.01)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.99)^5 = 1 - 0.05 + 0.001$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.99)^5 = 0.951$$

Hence the value of  $(0.99)^5$  is 0.951 approximately.

**Question:8** Find n, if the ratio of the fifth term from the beginning to the fifth term from the end in the expansion of  $\left(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^n$  is  $\sqrt{6} : 1$ .

**Answer:**

Given, the expression

$$\left(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^n$$

Fifth term from the beginning is

$$T_5 = {}^n C_4 (\sqrt[4]{2})^{n-4} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^4$$

$$T_5 = {}^n C_4 \frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{(\sqrt[4]{2})^4} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$T_5 = \frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} \times \frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

And Fifth term from the end is,

$$T_{n-5} = {}^n C_{n-4} (\sqrt[4]{2})^4 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^{n-4}$$

$$T_{n-5} = {}^n C_{n-4} (\sqrt[4]{2})^4 \left(\frac{(\sqrt[4]{3})^4}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n}\right)$$

$$T_{n-5} = \frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} \times 2 \times \left(\frac{3}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n}\right)$$

Now, As given in the question,

$$T_5 : T_{n-5} = \sqrt{6} : 1$$

So,

From Here ,

$$\frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{6} : \frac{6}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n} = \sqrt{6} : 1$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n (\sqrt[4]{3})^n}{6 \times 6} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$(\sqrt[4]{6})^n = 36\sqrt{6}$$

$$6^{\frac{n}{4}} = 6^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

From here,

$$\frac{n}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$n = 10$$

Hence the value of n is 10.

**Question:9** Expand using Binomial Theorem  $\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4, x \neq 0$

**Answer:**

Given the expression,

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4, x \neq 0$$

Binomial expansion of this expression is

$${}^4C_2 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 - {}^4C_3 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - \frac{8}{x} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{24}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Now Applying Binomial Theorem again,

$$+{}^4C_4 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4$$

$$= 1 + 2x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{16} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

And

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 = 1 + \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Now, From (1), (2) and (3) we get,

$$+\frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4}$$

$$+\frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4}$$

$$= \frac{16}{x} + \frac{8}{x^2} - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} - 4x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - 5$$

**Question:10** Find the expansion of  $(3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3$  using binomial theorem .

**Answer:**

Given  $(3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3$

By Binomial Theorem It can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3 &= ((3x^2 - 2ax) + 3a^2)^3 \\ &= {}^3C_0(3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + {}^3C_1(3x^2 - 2ax)^2(3a^2) + {}^3C_2(3x^2 - 2ax)(3a^2)^2 + {}^3C_3(3a^2)^3 \\ &= (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + 3(3x^2 - 2ax)^2(3a^2) + 3(3x^2 - 2ax)(3a^2)^2 + (3a^2)^3 \\ &= (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + 81a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 36a^4x^2 + 81a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \\ &= (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + 81a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \dots\dots\dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

Now, Again By Binomial Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 &= {}^3C_0(3x^2)^3 - {}^3C_1(3x^2)^2(2ax) + {}^3C_2(3x^2)(2ax)^2 - {}^3C_3(2ax)^3 \\ (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 &= 27x^6 - 3(9x^4)(2ax) + 3(3x^2)(4a^2x^2) - 8a^2x^3 \\ (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 &= 27x^6 - 54x^5 + 36a^2x^4 - 8a^3x^3 \dots\dots\dots(2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3 &= 27x^6 - 54x^5 + 36a^2x^3 + 81a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 \\ &\quad - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \\ (3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3 &= 27x^6 - 54x^5 + 117a^2x^3 - 116a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 \\ &\quad - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \end{aligned}$$