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BINOMIAL

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KEY CONCEPTS BINOMIAL EXPONENTIAL & LOGARITHMIC SERIES

1. BINOMIAL THEOREM :

The formula by which any positive integral power of a binomial expression can be expanded in the form of a series is known as **BINOMIAL THEOREM**.

If $x, y \in R$ and $n \in N$, then ;

$$(x+y)^{n} = {}^{n}C_{0} x^{n} + {}^{n}C_{1} x^{n-1} y + {}^{n}C_{2} x^{n-2}y^{2} + \dots + {}^{n}C_{r} x^{n-r}y^{r} + \dots + {}^{n}C_{n}y^{n} = \sum_{r=0}^{n} {}^{n}C_{r} x^{n-r} y^{r}.$$

This theorem can be proved by Induction .

OBSERVATIONS :

- (i) The number of terms in the expansion is (n+1) i.e. one or more than the index.
- (ii) The sum of the indices of x & y in each term is n.
- (iii) The binomial coefficients of the terms ${}^{n}C_{0}$, ${}^{n}C_{1}$ equidistant from the beginning and the end are equal.

2. IMPORTANT TERMS IN THE BINOMIAL EXPANSION ARE :

- (i) General term (ii) Middle term
- (iii) Term independent of x & (iv) Numerically greatest term
- (i) The general term or the $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term in the expansion of $(x+y)^n$ is given by; $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} \cdot y^r$
- (ii) The middle term(s) is the expansion of $(x+y)^n$ is (are) :
 - (a) If n is even, there is only one middle term which is given by ;

$$T_{(n+2)/2} = {}^{n}C_{n/2} \cdot x^{n/2} \cdot y^{n/2}$$

(b) If n is odd, there are two middle terms which are :

$$T_{(n+1)/2}$$
 & $T_{[(n+1)/2]+1}$

- (iii) Term independent of x contains no x; Hence find the value of r for which the exponent of x is zero.
- (iv) To find the Numerically greatest term is the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$, $n \in N$ find $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} = \frac{{}^nC_r x^r}{{}^nC_r x^{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r} x$. Put the absolute value of x & find the value of r Consistent with the

inequality $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T} > 1$.

Note that the Numerically greatest term in the expansion of $(1-x)^n$, $x \ge 0$, $n \in N$ is the same as the greatest term in $(1+x)^n$.

3. If $(\sqrt{A} + B)^n = I + f$, where I & n are positive integers, n being odd and 0 < f < 1, then $(I + f) \cdot f = K^n$ where $A - B^2 = K > 0$ & $\sqrt{A} - B < 1$. If n is an even integer, then $(I + f)(1 - f) = K^n$.

4. **BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS :**

(i) $C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$

(ii)
$$C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1}$$

(iii)
$$C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2 = {}^{2n}C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$$

(iv) $C_0 C_r + C_1 C_{r+1} + C_2 C_{r+2} + ... + C_{n-r} C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+r)(n-r)!}$

REMEMBER :

(i) $(2n)! = 2^n \cdot n! [1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1)]$

5. BINOMIAL THEOREM FOR NEGATIVE OR FRACTIONAL INDICES :

If $n \in Q$, then $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots \infty$ Provided |x| < 1.

Note :

(i) When the index n is a positive integer the number of terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ is finite i.e. (n+1) & the coefficient of successive terms are : ${}^{n}C_0, {}^{n}C_1, {}^{n}C_2, {}^{n}C_3 \dots {}^{n}C_n$

- (ii) When the index is other than a positive integer such as negative integer or fraction, the number of terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ is infinite and the symbol nC_r cannot be used to denote the Coefficient of the general term.
- (iii) Following expansion should be remembered (|x| < 1). (a) $(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots \infty$ (b) $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots \infty$ (c) $(1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots \infty$ (d) $(1-x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots \infty$

(iv) The expansions in ascending powers of x are only valid if x is 'small'. If x is large i.e. |x| > 1 then

we may find it convinient to expand in powers of $\frac{1}{x}$, which then will be small.

6. **APPROXIMATIONS**:

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{1.2} x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{1.2.3} x^3$$

If x < 1, the terms of the above expansion go on decreasing and if x be very small, a stage may be reached when we may neglect the terms containing higher powers of x in the expansion. Thus, if x be so small that its squares and higher powers may be neglected then $(1 + x)^n = 1 + nx$, approximately. This is an approximate value of $(1 + x)^n$.

7. EXPONENTIAL SERIES :

(i) $e^{x} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} + \dots \infty$; where x may be any real or complex & $e = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n}$

(ii)
$$a^{x} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} ln a + \frac{x^{2}}{2!} ln^{2} a + \frac{x^{3}}{3!} ln^{3} a + \dots \infty$$
 where $a > 0$

Note :

(a)
$$e = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots \infty$$

(b) e is an irrational number lying between 2.7 & 2.8. Its value correct upto 10 places of decimal is 2.7182818284.

(c)
$$e + e^{-1} = 2\left(1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{6!} + \dots \infty\right)$$

(d)
$$e - e^{-1} = 2\left(1 + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{7!} + \dots \right)$$

(e) Logarithms to the base 'e' are known as the Napierian system, so named after Napier, their inventor. They are also called **Natural Logarithm**.

8. LOGARITHMIC SERIES :

(i)
$$ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \infty \text{ where } -1 < x \le 1$$

(ii)
$$ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \infty \text{ where } -1 \le x < 1$$

(iii)
$$ln \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)} = 2\left(x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots \infty\right) |x| < 1$$

REMEMBER : (a)
$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots = ln 2$$
 (b) $e^{ln x} = x$
(c) $ln2 = 0.693$ (d) $ln10 = 2.303$

EXERCISE-

Q.1 Find the coefficients : (i)
$$x^7 in \left(ax^2 + \frac{1}{bx}\right)^{11}$$
 (ii) $x^{-7} in \left(ax - \frac{1}{bx^2}\right)^{11}$

(iii) Find the relation between a & b, so that these coefficients are equal.

Q.2 If the coefficients of the r^{th} , $(r+1)^{th}$ & $(r+2)^{th}$ terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^{14}$ are in AP, find r.

Q.3 Find the term independent of x in the expansion of (a)
$$\left[\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2x^2}\right]^{10}$$
 (b) $\left[\frac{1}{2}x^{1/3} + x^{-1/5}\right]^{8}$

Q.4 If the coefficients of 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} & 4^{th} terms in the expansion of $(1 + x)^{2n}$ are in AP, show that $2n^2 - 9n + 7 = 0$.

Q.5 Given that
$$(1 + x + x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{2n} x^{2n}$$
, find the values of :
(i) $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{2n}$; (ii) $a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 \dots + a_{2n}$; (iii) $a_0^2 - a_1^2 + a_2^2 - a_3^2 + \dots + a_{2n}^2$

Q.6 If a, b, c & d are the coefficients of any four consecutive terms in the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$, $n \in N$,

prove that
$$\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{c}{c+d} = \frac{2b}{b+c}$$
.

Q.7 Find the value of x for which the fourth term in the expansion, $5^{\frac{2}{5}\log_2}$

$$\left(5^{\frac{2}{5}\log_5\sqrt{4^{x}+44}} + \frac{1}{5^{\log_5\sqrt[3]{2^{x-1}+7}}}\right)^8 \text{ is } 336.$$

Q.8 Prove that :
$${}^{n-1}C_r + {}^{n-2}C_r + {}^{n-3}C_r + \dots + {}^{r}C_r = {}^{n}C_{r+1}$$

Q.9 (a) Which is larger : $(99^{50} + 100^{50})$ or $(101)^{50}$.

(b) Show that
$${}^{2n-2}C_{n-2} + 2 \cdot {}^{2n-2}C_{n-1} + {}^{2n-2}C_n > \frac{4n}{n+1}$$
, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > 2$

- Q.10 In the expansion of $\left(1 + x + \frac{7}{x}\right)^{11}$ find the term not containing x.
- Q.11 Show that coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of $(1 + x^2)^5 \cdot (1 + x)^4$ is 60.
- Q.12 Find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of : (i) $(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)^{11}$ (ii) $(2 - x + 3x^2)^6$

- Q.13 Find numerically the greatest term in the expansion of : (i) $(2+3x)^9$ when $x = \frac{3}{2}$ (ii) $(3-5x)^{15}$ when $x = \frac{1}{5}$
- Q.14 Given $s_n = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^n \& S_n = 1 + \frac{q+1}{2} + \left(\frac{q+1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{q+1}{2}\right)^n, q \neq 1,$ prove that ${}^{n+1}C_1 + {}^{n+1}C_2.s_1 + {}^{n+1}C_3.s_2 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}.s_n = 2^n . S_n.$

Q.15 Prove that the ratio of the coefficient of x^{10} in $(1 - x^2)^{10}$ & the term independent of x in $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{10}$ is 1:32.

Q.16 Let $(1+x^2)^2 \cdot (1+x)^n = \sum_{K=0}^{n+4} a_K \cdot x^K$. If $a_1, a_2 \& a_3$ are in AP, find n.

Q.17 If
$${}^{n}J_{r} = \frac{(1-x^{n})(1-x^{n-1})(1-x^{n-2})....(1-x^{n-r+1})}{(1-x)(1-x^{2})(1-x^{3})...(1-x^{r})}$$
, prove that ${}^{n}J_{n-r} = {}^{n}J_{r}$.

Q.18 Prove that
$$\sum_{K=0}^{n} {}^{n}C_{K} \sin Kx \cdot \cos(n-K)x = 2^{n-1} \sin nx$$
.

Q.19 The expressions 1 + x, $1+x + x^2$, $1 + x + x^2 + x^3$,...... $1 + x + x^2 + ...$ are multiplied together and the terms of the product thus obtained are arranged in increasing powers of x in the form of $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + ...$, then,

(a) how many terms are there in the product.

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(b) show that the coefficients of the terms in the product, equidistant from the beginning and end are equal.

(c) show that the sum of the odd coefficients = the sum of the even coefficients =
$$\frac{(n+1)!}{2}$$

Q.20 Find the coeff. of (a) x^6 in the expansion of $(ax^2 + bx + c)^9$. (b) $x^2y^3z^4$ in the expansion of $(ax - by + cz)^9$. (c) $a^2b^3c^4d$ in the expansion of $(a - b - c + d)^{10}$.

Q.21 If
$$\sum_{r=0}^{2n} a_r (x-2)^r = \sum_{r=0}^{2n} b_r (x-3)^r \& a_k = 1$$
 for all $k \ge n$, then show that $b_n = {}^{2n+1}C_{n+1}$.

Q.22 Find the coefficient of x^r in the expression of : $(x+3)^{n-1} + (x+3)^{n-2} (x+2) + (x+3)^{n-3} (x+2)^2 + \dots + (x+2)^{n-1}$

Q.23(a) Find the index n of the binomial $\left(\frac{x}{5} + \frac{2}{5}\right)^n$ if the 9th term of the expansion has numerically the greatest coefficient (n \in N).

(b) For which positive values of x is the fourth term in the expansion of $(5+3x)^{10}$ is the greatest.

- Q.24 Prove that $\frac{(72)!}{(36!)^2} 1$ is divisible by 73.
- Q.25 Find the number of divisors of the number $N = {}^{2000}C_1 + 2 \cdot {}^{2000}C_2 + 3 \cdot {}^{2000}C_3 + \dots + 2000 \cdot {}^{2000}C_{2000}.$
- $Q.26 \quad Show that the integral part in each of the following is odd. \, n \in N$

(A) $(5 + 2\sqrt{6})^n$ (B) $(8 + 3\sqrt{7})^n$ (C) $(6 + \sqrt{35})^n$

- Q.27 Show that the integral part in each of the following is even. $n \in N$ (A) $(3\sqrt{3} + 5)^{2n+1}$ (B) $(5\sqrt{5} + 11)^{2n+1}$
- Q.28 If $(7+4\sqrt{3})^n = p+\beta$ where n & p are positive integers and β is a proper fraction show that $(1-\beta)(p+\beta) = 1$.
- Q.29 Find the sum of the roots (real or complex) of the equation $x^{2001} + \left(\frac{1}{2} x\right)^{2001} = 0.$
- Q.30 Let I denotes the integral part & F the proper fractional part of $(3 + \sqrt{5})^n$ where $n \in N$ and if ρ denotes the rational part and σ the irrational part of the same, show that

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}(I+1)$$
 and $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}(I+2F-1)$.

<u>EXERCISE-II</u> (On combinatorial coefficients)

If $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ are the combinatorial coefficients in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$, $n \in N$, then prove the following :

Q.1 $C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2 = \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!}$ (This result is to be remembered)

Q.2
$$C_0 C_1 + C_1 C_2 + C_2 C_3 + \dots + C_{n-1} C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)! (n-1)!}$$

Q.3
$$C_1 + 2C_2 + 3C_3 + \dots + n \cdot C_n = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$$

Q.4
$$C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n+1)C_n = (n+2)2^{n-1}$$

Q.5
$$C_0 + 3C_1 + 5C_2 + \dots + (2n+1)C_n = (n+1)2^n$$

Q.6
$$(C_0+C_1)(C_1+C_2)(C_2+C_3) \dots (C_{n-1}+C_n) = \frac{C_0 \cdot C_1 \cdot C_2 \dots C_{n-1}(n+1)^n}{n!}$$

Q.7 If P_n denotes the product of all the coefficients in the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$, $n \in N$, show that, $\frac{P_{n+1}}{P_n} = \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!}.$

Q.8
$$\frac{C_1}{C_0} + \frac{2C_2}{C_1} + \frac{3C_3}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{n.C_n}{C_{n-1}} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Q.9 2.
$$C_0 + \frac{2^2 \cdot C_1}{2} + \frac{2^3 \cdot C_2}{3} + \frac{2^4 \cdot C_3}{4} + \dots + \frac{2^{n+1} \cdot C_n}{n+1} = \frac{3^{n+1} - 1}{n+1}$$

Q.10
$$C_{0}C_{r} + C_{1}C_{r+1} + C_{2}C_{r+2} + \dots + C_{n-r}C_{n} = \frac{2n!}{(n-r)!(n+r)!}$$

Q.11
$$C_0 - \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{C_n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

Q.12 1.
$$C_0^2 + 3$$
. $C_1^2 + 5$. $C_2^2 + \dots + (2n+1) C_n^2 = \frac{(n+1)(2n)!}{n! n!}$

Q.13 If a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots be the coefficients in the expansion of $(1 + x + x^2)^n$ in ascending powers of x, then prove that : (i) $a_0 a_1 - a_1 a_2 + a_2 a_3 - \dots = 0$.

(ii)
$$a_0a_2 - a_1a_3 + a_2a_4 - \dots + a_{2n-2}a_{2n} = a_{n+1}$$
 or a_{n-1} .

(iii) $E_1 = E_2 = E_3 = 3^{n-1}$; where $E_1 = a_0 + a_3 + a_6 + \dots$; $E_2 = a_1 + a_4 + a_7 + \dots$ & $E_3 = a_2 + a_5 + a_8 + \dots$

Q.4 Find the largest co-efficient in the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$, given that the sum of co-efficients of the terms in its expansion is 4096. [REE '2000 (Mains)]

Q.5 In the binomial expansion of
$$(a-b)^n$$
, $n \ge 5$, the sum of the 5th and 6th terms is zero. Then $\frac{a}{b}$ equals
(A) $\frac{n-5}{6}$ (B) $\frac{n-4}{5}$ (C) $\frac{5}{n-4}$ (D) $\frac{6}{n-5}$
[JEE '2001 (Screening), 3]

Find the coeffcient of x^{49} in the polynomial Q.6 [REE'2001 (Mains), 3] $\left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{C}_1}{\mathbf{C}}\right) \left(\mathbf{x} - 2^2 \cdot \frac{\mathbf{C}_2}{\mathbf{C}}\right) \left(\mathbf{x} - 3^2 \cdot \frac{\mathbf{C}_3}{\mathbf{C}}\right) \dots \left(\mathbf{x} - 50^2 \cdot \frac{\mathbf{C}_{50}}{\mathbf{C}}\right) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{C}_r = {}^{50}\mathbf{C}_r.$ The sum $\sum_{i=0}^{m} {\binom{10}{i} \binom{20}{m-i}}$, (where ${\binom{p}{q}} = 0$ if P < q) is maximum when m is Q.7 (A) 5 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 20 [JEE '2002 (Screening), 3] Q.8(a) Coefficient of t^{24} in the expansion of $(1+t^2)^{12}(1+t^{12})(1+t^{24})$ is (A) ${}^{12}C_6 + 2$ (B) ${}^{12}C_6 + 1$ (C) ${}^{12}C_6$ $(C)^{12}C_6$ (D) none [JEE 2003, Screening 3 out of 60] (b) Prove that : $2^{K} \cdot {\binom{n}{0}} {\binom{n}{K}} - 2^{K-1} {\binom{n}{1}} {\binom{n-1}{K-1}} + 2^{K-2} {\binom{n}{2}} {\binom{n-2}{K-2}} \dots (-1)^{K} {\binom{n}{K}} {\binom{n-K}{0}} = {\binom{n}{K}}.$ [JEE 2003, Mains-2 out of 60] Q.9 $n^{-1}C_r = (K^2 - 3).{}^{n}C_{r+1}$, if $K \in$ (D) (√3, 2] [JEE 2004 (Screening)] $(C)(2,\infty)$ (A) $[-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}]$ (B) $(-\infty, -2)$ The value of $\binom{30}{0}\binom{30}{10} - \binom{30}{1}\binom{30}{11} + \binom{30}{2}\binom{30}{12} \dots + \binom{30}{20}\binom{30}{30}$ is, where $\binom{n}{r} = {}^{n}C_{r}$. Q.10 $(B)\begin{pmatrix} 30\\15 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (C)\begin{pmatrix} 60\\30 \end{pmatrix}$ $(D)\begin{pmatrix}31\\10\end{pmatrix}$ $(A) \begin{pmatrix} 30\\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ [JEE 2005 (Screening)] ANSWER KEY EXERCISE-I **Q.1** (i) ${}^{11}C_5 \frac{a^6}{b^5}$ (ii) ${}^{11}C_6 \frac{a^5}{b^6}$ (iii) ab = 1 **Q.2** r = 5 or 9 **Q.3** (a) $\frac{5}{12}$ (b) $T_6 = 7$ Q.5 (i) 3^{n} (ii) 1, (iii) a_{n} Q.7 x = 0 or 1 Q.9 (a) 101^{50} (Prove that $101^{50} - 99^{50} = 100^{50} + \text{ some +ive qty}$) Q.10 $1 + \sum_{k=1}^{5} {}^{11}C_{2k} \cdot {}^{2k}C_{k} \cdot {}^{7k}$ **Q.12** (i) 990 (ii) 3660 **Q.13** (i) $T_7 = \frac{7.3^{13}}{2}$ (ii) 455 x 3¹² **Q.16** n = 2 or 3 or 4 Q.19 (a) $\frac{n^2 + n + 2}{2}$ Q.20 (a) $84b^6c^3 + 630ab^4c^4 + 756a^2b^2c^5 + 84a^3c^6$; (b) $-1260 \cdot a^2b^3c^4$; (c) -12600**Q.22** ${}^{n}C_{r}(3^{n-r}-2^{n-r})$ **Q.23** (a) n = 12 (b) $\frac{5}{8} < x < \frac{20}{21}$ **Q.25** 8016 **Q.29** 500 EXERCISE-II Differentiate the given expn. & put x = 1 to get the result $\frac{n p}{2} (p+1)^n$ Q15 Consider $\frac{1}{2}[(1+x)^n + (1-x)^n] = C_0 + C_2 x^2 + C_4 x^4 + \dots$ Integrate between 0 & 1. Q.18 Multiply both sides by x the expn. $(1+x)^n$. Integrate both sides between 0 & 1. Q.19 $\frac{EXERCISE-III}{{}^{12}C_6}$ Q.5 B Q.1 С Q.4 Q.2 D **Q.7 O.8** (a) A -221000.9 D **Q.6** Q.10 А

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