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If n is negative integer, then $n!$ is not defined. We state binomial theorem in another form

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \frac{n}{1!} a^{n-1} b + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} a^{n-2} b^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} a^{n-3} b^3 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} a^{n-r} b^r + \dots + b^n$$

Here, $T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} a^{n-r} b^r$

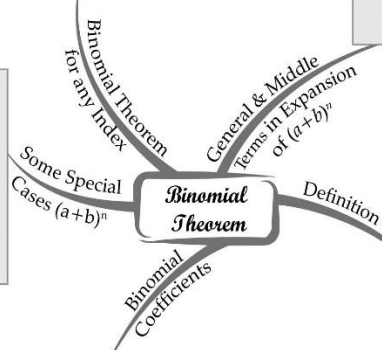
The general term of an expansion $(a+b)^n$ is
 $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r, 0 \leq r \leq n, r \in N$

Middle Terms:

- In $(a+b)^n$, if n is even, then the no. of terms in the expansion is odd. Therefore, there is only one middle term and it is $\left(\frac{n+2}{2}\right)^{th}$ term.
- In $(a+b)^n$, if n is odd then the no. of terms in the expansion is even. Therefore, there are two middle terms and those are $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th}$ and $\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{th}$ terms.

In the expansion of $(a+b)^n$,

- Taking $a=x$ and $b=-y$, we obtain
 $(x-y)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n - {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} y^2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n y^n$
- Taking $a=1, b=x$, we obtain
 $(1+x)^n = {}^n C_0 + {}^n C_1 x + {}^n C_2 x^2 + {}^n C_3 x^3 + \dots + {}^n C_n x^n$
- Taking $a=1, b=-x$, we obtain
 $(1-x)^n = {}^n C_0 - {}^n C_1 x + {}^n C_2 x^2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n x^n$



The coefficient ${}^n C_0, {}^n C_1, {}^n C_2, \dots, {}^n C_n$, in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ are called binomial coefficients and denoted by $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ respectively

Properties of binomial coefficients:

- $C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$
- $C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - \dots + (-1)^n C_n = 0$
- $C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1}$
- ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r} \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 \text{ or } r_1 + r_2 = n$
- ${}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1} C_r$
- ${}^n C_r = \frac{n}{r} {}^{n-1} C_{r-1}$

If $a, b \in R$ and $n \in N$, then

$$(a+b)^n = {}^n C_0 a^n b^0 + {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b^1 + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n a^0 b^n$$

Remarks: If the index of the binomial is n then the expansion contains $n+1$ terms.

- In each term, the sum of indices of a and b is always n .
- Coefficients of the terms in binomial expansion equidistant from both the ends are equal.

$$(a-b)^n = {}^n C_0 a^n b^0 - {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b^1 + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n a^0 b^n$$

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EXERCISE 8.1

Expand each of the expressions in Exercises 1 – 5.

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

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

$$= {}^5C_0 \cdot 1^5 + {}^5C_1 \cdot 1^4 \cdot (-2x) + {}^5C_2 \cdot 1^3 \cdot (-2x)^2 + {}^5C_3 \cdot 1^2 \cdot (-2x)^3 + {}^5C_4 \cdot 1^1 \cdot (-2x)^4 + {}^5C_5 \cdot 1^0 \cdot (-2x)^5$$

$$= 1 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2x) + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} \cdot 1 \cdot 4x^2 + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} \cdot 1 \cdot (-8x^3) + \frac{5}{1} \cdot 1 \cdot 16x^4 + (-32x^5)$$

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

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

Sol. $\left[\frac{2}{x} + \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right]^5$

$$= C(5,0) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5 + C(5,1) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) + C(5,2) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + C(5,3) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + C(5,4) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 + C(5,5) \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^5$$

$$= 1 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5 + 5 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) + 10 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + 10 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + 5 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 + \left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^5$$

$$= 32x^{-5} - 40x^{-3} + 20x^{-1} - 5x + \frac{5}{8}x^3 - \frac{1}{32}x^5$$

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

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

$$= {}^6C_0 (2x)^6 + {}^6C_1 (2x)^5 (-3) + {}^6C_2 (2x)^4 (-3)^2 + {}^6C_3 (2x)^3 (-3)^3 + {}^6C_4 (2x)^2 (-3)^4 + {}^6C_5 (2x) (-3)^5 + {}^6C_6 (2x)^0 (-3)^6$$

$$= 64x^6 + \frac{6}{1} (32x^5) (-3) + \frac{6 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 2} (16x^4) 9 + \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} (8x^3) (-27) + \frac{6 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 2} (4x^2) 81$$

$$+ \frac{6}{1} (2x) (-243) + 729 = 64x^6 - 576x^5 + 2160x^4 - 4320x^3 + 4860x^2 - 2916x + 729$$

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

Sol. $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5 = {}^5C_0 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^0 + {}^5C_1 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^1 + {}^5C_2 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + {}^5C_3 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + {}^5C_4 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4 + {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 \\
 & = \frac{x^5}{243} + \frac{5}{1} \cdot \frac{x^4}{81} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \\
 & \quad + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{5}{1} \cdot \frac{x}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^5} \\
 & = \frac{x^5}{243} + \frac{5}{81} x^3 + \frac{10}{27} x + \frac{10}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^5}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Sol. $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 = {}^6C_0 x^6 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^0 + {}^6C_1 x^5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^1$
 $+ {}^6C_2 x^4 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + {}^6C_3 x^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4$
 $+ {}^6C_5 x \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 + {}^6C_6 x^0 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6$
 $= x^6 + \frac{6}{1} x^4 + \frac{6 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 2} x^2 + \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}$
 $+ \frac{6 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 2} \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \frac{6}{1} \left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{x^6}\right)$
 $= x^6 + 6x^4 + 15x^2 + 20 + 15 \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6}$

6. Using Binomial Theorem, evaluate the following:
 $(96)^3$

Sol. We express 96 as the sum or difference of two numbers whose powers are easier to calculate, and then use Binomial Theorem.

Write $96 = 100 - 4$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (96)^3 &= (100 - 4)^3 \\
 &= {}^3C_0 (100)^3 - {}^3C_1 (100)^2 (4) + {}^3C_2 (100)(4)^2 \\
 & \quad - {}^3C_3 (4)^3 \\
 &= 1000000 - 3(10000)(4) + 3(100)(16) - (64) \\
 &= 1000000 - 120000 + 4800 - 64 = 884736
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Using binomial theorem, evaluate the value of $(102)^5$

Sol. $(102)^5 = (100 + 2)^5$
 $= 100^5 + {}^5C_1 (100)^4 2 + {}^5C_2 (100)^3 2^2$
 $+ {}^5C_3 (100)^2 2^3 + {}^5C_4 (100) 2^4 + {}^5C_5 (100)^0 2^5$
 $= 10000000000 + 5 \times (100000000) \times 2$
 $+ \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} (1000000) \times 4 + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} (10000) \times 8$
 $+ \frac{5}{1} (100) \times 16 + 32$
 $= 10000000000 + 1000000000 + 40000000$
 $+ 800000 + 8000 + 32$
 $= 11040808032$

8. Using Binomial Theorem, evaluate the following:
 $(101)^4$

Sol. $(101)^4 = (100 + 1)^4$
 $= {}^4C_0 (100)^4 + {}^4C_1 (100)^3 (1) + {}^4C_2 (100)^2 (1)^2$
 $+ {}^4C_3 (100)^1 (1)^3 + {}^4C_4 (1)^4$
 $= 100000000 + 4(1000000) + 6(10000) + 4(100) + 1$
 $= 100000000 + 4000000 + 60000 + 400 + 1$
 $= 104060401$

9. Using Binomial theorem evaluate $(99)^5$

Sol. $(99)^5 = (100 - 1)^5$
 $= {}^5C_0 (100)^5 + {}^5C_1 (100)^4 (-1)$
 $+ {}^5C_2 (100)^3 (-1)^2 + {}^5C_3 (100)^2 (-1)^3$
 $+ {}^5C_4 (100) (-1)^4 + (-1)^5$
 $= 10000000000 - 500000000 + 10000000$
 $- 100000 + 500 - 1 = 9509900499$

10. Using Binomial theorem indicate which number is larger $(1.1)^{10000}$ or 1000.

Sol. $(1.1)^{10000} = [1 + (0.1)]^{10000}$
 Expanding by binomial theorem
 $= C(10000, 0) (1)^{10000}$
 $+ C(10000, 1) (1)^{10000-1} (0.1) + \text{other terms}$
 $= 1 + 10000 \times 0.1 + \text{other terms}$
 $= 1001 + \text{other terms}$
 Hence, $(1.1)^{10000} > 1000$.

11. Find $(a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4$. Hence, evaluate

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4$$

Sol. (i) $(a+b)^4 = a^4 + {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 + {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 a^0 b^4$
 $= a^4 + 4a^3 b + 6a^2 b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4 \dots(i)$
 $(a-b)^4 = a^4 + {}^4C_1 a^3 (-b) + {}^4C_2 a^2 (-b)^2 + {}^4C_3 a (-b)^3 + {}^4C_4 (-b)^4$
 $= a^4 - 4a^3 b + 6a^2 b^2 - 4ab^3 + b^4 \dots(ii)$

Subtracting (ii) from (i)

$$(a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4 = 2[4a^3 b + 4ab^3]$$

$$= 8ab(a^2 + b^2) \dots(iii)$$

Putting $a = \sqrt{3}, b = \sqrt{2}$ in equ. (iii)

$$\therefore (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4$$

$$= 8 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{2} [(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2]$$

$$= 8\sqrt{6}(3+2) = 40\sqrt{6}$$

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

Sol. $(x+1)^6 = x^6 + {}^6C_1 x^5 \cdot 1 + {}^6C_2 x^4 \cdot 1^2 + {}^6C_3 x^3 \cdot 1^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 \cdot 1^4 + {}^6C_5 x \cdot 1^5 + {}^6C_6 x^0 \cdot 1^6$
 $= x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1 \dots(i)$

$$(x-1)^6 = x^6 + {}^6C_1 x^5 \cdot (-1) + {}^6C_2 x^4 \cdot (-1)^2 + {}^6C_3 x^3 \cdot (-1)^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 \cdot (-1)^4 + {}^6C_5 x \cdot (-1)^5 + {}^6C_6 x^0 \cdot (-1)^6$$

$$= x^6 - 6x^5 + 15x^4 - 20x^3 + 15x^2 - 6x + 1 \dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii)

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

Putting $x = \sqrt{2}$

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

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

$$= 2[8 + 60 + 30 + 1] = 2 \times 99 = 198$$

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

Sol. We have

$$(1+x)^{n+1} = C(n+1, 0) + C(n+1, 1)x + C(n+1, 2)x^2 + C(n+1, 3)x^3 + \dots + C(n+1, n+1)x^{n+1}$$

Putting $x = 8$, we get

$$(1+8)^{n+1} = C(n+1, 0) + C(n+1, 1)8 + C(n+1, 2)8^2 + C(n+1, 3)8^3 + \dots + C(n+1, n+1)8^{n+1}$$

$$9^{n+1} = C(n+1, 0) + C(n+1, 1)8 + C(n+1, 2)8^2 + C(n+1, 3)8^3 + \dots + C(n+1, n+1)8^{n+1}$$

$$[\because C(n+1, 0) = 1 \text{ and } C(n+1, 1) = n+1]$$

$$\text{or } 9^{n+1} = 1 + 8n + 8 + C(n+1, 2)8^2 + C(n+1, 3)8^3 + \dots + C(n+1, n+1)8^{n+1}$$

$$\text{or } 9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = C(n+1, 2)8^2 + C(n+1, 3)8^3 + \dots + C(n+1, n+1)8^{n+1}$$

$$= 8^2[C(n+1, 2) + C(n+1, 3)8 + C(n+1, 4)8^2 + \dots + C(n+1, n+1)8^{n-1}]$$

$$9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64 \times \text{some constant quantity.}$$

Hence, $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64 whenever n is a positive integer.

14. Prove that $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^n C_r = 4^n$

Sol. $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^n C_r = {}^n C_0 + {}^n C_1 \cdot 3^1 + {}^n C_2 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + {}^n C_r \cdot 3^r + \dots + {}^n C_n \cdot 3^n$
 $= (1+3)^n = 4^n$

EXERCISE 8.2

1. Find the coefficient of x^5 in $(x+3)^8$.

Sol. General term in $(x+3)^8 = {}^8 C_r x^{8-r} \cdot 3^r$

We have to find the coefficient of x^5

$$8 - r = 5, r = 8 - 5 = 3$$

\therefore Coefficient of x^5 (putting $r = 3$)

$$= {}^8 C_3 \cdot 3^3 = \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} \cdot 27 = 56 \cdot 27 = 1512$$

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

Sol. $(a-2b)^{12} = [a + (-2b)]^{12}$

$$\text{General term } T_{r+1} = C(12, r) a^{12-r} (-2b)^r$$

Putting $12 - r = 5$ or $12 - 5 = r \Rightarrow r = 7$

$$T_{7+1} = C(12, 7) a^{12-7} (-2b)^7$$

$$= C(12, 7) a^5 (-2b)^7 = C(12, 7) (-2)^7 a^5 b^7$$

Hence required coefficient is $C(12, 7) (-2)^7$

$$= -\frac{12!}{7! 5!} \cdot 2^7$$

$$= -\frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7!}{7! \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \times 2^7$$

$$= 8 \times -11 \times 9 \times 2^7$$

$$= -99 \times 8 \times 128 = -101376$$

3. Write the general term in the expansion of $(x^2 - y)^6$.

Sol. General term $= T_{r+1} = {}^6C_r (x^2)^{6-r} (-y)^r$

$$= (-1)^r \frac{6!}{r!(6-r)!} x^{12-2r} y^r$$

4. Write the general term in the expansion of $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$, $x \neq 0$.

Sol. Binomial expansion is $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$

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

$$= \frac{12!}{r!(12-r)!} x^{24-2r} (-1)^r y^r x^r$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^r 12!}{r!(12-r)!} x^{24-r} y^r$$

5. Find the 4th term in the expansion of $(x - 2y)^{12}$

Sol. 4th term $= T_{3+1}$ in the expansion of $(x + (-2y))^{12}$

$$= {}^{12}C_3 x^{12-3} [-2y]^3$$

$$= \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} x^9 (-1)^3 \cdot 2^3 y^3$$

$$= -220 \times 8 x^9 y^3 = -1760 x^9 y^3$$

6. Find the 13th term in the expansion of

$$\left(9x - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{18}, x \neq 0$$

Sol. 13th term, $T_{13} = T_{12+1}$

$$= {}^{18}C_{12} (9x)^{18-12} \left(-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{12}$$

$$= {}^{18}C_6 9^6 x^6 (-1)^{12} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{12}} \times \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$= 18564 \times (3^2)^6 \cdot \frac{1}{3^{12}} \times \frac{x^6}{x^6}$$

$$= 18564 \times \frac{3^{12}}{3^{12}} = 18564$$

7. Find the middle term in the expansion of

$$\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$$

Sol. Number of terms in the expansion is $7 + 1 = 8$
 There are two middle terms which are

$$\left(\frac{8}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} \& \left(\frac{7+3}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ i.e., } 4^{\text{th}} \& 5^{\text{th}}$$

Hence, we have to find T_4 and T_5 in the

$$\text{given expansion } \left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7 = \left[3 + \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)\right]^7$$

$$T_{r+1} = C(7, r) 3^{7-r} \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^r \quad \dots (i)$$

Now $T_{r+1} = T_4$ or $r + 1 = 4 \therefore r = 3$

Putting $r = 3$, we have

$$T_{3+1} = C(7, 3) 3^{7-3} \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^3$$

$$= C(7, 3) 3^4 (-1)^3 \frac{x^9}{6^3} = \frac{-7!}{3! 4!} \frac{3}{2^3} x^9$$

$$= \frac{-7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 4!} \cdot \frac{3}{2^3} x^9 = \frac{-105}{8} x^9$$

Again $T_{r+1} = T_5$ or $r + 1 = 5$ or $r = 4$

Putting $r = 4$ in (i), we have

$$T_{4+1} = T_5 = C(7, 4) 3^{7-4} (-1)^4 \frac{x^{12}}{6^4}$$

$$= \frac{7!}{4! 3!} \frac{3^3 x^{12}}{3^4 2^4} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 4!} \times \frac{x^{12}}{3 \times 2^4}$$

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

8. Find the middle term in the expansion of

$$\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$$

Sol. Number of terms in the expansion is

$$10 + 1 = 11 \quad (\text{odd})$$

Middle term of the expansion is $\left(\frac{n}{2}+1\right)^{\text{th}}$ term

$$= (5+1)^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 6^{\text{th}} \text{ term}$$

$$T_6 = T_{5+1} = C(10, 5) \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{10-5} (9y)^5$$

$$= C(10, 5) \frac{x^5}{3^5} 9^5 y^5 = C(10, 5) 3^5 x^5 y^5$$

$$= \frac{10!}{5!(10-5)!} 3^5 x^5 y^5 = \frac{10!}{5!5!} 3^5 x^5 y^5$$

$$= \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 5!} 3^5 x^5 y^5$$

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

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

Sol. General term in the expansion of $(1+a)^{m+n}$ is

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

Putting $r=m$

$$T_{m+1} = {}^{m+n}C_m a^m \quad \dots (i)$$

\therefore Coefficient of $a^m = {}^{m+n}C_m$

Again putting $r=n$

$$T_{n+1} = {}^{m+n}C_n a^n$$

Coefficient of $a^n = {}^{m+n}C_n = {}^{m+n}C_m \dots (ii)$

$$[\because {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}]$$

From (i) and (ii) coefficient of a^m is equal to coefficient of a^n .

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

Sol. General term in the expansion of $(x+1)^n$ is

$$T_{r-1} = T_{(r-2)} = {}^nC_{r-2} x^{r-2}$$

$$T_r = T_{(r-1)} = {}^nC_{r-1} x^{r-1}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^r$$

$$C(n, r-2) : C(n, r-1) : C(n, r) = 1 : 3 : 5$$

$$\text{or } \frac{C(n, r-2)}{1} = \frac{C(n, r-1)}{3} = \frac{C(n, r)}{5}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{C(n, r-2)}{1} = \frac{C(n, r-1)}{3}$$

$$\text{or } 3C(n, r-2) = C(n, r-1)$$

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

$$\text{or } \frac{3}{(r-2)!(n+2-r)(n+1-r)!}$$

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

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

$$\text{or } 3r-3 = n+2-r$$

$$\text{or } 4r = n+5 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Again if } \frac{C(n, r-1)}{3} = \frac{C(n, r)}{5}$$

$$\text{or } 5C(n, r-1) = 3C(n, r)$$

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

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

$$\text{or } 5r = 3(n+1-r) \text{ or } 8r = 3n+3 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{From (i) \& (ii) } 2n+10 = 3n+3$$

$$\text{or } 3n-2n = 10-3 \Rightarrow n=7$$

$$\text{From (ii) } 8r = 21+3 = 24$$

$$\therefore r = 3$$

$$\therefore n = 7, r = 3$$

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 $(1+x)^{2n-1}$.

Sol. General term in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$ is

$$T_{r+1} = C(2n, r) x^r$$

Putting $r=n$, we have

$$T_{n+1} = C(2n, n) x^n$$

Coefficient of $x^n = C(2n, n)$

Again general term in the expansion of

$$(1+x)^{2n-1} \text{ is } T_{r+1} = C(2n-1, r) x^r$$

Putting $r=n$, we have

$$T_{n+1} = C(2n-1, n) x^n$$

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

According to the problem, we have to prove that

$$C(2n, n) = 2 \times C(2n-1, n)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2n!}{n!(2n-n)!} = 2 \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!}{n!(2n-1-n)!}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2n!}{n!n!} = 2 \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!}{n!(n-1)!}$$

Multiplying N^r and D^r by n on RHS, we have

$$\frac{2n!}{n!n!} = \frac{2n(2n-1)!}{n!n(n-1)!}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{2n!}{n!n!} = \frac{2n!}{n!n!}, \text{ Which is true.}$$

Hence proved.

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

Sol. Given expansion is $(1+x)^m$. Now,

$$\text{General term} = T_{r+1} = {}^m C_r x^r$$

Put $r=2$, we have

$$T_3 = {}^m C_2 x^2$$

According to the question $C(m, 2) = 6$

$$\text{or } \frac{m(m-1)}{2!} = 6$$

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

$$\text{or } m^2 - m - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 4m + 3m - 12 = 0$$

$$\text{or } (m-4)(m+3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 4, \text{ since } m \neq -3$$

MISCELLANEOUS EXERCISE

- 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.**

$$\text{Sol. } T_1 \text{ of } (a+b)^n = a^n = 729 \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$T_2 \text{ of } (a+b)^n = {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b = 7290 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$T_3 \text{ of } (a+b)^n = {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 = 30375 \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Dividing (i) by (ii),

$$\frac{a^n}{{}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b} = \frac{729}{7290} = \frac{1}{10} \text{ or } \frac{a}{nb} = \frac{1}{10} \quad \dots \text{(iv)}$$

Dividing (ii) by (iii)

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

$$\text{or } \frac{na^{n-1}b}{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} a^{n-2} b^2} = \frac{7290}{30375} = \frac{6}{25}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2}{n-1} \times \frac{a}{b} = \frac{6}{25} \quad \dots \text{(v)}$$

Dividing (iv) by (v)

$$\frac{a}{nb} \times \frac{(n-1)b}{2a} = \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{25}{6} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{n-1}{2n} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\text{or } 12n - 12 = 10n$$

$$\text{or } 2n = 12 \text{ or } n = 6$$

Also, putting $n=6$ in (i) $a^6 = 729 \therefore a = 3$

Putting $n=6, a=3$ in eqn (iv)

$$\frac{3}{6b} = \frac{1}{10} \therefore b = \frac{3 \times 10}{6} = 5$$

Thus $a=3, b=5, n=6$

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

Sol. General term = $T_{r+1} = {}^9 C_r \cdot 3^{9-r} a^r x^r$

Putting $r=2$

Coefficient of $x^2 = {}^9 C_2 \cdot 3^{9-2} a^2$

$$= \frac{9 \times 8}{2} \cdot 3^7 a^2 = 4 \cdot 3^9 a^2 \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

Putting $r=3$

Coefficient of $x^3 = {}^9 C_3 \cdot 3^{9-3}$

$$a^3 = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7}{6} \times 3^6 \times a^3$$

$$= 4 \times 7 \times 3^7 \cdot a^3 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Equating (i) & (ii)

$$4 \cdot 3^9 \cdot a^2 = 4 \times 7 \times 3^7 \times a^3$$

$$\text{or } 3^2 = 7a \Rightarrow a = \frac{9}{7}$$

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

Sol. $(1+2x)^6$

$$= {}^6 C_0 \cdot 1 + {}^6 C_1 (2x) + {}^6 C_2 (2x)^2 + {}^6 C_3 (2x)^3$$

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

$$= 1 + 12x + 60x^2 + 20 \times 8x^3 + 15 \times 16x^4 + 6 \times 32x^5 + 64x^6$$

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

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

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

Multiplying (i) and (ii) and collecting the coefficient of x^5

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^5 \text{ in the product } (1+2x)^6(1-x)^7$$

$$= 1 \times (-21) + 12 \times 35 + 60 \times (-35) + 160 \times 21 + 240 \times (-7) + 192 \times 1$$

$$= -21 + 420 - 2100 + 3360 - 1680 + 192 = 171$$

- 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.**

Sol. Now, $a = a + b - b = b + (a - b)$

$$a^n = \{b + (a - b)\}^n$$

$$= b^n + {}^nC_1 b^{n-1}(a - b) + {}^nC_2 b^{n-2}(a - b)^2 + \dots + (a - b)^n$$

or $a^n - b^n = {}^nC_1 b^{n-1}(a - b) + {}^nC_2 b^{n-2}(a - b)^2 + \dots + (a - b)^n$

$$= (a - b) [{}^nC_1 b^{n-1} + {}^nC_2 b^{n-2}(a - b) + \dots + (a - b)^{n-1}]$$

Thus, $(a - b)$ is a factor of $(a^n - b^n)$.

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

Sol. $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6$

$$= (\sqrt{3})^6 + {}^6C_1(\sqrt{3})^5(\sqrt{2}) + {}^6C_2(\sqrt{3})^4(\sqrt{2})^2 + {}^6C_3(\sqrt{3})^3(\sqrt{2})^3 + {}^6C_4(\sqrt{3})^2(\sqrt{2})^4 + {}^6C_5(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})^5 + (\sqrt{2})^6 \quad \dots (i)$$

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

$$= (\sqrt{3})^6 - {}^6C_1(\sqrt{3})^5(\sqrt{2}) + {}^6C_2(\sqrt{3})^4(\sqrt{2})^2 - {}^6C_3(\sqrt{3})^3(\sqrt{2})^3 + {}^6C_4(\sqrt{3})^2(\sqrt{2})^4 - {}^6C_5(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})^5 + (\sqrt{2})^6 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i)

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

$$= 2[{}^6C_1(\sqrt{3})^5(\sqrt{2}) + {}^6C_3(\sqrt{3})^3(\sqrt{2})^3 + {}^6C_5(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})^5]$$

$$= 2[6.3^{5/2}.2^{1/2} + 20.3^{3/2}.2^{3/2} + 6.3^{1/2}.2^{5/2}]$$

$$= 2.3^{1/2}.2^{1/2}[6.3^2 + 20.3.2 + 6.2^2]$$

$$= 2\sqrt{6}[54 + 120 + 24]$$

$$= 2\sqrt{6} \times 198 = 396\sqrt{6}$$

- 6. Find the value of**

$$(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4 + (a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4.$$

Sol. Put $a^2 = x$, $\sqrt{a^2 - 1} = y$

$$\therefore (x + y)^4 = x^4 + {}^4C_1x^3y + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 + {}^4C_3xy^3 + {}^4C_4y^4 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$(x - y)^4 = x^4 - {}^4C_1x^3y + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 - {}^4C_3xy^3 + {}^4C_4y^4 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Adding (i) & (ii)

$$(x + y)^4 + (x - y)^4 = 2[x^4 + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 + {}^4C_4y^4]$$

$$= 2[x^4 + 6x^2y^2 + y^4]$$

$$\therefore (a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4 + (a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4$$

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

$$= 2[a^8 + 6a^4(a^2 - 1) + (a^2 - 1)^2]$$

$$= 2[a^8 + 6a^4(a^2 - 1) + a^4 - 2a^2 + 1]$$

$$= 2[a^8 + 6a^6 - 5a^4 - 2a^2 + 1]$$

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

Sol. $(0.99)^5 = (1 - 0.01)^5$

$$= 1 - {}^5C_1 \times (0.01) + {}^5C_2 \times (0.01)^2 - \dots$$

$$= 1 - 0.05 + 10 \times 0.0001 - \dots$$

$$= 1.001 - 0.05 = 0.951$$

- 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 $\sqrt{6} : 1$.

Sol. $T_5 \text{ in } \left(2^{1/4} + \frac{1}{3^{1/4}}\right)^n = {}^nC_4 \cdot (2^{1/4})^{n-4} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^{1/4}}\right)^4$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\because T_{n-3} = T_{(n-4)+1}) \\ & = {}^n C_4 \cdot 2^{(n-4)/4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

Total number of terms = $n + 1$
 Fifth term from the end
 = $[(n + 1) - 5 + 1]^{\text{th}}$ term from the beginning
 = $(n - 3)^{\text{th}}$ term

$$\begin{aligned} & = {}^n C_{n-4} \cdot (2^{1/4})^{n-(n-4)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^{1/4}}\right)^{n-4} \\ & = {}^n C_{n-4} \cdot 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-4/4} = {}^n C_4 \cdot 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-4/4} \dots (ii) \end{aligned}$$

Dividing (i) by (ii)

$$\frac{{}^n C_4 2^{(n-4)/4} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{{}^n C_4 \cdot 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{(n-4)/4}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2^{n-2}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2^{n-2}}{2^4} \cdot \frac{3^{n-2}}{3^4} = \frac{1}{6^2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{2^{n-2}}{6^4} = \frac{1}{6^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n-2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{n}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{or } n = \frac{5}{2} \times 4 = 10$$

9. Expand using Binomial theorem

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

Sol.
$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{x}\right]^4 \\ & = \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 + {}^4 C_1 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right) \\ & \quad + {}^4 C_2 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 \\ & \quad + {}^4 C_3 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 + {}^4 C_4 \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - 8 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + 24 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \\ & \quad - 32 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{16}{x^4} \end{aligned}$$

Expanding, $\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4, \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3, \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{x}\right]^4 = \left(1 + 4 \cdot \frac{x}{2} + 6 \cdot \frac{x^2}{4} + 4 \cdot \frac{x^3}{8} + \frac{x^4}{16}\right) \\ & \quad - 8 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(1 + 3 \cdot \frac{x}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + 24 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4}\right) - 32 \times \frac{1}{x^3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{-16}{x^4} \\ & = \left(1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{x^4}{16}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \left(\frac{8}{x} + 12 + 6x + x^2\right) + \left(\frac{24}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6\right) \\ & \quad - \left(\frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^2}\right) + \frac{16}{x^4} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Sol.
$$\begin{aligned} & [3x^2 - a(2x - 3a)]^3 \\ & = (3x^2)^3 - {}^3 C_1 (3x^2)^2 \cdot a(2x - 3a) \\ & \quad + {}^3 C_2 (3x^2) \cdot a^2 (2x - 3a) - a^3 (2x - 3a)^3 \\ & = 27x^6 - 27x^4 a(2x - 3a) \\ & \quad + 9x^2 a^2 (4x^2 - 12ax + 9a^2) \\ & \quad - a^3 (3 \cdot 4x^2 \cdot 3a - 3 \cdot 2x \cdot 9a^2 - 27a^3) \\ & = 27x^6 - 57x^5 a + 81a^2 x^4 + 36a^2 x^4 \\ & \quad - 108a^3 x^3 + 81a^4 x^2 - 8a^3 x^3 - 36a^4 x^2 - 54a^5 x + 27a^6 \\ & = 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 117a^2 x^4 - 116a^3 x^3 \\ & \quad + 117a^4 x^2 - 54a^5 x + 27a^6 \end{aligned}$$

SECTION B

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. If the coefficient of x in $(x^2 + k/x)^5$ is 270 then find the value of k .

2. Find the term independent of x in the expansion

$$\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^9.$$

3. Evaluate the number of terms in the expansion $(x + y + z)^{10}$.

4. If the coefficient of x^7 and x^8 in $\left(2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$ are equal, then find the value of n .

5. In the expansion of $(1 + x)^{50}$, Evaluate the sum of the coefficient of odd powers of x .

6. In the expansion of $(1 + x)^m \cdot (1 - x)^n$, the coefficient of x and x^2 are 3 and -6 respectively, then find the value of m .

7. Find the approximate value of $(7.995)^{1/3}$ correct to four decimal places.

8. Evaluate $3 \cdot {}^n C_0 - 8 \cdot {}^n C_1 + 13 \cdot {}^n C_2 - 18 \cdot {}^n C_3 + \dots$ to $(n+1)$ term.

9. Find the coefficient of x^{-12} in the expansion of $\left(x + \frac{y}{x^3}\right)^{20}$.

10. Find the middle term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{3}{2}y\right)^{20}$.

11. Find the 7th term from the end in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{10}$.

12. Show that $2^{4n} - 15n - 1$ is divisible by 225.

13. If the coefficients of $(r-5)^{\text{th}}$ and $(2r-1)^{\text{th}}$ terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^{34}$ are equal, find r .

14. Find the coefficient of x^{50} after simplifying and

collecting the like terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^{1000} + x(1+x)^{999} + x^2(1+x)^{998} + \dots + x^{1000}$.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. If the r^{th} term in the expansion of

$$\left(\frac{x}{3} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{10}$$

contains x^4 , then determine the value of r .

2. Evaluate the coefficient of x^{53} in the expansion

$$\sum_{m=0}^{100} {}^{100} C_m (x-3)^{100-m} \cdot 2^m$$

3. Find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^n$.

4. Find the number of zero terms in the expansion of $(1+3\sqrt{2}x)^9 + (1-3\sqrt{2}x)^9$.

5. If the third term in the expansion of $[x + x^{\log_{10} x}]^5$ is equal to 10,00,000, then find the value of x .

6. Given positive integers $r > 1, n > 2$ and the coefficients of $(3r)^{\text{th}}$ and $(r+2)^{\text{th}}$ terms in the Binomial expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$ are equal. Find the relation between n and r .

7. Find the greatest coefficient in the expansion of $(1+x)^{10}$.

8. Determine the greatest coefficient in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n+2}$.

9. If $(1-x+x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{2n}x^{2n}$ then find the value of $a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{2n}$.

10. Evaluate $C_0 - \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} - \frac{C_3}{4} + \dots$

11. Find the number of integral terms in the expansion of $(5^{1/2} + 7^{1/8})^{1024}$.
12. Find the term independent of x in the expansion of $(1+x)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$.
13. Determine the value of ${}^n C_0 - {}^n C_1 + {}^n C_2 - {}^n C_3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n$.
14. Evaluate $C_0 + 3C_1 + 5C_2 + 7C_3 + \dots + (2n+1)C_n$.
15. Evaluate $1 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{6}x^2 + \frac{1.4.7}{3.6.9}x^3 + \dots$
16. Find the value of $1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \cdot \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6} \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$
17. Determine the coefficient of x^r ($0 \leq r \leq n-1$) in the expansion of $(x+3)^{n-1} + (x+3)^{n-2}(x+2) + (x+3)^{n-3}(x+2)^2 + \dots + (x+2)^{n-1}$
18. Find numerically greatest term in the expansion of $(2+3x)^2$ when $x = \frac{5}{6}$
19. Find the sum of series $\frac{2(n/2)!(n/2)!}{n!} \{C_0^2 - 2C_1^2 + 3C_2^2 - 4C_3^2 + \dots + (-1)^n (n+1)C_n^2\}$ where n is an even positive integer.
20. Find the value of $1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2.5}{3.6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{2.5.8}{3.6.9} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$
21. Find the value of $C_0 C_r + C_1 C_{r+1} + \dots + C_{n-r} C_n$
22. If $(3\sqrt{3} + 5)^7 = P + F$, where P is an integer and F is a proper fraction, then find the value of $F.(P+F)$.
23. If the fourth term in the expansion of $[\sqrt{\{x^{1/(1+\log x)}\}} + x^{1/2}]^6$ is equal to 200 and $x > 1$, then find the value of x .
24. Find the value of x for which the 6th term in the expansion of $\left\{2^{\log_2 \sqrt{9^{x-1}+7}} + \frac{1}{2^{1/5 \log_2 (3^{x-1}+1)}}\right\}^7$ is 84.
25. Find the ratio of 11th term from the beginning and 11th term from the end in the expansion of $\left(2x - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{25}$
26. Show that the middle term in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$ is $\frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{n!} 2^n x^n$.
27. If a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 are the coefficients of any four consecutive terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$, prove that $\frac{a_1}{a_1+a_2} + \frac{a_3}{a_3+a_4} = \frac{2a_2}{a_2+a_3}$
28. If P be the sum of odd terms and Q that of even terms in the expansion of $(x+a)^n$, prove that :
 (i) $(x^2 - a^2)^n = P^2 - Q^2$
 (ii) $(x+a)^{2n} - (x-a)^{2n} = 4PQ$
 (iii) $(x+a)^{2n} + (x-a)^{2n} = 2(P^2 + Q^2)$
29. If the coefficients of a^{r-1}, a^r and a^{r+1} in the expansion of $(1+a)^n$ are in arithmetic progression prove that $n^2 - n(4r+1) + 4r^2 - 2 = 0$.
30. Show that $2^{4n+4} - 15n - 16$, where $n \in N$ is divisible by 225.

PRACTICE QUESTION'S SOLUTIONS

Short Answer Questions

1. **Ans : 3**

Hint - $T_{r+1} = {}^5C_r (x^2)^{5-r} (k/x)^r = {}^5C_r k^r x^{10-3r}$

For coefficient of x , $10 - 3r = 1 \Rightarrow r = 3$
 coefficient $x = {}^5C_3 k^3 = 270$

$\Rightarrow k^3 = \frac{270}{10} = 27 \therefore k = 3$

2. **Ans : 84**

Hint-

$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r (x^2)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^r = {}^9C_r (-1)^r x^{18-3r}$

for term, independent of x , $18 - 3r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 6$
 \therefore term independent of $x = {}^9C_6 (-1)^6 = 84$

3. **Ans : 66**

Hint - Number of term in the expansion

$= \frac{1}{2}(n+1)(n+2) = \frac{1}{2}(10+1)(10+2) = 66$

4. **Ans : 55**

Hint. - Coefficient of $x^7 =$ Coefficient of x^8

$\Rightarrow {}^nC_7 \cdot 2^{n-7} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7 = {}^nC_8 \cdot 2^{n-8} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8$

$\Rightarrow 7! \frac{n!}{(n-7)!} \cdot 2 = \frac{n!}{8!(n-8)!} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{n-7} = \frac{1}{8 \cdot 3} \Rightarrow n = 55$

5. **Ans : 2^{49}**

Hint - $(1+x)^{50} = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + C_3x^3 + \dots$
 $+ C_{50}x^{50} \dots$ (i)

Replacing $x = 1$ and $x = -1$ Successively in (i)

$2^{50} = C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_{50} \dots$ (ii)

$0 = C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - C_3 + \dots + C_{50} \dots$ (iii)

Subtracting (iii) from (ii)

$2^{50} = 2[C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots + C_{49}]$

i.e. $C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots + C_{49} = 2^{49}$

6. **Ans : 12**

Hint-

$$(1+x)^m (1-x)^n = \left[1 + mx + \frac{m(m-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots\right] \\ \times \left[1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots\right]$$

\therefore Coeff. of $x = m - n = 3 \dots$ (i)

and coeff. of $x^2 = \frac{m}{2}(m-1) + \frac{n}{2}(n-1) - mn$
 $= -6 \dots$ (ii)

Solving (i) & (ii), we get $m = 12$

7. **Hint** - $(7.995)^{1/3} = (8 - .005)^{1/3}$

$= (8)^{1/3} (1 - .005/8)^{1/3}$

$= 2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{0.005}{8} + \frac{(1/3)(1/3-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{.005}{8}\right)^2\right]$

$= 2[1 - 0.000208] = 1.999584 = 1.9996$

8. $3 \cdot {}^nC_0 - 8 \cdot {}^nC_1 + 13 \cdot {}^nC_2 - 18 \cdot {}^nC_3$
 $+ \dots$ to $(n+1)$ term
 $= 3[C_0 - C_1 + C_2 + \dots] - 5[C_1 - 2C_2 + 3C_3]$
 $= 3 \times 0 - 5 \times 0 = 0$

9. Suppose x^{-12} occurs in $(r+1)$ th term. We have

$T_{r+1} = {}^{20}C_r x^{20-r} \left(\frac{y}{x^3}\right)^r = {}^{20}C_r x^{20-4r} y^r$

This term contains x^{-12} if $20 - 4r = -12$

or $r = 8$.

\therefore The coefficient of x^{-12} is ${}^{20}C_8 y^8$.

10. The binomial expansion of

$\left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{3}{2}y\right)^{20}$ consists of 21 terms. Therefore

$\left(\frac{20}{2} + 1\right)$ th term,

i.e., 11th term is the middle term.

Hence the middle term

$$= T_{11} = {}^{20}C_{10} \left(\frac{2}{3}x\right)^{20-10} \left(-\frac{3}{2}y\right)^{10}$$

$$= {}^{20}C_{10} x^{10} y^{10}.$$

11. The 7th term from the end = 5th term from beginning

$$T_5 = {}^{10}C_4 x^6 \left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^4 = {}^{10}C_4 \cdot 2^4 \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

12. $2^{4n} = (16)^n = (1 + 15)^n$
 $\therefore 2^{4n} = 1 + {}^nC_1 15 + {}^nC_2 15^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n 15^n$
 $\therefore 2^{4n} - 1 - 15n = 15^2 [{}^nC_2 + {}^nC_3 \cdot 15 + \dots + {}^nC_n 15^{n-2}] = 225k.$

Where k is an integer.

Hence $2^{4n} - 15n - 1$ is divisible by 225.

13. The coefficients of $(r-5)^{\text{th}}$ and $(2r-1)^{\text{th}}$ terms of the expansion $(1+x)^{34}$ are ${}^{34}C_{r-6}$ and ${}^{34}C_{2r-2}$, respectively. Since they are equal so ${}^{34}C_{r-6} = {}^{34}C_{2r-2}$.

Therefore, either $r-6 = 2r-2$

or $r-6 = 34 - (2r-2)$

[Using the fact that if ${}^nC_r = {}^nC_p$, then either $r = p$ or $r = n-p$]

So, we get $r = -4$ or $r = 14$. r being a natural number, $r = -4$ is not possible. So, $r = 14$.

14. Since the above series is a geometric series

with the common ratio $\frac{x}{1+x}$, its sum is

$$\frac{(1+x)^{1000} \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)^{1001}\right]}{\left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)\right]} = \frac{(1+x)^{1000} - \frac{x^{1001}}{1+x}}{\frac{1+x-x}{1+x}}$$

$$= (1+x)^{1001} - x^{1001}$$

Hence, coefficient of x^{50} is given by

$${}^{1001}C_{50} = \frac{(1001)!}{(50)! (951)!}$$

Long Answer Questions

1. **Ans : 3**

Hint - $T_r = {}^{10}C_{r-1} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{10-(r-1)} \left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{r-1}$

$$= {}^{10}C_{r-1} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{11-r} \cdot (-2)^{r-1} x^{13-3r}$$

for coefficient of x^4 , $13 - 3r = 4 \Rightarrow r = 3$

2. **Ans : $-{}^{100}C_{53}$**

Hint - Given series

$$= (x-3)^{100} + {}^{100}C_1 (x-3)^{99} \cdot 2^1 + {}^{100}C_2 (x-3)^{98} \cdot 2^2 + \dots + {}^{100}C_{100} 2^{100}$$

$$= [(x-3) + 2]^{100} = (x-1)^{100} = (1-x)^{100}$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^{54} = {}^{100}C_{53} (-1)^{53} = -{}^{100}C_{53}$$

3. **Ans : ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_1 \cdot {}^nC_2$**

Hint - $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^n = (1+x)^n (1+x^2)^n$

$$= (1 + {}^nC_1 x + {}^nC_2 x^2 + {}^nC_3 x^3 + {}^nC_4 x^4 + \dots + x^n)$$

$$\times [1 + {}^nC_1 x^2 + {}^nC_2 x^4 + \dots + (x^2)^n]$$

\therefore Coefficient of $x^4 = {}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2 \cdot {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2$

4. **Ans : 5**

Hint - Given expression

$$= 2[1 + {}^9C_2 (3\sqrt{2}x)^2 + {}^9C_4 (3\sqrt{2}x)^4$$

$$+ {}^9C_6 (3\sqrt{2}x)^6 + {}^9C_8 (3\sqrt{2}x)^8]$$

\therefore then number of non-zero terms is 5

5. **Ans : 10**

Hint - $T_3 = T_{2+1} = {}^5C_2 x^3 (x \log_{10} x)^2 = 10^6$

$$\therefore 3 \log_{10} x + 2(\log_{10} x)^2 = 5$$

$$\therefore 2(\log_{10} x)^2 + 5 \log_{10} x - 2 \log_{10} x - 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore (\log_{10} x - 1)(2 \log_{10} x + 5) = 0$$

$$\text{or } x = 10 \text{ or } x = 10^{-5/2} \therefore x = 10$$

6. **Ans : $n = 2r$**

Hint - Coefficient of $(3r)^{\text{th}}$ term = Coefficient of $(r+2)^{\text{th}}$ term

$$\Rightarrow {}^{2n}C_{3r-1} = {}^{2n}C_{r+1} \Rightarrow (3r-1) + (r+1) = 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2r$$

7. **Ans:** $\frac{10!}{(5!)^2}$

Hint - Coefficient of x^r is ${}^{10}C_r$, which is max. if

$$r = \frac{10}{2} = 5 \text{ (as 10 is even)}$$

Hence greatest coefficient is ${}^{10}C_5 = \frac{10!}{(5!)^2}$

8. **Ans:** $\frac{(2n+2)!}{\{(n+1)!\}^2}$

Hint - In the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n+2}$, the coefficient of x^r , i.e. ${}^{2n+2}C_r$ term is the greatest coefficient

$$\text{if } r = \frac{2n+2}{2} \Rightarrow r = n+1$$

\therefore Greatest Coefficient = ${}^{2n+2}C_{n+1}$

$$= \frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)!(n+1)!} = \frac{(2n+2)!}{\{(n+1)!\}^2}$$

9. **Ans:** $\frac{1}{2}(1-3^n)$

Hint - we have

$$(1-x+x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots + a_{2n}x^{2n} \dots \text{(i)}$$

Replacing $x = 1$ and $x = -1$ successively in (i)

$$1 = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + \dots + a_{2n} \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$3^n = a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 + a_4 - \dots + a_{2n} \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Adding (ii) & (iii)

$$3^n + 1 = 2[a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{2n}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{2n} = \frac{1}{2}(3^n + 1)$$

10. **Ans:** $\frac{1}{n+1}$

Hint - $(1-x)^n = C_0 - C_1x + C_2x^2 - \dots + (-1)^n C_n x^n$
 Integration,

$$-\frac{1}{n+1}(1-x)^{n+1} + A$$

$$= C_0x - \frac{C_1x^2}{2} + \frac{C_2x^3}{3} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{C_n x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

putting $x=0$, $A = \frac{1}{n+1}$

Now, putting $x=1$, we get

$$C_0 - \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} - \frac{C_3}{4} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{C_n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

11. **Ans:** 129

Hint - $[5^{1/2} + 7^{1/8}]^{1024} = [(5^{1/2} + 7^{1/8})^8]^{128}$

$$= [5^4 + {}^8C_1 5^{7/2} 7^{1/8} + \dots$$

$$+ {}^8C_7 5^{1/2} 7^{7/8} + {}^8C_8 \cdot 7]^{128}$$

$$= [5^4 + 7]^{128} + (\text{non-integral term})$$

$$= 129 \text{ no. of integral terms}$$

12. **Ans:** $C_0^2 + C_1^2 + \dots + C_n^2$

Hint - $(1+x)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$

$$= [C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_n x^n]$$

$$\times \left[C_0 + C_1 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + C_2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \dots + C_n \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^n \right]$$

\therefore Term independent of x in the expansion

$$= C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2$$

13. **Ans:** 0

Hint - $(1+x)^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^n$

Putting $x=-1$, we get

$${}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 - {}^nC_3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n = 0$$

14. **Ans:** $2^n(n+1)$

Hint - We have $C_0 + 3C_1 + 5C_2 + 7C_3 + \dots + (2n+1)C_n$

$$= (C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_n)$$

$$+ 2(C_1 + 2C_2 + 3C_3 + \dots + {}^nC_n)$$

$$= 2^n + 2 \cdot n \cdot 2^{n-1} = 2^n(n+1)$$

15. **Ans:** $(1-x)^{-1/3}$

Hint - Let

$$1 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{6}x^2 + \frac{1.4.7}{3.6.9}x^3 + \dots$$

$$= (1+y)^n = 1 + ny + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}y^2 + \dots \quad (i)$$

$$\therefore ny = \frac{1}{3}x, \quad \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}y^2 = \frac{1.4}{4.6}x^2$$

Solving, $n = -\frac{1}{3}, y = -x$

Given series = $(1-x)^{-1/3}$

16. **Ans:** $\sqrt{2}/3$

Hint - The given series

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2 \cdot 2}{1 \cdot 2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{1.2.3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1/2} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

17. **Ans:** ${}^n C_r (3^{n-r} - 2^{n-r})$

[Hint

$$(x+3)^{n-1} + (x+3)^{n-2}(x+2) + \dots + (x+2)^{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{(x+3)^n - (x+2)^n}{(x+3) - (x+2)} = (x+3)^n - (x+2)^n$$

\therefore Coefficient of $x^r = {}^n C_r 3^{n-r} - {}^n C_r 2^{n-r}$

18. **Ans:** ${}^{12} C_7 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^7 \cdot 2^5$

Hint - $(2+3x)^{12}$ at $x = \frac{5}{6} = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{12} \left[1 + \frac{4}{5}\right]^{12}$;

$|T_r| <=> |T_{r+1}|$ as $\left| \frac{r}{(n-r+1)x} \right| <=> 1$

i.e. $\left| \frac{r.5}{(13-r)4} \right| <=> 1$ i.e. $r <=> \frac{52}{9}$;

$r = 5 < \frac{52}{9} \Rightarrow T_5 < T_6$; $r = 6 > \frac{52}{9} \Rightarrow T_6 > T_7$

$\therefore T_6$ is the greatest term in the expansion of

$$\left[1 + \frac{4}{5}\right]^{12}$$

Hence the greatest term in the expansion of

$(2+3x)^{12}$ at $x = \frac{5}{6}$ is

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{12} \cdot {}^{12} C_5 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^5 \text{ i.e., } {}^{12} C_7 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^7 \cdot 2^5$$

19. **Ans:** $(-1)^{n/2} (n+2)$

Hint - $C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + C_3x^3 + \dots + C_nx^n$
 $= (1+x)^n \dots (i)$

Diff. (i) after multiplying by x , we get

$$C_0 + 2C_1x + 3C_2x^2 + \dots + (n+1)C_nx^n$$

$$= (1+x)^n + nx(1+x)^{n-1} \dots (ii)$$

Replacing x by $\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)$ in (i), we get

$$C_0 - \frac{C_1}{x} + \frac{C_2}{x^2} - \frac{C_3}{x^3} + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^n = \frac{(1-x)^n}{x^n} \dots (iii)$$

From (ii) & (iii)

$C_0^2 - 2C_1^2 + 3C_2^2 - \dots =$ Coefficient of the term independent of x in the expansion of

$$(1-x)^n [(1+x)^n + nx(1+x)^{n-1}] / x^n$$

$$= \text{Coefficient of } x^n \text{ in}$$

$$[(1-x^2)^n + nx(1-x)(1-x^2)^{n-1}]$$

$$= (-1)^{n/2} {}^n C_{n/2} - n \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{(n-2)/2} (-1)^{(n-2)/2}$$

$$= (-1)^{n/2} \left[\frac{n!}{(n/2)!(n/2)!} + \frac{n(n-1)!(n/2)}{\{(n-2)/2\}!(n/2)!(n/2)} \right]$$

$$= (-1)^{n/2} \cdot \frac{n+2}{2} \cdot \frac{n!}{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)!}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2(n/2)!(n/2)!}{n!} \{C_0^2 - 2C_1^2 + 3C_2^2 - 4C_3^2$$

$$+ \dots (-1)^n (n+1)$$

$$= (-1)^{n/2} (n+2)$$

20. **Ans :** $4^{1/3}$

Hint

$$S = 1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2.5}{3.6} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{2.5.8}{3.6.9} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{2/3}{1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{(2/3) \cdot (5/3)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$+ \frac{(2/3) \cdot (5/3) \cdot (8/3)}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2/3} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2/3} = 2^{2/3} = 4^{1/3}$$

21. **Ans :** $\frac{2n!}{\{(n-r)!(n+r)!\}}$

Hint

$$C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n = (1+x)^n$$

$$C_0 + \frac{C_1}{x} + \dots + \frac{C_r}{x^r} + \frac{C_{r+1}}{x^{r+1}} + \dots + \frac{C_n}{x^n}$$

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

Multiplying, we get

$$C_0C_r + C_1C_{r+1} + C_2C_{r+2} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } \frac{1}{x^r} \text{ in } \frac{(1+x)^{2n}}{x^n}$$

$$= \text{coefficient of } x^{n-r} \text{ in } x(1+x)^{2n}$$

$$= {}^{2n}C_{n-r} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n-r)!(n+r)!}$$

22. **Ans :** 2^7

Hint - Given that

$$(3\sqrt{3}+5)^7 = P+F, \quad 0 \leq F < 1 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Let } (3\sqrt{3}+5)^7 = S$$

$$\text{as } 0 < 3\sqrt{3}-5 = \frac{2}{(3\sqrt{3}+5)} < 1$$

$$\text{So, } 0 < S < 1 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\therefore (P+F) - S = (3\sqrt{3}+5)^7 - (3\sqrt{3}-5)^7$$

$$= 2[{}^7C_1(3\sqrt{3})^6 \cdot 5 + {}^7C_3(3\sqrt{3})^4 \cdot 5^3 + \dots]$$

= even integer

Since P is an integer F-S must be integer.

$$\therefore -1 < F - S < 1 \text{ so } F - S = 0 \text{ i.e. } F = S$$

$$\therefore F(P+F) = S(P+F)$$

$$= (3\sqrt{3}-5)^7 (3\sqrt{3}+5)^7 = 2^7$$

23. **Ans :** 10

$$\text{Hint} = T_4 = {}^6C_3 \left[x^{\frac{3}{2(1+\log_{10}x)}} \right] x^{1/4} = 200$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{\frac{6+\log x+1}{4(1+\log x)}} = 10$$

Putting $\log_{10} x = y$, we have

$$\frac{6+y+1}{4(y+1)} = \frac{1}{y} \Rightarrow y^2 + 3y - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -4, y = 1 \Rightarrow x = 10^{-4} \text{ or } 10$$

Since $x > 1$, $\therefore x = 10$

$$24. \left\{ 2^{\log_2 \sqrt{(9^{x-1}+7)}} + \frac{1}{2^{1/5 \log_2 (3^{x-1}+1)}} \right\}^7$$

$$= \left\{ (9^{x-1}+7)^{1/2} + \frac{1}{(3^{x-1}+1)^{1/5}} \right\}^7$$

$$\therefore T_6 = T_{5+1} = {}^7C_5 \left[9^{x-1}+7 \right] \frac{1}{3^{x-1}+1} = 84$$

$$\therefore 9^{x-1}+7 = 4(3^{x-1}+1)$$

Putting $3^x = y$, we get.

$$y^2/9 + 7 = 4\left(\frac{y}{3} + 1\right) \Rightarrow y^2 + 63 = 12y + 36$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 12y + 27 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 3, 9$$

$$y = 3, \Rightarrow 3^x = 3 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$y = 9 \Rightarrow 3^x = 3^2 \Rightarrow x = 2 \quad \therefore x = 1, 2$$

25. The $(r+1)$ th term in the binomial expansion of

$$(x+a)^n \text{ is } T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r x^{n-r} a^r$$

$$\therefore \text{11th term from the beginning} = T_{11} = T_{10+1}$$

$$= {}^{25} C_{10} (2x)^{25-10} \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{10} = {}^{25} C_{10} 2^{15} \cdot \frac{1}{x^5}$$

And 11th term from the end = $(26-10)$ th

$$= 16\text{th term from the beginning} = {}^{25} C_{15} (2x)^{10}$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{15}$$

$$= {}^{25} C_{15} 2^{10} \frac{1}{x^{20}}. \text{ Hence,}$$

$$\text{the desired ratio} = \frac{{}^{25} C_{10} 2^{15} \frac{1}{x^5}}{{}^{25} C_{15} 2^{10} \frac{1}{x^{20}}} = -2^5 x^{15}$$

26. The given expression is $(1+x)^{2n}$. Here the index $2n$ is even.

So $\left(\frac{2n}{2} + 1\right)$ i.e. $(n+1)$ th term is the middle term.

$$\therefore T_{n+1} = {}^{2n} C_n (1)^{2n-n} \cdot x^n = {}^{2n} C_n x^n$$

$$= \frac{(2n)!}{n!(2n-n)!} x^n = \frac{1.2.3.4 \dots (2n-3)(2n-2)}{n!n!} x^n$$

$$= x^n \frac{\{1.3.5 \dots (2n-3)(2n-1)\} \{2.4.6 \dots (2n-2)(2n)\}}{n!n!}$$

$$= \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1) 2^n \cdot x^n}{n!}$$

$$27. a_1 = {}^n C_r, a_2 = {}^n C_{r+1}, a_3 = {}^n C_{r+2}, a_4 = {}^n C_{r+3}$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = {}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r+1} = {}^{n+1} C_{r+1}$$

$$[\text{using } {}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1} C_r]$$

$$a_2 + a_3 = {}^n C_{r+1} + {}^n C_{r+2} = {}^{n+1} C_{r+2}$$

$$a_3 + a_4 = {}^n C_{r+2} + {}^n C_{r+3} = {}^{n+1} C_{r+3}$$

L.H.S.

$$= \frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2} + \frac{a_3}{a_3 + a_4} = \frac{{}^n C_r}{{}^{n+1} C_{r+1}} + \frac{{}^n C_{r+2}}{{}^{n+1} C_{r+3}}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{r+1}{n+1} + \frac{r+3}{n+1} = \frac{2(r+2)}{n+1}$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \frac{2a_2}{a_2 + a_3} = \frac{2 \frac{n!}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!}}{\frac{(n+1)!}{(r+2)!(n-r-1)!}} = \frac{2(r+2)}{n+1}$$

= L.H.S

$$28. \text{ (i) Since, } (x+a)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} a + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n a^n$$

$$= T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4 + \dots + T_{n+1}$$

$$= (T_1 + T_3 + T_5 \dots) + (T_2 + T_4 + T_6 + \dots)$$

$$= P + Q$$

$$\text{Also } (x-a)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n - {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} a + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} a^2$$

$$- {}^n C_3 x^{n-3} a^3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n a^n$$

$$= T_1 - T_2 + T_3 - T_4 + T_5 \dots$$

$$= (T_1 + T_3 + T_5 \dots) - (T_2 + T_4 + T_6 + \dots)$$

$$= P - Q$$

$$\text{Now, } (x^2 - a^2)^n = [(x+a)(x-a)]^n$$

$$= (x+a)^n (x-a)^n$$

$$= (P+Q)(P-Q) = P^2 - Q^2$$

(ii) From above

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+a)^{2n} - (x-a)^{2n} - (P+Q)^2 - (P-Q)^2 \\ &= (P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ) - (P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ) \\ &= 4PQ \end{aligned}$$

(iii) From above (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+a)^{2n} + (x-a)^{2n} = (P+Q)^2 + (P-Q)^2 \\ &= (P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ + P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ) \\ &= 2(P^2 + Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

29. The $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term in the expansion is ${}^n C_r a^r$. Thus it can be seen that a^r occurs in the $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term, and its coefficient is ${}^n C_r$. Hence the coefficients of a^{r-1} , a^r and a^{r+1} are ${}^n C_{r-1}$, ${}^n C_r$ and ${}^n C_{r+1}$, respectively. Since these coefficients are in arithmetic progression, so we have,

$${}^n C_{r-1} + {}^n C_{r+1} = 2 \cdot {}^n C_r. \text{ This gives}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} + \frac{n!}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!} \\ &= 2 \times \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } & \frac{1}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)(n-r)(n-r-1)!} + \\ & \frac{1}{(r+1)(r)(r-1)!(n-r-1)!} \\ &= 2 \times \frac{1}{r(r-1)!(n-r)(n-r-1)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{(r-1)!(n-r-1)!}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{(n-r)(n-r+1)} + \frac{1}{(r+1)(r)} \right]$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{(r-1)!(n-r-1)! [r(n-r)]}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{1}{(n-r+1)(n-r)} + \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{2}{r(n-r)},$$

$$\text{or } \frac{r(r+1) + (n-r)(n-r+1)}{(n-r)(n-r+1)r(r+1)} = \frac{2}{r(n-r)}$$

$$\text{or } r(r+1) + (n-r)(n-r+1)$$

$$= 2(r+1)(n-r+1)$$

$$\text{or } r^2 + r + n^2 - nr + n - nr + r^2 - r$$

$$= 2(nr - r^2 + r + n - r + 1)$$

$$\text{or } n^2 - 4nr - n + 4r^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } n^2 - n(4r+1) + 4r^2 - 2 = 0$$

30. We have

$$2^{4n+4} - 15n - 16 = 2^{4(n+1)} - 15n - 16$$

$$= 16^{n+1} - 15n - 16$$

$$= (1+15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$$

$$= {}^{n+1}C_0 15^0 + {}^{n+1}C_1 15^1 + {}^{n+1}C_2 15^2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15^3 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} (15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$$

$$= 1 + (n+1)15 + {}^{n+1}C_2 15^2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15^3$$

$$+ \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} (15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$$

$$= 1 + 15n + 15 + {}^{n+1}C_2 15^2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15^3$$

$$+ \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} (15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$$

$$= 15^2 [{}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15 + \dots \text{ so on}]$$

Thus, $2^{4n+4} - 15n - 16$ is divisible by 225.

SECTION C NCERT EXEMPLAR QUESTIONS

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- The largest coefficient in the expansion of $(1+x)^{30}$ is _____.
- The number of terms in the expansion of $(x+y+z)^n$ _____.
- In the expansion of $\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{16}$, the value of constant term is _____.
- If the seventh terms from the beginning and the end in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^n$ are equal, then n equals _____.
- The coefficient of $a^{-6} b^4$ in the expansion of $\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{2b}{3}\right)^{10}$ is _____.
- Middle term in the expansion of $(a^3 + ba)^{28}$ is _____.
- The ratio of the coefficients of x^p and x^q in the expansion of $(1+x)^{p+q}$ is _____.
- The position of the term independent of x in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} + \frac{3}{2x^2}\right)^{10}$ is _____.
- If 25^{15} is divided by 13, the remainder is _____.

TRUE OR FALSE

- The sum of the series $\sum_{r=0}^{10} {}^{20}C_r$ is $2^{19} + \frac{{}^{20}C_{10}}{2}$.
- The expression $7^9 + 9^7$ is divisible by 64.
- The number of terms in the expansion of $[(2x+y^3)^4]^7$ is 8.
- The sum of coefficients of the two middle terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n-1}$ is equal to $2^{n-1} C_n$.
- The last two digits of the numbers 3^{400} are 01.
- If the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{2n}$ contains a term independent of x , then n is a multiple of 2.

- Number of terms in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ where $n \in \mathbf{N}$, is one less than the power n .

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- Find the term independent of x , where $x \neq 0$, in the expansion of $\left(\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{15}$.
- If the term free from x in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{k}{x^2}\right)^{10}$ is 405, then find the value of k .
- Find the coefficient of x in the expansion of $(1-3x+7x^2)(1-x)^{16}$.
- Find the term independent of x in the expansion of $\left(3x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{15}$.
- Find the middle term (terms) in the expansion of
 (i) $\left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{10}$ (ii) $\left(3x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^9$
- Find the coefficient of x^{15} in the expansion of $(x-x^2)^{10}$.
- Find the coefficient of $\frac{1}{x^{17}}$ in the expansion of $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{15}$.
- Find the sixth term of the expansion $(y^{1/2} + x^{1/3})^n$, if the Binomial coefficient of the third term from the end is 45.
- Find the value of r , if the coefficient of $(2r+4)$ th and $(r-2)$ th terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^{18}$ are equal.
- If the coefficient of second, third and fourth terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$ are in AP, then show that $2n^2 - 9n + 7 = 0$.
- Find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{11}$.

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

- If p is a real number and the middle term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{p}{2} + 2\right)^8$ is 1120, then find the value of p .
- Show that the middle term in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ is $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times (2n-1)}{n!} \times (-2)^n$.
- Find n in the Binomial $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^n$, if the ratio of 7th term from the beginning to the 7th term from the end is $\frac{1}{6}$.
- In the expansion of $(x + a)^n$, if the sum of odd terms is denoted by O and the sum of even term by E . Then, prove that
 (i) $O^2 - E^2 = (x^2 - a^2)^n$.
 (ii) $4OE = (x + a)^{2n} - (x - a)^{2n}$.
- If x^p occurs in the expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$, then prove that its coefficient is $\frac{2n!}{3! (4n-p)! (2n+p)!}$.
- Find the term independent of x in the expansion of $(1 + x + 2x^3)^9$.

NCERT EXEMPLAR SOLUTIONS

Fill in the Blanks

- ${}^{30}C_{15}$
- $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$
- ${}^{16}C_8$
- $n = 12$
- $\frac{1120}{27}$
- ${}^{28}C_{14} a^{56} b^{14}$
- 1 : 1
- Third term
- 12

True or False

- F
- T
- F
- F
- T
- F
- F

Short Answer Questions

- Given expression is $\left(\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{15}$.

Let T_{r+1} term is the general term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } T_{r+1} &= {}^{15}C_r \left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^{15-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{15}C_r 3^{15-r} x^{30-2r} 2^r (-1)^r \cdot 3^{-r} \cdot x^{-r} \\ &= {}^{15}C_r (-1)^r 3^{15-2r} 2^r x^{30-3r} \end{aligned}$$

For the term independent of x ,
 $30 - 3r = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 3r &= 30 \Rightarrow r = 10 \\ \therefore T_{r+1} &= T_{10+1} \\ &= 11\text{th term is independent of } x. \\ \therefore T_{10+1} &= {}^{15}C_{10} (-1)^{10} 3^{15-20} 2^{10-15} \\ &= {}^{15}C_{10} 3^{-5} 2^{-5} \\ &= {}^{15}C_{10} (6)^{-5} \\ &= {}^{15}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^5 \end{aligned}$$

- Given expression is $\left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{k}{x^2}\right)^{10}$.

Let T_{r+1} is the general term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } T_{r+1} &= {}^{10}C_r (\sqrt{x})^{10-r} \left(\frac{-k}{x^2}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{10}C_r (x)^{\frac{1}{2}(10-r)} (-k)^r \cdot x^{-2r} \\ &= {}^{10}C_r x^{5-\frac{r}{2}} (-k)^r \cdot x^{-2r} \\ &= {}^{10}C_r x^{5-\frac{r}{2}-2r} (-k)^r \\ &= {}^{10}C_r x^{\frac{10-5r}{2}} (-k)^r \end{aligned}$$

For the term independent of x , $\frac{10-5r}{2} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 10 - 5r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2$$

Since $T_{2+1} = T_3$ is free from x .

$$\therefore T_{2+1} = {}^{10}C_2(-k)^2 = 405$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8!}{2! \times 8!} (-k)^2 = 405$$

$$\Rightarrow 45k^2 = 405 \Rightarrow k^2 = \frac{405}{45} = 9$$

$$\therefore k = \pm 3$$

3. Given expression $= (1 - 3x + 7x^2)(1 - x)^{16}$.
 $= (1 - 3x + 7x^2) ({}^{16}C_0 1^{16} - {}^{16}C_1 1^{15} x^1$
 $\quad + {}^{16}C_2 1^{14} x^2 + \dots + {}^{16}C_{16} x^{16})$
 $= (1 - 3x + 7x^2)(1 - 16x + 120x^2 + \dots)$
 \therefore Coefficient of $x = -3 - 16 = -19$

4. Given expression is $\left(3x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{15}$.

Let T_{r+1} is the general term.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T_{r+1} &= {}^{15}C_r (3x)^{15-r} \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{15}C_r (3x)^{15-r} (-2)^r x^{-2r} \\ &= {}^{15}C_r 3^{15-r} x^{15-3r} (-2)^r \end{aligned}$$

For the term independent of x ,

$$15 - 3r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

$\therefore T_{5+1}$ or T_6 is the term independent of x .

$$\begin{aligned} T_{5+1} &= {}^{15}C_5 3^{15-5} (-2)^5 \\ &= -\frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11 \times 10!}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 10!} \cdot 3^{10} \cdot 2^5 \\ &= -3003 \cdot 3^{10} \cdot 2^5 \end{aligned}$$

5. (i) Given expression is $\left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{10}$.

Here, the power of Binomial (n) = 10 (even)

\therefore it has one middle term i.e., $\left(\frac{10}{2} + 1\right)$ th term or 6th term.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T_6 = T_{5+1} &= {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{10-5} \left(\frac{-a}{x}\right)^5 \\ &= -{}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^5 \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^5 \\ &= -\frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5! \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^5 \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -9 \times 4 \times 7 = -252$$

- (ii) Given expression is $\left(3x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^9$.

Here, $n = 9$ [odd]

Since, the Binomial expansion has two middle

terms i.e., $\left(\frac{9+1}{2}\right)$ th and $\left(\frac{9+1}{2} + 1\right)$ th

or, 5th term and 6th term

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T_5 = T_{(4+1)} &= {}^9C_4 (3x)^{9-4} \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 5!} 3^5 x^5 x^{12} 6^{-4} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6 \times 3 \times 3!}{2^4} x^{17} = \frac{189}{8} x^{17} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } T_6 = T_{(5+1)} &= {}^9C_5 (3x)^{9-5} \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^5 \\ &= -\frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5! \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \cdot 3^4 \cdot x^4 \cdot x^{15} \cdot 6^{-5} \\ &= \frac{-21 \times 6}{3 \times 2^5} x^{19} = \frac{-21}{16} x^{19} \end{aligned}$$

6. Here the given expression is $(x - x^2)^{10}$.

Let the term T_{r+1} is the general term.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T_{r+1} &= {}^{10}C_r x^{10-r} (-x^2)^r \\ &= (-1)^r \cdot {}^{10}C_r \cdot x^{10-r} \cdot x^{2r} \\ &= (-1)^r {}^{10}C_r x^{10+r} \end{aligned}$$

For the coefficient of x^{15} ,

$$10 + r = 15 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

$$\therefore T_{5+1} = (-1)^5 {}^{10}C_5 x^{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^{15} &= -1 \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 5!} \\ &= -3 \times 2 \times 7 \times 6 = -252 \end{aligned}$$

7. Here the given expression is $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{15}$.

Let the term T_{r+1} contains the coefficient of

$$\frac{1}{x^{17}} \text{ i.e., } x^{-17}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T_{r+1} &= {}^{15}C_r (x^4)^{15-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{15}C_r x^{60-4r} (-1)^r x^{-3r} \\ &= {}^{15}C_r x^{60-7r} (-1)^r \end{aligned}$$

For the coefficient of x^{-17} ,

$$60 - 7r = -17$$

$$\Rightarrow 7r = 77 \Rightarrow r = 11$$

$$\therefore T_{11+1} = {}^{15}C_{11} x^{60-77} (-1)^{11}$$

\therefore Coefficient of x^{-17}

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11!}{11! \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= -15 \times 7 \times 13 = -1365 \end{aligned}$$

8. Here the given expression is $(y^{1/2} + x^{1/3})^n$.

\therefore The sixth term

$$= T_6 = T_{5+1} = {}^nC_5 (y^{1/2})^{n-5} (x^{1/3})^5 \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, given that the Binomial coefficient of the third term from the end is 45.

We know that, Binomial coefficient of third term from the end = Binomial coefficient of third term from the beginning of $(x^{1/3} + y^{1/2})^n = {}^nC_2$

$$\therefore {}^nC_2 = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{2!(n-2)!} = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1) = 90$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n - 90 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 10n + 9n - 90 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-10) + 9(n-10) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-10)(n+9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+9) = 0 \text{ or } (n-10) = 0$$

$$\therefore n = 10$$

$$[\because n \neq -9]$$

Put the value of $n = 10$ in eq. (i),

$$T_6 = {}^{10}C_5 y^{5/2} x^{5/3} = 252 y^{5/2} \cdot x^{5/3}$$

9. Given expression is $(1+x)^{18}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (2r+4)\text{th term or } T_{2r+3+1} \\ &= {}^{18}C_{2r+3} (1)^{18-2r-3} (x)^{2r+3} \\ &= {}^{18}C_{2r+3} x^{2r+3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } (r-2)\text{th term or } T_{r-3+1} = {}^{18}C_{r-3} x^{r-3}$$

$$\text{Since } {}^{18}C_{2r+3} = {}^{18}C_{r-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2r+3+r-3 = 18$$

$$[\because {}^nC_x = {}^nC_y \Rightarrow x+y=n]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r = 18$$

$$\therefore r = 6$$

10. Here the given expression is $(1+x)^{2n}$.

Now, coefficient of 2nd term = ${}^{2n}C_1$

Coefficient of 3rd term = ${}^{2n}C_2$

Coefficient of 4th term = ${}^{2n}C_3$

Since, ${}^{2n}C_1$, ${}^{2n}C_2$ and ${}^{2n}C_3$ are in AP.

$$\therefore 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_2 = {}^{2n}C_1 + {}^{2n}C_3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left[\frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)!}{2 \times 1 \times (2n-2)!} \right]$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow n(12n-6) = n(6+4n^2-4n-2n+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 12n-6 = (4n^2-6n+8)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(2n-1) = 2(2n^2-3n+4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(2n-1) = 2n^2-3n+4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n^2-3n+4-6n+3=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n^2-9n+7=0$$

11. Given expression = $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^{11}$

$$= [(1+x)+x^2(1+x)]^{11}$$

$$= [(1+x)(1+x^2)]^{11} = (1+x)^{11} \cdot (1+x^2)^{11}$$

$$= ({}^{11}C_0 + {}^{11}C_1x + {}^{11}C_2x^2 + {}^{11}C_3x^3 + {}^{11}C_4x^4 + \dots) ({}^{11}C_0 + {}^{11}C_1x^2 + {}^{11}C_2x^4 + \dots)$$

$$= (1 + 11x + 55x^2 + 165x^3 + 330x^4 + \dots)$$

$$(1 + 11x^2 + 55x^4 + \dots)$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^4 = 55 + 605 + 330 = 990$$

Long Answer Questions

1. Here the given expression is $\left(\frac{p}{2} + 2\right)^8$.

$$\therefore n = 8 \text{ [even]}$$

\therefore the Binomial expansion of the given expression has only one middle term i.e.,

$$\left(\frac{8}{2} + 1\right)\text{th} = 5\text{th term}$$

$$\therefore T_5 = T_{4+1} = {}^8C_4 \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{8-4} \cdot 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 1120 = {}^8C_4 p^4 \cdot 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 1120 = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} p^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 1120 = 7 \times 2 \times 5 \times p^4$$

$$\Rightarrow p^4 = \frac{1120}{70} = 16 \Rightarrow p^4 = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 = 4 \Rightarrow p = \pm 2$$

2. Given expression is $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$. This Binomial expansion has even power. So, it has one middle term.

i.e., $\left(\frac{2n}{2} + 1\right)$ th term or $(n + 1)$ th term

$$\therefore T_{n+1} = {}^{2n}C_n (x)^{2n-n} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^n$$

$$= {}^{2n}C_n x^n (-1)^n x^{-n}$$

$$= {}^{2n}C_n (-1)^n = (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1)(2n)}{n!n!} (-1)^n$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1) \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \dots (2n)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots n(n!)^2} (-1)^n$$

$$= \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1) \cdot 2^n (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots n)}{(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots n)(n!)^2} (-1)^n$$

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

3. Here, the Binomial expression is $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^n$.

Now, 7th term from beginning = $T_7 = T_{6+1}$

$$= {}^nC_6 (\sqrt[3]{2})^{n-6} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^6 \dots (1)$$

and 7th term from end i.e., T_7 from the beginning

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

$$\text{i.e. } T_7 = {}^nC_6 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^{n-6} (\sqrt[3]{2})^6 \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{Given that, } \frac{{}^nC_6 (\sqrt[3]{2})^{n-6} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^6}{{}^nC_6 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^{n-6} (\sqrt[3]{2})^6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{\frac{n-6}{3}} \cdot 3^{-6/3}}{3^{-\left(\frac{n-6}{3}\right)} \cdot 2^{6/3}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2^{\frac{n-6}{3}} \cdot 2^{-\frac{-6}{3}}\right) \left(3^{-\frac{-6}{3}} \cdot 3^{\frac{(n-6)}{3}}\right) = 6^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2^{\frac{n-6}{3} - \frac{-6}{3}}\right) \cdot \left(3^{\frac{n-6}{3} - \frac{-6}{3}}\right) = 6^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \cdot 3)^{\frac{n}{3} - 4} = 6^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{3} - 4 = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{3} = 3 \Rightarrow n = 9$$

4. (i) Given expression is $(x + a)^n$.

$$\therefore (x + a)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n a^0 + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1 + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + {}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3 + \dots + {}^nC_n a^n$$

Now, sum of odd terms

$$O = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + \dots$$

and sum of even terms $E = {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a + {}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3 + \dots$

$$\therefore (x + a)^n = O + E \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } (x - a)^n = O - E \dots (ii)$$

multiply eqs. (i) and (ii)

we have $(O + E)(O - E) = (x + a)^n (x - a)^n$

$$\Rightarrow O^2 - E^2 = (x^2 - a^2)^n$$

$$(ii) \quad 4OE = (O + E)^2 - (O - E)^2$$

$$= [(x + a)^n]^2 - [(x - a)^n]^2$$

[using eqs. (i) and (ii)]

$$= (x + a)^{2n} - (x - a)^{2n}$$

5. Here the given expression is $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$.

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{2n}C_r (x^2)^{2n-r} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^{2n}C_r x^{4n-2r} x^{-r} = {}^{2n}C_r x^{4n-3r}$$

Let $4n - 3r = p$

$$\left[\text{as } x^p \text{ occurs in expansion of } \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r = 4n - p \Rightarrow r = \frac{4n - p}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^p &= {}^{2n}C_r = \frac{(2n)!}{r!(2n-r)!} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{3}\right)! \left(2n - \frac{4n-p}{3}\right)!} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{3}\right)! \left(\frac{6n-4n+p}{3}\right)!} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{3}\right)! \left(\frac{2n+p}{3}\right)!} \end{aligned}$$

6. Given expression is $(1+x+2x^3) \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$.

Now, for $\left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$, the general term is:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} x^{18-2r} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{-r} \end{aligned}$$

$$= {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{18-3r}$$

Therefore, the general term in the expansion of

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x+2x^3) \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^9 \\ &= {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{18-3r} + {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} \\ &\quad \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{19-3r} + 2 \cdot {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{21-3r} \end{aligned}$$

For term independent of x

$$18-3r=0, 19-3r=0 \text{ and } 21-3r=0$$

$$\Rightarrow r=6, r=19/3, r=7$$

Thus, the possible value of r are 6 and 7.

\therefore The term independent of

$$\begin{aligned} x &= {}^9C_6 \frac{3^{9-6}}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 + 2 \cdot {}^9C_7 \frac{3^{9-7}}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^7 \\ &= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{6! \times 3 \times 2} \cdot \frac{3^3}{2^3} \cdot \frac{1}{3^6} - 2 \cdot \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7!}{7! \times 2 \times 1} \cdot \frac{3^2}{2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3^7} \\ &= \frac{21}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3^3} - \frac{9}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{3^5} = \frac{7}{18} - \frac{2}{27} = \frac{21-4}{54} = \frac{17}{54} \end{aligned}$$