

Chapter 8: BINOMIAL THEOREM

Exercise 8.1

Expand each of the expressions in Exercises 1 to 5.

Q1. $(1-2x)^5$

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

By using binomial theorem we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^5C_0 (1)^5 + {}^5C_1 (1)^4 (-2x) + {}^5C_2 (1)^3 (-2x)^2 + {}^5C_3 (1)^2 (-2x)^3 + {}^5C_4 (1)^1 (-2x)^4 + {}^5C_5 (-2x)^5 \\
 &= \left[\frac{5!}{0! 5-0!} \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{1! 5-1!} \times 1 \times (-2x) \right] + [x1 \times (4x^2)] + \left[\frac{5!}{3! 5-3!} \times 1 \times (-8x^3) \right] + \\
 &\quad \left[\frac{5!}{4! 5-4!} \times 1 \times (16x^4) \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{5! 5-5!} \times -32x^5 \right] \\
 &= 1 + \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{1 \times 4!} \times -2x \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times 4x^2 \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! \times 2!} \times (-8x^3) \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{4! \times 1} \times 16x^4 \right] + [1 \times (-32x^5)] \\
 &= 1 + [5 \times (-2x)] + [10 \times 4x^2] + [10 \times (-8x^3)] + [5 \times 16x^4] + [-32x^5] \\
 &= 1 - 10x + 40x^2 - 80x^3 + 80x^4 - 32x^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Q2. $\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$

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

Using $(x-y)^n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^5C_0 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5 - {}^5C_1 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^5C_2 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 - {}^5C_3 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + {}^5C_4 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^5 \\
 &= \left[\frac{5!}{0! 5-0!} \times \frac{32}{x^5} \right] - \left[\frac{5!}{1! 5-1!} \times \frac{16}{x^4} \times \frac{x}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{2! 5-2!} \times \frac{8}{x^3} \times \frac{x^2}{4} \right] - \left[\frac{5!}{3! 5-3!} \times \frac{4}{x^2} \times \frac{x^3}{8} \right] + \\
 &\quad \left[\frac{5!}{4! 5-4!} \times \frac{x}{2} \times \frac{x^4}{16} \right] - \left[\frac{5!}{5! 5-5!} \times \frac{x^5}{32} \right] \\
 &= \left[1 \times \frac{32}{x^5} \right] - \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{1 \times 4!} \times \frac{8}{x^3} \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times \frac{2}{x} \right] - \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! \times 2!} \times \frac{x}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{4! \times 1!} \times \frac{x^3}{8} \right] - \left[1 \times \frac{x^5}{32} \right] \\
 &= \frac{32}{x^5} - \frac{40}{x^3} + \frac{20}{x} - 5x + \frac{5}{8}x^3 - \frac{x^5}{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q3. $(2x-3)^6$

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

By using binomial theorem,

$(2x-3)^6$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^6C_0 (2x)^6 + {}^6C_1 (2x)^5(-3) + {}^6C_2 (2x)^4(-3)^2 + {}^6C_3 (2x)^3(-3)^3 + {}^6C_4 (2x)^2(-3)^4 + {}^6C_5 (2x)(-3)^5 \\
&\quad + {}^6C_6 (-3)^6 \\
&= \left[\frac{6!}{0! 6-0!} \times 64x^6 \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{1! 6-1!} \times 32x^5 \times -3 \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{2! 6-2!} \times 16x^4 \times 9 \right] + \\
&\quad \left[\frac{6!}{3! 6-3!} \times 8x^3 \times -27 \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{4! 6-4!} \times 4x^2 \times 81 \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{5! 6-5!} \times 2x \times -243 \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{6! 6-6!} \times 729 \right] \\
&= [1 \times 64x^6] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5!}{1 \times 5!} \times -96x^5 \right] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{2 \times 1 \times 4!} \times 144x^4 \right] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times -216x^3 \right] + \\
&\quad \left[\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 2!} \times 324x^2 \right] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5!}{5! \times 1!} \times -486x \right] + [1 \times 729] \\
&= 64x^6 - 576x^5 + 2160x^4 - 4320x^3 + 4860x^2 - 2916x + 729
\end{aligned}$$

Q4. $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x} \right)^5$

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

By using binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[{}^5C_0 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right)^5 \right] + \left[{}^5C_1 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \right] + \left[{}^5C_2 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^2 \right] + \left[{}^5C_3 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^3 \right] + \left[{}^5C_4 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^4 \right] + \left[{}^5C_5 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^5 \right] \\
&= \left[\frac{5!}{0! 5-0!} \times \frac{x^5}{243} \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{1! 5-1!} \times \frac{x^4}{81} \times \frac{1}{x} \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{2! 5-2!} \times \frac{x^3}{27} \times \frac{1}{x^2} \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{3! 5-3!} \times \frac{x^2}{9} \times \frac{1}{x^3} \right] + \\
&\quad \left[\frac{5!}{4! 5-4!} \times \frac{x}{3} \times \frac{1}{x^4} \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{5! 5-5!} \times \frac{1}{x^5} \right] \\
&= \left[1 \times \frac{x^5}{243} \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{1 \times 4!} \times \frac{x^3}{81} \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times \frac{x}{27} \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! \times 2!} \times \frac{1}{9x} \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{4! \times 1!} \times \frac{1}{3x^3} \right] + \left[1 \times \frac{1}{x^5} \right] \\
&= \frac{x^5}{243} + \frac{5x^3}{81} + \frac{10x}{27} + \frac{10}{9x} + \frac{5}{3x^3} + \frac{1}{x^5}
\end{aligned}$$

Q5. $\left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^6$

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

By binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^6C_0 (x^6) + {}^6C_1 (x^4) \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) + {}^6C_2 x^4 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + {}^6C_3 (x^3) \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^3 + {}^6C_4 (x^2) \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^4 + {}^6C_5 (x) \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^5 + \\
&\quad {}^6C_6 \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[\frac{6!}{0! 6-0!} \times x^6 \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{1! 6-1!} \times x^5 \times \frac{1}{x} \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{2! 6-2!} \times x^4 \times \frac{1}{x^2} \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{3! 6-3!} \times x^3 \times \frac{1}{x^3} \right] + \\
&\left[\frac{6!}{4! 6-4!} \times x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^4} \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{5! 6-5!} \times x \times \frac{1}{x^5} \right] + \left[\frac{6!}{6! 6-6!} \times \frac{1}{x^6} \right] \\
&= [1 \times x^6] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5!}{1 \times 5!} \times x^4 \right] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{2 \times 1 \times 4!} \times x^2 \right] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 2!} \times \frac{1}{x^2} \right] + \\
&\left[\frac{6 \times 5!}{5! \times 1!} \times \frac{1}{x^4} \right] + \left[1 \times \frac{1}{x^6} \right] \\
&= x^6 + 6x^4 + 15x^2 + 20 + \frac{15}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6}
\end{aligned}$$

Using binomial theorem, evaluate each of the following:

Q6. (96)³

A.6. $(96)^3 = (100 - 4)^3$

Using $(x - y)^n$ expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^3C_0(100)^3 - {}^3C_1(100)^2(4) + {}^3C_2(100)(4)^2 - {}^3C_3(4)^3 \\
&= \left[\frac{3!}{0! 3-0!} \times 1000000 \right] - \left[\frac{3!}{1! 3-1!} \times 10000 \times 4 \right] + \left[\frac{3!}{2! 3-2!} \times 100 \times 16 \right] - \left[\frac{3!}{3! 3-3!} \times 64 \right] \\
&= [1 \times 1000000] - \left[\frac{3 \times 2!}{1 \times 2!} \times 40000 \right] + \left[\frac{3 \times 2!}{2! \times 1!} \times 1600 \right] - [1 \times 64] \\
&= 1000000 - 120000 + 4800 - 64 \\
&= 1004800 - 120064 \\
&= 884736
\end{aligned}$$

Q7. (102)⁵

A.7. $(102)^5 = (100 + 2)^5$

By using binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^5C_0(100)^5 + {}^5C_1(100)^4(2) + {}^5C_2(100)^3(2)^2 + {}^5C_3(100)^2(2)^3 + {}^5C_4(100)(2)^4 + {}^5C_5(2)^5 \\
&= \left[\frac{5!}{0! 5-0!} \times 10000000000 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{1! 5-1!} \times 1000000000 \times 2 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{2! 5-2!} \times 1000000 \times 4 \right] + \\
&\left[\frac{5!}{3! 5-3!} \times 10000 \times 8 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{4! 5-4!} \times 100 \times 16 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{5! 5-5!} \times 32 \right] \\
&= [1 \times 10000000000] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{1 \times 4!} \times 200000000 \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times 4000000 \right] + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! \times 2!} \times 80000 \right] + \\
&\left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{4! \times 1!} \times 1600 \right] + [1 \times 32] \\
&= 10000000000 + 1000000000 + 40000000 + 800000 + 8000 + 32
\end{aligned}$$

$$= 11040808032$$

Q8. (101)⁴

A.8. $(101)^4 = (100 + 1)^4$

By binomial theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^4C_0(100)^4 + {}^4C_1(100)^3(1) + {}^4C_2(100)^2(1)^2 + {}^4C_3(100)(1)^3 + {}^4C_4(1)^4 \\ &= \left[\frac{4!}{0! 4-0!} \times 100000000 \right] + \left[\frac{4!}{1! 4-1!} \times 1000000 \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{4!}{2! 4-2!} \times 10000 \times 1 \right] + \\ &\quad \left[\frac{4!}{3! 4-3!} \times 100 \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{4!}{4! 4-4!} \times 1 \right] \\ &= [1 \times 100000000] + \left[\frac{4 \times 3!}{1 \times 3!} \times 1000000 \right] + \left[\frac{4 \times 3 \times 2!}{2 \times 1 \times 2!} \times 10000 \right] + \left[\frac{4 \times 3!}{3! \times 1!} \times 100 \right] + [1 \times 1] \\ &= 100000000 + 4000000 + 60000 + 400 + 1 \\ &= 104060401 \end{aligned}$$

Q9. (99)⁵

A.9. $(99)^5 = (100 - 1)^5$

By binomial theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^5C_0(100)^5 - {}^5C_1(100)^4(1) + {}^5C_2(100)^3(1)^2 - {}^5C_3(100)^2(1)^3 + {}^5C_4(100)(1)^4 - {}^5C_5(1)^5 \\ &= \left[\frac{5!}{0! 5-0!} \times 10000000000 \right] - \left[\frac{5!}{1! 5-1!} \times 100000000 \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{2! 5-2!} \times 1000000 \times 1 \right] - \\ &\quad \left[\frac{5!}{3! 5-3!} \times 10000 \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{5!}{4! 5-4!} \times 100 \times 1 \right] - \left[\frac{5!}{5! 5-5!} \times 1 \right] \\ &= [1 \times 10000000000] - \frac{5 \times 4!}{1 \times 4!} \times 100000000 + \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{2 \times 1 \times 3!} \times 10000 \right] - \left[\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! \times 2!} \times 10000 \right] + \\ &\quad \left[\frac{5 \times 4!}{4! \times 1!} \times 100 \right] - [1 \times 1] \\ &= 10000000000 - 500000000 + 10000000 - 100000 + 500 - 1 \\ &= 10010000500 - 500100001 \\ &= 9509900499 \end{aligned}$$

Q10. Using Binomial Theorem, indicate which number is larger $(1.1)^{10000}$ or 1000.

A.10. We know that,

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

By using binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{10000}C_0(1)^{10000} + {}^{10000}C_1(1)^{(10000-1)}(0.1) + \text{other positive terms} \\ &= \left[\frac{10000!}{0! 10000-0!} \times 1 \right] + \left[\frac{10000!}{1! 10000-1!} \times 1 \times 0.1 \right] + \text{other positive terms} \\ &= [1 \times 1] + \left[\frac{10000 \times 9999!}{1 \times 9999!} \times 0.1 \right] + \text{other positive terms} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + 1000 + \text{other positive terms}$$

$$= 1001 + \text{other positive terms}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (1.1)^{10000} > 1000$$

Q11. Find $(a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4$. Hence, evaluate $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4$.

A.11. Using binomial theorem we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & (a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4 \\ &= [{}^4C_0a^4 + {}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_2a^2b^2 + {}^4C_3ab^3 + {}^4C_4b^4] - [{}^4C_0a^4 - {}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_2a^2b^2 - {}^4C_3ab^3 + {}^4C_4b^4] \\ &= {}^4C_0a^4 + {}^4C_1a^3b + {}^4C_2a^2b^2 + {}^4C_3ab^3 + {}^4C_4b^4 - {}^4C_0a^4 + {}^4C_1a^3b - {}^4C_2a^2b^2 + {}^4C_3ab^3 - {}^4C_4b^4 \\ &= [2 \times {}^4C_1a^3b] + [2 \times {}^4C_3ab^3] \\ &= \left[2 \times \frac{4!}{1!4-1!} a^3b \right] + \left[2 \times \frac{4!}{3!4-3!} ab^3 \right] \\ &= \left[2 \times \frac{4 \times 3!}{1 \times 3!} a^3b \right] + \left[2 \times \frac{4 \times 3!}{3! \times 1!} ab^3 \right] \\ &= 8a^3b + 8ab^3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence putting $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b = \sqrt{2}$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4 \\ &= 8\sqrt{3}^3\sqrt{2} + 8\sqrt{3}\sqrt{2}^3 \\ &= (8 \times 3\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2}) + (8 \times \sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 24\sqrt{6} + 16\sqrt{6} \\ &= 40\sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

Q12. Find $(x+1)^6 + (x-1)^6$. Hence or otherwise evaluate $(\sqrt{2}+1)^6 + (\sqrt{2}-1)^6$.

A.12. By binomial expansion we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & (x+1)^6 + (x-1)^6 \\ &= [{}^6C_0(x^6) + {}^6C_1(x^5)(1) + {}^6C_2(x^4)(1)^2 + {}^6C_3(x^3)(1)^3 + {}^6C_4(x^2)(1)^4 + {}^6C_5(x)(1)^5 + {}^6C_6(1)^6] + [{}^6C_0(x^6) - {}^6C_1(x^5)(1) + {}^6C_2(x^4)(1)^2 - {}^6C_3(x^3)(1)^3 + {}^6C_4(x^2)(1)^4 - {}^6C_5(x)(1)^5 + {}^6C_6(1)^6] \\ &= {}^6C_0(x^6) + {}^6C_1(x^5)(1) + {}^6C_2(x^4)(1)^2 + {}^6C_3(x^3)(1)^3 + {}^6C_4(x^2)(1)^4 + {}^6C_5(x)(1)^5 + {}^6C_6(1)^6 + {}^6C_0(x^6) - {}^6C_1(x^5)(1) + {}^6C_2(x^4)(1)^2 - {}^6C_3(x^3)(1)^3 + {}^6C_4(x^2)(1)^4 - {}^6C_5(x)(1)^5 + {}^6C_6(1)^6 \\ &= 2 \times [{}^6C_0(x^6) + {}^6C_2(x^4)(1)^2 + {}^6C_4(x^2)(1)^4 + {}^6C_6(1)^6] \\ &= 2 \times \left[\left(\frac{6!}{0!6-0!} \times x^6 \right) + \left(\frac{6!}{2!6-2!} \frac{6!}{2!6-2!} \times x^4 \times 1 \right) + \left(\frac{6!}{4!6-4!} \times x^2 \times 1 \right) + \left(\frac{6!}{6!6-6!} \times 1 \right) \right] \\ &= 2 \times \left[(1 \times x^6) + \left(\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{2 \times 1 \times 4!} \times x^4 \right) + \left(\frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 2!} \times x^2 \right) + (1 \times 1) \right] \\ &= 2[x^6 + 15x^4 + 15x^2 + 1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence putting $x = \sqrt{2}$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6 \\
 &= 2 \times [\sqrt{2}^6 + 15 \sqrt{2}^4 + 15 \sqrt{2}^2 + 1] \\
 &= 2 \times [2^3 + (15 \times 2^2) + (15 \times 2) + 1] \\
 &= 2 \times [8 + 60 + 30 + 1] \\
 &= 2 \times 99 \\
 &= 198
 \end{aligned}$$

Q13. Show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64, whenever n is a positive integer.

A.13. For a number x to be divisible by y , we can write x as a factor of y i.e., $x = ky$ where k is some natural number. Thus in order for $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ to be divisible by 64 we need to show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k$ where k is some natural number.

We have, by binomial theorem

$$(1 + a)^m = {}^mC_0 + {}^mC_1(a) + {}^mC_2(a)^2 + {}^mC_3(a)^3 + \dots + {}^mC_m(a)^m$$

Putting, $a = 8$ and $m = n + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 + 8)^{n+1} &= {}^{n+1}C_0 + {}^{n+1}C_1.8 + {}^{n+1}C_2.8^2 + {}^{n+1}C_3.8^3 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}.(8)^{n+1} \\
 \Rightarrow 9^{n+1} &= 1 + (n + 1)8 + 8^2 \times [{}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3.8 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}.(8)^{n+1-2}] \quad [\text{since, } {}^{n+1}C_0 = 1, {}^{n+1}C_1 = n + 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9^{n+1} = 1 + 8n + 8 + 64 \times [{}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3.8 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}.(8)^{n+1-2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64 \times [{}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3.8 + \dots + 8^{n-1}] \quad [\text{since, } {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} = 1]$$

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

where $k = {}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3.8 + \dots + 8^{n-1}$ is a natural number.

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

Q14. Prove that $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r \cdot {}^nC_r = 4^n$.

A.14. To prove, $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r \cdot {}^nC_r = 4^n$

By binomial theorem,

$$(a + b)^n = {}^nC_0(a)^n(b)^0 + {}^nC_1(a)^{n-1}(b)^1 + \dots + {}^nC_r(a)^{n-r}(b)^r + \dots + {}^nC_n(a)^{n-n}(b)^n$$

Where, $b^0 = 1 = a^{n-n}$

$$\text{So, } (a + b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r(a)^{n-r}(b)^r$$

Putting $a = 1$ and $b = 3$ such that $a + b = 4$, we can rewrite the above equation as

$$(1 + 3)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r(1)^{n-r}.3^r$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^n = \sum_{r=0}^n 3^r \cdot {}^nC_r$$

Hence proved.