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**MM101 Introduction to Calculus**

**Exercise solutions: Chapter 7**

1. (i)  $\sum_{j=1}^{20} j$ .      (ii)  $\sum_{j=1}^{15} 2j$ .      (iii)  $\sum_{j=1}^{10} j^3$ .      (iv)  $\sum_{j=15}^{25} j$ .

2. (i)  $1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4 + 4^4 + 5^4 = 979$ .  
(ii)  $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 + 9^2 = 165$ .  
(iii)  $2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + 8^2 + \dots + (2n)^2$ .  
(iv)  $3^2 + 6^2 + 9^2 + 12^2 = 270$ .  
(v)  $x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + 5x^5 + 6x^6$ .  
(vi)  $1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$ .

3. (a) Putting  $n = 20$  into the formula  $n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$  produces 2870.

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + 8^2 + \dots + (2n)^2 &= 2^2[1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2] \\ &= 4 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 \\ &= \frac{4n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ &= \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Expanding the left-hand side gives

$$[2^4 - 1^4] + [3^4 - 2^4] + [4^4 - 3^4] + \dots + [n^4 - (n-1)^4] + [(n+1)^4 - n^4]$$

which, on cancelling like terms, becomes  $(n+1)^4 - 1^4$ . Hence we have

$$(n+1)^4 - 1 = \sum_{j=1}^n (4j^3 + 6j^2 + 4j + 1) = 4 \sum_{j=1}^n j^3 + 6 \sum_{j=1}^n j^2 + 4 \sum_{j=1}^n j + \sum_{j=1}^n 1.$$

Using our previously proved results for the sum of the first  $n$  integers and first  $n$  squares, we have

$$n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 1 - 1 = 4 \sum_{j=1}^n j^3 + 6 \left( \frac{n}{6}(n+1)(2n+1) \right) + 4 \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) + n.$$

Rearranging gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 \sum_{j=1}^n j^3 &= n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n - n(n+1)(2n+1) - 2n(n+1) - n \\
 &= n^4 + 2n^3 + n^2 \\
 &= n^2(n+1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

so our final result is

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

as required.

5. (a) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{r=1}^n (2r^3 + (r+1)^2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (2r^3 + r^2 + 2r + 1) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 + \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r + \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\
 &= 2 \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n.
 \end{aligned}$$

This can be simplified, e.g. to

$$\frac{n(3n^3 + 8n^2 + 12n + 13)}{6}.$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{r=1}^n (3r^3 + 2r^2 + 3r + 5) &= 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r + 5 \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\
 &= 3 \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} + 2 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 3 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 5n.
 \end{aligned}$$

This can be simplified, e.g. to

$$\frac{n(9n^3 + 26n^2 + 39n + 82)}{12}.$$

6. We have

$$\left| \frac{n-1}{n} - 1 \right| = \left| 1 - \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right| = \left| -\frac{1}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n}$$

so if we choose an integer  $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$  ( $\epsilon > 0$ ) then

$$\left| \frac{n-1}{n} - 1 \right| < \epsilon$$

for all  $n \geq N$  and, using Definition 7.5,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{n} = 1.$$

7. (a)

$$\frac{1-2n}{1+2n} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} - 2}{\frac{1}{n} + 2}$$

so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-2n}{1+2n} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} - 2 \right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} + 2 \right)} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ . So  $\{u_n\}$  converges and has limit -1.

(b)

$$\frac{3+4n^4}{n^4+3n^3} = \frac{\frac{3}{n^4} + 4}{1 + \frac{3}{n}}$$

so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3+4n^4}{n^4+3n^3} = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3}{n^4} + 4 \right)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{n} \right)} = \frac{4}{1} = 4$$

as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n^4} = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n} = 0$ . So  $\{u_n\}$  converges and has limit 4.

(c)

$$\frac{n^2-2n+1}{n-1} = \frac{1 - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2}}$$

so  $\{u_n\}$  is divergent as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$ .

8. This is a geometric progression with first term  $a = 2/3$  and common ratio  $r = 2/3$ . Since  $|r| < 1$ , the infinite series converges and has the sum

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{2/3}{1/3} = 2.$$

9. Let

$$S_n = 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 3^2 + 3 \times 3^3 + 4 \times 3^4 + \cdots + n \times 3^n, \quad (\text{A}).$$

Then

$$3S_n = 1 \times 3^2 + 2 \times 3^3 + 3 \times 3^4 + \cdots + (n-1) \times 3^n + n \times 3^{n+1}, \quad (\text{B}).$$

Subtracting, (A) - (B) gives

$$-2S_n = (1 \times 3 + 1 \times 3^2 + 1 \times 3^3 + 1 \times 3^4 + \cdots + 1 \times 3^n) - n \times 3^{n+1},$$

The term in brackets on the RHS is sum of a geometric progression. Using the formula we get

$$-2S_n = 3 \frac{1 - 3^n}{1 - 3} - n3^{n+1}.$$

This simplifies to, e.g.,

$$S_n = 3^{n+1} \frac{2n - 1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}.$$

For the general case, let

$$S_n = ar + a2r^2 + a3r^3 + a4r^4 + \cdots + anr^n. \quad (C).$$

Then

$$rS_n = ar^2 + a2r^3 + a3r^4 + \cdots + a(n-1)r^n + anr^{n+1}, \quad (D).$$

Subtracting, (C) - (D) gives

$$(1 - r)S_n = (ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ar^4 + \cdots + ar^n) - anr^{n+1}.$$

The term in brackets on the RHS is sum of a geometric progression. Using the formula we get

$$(1 - r)S_n = ar \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} - anr^{n+1}.$$

This simplifies to, e.g.,

$$S_n = ar \frac{1 - (1 + n)r^n + nr^{n+1}}{(1 - r)^2}.$$

## Exercise solutions: Chapter 8

1.  $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 20 \times 6 = 120$

$$6! = 6 \times 5! = 720$$

$$7! = 7 \times 6! = 5040$$

$$8! = 8 \times 7! = 40320$$

$$9! = 9 \times 8! = 362880$$

$$10! = 10 \times 9! = 3628800$$

2.  $20! = 2432902008176640000,$

$$30! = 2652528598121910586363084800000000,$$

$$40! = 8159152832478977343456112695961158942720000000000.$$

3. (a)  $5! + 4! = (5 + 1)4! = 6 \times 4!$

(b)  $100! - 98! = (9900 - 1)98! = 9899 \times 98!$

(c)  $(n + 1)! - n! = ((n + 1) - 1)n! = n \times n!$

4. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{15! - 13!}{11!2!} &= \frac{15.14.13.12.(11!) - 13.12.(11!)}{11!2!} \\ &= \frac{13.12[15.14 - 1]}{2!} \\ &= 13.6.(15.14 - 1) = 16302 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{12! + 11!}{8!3!} &= \frac{12.11.10.9.(8!) + 11.10.9.(8!)}{8!3!} \\ &= \frac{(11.10.9).(12 + 1)}{3!} \\ &= 11.5.3.(12 + 1) = 13.11.5.3 = 2145 \end{aligned}$$

5.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n!} + \frac{3}{(n-1)!} + \frac{1}{(n-2)!} &= \frac{1 + 3n + n(n-1)}{n!} \\ &= \frac{1 + 2n + n^2}{n!} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

6. (a)

$$\binom{7}{2} = \frac{7!}{5!2!} = \frac{7.6}{2} = 21.$$

(b)

$$\binom{6}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{6}{1} = 6, \quad \binom{6}{2} = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2} = 15$$

$$\binom{6}{3} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 20, \quad \binom{6}{4} = 15, \quad \binom{6}{5} = 6, \quad \binom{6}{6} = 1.$$

7. We have

$$\binom{14}{r} = \binom{14}{14-r},$$

and

$$\binom{14}{14-r} = \binom{14}{r-4}$$

so  $14 - r = r - 4$ , giving  $r = 9$ .

8. (a)  $a^7 + 7a^6b + 21a^5b^2 + 35a^4b^3 + 35a^3b^4 + 21a^2b^5 + 7ab^6 + b^7.$

(b)  $a^8 + 8a^7b + 28a^6b^2 + 56a^5b^3 + 70a^4b^4 + 56a^3b^5 + 28a^2b^6 + 8ab^7 + b^8,$

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

(ii)  $(2x + y)^5 = (2x)^5 + 5(2x)^4y + 10(2x)^3y^2 + 10(2x)^2y^3 + 5(2x)y^4 + y^5$   
 $= 32x^5 + 80x^4y + 80x^3y^2 + 40x^2y^3 + 10xy^4 + y^5.$

(iii)  $(2p + 3q)^4 = (2p)^4 + 4(2p)^3(3q) + 6(2p)^2(3q)^2 + 4(2p)(3q)^3 + (3q)^4$   
 $= 16p^4 + 96p^3q + 216p^2q^2 + 216pq^3 + 81q^4.$

(iv)  $(x - 2y)^6 = x^6 + 6x^5(-2y) + 15x^4(-2y)^2 + 20x^3(-2y)^3$   
 $+ 15x^2(-2y)^4 + 6x(-2y)^5 + (-2y)^6$   
 $= x^6 - 12x^5y + 60x^4y^2 - 160x^3y^3 + 240x^2y^4 - 192xy^5 + 64y^6.$

(v)  $(4r - 3s)^5 = ((4r)^5 + 5(4r)^4(-3s) + 10(4r)^3(-3s)^2 + 10(4r)^2(-3s)^3$   
 $+ 5(4r)(-3s)^4 + (-3s)^5$   
 $= 1024r^5 - 3840r^4s + 5760r^3s^2 - 4320r^2s^3 + 1620rs^4 - 243s^5.$

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

(vii)  $\left(2y^2 - \frac{1}{3y}\right)^4 = (2y^2)^4\left(-\frac{1}{3y}\right) + 6(2y^2)^3\left(-\frac{1}{3y}\right)^2 + 4(2y^2)^2\left(-\frac{1}{3y}\right)^3 + \left(-\frac{1}{3y}\right)^4$   
 $= 16y^8 - \frac{32y^5}{3} + \frac{8y^2}{3} - \frac{8}{27y} + \frac{1}{81y^4}.$

10. (i) General term is

$$\binom{9}{r} (1)^{9-r} (2x)^r = \binom{9}{r} 2^r x^r.$$

For term in  $x^5$ , set  $r = 5$  to get

$$\binom{9}{5} 2^5 = \frac{9!}{5!4!} 2^5 = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} 2^5 = 3 \times 7 \times 6 \times 2^5 = 4032.$$

(ii) General term is

$$\binom{7}{r} x^{7-r} \left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^r = \binom{7}{r} 3^r x^{7-2r}.$$

For term in  $x^3$ , set  $7 - 2r = 3 \Rightarrow 2r = 4 \Rightarrow r = 2$  to get

$$\binom{7}{2} 3^2 = \frac{7!}{5!2!} 3^2 = \frac{7 \times 6}{2} \times 9 = 189.$$

(iii) General term is

$$\binom{12}{r} (3x)^{12-r} \left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^r = \binom{12}{r} 3^{12-r} (-2)^r x^{12-3r}.$$

For constant term, set  $12 - 3r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 4$  to get

$$\binom{12}{4} 3^8 (-2)^4 = \frac{12!}{4!8!} 3^8 \times 2^4 = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} 3^8 \times 2^4 = 11 \times 9 \times 5 \times 3^8 \times 2^4 = 51963120.$$

11. (i) First four terms are

$$1^9 + \binom{9}{1} 1^8 (2x) + \binom{9}{2} 1^7 (2x)^2 + \binom{9}{3} 1^6 (2x)^3 = 1 + 18x + 144x^2 + 672x^3.$$

(ii) First three terms are

$$1^7 + \binom{7}{1} 1^6 \left(\frac{3}{x^2}\right) + \binom{7}{2} 1^5 \left(\frac{3}{x^2}\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{21}{x^2} + \frac{189}{x^4}.$$

(iii) First four terms are

$$1^8 + \binom{8}{1} 1^7 \left(-\frac{x^2}{3}\right) + \binom{8}{2} 1^6 \left(-\frac{x^2}{3}\right)^2 + \binom{8}{3} 1^5 \left(-\frac{x^2}{3}\right)^3 = 1 - \frac{8}{3}x^2 + \frac{28}{9}x^4 - \frac{56}{27}x^6.$$

12.

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r} &= \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-(r-1))!} + \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!(r-1)!} \left[ \frac{1}{n-r+1} + \frac{1}{r} \right] \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!(r-1)!} \left[ \frac{r+n-r+1}{r(n-r+1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!(r-1)!} \left[ \frac{n+1}{r(n-r+1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{(n+1)!}{r!(n-r+1)!} = \binom{n+1}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

13. (a) Binomial expansion is  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^{n-r} y^r$ .

(i) Choose  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ . Expansion gives  $2^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}$ .

(ii) Choose  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$ . Expansion gives  $0 = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r}$ .

(b) Step 1: check the case  $n = 1$ .

$$\text{LHS} = \binom{1}{0} + \binom{1}{1} = 2, \quad \text{RHS} = 2^n = 2$$

Step 2: Assume result is true for  $n$ , i.e.  $\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} = 2^n$ .

Now try to prove result for  $n + 1$ , i.e.  $\sum_{r=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{r} = 2^{n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{r=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{r} = \binom{n+1}{0} + \binom{n+1}{n+1} + \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n+1}{r} \\ &= 2 + \sum_{r=1}^n \left\{ \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r} \right\} \quad \text{from exercise 12} \\ &= 2 + \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n}{r-1} + \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n}{r} \\ &= \left\{ \binom{n}{n} + \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{s} \right\} + \left\{ \binom{n}{0} + \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n}{r} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} + \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \\ &= 2 \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} = 2 \times 2^n = 2^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

so given result holds for  $n + 1$ .

Hence by the principle of mathematical induction the result holds for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

14. (a) General term is

$$\binom{7}{r} (3x)^{7-r} (-2)^r = \binom{7}{r} 3^{7-r} (-2)^r x^{7-r}.$$

We require the coefficient of  $x^5$ , so  $7 - r = 5 \Rightarrow r = 2$ . The coefficient of  $x^5$  is

$$\binom{7}{2} 3^5 (-2)^2 = 21 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 4 = 20412.$$

(b) General term is

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



We require the coefficient of  $x^3$ , so  $18 - 3r = 3$ , giving  $r = 5$ . The coefficient of  $x^3$  is

$$\binom{9}{5} 2^4 (-1)^5 = \frac{9!}{5!4!} 2^4 (-1) = -\frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} 2^4 = -2016.$$

15.

$$\left(x - \frac{3}{x}\right)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k \left(\frac{-3}{x}\right)^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{2k-n} (-3)^{n-k}.$$

So term involving  $x^r$  arises when  $2k - n = r$ , that is,  $k = (r + n)/2$ , giving

$$\binom{n}{(r+n)/2} x^r (-3)^{(n-r)/2}.$$

(Note:  $x^r$  term only arises when  $r + n$  is even.)

16. General term is

$$\binom{38}{r} (x^2)^{38-r} \left(-\frac{1}{2x}\right)^r = \binom{38}{r} \left(-\frac{1}{2x}\right)^r x^{76-3r}.$$

For term in  $x^{-17}$ , we require  $76 - 3r = -17 \Rightarrow 3r = 93 \Rightarrow r = 31$  which gives

$$\binom{38}{31} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{31} = -\frac{38 \times 37 \times 36 \times 35 \times 34 \times 33 \times 32}{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \frac{1}{2^{31}} = \frac{394383}{67108864}.$$