

P3 30% of A Levels
75 MARKS
1h 50min
11 Questions

DIFFICULTY ↑.

Binomial
Partial
Polynomials
Logs
Trig
DIFF
integ
Diff eq

P3 BINOMIAL

n is integer > 1 , $\{n=2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

P1 BINOMIAL

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

P3 BINOMIAL

must be 1

when n is negative or fraction/decimal

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

CONDITION

$$-1 < x < 1$$

FACTORIAL:

$$3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$x!$

$$7! = 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$1! = 1, 0! = 1$$

Q: Expand first four terms in expansion of

(i) $(1 + 2x)^{-1}$

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

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

$$(-1)(-1-1)(2)^2 \div 2! = 4$$

$$(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)(2)^3 \div 3! = -8$$

$$= 1 - 2x + 4x^2 - 8x^3$$

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

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

$$1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(-2x) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\frac{(-2x)^2}{2!} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)\frac{(-2x)^3}{3!}$$

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

$$(1 \div 2)(1 \div 2 - 1)(1 \div 2 - 2)(-2)^3 \div 3! = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 - x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3$$

3 $\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}x\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

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

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

$$\frac{(2)(3)(2)(2)(3)}{2!}$$

$$(3 \div 2)(3 \div 2 - 1)(-2 \div 3)^2 \div 2! = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= 1 - x + \frac{1}{6}x^2$$

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

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IF THIS IS NOT 1....

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

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

Correct form: (constant + variable)ⁿ

~~$$2\left(1 + \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-1}$$~~

→ MOST IMPORTANT BLUNDER
TO REMEMBER.

$$\left[2\left(1 + \frac{3x}{2}\right)\right]^{-1}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2}\left[1 + (-1)\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!}\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^2\right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{4}x^2\right)$$

2 $(x+2)^{-2}$ Expand first three terms.

$$(2+x)^{-2}$$
$$\left[2 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} \right) \right]^{-2}$$
$$2^{-2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left[1 + (-2) \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left[1 - x + \frac{3}{4} x^2 \right]$$

Q: $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{4}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x+1}$

Show that if expanded upto x^3 term,

$$f(x) = -3 + 2x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{11}{4}x^3 \quad (5 \text{ mark})$$

Solution

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{4}{x-2} - \frac{2}{x+1}$$

$$\underbrace{-1}_{W1} (x-1)^{-1} + \underbrace{4}_{W2} (x-2)^{-1} - \underbrace{2}_{W3} (x+1)^{-1}$$

$$-1 \left[-1(1+x+x^2+x^3) \right] + \cancel{4} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} \right) \right] - 2 \left[1 - x + x^2 - x^3 \right]$$

$$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 - 2 - x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{4} - 2 + 2x - 2x^2 + 2x^3$$

$$-3 + 2x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{11}{4}x^3$$

$$(w1) (x-1)^{-1}$$

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

$$[-1(1-x)]^{-1}$$

$$(-1)^{-1}(1-x)^{-1}$$

$$(-1)(-1-1)(-1)^2 \div 2! = 1$$

$$(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)(-1)^3 \div 3! = 1$$

$$-1 \left[1 + (-1)(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)(-x)^3}{3!} \right]$$

$$\boxed{-1(1+x+x^2+x^3)} \rightarrow (w1)$$

$$(w2) (x-2)^{-1}$$

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

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

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

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left[1 + (-1) \left(-\frac{x}{2} \right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1) \left(-\frac{x}{2} \right)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2) \left(-\frac{x}{2} \right)^3}{3!} \right]$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} \right)} \rightarrow (w2)$$

$$(w3) (x+1)^{-1}$$

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

$$1 + (-1)(x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)(x)^3}{3!}$$

$$\boxed{1 - x + x^2 - x^3} \rightarrow (w3)$$

29 Show that, for small values of x^2 ,

$$(1 - 2x^2)^{-2} - (1 + 6x^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} \approx kx^4,$$

where the value of the constant k is to be determined.

[6]

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$$(w1) \quad (1 - 2x^2)^{-2} = 1 + (-2)(-2x^2) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2x^2)^2}{2!}$$

$$= 1 + 4x^2 + 12x^4$$

$$(w2) \quad (1 + 6x^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(6x^2) + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3} - 1\right) \frac{(6x^2)^2}{2!}$$

$$= 1 + 4x^2 - 4x^4$$

$$(1 - 2x^2)^{-2} - (1 + 6x^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} \approx kx^4$$

$$[1 + 4x^2 + 12x^4] - [1 + 4x^2 - 4x^4]$$

$$\cancel{1} + \cancel{4x^2} + 12x^4 - \cancel{1} - \cancel{4x^2} + 4x^4$$

$$16x^4 \approx kx^4$$

$$\boxed{k = 16}$$

6 (i) Simplify $(\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x})(\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x})$, showing your working, and deduce that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{2x}. \quad [2]$$

(ii) Using this result, or otherwise, obtain the expansion of

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}}$$

in ascending powers of x , up to and including the term in x^2 .

[4]

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$$\text{Simplify} = (\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x})(\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x})$$

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

$$(1+x) - (1-x)$$

$$1+x-1+x$$

$$2x$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{2x}$$

Cross multiply

$$2x = (\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x})(\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x})$$

from first part this is $2x$

$$2x = 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{2x}$$

we can't apply Binomial on this. Let's expand RHS.

$$(w1) \quad \sqrt{1+x} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

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

$$= 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16}$$

$$(w2) \quad \sqrt{1-x} = (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$= 1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{16}$$

$$\frac{\overset{w1}{\uparrow} \sqrt{1+x} - \overset{w2}{\uparrow} \sqrt{1-x}}{2x} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{16}\right)}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{1} + \frac{x}{2} - \cancel{\frac{x^2}{8}} + \frac{x^3}{16} - \cancel{1} + \frac{x}{2} + \cancel{\frac{x^2}{8}} + \frac{x^3}{16}}{2x}$$

$$\frac{x + \frac{x^3}{8}}{2x}$$

$$2x$$

$$\frac{x}{2x} + \frac{\frac{x^3}{8}}{2x}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{16}}$$