

Evaluate this expression

$$7 \times (3^2 - 5) - 7 + 3$$

Many people don't believe
the answer is 4!

Factorial notation

The product of the first n positive integers is denoted by $n!$ and is called **n factorial**:

$$n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \dots (n-2) \times (n-1) \times n$$

We also define $0! = 1$.

$$n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \dots \underline{\quad \quad \quad} \quad 1$$

$$10! = 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times \underline{\quad \quad \quad} \quad 1$$

$$= 10 \times 9! = 10 \times 9 \times 8!$$

$$4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$$

example 61

Simplify the following expressions

$$2! + 3! = 2 + 3 \times 2 = 8$$

$$\frac{9!}{7!} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times \cancel{7!}}{\cancel{7!}} = 72$$

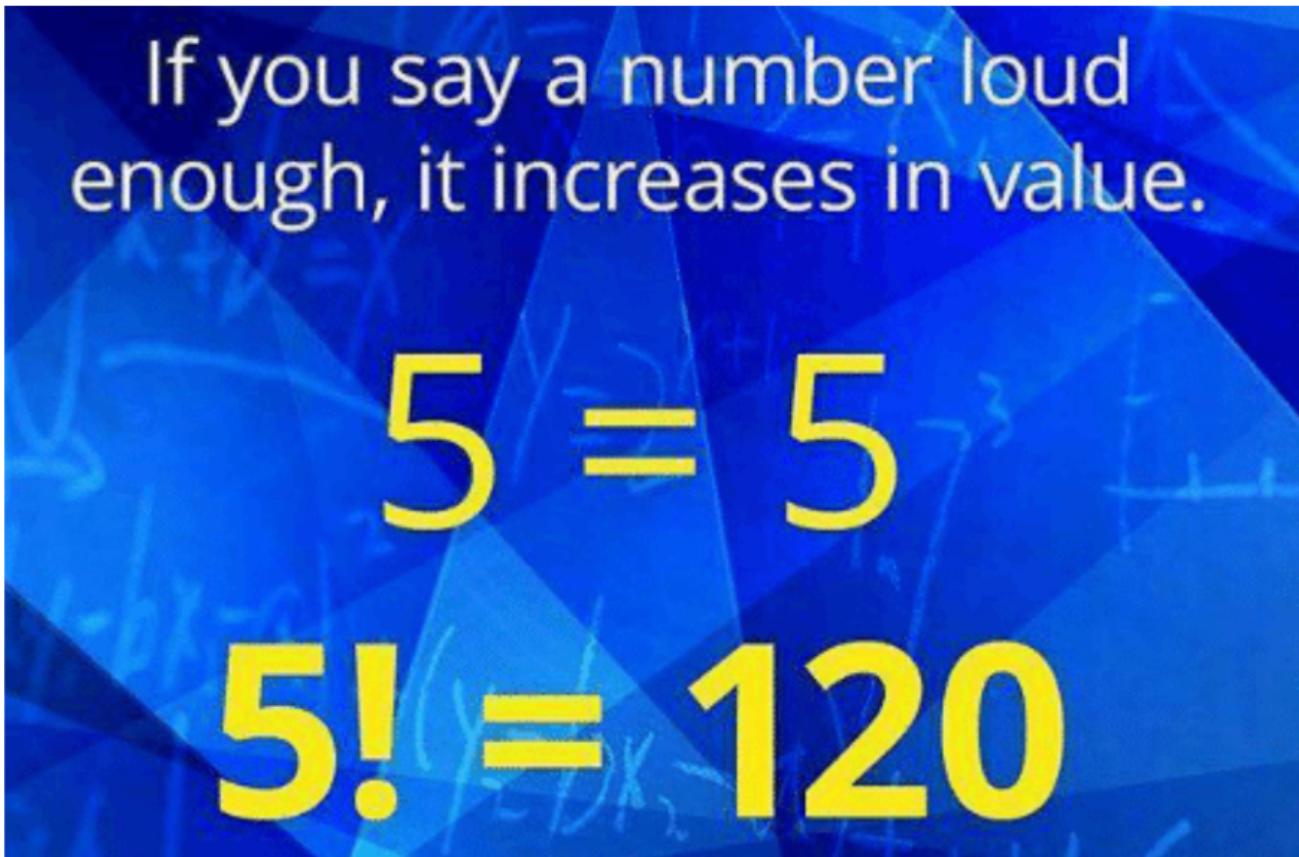
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{10! + 9!}{9!} &= \frac{10!}{9!} + \frac{9!}{\cancel{9!}} \\ &= \frac{10 \times \cancel{9!}}{\cancel{9!}} + 1 = 11\end{aligned}$$

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

example 62

Write $10 \times 11 \times 12$ as a ratio of two factorials.

$$\frac{12!}{9!} = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times \cancel{9!}}{\cancel{9!}}$$



If you say a number loud enough, it increases in value.

$$5 = 5$$

$$5! = 120$$

Solve the following equations

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$$\frac{(n+2)!}{(n+1)!} = 15$$

$$\frac{(n+2)(n+1)!}{(n+1)!} = 15 \quad n=13$$

example
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$$\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!} = 20$$



$$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

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$$\frac{(n+1) \cdot n \cdot (n-1)!}{(n-1)!} = 20$$

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$$\frac{(n+2)!}{n! + (n+1)!} = 8$$

$$n^2 + n - 20 = 0$$

$$(n+5)(n-4) = 0$$

$$n=4 \quad n=-5$$

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

$$= \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n!}{n!(1+n+1)} = 8 \quad n=7$$

example
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Solve $\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-2)!} = 990$.

[6 marks]

$$\frac{(n+1) \times n \times (n-1) \times (\cancel{n-2})!}{(\cancel{n-2})!} = 990$$

99×10
 $9 \times 10 \times 11$

$n=10$

The screenshot shows a calculator interface with two entries in the history:

- polyRoots($x^3 - x - 990, x$) {10}
- nSolve $\left(\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-2)!} = 990, n\right)$ "Error: Domain error"

Below these, there are two additional attempts with "Error: Domain error":

- nSolve $\left(\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-2)!} = 990, n, 1, 15\right)$ "Error: Domain error"

example



Solve $\frac{n!}{(n-2)!} = 20$ where n is a positive integer.

[5 marks]

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example



Solve $n! - (n-1)! = 16(n-2)!$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

[6 marks]

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Instructions: Insert an exclamation point where needed.

I want to kiss you 6 times I want to kiss you 6 times!

I want to kiss you 6! times

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example

Determine the number of zeros at the end of the number $50!$

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Counting arrangements

The word 'ARTS' and the word 'STAR' both contain the same letters, but arranged in a different order. They are both arrangements (also known as **permutations**) of the letters R, A, T and S. We can count the number of different permutations.

There are four possibilities for the first letter, then for each choice of the first letter there are three options for the second letter (because one of the letters has already been used). This leaves two options for the third letter and then the final letter is fixed. Using the 'AND rule' the number of possible permutations is $4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$.

The number of permutations of n different objects is equal to the product of all positive integers less than or equal to n . This **expression** is abbreviated to $n!$ (pronounced ' n factorial').

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example 67

A test has 12 questions.

How many different arrangements of the questions are possible?

12!

Counting selections

Suppose that three pupils are to be selected from a class of 11 to attend a meeting with the Head Teacher. How many different groups of three can be chosen?

In this example we need to *choose* three pupils out of 11, but they are not to be arranged in any specified order. The order is not important; the selection of Ali, Bill and then Cathy is the same as the selection of Bill, Cathy and then Ali. This sort of selection is called a **combination**. In general, the formula for

the number of ways of choosing r objects out of n is given the symbol $\binom{n}{r}$, or nC_r (pronounced ' n C r ' or ' n choose r ').

The number of ways of choosing r objects out of n is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

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$$\binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{2! 3!}$$

$$= \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3!}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3!} = 10$$

Both Groups

example 68

Find the value of a) $\binom{7}{3}$ b) $\binom{7}{4}$

$$= \frac{7!}{3! \cdot 4!}$$

$$= 35$$

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$$= 35$$

c) $\binom{7}{0}$

d) $\binom{7}{7}$

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$$

$$= 1$$

$$= \frac{7!}{7! \cdot 0!} = 1$$

$$\binom{7}{1} = \binom{7}{6}$$

$$\binom{7}{2} = \binom{7}{5}$$

example 69

Calculate the following:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \binom{6}{0}, & \binom{6}{1}, & \textcircled{\binom{6}{2}}, \quad \binom{6}{3}, \quad \binom{6}{4}, \quad \binom{6}{5}, \quad \binom{6}{6} \\ = 1 & = 6 & = 15 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \downarrow \\ = 20 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{lll} = 15 & = 6 & = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\binom{6}{2} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4!}{2! \cdot 4!} = \frac{36 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 1} = 15$$

The number of ways of choosing r objects out of n is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

example Evaluate:

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(a) (i) $\binom{7}{2}$

(ii) $\binom{12}{5}$

(b) (i) $3 \times \binom{6}{3}$

(ii) $10 \times \binom{6}{5}$

(c) (i) $\binom{5}{0} \times \binom{9}{5}$

(ii) $\binom{10}{8} \times \binom{3}{1}$

(d) (i) $\binom{5}{2} + \binom{9}{5}$

(ii) $\binom{6}{0} + \binom{7}{3}$

The number of ways of choosing r objects out of n is

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

example

Solve:

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a) (i)} \quad \binom{n}{2} = 91 & \text{(ii)} \quad \binom{n}{2} = 351 \\ \text{(b) (i)} \quad \binom{n}{3} = 1330 & \text{(ii)} \quad \binom{n}{3} = 680 \end{array}$$

Binomial expansion

In this chapter you will learn:

- how to expand an expression of the form $(a + b)^n$ for positive integer n
- how to find individual terms in the expansion of $(a + b)^n$ for positive integer n
- how to use partial expansions of $(a + bx)^n$ to find approximate values.

Introductory problem

Without using a calculator, find the value of $(1.002)^{10}$ correct to 8 decimal places.

A **binomial** expression is one which contains two terms, for example, $a + b$.

Expanding a power of such a binomial expression could be performed by expanding brackets; for example $(a + b)^7$ could be found by calculating, at length,

$$(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b).$$

This is time-consuming, but happily there is a much faster approach.

Let us look at some special cases of the expansion of $(x + y)^n$:

$$(x + y)^0 = 1$$

$$(x + y)^1 = x + y$$

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x + y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

$$(x + y)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4$$

$$(x + y)^5 = x^5 + 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4 + y^5$$

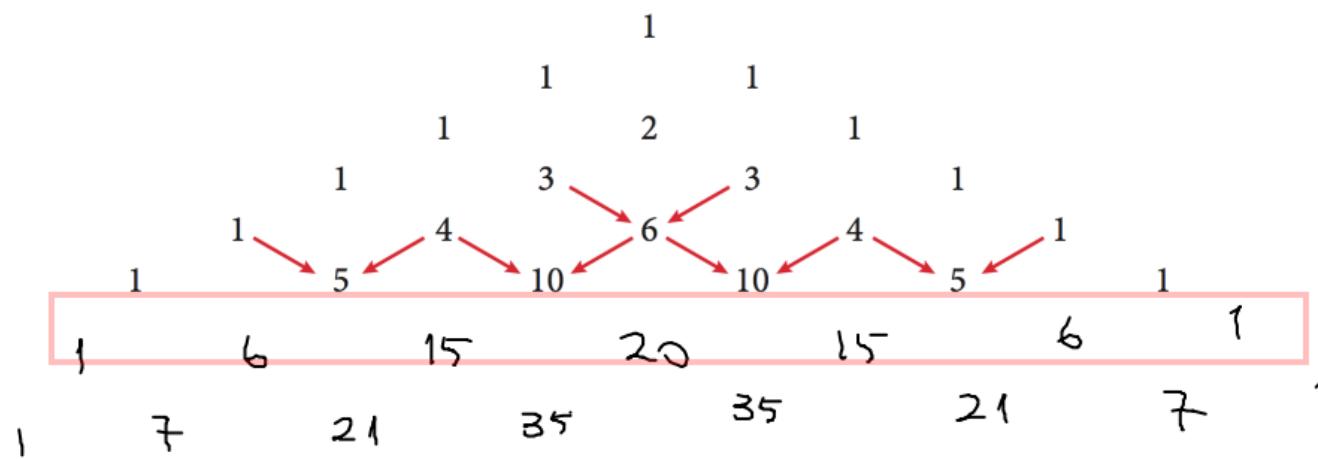
$$(x + y)^6 = x^6 + 6x^5y + 15x^4y^2 + 20x^3y^3 + 15x^2y^4 + 6xy^5 + y^6$$

- There are $n + 1$ terms in the expansion of $(x + y)^n$.
- The degree of each term is n .
- The powers on x begin with n and decrease to 0.
- The powers on y begin with 0 and increase to n .
- The coefficients are symmetric.

example

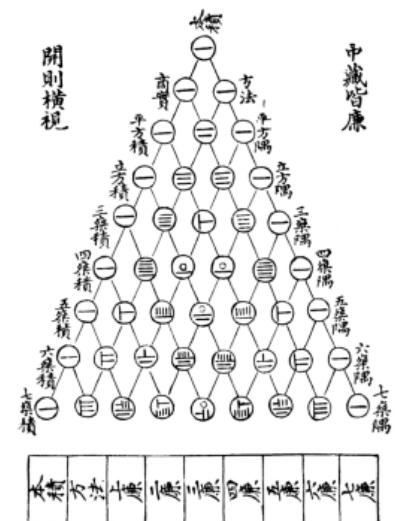
$$(x+y)^7$$

$$= \boxed{1}x^7 + \boxed{7}x^6y + \boxed{21}x^5y^2 + \boxed{35}x^4y^3 + \boxed{35}x^3y^4 + \boxed{21}x^2y^5 + \boxed{7}xy^6 + \boxed{1}y^7$$



Pascal's triangle was known in China in the early 11th century through the work of the Chinese mathematician [Jia Xian](#) (1010–1070). In the 13th century, [Yang Hui](#) (1238–1298) presented the triangle and hence it is still called **Yang Hui's triangle** (杨辉三角; 楊輝三角) in China.^[12]

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Pascal's triangle

Every entry in a row is the sum of the term directly above it and the entry diagonally above and to the left of it. When there is no entry, the value is considered zero.

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example Use Pascal's triangle to expand $(2k - 3)^5$.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 10 \quad 10 \quad 5 \quad 1 \\ & = 1(2k)^5(-3)^0 + 5(2k)^4(-3)^1 + 10(2k)^3(-3)^2 + 10(2k)^2(-3)^3 + 5(2k)^1(-3)^4 + 1(2k)^0(-3)^5 \\ & = 32k^5 - 240k^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2k - 3)^5 &= \binom{5}{0}(2k)^5 + \binom{5}{1}(2k)^4(-3) + \binom{5}{2}(2k)^3(-3)^2 + \binom{5}{3}(2k)^2(-3)^3 \\ &\quad + \binom{5}{4}(2k)(-3)^4 + \binom{5}{5}(-3)^5 \\ &= 32k^5 - 240k^4 + 720k^3 - 1080k^2 + 810k - 243 \end{aligned}$$

$(x + y)^0$	1							row 0
$(x + y)^1$	1	1						row 1
$(x + y)^2$	1	2	1					row 2
$(x + y)^3$	1	3	3	1				row 3
$(x + y)^4$	1	4	6	4	1			row 4
$(x + y)^5$	1	5	10	10	5	1		row 5
$(x + y)^6$	1	6	15	20	15	6	1	row 6
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
column	column	column	column	column	column	column	column	

In $\binom{n}{r}$, n is the row number and r is the column number.

The binomial coefficient

With n and r as non-negative integers such that $n \geq r$, the binomial coefficient $\binom{n}{r}$ is defined by

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Using the binomial theorem

We are now prepared to state the binomial theorem. The proof of the theorem is optional and will require mathematical induction.

$$(x+y)^n = \binom{n}{0} x^n + \binom{n}{1} x^{n-1}y + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2}y^2 + \binom{n}{3} x^{n-3}y^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} xy^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} y^n$$

In a compact form, we can use sigma notation to express the theorem as follows:

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^{n-r} y^r$$

Binomial theorem

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \dots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r}b^r + \dots + b^n$$

example 71 Find the coefficient of x^5y^3 in the expansion of $(x+y)^8$.

$$\binom{8}{3} \cdot x^5 y^3 = \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} x^5 y^3$$

$$= 56 x^5 y^3$$

$n=8$
 $r=3$

$\binom{8}{3}$ has a red arrow pointing to $8-3$. x^5 has a red arrow pointing to $8-3$. y^3 has a red arrow pointing to $8-3$.

example 72 Find the term containing a^3 in the expansion $(2a - 3b)^9$.

$$\binom{9}{6} \cdot (2a)^3 \cdot (-3b)^6$$

$$= \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot 2^3 \cdot 3^6 a^3 b^6 = 489888 a^3 b^6$$

$a^3 b^6$ has a blue arrow pointing to a^3 and a blue arrow pointing to b^6 . $r=6$ has a blue arrow pointing to b^6 .

$\binom{9}{6}$, $(2a)^3$, $(-3b)^6$, $\frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$, 2^3 , 3^6 , $a^3 b^6$, and 489888 are all in blue.

489888

example

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Find the term in $x^6 y^4$ in the expansion of $(x + 3y^2)^8$.

$$r=4$$

$$\binom{8}{4} \cdot x^4 \cdot (3y^2)^4$$

$$= \binom{8}{4} \cdot 3^4 x^4 y^8$$

$$r=2$$

$$\binom{8}{2} (x)^6 (3y^2)^2$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 1} \cdot 3^2 \cdot x^6 y^4$$

$$= 252 x^6 y^4$$

example 74

The expansion of $(1+x)^n$ up to the third term is given by $1+6x+ax^2$. Find the value of n and of a .

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{n}{0} 1^n x^0 + \binom{n}{1} 1^{n-1} x + \binom{n}{2} 1^{n-2} x^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + n \cdot x + \binom{6}{2} \cdot x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 1} = 15$$

example

75 Find the coefficient of x^2y^5 in the expansion of

$$(x-y)(x+y)^6.$$

$$(x-y)(x^6 + \binom{6}{1}x^5y + \binom{6}{2}x^4y^2 + \binom{6}{3}x^3y^3 + \binom{6}{4}x^2y^4 + \binom{6}{5}xy^5 + y^6)$$

$$\underline{x^2y^5}$$

$$x \cdot [x^2y^5] = \binom{6}{5} \cdot xy^5 \cdot x = 6x^2y^5$$

$$-y \cdot [x^2y^4] = \binom{6}{4} x^2y^4 \cdot (-y) = -15x^2y^5$$

$$\binom{6}{2} = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2} = 15$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ - 9x^2y^5 \end{array}$$

example 76

Find the coefficient of a^4b^3 in the expansion of $(a - 5b)(a + b)^6$.

$$a \cdot [a^3 b^3] = a \cdot \left(\frac{6}{3}\right) a^3 b^3$$

$$-5b \cdot [a^4 b^2] = -5b \cdot \left(\frac{6}{2}\right) a^4 b^2$$

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$$\frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} a^4 b^3 - 5 \times \cancel{\frac{6 \cdot 5}{2}} a^4 b^3$$

$$= -55 a^4 b^3$$

example 77

Use the Binomial theorem to expand and simplify $(5 - 3x)(2 - x)^4$.

Let's find x^3 term only

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5 \cdot [x^3 \text{ term}] & = & 5 \cdot \binom{4}{3} \cdot 2 \cdot (-x)^3 = -40x^3 \\ -3x [x^2 \text{ term}] & = & -3x \cdot \binom{4}{2} \cdot 2^2 \cdot (-x)^2 = -72x^3 \\ & & \hline & + & \\ & & 3 \times 6 \times 4 & & -112x^3 \end{array}$$

$$80 - 208x + 216x^2 - 112x^3 + 29x^4 - 3x^5$$

Exit Ticket



example 78

Find the coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of $\left(2x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^7$.

$$(2x^2)^7 - 7 \cdot (2x^2)^6 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \dots$$

focus on numbers only!

focus on variables only. $\left(2x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^7$

$$(x^2)^{7-r} (x^{-1})^r = x^5$$

$$x^{14-2r} \cdot x^{-r} = x^5$$

$$x^{14-3r} = x^5$$

$$14-3r=5$$

$$3r=9$$

$$r=3$$

$$\left(2x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^7$$

$$\binom{7}{3} \cdot 2^4 (-1)^3$$

$$= -\frac{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 5}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot 2 \times 8$$

$$= -560$$

example 79

constant term : x^0

Find the term independent of x in $\left(4x^3 - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^5$.

$$\cancel{x^6} \frac{1}{\cancel{x^6}}$$

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

$$(x^3)^{5-r} (x^{-2})^r = x^0$$

$$x^{15-3r} \cdot x^{-2r} = x^0$$

$$15-5r = 0$$

$$r=3 //$$

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

$$\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) 4^2 \cdot (-2)^3$$

$$= - \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1} \cdot 4^2 \cdot 2^3$$

$$= -1280$$

example
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Find the term independent of x in the binomial expansion of $\left(2x^2 + \frac{1}{2x^3}\right)^{10}$.

$$(x^2)^{10-r} \cdot (x^{-3})^r = x^0$$

$$x^{20-2r} \cdot x^{-3r} = x^0$$

$$20-5r=0$$

$$r=4$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{10}{4} \cdot 2^6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{2^6}{2^4} \\ &= 840 \end{aligned}$$

example

- 81 Find the coefficient of b^6 in the expansion of $\left(2b^2 - \frac{1}{b}\right)^{12}$.

$$(b^2)^{12-r} (b^{-1})^r = b^6$$

$$b^{24-2r-r} = b^6$$

$$24-3r=6$$

$$3r=18$$

$$r=6$$

$$\binom{12}{6} 2^6 \cdot (-1)^6$$

$$= 59136$$

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example

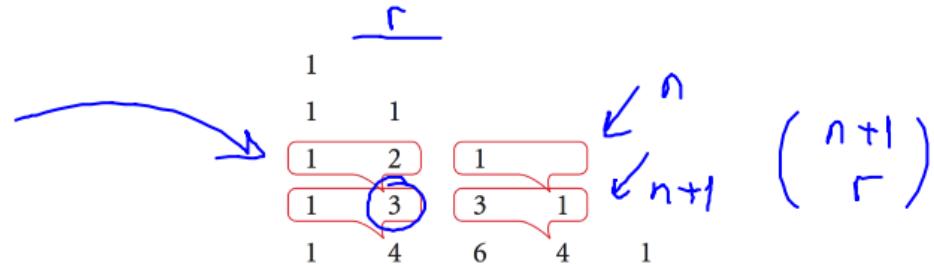
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Find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(1+3x-x^2)(2+x)^5$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{rcl} 1 & = & x^4 \\ 3x & = & x^3 \\ -x^2 & = & x^2 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} & 1 \cdot \binom{5}{4} \cdot 2^1 \cdot x^4 + 3x \cdot \binom{5}{3} \cdot 2^2 \cdot x^3 - x^2 \cdot \binom{5}{2} \cdot 2^3 \cdot x^2 \\ & = 10x^4 + 120x^4 - 80x^4 \\ & = 50x^4 \end{aligned}$$

example

$$\text{Calculate } \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r}.$$



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This is called Pascal's rule.

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

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If the value of x is much less than one, large powers of x will be extremely small.

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example

Find the first 3 terms in ascending powers of x of the expansion of $(2-x)^5$.

By setting $x = 0.01$, use your answer to find an approximate value of 1.99^5 .

$$\begin{aligned}(2-x)^5 &= 2^5 - \binom{5}{1} \cdot 2^4 \cdot x + \binom{5}{2} 2^3 x^2 + \dots && \xrightarrow{x=0.01} \\ &= 32 - 80x + 80x^2 \\ &= 32 - 80 \cdot \frac{1}{100} + 80 \cdot \frac{1}{10000} \\ &= 32 \\ &\quad - 0.008 \\ &= 31.208\end{aligned}$$

example What is the sum of the coefficients in the expansion of $(3x - 2y)^{20}$?

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Let's think simple:

$$(3x - 2y)^2 = 9x^2 - 12xy + 4y^2$$

$$(3 - 2)^2 = 9 - 12 + 4 = 1$$

$$(3 - 2)^{20} = 1$$

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example What is the sum of the coefficients in the expansion of $(2x^2 - x + 1)^4(3x - 2)^2$?

$$x=1$$

$$2^4 \cdot 1^2 = 16 //$$

example

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What's the coefficient of $x^3y^2z^3$ term in the expansion of
 $(x + y + z)^8$?

$$\left((x+y) + z \right)^8$$

≈ 3

$$\binom{8}{3} \cdot (x+y)^5 z^3$$



Find x^3y^2 term

example

Find the constant term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2} - \frac{y}{x}\right)^9$

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Let $\frac{x}{y} = t$

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