

1 On the properties of the expansion of the an irrational and rational

1.1 Introduction

This paper attempts to look into some of the properties of an expansion of the form $(a + \sqrt{b})^n$ and investigate some of the interesting applications.

First we will write an expansion say, $(a + \sqrt{b})^n$. The two variables a and b are subject to condition that,

$$a - \sqrt{b} \in (0, 1)$$

Using the normal binomial expansion we get,

$$(a + \sqrt{b})^n = \binom{n}{0}a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1} \cdot \sqrt{b} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}a \cdot \sqrt{b}^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}\sqrt{b}^n$$

Let us say this is equal to,

$$I + f \iff f \in (0, 1), I \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

Now, if we write the expansion as,

$$(a - \sqrt{b})^n = \binom{n}{0}a^n - \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1} \cdot \sqrt{b} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}a \cdot \sqrt{b}^{n-1} - \binom{n}{n}\sqrt{b}^n$$

Let us say this is equal to,

$$f' \iff f' \in (0, 1)$$

Adding the two, we get,

$$I + f + f' = 2 \left[a^n + a^{n-2} \cdot b + \dots + a^2 \sqrt{b}^{n-2} + \sqrt{b}^n \right]$$

Thus,

$$I + f + f' = 2j \iff j \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

Now, since

$$f \in (0, 1)$$

and

$$f' \in (0, 1)$$

. Adding the two,

$$f + f' \in (0, 2)$$

But, we also have

$$I + f + f' = 2j \iff j \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

Now, since $I \in \mathbb{I}^+$ thus, $f + f' \in \mathbb{I}^+$ So, the only integer between 0 and 2 is 1.
So,

$$f + f' = 1$$

and,

$$I + f + f' = 2j \iff j \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

So,

$$I + 1 = 2j \iff j \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

So,

$$I = 2j - 1 \iff j \in \mathbb{I}^+$$

Thus, I is an odd integer.

1.2 Conclusion

Thus we can clearly see that, in the expansion of

$$\left[a + \sqrt{b} \right]^n = 2j - 1$$

where, $[x]$ = integral part of x . Regardless of the expansion and the numbers, this property will hold subject only to condition,

$$a - \sqrt{b} \in (0, 1)$$

. Should this condition not exist then, we will get a different result, namely,

$$\left[a + \sqrt{b} \right]^n + \left[a - \sqrt{b} \right]^n = 2j' - 1$$

where, $[x]$ = integral part of x . This proof is left up to the reader. Also we get,

$$f = 1 - f'$$

as a result of this proof, which is useful in substitutions.