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1. Simplify the expression $x^5 + 10x^4a + 40x^3a^2 + 80x^2a^3 + 80xa^4 + 32a^5$.

Ans. $= (x + 2a)^5$

Sol. $x^5 + 10x^4a + 40x^3a^2 + 80x^2a^3 + 80xa^4 + 32a^5$
 $= {}^5C_0x^5 + {}^5C_1x^4(2a) + {}^5C_2x^3(2a)^2 + {}^5C_3x^2(2a)^3 + {}^5C_4x(2a)^4 + {}^5C_5(2a)^5$
 $= (x + 2a)^5$

2. Find n, if the ratio of the fifth term from the beginning to the fifth term from the end in the expansion of $(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^n$ is $\sqrt{6}$: 1.

Ans. $n = 10$

Sol. In the expansion $(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^n$, the fifth term from the beginning is ${}^nC_4(\sqrt[4]{2})^{n-4}(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^4$ and the fifth term from the end is ${}^nC_{n-4}(\sqrt[4]{2})^4(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^{n-4}$.

According to the question, $\frac{{}^nC_4(\sqrt[4]{2})^{n-4}(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^4}{{}^nC_{n-4}(\sqrt[4]{2})^4(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^{n-4}} = \sqrt{6}$ or $\frac{{}^nC_{n-4}(\sqrt[4]{2})^{n-8}}{{}^nC_{n-4}(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}})^{n-8}} = \sqrt{6}$

or $(\sqrt[4]{2}\sqrt[4]{3})^{n-8} = \sqrt{6}$

or $6^{\frac{n-8}{4}} = 6^{\frac{1}{2}}$

or $n = 10$


3. Find the term in $(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}})^{21}$ which has the same power of a and b.

Ans. 9

Sol. We have, $T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}}\right)^{21-r} \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}}\right)^r = {}^{21}C_r a^{7-(r/2)} b^{(2/3)r-(7/2)}$

Since the powers of a and b are same, we have

$$7 - \frac{r}{2} = \frac{2}{3}r - \frac{7}{2} \text{ or } r = 9$$

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4. Prove that $\sqrt{10}[(\sqrt{10} + 1)^{100} - (\sqrt{10} - 1)^{100}]$ is an even integer.

Sol. $\sqrt{10}[(\sqrt{10} + 1)^{100} - (\sqrt{10} - 1)^{100}]$
 $= 2\sqrt{10}[{}^{100}C_1(\sqrt{10})^{99} + {}^{100}C_3(\sqrt{10})^{97} + {}^{100}C_5(\sqrt{10})^{95} + \dots]$
 $= 2[{}^{100}C_1(\sqrt{10})^{100} + {}^{100}C_3(\sqrt{10})^{98} + {}^{100}C_5(\sqrt{10})^{96} + \dots]$
 $= 2[{}^{100}C_1(\sqrt{10})^{50} + {}^{100}C_3(\sqrt{10})^{49} + {}^{100}C_5(\sqrt{10})^{48} + \dots]$
 which is an even number.

5. If $9^7 + 7^9$ is divisible by 2^n , then find the greatest value of n , where $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ans. 6

Sol. We have, $9^7 + 7^9 = (1 + 8)^7 - (1 - 8)^9$
 $= (1 + {}^7C_1 8^1 + {}^7C_2 8^2 + \dots + {}^7C_7 8^7) - (1 - {}^9C_1 8^1 + {}^9C_2 8^2 - \dots - {}^9C_9 8^9)$
 $= 16 \times 8 + 64[({}^7C_2 + \dots + {}^7C_7 8^5) - ({}^9C_2 - \dots - {}^9C_9 8^7)]$
 $= 64k$ (where k is odd integer)
 Therefore, $9^7 + 7^9$ is divisible by 2^6 .

6. Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^k (-3)^{r-1} {}^{3n}C_{2r-1} = 0$, where $k = 3n/2$ and n is an even integer.

Sol. $S = \sum_{r=1}^k (-3)^{r-1} {}^{3n}C_{2r-1}$, $k = \frac{3n}{2}$ and n is even


$$\text{Let } k = \frac{3(2m)}{2} = 3m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } S &= \sum_{r=1}^{3m} (-3)^{r-1} \times {}^{6m}C_{2r-1} \\ &= {}^{6m}C_1 - 3 {}^{6m}C_3 + 3^2 {}^{6m}C_5 - \dots (-3)^{3m-1} {}^{6m}C_{6m-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [\sqrt{3} {}^{6m}C_1 - (\sqrt{3})^3 {}^{6m}C_3 + (\sqrt{3})^5 {}^{6m}C_5 - \dots + (-1)^{3m-1} (\sqrt{3})^{6m-1} {}^{6m}C_{6m-1}] \end{aligned}$$

There is an alternate sign series with odd binomial coefficients.

Hence, we should replace x by $\sqrt{3}i$ in $(1 + x)^{6m}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{6m} &= {}^{6m}C_0 + {}^{6m}C_1(\sqrt{3}i) + {}^{6m}C_2(\sqrt{3}i)^2 + {}^{6m}C_3(\sqrt{3}i)^3 + \dots + {}^{6m}C_{6m}(\sqrt{3}i)^{6m} \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} \times {}^{6m}C_1 - (\sqrt{3})^3 {}^{6m}C_3 + (\sqrt{3})^5 {}^{6m}C_5 - \dots \\ &= \text{Imaginary part in } (1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{6m} \\ &= \text{Im} \left[2^{6m} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right)^{6m} \right] \\ &= \text{Im} \left[2^{6m} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right]^{6m} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \operatorname{Im} [2^{6m}(\cos 2m\pi + i \sin 2m\pi)]$$

$$= \operatorname{Im} [2^{6m}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 0$$

7. Find the value of $\frac{1}{81^n} - \frac{10}{81^n} {}^{2n}C_1 + \frac{10^2}{81^n} {}^{2n}C_2 - \frac{10^3}{81^n} {}^{2n}C_3 + \dots + \frac{10^{2n}}{81^n}$

Ans. 1

Sol. We have $\frac{1}{81^n} - \frac{10}{81^n} {}^{2n}C_1 + \frac{10^2}{81^n} {}^{2n}C_2 - \frac{10^3}{81^n} {}^{2n}C_3 + \dots + \frac{10^{2n}}{81^n}$

$$= \frac{1}{81^n} [{}^{2n}C_0 - {}^{2n}C_1 10^1 + {}^{2n}C_2 10^2 - {}^{2n}C_3 10^3 + \dots + {}^{2n}C_{2n} 10^{2n}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{81^n} [1 - 10]^{2n} = \frac{(-9)^{2n}}{81^n} = \frac{81^n}{81^n} = 1$$

8. Find the number of nonzero terms in the expansion of $(1 + 3\sqrt{2}x)^9 + (1 - 3\sqrt{2}x)^9$

Ans. 5

Sol. Given expression is $2[1 + {}^9C_2(3\sqrt{2}x)^2 + {}^9C_4(3\sqrt{2}x)^4 + {}^9C_6(3\sqrt{2}x)^6 + {}^9C_8(3\sqrt{2}x)^8]$

Therefore, the number of nonzero terms is 5.

9. Find

(i) the last digit,

(ii) the last two digits, and

(iii) the last three digits of 17^{256}

Ans. (i) 1, (ii) 8, 1 (iii) 6, 8, 1

Sol. We have,

$$17^{256} = (17^2)^{128} = (289)^{128} = (290 - 1)^{128}$$

$$\therefore 17^{256} = {}^{128}C_0(290)^{128} - {}^{128}C_1(290)^{127} + {}^{128}C_2(290)^{126} - \dots$$


$$- {}^{128}C_{125}(290)^3 + {}^{128}C_{126}(290)^2 - {}^{128}C_{127}(290) + 1$$

$$= [{}^{128}C_0(290)^{128} - {}^{128}C_1(290)^{127} + {}^{128}C_2(290)^{126} - \dots$$

$$= {}^{128}C_{125}(290)^3] + {}^{128}C_{126}(290)^2 - {}^{128}C_{127}(290) + 1$$

$$= 1000m + {}^{128}C_2(290)^2 - {}^{128}C_1(290) + 1 \quad (m \in \mathbb{I})$$

$$= 1000m + \frac{(128)(127)}{2}(290)^2 - 128 \times 290 + 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1000m + (128)(127)(290)(145) - 128 \times 290 + 1 \\
 &= 1000m + (128)(290)(127 \times 145 - 1) + 1 \\
 &= 1000m + (128)(290)(18414) + 1 \\
 &= 1000m + 683527680 + 1 \\
 &= 1000m + 683527000 + 680 + 1 \\
 &= 1000(m + 683527) + 681
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the last three digits of 17^{256} are 6,8,1. As a result, the last two digits of 17^{256} are 8,1 and the last digit of 17^{256} is 1.

10. Find the remainder when $6^n - 5n$ is divided by 25.

Ans. 1

Sol. $6^n - 5n = (1 + 5)^n - 5n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1 + 5n + {}^nC_2 \cdot 5^2 + {}^nC_3 5^3 + \dots) - 5n \\
 &= 25({}^nC_2 + {}^nC_3 + \dots) + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $6^n - 5n$ when divided by 25 leaves 1 as remainder.

11. Using binomial theorem, show that $2^{3n} - 7n - 1$ is divisible by 49. Hence, show that $2^{3n+3} - 7n - 8$ is divisible by 49, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Sol. $2^{3n} - 7n - 1 = (2^3)^n - 7n - 1$


$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1 + 7)^n - 7n - 1 = 1 + 7n + {}^nC_2 7^2 + {}^nC_3 7^3 + \dots + {}^nC_n 7^n - 7n - 1 \\
 &= 7^2[{}^nC_2 + {}^nC_3 7 + \dots + {}^nC_n 7^{n-2}] = 49K(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where K is an integer.

Therefore, $2^{3n} - 7n - 1$ is divisible by 49. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{3n+3} - 7n - 8 &= 2^3 2^{3n} - 7n - 8 \\
 &= 8(2^{3n} - 7n - 1) + 49n \\
 &= 8 \times 49K + 49n \\
 &= 49(8K + n) \quad \text{[From (1)]}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $2^{3n+3} - 7n - 8$ is divisible by 49.

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- 12.** If $(2 + \sqrt{3})^n = I + f$, where I and n are positive integers and $0 < f < 1$, show that I is an odd integer and $(1 - f) \times (I + f) = 1$.

Sol. $(2 + \sqrt{3})^n = I + f$

$$\text{or } I + f = 2^n + {}^nC_1 2^{n-1} \sqrt{3} + {}^nC_2 2^{n-2} (\sqrt{3})^2 + {}^nC_3 2^{n-3} (\sqrt{3})^3 + \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } 0 < 2 - \sqrt{3} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < (2 - \sqrt{3})^n < 1$$

$$\text{Let } (2 - \sqrt{3})^n = f', \text{ where } 0 < f' < 1.$$

$$\therefore f = 2^n - {}^nC_1 2^{n-1} \sqrt{3} + {}^nC_2 2^{n-2} (\sqrt{3})^2 - {}^nC_3 2^{n-3} (\sqrt{3})^3 + \dots \quad (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get

$$I + f + f' = 2[2^n + {}^nC_2 2^{n-2} \times \sqrt{3} + \dots]$$

$$\text{or } I + f + f' = \text{even integer} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Now, } 0 < f < 1 \text{ and } 0 < f' < 1.$$

$$\therefore 0 < f + f' < 2$$

Hence, from (3), we conclude that $f + f'$ is an integer between 0 and 2. Therefore,

$$f + f' = 1 \text{ or } f' = 1 - f \quad (4)$$

From (3) and (4), we get $I + 1$ is an even integer. Therefore, I is an odd integer. Now,

$$I + f = (2 + \sqrt{3})^n, f' = 1 - f = (2 - \sqrt{3})^n$$

$$\therefore (I + f)(1 - f) = [(2 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3})]^n = (4 - 3)^n = 1$$

$$\therefore (I + f)(1 - f) = 1$$

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

Sol. In order to show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64, it has to be proved that

$$9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k, \text{ where } k \text{ is some natural number}$$


$$(1 + 8)^{n+1} = {}^{n+1}C_0 + {}^{n+1}C_1(8) + {}^{n+1}C_2(8)^2 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}(8)^{n+1}$$

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

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

$$\text{or } 9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k, \text{ where } k = {}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 \times 8 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}(8)^{n-1} \text{ is a natural number}$$

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

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14. Show that $2^{4n+4} - 15n - 15$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is divisible by 225.

Sol. We have $2^{4n+4} - 15n - 16$
 $= 2^{4(n+1)} - 15n - 16$
 $= 16^{n+1} - 15n - 16$
 $= (1 + 15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$
 $= {}^{n+1}C_0 15^0 + {}^{n+1}C_1 15^1 + {}^{n+1}C_2 15^2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15^3 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} (15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$
 $= 1 + (n+1)15 + {}^{n+1}C_2 15^2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15^3 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} (15)^{n+1} - 15n - 16$
 $= 15^2 [{}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 15 + \dots]$

Thus, $2^{4n+4} - 15n - 16$ is divisible by 225.

15. find the remainder when 7^{103} is divided by 25.

Ans. 18

Sol.
$$\frac{7^{103}}{25} = \frac{7(49)^{51}}{25} = \frac{7(50-1)^{51}}{25} = \frac{7(25k-1)}{25} = \frac{175(k)-25+25-7}{25}$$

$$= \frac{25(7k-1)+18}{25}$$

Therefore, the remainder is 18.