

# BINOMIAL THEOREM

## Factorial Notation

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdots (n-1) \cdot n$$

$$1! = 1, \quad 2! = 1 \times 2 = 2, \quad 3! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$4! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24, \quad 5! = 120, \quad 6! = 720$$

$$7! = 5040$$

$$0! = 1$$

$${}^n C_r : \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad r \in \mathbb{W}, \quad n \geq r$$

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

$$\text{eg} \quad {}^n C_0 = \frac{n!}{(n-0)! 0!} = \frac{n!}{n! \cdot 1} = 1$$

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad r \in \mathbb{W}, \quad n \geq r$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad n! = \underbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n-2)(n-1) \times n}_{\text{...}}$$

$$n! = (n-1)! \times n = n(n-1)(n-2)!$$

$$7! = 7 \times 6! = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5! = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4!$$

$$n! = n(n-1)! = n(n-1)(n-2)!$$

$${}^7C_5 = \frac{7!}{(7-5)! 5!} = \frac{7!}{5! 2!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5! \times 2} = 21$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad {}^nC_n = \frac{n}{n} {}^{n-1}C_{n-1} = \frac{n}{n} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{(n-1)} {}^{n-2}C_{n-2} = \dots$$

$${}^{19}C_8 = \frac{19}{8} \cdot {}^{18}C_7 = \frac{19}{8} \cdot \frac{18}{7} \cdot {}^{17}C_6 = \frac{19}{8} \cdot \frac{18}{7} \cdot \frac{17}{6} {}^{16}C_5 \\ = \dots$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{{}^nC_n}{{}^nC_{n-1}} = \frac{n-(n-1)}{n} = \frac{n-n+1}{n}$$

$$\frac{{}^{17}C_6}{{}^{17}C_5} = \frac{17-5}{6} = \frac{12}{6} = 2$$

$$\frac{{}^nC_n}{{}^nC_{n-1}} = \frac{\frac{n!}{n!(n-n)!}}{\frac{n!}{(n-1)!(n-n+1)!}} = \frac{(n-n+1)!(n-1)!}{n!(n-n)!}$$

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

$$\frac{{}^{18}C_7}{{}^{18}C_8} = \frac{1}{\frac{{}^{18}C_8}{{}^{18}C_7}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{18-7}{8}} = \frac{8}{11}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad {}^nC_n + {}^nC_{n-1} = {}^{n+1}C_n$$

$$\text{eg: } {}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + \dots + {}^{19}C_2 = ?$$

$$\underbrace{{}^3C_3 + {}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + {}^5C_2 + \dots + {}^{18}C_2 + {}^{19}C_2}_{\text{in blue}}$$

$$\underbrace{{}^4C_3 + {}^4C_2 + {}^5C_2 + \dots + {}^{18}C_2 + {}^{19}C_2}_{\text{in blue}}$$

$$\underbrace{{}^5C_3 + {}^5C_2 + \dots + {}^{18}C_2 + {}^{19}C_2}_{\text{in blue}}$$

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$$\underbrace{{}^{18}C_3 + {}^{18}C_2 + {}^{19}C_2}_{\text{in blue}}$$

$${}^{19}C_3 + {}^{19}C_2 = {}^{20}C_3$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad {}^nC_x = {}^nC_y \Rightarrow x=y \text{ or } x+y=n$$

$${}^nC_x = {}^nC_{n-x} \quad ({}^nC_0 = {}^nC_{n-0}, \quad {}^nC_1 = {}^nC_{n-1})$$

e.g. find the min value of  $n$  if  $n!$  is divided by 81 (nεN)

$$\text{Sol}: \frac{n!}{3^4} \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \frac{9!}{3^4} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$9! = 3^4 \times 1, \quad n=9$$

### 1. BINOMIAL EXPRESSION :

An algebraic expression consisting of two different terms is called a **Binomial Expression**.

e.g. (i)  $\underline{x + y}$       (ii)  $\underline{x - y}$       (iii)  $\underline{3x - 2y}$       (iv)  $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$       (v)  $(x + y)^n$

**Note :**

(i)  $x + 3x$  is not a binomial; it is a monomial

(ii)  $x + y + z$  is trinomial.

(iii) The expression containing more than two different terms is multinomial.

$$(vi) x+x^2$$

$$(vii) 1+x$$

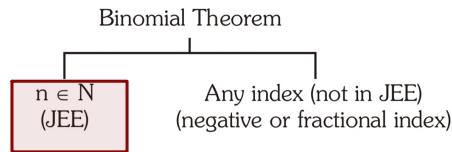
$$(viii) xy+x$$

$x y+4y$  (Not two dissimilar terms)

$$x+y+x^2, x-y^2+3x \text{ (Binomial)}$$

### 2. BINOMIAL THEOREM : <sup>1</sup> (multinomial)

The formula by which any positive integral index (power) of a binomial expression can be expanded in the form of a series is known as **Binomial Theorem**. (This theorem was given by Newton)



$$(x+y)^n \rightarrow \text{Expansion of } (x+y)^n$$

## GENERAL EXPANSION OF BINOMIAL THEOREM :

Statement :  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(x + y)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r + \dots + {}^nC_n y^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$$

$$(x+y)^n = {}^nC_0 \cdot x^n y^0 + {}^nC_1 \cdot x^{n-1} y^1 + {}^nC_2 \cdot x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} x^{n-(n-1)} \cdot y^{n-1} + {}^nC_n x^0 y^n$$

$$(x+y)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^0 y^n$$

- The number of terms in the expansion of  $(x+y)^n$  is  $(n + 1)$  i.e. one more than the index.
- The sum of the indices of  $x$  &  $y$  in each term is  $n$ .
- Power of first variable ( $x$ ) decreases while of second variable ( $y$ ) increases.
- Binomial coefficients are also called **combinatorial coefficients**.
- Binomial coefficients of the terms equidistant from the beginning and end are equal.
- $r^{\text{th}}$  term from the beginning in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$  is same as  $r^{\text{th}}$  term from end in the expansion of  $(y + x)^n$ .

eg: Expand  $(2x - 3y)^4$

$$\text{Soln: } {}^4C_0 (2x)^4 + {}^4C_1 (2x)^3 (-3y) + {}^4C_2 (2x)^2 (-3y)^2 \\ + {}^4C_3 (2x) (-3y)^3 + {}^4C_4 (-3y)^4$$

eg: Expand  $\left(x + \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^8$

$$\text{Soln: } {}^8C_0 x^8 + {}^8C_1 x^7 \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right) + \dots + {}^8C_7 x \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^7 + {}^8C_8 \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^8$$

$(x+y)^n$ : No. of terms = 3

$${}^n C_0, {}^n C_1, {}^n C_2, \dots, {}^n C_n$$

Binomial Coefficient  
or  
Combinatorial Coeff.

$$(x+y)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots +$$
$$\dots + {}^n C_{n-1} x y^{n-1} + {}^n C_n y^n$$

$$(y+x)^n = {}^n C_0 y^n + {}^n C_1 y^{n-1} x + {}^n C_2 y^{n-2} x^2 + \dots$$

$$\dots + {}^n C_{n-1} y x^{n-1} + {}^n C_n x^n$$

e.g. Find the 7<sup>th</sup> term from the end in  $\left(\frac{x}{3} - x^2\right)^{10}$

= 7<sup>th</sup> term from the beginning in  $\left(x^2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^{10}$

### 3. GENERAL TERM :

General term in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$  is  $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r \cdot x^{n-r} \cdot y^r, 0 \leq r \leq n$

$$(x+y)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots +$$

↓                    |                    |                    |  
 $T_1$                  $T_2$                  $T_3$                  $T_n$   
 .                    |                    |                    |  
 $T_{n+1}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} \cdot y^r$$

1) Find the 7<sup>th</sup> term in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{5}{2x}\right)^9$

2)  $\left(\frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$  find 4<sup>th</sup> term from the end

Soln:  $T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{5}{2x}\right)^r$

 $r+1=7 \Rightarrow r=6, T_7 = {}^9C_6 \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^3 \left(-\frac{5}{2x}\right)^6$

2)  $\left(-\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{3}{x^2}\right)^7$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^7C_r \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^{7-r} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{x^2}\right)^r, \begin{matrix} r+1=4 \\ r=3 \end{matrix}$$

Ans

3 Find the coefficient of  $x^{32}$  in the expansion of  $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{15}$  [Ans.  ${}^{15}C_4$ ]

4 Find the term independent of 'x' in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$  [Ans.  $T_7$ ]

Soln:  $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{15}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r (x^4)^{15-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r \cdot x^{60-4r} (-1)^r \cdot x^{-3r}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r \cdot x^{60-7r} (-1)^r$$

$$60-7r = 32 \Rightarrow r = \frac{28}{7} = 4$$

$$T_5 = {}^{15}C_4 (-1)^4 \cdot x^{32} = \textcircled{{}^{15}C_4} \cdot x^{32}$$

5  $T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r \left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^r$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot \frac{x^{18-2r}}{x^r} \cdot x^{18-3r}$$

$$18-3r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 6$$

Ans:  $T_{6+1} = T_7$

E(5)  $\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{\sqrt{b}}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{\sqrt[3]{a}}}\right)^{21}$  find the term contain same power of a and b. Find the power also. [Ans. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5/2]

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{b}}\right)^{\frac{21-r}{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{b}{\sqrt[3]{a}}\right)^{\frac{r}{2}}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r \cdot \frac{a^{\frac{21-r}{3}}}{b^{\frac{21-r}{6}}} \cdot \frac{b^{\frac{r}{2}}}{a^{\frac{r}{6}}}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r \cdot a^{\frac{21-r}{3} - \frac{r}{6}} \cdot b^{\frac{r}{2} - \left(\frac{21-r}{6}\right)}$$

$$\frac{21-r}{3} - \frac{r}{6} = \frac{r}{2} - \left(\frac{21-r}{6}\right)$$

$$(21-r)\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}\right) = r\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$\frac{21-r}{2} = \frac{2r}{3} \Rightarrow 63 = 7r$$

$$r=9$$

$$T_{10}^{\text{th}}, T_{10} = {}^{21}C_9 \cdot a^{\frac{5}{2}} \cdot b^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

Ans

E(6) Find the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion of  $(1 - x + 2x^2) \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$

$$x^2: (1-x+2x^2) \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$$

$$x^2: (1-x+2x^2) {}^{10}C_r \cdot x^{10-r} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r$$

$$x^2: (1-x+2x^2) \cdot {}^{10}C_r \cdot x^{10-2r}$$

$$x^2: \textcircled{x} \left( x^{10-2r} - x^{11-2r} + 2x^{12-2r} \right)$$
$$\begin{array}{l} 10-2r=2 \\ r=4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 11-2r=2 \\ r=\frac{9}{2} \times \cancel{x} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 12-2r=2 \\ r=5 \end{array}$$

$$x^2: {}^{10}C_4 + 2 {}^{10}C_5$$

E(8) If 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> terms in the expansion of  $(x+y)^n$  are respectively 112, 7 and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Find x, y, n

$(x, y > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 = 112 &= {}^n C_5 x^{n-5} y^5 & (n=5) &\quad -① \\ T_7 = 7 &= {}^n C_6 x^{n-6} y^6 & (n=6) &\quad -② \\ T_8 = \frac{1}{4} &= {}^n C_7 x^{n-7} y^7 & (n=7) &\quad -③ \end{aligned}$$

② ÷ ①

$$\frac{{}^n C_6}{{}^n C_5} \cdot \frac{x^{n-6} y^6}{x^{n-5} y^5} = \frac{7}{112} = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\frac{n-5}{6} \cdot \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{16} \quad - (4)$$

③ ÷ (2)

$$\frac{{}^n C_7 x^{n-7} y^7}{{}^n C_6 x^{n-6} y^6} = \frac{1}{28} \Rightarrow \frac{n-6}{7} \cdot \left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{28} \quad - (5)$$

$$\text{Divide (4) } \div (5) \quad \frac{(n-5) \cdot 7}{(n-6) \cdot 6} = \frac{28}{16} \quad -$$

$$4n - 20 = 6n - 36 \Rightarrow 2n = 16 \Rightarrow n = 8 \quad - (6)$$

$$\text{From (4)} \quad \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \cdot \frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow x = 8y \quad - (7)$$

$$\text{From ①} \quad 112 = {}^n C_5 x^{n-5} \cdot y^5$$

$$112 = {}^8 C_5 \cdot x^3 \cdot y^5$$

$$2 = (8y)^3 \cdot y^5$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^8 C_5 &= \frac{8!}{5!3!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{8! \times 3!} \\ &= 56 \end{aligned}$$

$$2 = 8^3 \cdot y^8 \Rightarrow y^8 = \frac{2}{8^3} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 8y = 4$$

$$(x=4, y=\frac{1}{2}, n=8)$$

NOTE:

$$\rightarrow (x+y)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y + \dots + {}^n C_n y^n$$

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

$$\rightarrow (1+x)^n = {}^n C_0 + {}^n C_1 x + {}^n C_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n x^n$$

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r x^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r (1)^{n-r} \cdot x^r$$

Coefficient of  $x^r$  in  $(1+x)^n$  is  ${}^n C_r$

E(9) Find the coefficient of  $x^m$  in  $(1+x)^m + (1+x)^{m+1} + \dots + (1+x)^n$ ,  $m \leq n$ .

Sol?

$${}^m C_m + {}^{m+1} C_m + {}^{m+2} C_m + \dots + {}^n C_m$$

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$${}^{m+1} C_{m+1} + {}^{m+1} C_m + {}^{m+2} C_m + \dots + {}^{n-1} C_m + {}^n C_m$$

$${}^{m+2} C_{m+1} + {}^{m+2} C_m + \dots + {}^{n-1} C_m + {}^n C_m$$

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$${}^{n-1} C_{m+1} + {}^{n-1} C_m + {}^n C_m$$

$${}^n C_{m+1} + {}^n C_m = {}^{n+1} C_{m+1}$$

Find the sum of the series  $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \cdot {}^n C_r \left[ \frac{1}{2^r} + \frac{3^r}{2^{2r}} + \frac{7^r}{2^{3r}} + \dots \dots \text{up to } m \text{ terms} \right]$

$$\text{Soln: } \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \cdot {}^n C_r \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^r + \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \cdot {}^n C_r \cdot \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^r + \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \cdot {}^n C_r \left( \frac{7}{8} \right)^r + \dots$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)^r + \sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r \left( -\frac{3}{4} \right)^r + \sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r \left( -\frac{7}{8} \right)^r + \dots + m\text{-terms}$$

$$\left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \left( -\frac{3}{4} \right)^n + \left( -\frac{7}{8} \right)^n + \dots + m\text{-terms}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^n + \left( \frac{7}{8} \right)^n + \dots + m\text{-terms}$$

$$a = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n, \quad r = \frac{\left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^n}{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n, \text{ no of terms} = m$$

$$S_m = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \left( 1 - \left( \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right)^m \right)}{\left( 1 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right)} \quad \left( S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \right)$$

$$\frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{mn}} \right)}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \right)} \quad \text{Ans}$$

eg Find the coefficient of  $x^7$  in  $(1+x^2)^5 (1+2x)^4$

$$x^7: (1+x^2)^5 (1+2x)^4$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$(5C_{y_1} (x^2)^{y_1}) (4C_{y_2} (2x)^{y_2})$$

$$5C_{y_1} \cdot 4C_{y_2} \cdot 2^{y_2} \cdot x^{2y_1+y_2}$$

$$2y_1 + y_2 = 7$$

$0 \leq y_1 \leq 5$
$0 \leq y_2 \leq 4$

$y_1$	0	1	2	3
$y_2$	7	5	3	1

$\times \quad \times$

$$5C_2 \cdot 4C_3 \cdot 2^3 + 5C_3 \cdot 4C_1 \cdot 2^1$$

**(b)** Find the coefficient of the term independent of  $x$  in the expansion

$$\text{of } \left( \frac{x+1}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x - x^{1/2}} \right)^{10}$$

Q Find the number of rational terms in the expansion of  $(2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 5 \cdot 8^{\frac{1}{5}})^{41}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{41}C_r \cdot 2^{\frac{41-r}{3}} \cdot (5 \cdot 8^{\frac{1}{5}})^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{41}C_r \cdot 2^{\frac{41-r}{3}} \cdot 5^r \cdot 2^{\frac{3r}{5}}$$

$$\frac{r}{5} \in \mathbb{I}, \quad r = 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40$$

$$\frac{41-r}{3} \in \mathbb{I} \Rightarrow r = 5, 20, 35$$

$$r \in \{5, 20, 35\}$$

$T_6, T_{21}, T_{36}$  = rational terms