



Seminar 7

In this seminar you will study:

- The Binomial Theorem
- Applications of the Binomial Theorem³ in:
 - Approximation
 - Error Analysis



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2. Expand $\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^3$
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1. Expand $\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^4$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $1 + \frac{4x}{3} + \frac{2x^2}{3} + \frac{4x^3}{27} + \frac{x^4}{81}$

2. Expand $\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^3$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $1 - \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} - \frac{x^3}{8}$

3. Expand $(1 + 2x)^4$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $1 + 8x + 24x^2 + 32x^3 + 16x^4$

4. Expand $(1 - x)^5$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $1 - 5x + 10x^2 - 10x^3 + 5x^4 - x^5$



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using the binomial theorem.

2. Expand $\left(\frac{x}{3} - 2\right)^4$
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3. Expand $(x^2 - 2)^4$
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1. Expand $(5 - 2x)^4$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $625 - 1000x + 600x^2 - 160x^3 + 16x^4$

2. Expand $\left(\frac{x}{3} - 2\right)^4$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $\frac{x^4}{81} - \frac{8x^3}{27} + \frac{8x^2}{3} - \frac{32x}{3} + 16$

3. Expand $(x^2 - 2)^4$
using the binomial theorem.

Answer: $x^8 - 8x^6 + 24x^4 - 32x^2 + 16$

4. Expand $(4x - 3)^4$
using the binomial theorem

Answer: $256x^4 - 768x^3 + 864x^2 - 432x + 81$



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1. Find the coefficient of x^4
in the expansion of $\left(2 - \frac{x}{5}\right)^6$.

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

3. Find the coefficient of x^3 in the
expansion of $\left(2x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^5$.

4. Find the constant term (coefficient of x^0)
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Answer: $\frac{12}{125}$

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Answer: -720

3. Find the coefficient of x^3 in the
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Answer: -80

4. Find the constant term (coefficient of x^0)
in the expansion of $\left(\frac{1}{x} + 2x\right)^6$.

Answer: 160



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Note: final result of the expansion is an **infinite series**



The Generalised Binomial Theorem

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

where $x, n \in \mathbb{R}, |x| < 1$.

1. Expand $(1+2x)^{\frac{5}{2}}, |x| < \frac{1}{2}$, up to the first four terms using the Generalized Binomial Theorem.

2. Expand $(1+x^2)^{-3}, |x| < 1$, up to the first four terms using the Generalized Binomial Theorem.

3. Expand $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}}, |x| < 1$, up to the first four terms using the Generalized Binomial Theorem.

4. Expand $\frac{1}{(1-x)}, |x| < 1$, up to the first four terms using the Generalized Binomial Theorem.



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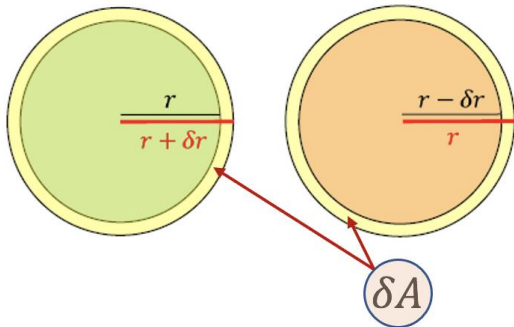
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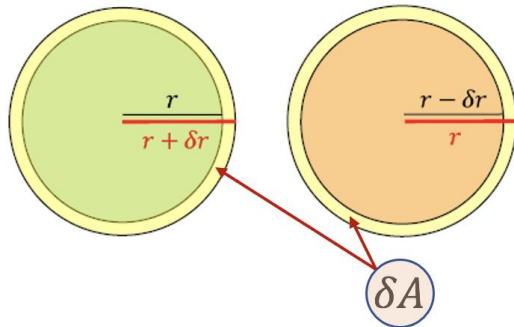
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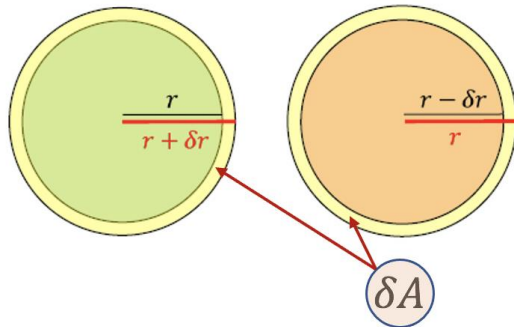
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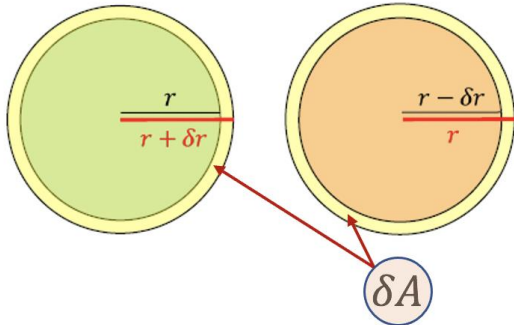
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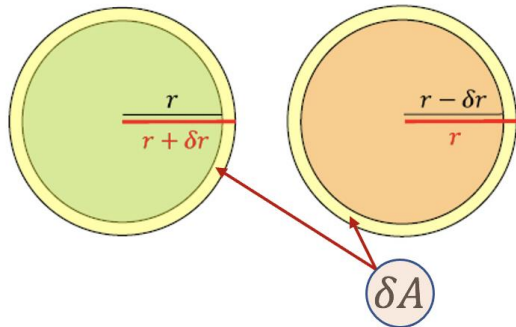


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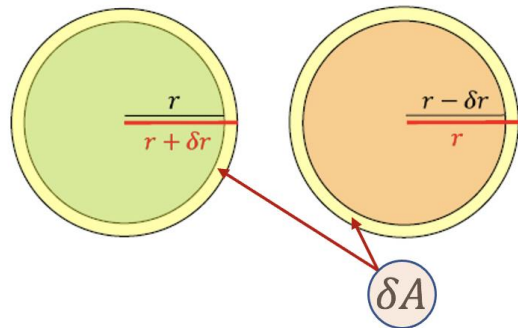
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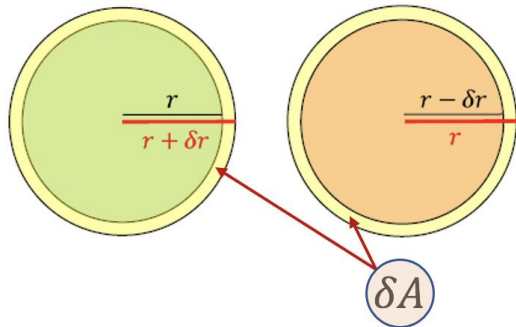
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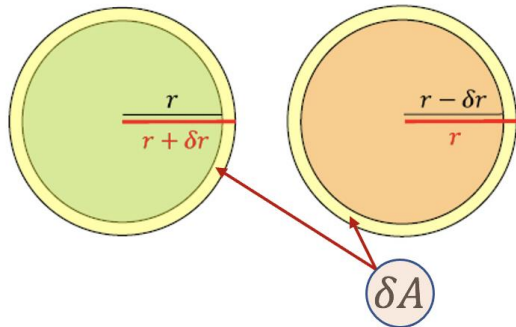
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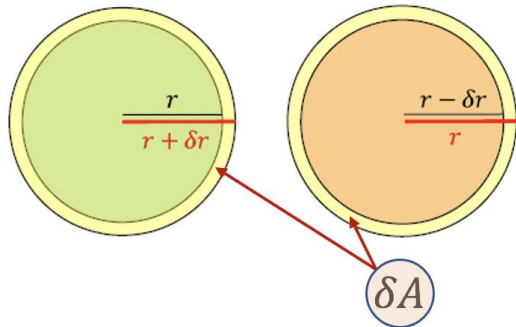
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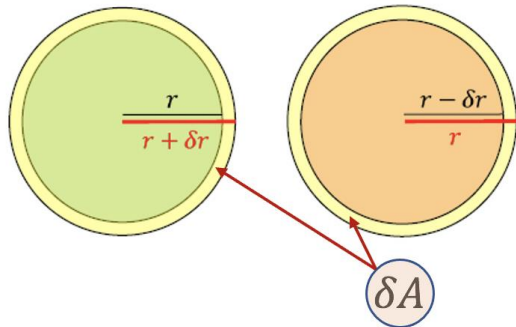
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