

Binomial Theorem - Class XI

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

In the binomial expansion of $(a - b)^n$, $n \geq 5$, the sum of 5th and 6th terms is zero, then a/b equals

- A. $\frac{n-5}{6}$
- B. $\frac{n-4}{5}$
- C. $\frac{5}{n-4}$
- D. $\frac{6}{n-5}$

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

According to the question,

$$t_5 + t_6 = 0$$

$$\therefore {}^nC_4 \cdot a^{n-4}b^4 + (-{}^nC_5 \cdot a^{n-5}b^5) = 0$$

By solving we get,

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{n-4}{5}$$