

Expand  $(x + 5)^4$  in descending powers of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(x + 5)^4 &= \sum_{r=0}^4 \binom{4}{r} (x)^{4-r} \cdot (5)^r \\&= x^4 + \binom{4}{1} x^{4-1} \cdot 5^1 + \binom{4}{2} x^{4-2} \cdot 5^2 + \binom{4}{3} x^{4-3} \cdot 5^3 + 5^4 \\&= x^4 + 4x^3 \cdot 5 + 6x^2 \cdot 25 + 4x \cdot 125 + 625 \\&= x^4 + 20x^3 + 150x^2 + 500x + 625\end{aligned}$$