

EXERCISE 8.1

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Expand each of the expressions in Exercises 1 to 5.

1. $(1 - 2x)^5$

Solution:

From binomial theorem expansion we can write as

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - 2x)^5 &= {}^5C_0(1)^5 - {}^5C_1(1)^4(2x) + {}^5C_2(1)^3(2x)^2 - {}^5C_3(1)^2(2x)^3 + {}^5C_4(1)^1(2x)^4 - {}^5C_5(2x)^5 \\&= 1 - 5(2x) + 10(4x)^2 - 10(8x^3) + 5(16x^4) - (32x^5) \\&= 1 - 10x + 40x^2 - 80x^3 + 32x^4 - 32x^5\end{aligned}$$

2. $\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$

Solution:

From binomial theorem, given equation can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5 &= {}^5C_0\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5 - {}^5C_1\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^5C_2\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \\&\quad - {}^5C_3\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + {}^5C_4\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - {}^5C_5\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^5 \\&= \frac{32}{x^5} - 5\left(\frac{16}{x^4}\right)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 10\left(\frac{8}{x^3}\right)\left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right) - 10\left(\frac{4}{x^2}\right)\left(\frac{x^3}{8}\right) + 5\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)\left(\frac{x^4}{16}\right) - \frac{x^5}{32} \\&= \frac{32}{x^5} - \frac{40}{x^3} + \frac{20}{x} - 5x + \frac{5}{8}x^3 - \frac{x^5}{32}\end{aligned}$$

3. $(2x - 3)^6$

Solution:

From binomial theorem, given equation can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}(2x - 3)^6 &= {}^6C_0(2x)^6 - {}^6C_1(2x)^5(3) + {}^6C_2(2x)^4(3)^2 - {}^6C_3(2x)^3(3)^3 \\&\quad + {}^6C_4(2x)^2(3)^4 - {}^6C_5(2x)(3)^5 + {}^6C_6(3)^6 \\&= 64x^6 - 6(32x^5)(3) + 15(16x^4)(9) - 20(8x^3)(27) \\&\quad + 15(4x^2)(81) - 6(2x)(243) + 729 \\&= 64x^6 - 576x^5 + 2160x^4 - 4320x^3 + 4860x^2 - 2916x + 729\end{aligned}$$

4. $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5$

Solution:

From binomial theorem, given equation can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5 &= {}^5C_0\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^5 + {}^5C_1\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^4\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + {}^5C_2\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{x^5}{243} + 5\left(\frac{x^4}{81}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 10\left(\frac{x^3}{27}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 10\left(\frac{x^2}{9}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 5\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + \frac{1}{x^5} \\ &= \frac{x^5}{243} + \frac{5x^3}{81} + \frac{10x}{27} + \frac{10}{9x} + \frac{5}{3x^3} + \frac{1}{x^5}\end{aligned}$$

5. $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$

Solution:

From binomial theorem, given equation can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 &= {}^6C_0(x)^6 + {}^6C_1(x)^5\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + {}^6C_2(x)^4\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \\ &\quad + {}^6C_3(x)^3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + {}^6C_4(x)^2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4 + {}^6C_5(x)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 + {}^6C_6\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \\ &= x^6 + 6(x)^5\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 15(x)^4\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 20(x)^3\left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 15(x)^2\left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + 6(x)\left(\frac{1}{x^5}\right) + \frac{1}{x^6} \\ &= x^6 + 6x^4 + 15x^2 + 20 + \frac{15}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6}\end{aligned}$$

6. $(96)^3$

Solution:

Given $(96)^3$

96 can be expressed as the sum or difference of two numbers and then binomial theorem can be applied.

The given question can be written as $96 = 100 - 4$

$$\begin{aligned}(96)^3 &= (100 - 4)^3 \\ &= {}^3C_0(100)^3 - {}^3C_1(100)^2(4) - {}^3C_2(100)(4)^2 - {}^3C_3(4)^3 \\ &= (100)^3 - 3(100)^2(4) + 3(100)(4)^2 - (4)^3 \\ &= 1000000 - 120000 + 4800 - 64\end{aligned}$$

$$= 884736$$

7. $(102)^5$ **Solution:**Given $(102)^5$

102 can be expressed as the sum or difference of two numbers and then binomial theorem can be applied.

The given question can be written as $102 = 100 + 2$

$$(102)^5 = (100 + 2)^5$$

$$= {}^5C_0 (100)^5 + {}^5C_1 (100)^4 (2) + {}^5C_2 (100)^3 (2)^2 + {}^5C_3 (100)^2 (2)^3 + {}^5C_4 (100) (2)^4 + {}^5C_5 (2)^5$$

$$= (100)^5 + 5 (100)^4 (2) + 10 (100)^3 (2)^2 + 5 (100) (2)^3 + 5 (100) (2)^4 + (2)^5$$

$$= 1000000000 + 1000000000 + 40000000 + 80000 + 8000 + 32$$

$$= 11040808032$$

8. $(101)^4$ **Solution:**Given $(101)^4$

101 can be expressed as the sum or difference of two numbers and then binomial theorem can be applied.

The given question can be written as $101 = 100 + 1$

$$(101)^4 = (100 + 1)^4$$

$$= {}^4C_0 (100)^4 + {}^4C_1 (100)^3 (1) + {}^4C_2 (100)^2 (1)^2 + {}^4C_3 (100) (1)^3 + {}^4C_4 (1)^4$$

$$= (100)^4 + 4 (100)^3 + 6 (100)^2 + 4 (100) + (1)^4$$

$$= 100000000 + 400000 + 60000 + 400 + 1$$

$$= 104060401$$

9. $(99)^5$ **Solution:**Given $(99)^5$

99 can be written as the sum or difference of two numbers then binomial theorem can be applied.

The given question can be written as $99 = 100 - 1$

$$(99)^5 = (100 - 1)^5$$

$$= {}^5C_0 (100)^5 - {}^5C_1 (100)^4 (1) + {}^5C_2 (100)^3 (1)^2 - {}^5C_3 (100)^2 (1)^3 + {}^5C_4 (100) (1)^4 - {}^5C_5 (1)^5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (100)^5 - 5(100)^4 + 10(100)^3 - 10(100)^2 + 5(100) - 1 \\
 &= 1000000000 - 5000000000 + 10000000 - 100000 + 500 - 1 \\
 &= 9509900499
 \end{aligned}$$

10. Using Binomial Theorem, indicate which number is larger $(1.1)^{10000}$ or 1000.

Solution:

By splitting the given 1.1 and then applying binomial theorem, the first few terms of $(1.1)^{10000}$ can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.1)^{10000} &= (1 + 0.1)^{10000} \\
 &= (1 + 0.1)^{10000} C_1 (1.1) + \text{other positive terms} \\
 &= 1 + 10000 \times 1.1 + \text{other positive terms} \\
 &= 1 + 11000 + \text{other positive terms} \\
 &> 1000 \\
 (1.1)^{10000} &> 1000
 \end{aligned}$$

11. Find $(a + b)^4 - (a - b)^4$. Hence, evaluate

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4.$$

Solution:

Using binomial theorem the expression $(a + b)^4$ and $(a - b)^4$, can be expanded

$$(a + b)^4 = {}^4C_0 a^4 + {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 + {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4$$

$$(a - b)^4 = {}^4C_0 a^4 - {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 - {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4$$

$$\text{Now } (a + b)^4 - (a - b)^4 = {}^4C_0 a^4 + {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 + {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4 - [{}^4C_0 a^4 - {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 - {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4]$$

$$= 2({}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_3 a b^3)$$

$$= 2(4a^3 b + 4ab^3)$$

$$= 8ab(a^2 + b^2)$$

Now by substituting $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b = \sqrt{2}$ we get

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4 = 8(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})\{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2\}$$

$$= 8(\sqrt{6})(3 + 2)$$

$$= 40\sqrt{6}$$

12. Find $(x + 1)^6 + (x - 1)^6$. Hence or otherwise evaluate

$$(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 + (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6$$

Solution:

Using binomial theorem the expressions, $(x + 1)^6$ and $(x - 1)^6$ can be expressed as

$$(x + 1)^6 = {}^6C_0 x^6 + {}^6C_1 x^5 + {}^6C_2 x^4 + {}^6C_3 x^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 + {}^6C_5 x + {}^6C_6$$

$$(x - 1)^6 = {}^6C_0 x^6 - {}^6C_1 x^5 + {}^6C_2 x^4 - {}^6C_3 x^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 - {}^6C_5 x + {}^6C_6$$

$$\text{Now, } (x + 1)^6 - (x - 1)^6 = {}^6C_0 x^6 + {}^6C_1 x^5 + {}^6C_2 x^4 + {}^6C_3 x^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 + {}^6C_5 x + {}^6C_6 - [{}^6C_0 x^6 - {}^6C_1 x^5 + {}^6C_2 x^4 - {}^6C_3 x^3 + {}^6C_4 x^2 - {}^6C_5 x + {}^6C_6]$$

$$= 2 [{}^6C_0 x^6 + {}^6C_2 x^4 + {}^6C_4 x^2 + {}^6C_6]$$

$$= 2 [x^6 + 15x^4 + 15x^2 + 1]$$

Now by substituting $x = \sqrt{2}$ we get

$$(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 - (\sqrt{2} - 1)^6 = 2 [(\sqrt{2})^6 + 15(\sqrt{2})^4 + 15(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1]$$

$$= 2 (8 + 15 \times 4 + 15 \times 2 + 1)$$

$$= 2 (8 + 60 + 30 + 1)$$

$$= 2 (99)$$

$$= 198$$

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

Solution:

In order to show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64, it has to be show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k$, where k is some natural number

Using binomial theorem,

$$(1 + a)^m = {}^mC_0 + {}^mC_1 a + {}^mC_2 a^2 + \dots + {}^mC_m a^m$$

For $a = 8$ and $m = n + 1$ we get

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

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

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

$$9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k$$

Where $k = [{}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 (8) + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1} (8)^{n-1}]$ is a natural number

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

Hence the proof

14. Prove that

$$\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^nC_r = 4^n$$

Solution:

By Binomial Theorem

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r = (a + b)^n$$

On right side we need 4^n so we will put the values as,
Putting $b = 3$ & $a = 1$ in the above equation, we get

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} (1)^{n-r} (3)^r = (1 + 3)^n$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} (1)(3)^r = (4)^n$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} (3)^r = (4)^n$$

Hence Proved.

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Find the coefficient of

1. x^5 in $(x + 3)^8$

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here x^5 is the T_{r+1} term so $a = x$, $b = 3$ and $n = 8$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^8C_r x^{8-r} 3^r \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

For finding out x^5

We have to equate $x^5 = x^{8-r}$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$

Putting value of r in (i) we get

$$T_{3+1} = {}^8C_3 x^{8-3} 3^3$$

$$T_4 = \frac{8!}{3! 5!} \times x^5 \times 27$$

$$= 1512 x^5$$

Hence the coefficient of $x^5 = 1512$

2. a^5b^7 in $(a - 2b)^{12}$.

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here $a = a$, $b = -2b$ & $n = 12$

Substituting the values, we get

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{12}C_r a^{12-r} (-2b)^r \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

To find a^5

We equate $a^{12-r} = a^5$

$$r = 7$$

Putting $r = 7$ in (i)

$$T_8 = {}^{12}C_7 a^5 (-2b)^7$$

$$T_8 = \frac{12!}{7! 5!} \times a^5 \times (-2)^7 b^7$$

$$= -101376 a^5 b^7$$

Hence the coefficient of $a^5b^7 = -101376$

Write the general term in the expansion of

3. $(x^2 - y)^6$

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Here $a = x^2$, $n = 6$ and $b = -y$

Putting values in (i)

$$T_{r+1} = {}^6C_r x^{2(6-r)} (-1)^r y^r$$

$$= \frac{6!}{r!(6-r)!} \times x^{12-2r} \times (-1)^r \times y^r$$

$$= -1^r \frac{6!}{r!(6-r)!} \times x^{12-2r} \times y^r$$

$$= -1^r {}^6C_r \cdot x^{12-2r} \cdot y^r$$

4. $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$, $x \neq 0$.

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here $n = 12$, $a = x^2$ and $b = -yx$

Substituting the values we get

$$T_{n+1} = {}^{12}C_r \times x^{2(12-r)} (-1)^r y^r x^r$$

$$= \frac{12!}{r!(12-r)!} \times x^{24-2r} \cdot -1^r y^r x^r$$

$$= -1^r \frac{12!}{r!(12-r)!} x^{24-r} y^r$$

$$= -1^r {}^{12}C_r \cdot x^{24-2r} \cdot y^r$$

5. Find the 4th term in the expansion of $(x - 2y)^{12}$.

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here $a = x$, $n = 12$, $r = 3$ and $b = -2y$

By substituting the values we get

$$T_4 = {}^{12}C_3 x^9 (-2y)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{12!}{3!9!} \times x^9 \times -8 \times y^3 \\
 &= -\frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 8}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \times x^9 y^3 \\
 &= -1760 x^9 y^3
 \end{aligned}$$

6. Find the 13th term in the expansion of

$$\left(9x - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{18}, x \neq 0$$

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here $a=9x$, $b = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}$ $n=18$ and $r = 12$

Putting values

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{13} &= \frac{18!}{12!6!} 9x^{18-12} \left(-\frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{12} \\
 &= \frac{(18 \times 17 \times 16 \times 15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12!)}{12! \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \times 3^{12} \times x^6 \times \frac{1}{x^6} \times \frac{1}{3^{12}} \\
 &= 18564
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the middle terms in the expansions of

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

Solution:

Here $n = 7$ so there would be two middle terms given by

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 4^{\text{th}} \text{ and } \left(\frac{n+1}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 5^{\text{th}}$$

We have

$$a = 3, n = 7 \text{ and } b = -\frac{x^3}{6}$$

For T_4 , $r = 3$

The term will be

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_4 &= \frac{7!}{3!} 3^4 \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^3 \\ &= -\frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \times 3^4 \times \frac{x^9}{2^3 3^3} \\ &= -\frac{105}{8} x^9 \end{aligned}$$

For T_5 term, $r = 4$

The term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_5 &= \frac{7!}{4! 3!} 3^3 \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! 3!} \times \frac{3^3}{2^4 3^4} \times x^3 = \frac{35 x^{12}}{48} \end{aligned}$$

8. $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$

Solution:

Here n is even so the middle term will be given by $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$ term = 6^{th} term

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Now $a = \frac{x}{3}$, $b = 9y$, $n = 10$ and $r = 5$

Substituting the values

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_6 &= \frac{10!}{5!5!} \times \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^5 \times (9y)^5 \\
 &= \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5! \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \times \frac{x^5}{3^5} \times 3^{10} \times y^5 \\
 &= 61236 x^5 y^5
 \end{aligned}$$

9. In the expansion of $(1 + a)^{m+n}$, prove that coefficients of a^m and a^n are equal.

Solution:

We know that the general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here $n = m+n$, $a = 1$ and $b = a$

Substituting the values in the general form

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{r+1} &= {}^{m+n}C_r 1^{m+n-r} a^r \\
 &= {}^{m+n}C_r a^r \dots\dots\dots (i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have that the general term for the expression is,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{m+n}C_r a^r$$

Now, For coefficient of a^m

$$T_{m+1} = {}^{m+n}C_m a^m$$

Hence, for coefficient of a^m , value of $r = m$

So, the coefficient is ${}^{m+n}C_m$

Similarly, Coefficient of a^n is ${}^{m+n}C_n$

$${}^{m+n}C_m = \frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!}$$

$$\text{And also, } {}^{m+n}C_n = \frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!}$$

The coefficient of a^m and a^n are same that is $\frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!}$

10. The coefficients of the $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$, r^{th} and $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ terms in the expansion of $(x+1)^n$ are in the ratio 1 : 3 : 5. Find n and r .

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here the binomial is $(1+x)^n$ with $a = 1$, $b = x$ and $n = n$

The $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term is given by

$$T_{(r+1)} = {}^nC_r 1^{n-r} x^r$$

$$T_{(r+1)} = {}^nC_r x^r$$

The coefficient of $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term is nC_r

The r^{th} term is given by $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$ term

$$T_{(r+1-1)} = {}^nC_{r-1} x^{r-1}$$

$$T_r = {}^nC_{r-1} x^{r-1}$$

\therefore the coefficient of r^{th} term is ${}^nC_{r-1}$

For $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$ term we will take $(r-2)^{\text{th}}$ term

$$T_{r-2+1} = {}^nC_{r-2} x^{r-2}$$

$$T_{r-1} = {}^nC_{r-2} x^{r-2}$$

\therefore the coefficient of $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$ term is ${}^nC_{r-2}$

Given that the coefficient of $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$, r^{th} and $r+1^{\text{th}}$ term are in ratio 1:3:5

Therefore,

$$\frac{\text{the coefficient of } r-1^{\text{th}} \text{ term}}{\text{coefficient of } r^{\text{th}} \text{ term}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{{}^nC_{r-2}}{{}^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{(r-2)!(n-r+2)!}}{\frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

On rearranging we get

$$\frac{n!}{(r-2)!(n-r+2)!} \times \frac{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{3}$$

By multiplying

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(r-1)(r-2)!(n-r+1)!}{(r-2)!(n-r+2)!} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(r-1)(n-r+1)!}{(n-r+2)(n-r+1)!} = \frac{1}{3}$$

On simplifying we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(r-1)}{(n-r+2)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r - 3 = n - r + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 4r + 5 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 1$$

Also

$$\frac{\text{the coefficient of } r^{\text{th}} \text{ term}}{\text{coefficient of } r + 1^{\text{th}} \text{ term}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}}{\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

On rearranging we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} \times \frac{r!(n-r)!}{n!} = \frac{3}{5}$$

By multiplying

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r(r-1)!(n-r)!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r(n-r)!}{(n-r+1)!} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r(n-r)!}{(n-r+1)(n-r)!} = \frac{3}{5}$$

On simplifying we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r}{(n-r+1)} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Also

$$\frac{\text{the coefficient of } r^{\text{th}} \text{ term}}{\text{coefficient of } r + 1^{\text{th}} \text{ term}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}}{\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

On rearranging we get

$$\Rightarrow 5r = 3n - 3r + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 8r - 3n - 3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 2$$

We have 1 and 2 as

$$n - 4r + 5 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 1$$

$$8r - 3n - 3 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 2$$

Multiplying equation 1 by number 2

$$2n - 8r + 10 = 0 \dots\dots\dots 3$$

Adding equation 2 and 3

$$2n - 8r + 10 = 0$$

$$-3n - 8r - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -n = -7$$

$$n = 7 \text{ and } r = 3$$

11. Prove that the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of $(1 + x)^{2n}$ is twice the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$.

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

The general term for binomial $(1+x)^{2n}$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{2n}C_r x^r \dots\dots\dots 1$$

To find the coefficient of x^n

$$r = n$$

$$T_{n+1} = {}^{2n}C_n x^n$$

$$\text{The coefficient of } x^n = {}^{2n}C_n$$

The general term for binomial $(1+x)^{2n-1}$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{2n-1}C_r x^r$$

To find the coefficient of x^n

$$\text{Putting } n = r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{2n-1}C_r x^n$$

$$\text{The coefficient of } x^n = {}^{2n-1}C_n$$

We have to prove

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^n \text{ in } (1+x)^{2n} = 2 \text{ coefficient of } x^n \text{ in } (1+x)^{2n-1}$$

$$\text{Consider LHS} = {}^{2n}C_n$$

$$= \frac{2n!}{n! (2n - n)!}$$

$$= \frac{2n!}{n! (n)!}$$

Again consider RHS = $2 \times {}^{2n-1}C_n$

$$= 2 \times \frac{(2n - 1)!}{n! (2n - 1 - n)!}$$

$$= 2 \times \frac{(2n - 1)!}{n! (n - 1)!}$$

Now multiplying and dividing by n we get

$$= 2 \times \frac{(2n - 1)!}{n! (n - 1)!} \times \frac{n}{n}$$

$$= \frac{2n(2n - 1)!}{n! n(n - 1)!}$$

$$= \frac{2n!}{n! n!}$$

From above equations LHS = RHS

Hence the proof.

12. Find a positive value of m for which the coefficient of x^2 in the expansion $(1 + x)^m$ is 6.

Solution:

The general term T_{r+1} in the binomial expansion is given by $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Here $a = 1$, $b = x$ and $n = m$

Putting the value

$$T_{r+1} = {}^mC_r 1^{m-r} x^r$$

$$= {}^mC_r x^r$$

We need coefficient of x^2

\therefore putting $r = 2$

$$T_{2+1} = {}^m C_2 x^2$$

The coefficient of $x^2 = {}^m C_2$

Given that coefficient of $x^2 = {}^m C_2 = 6$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m!}{2!(m-2)!} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m(m-1)(m-2)!}{2 \times 1 \times (m-2)!} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m-1) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - m - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 4m + 3m - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m-4) + 3(m-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m+3)(m-4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -3, 4$$

We need positive value of m so $m = 4$

MISCELLANEOUS EXERCISE

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1. Find a , b and n in the expansion of $(a + b)^n$ if the first three terms of the expansion are 729, 7290 and 30375, respectively.

Solution:

We know that $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$ term, (T_{r+1}) , in the binomial expansion of $(a + b)^n$ is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

The first three terms of the expansion are given as 729, 7290 and 30375 respectively.

Then we have,

$$T_1 = {}^nC_0 a^{n-0} b^0 = a^n = 729 \dots\dots 1$$

$$T_2 = {}^nC_1 a^{n-1} b^1 = na^{n-1} b = 7290 \dots\dots 2$$

$$T_3 = {}^nC_2 a^{n-2} b^2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} a^{n-2} b^2 = 30375 \dots\dots 3$$

Dividing 2 by 1 we get

$$na^{n-1}ba^n = \frac{7290}{729}$$

$$nba = 10 \dots\dots 4$$

Dividing 3 by 2 we get

$$\frac{n(n-1)a^{n-2}b^2}{2na^{n-1}b} = \frac{30375}{7290}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1)b2a = \frac{30375}{7290}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1)ba = \frac{30375 \times 2}{7290} = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow nba - \frac{b}{a} = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 - \frac{b}{a} = \frac{25}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow ba = 10 - \frac{25}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

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From 4 and 5 we have

$$n \cdot \frac{5}{3} = 10$$

$$n = 6$$

Substituting $n = 6$ in 1 we get

$$a^6 = 729$$

$$a = 3$$

From 5 we have, $\frac{b}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$

$$b = 5$$

Thus $a = 3$, $b = 5$ and $n = 76$

2. Find a if the coefficients of x^2 and x^3 in the expansion of $(3 + ax)^9$ are equal.

Solution:

We know that general term of expansion $(a + b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

For $(3+ax)^9$

Putting $a = 3$, $b = ax$ & $n = 9$

General term of $(3+ax)^9$ is

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{9}{r} 3^{n-r} (ax)^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{9}{r} 3^{n-r} a^r x^r$$

Since we need to find the coefficients of x^2 and x^3 , therefore

For $r = 2$

$$T_{2+1} = \binom{9}{2} 3^{n-2} a^2 x^2$$

Thus, the coefficient of $x^2 = \binom{9}{2} 3^{n-2} a^2$

For $r = 3$

$$T_{3+1} = \binom{9}{3} 3^{n-3} a^3 x^3$$

Thus, the coefficient of $x^3 = \binom{9}{3} 3^{n-3} a^3$

Given that coefficient of $x^2 =$ Coefficient of x^3

$$\Rightarrow \binom{9}{2} 3^{n-2} a^2 = \binom{9}{3} 3^{n-3} a^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9!}{2!(9-2)!} \times 3^{n-2} a^2 = \frac{9!}{3!(9-3)!} \times 3^{n-3} a^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{n-2} a^2}{3^{n-3} a^3} = \frac{2!(9-2)!}{3!(9-3)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{(n-2)-(n-3)}}{a} = \frac{2! 7!}{3! 6!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{a} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\therefore a = 9/7$$

Hence, $a = 9/7$

3. Find the coefficient of x^5 in the product $(1 + 2x)^6 (1 - x)^7$ using binomial theorem.

Solution:

$$(1 + 2x)^6 = {}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1 (2x) + {}^6C_2 (2x)^2 + {}^6C_3 (2x)^3 + {}^6C_4 (2x)^4 + {}^6C_5 (2x)^5 + {}^6C_6 (2x)^6$$

$$= 1 + 6(2x) + 15(2x)^2 + 20(2x)^3 + 15(2x)^4 + 6(2x)^5 + (2x)^6$$

$$= 1 + 12x + 60x^2 + 160x^3 + 240x^4 + 192x^5 + 64x^6$$

$$(1 - x)^7 = {}^7C_0 - {}^7C_1 (x) + {}^7C_2 (x)^2 - {}^7C_3 (x)^3 + {}^7C_4 (x)^4 - {}^7C_5 (x)^5 + {}^7C_6 (x)^6 - {}^7C_7 (x)^7$$

$$= 1 - 7x + 21x^2 - 35x^3 + 35x^4 - 21x^5 + 7x^6 - x^7$$

$$(1 + 2x)^6 (1 - x)^7 = (1 + 12x + 60x^2 + 160x^3 + 240x^4 + 192x^5 + 64x^6) (1 - 7x + 21x^2 - 35x^3 + 35x^4 - 21x^5 + 7x^6 - x^7)$$

$$192 - 21 = 171$$

Thus, the coefficient of x^5 in the expression $(1+2x)^6(1-x)^7$ is 171.

4. If a and b are distinct integers, prove that $a - b$ is a factor of $a^n - b^n$, whenever n is a positive integer. [Hint write $a^n = (a - b + b)^n$ and expand]

Solution:

In order to prove that $(a - b)$ is a factor of $(a^n - b^n)$, it has to be proved that $a^n - b^n = k(a - b)$ where k is some natural number.

a can be written as $a = a - b + b$

$$a^n = (a - b + b)^n = [(a - b) + b]^n$$

$$= {}^nC_0 (a - b)^n + {}^nC_1 (a - b)^{n-1} b + \dots + {}^nC_n b^n$$

$$a^n - b^n = (a - b) [(a - b)^{n-1} + {}^nC_1 (a - b)^{n-2} b + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} b^{n-1}]$$

$$a^n - b^n = (a - b) k$$

Where $k = [(a - b)^{n-1} + {}^nC_1 (a - b)^{n-2} b + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} b^{n-1}]$ is a natural number

This shows that $(a - b)$ is a factor of $(a^n - b^n)$, where n is positive integer.

5. Evaluate

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6$$

Solution:

Using binomial theorem the expression $(a + b)^6$ and $(a - b)^6$, can be expanded

$$(a + b)^6 = {}^6C_0 a^6 + {}^6C_1 a^5 b + {}^6C_2 a^4 b^2 + {}^6C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6C_4 a^2 b^4 + {}^6C_5 a b^5 + {}^6C_6 b^6$$

$$(a - b)^6 = {}^6C_0 a^6 - {}^6C_1 a^5 b + {}^6C_2 a^4 b^2 - {}^6C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6C_4 a^2 b^4 - {}^6C_5 a b^5 + {}^6C_6 b^6$$

$$\text{Now } (a + b)^6 - (a - b)^6 = {}^6C_0 a^6 + {}^6C_1 a^5 b + {}^6C_2 a^4 b^2 + {}^6C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6C_4 a^2 b^4 + {}^6C_5 a b^5 + {}^6C_6 b^6 \\ - [{}^6C_0 a^6 - {}^6C_1 a^5 b + {}^6C_2 a^4 b^2 - {}^6C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6C_4 a^2 b^4 - {}^6C_5 a b^5 + {}^6C_6 b^6]$$

Now by substituting $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b = \sqrt{2}$ we get

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6 = 2 [6 (\sqrt{3})^5 (\sqrt{2}) + 20 (\sqrt{3})^3 (\sqrt{2})^3 + 6 (\sqrt{3}) (\sqrt{2})^5]$$

$$= 2 [54(\sqrt{6}) + 120 (\sqrt{6}) + 24 \sqrt{6}]$$

$$= 2 (\sqrt{6}) (198)$$

$$= 396 \sqrt{6}$$

6. Find the value of

$$\left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4$$

Solution:

Firstly the expression $(x + y)^4 + (x - y)^4$ is simplified by using binomial theorem

$$(x + y)^4 = {}^4C_0 x^4 + {}^4C_1 x^3 y + {}^4C_2 x^2 y^2 + {}^4C_3 x y^3 + {}^4C_4 y^4$$

$$= x^4 + 4x^3 y + 6x^2 y^2 + 4x y^3 + y^4$$

$$(x - y)^4 = {}^4C_0 x^4 - {}^4C_1 x^3 y + {}^4C_2 x^2 y^2 - {}^4C_3 x y^3 + {}^4C_4 y^4$$

$$= x^4 - 4x^3 y + 6x^2 y^2 - 4x y^3 + y^4$$

$$\therefore (x + y)^4 + (x - y)^4 = 2 (x^4 + 6x^2 y^2 + y^4)$$

Putting $x = a^2$ and $y = \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 \\
 &= 2 \left[(a^2)^4 + 6(a^2)^2 (\sqrt{a^2 - 1})^2 + (\sqrt{a^2 - 1})^4 \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[a^8 + 6a^4 (a^2 - 1) + (a^2 - 1)^2 \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[a^8 + 6a^6 - 6a^4 + a^4 - 2a^2 + 1 \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[a^8 + 6a^6 - 5a^4 - 2a^2 + 1 \right] \\
 &= 2a^8 + 12a^6 - 10a^4 - 4a^2 + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Find an approximation of $(0.99)^5$ using the first three terms of its expansion.

Solution:

0.99 can be written as

$$0.99 = 1 - 0.01$$

Now by applying binomial theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (0.99)^5 &= (1 - 0.01)^5 \\
 &= {}^5C_0 (1)^5 - {}^5C_1 (1)^4 (0.01) + {}^5C_2 (1)^3 (0.01)^2 \\
 &= 1 - 5(0.01) + 10(0.01)^2 \\
 &= 1 - 0.05 + 0.001 \\
 &= 0.951
 \end{aligned}$$

8. Find n , if the ratio of the fifth term from the beginning to the fifth term from the

end in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^n$ is $\sqrt{6}:1$

Solution:

In the expansion $(a + b)^n$, if n is even then the middle term is $(n/2 + 1)^{\text{th}}$ term

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^nC_4 (\sqrt[4]{2})^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^4 &= {}^nC_4 \frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{(\sqrt[4]{2})^4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = {}^nC_4 \frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{n!}{6 \cdot 4!(n-4)!} (\sqrt[4]{2})^n \\
 {}^nC_{n-4} (\sqrt[4]{2})^4 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^{n-4} &= {}^nC_{n-1} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{(\sqrt[4]{3})^4}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n} = {}^nC_{n-1} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{3}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n} = \frac{6n!}{(n-4)!4!} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{n!}{6 \cdot 4!(n-4)!} (\sqrt[4]{2})^n : \frac{6n!}{(n-4)!4!} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n} = \sqrt{6} : 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{6} : \frac{6}{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n} = \sqrt{6} : 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\sqrt[4]{2})^n}{6} \times \frac{(\sqrt[4]{3})^n}{6} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt[4]{6})^n = 36\sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6^{\frac{n}{4}} = 6^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 4 \times \frac{5}{2} = 10$$

Thus the value of $n = 10$

9. Expand using Binomial Theorem

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4, x \neq 0$$

Solution:

Using binomial theorem the given expression can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{x}\right]^4 \\ &= {}^4C_0 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - {}^4C_1 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) + {}^4C_2 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 - {}^4C_3 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - 4 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) + 6 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{4}{x^2}\right) - 4 \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{8}{x^3}\right) + \frac{16}{x^4} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - \frac{8}{x} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{24}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} - \frac{16}{x^2} + \frac{16}{x^4} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - \frac{8}{x} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \quad \dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

Again by using binomial theorem to expand the above terms we get

$$\begin{aligned}\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 &= {}^4C_0(1)^4 + {}^4C_1(1)^3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^4C_2(1)^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + {}^4C_3(1)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 \\ &= 1 + 4 \times \frac{x}{2} + 6 \times \frac{x^2}{4} + 4 \times \frac{x^3}{8} + \frac{x^4}{16} \\ &= 1 + 2x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} \quad \dots(2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 &= {}^3C_0(1)^3 + {}^3C_1(1)^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^3C_2(1)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + {}^3C_3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 \\ &= 1 + \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} \quad \dots(3)\end{aligned}$$

From equation 1, 2 and 3 we get

$$\begin{aligned}\left[\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{x}\right]^4 &= 1 + 2x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - \frac{8}{x}\left(1 + \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8}\right) + \frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \\ &= 1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - \frac{8}{x} - 12 - 6x - x^2 + \frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \\ &= \frac{16}{x} + \frac{8}{x^2} - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} - 4x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - 5\end{aligned}$$

10. Find the expansion of $(3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3$ using binomial theorem.

Solution:

We know that $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$

Putting $a = 3x^2$ & $b = -a(2x-3a)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}&[3x^2 + (-a(2x-3a))]^3 \\ &= (3x^2)^3 + 3(3x^2)^2(-a(2x-3a)) + 3(3x^2)(-a(2x-3a))^2 + (-a(2x-3a))^3 \\ &= 27x^6 - 27ax^4(2x-3a) + 9a^2x^2(2x-3a)^2 - a^3(2x-3a)^3 \\ &= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 81a^2x^4 + 9a^2x^2(4x^2 - 12ax + 9a^2) - a^3[(2x)^3 - (3a)^3 - 3(2x)^2(3a) + 3(2x)(3a)^2] \\ &= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 81a^2x^4 + 36a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 81a^4x^2 - 8a^3x^3 + 27a^6 + 36a^4x^2 - 54a^5x \\ &= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 117a^2x^4 - 116a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \\ \text{Thus, } (3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3 &= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 117a^2x^4 - 116a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6\end{aligned}$$

