

Binomial Theorem

9. Multinomial Theorem

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{r+s=n} \frac{n!}{s!r!} x^s y^r \quad \text{Where, } s+r=n$$

$$(x + y + z)^n = \sum_{r+s+t=n} \frac{n!}{s!r!t!} x^s y^r z^t \quad \text{Where, } s+r+t=n$$

This result can be generalized in the following form

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k)^n = \sum_{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_k=n} \frac{n!}{r_1!r_2!\dots r_k!} x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} \dots x_k^{r_k}$$

where,

(i) $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + \dots + r_k = n$

(ii) $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_k \in \mathbb{N}$

(iii) $n \in \mathbb{N}$

(iv) The general term in the above expansion

$$= \frac{n!}{r_1!r_2!r_3!\dots r_k!} \cdot x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} x_3^{r_3} \dots x_k^{r_k}$$

(v) Number of terms = $\boxed{n+k-1C_{k-1}}$

10. Binomial Theorem for Negative & Fractional Index

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

where,

(i) n is a negative integer or a fraction.

(ii) $|x| < 1$

General term in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ is :

$$T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots[n-(r-1)]}{r!} x^r$$

11. Important expansions for $n \in \mathbb{Q}$ & $|x| < 1$

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

'b' $(1+x)^{-n} = 1 + (-n)x + \frac{(-n)(-n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{(-n)(-n-1)(-n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \infty$

'c' $(1-x)^n = 1 + n(-x) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots + \infty$

'd' $(1-x)^{-n} = 1 + (-n)(-x) + \frac{(-n)(-n-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{(-n)(-n-1)(-n-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots + \infty$

6. Properties of Binomial Coefficients & Summation of Series

- $B_0 B_0 * B_0 B_1 * B_1 B_2 * \dots * B_{n-1} B_n < \frac{2^n n!}{(n+1)!(n-1)!}$

- $B_0 B_1 * B_0 B_2 * B_1 B_3 * \dots * B_{n-1} B_n < \frac{2^n n!}{(n+2)!(n-2)!}$

- $B_0^1 - B_0^1 * B_1^1 * \dots * B_{n-1}^1 < \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ (-1)^{n/2} n! C_{n/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

7. Sum of Coefficients in an Expansion

- Sum of all the coefficients in an expansion can be obtained by putting variables = 1.

- Sum of coefficients of EVEN power of x can be obtained by

$$\frac{(\text{Put variables} = 1) + (\text{Put variables} = -1)}{2}$$

- Sum of coefficients of ODD power of x can be obtained by

$$\frac{(\text{Put variables} = 1) - (\text{Put variables} = -1)}{2}$$

8. Application of Binomial Theorem

Divisibility Problems

$x^n - y^n$ is always divisible by $(x - y)$



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