

Topic :- Binomial Theorem

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(a)

Since, $x(1+x)^n = xC_0 + C_1x^2 + C_2x^3 + \dots + C_nx^{n+1}$

On differentiating w.r.t. x , we get

$$(1+x)^n + nx(1+x)^{n-1} = C_0 + 2C_1x + 3C_2x^2 + \dots + (n+1)C_nx^n$$

Put $x = 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n+1)C_n &= 2^n + n2^{n-1} \\ &= 2^{n-1}(n+2) \end{aligned}$$

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(c)

Let T_{r+1} denote the $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^2})^n$. Then,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{3n-5r} (-1)^r$$

For this term to contain x^5 , we must have

$$3n - 5r = 5 \Rightarrow r = \frac{3n-5}{5}$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^5 = {}^nC_{\frac{3n-5}{5}} (-1)^{\frac{3n-5}{5}}$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^{10} = {}^nC_{\frac{3n-10}{5}} (-1)^{\frac{3n-10}{5}}$$

Now,

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^5 + \text{Coefficient of } x^{10} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^nC_{\frac{3n-5}{5}} (-1)^{\frac{3n-5}{5}} + {}^nC_{\frac{3n-10}{5}} (-1)^{\frac{3n-10}{5}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^nC_{\frac{3n-5}{5}} = {}^nC_{\frac{3n-10}{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3n-5}{5} + \frac{3n-10}{5} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 6n - 15 = 5n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 15$$

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(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+x+x^2+x^3)^6 &= (1+x)^6(1+x^2)^6 \\
&= ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1x + {}^6C_2x^2 + {}^6C_3x^3 + {}^6C_4x^4 + {}^6C_5x^5 + {}^6C_6x^6) \times ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1x^2 + {}^6C_2x^4 + \\
&{}^6C_3x^6 + {}^6C_4x^8 + {}^6C_5x^{10} + {}^6C_6x^{12}) \\
\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^{14} \text{ in } (1+x+x^2+x^3)^6 & \\
&= {}^6C_2 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_4 \cdot {}^6C_5 + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_4 \\
&= 15 + 90 + 15 = 120
\end{aligned}$$

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(c)

The 14th term from the end in the expansion of $(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^{17}$ is the $(18 - 14 + 1)^{\text{th}}$ i.e. 5th term from the beginning and is given by

$${}^{17}C_4(\sqrt{x})^{13}(-\sqrt{y})^4 = {}^{17}C_4 x^{13/2} y^2$$

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(d)

Put $x = 1$, we get

$$(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)^2 = \sum n^3$$

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(d)

We have,

$$(1+x+x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{2n}x^{2n}$$

On differentiating both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
n(1+x+x^2)^{n-1}(1+2x) &= a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 \\
&+ \dots + 2na_{2n}x^{2n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, on putting $x = 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
n(3)^{n-1} \cdot (3) &= a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 + \dots + 2na_{2n} \\
\Rightarrow a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 + \dots + 2na_{2n} &= n \cdot 3^n
\end{aligned}$$

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(c)

There are total $(n+1)$ factors, let $P(x) = 0$

$$\text{Let } (x + {}^nC_0)(x + 3{}^nC_1)(x + 5{}^nC_2) \dots [x + (2n+1){}^nC_n]$$

$$= a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

Clearly, $a_n = 1$

and roots of the equation $P(x) = 0$ are $-{}^nC_0, -3{}^nC_1, \dots$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = -a_{n-1}/a_n$$

$$= -{}^nC_0 - 3{}^nC_1 - 5{}^nC_2 \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n-1} = (n+1)2^n$$

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(b)

$${}^{n-2}C_r + 2 \cdot {}^{n-2}C_{r-1} + {}^{n-2}C_{r-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= ({}^{n-2}C_r + {}^{n-2}C_{r-1}) + ({}^{n-2}C_{r-1} + {}^{n-2}C_{r-2}) \\
&= {}^{n-1}C_r + {}^{n-1}C_{r-1} \quad (\because {}^nC_{r-1} + {}^nC_r = {}^{n+1}C_r) \\
&= {}^nC_r
\end{aligned}$$

9 **(d)**

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \frac{1}{(x-1)^2(x-2)} &= \frac{1}{-2(1-x)^2\left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[(1-x)^{-2} \left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} \right] \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \left[(1+2x+\dots) \left(1+\frac{x}{2}+\dots\right) \right] \\
\therefore \text{Coefficient of constant term is } &-\frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

10 **(b)**

In the expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^5$, the general term is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^5C_r (x^2)^{5-r} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^r = {}^5C_r \cdot a^r \cdot x^{10-3r}$$

For the coefficient of x , put

$$10 - 3r = 1 \Rightarrow r = 3$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x = {}^5C_3 a^3 = 10a^3$$

12 **(b)**

Coefficient of x^r in the expansion of $(1+x)^{10}$ is ${}^{10}C_r$ and it is maximum for $r = \frac{10}{2} = 5$

$$\text{Hence, Greatest coefficient} = {}^{10}C_5 = \frac{10!}{(5!)^2}$$

13 **(c)**

Given expansion is $\left(\frac{a}{x} + bx\right)^{12}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \text{General term, } T_{r+1} &= {}^{12}C_r \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{12-r} (bx)^r \\
&= {}^{12}C_r (a)^{12-r} b^r x^{-12+2r}
\end{aligned}$$

For coefficient of x^{-10} , put

$$-12 + 2r = -10$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 1$$

Now, the coefficient of x^{-10} is

$${}^{12}C_1 (a)^{11} (b)^1 = 12a^{11}b$$

15 **(a)**

We have,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} \right)^{21-r} \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}} \right)^r$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r a^{7-\frac{r}{2}} b^{\frac{2}{3}r-\frac{7}{2}}$$

Since the powers of a and b are the same

$$\therefore 7 - \frac{r}{2} = \frac{2}{3}r - \frac{7}{2} \Rightarrow r = 9$$

16 **(b)**

$$(1-x)^{-4} = 1 \cdot x^0 + 4x^1 + \frac{4 \cdot 5}{2} x^2 + \dots$$

$$= \left[\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}{6} x^0 + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{6} x + \frac{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{6} x^2 + \frac{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6}{6} x^3 + \dots + \frac{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)}{6} x^r + \dots \right]$$

$$\text{Therefore, } T_{r+1} = \frac{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)}{6} x^r$$

17 **(a)**

We have,

$$y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 6} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 1 = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{3 \cdot 6} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 9} + \dots$$

Comparing the series on RHS with

$$1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots, \text{ we get}$$

$$nx = \frac{1}{3} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{and, } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^2 = \frac{1}{6} \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Dividing (ii) by square of (i), we get

$$\frac{n-1}{2n} = \frac{9}{6} \Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{2}{3} \quad [\text{putting } n = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ in (i)}]$$

$$\therefore y + 1 = (1+x)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 1 = \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 1 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+1)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-1} \Rightarrow y^2 + 2y + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow y^2 + 2y = 2$$

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(b)

$$S(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 \dots + (2k - 1) = 3 + k^2$$

Put $k = 1$ in both sides, we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} \neq \text{RHS}$$

Put $(k + 1)$ in both sides in the place of k , we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1 + 3 + 5 \dots + (2k - 1) + (2k + 1)$$

$$\text{RHS} = 3 + (k + 1)^2 = 3 + k^2 + 2k + 1$$

Let $\text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$

$$\text{Then, } 1 + 3 + 5 \dots + (2k - 1) + (2k + 1)$$

$$= 3 + k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) = 3 + k^2$$

If $S(k)$ is true, then $S(k + 1)$ is also true.

$$\text{Hence, } S(k) \Rightarrow S(k + 1)$$

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(b)

The general term in the expansion of $(5^{1/6} + 2^{1/8})^{100}$ is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{100}C_r (5^{1/6})^{100-r} (2^{1/8})^r$$

As 5 and 2 are relatively prime, T_{r+1} will be rational, if

$\frac{100-r}{6}$ and $\frac{r}{8}$ are both integers *ie*, if $100 - r$ is a multiple of 6 and r is a multiple of 8. As

$0 \leq r \leq 100$, multiples of 8 upto 100 and corresponding value of $100 - r$ are

$$r = 0, 8, 16, 24, \dots, 88, 96$$

$$\text{ie, } 100 - r = 100, 92, 84, 76, \dots, 12, 4$$

Out of $100 - r$, multiples of 6 are 84, 60, 36, 12

\therefore There are four rational terms

$$\text{Hence, number of irrational terms is } 101 - 4 = 97$$

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(b)

We have,

$$T_r = {}^{10}C_{r-1} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{10-r+1} \left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{r-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_r = {}^{10}C_{r-1} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{11-r} (-2)^{r-1} x^{13-3r}$$

For this term to contain x^4 , we must have

$$13 - 3r = 4 \Rightarrow r = 3$$

