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# Binomial Theorem

## Exercise- 8.2

1. Find the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $(x + 3)^8$

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

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

Assuming that  $x^5$  occurs in the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(x + 3)^8$ , we obtain

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

Comparing the indices of  $x$  in  $x^5$  and in  $T_{r+1}$ , we obtain  $r = 3$

$$\text{Thus, the coefficient of } x^5 \text{ is } T_{r+1} = {}^8 C_r (3)^3 = \frac{8!}{3!5!} \times 3^3 = \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5!}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5!} \cdot 3^3 = 1512$$

2. Find the coefficient of  $a^5 b^7$  in  $(a - 2b)^{12}$

**Ans.** It is known that  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term,  $(T_{r+1})$ , in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by  $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$

Assuming that  $a^5 b^7$  occurs in the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(a - 2b)^{12}$ , we obtain

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

Comparing the indices of  $a$  and  $b$  in  $a^5 b^7$  and in  $T_{r+1}$ , we obtain

$r = 7$  Thus, the coefficient of  $a^5 b^7$  is

$${}^{12} C_7 (-2)^7 = -\frac{12!}{7!5!} \cdot 2^7 = -\frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7!}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 7!} \cdot 2^7 = -(792)(128) = -101376$$

3. Write the general term in the expansion of  $(x^2 - y)^6$

**Ans.** It is known that the general term  $T_{r+1}$  {which is the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term} in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by  $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$ . Thus, the general term in the expansion of  $(x^2 - y)^6$  is

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

4. Write the general term in the expansion of  $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$ ,  $x \neq 0$

**Ans** It is known that the general term  $T_{r+1}$  {which is the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term} in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by  $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$ .

Thus, the general term in the expansion of  $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$  is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{12} C_r (x^2)^{12-r} (-yx)^r = (-1)^r {}^{12} C_r \cdot x^{4-2r} \cdot y^r \cdot x^r = (-1)^r {}^{12} C_r \cdot x^{4-r} \cdot y^r$$

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

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

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

Thus, the 4<sup>th</sup> term in the expansion of  $(x - 2y)^{12}$  is

$$T_4 = T_{3+1} = {}^{12} C_3 (x)^{12-3} (-2y)^3 = (-1)^3 \cdot \frac{12!}{3!9!} \cdot x^9 \cdot (2)^3 \cdot y^3 = -\frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot (2)^3 x^9 y^3 = -1760x^9 y^3$$

6. Find the 13th term in the expansion of  $\left(9x - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{18}$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

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

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

Thus, 13th term in the expansion of  $\left(9x - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{x}}\right)^{18}$  is

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

7. Find the middle terms in the expansions of  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$

**Ans.** It is known that in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$ , if  $n$  is odd, then there are two middle

terms, namely  $\left(\frac{n+1}{6}\right)^{\text{th}}$  term and  $\left(\frac{n+1}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}}$  term.

Therefore, the middle terms in the expansion  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$  of are  $\left(\frac{7+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} = 4^{\text{th}}$  term and  $\left(\frac{7+1}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}} = 5^{\text{th}}$  term.

$$\begin{aligned} T_4 = T_{3+1} &= {}^7 C_3 (3)^{7-3} \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^3 = (-1)^3 \frac{7!}{3!4!} \cdot 3^4 \cdot \frac{x^9}{6^3} \\ &= -\frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4!}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 4!} \cdot 3^4 \cdot \frac{1}{2^3 \cdot 3^3} \cdot x^9 = -\frac{105}{8} x^9 \end{aligned}$$

$$T_5 = T_{4+1} = {}^7 C_4 (3)^{7-4} \left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^4 = (-1)^4 \frac{7!}{4!3!} (3)^3 \cdot \frac{x^{12}}{6^4}$$

$$\frac{7.6.5.4!}{4!3.2} \cdot \frac{3^3}{2^4 \cdot 3^4} \cdot x^{12} = \frac{35}{48} x^{12}$$

Thus, the middle terms in the expansion of  $\left(3 - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^7$  are  $-\frac{105}{8}x^9$  and  $\frac{35}{48}x^{12}$

8. Find the middle terms in the expansions of  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$

Ans. It is known that in the expansion  $(a + b)^n$ , if  $n$  is even, then the middle term  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}}$  is term.

Therefore, the middle term in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$  is  $\left(\frac{10}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}} = 6^{\text{th}}$  term is term

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 = T_{5+1} &= {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{10-5} (9y)^5 = \frac{10!}{5!5!} \cdot \frac{x^5}{3^5} \cdot 9^5 \cdot y^5 \\ &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5!}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 5!} \cdot \frac{1}{3^5} \cdot 3^{10} \cdot x^5 y^5 \quad \left[9^5 = (3^2)^5 = 3^0\right] \\ &= 252 \times 3^5 \cdot x^5 \cdot y^5 = 61236x^5y^5 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the middle term in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{x}{3} + 9y\right)^{10}$  is  $61236x^5y^5$

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

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

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

Assuming that  $a^m$  occurs in the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(1 + a)^{m+n}$ , we obtain

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

Comparing the indices of  $a$  in  $a^m$  and in  $T_{r+1}$ , we obtain  $r = m$

Therefore, the coefficient of  $a^m$  is

$${}^{m+n}C_m = \frac{(m+n)!}{m!(m+n-m)!} = \frac{(m+n)!}{m!n!} \dots\dots(1)$$

Assuming that  $a^n$  occurs in the  $(k + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(1 + a)^{m+n}$ , we obtain

$$T_{k+1} = {}^{m+n}C_k (1)^{m+n-k} (a)^k = {}^{m+n}C_k (a)^k$$

Comparing the indices of  $a$  in  $a^n$  and in  $T_{k+1}$ , we obtain

$$k = n$$

Therefore, the coefficient of  $a^n$  is

$${}^{m+n}C_n = \frac{(m+n)!}{n!(m+n-n)!} = \frac{(m+n)!}{n!m!} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Thus, from (1) and (2), it can be observed that the coefficients of  $a^m$  and  $a^n$  in the expansion of  $(1+a)^{m+n}$  are equal.

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

**Ans.** It is known that  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  term,  $(T_{k+1})$ , in the binomial expansion of  $(a+b)^n$  is given by

$$T_{k+1} = {}^nC_k a^{n-k} b^k$$

Therefore,  $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$  term in the expansion of  $(x+1)^n$  is

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

$$r^{\text{th}} \text{ term in the expansion of } (x+1)^n \text{ is } T_r = {}^nC_{r-1} (x)^{n-(r-1)} (1)^{(r-1)} = {}^nC_{r-1} x^{n-r+1}$$

Therefore, the coefficients of the  $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$ ,  $r^{\text{th}}$ , and  $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$  terms in the expansion of  $(x+1)^n$  are  ${}^nC_{r-2}$ ,  ${}^nC_{r-1}$ , and  ${}^nC_r$  respectively. Since these coefficients are in the ratio 1:3:5, we obtain.

$$\frac{{}^nC_{r-2}}{{}^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \frac{{}^nC_{r-1}}{{}^nC_r} = \frac{3}{5}$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{r-1}{n-r+2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

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

$$\frac{{}^nC_{r-1}}{{}^nC_r} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} \times \frac{r!(n-r)!}{n!} = \frac{r(r-1)!(n-r)!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)(n-r)!}$$

$$= \frac{r}{n-r+1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{r}{n-r+1} = \frac{3}{5}$$

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

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

Multiplying (1) by 3 and subtracting it from (2), we obtain

$$4r - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$

Putting the value of  $r$  in (1), we obtain

$$n - 12 + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 7$$

Thus,  $n = 7$  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  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ .

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

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

Assuming that  $x^n$  occurs in the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$ , we obtain

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

Comparing the indices of  $x$  in  $x^n$  and in  $T_{r+1}$ , we obtain

$$r = n$$

Therefore, the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  is

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

Assuming that  $x^n$  occurs in the  $(k + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ , we obtain.

$$T_{k+1} = {}^{2n-1} C_k (1)^{2n-1-k} (x)^k = {}^{2n-1} C_k (x)^k$$

Comparing the indices of  $x$  in  $x^n$  and  $T_{k+1}$ , we obtain

$$k = n$$

Therefore, the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{2n-1} C_n &= \frac{(2n-1)!}{n!(2n-1-n)!} = \frac{(2n-1)!}{n!(n-1)!} \\ &= \frac{2n \cdot (2n-1)!}{2n \cdot n!(n-1)!} = \frac{(2n)!}{2 \cdot n!n!} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \right] \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), it is observed that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} ({}^{2n-1} C_n) &= {}^{2n-1} C_n \\ \Rightarrow {}^{2n} C_n &= 2 ({}^{2n-1} C_n) \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, proved.

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

**Ans.** It is known that  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term,  $(T_{r+1})$ , in the binomial expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  is given by

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

Assuming that  $x^2$  occurs in the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(1 + x)^m$ , we obtain

$$T_{r+1} = {}^m C_r (1)^{m-r} (X)^r = {}^m C_r (X)^r$$

Comparing the indices of  $x$  in  $x^2$  and in  $T_{r+1}$ , we obtain

$$r = 2$$

Therefore, the coefficient of  $x^2$  is  ${}^m C_{r_2}$ .

It is given that the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion  $(1 + x)^m$  is 6.

$$\therefore {}^m C_2 = 6$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow m(m-4) = 0 \text{ or } (m+3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 4 \text{ or } m = -3$$

Thus, the positive value of  $m$ , for which the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion  $(1 + x)^m$  is 6, is 4