

# Binomial theorem $(x^a \pm y^b)^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Find	$(x + \frac{2}{x})^4$	$(x - \frac{2}{x})^5$
Number of terms	$4 + 1 = 5$ terms	$5 + 1 = 6$ terms
Expand	$T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4 + T_5$	$T_1 - T_2 + T_3 - T_4 + T_5 - T_6$
Order of middle term	$\therefore$ number of terms = 5 odd $\therefore$ order of middle term = $\frac{5+1}{2} = 3$ $\therefore T_3$ is the middle term	$\therefore$ number of terms = 6 even $\therefore$ order of the 2 middle terms = $\frac{6}{2}$ and $\frac{6}{2} + 1 \Rightarrow T_3, T_4$
$T_4$	${}^4C_3 (\frac{2}{x})^3 (x)^1 = 32x^{-2}$	${}^5C_3 (\frac{-2}{x})^3 (x)^2 = -80x^{-1}$
Coeff of $T_4$ is	32	-80
$T_4$ from end =	No. of terms - order + 1 from end $= 5 - 4 + 1 = 2 \rightarrow T_2$ from start	$T_4$ from end = $6 - 4 + 1 = 3 \rightarrow T_3$ $T_4$ from end = $T_3$ from the start
Sum of Coeff Put $x=1$	Put $x=1$ $(1+2)^4 = 3^4 = 81$	Put $x=1$ $(1-2)^5 = (-1)^5 = -1$
$\frac{T_4}{T_3}$	$* \frac{T_4}{T_3} = \frac{4-3+1}{3} \times \frac{2/x}{x} = \frac{4}{3} x^{-2}$	$* \frac{T_4}{T_3} = \frac{5-3+1}{3} \times \frac{-2/x}{x} = -2x^{-2}$
Find $x^k$	$x^c (x^a \pm x^b)^n$ $r = \frac{an - k + c}{a - b}$ $* (x^a \pm x^b)^n \rightarrow r = \frac{an - k}{a - b}$	$* (T_1, T_2, T_3) \rightarrow G.S$ $\therefore \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_3}{T_2}$ $* (T_1, T_2, T_3) \rightarrow A.S$ $\therefore T_1 + T_3 = 2T_2 \rightarrow \div T_2$ $\therefore \frac{T_1}{T_2} + \frac{T_3}{T_2} = 2$
To find the greatest coeff of $(ax + b)^n$	Put $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} \geq 1 \Rightarrow r \leq \frac{n+1}{\frac{a}{b} + 1}$ $* \text{If } r \leq 5 \text{ integer} \Rightarrow r=5, r=4 \Rightarrow T_6, T_5$ $* \text{If } r \leq 3.5 \notin \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow r=3 \Rightarrow T_4$	<b>Special case</b> In $(1+x)^n$ ① If $n$ is even $\rightarrow$ the middle is the greatest ② If $n$ is odd $\rightarrow$ the 2 middle terms are the greatest and they are equal
If $r \in \dots$	$\frac{n+1}{\frac{a}{b} + 1} - 1 \leq r \leq \frac{n+1}{\frac{a}{b} + 1}$	

## Notices

- $1 + 8x + {}^n C_2 x^2 + \dots + x^8 = (1+x)^8$
- $(x+a)^n + (x-a)^n = 2[T_1 + T_3 + T_5 + \dots]$
- $(x+a)^n - (x-a)^n = 2[T_2 + T_4 + T_6 + \dots]$
- No. of terms of:
  - $(x+3)^{10} + (x-3)^{10} = 6$  terms  $\rightarrow$  (Seven, 6 odd)
  - $(x+3)^{10} - (x-3)^{10} = 5$  terms  $\rightarrow$  (Seven, 6 odd)
  - $(x+3)^{11} + (x-3)^{11} = 6$  terms  $\rightarrow$  (Seven, 6 odd)
  - $(x+3)^{11} - (x-3)^{11} = 6$  terms  $\rightarrow$  (Seven, 6 odd)

### (5) In $(1+x)^n$

- $1 + {}^n C_1 x + {}^n C_2 x^2 + {}^n C_3 x^3 + \dots + {}^n C_n x^n$
- Coeff of  $x^n$  is  ${}^n C_n$
- Coeff of  $T_m = {}^n C_{m-1}$
- Put  $x=1 \rightarrow 2^n = {}^n C_0 + {}^n C_1 + {}^n C_2 + \dots + {}^n C_n$   
Put  $x=-1 \rightarrow 0 = {}^n C_0 - {}^n C_1 + {}^n C_2 - {}^n C_3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n$
- ${}^n C_0 + 2{}^n C_1 + 2^2 {}^n C_2 + 2^3 {}^n C_3 + \dots + 2^n {}^n C_n = (1+2)^n = 3^n$
- $n=10, x=-1$   
 $\therefore {}^{10}C_0 + {}^{10}C_2 + {}^{10}C_4 + \dots + {}^{10}C_{10} = {}^{10}C_0 + {}^{10}C_2 + \dots + {}^{10}C_{10}$   
 $= \frac{2^{10}}{2} = 2^9$
- ${}^n C_0 + {}^n C_2 + {}^n C_4 + \dots + {}^n C_n = {}^n C_1 + {}^n C_3 + \dots + {}^n C_{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$

### (6) To find the greatest term of $(ax + by)^n$

- $\Leftarrow$  or  $(ax + by)^n$
- $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} \geq 1 \rightarrow \frac{n - r \text{ small} + 1}{r \text{ small}} \times \frac{by}{ax} \geq 1$
- $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_{r+2}} \geq 1 \rightarrow \frac{r+1}{n - (r+1) + 1} \times \frac{ax}{by} \geq 1$