



# JEE Main Maths

## Short Notes

### Binomial Theorem

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### 1. Binomial Theorem for positive integral index

If  $n$  is a positive integer and  $x, y$  is real or imaginary then

$$(x + y)^n = {}^n C_0 x^{n-0} y^0 + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y^1 + \dots + {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r + \dots + {}^n C_n x^0 y^n$$

i.e  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r$

General term is  $t_{r+1} = {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r$

Here  ${}^n C_0, {}^n C_1, {}^n C_2 \dots$  are called the binomial coefficients

Replacing  $y$  by  $-y$  the general term of  $(x - y)^n$  is obtained as

$$t_{r+1} = (-1)^r \cdot {}^n C_r \cdot x^{n-r} y^r$$

Similarly, the general term of  $(1 + x)^n$  and  $(1 - x)^n$  can be obtained by replacing  $x$  by 1 and  $x$  by  $-x$  respectively

- ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{(n-r)}$
- ${}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1} C_r$
- ${}^n C_r / {}^n C_{r-1} = \frac{n-r+1}{r}$
- $r \cdot {}^n C_r = n \cdot ({}^{n-1} C_{r-1})$
- $\frac{1}{r+1} {}^n C_r = \frac{1}{n+1} {}^{n+1} C_{r+1}$

### 2. Middle Term

The middle term depends upon the even or odd nature of  $n$

Case 1: When  $n$  is even

Total number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$  is  $n+1$  (odd)

So there is only 1 middle term i.e  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}}$  term is the middle term

This is given by  $t_{\frac{n}{2}+1} = {}^n C_{\frac{n}{2}} x^{\frac{n}{2}} y^{\frac{n}{2}}$

Case 2: When  $n$  is odd

Total number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$  is  $n+1$  (even)

So there are 2 middle terms i.e  $\frac{n+1}{2}^{\text{th}}$  and  $\frac{n+3}{2}^{\text{th}}$  terms are both middle terms

They are given by

$$t_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, t_{\frac{n+3}{2}} = {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} x^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \cdot y^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, {}^n C_{\frac{n+1}{2}} x^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cdot y^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

### 3. Greatest Term

If  $t_r$  and  $t_{r+1}$  be the  $r^{\text{th}}$  and  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  terms in the expansion,  $(1 + x)^n$  then

$$\frac{t_{r+1}}{t_r} = \frac{n - r + 1}{r} \cdot x$$



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Let  $t_{r+1}$  be the numerically greatest term in the above expression

Then  $t_{r+1} \geq t_r$

Or  $\frac{n-r+1}{r}x \geq 1$

Greatest Coefficient:

- If  $n$  is even, the greatest coefficient  $= {}^n C_{\frac{n}{2}}$
- If  $n$  is odd, then greatest coefficients are  ${}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}}$  and  ${}^n C_{\frac{(n+1)}{2}}$

#### 4. Binomial Coefficients

In the binomial expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  let us denote the coefficients by  $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n$  respectively

Since  $(1+x)^n = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n$

Put  $x=1$

$$C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$$

Put  $x=-1$

$$C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots$$

Sum of odd terms coefficients = Sum of even terms coefficients =  $2^{n-1}$

#### 5. Series Summation

- $C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$
- $C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - C_3 + \dots + (-1)^n C_n = 0$
- $C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1}$
- $C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2 = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$

#### 6. Multinomial Expansion

If  $n$  is a positive integer and  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m$  are real or imaginary then

$$(a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_m)^n = \sum \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_m!} a_1^{n_1} a_2^{n_2} \dots a_m^{n_m}$$

Where  $n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_m$  are non-negative integers such that  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_m = n$

- The coefficients of  $a_1^{n_1} a_2^{n_2} \dots a_m^{n_m}$  in the expansion of  $(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m)^n$  is  $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_m!}$
- The number of dissimilar terms in the expansion of  $(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m)^n = {}^{n+m-1} C_{m-1}$

#### 7. Binomial theorem for negative or fractional index



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When  $n$  is negative and/or fraction and  $|x| < 1$  then

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

$$+ n(n-1)(n-2)\dots \frac{n-r+1}{r!}x^r + \dots \text{ infinite terms}$$

The general term is  $t_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r$

For example, if  $|x| < 1$  then,

- $(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots$
- $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots$
- $(1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots$
- $(1-x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$
- $(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$
- $(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)}{2!}x^2 - \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+1)(\frac{1}{2}+2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$

## 8. Using Differentiation and Integration in Binomial Theorem

- (a) Whenever the numerical occur as a product of binomial coefficients, differentiation is useful.
- (b) Whenever the numerical occur as a fraction of binomial coefficients, integration is useful

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