

Binomial Theorem

THE FACTORIAL FUNCTION

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ factorial on n , denoted by $n!$ is defined by $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 3.2.1$

And the value of $0! = 1$

THE NOTATION ${}^n C_r$

$$0 < r < n, n, r \in \mathbb{N}, {}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

if

- i. ${}^n C_0 = {}^n C_n = 1$ and ${}^n C_r = 0$ for $r > n$
- ii. ${}^n C_{n-r} = {}^n C_r$
- iii. ${}^n C_{r-1} + {}^n C_r = {}^{n+1} C_r$
- iv. ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_s$ if $r = s$ or $r + s = n$
- v. ${}^n C_r = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r-1)}{r!}$

SOME IMPORTANT DEDUCTION OF ${}^n C_r$

- i. $r \cdot {}^n C_r = n \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{r-1}$
- ii. $r^2 \cdot {}^n C_r = n(n-1) \cdot {}^{n-2} C_{r-2} - n \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{r-1}$
- iii. $\frac{1}{r+1} \cdot {}^n C_r = \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot {}^{n+1} C_{r+1}$

GREATEST VALUE OF ${}^n C_r$

Condition 1st: when n is even then ${}^n C_r$ will greatest at $r = \frac{n}{2}$

Condition 2nd: when n is odd then ${}^n C_r$ will greatest at $r = \frac{n+1}{2}$ or $r = \frac{n-1}{2}$

THE BINOMIAL THEOREM (FOR A POSITIVE INTEGER INDEX)

If n is positive integer index and $x \& y \in \mathbb{C}$ then

$$(x+y)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r + \dots + {}^n C_n y^n$$

Here ${}^n C_0, {}^n C_1, {}^n C_2, \dots, {}^n C_n$ are called binomial Coefficients.

SOME IMPORTANT POINT TO REMEMBER

For binomial expression $(x + y)^n$, where n is a positive integer.

- i. The number of the term in the expansion is $(n + 1)$
- ii. In the each term of the expansion, the sum of the exponents is n.
- iii. The binomial coefficient from the beginning and the end are equal ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r}$

GENERAL TERM IN THE EXPANSION OF $(x + y)^n$

In the binomial expansion of $(x + y)^n$, $(r + 1)^{th}$ term denote by T_{r+1} is given by
 $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r$

SOME IMPORTANT RESULTS OF BINOMIAL COEFFICIENT

The expansion $C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n = (1 + x)^n$ can be written as $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r x^r = (1 + x)^n$
 and $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r = 2^n$

SUM OF THE BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS

$C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n = (1 + x)^n$
 Putting $x = 1$ then $C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$
 Putting $x = -1$ then $C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - C_3 + \dots = 0$
 $\therefore C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1}$

******* TO FIND THE SUM OF COEFFICIENT IN $(X + Y)^n$ OR $(ax + by + cz + \dots)^n$**

Put all x, y, z, \dots etc equal to 1. For example sum of all coefficient in the expansion of $(2x - 3y + 5z)^n$ is $(2 - 3 + 5)^n = 4^n$

MULTINOMIAL THEOREM

The general term in the expansion of $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m)^n, n \in N$ is given by

$$\frac{n!}{P_1! P_2! \dots P_m!} x_1^{P_1} x_2^{P_2} \dots x_m^{P_m}, P_1 + P_2 + P_m = n$$

Thus, the number of the term in the expansion of $(x + y + z + u + \dots + m^{th} \text{ term})^n = {}^{n+m-1} C_n$

GENERAL TERM

- i. In the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$, the $(r + 1)^{th}$ general term

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

ii. If n is a positive integer, then the expansion of $(1+x)^{-n}$
 $T_{r+1} = (-1)^r \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

iii. If n is a positive integer, then the expansion of $(1-x)^{-n}$
 $T_{r+1} = \binom{n+r-1}{r} x^r$

SOME IMPORTANT EXPANSION

- i. $(1-x)^{-1} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots+x^r+\dots$
- ii. $(1+x)^{-1} = 1-x+x^2-x^3+\dots+(-1)^r x^r+\dots$
- iii. $(1-x)^{-2} = 1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots+(r+1)x^r+\dots$
- iv. $(1+x)^{-2} = 1-2x+3x^2-4x^3+\dots+(-1)^r (r+1)x^r+\dots$

GREATEST TERM IN THE EXPANSION OF $(1+x)^n$: $T_r \Leftrightarrow T_{r+1}$ according to as

$$\left| \frac{r}{(n-r+1)x} \right| \leq 1, \quad \text{taking equality sign then} \quad r = \frac{|n+1||x|}{|x|+1}$$

We should find the value of r by the equality then we can find the maximum and minimum value by applying the value of r.

**** In the expansion of $(1+x)^n$, $|x| < 1$, another more useful result assuming $|T_{r+1}|$ as**

the greatest term is T_{r+1} if $\left| \frac{r}{n-r+1} \right| \leq |x| \leq \left| \frac{r+1}{n-r} \right|$

Here n can be any index rational, positive integer or negative integer.