

Binomial Theorem

Case Study Based Questions

Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:

1. Ms. Khushi and Mr. Daksh decide to construct a Pascal triangle with the help of binomial theorem. They use the formula for the expansion is

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



(A) The coefficient of x^k ($0 \leq k \leq n$) in the expansion of $E = 1 + (1+x) + (1+x)^2 + \dots + (1+x)^n$ is:

- (a) ${}^{n+1}C_{k+1}$
- (b) ${}^n C_k$
- (c) ${}^{n+1}C_{n-k-1}$
- (d) none of these

(B) The coefficient of y is the expansion of

$$\left(y^2 + \frac{c}{y} \right)^5 \text{ is:}$$

- (a) $10 c^3$
- (b) $20 c^2$
- (c) $10 c$
- (d) $20 c$

(C) The number of terms in the expansion of $(1+\sqrt{5x})^2 + (1-\sqrt{5x})^2$ are:

- (a) 4
- (b) 8
- (c) 5

(d) 9

(D) The sum of coefficient of even powers x in

the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ is:

(a) $11 \times {}^{11}C_5$ (b) $\frac{11}{2} \times {}^{11}C_6$

(c) $11({}^{11}C_5 + {}^{11}C_6)$ (d) 0

(E) Assertion (A): The value of $(101)^*$ using the binomial theorem is 104060401.

Reason (R): $(x + y)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} \cdot y$
 $+ {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} \cdot y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n y^n.$

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is true but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false but (R) is true.

Ans. (A) $(a) {}^{n+1}C_{k+1}$

Explanation:

$$E = \frac{(1+x)^{n+1} - 1}{(1+x) - 1}$$
$$= \frac{{}^{n+1}C_0 + {}^{n+1}C_1 x + {}^{n+1}C_2 x^2 + \dots - 1}{x}$$
$$= {}^{n+1}C_1 + {}^{n+1}C_2 x + {}^{n+1}C_3 x^2 + \dots$$

Coefficient of $x^k = {}^{n+1}C_{k+1}$

(B) (a) $10 c^3$

Explanation:

$$\left(y^2 + \frac{c}{y}\right)^5 = {}^5C_0 \left(\frac{c}{y}\right)^0 (y^2)^{5-0} + {}^5C_1 \left(\frac{c}{y}\right)^1 (y^2)^{5-1}$$
$$+ \dots + {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{c}{y}\right)^5 (y^2)^{5-5}$$
$$= \sum_{r=0}^5 {}^5C_r \left(\frac{c}{y}\right)^r (y^2)^{5-r}$$

We need coefficient of y

$$\Rightarrow 2(5-r) - r = 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$

So, coefficient of $y = {}^5C_3 \cdot c^3$
 $= 10c^3$

(C) (a) 4

Explanation: Given expansion is

$$(1 + \sqrt{5}x)^7 + (1 - \sqrt{5}x)^7$$

Here, $n = 7$, which is odd.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total number of terms} &= \frac{n+1}{2} \\ &= \frac{7+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8}{2}$$

$$= 4$$

(D) (d) 0

Explanation: $(r+1)$ th term = ${}^{11}C_r (x)^{11-r} x^{-r}$

$$= {}^{11}C_r x^{11-2r}$$

Even power of x exists only if $11 - 2r = \text{an even number}$

which is not possible. Thus, Sum of coefficient = 0

(E) (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Given: $(101)^4$

Here, 101 can be written as the sum or the difference of two numbers, such that the binomial theorem can be applied.

$$\text{Therefore, } 101 = 100 + 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } (101)^4 = (100 + 1)^4$$

Now, by applying the binomial theorem, we get

$$(101)^4 = (100 + 1)^4 = {}^4C_0 (100)^4$$

$$+ {}^4C_1 (100)^3 (1) + {}^4C_2 (100)^2 (1)^2 + {}^4C_3 (100) (1)^3 + {}^4C_4 (1)^4$$

$$(101)^4 = (100)^4 + 4(100)^3 + 6(100)^2 + 4(100) + (1)^4$$

$$(101)^4 = 100000000 + 40000000 + 6000000 + 400 + 1$$

$$(101)^4 = 104060401$$

2. Four friends applied the knowledge of Binomial Theorem while playing a game to make the equations by observing some conditions they make some equations.



- (A) Expand, $(1-x+x^2)^4$.
 (B) Expand the expression, $(1 - 3x)^7$
 (C) Show that $11^9 + 9^{11}$ is divisible by 10.

Ans. (A) We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1-x+x^2)^4 &= [(1-x)+x^2]^4 \\
 &= {}^4C_0(1-x)^4 + {}^4C_1(1-x)^3(x^2) + {}^4C_2(1-x)^2(x^2)^2 \\
 &\quad + {}^4C_3(1-x)(x^2)^3 + {}^4C_4(x^2)^4 \\
 &= (1-x)^4 + 4x^2(1-x)^3 + 6x^4(1-x)^2 + 4x^6(1-x) + 1 \cdot x^8 \\
 &= (1-4x+6x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4) + 4x^2(1 - 3x + 3x^2 - x^3) + 6x^4 + (1 - 2x + x^2) + 4(1-x)x^6 + x^8 \\
 &= 1-4x+6x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4 + 4x^2 - 12x^3 + 12x^4 \\
 &\quad - 4x^5+6x^4-12x^5 + 6x^6 + 4x^6 - 4x^7+x^8 \\
 &= 1-4x+10x^2-16x^3+ 19x^4 - 16x^5 + 10x^6 \\
 &\quad - 4x^7+x^8
 \end{aligned}$$

(B) Here, $a = 1$, $b = 3x$, and $n = 7$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Given, } (1-3x)^7 &= {}^7C_0(1)^7 - {}^7C_1(1)^6(3x)^1 + {}^7C_2(1)^5(3x)^2 - {}^7C_3(1)^4(3x)^3 + {}^7C_4(1)^3(3x)^4 \\
 &\quad - {}^7C_5(1)^2(3x)^5 + {}^7C_6(1)^1(3x)^6 \\
 &\quad - {}^7C_7(1)^0(3x)^7 \\
 &= 1-21x+189x^2-945x^3 + 2835x^4-5103x^5+5103x^6-2187x^7.
 \end{aligned}$$

(C)

$$\begin{aligned}11^9 + 9^{11} &= (10 + 1)^9 + (10 - 1)^{11} \\&= ({}^9C_0 \cdot 10^9 + {}^9C_1 \cdot 10^8 + \dots + {}^9C_9) \\&\quad + ({}^{11}C_0 \cdot 10^{11} - {}^{11}C_1 \cdot 10^{10} + \dots - {}^{11}C_{11}) \\&= {}^9C_0 \cdot 10^9 + {}^9C_1 \cdot 10^8 + \dots + {}^9C_8 \cdot 10 + 1 + 10^{11} \\&\quad - {}^{11}C_1 \cdot 10^{10} + \dots + {}^{11}C_{10} \cdot 10 - 1 \\&= 10[{}^9C_0 \cdot 10^8 + {}^9C_1 \cdot 10^7 + \dots + {}^9C_8 \\&\quad + {}^{11}C_0 \cdot 10^{10} - {}^{11}C_1 \cdot 10^9 + \dots + {}^{11}C_{10}] \\&= 10 K, \text{ which is divisible by } 10.\end{aligned}$$