

## Exercise 8.3

1. Expand the following up to 4 terms taking the values of 'x' such that the expansions in each case.

i)  $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

ii)  $(1+2x)^{-1}$

iii)  $(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

iv)  $(4-3x)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

v)  $(8-2x)^{-1}$

vi)  $(2-3x)^{-2}$

vii)  $\frac{(1-x)^{-1}}{(1+x)^2}$

viii)  $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x}$

ix)  $\frac{(4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2-x}$

x)  $(1+x-2x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

xi)  $(1-2x+3x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

i.  $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Solution:**

$$(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**We know that**

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

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

$$(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{16} - \dots$$

$$\text{Hence, } (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{16} - \dots$$

ii.  $(1+2x)^{-1}$

**Solution**

$$(1+2x)^{-1}$$

**We know that**

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

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

$$(1+2x)^{-1} = 1 - 2x + 4x^2 - 8x^3 + \dots$$

*Hence,*

$$(1+2x)^{-1} = 1 - 2x + 4x^2 - 8x^3 + \dots$$

iii.  $(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Solution**

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

**We know that**

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

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

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2x^2}{9} - \frac{14x^3}{81} + \dots$$

Hence

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2x^2}{9} - \frac{14x^3}{81} + \dots$$

iv.  $(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Solution**

$$(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 2 \left(1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**We know that**

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

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

$$= 2 - \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{9x^2}{64} - \frac{27x^3}{512} - \dots$$

Hence

$$(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 - \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{9x^2}{64} - \frac{27x^3}{512} - \dots$$

v.  $(8-2x)^{-1}$

**Solution**

$$(8-2x)^{-1} = 8^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2x}{8}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-1}$$

**We know that**

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

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \left\{ 1 + (-1) \left(-\frac{x}{4}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!} \left(-\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!} \left(-\frac{x}{4}\right)^3 + \dots \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \left\{ 1 + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{x^3}{64} + \dots \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{x}{32} + \frac{x^2}{128} + \frac{x^3}{512} + \dots$$

*Hence*

$$(8-2x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{x}{32} + \frac{x^2}{128} + \frac{x^3}{512} + \dots$$

vi.  $(2-3x)^{-2}$

**Solution**

$$(2-3x)^{-2} = 2^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-2}$$

**We know that**

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

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

$$\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 1 + 3x + \frac{27x^2}{4} + \frac{27x^3}{2} + \dots \right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3x}{4} + \frac{27x^2}{16} + \frac{27x^3}{8} + \dots$$

*Hence*

$$(2-3x)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3x}{4} + \frac{27x^2}{16} + \frac{27x^3}{8} + \dots$$

vii.  $\frac{(1-x)^{-1}}{(1+x)^2}$

**Solution**

$$\frac{(1-x)^{-1}}{(1+x)^2} = (1-x)^{-1} (1+x)^{-2}$$

**We know that**

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

$$\frac{(1-x)^{-1}}{(1+x)^2} = (1-x)^{-1} (1+x)^{-2}$$

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

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

$$= \{1 + x + x^2 + \dots\} \{1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots\}$$

$$= 1 + 2x + x + 3x^2 - x^2 - 4x^3 + 3x^3 - 2x^3 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - x + 2x^2 - 2x^3 + \dots$$

*Hence*

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

viii.  $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x}$

**Solution**

$$\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x} = (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^{-1}$$

**We know that**

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

$$= (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^{-1}$$

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

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

$$= \left\{ 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \dots \right\} \left\{ 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \right\}$$

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

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

Hence

$$\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x} = 1 + 2x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + 2x^3 + \dots$$

ix.  $\frac{(4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2-x}$

**Solution**

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

**We know that**

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

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

$$(4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(2-x)^{-1} = \left[ 4\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ 2\left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= (2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2^{-1} \left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$(4 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2 - x)^{-1} = \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$$

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

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

$$= \left\{ 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^3}{2^3} + \dots \right\} \times \left\{ 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^3}{2^3} + \dots \right\}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2^2} + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^2}{2^3} - \frac{x^2}{2^5} + \frac{x^3}{2^3} + \frac{x^3}{2^4} - \frac{x^3}{2^6} + \frac{x^3}{2^7} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{2x + x}{2^2} + \frac{2^3 x^2 + 2^2 x^2 - x^2}{2^5} + \frac{2^4 x^3 + 2^3 x^3 - 2x^3 + x^3}{2^7} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2^2} x + \frac{11}{2^5} x^2 + \frac{23}{2^7} x^3 + \dots$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} = 1 + \frac{3}{4} x + \frac{11}{32} x^2 + \frac{23}{128} x^3 + \dots$$

Hence

$$\frac{(4 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2 - x} = 1 + \frac{3}{4} x + \frac{11}{32} x^2 + \frac{23}{128} x^3 + \dots$$

x.  $(1 + x - 2x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Solution**

$$(1 + x - 2x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[1 + (x - 2x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**We know that**

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

$$\left[1 + (x - 2x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (x - 2x^2) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!} (x - 2x^2)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\right)}{3!} (x - 2x^2)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{2^3}(x^2 - 4x^3 + 4x^4) + \frac{1}{2^4}(x^3 - 6x^4 + 12x^5 - 8x^6) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{3x^4}{8} + \dots$$

$$\left[1 + (x - 2x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 + \frac{9}{16}x^3 - \frac{7}{8}x^4 + \dots$$

Hence

$$\left(1 + x - 2x^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 + \frac{9}{16}x^3 + \dots$$

xi.  $(1 - 2x + 3x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Solution**

$$(1 - 2x + 3x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left[1 - (2x - 3x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

**We know that**

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

$$\begin{aligned} \left[1 - (2x - 3x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)(-(2x - 3x^2)) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}-1\right)}{2!} \\ &\quad \left(- (2x - 3x^2)\right) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}-1\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}-2\right)}{3!} \left[-(2x - 3x^2)\right]^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(2x - 3x^2) + \frac{2}{9}(4x^2 - 12x^3 + 9x^4) + \frac{14}{81}(8x^3 - 36x^4 + 54x^5 - 27x^6) + \dots$$

$$\left[1 - (2x - 3x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 + \frac{2}{3}x + \left[-1 + \frac{8}{9}\right]x^2 + \left[-\frac{8}{3} + \frac{112}{81}\right]x^3 + \dots$$

$$\left[1 - (2x - 3x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 - \frac{104}{81}x^3 + \dots$$

Hence

$$(1 - 2x + 3x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 - \frac{104}{81}x^3 + \dots$$

2. Using Binomial theorem find the value of the following to the three places of decimals.

- |     |                        |      |                             |
|-----|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1 - | $\sqrt{99}$            | 7 -  | $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{998}}$     |
| 2 - | $(0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | 8 -  | $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{525}}$     |
| 3 - | $(1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | 9 -  | $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}}$ |
| 4 - | $3\sqrt{65}$           | 10 - | $(0.998)^{\frac{1}{3}}$     |
| 5 - | $4\sqrt{17}$           | 11 - | $\frac{1}{6\sqrt{486}}$     |
| 6 - | $5\sqrt{31}$           | 12 - | $(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}}$      |

1.  $\sqrt{99}$

**Solution**

$$(99)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (100 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[ 100 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{100} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 10 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{100} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 10 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{100} \right) + \frac{2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( -\frac{1}{100} \right)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 2 \right)}{3!} \left( -\frac{1}{100} \right)^3 + \dots \right\}$$

$$= 10 \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{200} - \frac{1}{80000} - \frac{1}{16000000} - \dots \right\}$$

$$= 10 \{ 1 - 0.005 \dots \}$$

$$= 10(0.995)$$

$$= 9.95 \text{ approximately}$$

Hence

$$\sqrt{99} = 9.95$$

2.  $(0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} (0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= (1 - 0.02)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-0.02) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!}(-0.02)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 - 0.01 - \frac{1}{8}(0.0004) - \dots \\ &= 1 - 0.01 - 0.0001 - 0 - \dots \\ &= 0.99 \quad \text{approximately} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.99$$

3.  $(1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} (1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= (1 + 0.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(0.03) + \frac{\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right)}{2!}(0.03)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + 0.01 - \frac{1}{9}(0.0009) + \dots \\ &= 1 + 0.01 - 0.0001 + \dots \\ &= 1.0099 \text{ (approximately)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1.0099 \approx 1.01$$

4.  $3\sqrt{65}$

**Solution**

$$3\sqrt{65} = (65)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (64 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[ 64 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{64} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 4 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{64} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 4 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{64} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{3} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{64} \right)^2 + \dots \right\} \\
&= 4 \left\{ 1 + 0.005 - \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{1}{4096} \right) + \dots \right\} \\
&= 4(1 + 0.005 - 0 + \dots) \\
&= 4(1.005) \\
&= 4.020 \text{ (approximately)} \\
&\text{Hence} \\
&3\sqrt{65} = 4.020
\end{aligned}$$

5.  $4\sqrt[4]{17}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
4\sqrt[4]{17} &= (17)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (16+1)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= \left[ 16 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{16} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= (2^2)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= 2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{16} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= 2 \left[ 1 + 0.016 - \frac{3}{32} \left( \frac{1}{256} \right) + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2[1 + 0.016 - 0 + \dots] \\
 &= 2(1.016) \\
 &= 2.032 \text{ (approximately)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$4\sqrt[4]{17} = 2.032$$

6.  $5\sqrt[5]{31}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 5\sqrt[5]{31} &= (31)^{\frac{1}{5}} = (32 - 1)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= \left(32 \left(1 - \frac{1}{32}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= (2^5)^{\frac{1}{5}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{32}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= 2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{5} \left(-\frac{1}{32}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{5} - 1\right)}{2!} \left(-\frac{1}{32}\right)^2 + \dots\right) \\
 &= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{160} - \frac{2}{25} \left(\frac{1}{1024}\right) - \dots\right) \\
 &= 2(1 - 0.006 - \dots) \\
 &= 2(1 - 0.006) \\
 &= 2(0.994) = 1.988 \text{ (approximately)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$5\sqrt[5]{31} \cong 1.988$$

7.  $\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{998}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{998}} &= (998)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = (1000 - 2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= \left( 1000 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{1000} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= (10^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} (1 - 0.002)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 10^{-1} \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) (-0.002) + \frac{\left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{3} - 1 \right)}{2!} (-0.002)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{10} \left[ 1 + 0.001 + \frac{2}{9} (0) + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{10} \left[ 1 + 0.001 + \frac{2}{9} (0) + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{10} (1 + 0.01) = 0.101 \text{ (approximately)}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{998}} \cong 0.101$$

8.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{998}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{998}} &= \frac{1}{(252)^{\frac{1}{5}}} \\
&= (243 + 9)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
&= \left[ 243 \left( 1 + \frac{9}{243} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
&= (3^5)^{-\frac{1}{5}} [1 + 0.037]^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
&= 3^{-1} \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{5} \right) (0.037) + \frac{\left( -\frac{1}{5} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{5} - 1 \right)}{2!} (0.037)^2 + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 - 0.007 + \frac{3}{25} (0.001) + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [1 - 0.007 + 0 + \dots]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [0.993] = 0.331 \text{ (approximately)}$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{5\sqrt{998}} \cong 0.331$$

9.  $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}}$

**Solution**

$$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{8}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\right)}{3!} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{64}\right) - \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{1}{512}\right) + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 0.063 - 0.002 - 0 + \dots$$

$$= 0.935 \text{ (approximately)}$$

Hence

$$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}} = 0.935$$

10.  $(0.998)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.998)^{-\frac{1}{3}} &= (1 - 0.002)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)(-0.002) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}-1\right)}{2!}(-0.002)^2 + \dots \\
&= 1 + 0.001 + \frac{2}{9}(0) + \dots \\
&= 1 + 0.001 + 0 + \dots \\
&= 1.001 \text{ (approximately)}
\end{aligned}$$

11.  $\frac{1}{6\sqrt[6]{486}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{6\sqrt[6]{486}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(486)^{\frac{1}{6}}} = (486)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \\
&= (729 - 243)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \\
&= (729)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left[1 - \frac{243}{729}\right]^{-\frac{1}{6}} \\
&= (3^6)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3}\right]^{-\frac{1}{6}} \\
&= (3)^{-1} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3}\right]^{-\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{1}{3} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3}\right]^{-\frac{1}{6}}
\end{aligned}$$

**We know that**

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right]^{-\frac{1}{6}} &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{6} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{6} \left( -\frac{1}{6} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{-\frac{1}{6} \left( -\frac{1}{6} - 1 \right)}{3!} \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{7}{648} + \frac{91}{34392} + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (1 + 0.0555 + 0.0108 + 0.00265 + \dots) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [1.06895] = 0.3563 \text{ (approximately)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{6\sqrt[4]{486}} \cong 0.3563$$

12.  $(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} (1280)^{\frac{1}{4}} &= (1296 - 16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= (1296)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( 1 - \frac{16}{1296} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= (6^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{81} \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} = 6 \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{81} \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

**Using the formula**

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

**Then**

$$6 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{81} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 6 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left( -\frac{1}{81} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( -\frac{1}{81} \right)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} - 2 \right)}{3!} \left( -\frac{1}{81} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= 6 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{324} - \frac{1}{69384} - \frac{7}{68024448} - \dots \right] \\
&= 6 [1 - 0.003084 - 0 - 0 - \dots] \\
&= 6 [0.99316] = 5.981496 \text{ (approximately)}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}} \cong 5.98$$

### 3. Find the coefficient of $x^n$ the expansion of

i)  $\frac{1+x^2}{(1+x)^2}$

ii)  $\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^2}$

iii)  $\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2}$

iv)  $\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^3}$

v)  $(1-x+x^2+\dots)^2$

i.  $\frac{1+x^2}{(1+x)^2}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+x^2}{(1+x)^2} &= (1+x^2)(1+x)^{-2} \\ &= (1+x^2) \left[ 1 + (-2)x + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots \right] \\ &= (1+x^2) [1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots] \\ &= (1+x^2) \{1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-2}(n-1)x^{n-2} + (-1)^{n-1}nx^{n-1} \\ &\quad + (-1)^n(n+1)x^n + \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Now the term involving  $x^n$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &(-1)^n(n+1)x^n + (-1)^{n-2}(n-1)x^n \\ &= (-1)^n [n+1 + (-1)^{-2}(n-1)]x^n \\ &= (-1)^n [n+1+n-1]x^n = (-1)^n [2n]x^n \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of  $x^n = (-1)^n [2n]$

Hence,

ii.  $\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^2}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^2} &= (1+x)^2(1-x)^{-2} \\ &= (1+2x+x^2) \left[ 1 + (-2)(-x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!}(-x^2) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!}(-x^3) + \dots \right] \\ &= (1+2x+x^2) [1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots] \\ &= (1+2x+x^2) [1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots] \\ &\quad + (n-1)x^{n-2} + nx^{n-1} + (n+1)x^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now the term involving  $x^n$  is  $(n+1)x^n + 2nx^n + (n-1)x^n$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [(n+1) + 2n + n-1] \\ &= [4n]x^n \end{aligned}$$

Hence the term involving  $x^n = 4n$

iii.  $\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2} &= (1+x)^3 (1-x)^{-2} \\ &= (1+3x+3x^2+x^3) \\ &\quad \left[ 1 + (-2)(-x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots \right] \\ &= (1+3x+3x^2+x^3)[1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots] \\ &= (1+3x+3x^2+x^3)[1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots \\ &\quad + (n-2)x^{n-3} + (n-1)x^{n-2} + x^{n-1} + (n-2)x^n + \dots]\end{aligned}$$

Now the term involving  $x^n$  is

$$\begin{aligned}(n+1)x^n + 3nx^n + 3(n-1)x^n + (n-2)x^n \\ &= [n+1+3n+3n-3+n-2]x^n \\ &= [8n-4]x^n \\ &= 4[2n-1]x^n\end{aligned}$$

Hence the coefficient of  $x^n$  is  $4(2n-1)$

iv.  $\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^3}$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^3} &= (1+x)^2 (1-x)^{-3} \\ &= (1-2x+x^2) \left[ 1 + (-3)(-x) + \frac{(-3)(-3-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-3-1)(-3-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots \right] \\ &= (1-2x+x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{3}{1}x + \frac{3 \cdot 4}{2!}x^2 + \frac{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{3!}x^3 + \dots \right] \\ &= (1-2x+x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{2}x + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 2!}x^2 + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 3!}x^3 + \dots \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (1 - 2x + x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{3!}{2}x + \frac{4!}{2 \cdot 2!}x^2 + \frac{5!}{2 \cdot 3!}x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= (1 - 2x + x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{3!}{2}x + \frac{4!}{2 \cdot 2!}x^2 + \frac{5!}{2 \cdot 3!}x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= + \frac{n!}{2(n-2)}x^{n-2} + 2 \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{2(n-1)!}x^{n-1} + \frac{(n+2)!}{2n!}x^n + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

Now the term involving  $x^n$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
&= + \frac{(n+2)!}{2 \cdot n!}x^n + 2 \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!}x^n + \frac{n!}{2 \cdot (n-2)!}x^n \\
&= \left[ \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n!}{2 \cdot n!} + \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)!}{(n-1)!} - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{2 \cdot (n-2)!} \right] x^n \\
&= \left[ \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n!}{2} + \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)!}{1} - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{2} \right] x^n \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (n^2 + n + 2n + 2) + 2(n^2 + n) + (n^2 - n) \right] x^n \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (n^2 + 3n + 2 + 2n^2 + 2n + n^2 - n) \right] x^n \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 4n^2 + 4n + 2 \right] x^n = \left[ 2n^2 + 2n + 1 \right] x^n
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the coefficient of  $x^n = 2n^2 + 2n + 1$

v.  $(1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots \infty)^2$

**Solution**

$$(1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots \infty) = (1 + x)^{-1}$$

$$\therefore (1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots \infty)^2 = (1 + x)^{-2}$$

Now  $x^n$  occurs in

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (1 + 2x + x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{2}x + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 2!}x^2 + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 3!}x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= (1 + 2x + x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{3!}{2}x + \frac{4!}{2 \cdot 2!}x^2 + \frac{5!}{2 \cdot 3!}x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= (1 + 2x + x^2) \left[ 1 + \frac{3!}{2}x + \frac{4!}{2 \cdot 2!}x^2 + \frac{5!}{2 \cdot 3!}x^3 + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\dots\dots\dots \frac{n!}{2(n-2)} x^{n-2} + 2 \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{2(n-1)!} x^{n-1} + \frac{(n+2)!}{2n!} x^n + ]$$

**Q4. If  $x$  is so small that its square and higher powers can be neglected, then show that**

**Solution**

$$\text{i) } \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$\text{ii) } \frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$\text{iii) } \frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (4-3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4+5} \approx \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}$$

$$\text{iv) } \frac{\sqrt{4+x}}{(1-x)^3} \approx 2 + \frac{25}{4}x$$

$$\text{v) } \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 4 \left[ 1 - \frac{5x}{6} \right]$$

$$\text{vi) } \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 4 \frac{3}{2} - \frac{61}{48}x$$

$$\text{vii) } \frac{\sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 2 - \frac{1}{12}x$$

$$\text{i. } \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

**Solution**

**L.H.S**  $\frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} = (1-x)(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$$= (1-x) \left[ 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(x) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!} x^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= (1-x) \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right); \text{Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher power of } x$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x}{2} - x + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x+2x}{2}; \text{ Neglecting } x^2$$

$$= 1 - \frac{3x}{2}$$

= R.H.S

**Hence proved**

$$\frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

ii.  $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x$

**Solution**

**L.H.S**  $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} = (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dots\dots\dots(i)$

Take

$$(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{1}{2}(2x) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!} (2x)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= [1+x]; \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x$$

**Also**  $(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-x) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}(2x)^2 + \dots \right]$   
 $= \left[ 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right]$ ; Neglecting  $x^2$  and higher powers of  $x$

**Putting in equation (i) we get**

$$= 1 + [1+x] \left[ 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right]$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x}{2} + x + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

**L.H.S**

$$= 1 + \frac{x+2x}{2}; \text{ Neglecting } x^2$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3x}{2} = \text{R.H.S}$$

**Hence proved**

$$\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x$$

iii.  $\frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (4-3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4+5} \approx \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}$

**Solution**

**L.H.S**

$$= \frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (4-3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4+5}$$

$$= \left[ (9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (4-3x)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right] [4+5]^{-1} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Take  $(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ 9 \left( 1 + \frac{7x}{9} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (3^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{7x}{9} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 3 \left[ 1 + 2 \left( \frac{7x}{9} \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( \frac{7x}{9} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= 3 \left[ 1 + \frac{7x}{18} \right] \quad \text{Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
&= 3 + \frac{7x}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Also } (16 + 3x)^{\frac{1}{4}} &= \left[ 16 \left( 1 + \frac{3x}{16} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} = (2^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( 1 + \frac{3x}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= 2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{3x}{16} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( \frac{3x}{16} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= 2 \left[ 1 + \frac{3x}{64} \right] \quad \text{Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
&= 2 + \frac{3x}{32}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(4 + 5x)^{-1} &= \left[ 4 \left( 1 + \frac{5x}{4} \right) \right]^{-1} = 4^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{5x}{4} \right)^{-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 + (-1) \left( \frac{5x}{4} \right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{5x}{4} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{5x}{4} \right) \right] \quad \text{Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) - \frac{5x}{16}
\end{aligned}$$

Putting all these in equation (i), we get

**L.H.S**

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[ \left( 3 + \frac{7x}{6} \right) - \left( 2 + \frac{3x}{32} \right) \right] \left( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5x}{16} \right) \\
&= \left[ 3 + \frac{7x}{6} - 2 - \frac{3x}{32} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5x}{16} \right] \\
&= \left[ 1 + \frac{112x - 9x}{96} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5x}{16} \right] \\
&= \left[ 1 + \frac{103}{96}x \right] \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5x}{16} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{5x}{16} \right) + \frac{103}{384}x - \frac{515}{1536}x^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{120x - 103x}{384}; \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}x = \text{R.H.S}
\end{aligned}$$

iv.  $\frac{\sqrt{4+x}}{(1-x)^3} \approx 2 + \frac{25}{4}x$

**Solution**

**L.H.S**  $= \frac{\sqrt{4+x}}{(1-x)^3} = (4+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x)^{-3} \dots\dots\dots(i)$

Take  $(4+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ 4 \left( 1 + \frac{x}{4} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = (2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$= 2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2} - 1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{x}{4} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$= 2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{x}{8} \right) \right]$ ; **Neglecting  $x^2$  and higher powers of  $x$**

$= 2 + \frac{x}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{also } (1-x)^{-3} &= \left[ 1 + (-3)(-x) + \frac{(-3)(-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \dots \right] \\ &= [1+3x] \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x \end{aligned}$$

Putting all these in equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \left[ 2 + \frac{x}{4} \right] [1+3x] \\ &= 2 + 6x + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{3}{4}x^2 \\ &= 2 + \frac{24x+x}{4} \quad \text{Neglecting } x^2 \\ &= 2 + \frac{25}{4} = \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{v. } \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}(4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 4 \left[ 1 - \frac{5x}{6} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}(4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[ 4 \left( 1 - \frac{3x}{4} \right) \right]^{\frac{3}{2}} (8+5x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[ 4 \left( 1 - \frac{3x}{4} \right) \right]^{\frac{3}{2}} \left[ 8 \left( 1 + \frac{5x}{8} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} (8) \left( 1 - \frac{3x}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (8)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left[ 1 + \frac{5x}{8} \right]^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 8(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( 1 - \frac{3x}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} (8)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left[ 1 + \frac{5x}{8} \right]^{-\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 8(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right) (2)^{-1} \left[1 + \frac{5x}{8}\right]^{\frac{-1}{3}}$$

$$= 4(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[1 + \frac{5x}{8}\right]^{\frac{-1}{3}} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{Take } (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}(x)^3 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \dots\dots\dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x}{2} \quad \text{Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x$$

$$\text{Also } \left[1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{3}{2}\left(-\frac{3x}{4}\right) + \frac{\frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}-1\right)}{2!}\left(-\frac{3x}{4}\right)^2 + \dots\dots\dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{9}{8}x - \frac{27}{128}x^2 + \dots\dots\dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{9}{8}x \quad \text{Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x$$

**Putting all these in eq. (1), we get**

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{9}{8}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right) \\ &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{5x}{24} - \frac{9x}{8} + \frac{45x^2}{192}\right) \\ &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{5x+27x}{24}\right) \text{Neglecting } x^2 \\ &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{4x}{3}\right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{4x}{3} + \frac{x}{2}\right) = 4 \left(1 - \frac{8x-3x}{6}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting  $x^2$

$$= 4 \left\{ 1 - \frac{5x}{6} \right\}$$

= R.H.S

Hence proved

$$\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cong 4 \left[ 1 - \frac{5x}{6} \right]$$

vi. 
$$\frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(8+3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cong \frac{3}{2} - \frac{61}{48}x$$

**Solution:**

$$L.H.S = \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(8+3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= \left[ (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] (8+3x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

**Take**

$$(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-x) - \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} (-x)^2 + \dots\dots\dots \right]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x}{2} \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher power of } x$$

**Also**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \left[ 9 \left( 1 - \frac{4x}{9} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = (3^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{4x}{9} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{4x}{9} \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} (-x)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= 3 \left[ 1 - \frac{2x}{9} \right] \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
 &= 3 - \frac{2}{3}x
 \end{aligned}$$

**Also**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8-3x)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= \left[ 8 \left( 1 - \frac{3x}{8} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = (2^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( 1 - \frac{3x}{8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{3x}{8} \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} (-x)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right] \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Putting all these in eq. (1), we get**

$$\begin{aligned}
 L.H.S &= \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right) \left( 3 - \frac{2x}{3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{16} \right) \\
 &= \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right) \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3x}{16} - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{24} \right) \\
 &= \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right) \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{25}{48}x \right) \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{25x + 36x}{48} \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{61}{48}x \\
 &= R.H.S.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Hence proved*

$$\frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \cong \frac{3}{2} - \frac{61}{48}x$$

vii.  $\frac{\sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \cong 2 - \frac{1}{12}x$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= \frac{\sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= \left[ \sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] (8-x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left[ \left[ 4 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left[ 8 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \left[ 8 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left[ \left[ 2^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] 2^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 2 \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{x}{8} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \dots\dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Take } \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{8} + 1 - \frac{x}{24} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{x}{24} \right) \\ &= \left[ 2 - \frac{3x+x}{24} \right] \left( 1 + \frac{x}{24} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[ 2 - \frac{x}{8} \right] \left( 1 + \frac{x}{24} \right) \\
 &= 2 + \frac{x}{12} - \frac{x}{8} \text{ neglected } x^2 \\
 &= 2 + \frac{x - 2x}{12} \\
 &= 2 - \frac{x}{12} \\
 &= R.H.S
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

$$\frac{\sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \cong 2 - \frac{1}{12}x$$

**Q.5** If  $x$  is so small that its cube and higher power can be neglected then show that

$$\text{i) } \sqrt{1-x-2x^2} \cong 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2$$

$$\text{ii) } \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \cong 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

$$\text{i) } \sqrt{1-x-2x^2} \cong 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 L.H.S &= \sqrt{1-x-2x^2} = [1 - (x+2x^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \{ -(x+2x^2) \} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} \{ -(x+2x^2) \}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - 2 \right) \frac{\{-(x + 2x^2)\}^3}{3!} + \dots \\
& = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{8}(x + 2x^2)^2 + \text{terms containing } x^3 \text{ and high powers of } x \\
& = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{8}(x^2 + 4x^3 + 4x^4) + \text{terms containing } x^3 \text{ and high powers of } x \\
& = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^2; \text{ Neglecting } x^3 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
& = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{8x^2 + x^2}{8} \\
& = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9x^2}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

$$\sqrt{1 - x - 2x^2} \cong 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2$$

ii)  $\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \cong 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$

**Solution:**

$$L.H.S = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

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

take

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

$$= \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right\} ; \text{ Neglecting } x^3 \text{ and high powers of } x$$

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

$$= 1 - \frac{x}{8} \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}\left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{x}{8}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{3}-1\right)}{2!}\left(-\frac{x}{8}\right)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{24}x \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x\end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}\left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} &= 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{x}{8}\right) + \frac{-\frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{1}{3}-1\right)}{2!}\left(-\frac{x}{8}\right)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{x}{24} + \frac{x^2}{228} \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{x}{24} \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x\end{aligned}$$

Putting all these in equation (i) , we get

$$\begin{aligned}L.H.S &= \left\{\left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{x}{24}\right)\right\} \left\{1 + \frac{x}{24}\right\} \\ &= \left\{2 - \frac{3x+x}{24}\right\} \left\{1 + \frac{x}{24}\right\} \\ &= \left\{2 - \frac{x}{6}\right\} \left\{1 + \frac{x}{24}\right\} = 2 + \frac{x}{12} + \frac{x}{6} - \frac{x^2}{144} \\ &= 2 + \frac{x}{12} \text{ Neglecting } x^2 \\ &= 2 + \frac{x}{12} \\ &= R.H.S\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

$$\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \cong 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

**Q.6** If  $x$  is very nearly equal 1, then prove that

$$px^p - qx^q \approx (p - q)x^{p+q}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $x=1+h$ , where  $h$  is so small that its square and higher power can be neglected.

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= px^p - qx^q \\ &= p(1+h)^p - q(1+h)^q \\ &= p[1 + ph + \dots] - q[1 + qh + \dots] \\ &= p + p^2h - q - q^2h \\ &= (p - q) + p^2h - q^2h \\ &= (p - q) + h(p^2 - q^2) \\ &= (p - q) + h(p - q)(p + q) \\ &= (p - q) + [1 + h(p + q)] \\ &= (p - q) + [1 + h]^{p+q} \\ &= (p - q) + (x)^{p+q} \\ &= R.H.S \end{aligned}$$

**Hence proved.**

**Q.7** If  $p-q$  is small when compared with  $p$  or  $q$ , show that

$$\frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q} \approx \left[ \frac{p+q}{2q} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

**Solution:**

$$L.H.S = \frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q}$$

Let  $p-q=h$  where 'h' is so small its higher power can be neglected.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2np + p + 2nq - q}{2np - p + 2nq + q} \\
 &= \frac{2n(p + q) + (p - q)}{2n(p + q) - (p - q)} \\
 &= \frac{2n(p + p + h) + (h)}{2n(p + p + h) - (h)} \\
 &= \frac{2n(2p + h) + h}{2n(2p + h) - h}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4np + 2nh + h}{4np + 2nh - h} \\
 &= \frac{4np + h(2n + 1)}{4np + h(2n - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{4np \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2np}(2n + 1) \right]}{4np \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2np}(2n - 1) \right]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2np}(2n + 1) \right]}{\left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2np}(2n - 1) \right]} \\
 &= \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right]}{\left[ 1 + \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right]}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right]$$

$$= \left[ 1 - \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right) + \frac{h}{p} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right]$$

$$= \left[ 1 - \frac{h}{p} + \frac{h}{2np} + \frac{h}{p} + \frac{h}{2np} \right]$$

$$= \left[ 1 + \frac{h}{2np} \right]$$

$$R.H.S = \left[ \frac{p+q}{2q} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{p+p-h}{2(p-h)} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{2p-2h}{2p-2h} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{2p \left( 1 - \frac{h}{2p} \right)}{2p \left( 1 - \frac{h}{2p} \right)} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{h}{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \left( 1 - \frac{h}{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{h}{2np} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{h}{2np} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{h}{np} + \frac{h}{2np}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{h}{2np}$$

$$= L.H.S$$

Hence proved

$$\frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q} \gg \left[ \frac{p+q}{2q} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

8. Show that  $\left[\frac{n}{2(n+N)}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n}$  where n and N are nearly equal.

**Solution:**

Let  $N=n+h$ , where 'h' is so small that its square and higher powers can be neglected.

Therefore by putting  $N=n+h$

Equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= \left[\frac{n}{2(n+N)}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[\frac{n}{2(n+n+h)}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left[\frac{n}{2.2n\left(1+\frac{h}{2n}\right)}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1+\frac{h}{2n}\right]^{\frac{-1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{h}{2n}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-1-1}{2}\right)}{2!} \left(\frac{h}{2n}\right)^2 + \dots\right] \end{aligned}$$

Neglected square term.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{h}{4n}\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{8n} \end{aligned}$$

By putting  $N=n+h$  in equation

R.H.S

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n} &= \frac{8n}{9n-(n+h)} - \frac{n+(n+h)}{4n} \\
&= \frac{8n}{9n-n-h} - \frac{n+n+h}{4n} \\
&= \frac{8n}{8n\left(1-\frac{h}{8n}\right)} - \left(\frac{2n}{4n} + \frac{h}{4n}\right) \\
&= \left(1+\frac{h}{8n}\right)^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{h}{4n}\right) \\
&= \left(1+\frac{h}{8n}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{h}{4n}\right) \\
&= 1 + \frac{h}{8n} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{4n} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{8n} \\
&= L.H.S
\end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved

$$\left[\frac{n}{2(n+N)}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n}$$

9. Identify the following series as binomial expansion and find the sum in each case.

i.  $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \dots$

ii.  $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{214}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{381}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$

iii.  $1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.5}{4.8} - \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12} + \dots$

iv.  $1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$

$$i. \quad 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \dots$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } (1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \dots$$

Or

$$1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2!4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \dots$$

**Comparing we get**

$$nx = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2$$

Multiplying both sides by '2!'

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{1.3.2!}{2!4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{4 \times 16}$$

$$nx = -\frac{1}{8}$$

*squaring*

$$n^2x^2 = \frac{1}{64}$$

**Dividing them**

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{n} = 3$$

$$n - 3n = 1$$

$$-2n = 1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{n}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{\frac{-1}{2}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

**Therefore**

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } n = \frac{-1}{2} \\
 (1+x)^n &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{4+1}{4}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence;

$$1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}$$

ii.  $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{214}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{381}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } (1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{214}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{381}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$$

Or

$$1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \dots$$

**By comparing, we get**

$$nx = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

**Multiplying both sides by '2!'**

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{16} \dots(2)$$

**Squaring equation (i), we get**

$$n^2 x^2 = \frac{1}{16} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

**Dividing (2) by (3), we get**

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 = \frac{3}{16} \times \frac{16}{1}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow n-1=3n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n-n=-1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n=-1$$

$$\Rightarrow n=-\frac{1}{2}$$

**Put  $n=-\frac{1}{2}$  in equation (1)**

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

*Multiplying both sides by '2'*

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

*Putting values of  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $n=-\frac{1}{2}$  in  $(1+x)^n$*

$$(1+x)^n = \left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{2+1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

**i.e.**

$$= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

**Hence ;**

$$1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2!4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{3!8}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots \dots \infty = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

iii.  $1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.5}{4.8} - \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12} + \dots$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } (1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.8}{4.8} - \frac{1.3.7}{4.8.12} + \dots$$

**Or**

$$1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots = 1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.5}{4.8} + \dots$$

By comparing, we get

$$nx = \frac{3}{4} \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{3.5}{4.8}$$

Multiplying both sides by '2!'

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{15}{16} \dots\dots(ii)$$

Squaring equation (i) we get

$$n^2x^2 = \frac{9}{16} \dots\dots(iii)$$

Dividing (ii) by (iii) , we get

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{n^2x^2} = \frac{15}{16} \times \frac{16}{9}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(n-1) = 5n$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2n = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow n = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Put  $n = -\frac{3}{2}$  in equation(i)

$$\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)x = \frac{3}{4}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $-\frac{2}{3}$  we get

$$x = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Putting values of  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $n = -\frac{3}{2}$  in  $(1+x)^n$

$$\text{i.e. } (1+x)^n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{2-1}{2} \right)^{\frac{-3}{2}} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{-3}{2}}$$

$$= (2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = (2^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

Hence:

$$1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.5}{4.8} + \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12} + \dots \infty = 2\sqrt{2}$$

iv.  $1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^3 + \dots$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } (1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^3 + \dots \infty$$

Or

$$1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 - \dots \infty$$

By comparing, we get

$$nx = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \quad \dots (i)$$

and

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 = \frac{1.3}{2.4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2$$

Multiplying both sides by 2!

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad \dots (ii)$$

Squaring equation (1), we get

$$n^2 x^2 = \frac{1}{36} \quad \dots (iii)$$

Dividing (ii) by (iii), we get

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{n^2 x^2} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{36}{1}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3$$

$$n-1 = 3n$$

$$3n - n = -1$$

$$n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Put  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  in eq. (i), we get

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x = -\frac{1}{6}$$

Multiplying both sides by '-2' we get

$$x = (-2)\left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Putting values of  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  AND  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  in  $(1+x)^n$

$$(1+x)^n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{3+1}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Hence:

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2.4} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \infty = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

10. Use binomial theorem to show that

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.3}{4.8} + \frac{1.3.5}{4.8.12} + \dots = \sqrt{2}$$

**Solution:**

Let the given series be identical with the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  for  $|x| < 1$  when  $n$  is not a positive integer. We know that;

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

Comparing the series we get

$$nx = \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{4n} \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{And } \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 = \frac{1.3}{4.8} \quad \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

By substituting  $x = \frac{1}{4n}$  in (ii)

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{4n} \right)^2 = \frac{1.3}{4.8}$$

$$\text{Or } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{16n^2} \right) = \frac{3}{32} \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

By putting  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  in (i)

$$x = \frac{1}{4 \times \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \right]} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Now

$$(1+x)^n = \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Hence Proved

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.3}{4.8} + \frac{1.3.5}{4.8.12} + \dots = \sqrt{2}$$

11. If  $y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^3 + \dots$ , prove that  $y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$

**Solution:**

$$y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots (A)$$

By identify the series

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$$

With

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

We have

$$nx = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{3n} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3n}\right)^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Subtracting  $x = \frac{1}{3n}$  in eq (ii) gives

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3n}\right)^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

or

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \times \frac{1}{9n^2} = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{n-1}{n} = 3$$

$$n-1 = 3n$$

$$n-3n = 1$$

$$-2n = 1$$

$$n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

By putting  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  in eq. (i) we get

$$X = \frac{1}{3 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}(1+n)^n &= \left[1 + \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore eq. (A) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}(1+y) &= 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \sqrt{3} \\ 1+y &= \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Squaring both the sides of eq. (ii)

We get  $(1+y)^2 = (\sqrt{3})^2$

Or

$$1+2y+y^2 = 3 \Rightarrow y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$$

Hence Proved.

12. If  $2y = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$  proved that  $4y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0$

Solution:

$$1+2y = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots (A)$$

Let

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$$

It will be identical with the expansion.

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

Where  $|x| < 1$  and  $n$  is not a positive integer.

By comparing this with the right hand side of eq. (A)

We get

$$nx = \frac{1}{2^2} \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{4n} \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} \dots\dots(2)$$

Substituting  $x = \frac{1}{4n}$  in eq.(2) we get

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left( \frac{1}{4n} \right)^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{16n^2} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3$$

$$n-1 = 3n$$

$$-1 = 3n - n$$

$$2n = -1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2}$$

Putting  $n = \frac{-1}{2}$  in eq. (1) we get

$$x = \frac{1}{4 \left( \frac{-1}{2} \right)} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Now

$$(1+x)^n = \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

Therefore

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots = \sqrt{2}$$

And eq. (A) becomes

$$1+2y = \sqrt{2} \quad \dots(B)$$

Squaring both the sides of eq. (B) we get.

$$(1+2y)^2 = (\sqrt{2})^2$$

Hence proved.

$$4y^2+4y-1=2 \rightarrow 4y^2+4y-1=0$$

13. If  $y = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots$  prove that  $y^2+2y-4=0$

**Solution:**

$$1+y = 1 + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots (A)$$

Identifying the series on the right-hand side of eq. (A) with

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

Where  $|x| < 1$  n is not a positive integer, we get

$$nx = \frac{2}{5} \text{ or } x = \frac{2}{5n} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

and

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

By putting  $x = \frac{2}{5n}$  in eq. (2) we get

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2$$

or

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{25n^2} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Putting  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  in eq. (1), we get

$$x = \frac{2}{5\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = -\frac{4}{5}$$

Now

$$(1+x)^n = \left[1 + \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 5^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{5}$$

therefore

$$1 + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots = \sqrt{5}$$

And eq. (A) changes as

$$1+y = \sqrt{5} \quad \dots\dots(B)$$

By squaring both sides of eq. (B) we get

$$(1+y)^2 = (\sqrt{5})^2$$

Or

$$1+2y+y^2 = 5 \Rightarrow y^2 + 2y - 4 = 0$$

Hence proved.

