

Exercise 8.2

Q1. Using binomial theorem, expand the following:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{i)} & (a+2b)^5 & \text{ii)} \quad \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^6 & \text{iii)} \quad \left(3a - \frac{x}{3a}\right)^4 \\ \text{iv)} & \left(2a - \frac{x^2}{a}\right)^7 & \text{v)} \quad \left(\frac{x}{2y} - \frac{2y}{x}\right)^6 & \text{vi)} \quad \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right)^6 \end{array}$$

i) $(a+2b)^5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (a+2b)^5 &= \binom{5}{0}(a)^5(2b)^0 + \binom{5}{1}(a)^4(2b)^1 + \binom{5}{2}(a)^3(2b)^2 \\ &\quad + \binom{5}{3}(a)^2(2b)^3 + \binom{5}{4}(a)^1(2b)^4 + \binom{5}{5}(a)^0(2b)^5 \\ &= (1)(a^5)(1) + (5)(a^4)(2b) + (10)(a^3)(4b^2) \\ &\quad + (10)(a^2)(8b^3) + (5)(a)(16b^4) + (1)(1)(32b^5) \\ &= a^5 + 10a^4b + 40a^3b^2 + 80a^2b^3 + 80ab^4 + 32b^5 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(a+2b)^5 = a^5 + 10a^4b + 40a^3b^2 + 80a^2b^3 + 80ab^4 + 32b^5$$

ii) $\left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^6$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^6 &= \left[\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)\right]^6 \\
&= \binom{6}{0} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^6 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^0 + \binom{6}{1} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^1 + \binom{6}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^2 \\
&\quad + \binom{6}{3} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^3 + \binom{6}{4} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^4 + \binom{6}{5} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^5 + \binom{6}{6} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^6 \\
&= (1) \left(\frac{x^6}{64}\right) (1) + (6) \left(\frac{x^5}{32}\right) \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right) + 15 \left(\frac{x^4}{16}\right) \left(\frac{4}{x^4}\right) + 20 \left(\frac{x^3}{8}\right) \left(\frac{-8}{x^6}\right) \\
&\quad + (15) \left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{16}{x^8}\right) + (6) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-32}{x^2}\right) + (1)(1) \left(\frac{64}{x^2}\right) \\
&= \frac{x^6}{64} - \frac{3}{8}x^3 + \frac{15}{4} - \frac{20}{x^3} + \frac{60}{x^6} - \frac{96}{x^9} + \frac{64}{x^{12}}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^6 = \frac{x^6}{64} - \frac{3}{8}x^3 + \frac{15}{4} - \frac{20}{x^3} + \frac{60}{x^6} - \frac{96}{x^9} + \frac{64}{x^{12}}$$

iii) $\left(3a - \frac{x}{3a}\right)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[3a + \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)\right]^4 &= \binom{4}{0} (3a)^4 \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^0 + \binom{4}{1} (3a)^3 \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^1 + \binom{4}{2} (3a)^2 \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^2 \\
&\quad + \binom{4}{3} (3a)^1 \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^3 + \binom{4}{4} (3a)^0 \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^4 \\
&= (1)(81a^4)(1) + (4)(27a^3) \left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right) + (6)(9a^2) \left(\frac{x^2}{9a^2}\right) \\
&\quad + (4)(3a) \left(\frac{-x^3}{8a^3}\right) + (1)(1) \left(\frac{x^4}{16a^4}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= 81a^4 - 36a^2x + 6x^2 - \frac{4x^3}{9a^2} + \frac{x^4}{16a^4}$$

Hence:

$$\left[3a - \left(\frac{-x}{3a} \right) \right]^4 = 81a^4 - 36a^2x + 6x^2 - \frac{4x^3}{9a^2} + \frac{x^4}{16a^4}$$

iv) $\left(2a - \frac{x^2}{a} \right)^7$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[(2a) + \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right) \right]^7 &= \binom{7}{0} (2a)^7 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^0 + \binom{7}{1} (2a)^6 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^1 \\ &+ \binom{7}{2} (2a)^5 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^2 + \binom{7}{3} (2a)^4 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^3 + \binom{7}{4} (2a)^3 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^4 \\ &+ \binom{7}{5} (2a)^2 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^5 + \binom{7}{6} (2a)^1 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^6 + \binom{7}{7} (2a)^0 \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right)^7 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1)(128a^7) + (7)(64a^6) \left(\frac{-x^2}{a} \right) + (21)(32a^5) \left(\frac{x^2}{a^2} \right)$$

$$+ 35(16a^4) \left(\frac{-x^3}{a^3} \right) + 35(8a^3) \left(\frac{x^4}{a^4} \right) + (21)(4a^2) \left(\frac{-x^5}{a^5} \right)$$

$$= 128a^7 - 448a^5x + 672a^3x^2 - 560ax^3 + \frac{280x^4}{a} - \frac{84x^5}{a^3} + \frac{14x^6}{a^5} - \frac{x^7}{a^7}$$

Hence $\left(2a - \frac{x^2}{a} \right)^7 = 128a^7 - 448a^5x + 672a^3x^2 - 560ax^3 + \frac{280x^4}{a} - \frac{84x^5}{a^3} + \frac{14x^6}{a^5} - \frac{x^7}{a^7}$

v) $\left(\frac{x}{2y} - \frac{2y}{x} \right)^6$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[\frac{x}{2y} - \frac{2y}{x}\right]^8 &= \binom{8}{0} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^8 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^0 + \binom{8}{1} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^7 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^1 + \binom{8}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^6 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^2 \\
&\quad + \binom{8}{3} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^5 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^3 + \binom{8}{4} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^4 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^4 + \binom{8}{5} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^3 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^5 \\
&\quad + \binom{8}{6} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^2 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^6 + \binom{8}{7} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^1 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^7 + \binom{8}{8} \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^0 \left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^8 \\
&= (1) \left(\frac{x^8}{64}\right) (1) + (8) \left(\frac{x^7}{128y^8}\right) \left(\frac{-2}{x}\right) + (28) \left(\frac{x^6}{64x^6}\right) \left(\frac{4y^2}{x^2}\right) \\
&\quad + (56) \left(\frac{x^5}{32y^5}\right) \left(\frac{-8y^3}{x^3}\right) + (70) \left(\frac{x^4}{16y^4}\right) \left(\frac{16y^4}{x^4}\right) \left(\frac{16y^4}{x^4}\right) \\
&\quad + 8 \left(\frac{x}{2y}\right) \left(\frac{-128y^7}{x^7}\right) + (1)(1) \left(\frac{256y^8}{x^8}\right) \\
&= \frac{x^8}{256y^8} - \frac{x^6}{8y^6} + \frac{7x^4}{4y^2} - \frac{14x^2}{y^2} + 70 - \frac{224y^2}{x^2} + \frac{448y^4}{x^4} - \frac{512y^6}{x^6} + \frac{256y^8}{x^8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \left(\frac{x}{2y} - \frac{2y}{x}\right)^8 = \frac{x^8}{256y^8} - \frac{x^6}{8y^6} + \frac{7x^4}{4y^2} - \frac{14x^2}{y^2} + 70 - \frac{224y^2}{x^2} + \frac{448y^4}{x^4} - \frac{512y^6}{x^6} + \frac{256y^8}{x^8}$$

$$\text{vi) } \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right)^6$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right)^6 &= \binom{6}{0} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right]^6 \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^0 + \binom{6}{1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right]^5 \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^1 + \binom{6}{2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right]^4 \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^2 + \\
&\quad \binom{6}{3} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right]^3 \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^3 + \binom{6}{4} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right]^2 \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^4 + \binom{6}{4} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right] \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^5 + \binom{6}{4} \left[\frac{\sqrt{a}}{x}\right]^0 \left[-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right]^6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (1)\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^3 + (6)\left(\frac{-a}{x}\right)^2 + (15)\left(\frac{-a}{x}\right) + (20)\left(\frac{-a}{x}\right)^0 + \\
&\quad (15)\left(\frac{-a}{x}\right)^{-1} + (6)\left(\frac{-a}{x}\right)^{-2} + (1)\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{-3} \\
&= \left(\frac{a^3}{x^3}\right) - \frac{6a^2}{x^2} + \frac{15a}{x} + 20 + \frac{15x}{a} - \frac{6x^2}{a^2} + \frac{x^3}{a^3}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}}\right)^6 = \frac{a^3}{x^3} - \frac{6a^2}{x^2} + \frac{15a}{x} + 20 + \frac{15x}{a} - \frac{6x^2}{a^2} + \frac{x^3}{a^3}$$

2. Calculate following by means of binomial theorem:

i. $(0.97)^3$ ii. $(2.02)^4$ iii. $(9.98)^4$ iv. (2.1)

i. $(0.97)^3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.97)^3 &= (1 - 0.03)^3 \\
&= \binom{3}{0}(1)^3(-0.03)^0 + \binom{3}{1}(1)^2(-0.03)^1 + \binom{3}{2}(1)^1(-0.03)^2 + \binom{3}{3}(1)^0(-0.03)^3 \\
&= 1 + 3 \times (-0.03) + 3 \times (0.0009) + 1 \times (-0.0027) \\
&= 1 - 0.09 + 0.0027 - 0.0027 = 0.9127
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(0.97)^3 = 0.9127$$

ii. $(2.02)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.02)^4 &= (2 + 0.02)^4 \\
 &= \binom{4}{0}(2)^4(0.02)^0 + \binom{4}{1}(2)^3(0.02)^1 + \binom{4}{2}(2)^2(0.02)^2 + \binom{4}{3}(2)^1(0.02)^3 \\
 &\quad + \binom{4}{4}(2)^0(0.02)^4 \\
 &= 1(16) + 4(8)(0.02) + 6(4)(0.0004) \\
 &= 4(2)(0.000008) + 1(0.00000016) \\
 &= 16 + 0.64 + 0.0096 + 0.000064 + 0.0000016 = 16.649664
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(0.02)^4 = 16.649664$$

iii. $(9.98)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9.98)^4 &= (10 - 0.02)^4 \\
 &= \binom{4}{0}(10)^4(-0.02)^0 + \binom{4}{1}(10)^3(-0.02)^1 + \binom{4}{2}(10)^2(-0.02)^2 + \binom{4}{3}(10)^1 \\
 &\quad (-0.02)^3 + \binom{4}{4}(10)^0(-0.02)^4 \\
 &= 1 \times (10000) + 4(1000)(-0.02) + 6(100)(0.0004) + 4(10)(0) + 1 \times (0) \\
 &= 10000 - 80 + 0.24 = 9920.24
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(9.98)^4 = 9920.24$$

iv. (2.1)

Solution:

$$(2.1)^5 = (2 + 0.1)^5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \binom{5}{0}(2)^5(0.1)^0 + \binom{5}{1}(2)^4(0.1)^1 + \binom{5}{2}(2)^3(0.1)^2 + \binom{5}{3}(2)^2(0.1)^3 \\
&\quad + \binom{5}{4}(2)^1(0.1)^4 + \binom{5}{5}(2)^0(0.1)^5 \\
&= (1)(32)(1) + (5)(16)(0.1) + (10)(8)(0.01) + (10)(4)(0.001) + \\
&\quad (5)(2)(0.0001) + (1)(1)(0.00001) \\
&= 32 + 8 + 0.8 + 0.04 + 0.001 + 0.00001 \\
&= 40.84101
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2.1)^5 = 40.84101$$

3. Expand and simplify the following

i. $(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 + (a - \sqrt{2x})^4$ ii. $(2 + \sqrt{3})^5 + (2 - \sqrt{3})^5$

iii. $(2+1)^5 - (2-1)^5$ iv. $(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3$

i. $(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 + (a - \sqrt{2x})^4$

Solution:

Take

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 &= \binom{4}{0}(a)^4(+\sqrt{2x})^0 + \binom{4}{1}(a)^3(+\sqrt{2x})^1 + \binom{4}{2}(a)^2(+\sqrt{2x})^2 + \binom{4}{3}(a)^1 \\
&\quad (+\sqrt{2x})^3 + \binom{4}{4}(a)^0(+\sqrt{2x})^4 \\
&= 1 \times a^4 + 4a^3\sqrt{2x} + 6a^2(2x) + 4a\left(2^{\frac{3}{2}}x^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) + 1 \times 2^{\frac{4}{2}}x^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + \sqrt{2x})^4 = a^4 + 4\sqrt{2}a^3x + 12a^2x^2 + 8\sqrt{2}ax^3 + 4x^4 \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

$$\text{and } (a - \sqrt{2x})^4 = a^4 - 4\sqrt{2}a^3x + 12a^2x^2 - 8\sqrt{2}ax^3 + 4x^4 \quad \text{_____ (ii)}$$

Adding equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 + (a - \sqrt{2x})^4 = 2a^4 + 24a^2x^2 + 8x^4 = 2\{a^4 + 12a^2x^2 + 4x^4\}$$

Hence

$$(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 + (a - \sqrt{2x})^4 = 2(a^4 + 12a^2x^2 + 4x^4)$$

ii. $(2 + \sqrt{3})^5 + (2 - \sqrt{3})^5$

Solution:

Take

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + \sqrt{3x})^5 &= \binom{5}{0}(2)^5(\sqrt{3})^0 + \binom{5}{1}(2)^4(\sqrt{3})^1 + \binom{5}{2}(2)^3(\sqrt{3})^2 + \binom{5}{3}(2)^2(\sqrt{3})^3 + \\ &\quad \binom{5}{4}(2)^1(\sqrt{3})^4 + \binom{5}{5}(2)^0(\sqrt{3})^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 \times 32 + 5 \times 16\sqrt{3} + 10 \times 8(3) + 10 \times 4(3\sqrt{3}) + 5 \times 2(3^2) + 1 \times (3^2\sqrt{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + \sqrt{3x})^5 = 32 + 80\sqrt{3} + 240 + 120\sqrt{3} + 90 + 9\sqrt{3} \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

$$\text{And } (2 - \sqrt{3x})^5 = 32 - 80\sqrt{3} + 240 + 120\sqrt{3} + 90 + 9\sqrt{3} \quad \text{_____ (ii)}$$

Adding equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$(a + \sqrt{3x})^5 + (a - \sqrt{3x})^5 = 2\{32 + 240 + 90\} = 2\{362\} = 724$$

Hence

$$(2 + \sqrt{3x})^5 + (2 - \sqrt{3x})^5 = 724$$

iii. $(2+i)^5 - (2-i)^5$

Solution:

Take $(2+i)^5 = \binom{5}{0}(2)^5(i)^0 + \binom{5}{1}(2)^4(i)^1 + \binom{5}{2}(2)^3(i)^2 + \binom{5}{3}(2)^2(i)^3 + \binom{5}{4}(2)^1(i)^4 + \binom{5}{5}(2)^0(i)^5$

$$= 1 \times 32 + 5 \times 16i + 10 \times 8i^2 + 10 \times 4i^3 + 5 \times 2i^4 + 1 \times i^5$$

$$\Rightarrow (2+i)^5 = 32 + 80i + 80i^2 + 40i^3 + 10i^4 + i^5 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and } (2-i)^5 = 32 - 80i + 80i^2 - 40i^3 + 10i^4 - i^5 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Subtracting equation (ii) from equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2+i)^5 - (2-i)^5 &= 2\{80i + 40i^3 + i^5\} \\ &= 2\{80i + 40(-i) + i^5\} \\ &= 2\{80i - 40i + i^5\} = 2\{40i + i^5\} = 82i \end{aligned}$$

Hence $(2+i)^5 + (2-i)^5 = 82i$

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

Solution:

Take

$$\begin{aligned} (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 &= \binom{3}{0}(x)^3(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^0 + \binom{3}{1}(x)^2(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^1 + \binom{3}{2}(x)^1(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^2 + \binom{3}{3} \\ &\quad (x)^0(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 \times x^3 + 3 \times x^2 \sqrt{x^2 - 1} + 3 \times x(x^2 - 1) + 1 \times (\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 = x^3 + 3x^2 \sqrt{x^2 - 1} + 3x(x^2 - 1) + (\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

$$\text{and } (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 = x^3 - 3x^2 \sqrt{x^2 - 1} + 3x(x^2 - 1) - (\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 \quad \text{_____ (ii)}$$

Adding equation (i) and (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 &= 2x^3 + 6x(x^2 - 1) \\ &= 2x^3 + 6x^3 - 6x \\ &= 2x(x^2 + 3x^2 - 3) \\ &= 2x(4x^2 - 3) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

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

4. Expand the following in ascending power of x:

i. $(2 + x - x^2)^4$

ii. $(1 - x + x^2)^4$

iii. $(1 - x - x^2)^4$

i. $(2 + x - x^2)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + x - x^2)^4 &= \binom{4}{0}(2+x)^4(-x^2)^0 + \binom{4}{1}(2+x)^3(-x^2)^1 + \binom{4}{2}(2+x)^2(-x^2)^2 + \binom{4}{3} \\ &\quad (2+x)^1(-x^2)^3 + \binom{4}{4}(2+x)^0(-x^2)^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 \times (2 + x)^4 + 4(8 + 12x + 6x^2 + x^3)(-x^2) + 6(4 + 4x + x^2)(x^4) + 4(2$$

+ x)

$$\begin{aligned}
& (-x^6) + 1 \times (x^8) \\
& = 16 + 32x + 24x^2 + 8x^3 + x^4 - 32x^2 - 48x^3 - 24x^4 - 4x^5 + 24x^4 + \\
& 24x^5 + 6x^6 \\
& \quad - 8x^6 - 4x^7 + x^8 \\
& = 16 + 32x + 24x^2 - 32x^2 + 8x^3 - 24x^3 + x^4 - 24x^4 - 4x^5 + 24x^5 + 6x^6 \\
& - 8x^6 - \\
& \quad 4x^7 + x^8 \\
& = 16 + 32x - 8x^2 - 40x^3 + x^4 + 20x^5 - 2x^6 - 4x^7 + x^8
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2 + x - x^2)^4 = 16 + 32x - 8x^2 - 40x^3 + x^4 + 20x^5 - 2x^6 - 4x^7 + x^8$$

ii. $(1-x+x^2)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1-x+x^2)^4 &= \binom{4}{0}(1-x)^4(x^2)^0 + \binom{4}{1}(1-x)^3(x^2)^1 + \binom{4}{2}(1-x)^2(x^2)^2 + \binom{4}{3} \\
& (1-x)^1(x^2)^3 + \binom{4}{4}(1-x)^0(x^2)^4 \\
& = 1(1-4x+6x^2-4x^3+x^4) + 4(1-3x+3x^2-x^3)(x^2) + 6(1-2x+x^2)(x^4) \\
& \quad + 4(1-x)(x^6) + 1 \times (x^8) \\
& = 1-4x+6x^2-4x^3+x^4 + 4x^2-12x^3+12x^4-4x^5+6x^4-12x^5+6x^6+4x^6- \\
& \quad 4x^7+x^8 \\
& = 1-4x+6x^2+4x^2-4x^3-12x^3+x^4+12x^4+6x^4-4x^5-12x^5+6x^6+4x^6- \\
& \quad 4x^7+x^8 \\
& = 1-4x+10x^2-16x^3+19x^4-16x^5+10x^6-4x^7+x^8
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(1-x+x^2)^4 = 1-4x+10x^2-16x^3+19x^4-16x^5+10x^6-4x^7+x^8$$

iii. $(1-x-x^2)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (1-x-x^2)^4 &= \binom{4}{0}(1-x)^4(-x^2)^0 + \binom{4}{1}(1-x)^3(-x^2)^1 + \binom{4}{2}(1-x)^2(-x^2)^2 + \binom{4}{3}(1-x)^1(-x^2)^3 + \binom{4}{4}(1-x)^0(-x^2)^4 \\ &= 1 \times (1-4x+6x^2-4x^3+x^4) + 4(1-3x+3x^2-x^3)(-x^2) + 6(1-2x+x^2)(x^4) + 4(1-x)(-x^6) + 1 \times (x^8) \\ &= 1-4x+6x^2-4x^3+x^4-4x^2+12x^3-12x^4+4x^5+6x^4-12x^5+6x^6-4x^6+4x^7+x^8 \\ &= 1-4x+6x^2-4x^2-4x^3+12x^3+x^4-12x^4+6x^4+4x^5-12x^5+6x^6-4x^6+4x^7+x^8 \\ &= 1-4x+2x^2+8x^3-5x^4-8x^5+2x^6+4x^7+x^8 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(1-x-x^2)^4 = 1-4x+2x^2+8x^3-5x^4-8x^5+2x^6+4x^7+x^8$$

5. Expand the following in descending powers of x:

i. $(x^2+x-1)^2$ ii. $\left(x-1-\frac{1}{x}\right)^3$

i. $(x^2+x-1)^2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^2 + (x - 1))^3 &= \binom{3}{0}(x^2)^3(x-1)^0 + \binom{3}{1}(x^2)^2(x-1)^1 + \binom{3}{2}(x^2)^1(x-1)^2 + \binom{3}{3}(x^2)^0 \\
 &\quad (x-1)^3 \\
 &= 1 \times x^6 + 3x^4(x-1) + 3x^2(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 1 \times (x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1) \\
 &= x^6 + 3x^5 - 3x^4 + 3x^4 - 6x^3 + 3x^2 + x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 \\
 &= x^6 + 3x^5 - 6x^3 + x^3 + 3x - 1 \\
 &= x^6 + 3x^5 - 5x^3 + 3x - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(x^2 + (x-1))^3 = x^6 + 3x^5 - 5x^3 + 3x - 1$$

ii. $\left(x - 1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[x - 1 - \frac{1}{x}\right]^3 &= \binom{3}{0}(x-1)^3\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^0 + \binom{3}{1}(x-1)^2\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^1 + \binom{3}{2}(x-1)^1\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \binom{3}{3} \\
 &\quad (x-1)^0\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 \\
 &= 1 \times (x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1) + (x^2 - 2x + 1)\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) + 3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 - 3x - 1 - \\
 &\quad 3x + 6 - \frac{3}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3} \\
 &= x^3 - 3x^2 + 5 - \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

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

6. Find the term involving

i. x^4 in the expansion of $(3 - 2x)^7$ ii. x^{-2} in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{13}$

iii. a^4 in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{x^2} - a\right)^9$ iv. y^3 in the expansion of $(x - \sqrt{y})^{11}$

i. x^4 in the expansion of $(3 - 2x)^7$

Solution:

Let T_{r+1} be the required term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r \\ &= \binom{n}{r} (3)^{7-r} (-2x)^r \quad \text{_____ (i)} \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^4 , put exponent of x equal to 4

i.e. $r = 4$

put $r = 4$ in equation (i), we get

$$T_{4+1} = \binom{n}{4} (3)^{7-4} (-2)^4 x^4$$

$$T_5 = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} 3^3 (16) x^4$$

$$T_5 = (35)(27)(16)x^4$$

$$T_5 = 15120x^4$$

Hence

$$T_5 = 15120x^4$$

ii. x^{-2} in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{13}$

Solution:

Let T_{r+1} be the required term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r = \binom{13}{r} x^{13-r} \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^r \\ &= \binom{13}{r} (-2)^r x^{13-r-2r} \\ &= \binom{13}{r} (-2)^r x^{13-3r} \quad \text{_____ (i)} \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^{-2} , put exponent of x equal to -2

$$\text{i.e. } 13 - 3r = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r = 13 + 2$$

$$3r = 15 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = 5$$

Put $r = 5$ in equation (i), we get.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{5+1} &= \binom{13}{5} (-2)^5 x^{13-3(5)} \\ T_6 &= \frac{13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} (-32)x^{-2} \\ T_6 &= -41184x^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$T_6 = -41184x^{-2}$$

iii. a^4 in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{x^2} - a\right)^9$

Solution:

Let T_{r+1} be the required term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r \\ &= \binom{9}{r} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{9-r} (-a)^r \\ &= \binom{9}{r} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{9-r} (-1)^r a^r \quad \text{—————(i)} \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving a^4 , put exponent of x equal to 4

i.e. $r = 4$

put $r = 4$ in equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{4+1} &= \binom{9}{4} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{9-4} (-1)^4 a^4 \\ T_5 &= \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{2^5}{x^5} (1)^4 a^4 = 4032 \frac{a^4}{x^5} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$T_5 = 4032 \frac{a^4}{x^5}$$

iv. y^3 in the expansion of $(x - \sqrt{y})^{11}$

Solution:

Let T_{r+1} be the required term.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r \\
 &= \binom{11}{r} (x)^{11-r} (-\sqrt{y})^r \\
 &= \binom{11}{r} (x)^{11-r} (-1)^r y^{\frac{r}{2}} \quad \text{--- (i)}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving y^3 , put exponent of x equal to 3

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{r}{2} = 3 \Rightarrow r = 6$$

put $r = 6$ in equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{6+1} &= \binom{11}{6} x^{11-6} (-1)^6 y^{\frac{6}{2}} \\
 T_7 &= \frac{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} (x)^5 = 462x^5y^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$T_7 = 462x^5y^3$$

Q7. Find the coefficient of;

$$\text{i) } x^5 \text{ in the expansion of } \left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^{10} \quad \text{ii) } x^n \text{ in the expansion of } \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$$

Solution:

$$\text{i) } x^5 \text{ in the expansion of } \left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^{10}$$

$$\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^{10}$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r \\
 &= \binom{10}{r} (x^2)^{10-r} \left(-\frac{3}{2x}\right)^r \\
 &= \binom{10}{r} x^{20-2r} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^r \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r \\
 &= \binom{10}{r} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^r x^{20-2r-r} \\
 &= \binom{10}{r} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^r x^{20-3r} \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)
 \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^5 , put exponent of x equal to 5,

i.e. $20 - 3r = 5$

$$3r = 20 - 5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3r = 15$$

$$r = 5$$

Put $r = 5$ in equation (i), we get

$$T_{5+1} = \binom{10}{5} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^5 x^{20-3(5)}$$

$$T_6 = \frac{10.9.8.7.6}{5.4.3.2.1} \left(-\frac{3^5}{2^5}\right) x^5$$

$$T_6 = 252 \left[-\frac{243}{32}\right] x^5$$

$$T_6 = -\frac{15309}{8} x^5$$

Hence

$$\text{Co-efficient of } x^5 = -\frac{15309}{8}$$

Solution:

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

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

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= \binom{2n}{r} a^{2n-r} b^r = \binom{2n}{r} (x^2)^{2n-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^r \\ &= \binom{2n}{r} x^{2(2n-r)} (-1)^r \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r \\ &= \binom{2n}{r} (-1)^r x^{4n-2r-r} \\ &= \binom{2n}{r} (-1)^r x^{4n-3r} \dots\dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^n , put exponent of x equal to n ,

$$\text{i.e.} \quad 4n - 3r = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r = 4n - n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r = 3n$$

$$\Rightarrow r = n$$

Put $r = n$ in equation (i), we get

$$T_{n+1} = \binom{2n}{n} (-1)^n x^{4n-3n}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \binom{2n}{n} (-1)^n x^n$$

Hence

$$\text{Co-efficient of } x^n = (-1)^n \binom{2n}{n} \text{ or } (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$$

Q8. Find 6th term in the equation of $\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^{10}$

Solution:

We know that rth term of general equation is

$$T_r = \binom{n}{r-1} a^{n-(r-1)} b^{r-1}$$

For 6th terms, put r=6, we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 &= \binom{10}{5} (x^2)^{10-5} \left(-\frac{3}{2x}\right)^5 \\ &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} x^{2(5)} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^5 \frac{1}{x^5} \\ &= 252 x^{10-5} \left(-\frac{243}{32}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$T_6 = \frac{15309}{8} x^5$$

Hence, 6th term

$$T_6 = -\frac{15309}{8} x^5$$

Q9. Find the term independent of x in the following expansions.

i) $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{10}$ ii) $\left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2}\right)^{10}$ iii) $(1+x^2)^3 \left[1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right]^4$

i) $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{10}$

Solution:

The term independent of x means x^0

So we are find a term free of x.

Let T_{r+1} be the required term. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r = \binom{10}{r} (x)^{10-r} \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)^r \\ &= \binom{10}{r} (x)^{10-r} (-2)^r \left(\frac{1}{x^r}\right) \\ &= \binom{10}{r} (-2)^r (x)^{10-r-r} \\ &= \binom{10}{r} (-2)^r (x)^{10-2r} \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^0 , put exponent of x equal to 0

i.e. $10 - 2r = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2r = 10 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

Put $r = 5$ in equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{5+1} &= \binom{10}{5} (-2)^5 (x)^{10-2(5)} \\ T_6 &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} (-32) x^0 = -8064 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

The terms independent of $x = -8064$

$$\text{ii) } \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^{10}$$

Solution:

The term independent of x means x^0

So we are find a term free of x .

Let T_{r+1} be the required term, Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r = \binom{10}{r} (\sqrt{x})^{10-r} \left(-\frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^r \\ &= \binom{10}{r} x^{\frac{1}{2}(10-r)} \frac{1}{2^r} \frac{1}{x^{2r}} \\ &= \binom{10}{r} \frac{1}{2^r} x^{\left(5-\frac{r}{2}-2r\right)} \\ &= \binom{10}{r} \frac{1}{2^r} x^{\left(5-\frac{r+4r}{2}\right)} \\ &= \binom{10}{r} \frac{1}{2^r} x^{\left(5-\frac{5r}{2}\right)} \dots\dots\dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^0 , put exponent of x equal to 0

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } 5 - \frac{5r}{2} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{5r}{2} &= 5 \Rightarrow 5r = 10 \Rightarrow r = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Put $r = 2$ in equation (i), we get

$$T_{2+1} = \binom{10}{r} \frac{1}{2^7} x^{5 - \frac{5(2+1)}{2}}$$

$$T_3 = \frac{10 \cdot 9}{2 \cdot 1} \frac{1}{4} x^0 = \frac{90}{8} = \frac{45}{4}$$

Hence

The terms independent of $x = \frac{45}{4}$

iii) $(1+x^2)^3 \left[1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right]^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & (1+x^2)^3 \left[1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right]^4 \\ &= (1+x^2)^3 \left[1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right]^4 \\ &= (1+x^2)^3 \frac{(1+x^2)^4}{(x^2)^4} = \frac{1}{x^8} (1+x^2)^7 \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1+x^2}{x}\right)^7 = \frac{1}{\left(x^{\frac{1}{7}}\right)^7} \left(\frac{1+x^2}{x}\right)^7 \\ &= \left(\frac{1+x^2}{x \cdot x^{\frac{1}{7}}}\right)^7 = \left(\frac{1+x^2}{x^{1+\frac{1}{7}}}\right)^7 \\ &= \left(\frac{1+x^2}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}}\right)^7 = \left(\frac{1}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}} + \frac{x^2}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}}\right)^7 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}} + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{8}{7}-2}} \right)^7 = \left(\frac{1}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}} + \frac{x^2}{x^{\frac{6}{7}}} \right)^7$$

$$= \left(x^{\frac{6}{7}} + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}} \right)^7$$

The term independent of x means x^0 . So we are to find a term free of x .

Let T_{r+1} be the required term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } T_{r+1} &= \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r \\ &= \binom{7}{r} \left(x^{\frac{6}{7}} \right)^{7-r} \left(\frac{1}{x^{\frac{8}{7}}} \right)^r \\ &= \binom{7}{r} x^{\frac{6}{7}(7-r)} \frac{1}{x^{\frac{8r}{7}}} \\ &= \binom{7}{r} x^{6 - \frac{6r}{7} - \frac{8r}{7}} = \binom{7}{r} x^{6 - \frac{6r+8r}{7}} \\ &= \binom{7}{r} x^{6 - \frac{14r}{7}} = \binom{7}{r} x^{6-2r} \quad \dots\dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^0 , put exponent of x equal to 0.

$$\text{i.e. } \quad 6 - 2r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 2r = 6 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = 2$$

Put $r = 2$ in equation (i), we get

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{7}{3} x^{6-2(3)} = \frac{7!}{(7-3)!3!} x^0$$

$$T_4 = \frac{7.6.5.4.3.2.1}{4.3.2.1.3.2.1} = 35$$

Hence

The terms independent of $x = 35$

Q10. Determine the middle term in the following expansions:

i) $\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)^{12}$ ii) $\left(\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{11}$ iii) $\left(2x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{2m+1}$

i) $\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)^{12}$

Solution:

The seventh term is the middle term

Thus $T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$

$$T_{6+1} = \binom{12}{6} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{12-6} \left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)^6$$

$$T_7 = \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 x^{12}$$

$$T_7 = \frac{231}{16} x^6$$

Hence

$$\text{Middle term } (T_7) = \frac{231}{16} x^6$$

ii) $\left(\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{11}$

Solution:

There are total $11 + 1 = 12$ terms in $\left(\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{11}$

So 6th and 7th are two middle terms. Now general terms is

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

For 6th term, put $r = 5$

$$T_{5+1} = \binom{11}{5} \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^{11-5} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^5$$

$$T_6 = \frac{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^6 \left(-\frac{1}{3^5 x^5}\right)$$

$$T_6 = -462 \cdot \frac{3^6}{2^6} \cdot \frac{1}{3^5} x^{6-5} = -\frac{693}{32} x$$

For 7th term, put $r = 6$

$$T_{6+1} = \binom{11}{6} \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^{11-6} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^6$$

$$T_7 = \frac{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^5 \left(-\frac{1}{3^6 x^6}\right)$$

$$T_7 = 462 \frac{3^5 x^5}{2^5} \frac{1}{x^6 3^6} = -\frac{462(3^5)}{2^5 \cdot (3^6)} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{6-5}} = \frac{77}{16} \frac{1}{x}$$

Hence

$$\text{Middle term} = -\frac{693}{32} x \text{ and } \frac{77}{16x}$$

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

Solution:

There are $2m + 2$ terms in $\left(2x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{2m+1}$

So $(m + 1)^{\text{th}}$ and $(m + 2)^{\text{th}}$ are two middle terms. Now general terms is

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

For $(m + 1)^{\text{th}}$ term, put $r = m$

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

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

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

$$T_{m+1} = \binom{2m+1}{m} (-1)^m 2^{m+1-m} x$$

$$T_{m+1} = \binom{2m+1}{m} (-1)^m 2 \cdot x$$

$$T_{m+1} = 2(-1)^m \frac{(2m+1)!}{(2m+1-m)!m!}$$

$$T_{m+1} = 2(-1)^m \frac{(2m+1)!}{m!(m+1)!}$$

And for $(m+2)^{\text{th}}$ term, put $r = m + 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hence

$$\text{Middle term } \frac{2(-1)^m (2m+1)!}{m!(m+1)!} \text{ and } \frac{2(-1)^{m+1} (2m+1)!}{m!(m+1)!x}$$

Q.11 Find $(2n+1)^{\text{th}}$ term from the end in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{3n}$.

Solution:

$(2n+1)^{\text{th}}$ term from the end in $\left(x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{3n}$ is the $(2n+1)^{\text{th}}$ terms

From the beginning in $\left(-\frac{1}{2x} + x\right)^{3n}$

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

For $(2n+1)^{\text{th}}$ term, put $r = 2n$, $a = -\frac{1}{2x}$, $b = x$

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

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

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

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

Hence

$$(2n+1)^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = \frac{(-1)^n (3n)!}{2^n (2n)!n!} x^n$$

Q.12 Show that the middle term of $(1+x)^{2n}$ is $\frac{1.3.5\dots(2n-1)}{n!} 2^n x^n$.

Solution:

Let the expansion = $(1+x)^{2n}$

The middle term = $\left[\frac{2n}{2} + 1\right] = n + 1$

$$T_{n+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

$n = 2n$, $a = 1$, $b = x$,

$$T_{n+1} = \binom{2n}{n} (1)^{2n-n} (x)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{n+1} = \binom{2n}{n} (1)^n (x)^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = \binom{2n}{n} x^n$$

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

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{[2n(2n-1)(2n-2)\dots 3.2.1]}{n!n!} x^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{[(2n)(2n-1)(2n-2)\dots 4.2][2(2n-3)\dots 3.1]}{n!n!} x^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{[2^n(n)(n-1)(n-2)\dots 2.1][(2n-3)\dots 3.1]}{n!n!} x^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{2^n(n!)[(2n-1)(2n-3)\dots 5.3.1]}{n!n!} x^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{[1.3.5\dots(2n-3)(2n-1)]2^n x^n}{n!}$$

Hence proved

$$\text{Middle term} = \frac{1.3.5\dots(2n-1)}{n!} 2^n x^n$$

Q.13 Show that: $\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$

Solution:

$$\text{L.H.S} = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}$$

We know that

$$(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \binom{n}{3}x^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n \quad \dots(2)$$

Put $x = 1$ in eq (2)

$$2^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{3} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} \quad \dots(3)$$

And

Put $x = -1$ in eq (2)

$$(1-1)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}(-1) + \binom{n}{2}(-1)^2 + \binom{n}{3}(-1)^3 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}(-1)^n$$

$$0 = \binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n}{3} + \dots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} \quad \dots(4)$$

Subtract eq (4) from (3)

$$2^n = 2\binom{n}{1} + 2\binom{n}{3} + 2\binom{n}{5} + \dots + 2\binom{n}{n-1}$$

$$2^n = 2\left[\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}\right]$$

$$2^{n-1} = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \quad \dots(5)$$

From eq(5)

L.H.S becomes

$$\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$$

R.H.S

Hence proved

Q.14 Show that:
$$\binom{n}{0} + \frac{1}{2}\binom{n}{1} + \frac{1}{3}\binom{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\binom{n}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}\binom{n}{n} = \frac{2^{n+1}-1}{n+1}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \binom{n}{0} + \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{1} + \frac{1}{3} \binom{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \binom{n}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{n}{n} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{3} \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \quad \dots(1) \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{n(n-1)}{3.2!} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{4.3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{n}{2!} + \frac{n(n-1)}{3!} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{4!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left[(n+1) + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!} + \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{3!} + \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)}{4!} + \dots + 1 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left[\binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{n+1}{3} + \binom{n+1}{4} + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n+1} \right] \quad \dots(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$(1+x)^{n+1} = \binom{n+1}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1}x + \binom{n+1}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$$

Put $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2)^{n+1} &= \binom{n+1}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+1}{2} + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n+1} \\
 2^{n+1} - 1 &= \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{n+1}{3} + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore equation 1 becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{n+1} [2^{n+1} - 1] \\
 &= \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{n+1} \\
 &= \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

