

Binomial Expansion Year 1 - Integer Powers

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- (a) The expression $(1 - 2x)^4$ can be written in the form

$$1 + px + qx^2 - 32x^3 + 16x^4$$

By using the binomial expansion, or otherwise, find the values of the integers p and q .

(3 marks)

- (b) Find the coefficient of x in the expansion of $(2 + x)^9$. (2 marks)
- (c) Find the coefficient of x in the expansion of $(1 - 2x)^4(2 + x)^9$. (3 marks)

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(i) Find and simplify the first four terms in the expansion of $(1 + 4x)^7$ in ascending powers of x .

(ii) In the expansion of

$$(3 + ax)(1 + 4x)^7,$$

the coefficient of x^2 is 1001. Find the value of a .

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- (i) Find and simplify the first three terms in the expansion of $(2 + 5x)^6$ in ascending powers of x . [4]
- (ii) In the expansion of $(3 + cx)^2(2 + 5x)^6$, the coefficient of x is 4416. Find the value of c . [3]

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- (a) The expression $(1 - 2x)^5$ can be written in the form

$$1 + px + qx^2 + rx^3 + 80x^4 - 32x^5$$

By using the binomial expansion, or otherwise, find the values of the coefficients p , q and r .

[3 marks]

- (b) Find the value of the coefficient of x^{10} in the expansion of $(1 - 2x)^5(2 + x)^7$.

[5 marks]

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- (i) Find and simplify the first four terms in the expansion of $\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right)^8$ in ascending powers of x . [4]
- (ii) Hence find the coefficient of y^2 in the expansion of $\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}(y+y^2)\right)^8$. [2]

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Subtopics: Binomial Expansion (integer powers), Expanding triple brackets

Paper: C2-Edexcel / Series: Practice / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 4

- (a) Expand $(2 + y)^6$ in ascending powers of y as far as the term in y^3 , simplifying each coefficient. (4)
- (b) Hence expand $(2 + x - x^2)^6$ in ascending powers of x as far as the term in x^3 , simplifying each coefficient. (3)

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Paper: C2-Edexcel / Series: Practice / Difficulty: Very Hard / Question Number: 7

Given that for small values of x

$$(1 + ax)^n \approx 1 - 24x + 270x^2,$$

where n is an integer and $n > 1$,

- (a) show that $n = 16$ and find the value of a , (7)
- (b) use your value of a and a suitable value of x to estimate the value of $(0.9985)^{16}$, giving your answer to 5 decimal places. (3)

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Paper: C2-Edexcel / Series: Practice / Difficulty: Very Hard / Question Number: 8

In the binomial expansion of $(a + x)^n$, where $n > 4$, the coefficient of x^3 is twice that of x^4 .

(i) Show that $n = 2a + 3$. [4]

In the same expansion, the coefficient of x^2 is $\frac{3}{2}$ times the coefficient of x .

(ii) Obtain another relation between n and a . Hence find the values of n and a . [4]

(iii) State the constant term in the expansion. [2]

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[Maximum mark: 7]

Given that $\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}x\right)^n (3 + nx)^2 = 9 + 84x + \dots$, find the value of n .

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- (a) Find the first four terms, in ascending powers of x , of the binomial expansion of

$$(2 + 3x)^6$$

simplifying each term.

(4)

- (b) Hence, without further calculation, write down the first four terms in the binomial expansion of

$$(2 - 3x)^6$$

(1)

- (c) Hence, find the first two non-zero terms in the binomial expansion of

$$[(2 + 3x)^6 + (2 - 3x)^6]^2$$

(2)

- (d) Find the term that is independent of x in the binomial expansion of

$$[(2 + ax)^n + (2 - ax)^n]^p$$

giving your answer in the form 2^y , where y is in terms of n and p

(2)

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