



	BINOMIAL THEOREM	
Q.1)	The 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th terms in the expansion of $(x + a)^n$ are 240, 720 & 1080. Find x , a & n ?	
Sol.1)	<p>Given expansion: $(x + a)^n$</p> $T_2 = 240, T_3 = 720 \text{ \& } T_4 = 1080$ <p>General term: $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} a^r$</p> <p>Now, $T_2 = {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1 = 240$ (1)</p> $= T_3 = {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 = 720$ (2) $= T_4 = {}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3 = 1080$ (3) <p>Equation (2) ÷ equation (1)</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{{}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2}{{}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1} = \frac{720}{240} = 3$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} x^{n-2+n+1} a}{1} = 3$ $\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)x^{-1}a}{2} = 3$ $\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)a}{2x} = 3$ $\Rightarrow (n-1)a = 6x$ (4) <p>Now, equation (3) ÷ equation (2)</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{{}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3}{{}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2} = \frac{1080}{720}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6} x^{n-3-n+2} a}{\frac{(n-1)}{2}} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{(n-2)x^{-1}a}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{(n-2)a}{3x} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow 2(n-2)a = 9x$ (5) <p>Now, equation (5) ÷ equation (4)</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{2(n-1)a}{(n-1)a} = \frac{9x}{6x}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{2n-4}{n-1} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow 4n-8 = 3n-3$ $\Rightarrow n=5, \text{ put this value in equation (4)}$ <p>We get, $4a=6x$</p> $\Rightarrow a = \frac{3x}{2}, \text{ put value of } n \text{ \& } a \text{ in equation (1)}$ <p>We have, $5c_1(x)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) = 240$</p> $\Rightarrow 5x^5 \frac{3}{2} = 240$ $\Rightarrow x^5 = \frac{240 \times 2}{15}$ $\Rightarrow x^5 = 32 = 2^5$ $\Rightarrow x = 2, a = 3 \text{ } \left\{ \text{since } a = \frac{3x}{2} \right\}$ <p>$\therefore n = 5, x = 2 \text{ and } a = 3$ ans.</p>	
Q.2)	Find a , b & n in expansion of $(a + b)^n$, if the first three terms in the expansion are 729, 7290 & 30375?	
Sol.2)	<p>Given expansion: $(a + b)^n$</p> $T_1 = 729, T_2 = 7290 \text{ \& } T_3 = 3037$ <p>General terms : $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$</p> <p>Now, $T_1 = {}^nC_0 a^n b^0 = 729$</p> $\Rightarrow T_1 = a^n = 729$ (1) $\Rightarrow T_2 = {}^nC_1 a^{n-1} b^1 = 7290$ (2)	



	$\Rightarrow T_3 = {}^nC_2 a^{n-2} b^2 = 30375 \dots\dots\dots (3)$ <p>Now, equation (2) \div equation (1)</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{{}^nC_1 a^{n-1} b^1}{a^n} = \frac{7290}{729}$ $\Rightarrow n \cdot a^{n-1-n} \cdot b = 10$ $\Rightarrow \frac{nb}{a} = 10$ $\Rightarrow nb = 10a \dots\dots\dots (4)$ <p>Now, equation (3) \div equation (2)</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{{}^nC_2 a^{n-2} b^2}{{}^nC_1 a^{n-1} b^1} = \frac{30375}{7290}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} a^{n-2-n+1} b}{n} = \frac{25}{6}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{(n-1)}{2} a^1 b}{n} = \frac{25}{6}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)b}{2a} = \frac{25}{6}$ $\Rightarrow 6(n-1)b = 50a \dots\dots\dots (5)$ <p>Now, equation (5) \div (4)</p> $\Rightarrow \frac{6(n-1)b}{nb} = \frac{50a}{10a}$ $\Rightarrow 6n - 6 = 5n$ $\Rightarrow n = 6, \text{ put the value of } n \text{ in equation (4)}$ $\Rightarrow 6b = 10a$ $\Rightarrow b = \frac{5a}{3}$ <p>Now, from equation (1) put $n=3$</p> $\Rightarrow a^6 = 729$ $\Rightarrow a^6 = 3^6$ $\Rightarrow a = 3$ $\therefore n = 6, a = 3 \text{ \& } b = 5 \text{ ans.}$	
Q.3)	If the coefficient of a^{r-1} , a^r and a^{r+1} in the expansion of $(1+a)^n$ are in A.P, show that $n^2 - n(4r+1) + 4r^2 - 2 = 0$?	
Sol.3)	<p>Given expansion: $(1+a)^n$</p> <p>General term: $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r (1)^{n-r} a^r$</p> <p>$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^r$</p> <p>Clearly, coefficient of $a^r = {}^nC_r$</p> <p>\therefore coefficient of $a^{r-1} = {}^nC_{r-1}$</p> <p>And coefficient of $a^{r+1} = {}^nC_{r+1}$</p> <p>We are given that, ${}^nC_{r-1}$, nC_r and ${}^nC_{r+1}$ are in A.P</p> $\Rightarrow 2 \cdot {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{r-1} + {}^nC_{r+1}$ $\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} + \frac{n!}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{2}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{1}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} + \frac{1}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{2}{r(r-1)!(n-r-1)!} = \frac{1}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)(n-r)(n-r-1)!} + \frac{1}{(r+1)r!(n-r-1)!}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{r(n-r)}{2} - \frac{(n-r+1)(n-r)}{1} = \frac{(r+1)r}{1}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{r(n-r)}{2} - \frac{(n-r+1)(n-r)}{1} = \frac{1}{(r+1)}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{2(n-r+1)-r}{r(n-r)(n-r+1)} = \frac{1}{r+1}$ $\Rightarrow 2nr + 2n - 3r^2 - 3r + 2r + 2 = n^2 - nr + n - nr + r^2 - r$ $\Rightarrow n^2 - 4nr - n + 4r^2 - 2 = 0$ $\Rightarrow n^2 - n(4r+1) + 4r^2 - 2 = 0 \text{ (proved)}$	
Q.4)	Find the 4 th term from the end in the expansion of $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{11}$.	



Sol.4)	<p>Given expansion : $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{11}$</p> <p>General terms: $T_{r+1} = (-1)^r {}^{11}C_r (x^4)^{11-r} \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^r$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = (-1)^r {}^{11}C_r (x)^{44-4r} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{3r}}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = (-1)^r {}^{11}C_r (x)^{44-7r} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{3r}}$</p> <p>Formula, r^{th} term from the end = $(n - 1 + 2)^{th}$ term from beginning and 4^{th} term from the end = $(11 - 4 + 2)^{th}$ term from beginning = 9^{th} term.</p> <p>For T_9, put $r = 8$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_9 = (-1)^8 {}^{11}C_8 (x)^{44-56}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_9 = {}^{11}C_3 (x)^{-12} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{3r}} \dots \dots \dots \{n_{C_r} = n_{C_{n-r}}\}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_9 = \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{12}}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_9 = \frac{165}{x^{12}}$</p> <p>$\therefore 4^{th}$ term from the end = $\frac{165}{x^{12}}$ ans.</p>
Q.5)	Find the value of n , if the ratio of the 5^{th} term from the beginning to the 5^{th} term from the end in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^n$ is $\sqrt{6}:1$.
Sol.5)	<p>Expansion: $\left(2^{1/4} + \frac{1}{3^{1/4}}\right)^n$</p> <p>General term: $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r \left(2^{1/4}\right)^{n-r} \left(\frac{1}{3^{1/4}}\right)^r$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r (2)^{\frac{n-r}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{r/4}}$</p> <p>$5^{th}$ term from the beginning, put $r = 4$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_5 = {}^nC_4 (2)^{\frac{n-4}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$</p> <p>Now, 5^{th} term from the end = $(n - 5 + 2)^{th}$ term from the beginning = $(n - 3)^{rd}$ term</p> <p>For T_{n-3}, put $r = n-4$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{n-3} = {}^nC_{n-4} (2)^{\frac{n-(n-4)}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{\frac{n-4}{4}}}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{n-3} = {}^nC_{n-4} (2)^1 \cdot \frac{1}{3^{\frac{n-4}{4}}}$</p> <p>Given, $\frac{T_5}{T_{n-3}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^nC_4 (2)^{\frac{n-4}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{{}^nC_{n-4} (2)^1 \cdot \frac{1}{3^{\frac{n-4}{4}}}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} (2)^{\frac{n-4}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{n!}{(n-4)!4!} (2)^1 \cdot \frac{1}{3^{\frac{n-4}{4}}}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow (2)^{\frac{n-8}{4}} \cdot (3)^{\frac{n-4}{4}} = \sqrt{6}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow (6)^{\frac{n-8}{4}} = (6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow \frac{n-8}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow 2n - 16 = 4$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow 2n = 20$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow n = 10$ ans.</p>
Q.6)	Prove that there is no term including x^6 in the expansion of $\left(2x^2 - \frac{3x}{11}\right)^{11}$?
Sol.6)	<p>General terms: $T_{r+1} = (-1)^r {}^{11}C_r (2x^2)^{11-r} \left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^r$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = (-1)^r {}^{11}C_r (2)^{11-r} \cdot (x)^{22-2r} \cdot \frac{3^r}{x^r}$</p> <p>$\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = (-1)^r {}^{11}C_r (2)^{11-r} \cdot (3)^r \cdot (x)^{22-3r}$</p>



	<p>Let x^6 occurs in the $(r + 1)^{th}$ term then, for x^6 put $22 - 3r = 6$ $\Rightarrow 3r = 16$ $\Rightarrow r = \frac{16}{3}$, which is in fraction but 'r' cannot be in fraction or negative \therefore there is no term in the expansion which involves x^6 ans.</p>	
Q.7)	If the 4 th term in the expansion of $\left(ax - \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$ is $\frac{5}{2}$, then find the values of 'a' & 'n'?	
Sol.7)	<p>Expansion: $\left(ax - \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$ General term: $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r (ax)^{n-r} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r$ $\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot x^{n-r} \cdot \frac{1}{x^r}$ $\Rightarrow T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot x^{n-2r}$ For T_4, put $r = 3$ $\Rightarrow T_4 = {}^nC_3 a^{n-3} \cdot x^{n-6}$ Given that, $T_4 = \frac{5}{2}$ $\therefore {}^nC_3 a^{n-3} \cdot x^{n-6} = \frac{5}{2}$ (1) Clearly R.H.S, of above equation is independent of x \therefore put $n - 6 = 0$ $\Rightarrow n = 6$, put $n = 6$ in equation (1) $\Rightarrow {}^6C_3 a^3 \cdot x^0 = \frac{5}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{6} \cdot a^3 = \frac{5}{2}$ $\Rightarrow a^3 = \frac{5}{40} = \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2^3}$ $\Rightarrow a^3 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \Rightarrow a^3 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\therefore n = 6$ & $a = \frac{1}{2}$</p>	
Q.8)	If a_1, a_2, a_3 and a_4 be the coefficient of four consecutive terms in the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$, then show that $\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2} + \frac{a_3}{a_3 + a_4} = \frac{2a_2}{a_2 + a_3}$?	
Q.8)	<p>Expansion $(1 + x)^n$ General term: $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r (1)^{n-r} (x)^r$ $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^r$ Let the four consecutive terms are $r^{th}, (r + 1)^{th}, (r + 2)^{th}$ and $(r + 3)^{th}$ $T_r = {}^nC_{r-1} \cdot x^{r-1} \Rightarrow$ coefficient of ${}^nC_{r-1} = a_1$ $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r \cdot x^r \Rightarrow$ coefficient of ${}^nC_r = a_2$ $T_{r+2} = {}^nC_{r+1} \cdot x^{r+1} \Rightarrow$ coefficient of ${}^nC_{r+1} = a_3$ $T_{r+3} = {}^nC_{r+2} \cdot x^{r+2} \Rightarrow$ coefficient of ${}^nC_{r+2} = a_4$ Now, $a_1 + a_2 = {}^nC_{r-1} + {}^nC_r = {}^{n+1}C_r$ $a_2 + a_3 = {}^nC_r + {}^nC_{r+1} = {}^{n+1}C_{r+1}$ $a_3 + a_4 = {}^nC_{r+1} + {}^nC_{r+2} = {}^{n+1}C_{r+2}$ ${}^nC_{r-1} + {}^nC_r = {}^{n+1}C_r$ (property 1) taking L.H.S. $\frac{a_1}{a_1 + a_2} + \frac{a_3}{a_3 + a_4}$ $= \frac{{}^nC_{r-1}}{{}^{n+1}C_r} + \frac{{}^nC_{r+1}}{{}^{n+1}C_{r+2}}$ $= \frac{\frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}}{\frac{(n+1)!}{r!(n+1-r)!}} + \frac{\frac{n!}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!}}{\frac{(n+1)!}{(r+2)!(n+1-r-2)!}}$ $= \frac{n!r!}{(n+1)!(r-1)!} + \frac{n!(r+2)!}{(n+1)!(r+1)!}$ $= \frac{n!r(r-1)!}{(n+1)n!(r-1)!} + \frac{n!(r+2)(r+1)!}{(n+1)n!(r+1)!}$ </p>	



$$= \frac{r}{n+1} + \frac{r+2}{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{2r+2}{n+1} = \frac{2(r+1)}{n+1} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Taking R.H.S. $\frac{2a_2}{a_2+a_3}$

Do yourself and get R.H.S = $\frac{2(r+1)}{n+1} \dots\dots\dots (2)$

From eq. (1) and eq. (2), L.H.S. = R.H.S (proved)

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