

Review • on Saturday, MMC CP 145, 10am-noon  
 • online office hour on Sunday at 6:30 PM.

## Section 11.5

Def: For nonnegative integers  $r, n$ , where  $n \geq r$ , the expression  $\binom{n}{r}$ , (read "n above r") ("n choose r")

is called the binomial coefficient and is defined by

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}.$$

Evaluate

$$\binom{6}{2} = \frac{6!}{(6-2)! \cdot 2!} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2} = \boxed{15}$$

$$\binom{3}{0} = \frac{3!}{(3-0)! \cdot 0!} = \frac{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1} = \boxed{1}$$

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$$\binom{9}{3} = \frac{9!}{(9-3)! 3!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{1}}{\cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{1} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{\overset{3}{4} \cdot \overset{4}{8} \cdot 7}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{2}}$$

$$= 12 \cdot 7 = \boxed{84}$$

$$\binom{4}{4} = \frac{4!}{(4-4)! \cdot 4!} = \frac{\cancel{4!}}{0! \cdot \cancel{4!}} = \frac{1}{0!} = \boxed{1}$$

Thm: (The Binomial theorem)

For any positive  $n$ :

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

$$\dots + \binom{n}{n-1} a^1 b^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} a^0 b^n$$

Foil:

$$(a+b)^2 = \binom{2}{0} a^2 b^0 + \binom{2}{1} a^{2-1} b^1 + \binom{2}{2} a^{2-2} b^2$$

$$= \frac{2!}{(2-0)! 0!} a^2 + \frac{2!}{(2-1)! 1!} a^1 b^1 + \frac{2!}{(2-2)! 2!} a^0 b^2$$

$$= 1 \cdot a^2 + \frac{2}{1 \cdot 1} ab + 1 \cdot b^2 = \underline{a^2 + 2ab + b^2}$$

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in a calculator:  $4C2$

$$= 1 \cdot x^4 \cdot 1 + \frac{4!}{3! \cdot 1!} x^3 \cdot 3 + \frac{4!}{2! \cdot 2!} x^2 \cdot 3^2 + \frac{4!}{1! \cdot 3!} x^1 \cdot 3^3 + \dots$$

$$= x^4 + \frac{4 \cdot 3!}{3!} x^3 \cdot 3 + \frac{24}{2 \cdot 2} x^2 \cdot 9 + 4 \cdot x \cdot 27 + \dots$$

$$= x^4 + 4 \cdot 3 x^3 + 6 \cdot 9 x^2 + 4 \cdot 27 x + \dots$$

$$= \boxed{x^4 + 12x^3 + 54x^2 + 108x} + \dots$$

Find the first 3 terms of  $(2x-y)^5$

$$(2x-y)^5 = \binom{5}{0} (2x)^5 (-y)^0 + \binom{5}{1} (2x)^4 (-y)^1 + \binom{5}{2} (2x)^3 (-y)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 \cdot 2^5 x^5 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2^4 x^4 \cdot (-y) + \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} 2^3 x^3 \cdot y^2 + \dots$$

$$= 32x^5 - 5 \cdot 16 x^4 y + 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 8 \cdot x^3 y^2 + \dots$$

$$= \boxed{32x^5 - 80x^4y + 80x^3y^2} + \dots$$

Bin. thm:

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

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i$$

Notes The  $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(a+b)^n$  is  $\binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$ .

Ex: Find the fourth term of the expansion  $(3x+2y)^7$   
 $\downarrow i=3$

$$\binom{7}{3} (3x)^{7-3} (2y)^3 = \frac{7!}{4!3!} 3^4 \cdot x^4 \cdot 2^3 \cdot y^3$$

$$= \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot 2!}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot 2! \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 2^3 \cdot x^4 \cdot y^3$$

$$= \boxed{7 \cdot 5 \cdot 81 \cdot 8 \cdot x^4 y^3}$$

Ex: Find the term containing  $x^6$  in the expansion of  $(2x-y)^9 = \sum_{i=0}^9 \binom{9}{i} 2^{9-i} x^{9-i} \cdot (-y)^i$

$$6 = 9 - i \rightarrow \underline{i=3}$$

$$\binom{9}{3} (2x)^6 (-y)^3 = \frac{\cancel{9} \cdot \cancel{8} \cdot 7 \cdot \cancel{6}!}{\cancel{6}! \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot 2^6 x^6 (-y^3)$$

$$= -3 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdot 64 x^6 y^3$$

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$$= \boxed{-84 \cdot 64 x^6 y^3}$$