

11.6 Binomial Thm

* A binomial is an expression with two terms in it.

$$(a+b), \text{ or } (3+x), (y^2-y), \dots$$

* We consider now a binomial raised to the n^{th} power. These terms arise frequently in STEM fields

[EX] $(a+b)^0 = 1$

$$(a+b)^1 = a+b$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a+b)^3 = (a+b)(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)$$

$$= a^3 + 2a^2b + ab^2 + ba^2 + 2ab^2 + b^3$$

$$(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

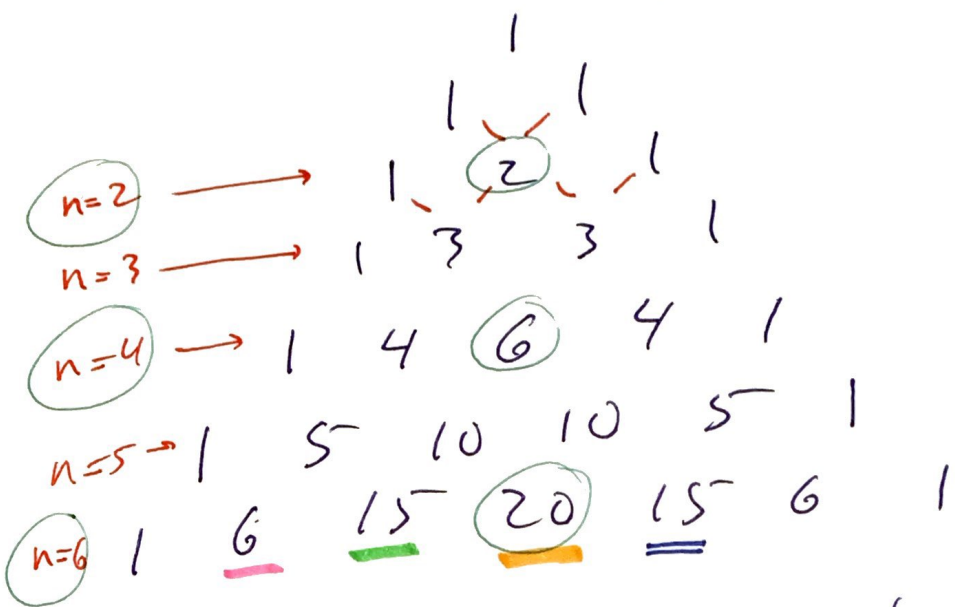
$$(a+b)^4 = (a+b)(a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3)$$

$$= a^4 + 3a^3b + 3a^2b^2 + ab^3 + ba^3 + 3a^2b^2 + 3ab^3 + b^4$$

$n=4$ $(a+b)^4 = a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$

getting tired yet? There is a better way...

* Pascal's triangle



* Compare these numbers to the numerical coefficients for $(a+b)^n$ - they match!

EX State the expansion of $(a+b)^6$:

$$(a+b)^6 = a^6 + 6a^5b + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6$$

* For the $(a+b)^N$ general expansion we have:

$$(a+b)^N = \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{N!}{(N-k)!k!} a^{N-k} b^k = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} a^{N-k} b^k$$

$$N! \equiv N \cdot (N-1) \cdot (N-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (3)(2)(1) \quad \text{N factorial}$$

EX $6! = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 720$

• The term $\frac{N!}{(N-k)! k!}$ is abbreviated as $\binom{N}{k}$ 3

" $\binom{N}{k}$ " is called different names: "Combination",
"binomial coefficient" to name two.

* Learning how to count:

In counting, $\binom{N}{k}$ is written as ${}^N C_k$ and is

the number of ways to extract k items from a collection of N items, ordering is not important.

Ex We need to send to the office 3 ppl from our collection of 19 students.

The number of ways to do this is ${}^{19} C_3$
or $\binom{19}{3}$

• This button is on your calculator.

19 2nd nCr 3 =

• Manually

$${}^{19} C_3 = \binom{19}{3} = \frac{19!}{(19-3)! \cdot 3!} = \frac{19!}{16! \cdot 3!} = \frac{19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot \cancel{16!}}{\cancel{16!} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17}{6}$$

$= 969$ ways to choose 3 ppl from a group of 19 To be cont.

↙ don't ask your calculator to perform larger factorials!
↘ use this trick instead.

11.6 (Cont.) Binomial expansion

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$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$$

EX
n=3

$$(x+y)^3 = \sum_{k=0}^3 \binom{3}{k} x^{3-k} y^k$$

$$= \binom{3}{0} x^{3-0} y^0 + \binom{3}{1} x^{3-1} y^1 + \binom{3}{2} x^{3-2} y^2 + \binom{3}{3} x^{3-3} y^3$$

$k=0$ $k=1$ $k=2$ $k=3$

$$\binom{n}{0} = 1, \quad \binom{n}{n} = 1, \quad \binom{n}{n-1} = n, \quad \binom{n}{1} = n$$

$$= 1x^3y^0 + 3x^2y^1 + 3x^1y^2 + 1 \cdot x^0y^3$$

$$(x+y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

If needed $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!}$

* the $r+1$ term of the binomial expansion ⁽²⁾
 $a_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} x^{n-r} y^r$ $(x+y)^n = \dots$

the 1st term has $r=0$

r^{th} term

EX the 11th term, starting ^{counting} at 1
of $(x+y)^{17}$ is what?

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \binom{17}{10} x^{17-10} y^{10} \\
 & \quad r=10 \rightarrow \\
 & = \frac{17!}{(17-10)! 10!} x^7 y^{10} \\
 & = \frac{17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10!}{(7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) 10!} x^7 y^{10} \\
 & = \frac{17 \cdot 4 \cdot 13 \cdot 6 \cdot 11}{3} x^7 y^{10} \quad \frac{22}{\times 52} \\
 & = \boxed{19,448 x^7 y^{10}} \quad \begin{array}{l} 11^{\text{th}} \text{ term} \\ \text{start counting @ } 1 \end{array} \quad \frac{\times 17}{\times 52}
 \end{aligned}$$

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