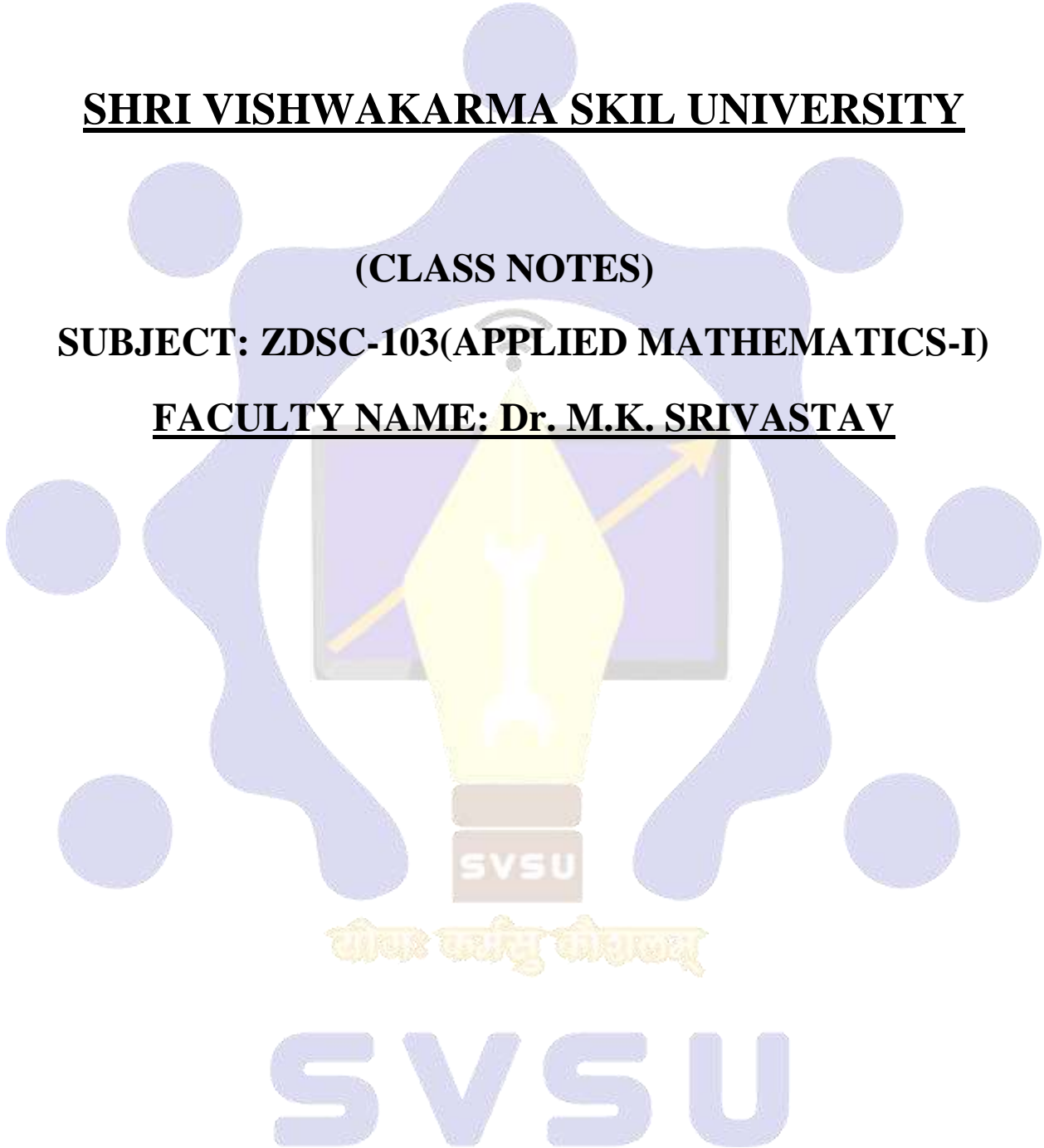


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## UNIT-3: ALGEBRA-I

### Topic 3.1: Partial Fraction

An algebraic fraction is a fraction in which the numerator and denominator are both polynomial expressions.

Example:

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|----|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | $\frac{3x}{x^2+2x+1}$        | } | Proper fraction (The numerator is a polynomial of lower degree than the denominator)    |
| 2. | $\frac{1-x^3}{x^4-2x^2+1}$   |   |                                                                                         |
| 3. | $\frac{x^4+3x^3+x}{x^2-x+7}$ | } | Improper fraction (The numerator is a polynomial of higher degree than the denominator) |
| 4. | $\frac{x+1}{1-x}$            |   |                                                                                         |

### Expressing a fraction as the sum of its partial fractions

To express a single algebraic fraction into the sum of two or more single algebraic fraction is called **Partial fraction resolution** and these algebraic fraction are called **Partial fractions**.

The method for computing partial fraction decompositions applies to all partial functions with one qualification:

- **The degree of the numerator must be less than the degree of the denominator (i.e. for Proper fraction only)**

**Rule 1.** For a linear term  $ax+b$  in the denominator, we get a partial fraction as:  $\frac{A}{ax+b}$

2. For a repeated linear term in the denominator, such as  $(ax+b)^3$ , we get partial fractions as:  $\frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{B}{(ax+b)^2} + \frac{C}{(ax+b)^3}$

3. For a quadratic term  $ax^2+bx+c$  in the denominator, we get we partial fractions as:  $\frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c}$

4. For a repeated quadratic term in the denominator, such as  $(ax^2+bx+c)^2$ , we get partial fractions as:  $\frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c} + \frac{Cx+D}{(ax^2+bx+c)^2}$

Example: I.  $\frac{x-1}{(x+2)(x-7)} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-7}$

$$\text{II. } \frac{2x^2+1}{x^3-x^2-8x+12} = \frac{2x^2+1}{(x-2)^2(x+3)} = \frac{A}{(x-2)} + \frac{B}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{C}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$\text{III. } \frac{x^2+1}{(x^2+x+2)(x+7)} = \frac{Ax+B}{(x^2+x+2)} + \frac{C}{(x+7)}$$

$$\text{IV. } \frac{x^2+1}{(x-1)(x+2)(x^2+2x+5)^2} = \frac{A}{(x-1)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)} + \frac{Cx+D}{(x^2+2x+5)} + \frac{Ex+F}{(x^2+2x+5)^2}$$

### Computing the coefficients:

First we determine the right form for the partial fraction decomposition of an algebraic fraction, then to compute the unknown coefficients  $A, B, C, \dots$  we use two methods for this purpose. We will now look at both methods for the decomposition of:

$$\frac{2x-1}{(x+2)^2(x-3)}$$

Applying above rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x-1}{(x+2)^2(x-3)} &= \frac{A}{(x+2)} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{(x-3)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2x-1}{(x+2)^2(x-3)} &= \frac{A(x+2)(x-3) + B(x-3) + C(x+2)^2}{(x+2)^2(x-3)} \\ \Rightarrow 2x-1 &= A(x+2)(x-3) + B(x-3) + C(x+2)^2 \quad \dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

- In the **first method**, we substitute different values for  $x$  in to the equation no. (1) and deduce the values of  $A, B, C$ .

So putting  $x=3$  in equation (1) we have:

$$2 \times 3 - 1 = A(3+2)(3-3) + B(3-3) + C(3+2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = 25C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{5}$$

Putting  $x=-2$  in equation (1) we have:

$$2 \times (-2) - 1 = A(-2+2)(-2-3) + B(-2-3) + C(-2+2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 = -5B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1$$

Putting  $x=0$  in equation (1) we have:

$$2 \times 0 - 1 = A(0+2)(0-3) + B(0-3) + C(0+2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = -6A - 3B + 4C$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = -6A - 3(1) + 4\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{5}$$

Therefore: 
$$\frac{2x-1}{(x+2)^2(x-3)} = \frac{-1/5}{(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{1/5}{(x-3)}$$

In the **second method**, we expand the right side and collect like terms:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x-1 &= Ax^2 - Ax - 6A + Bx - 3B + Cx^2 + 4Cx + 4C \\ &= (A+C)x^2 + (-A+B+4C)x + (-6A-3B+4C) \end{aligned}$$

For these polynomials to be equal, their coefficients must be equal, leading us to the system of equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= A+C && \text{from the } x^2 \text{ term} \\ 2 &= -A+B+4C && \text{from the } x \text{ term} \\ -1 &= -6A-3B+4C && \text{from the constant term} \end{aligned}$$

Solving these equation, we get,  $A = -\frac{1}{5}$ ,  $B = 1$ ,  $C = \frac{1}{5}$

And therefore: 
$$\frac{2x-1}{(x+2)^2(x-3)} = \frac{-1/5}{(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{1/5}{(x-3)}$$

## **Topic 3.2: Permutation**

### **Fundamental Principle of Counting**

If an event can occur in  $m$  different ways, following which another event can occur in  $n$  different ways, then the total number of occurrence of the events in the given order is  $m \times n$ .

**Example:** Find the number of 5 letter words, with or without meaning, which can be formed out of the letters of the word **KUMAR**, where the repetition of the letters is not allowed.

**Solution:** There are as many words as there are ways of filling in 5 vacant places 

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 by the 5 letters, keeping in mind that the repetition is not allowed.

- The first place can be filled in 5 different ways by anyone of the 5 letters K, U, M, A, R.
- Following which, the second place can be filled in by anyone of the remaining 4 letters in 4 different ways
- Following which the third place can be filled in 3 different ways
- Following which, the fourth place can be filled in 2 ways.
- Following which, the fourth place can be filled in 1 way

Thus, the number of ways in which the 5 places can be filled, by the multiplication principle, is  $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$ .

**Note:** If the repetition of the letters was allowed, how many words can be formed? One can easily understand that each of the 5 vacant places can be filled in succession in 4 different ways. Hence, the required number of words  $= 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 3125$ .

**Example:** Given 4 flags of different colours, how many different signals can be generated, if a signal requires the use of 2 flags one below the other?

**Solution:** There will be as many signals as there are ways of filling in 2 vacant places in succession by the 4 flags of different colours. The upper vacant place can be filled in 4 different ways by

anyone of the 4 flags; following which, the lower vacant place can be filled in 3 different ways by anyone of the remaining 3 different flags. Hence, by the multiplication principle, the required number of signals =  $4 \times 3 = 12$ .

**Example:** How many 2 digits odd numbers can be formed from the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 if the digits can be repeated?

**Solution:** There will be as many ways as there are ways of filling 2 vacant places in succession by the five given digits. Here, in this case, we start filling in unit's place, because the options for this place are 1, 3 and 5 only and this can be done in 3 ways; following which the ten's place can be filled by any of the 5 digits in 5 different ways as the digits can be repeated. Therefore, by the multiplication principle, the required number of two digits even numbers is  $3 \times 5 = 15$ .

### **Factorial of Number**

The factorial of a natural number  $n$  is denoted by  $n!$  and it is the product of first  $n$  natural numbers.

Therefore,  $n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times n$

Or  $n! = n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$

**Example:**

$$0! = 1$$

$$1! = 1$$

$$2! = 2 \times 1 = 2$$

$$3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$$

$$4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$$

$$\text{Clearly, } n! = n \times (n-1)!$$

**Example:** Calculate the value of  $\frac{8!}{5!}$

**Solution:**  $\frac{8!}{5!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!}{5!} = 336$

**Example:** If  $\frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{6!} = \frac{n}{7!}$ , find  $n$ .

**Solution:** We have,

$$\frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{6!} = \frac{n}{7!} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1}{6 \times 5!} = \frac{n}{7 \times 6 \times 5!} \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{n}{7 \times 6} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{6} = \frac{n}{7 \times 6}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 49$$

## Permutation

A permutation is an arrangement in a definite order of a number of objects taken some or all at a time. Counting permutations is merely counting the number of ways in which some or all objects at a time are rearranged.

### Case1. Permutations when all the objects are distinct:

The number of permutations of  $n$  different objects taken  $r$  at a time, where  $0 < r \leq n$  and the objects do not repeat is  $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)$ , which is denoted by  ${}^n P_r$ .

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}, 0 \leq r \leq n$$

**Example:** How many 5-digit numbers can be formed by using the digits 1 to 9 if repetition of digits is not allowed?

**Solution:** Here order matters for example 12345 and 13245 are two different numbers. Therefore, there will be as many 5 digit numbers as there are permutations of 9 different digits taken 5 at a

time. Therefore, the required 5 digit numbers =  ${}^9 P_5 = \frac{9!}{(9-5)!} = \frac{9!}{4!} = 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 = 15120$

**Case2:** The number permutations of  $n$  different objects taken  $r$  at a time, where repetition is allowed, is  $n^r$ .

### Case3. Permutations when all the objects are not distinct:

The number of permutations of  $n$  objects, where  $p_1$  objects are of one kind,  $p_2$  are of second kind, ...,  $p_k$  are of  $k^{\text{th}}$  kind and the rest, if any, are of different kind is  $\frac{n!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!}$

**Example:** Find the number of permutations of the letters of the word ALLAHABAD.

**Solution:** Here, there are 9 objects (letters) of which there are 4A's, 2 L's and rest are all different.

Therefore, the required number of arrangements =  $\frac{9!}{4!2!} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4!2!} = 7560$

**Example:** How many numbers lying between 100 and 1000 can be formed with the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, if the repetition of the digits is not allowed?

**Solution:** Every number between 100 and 1000 is a 3-digit number. We, first, have to count the permutations of 6 digits taken 3 at a time. This number would be  ${}^6 P_3$ . But, these permutations will include those also where 0 is at the 100's place. For example, 092, 042, . . ., etc are such numbers which are actually 2-digit numbers and hence the number of such numbers has to be

subtracted from  ${}^6P_3$  to get the required number. To get the number of such numbers, we fix 0 at the 100's place and rearrange the remaining 5 digits taking 2 at a time. This number is  ${}^5P_2$ . So

$$\text{The required number } {}^6P_3 - {}^5P_2 = \frac{6!}{3!} - \frac{5!}{3!} = 6 \times 5 \times 4 - 5 \times 4 = 100$$

**Example:** Find the number of different 8-letter arrangements that can be made from the letters of the word DAUGHTER so that

(i) all vowels occur together (ii) all vowels do not occur together.

**Solution:** (i) There are 8 different letters in the word DAUGHTER, in which there are 3 vowels, namely, A, U and E. Since the vowels have to occur together, we can for the time being, assume them as a single object (AUE). This single object together with 5 remaining letters (objects) will be counted as 6 objects. Then we count permutations of these 6 objects taken all at a time.

This number would be  ${}^6P_6 = \frac{6!}{(6-6)!} = 6!$ . Corresponding to each of these permutations, we shall have 3!

permutations of the three vowels A, U, E taken all at a time.  
Hence, by the required number of permutations =  $6! \times 3! = 4320$ .

(ii) If we have to count those permutations in which all vowels are never together, we first have to find all possible arrangements of 8 letters taken all at a time, which can be done in  $8!$  ways. Then, we have to subtract from this number, the number of permutations in which the vowels are always together.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, the required number} &= 8! - 6! \times 3! = 6! (7 \times 8 - 6) \\ &= 2 \times 6! (28 - 3) \\ &= 50 \times 6! = 50 \times 720 = 36000 \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Find the value of  $n$  such that  ${}^nP_5 = 42 {}^nP_3$ ,  $n > 4$

**Solution:** Given that  ${}^nP_5 = 42 {}^nP_3$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-5)!} = 42 \frac{n!}{(n-3)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4) = 42n(n-1)(n-2)$$

Since  $n > 4$  then  $n(n-1)(n-2) \neq 0$

Therefore, by dividing both sides by  $n(n-1)(n-2)$ , we get

$$n^2 - 7n - 30 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 10n + 3n - 30 = 0$$

$$\text{or } (n-10)(n+3) = 0$$

$$\text{or } n-10 = 0 \text{ or } n+3 = 0$$

$$\text{or } n = 10 \text{ or } n = -3$$

As  $n$  cannot be negative, so  $n = 10$

**Topic 3.3: Combinations:** A collection of things, in which the order does not matter.

**Example:** Suppose we have a set of three letters: A, B, and C. Then how many ways we can select 2 letters from this set. Each possible selection would be an example of a combination. The complete list of possible selections would be: AB, BC, CA = 03.

**Note:**

$$(i) {}^n C_r = \frac{{}^n P_r}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}, 0 \leq r \leq n$$

$$(ii) {}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1} C_r$$

**Example:** If  ${}^n C_5 = {}^n C_6$ , find the value of  $n$ .

**Solution:** we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^n C_5 &= {}^n C_6 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{5!(n-5)!} &= \frac{n!}{6!(n-6)!} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5!(n-5)(n-6)!} = \frac{1}{6 \times 5!(n-6)!} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(n-5)} = \frac{1}{6} \\ \Rightarrow n &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** A committee of 3 persons is to be constituted from a group of 2 men and 3 women. In how many ways can this be done? How many of these committees would consist of 1 man and 2 women?

**Solution:** Here, order does not matter. Therefore, we need to count combinations. There will be as many committees as there are combinations of 5 different persons taken 3 at a time.

$$\text{Hence, the required number of ways} = {}^5 C_3 = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10$$

Now, 1 man can be selected from 2 men in  ${}^2 C_1$  ways and 2 women can be selected from 3 women in  ${}^3 C_2$  ways.

$$\text{Therefore, the required number of committees} = {}^2 C_1 \times {}^3 C_2 = \frac{2!}{1!1!} \times \frac{3!}{2!1!} = 6$$

**Example:** What is the number of ways of choosing 4 cards from a pack of 52 playing cards? In how many of these

- (i) four cards are of the same suit,
- (ii) four cards belong to four different suits,
- (iii) are face cards,
- (iv) two are red cards and two are black cards,
- (v) cards are of the same colour?

**Solution:** There will be as many ways of choosing 4 cards from 52 cards as there are combinations of 52 different things, taken 4 at a time.

Therefore, The required number of ways

$$= {}^{52} C_4 = \frac{52!}{4!48!} = \frac{52 \times 51 \times 50 \times 49 \times 48!}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 48!} = 270775$$

- (i) There are four suits: diamond, club, spade, heart and there are 13 cards of each suit. Therefore, there are  ${}^{13} C_4$  ways of choosing 4 diamonds. Similarly, there are



${}^{13}C_4$  ways of choosing 4 clubs,  ${}^{13}C_4$  ways of choosing 4 spades and  ${}^{13}C_4$  ways of choosing 4 hearts.

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^{13}C_4 + {}^{13}C_4 + {}^{13}C_4 + {}^{13}C_4 \\ \text{Therefore, The required number of ways} &= 4 \times {}^{13}C_4 = 4 \times \frac{13!}{4!9!} = 2860 \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) There are 13 cards in each suit. Therefore, there are  ${}^{13}C_1$  ways of choosing 1 card from 13 cards of diamond,  ${}^{13}C_1$  ways of choosing 1 card from 13 cards of hearts,  ${}^{13}C_1$  ways of choosing 1 card from 13 cards of clubs,  ${}^{13}C_1$  ways of choosing 1 card from 13 cards of spades. Hence, by multiplication principle, the required number of ways

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{13}C_1 \times {}^{13}C_1 \times {}^{13}C_1 \times {}^{13}C_1 \\ &= 13 \times 13 \times 13 \times 13 \\ &= 13^4 \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) There are 12 face cards and 4 are to be selected out of these 12 cards. This can be done in  ${}^{12}C_4$  ways. Therefore, the required number of ways =  $\frac{12!}{4!8!} = 495$

- (iv) There are 26 red cards and 26 black cards. Therefore, the required number of ways =  ${}^{26}C_2 \times {}^{26}C_2$
- $$= \left( \frac{26!}{2!24!} \right)^2 = (325)^2 = 105625$$

- (v) 4 red cards can be selected out of 26 red cards on  ${}^{26}C_4$  ways. 4 black cards can be selected out of 26 black cards in  ${}^{26}C_4$  ways. Therefore, the required number of ways
- $$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{26}C_4 + {}^{26}C_4 \\ &= 2 \times {}^{26}C_4 \\ &= 2 \times \frac{26!}{4!22!} = 29900 \end{aligned}$$

**Topic 3.4: Binomial theorem for any positive integer n:**

$$(x + y)^n = {}^nC_0x^n + {}^nC_1x^{n-1}y + {}^nC_2x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1}xy^{n-1} + {}^nC_ny^n$$

**Note:**

- The above expression can also be written as:  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$
- The coefficients  ${}^nC_r$  occurring in the binomial theorem are known as binomial coefficients.
- There are  $(n + 1)$  terms in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$ , i.e., one more than the index  $(n)$ .
- Similarly  $(x - y)^n = {}^nC_0x^n - {}^nC_1x^{n-1}y + {}^nC_2x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_ny^n$

**Example:**  $(1 + x)^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_nx^n$

For  $x = 1$ , then  $2^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n$

$$(1-x)^n = {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n x^n$$

For  $x=1$ , then  $0 = {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n$

**Example:** Expand  $(x^2 + \frac{3}{x})^4, x \neq 0$

**Solution:** Formula  $(x+y)^n = {}^nC_0x^n + {}^nC_1x^{n-1}y + {}^nC_2x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1}xy^{n-1} + {}^nC_ny^n$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + \frac{3}{x})^4 &= {}^4C_0(x^2)^4 + {}^4C_1(x^2)^3\left(\frac{3}{x}\right) + {}^4C_2(x^2)^2\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^2 + {}^4C_3(x^2)\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^4 \\ &= x^8 + 4x^6 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{x}\right) + 6x^4 \cdot \left(\frac{9}{x^2}\right) + 4x^2 \cdot \left(\frac{27}{x^3}\right) + \left(\frac{81}{x^4}\right) \\ &= x^8 + 12x^5 + 54x^2 + \frac{108}{x} + \frac{81}{x^4} \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Compute  $(98)^5$

**Solution:** Write  $98 = 100-2$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (98)^5 &= (100-2)^5 \\ &= {}^5C_0(100)^5 - {}^5C_1(100)^4 \cdot (2) + {}^5C_2(100)^3 \cdot (2)^2 - {}^5C_3(100)^2 \cdot (2)^3 + {}^5C_4(100) \cdot (2)^4 - {}^5C_5(2)^5 \\ &= 10000000000 - 5 \times 100000000 \times 2 + 10 \times 1000000 \times 4 - 10 \times 10000 \times 8 + 5 \times 100 \times 16 - 32 \\ &= 10040008000 - 1000800032 = 9039207968 \end{aligned}$$

**General Term:** General term in the expansion of  $(x+y)^n$  is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$$

**Middle Terms:** (1) If  $n$  is even, then the middle term is  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}}$  term.

(2) If  $n$  is odd, then the middle terms are  $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$  term and  $\left(\frac{n+1}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}}$  term.

**Example:** In the expansion of  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ ,

The middle term is  $\left(\frac{2n+1+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} = (n+1)^{\text{th}}$  term. ( $2n$  is even)

It is given by  ${}^{2n}C_n x^n \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^n = {}^{2n}C_n (\text{constant})$

**Example:** Find  $a$  if the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> term of the expansion  $(2+a)^{50}$  are equal.

**Solution:** The  $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(x+y)^n$  is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$$

For the 17<sup>th</sup> term, we have  $r + 1 = 17$

$$\Rightarrow r = 16$$

$$\text{therefore, } T_{17} = T_{16+1} = {}^{50}C_{16}(2)^{50-16}(a)^{16} = {}^{50}C_{16}(2)^{34}(a)^{16}$$

$$\text{similarly, } T_{18} = T_{17+1} = {}^{50}C_{17}(2)^{50-17}(a)^{17} = {}^{50}C_{17}(2)^{33}(a)^{17}$$

$$\text{now } T_{17} = T_{18}$$

$$\text{so } {}^{50}C_{16}(2)^{34}(a)^{16} = {}^{50}C_{17}(2)^{33}(a)^{17}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{{}^{50}C_{16}(2)^{34}(a)^{16}}{{}^{50}C_{17}(2)^{33}(a)^{17}} = \frac{a^{17}}{a^{16}}$$

$$\text{so, } a = \frac{{}^{50}C_{16} \times 2}{{}^{50}C_{17}} = \frac{50!}{16!34!} \times \frac{17!33!}{50!} \times 2 = 1$$

**Example:** Find the coefficient of  $x^6y^3$  in the expansion of  $(x + 2y)^9$ .

**Solution:** Suppose  $x^6y^3$  occurs in the  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term of the expansion  $(x + 2y)^9$

$$\text{Now } T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r x^{9-r} (2y)^r = {}^9C_r 2^r x^{9-r} y^r$$

Comparing the indices of  $x$  as well as in  $x^6y^3$  and in  $T_{r+1}$ , we get  $r=3$

Thus the coefficient of  $x^6y^3$  is

$${}^9C_3 2^3 = \frac{9!}{3!6!} \cdot 2^3 = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot 2^3 = 672$$

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