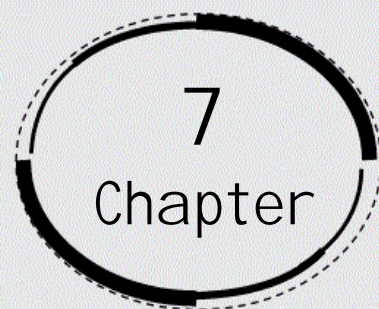


binomial theorem



Exercise 7.1

Question 1:

Expand the expression $(1 - 2x)^5$

Solution 1:

By using Binomial Theorem, the expression $(1 - 2x)^5$ can be expanded as $(1 - 2x)^5$

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^5C_0(1)^5 - {}^5C_1(1)^4(2x) + {}^5C_2(1)^3(2x)^2 - {}^5C_3(1)^2(2x)^3 \\ &+ {}^5C_4(1)^1(2x)^4 - {}^5C_5(2x)^5 \\ &= 1 - 5(2x) + 10(4x)^2 - 10(8x^3) + 5(16x^4) - (32x^5) \\ &= 1 - 10x + 40x^2 - 80x^3 + 80x^4 - 32x^5 \end{aligned}$$

Question 2:

Expand the expression $\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$

Solution 2:

By using Binomial Theorem, the expression $\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$ can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^5 &= {}^5C_0 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5 - {}^5C_1 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^5C_2 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \\
&\quad - {}^5C_3 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + {}^5C_4 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \\
&= \frac{32}{x^5} - 5 \left(\frac{16}{x^4}\right) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 10 \left(\frac{8}{x^3}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right) - \\
&\quad 10 \left(\frac{4}{x^2}\right) \left(\frac{x^3}{8}\right) + 5 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^4}{16}\right) - \frac{x^5}{32} \\
&= \frac{32}{x^5} - \frac{40}{x^3} + \frac{20}{x} - 5x + \frac{5}{8}x^3 - \frac{x^5}{32}
\end{aligned}$$

Question 3:

Expand the expression $(2x - 3)^6$

Solution 3:

By using Binomial Theorem, the expression $(2x - 3)^6$ can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}
(2x - 3)^6 &= {}^6C_0 (2x)^6 - {}^6C_1 (2x)^5 (3) + {}^6C_2 (2x)^4 (3)^2 \\
&\quad - {}^6C_3 (2x)^3 (3)^3 + {}^6C_4 (2x)^2 (3)^4 - {}^6C_5 (2x) (3)^5 + {}^6C_6 (3)^6 \\
&= 64x^6 - (32x^5)(3) + 15(16x^4)(9) - 20(8x^3)(27) \\
&\quad + 15(4x^2)(81) - 6(2x)(243) + 729 \\
&= 64x^6 - 576x^5 + 2160x^4 - 4320x^3 + 4860x^2 - 2916x + 729
\end{aligned}$$

Question 4:

Expand the expression $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5$

Solution 4:

By using Binomial Theorem, the expression $\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5$

can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5 &= {}^5C_0 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^5 + {}^5C_1 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + {}^5C_2 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \\ &+ {}^5C_3 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + {}^5C_4 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4 + {}^5C_5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 \\ &= \frac{x^5}{243} + 5 \left(\frac{x^4}{81}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 10 \left(\frac{x^3}{27}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 10 \left(\frac{x^2}{9}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \\ &+ 5 \left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + \frac{1}{x^5} \\ &= \frac{x^5}{243} + \frac{5x^3}{81} + \frac{10x}{9x} + \frac{5}{3x^3} + \frac{1}{x^5}\end{aligned}$$

Question 5:

Expand $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$

Solution 5:

By using Binomial Theorem, the expression $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$

can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 &= {}^6C_0 (x)^6 + {}^6C_1 (x)^5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + {}^6C_2 (x)^4 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \\ &+ {}^6C_3 (x)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + {}^6C_4 (x)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4 + {}^6C_5 (x) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 + {}^6C_6 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \\ &= x^6 + 6(x)^5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 15(x) \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 20(x)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) \\ &+ 15(x) \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 20(x)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 15(x)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right) + 6(x) \left(\frac{1}{x^5}\right) + \frac{1}{x^6} \\ &= x^6 + 6x^4 + 15x + 20 + \frac{15}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6} \end{aligned}$$

Question 6:

Using Binomial Theorem, evaluate $(96)^3$

Solution 6:

96 can be expressed as the sum or difference of two numbers whose powers are easier to calculate and then, binomial theorem can be applied.

It can be written that, $96 = 100 - 4$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (96)^3 = (100 - 4)^3 \\ &= {}^3C_0 (100)^3 - {}^3C_1 (100)^2 (4) + {}^3C_2 (100)(4)^2 - {}^3C_3 (4)^3 \\ &= (100)^3 - 3(100)^2 (4) + (100)(4)^2 - (4)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1000000 - 120000 + 4800 - 64$$

$$= 884736$$

Question 7:

Using Binomial Theorem, evaluate $(102)^5$

Solution 7:

102 can be expressed as the sum or difference of two numbers whose powers are easier to calculate and then, binomial theorem can be applied.

It can be written that, $102 = 100 + 2$

$$\therefore (102)^5 = (100 + 2)^5$$

$$= {}^5C_0 (100)^5 + {}^5C_1 (100)^4 (2) + {}^5C_2 (100)^3 (2)^2$$

$$+ {}^5C_3 (100)^2 (2)^3 + {}^5C_4 (100) (2)^4 + {}^5C_5 (2)^5$$

$$= 10000000000 + 1000000000 + 400000000 + 8000000 + 80000 + 32$$

$$= 11040808032$$

Question 8:

Using Binomial Theorem, evaluate $(101)^4$

Solution 8:

101 can be expressed as the sum or difference of two numbers whose powers are easier to calculate and then, binomial theorem can be applied.

It can be written that, $101 = 100 + 1$

$$\therefore (101)^4 = (100 + 1)^4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^4C_0(100)^4 + {}^4C_1(100)^3(1) + {}^4C_2(100)^2(1)^2 \\
&+ {}^4C_3(100)(1)^3 + {}^4C_4(1)^4 \\
&= (100)^4 + 4(100)^3 + 6(100)^2 + 4(100) + (1)^4 \\
&= 100000000 + 4000000 + 60000 + 400 + 1 \\
&= 104060401
\end{aligned}$$

Question 9:

Using Binomial Theorem, evaluate $(99)^5$

Solution 9:

99 can be written as the sum or difference of two numbers whose powers are easier to calculate and then, binomial theorem can be applied.

It can be written that, $99 = 100 - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore (99)^5 &= (100 - 1)^5 \\
&= {}^5C_0(100)^5 - {}^5C_1(100)^4 + {}^5C_2(100)^3(1)^2 \\
&+ {}^5C_3(100)^2(1)^3 + {}^5C_4(100)(1)^4 - {}^5C_5(1)^5 \\
&= (100)^5 - 5(100)^4 + 10(100)^3 - 10(100)^2 + 5(100) - 1 \\
&= 1000000000 - 500000000 + 10000000 - 100000 + 500 - 1 \\
&= 10010000500 - 500100001 \\
&= 9509900499
\end{aligned}$$

Question 10:

Using Binomial Theorem, indicate which number is larger $(1.1)^{10000}$ or 1000.

Solution 10:

By splitting 1.1 and then applying Binomial Theorem, the first few terms of $(1.1)^{10000}$ be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.1)^{10000} &= (1 + 0.1)^{10000} \\
 &= {}^{10000}C_0 + {}^{10000}C_1(1.1) + \text{Other positive terms} \\
 &= 1 + 10000 \times 1.1 + \text{Other positive terms} \\
 &= 1 + 11000 + \text{Other positive terms} \\
 &> 1000
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(1.1)^{10000} > 1000$.

Question 11:

Find $(a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4$ Hence, evaluate.

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4$$

Solution 11:

Using Binomial Theorem, the expressions,

$(a+b)^4$ and $(a-b)^4$ can be expanded as

$$(a+b)^4 = {}^4C_0 a^4 + {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 + {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4$$

$$(a-b)^4 = {}^4C_0 a^4 - {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 - {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4 &= {}^4C_0 a^4 + {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 + {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4 \\
 &\quad - \left[{}^4C_0 a^4 - {}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_2 a^2 b^2 - {}^4C_3 a b^3 + {}^4C_4 b^4 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2({}^4C_1 a^3 b + {}^4C_3 a b^3) = 2(4a^3 b + 4a b^3)$$

$$= 8ab(a^2 + b^2)$$

By putting $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b = \sqrt{2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^4 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^4 &= 8(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})\{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2\} \\&= 8(\sqrt{6})\{3 + 2\} = 40\sqrt{6}\end{aligned}$$

Question 12:

Find $(x+1)^6 + (x-1)^6$. Hence or otherwise evaluate.

$$(\sqrt{2}+1)^6 + (\sqrt{2}-1)^6$$

Solution 12:

Using Binomial Theorem, the expression,

$(x+1)^6$ and $(x-1)^6$ can be expanded as

$$(x+1)^6 = {}^6C_0x^6 + {}^6C_1x^5 + {}^6C_2x^4 + {}^6C_3x^3 + {}^6C_4x^2 + {}^6C_5x + {}^6C_6$$

$$(x-1)^6 = {}^6C_0x^6 - {}^6C_1x^5 + {}^6C_2x^4 - {}^6C_3x^3 + {}^6C_4x^2 - {}^6C_5x + {}^6C_6$$

$$\therefore (x+1)^6 + (x-1)^6 = 2[{}^6C_0x^6 + {}^6C_2x^4 + {}^6C_4x^2 + {}^6C_6]$$

$$= 2[x^6 + 15x^4 + 15x^2 + 1]$$

By putting $x = \sqrt{2}$ we obtain

$$(\sqrt{2}+1)^6 + (\sqrt{2}-1)^6 = 2\left[(\sqrt{2})^6 + 15(\sqrt{2})^4 + 15(\sqrt{2})^2 + 1\right]$$

$$= 2(8 + 15 \times 4 + 15 \times 2 + 1)$$

$$= (8 + 60 + 30 + 1)$$

$$= 2(99) = 198$$

Question 13:

Show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64, whenever n is a positive integer.

Solution 13:

In order to show that $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64, it has to be prove that, $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k$, where k is some natural number

By Binomial Theorem,

$$(1+a)^m = {}^m C_0 + {}^m C_1 a + {}^m C_2 a^2 + \dots + {}^m C_m a^m$$

For $a=8$ and $m=n+1$, we obtain

$$\Rightarrow 9^{n+1} = 1 + (n+1)(8) + 8^2 \left[{}^{n+1} C_2 + {}^{n+1} C_3 \times 8 + \dots + {}^{n+1} C_{n+1} (8)^{n-1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 9^{n+1} = 9 + 8n + 64 \left[{}^{n+1} C_2 + {}^{n+1} C_3 \times 8 + \dots + {}^{n+1} C_{n+1} (8)^{n-1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 9^{n+1} - 8n - 9 = 64k, \text{ where}$$

$$k = {}^{n+1} C_2 + {}^{n+1} C_3 \times 8 + \dots + {}^{n+1} C_{n+1} (8)^{n-1}$$

is a natural number Thus, $9^{n+1} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64, whenever n is a positive integer.

Question 14:

Prove that $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^n C_r = 4^n$

Solution 14:

By Binomial Theorem,

$$\sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r = (a+b)^n$$

By putting $b=3$ and $a=1$ in the above equation, we obtain

$$\sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r (1)^{n-r} (3)^r = (1+3)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=0}^n 3^r {}^nC_r = 4^n$$

Hence proved.

Miscellaneous Exercise

Question 1:

If a and b are distinct integers, prove that $a-b$ is a factor of $a^n - b^n$, whenever n is a positive integer. [**Hint:** write $a^n = (a-b+b)^n$ and expand]

Solution 1:

In order to prove that $(a-b)$ is a factor of $(a^n - b^n)$, it has to be proved that

$a^n - b^n = k(a-b)$, where k is some natural number

It can be written that, $a = a-b+b$

$$\therefore (a-b+b)^n = [(a-b)+b]^n$$

$$= {}^nC_0 (a-b)^n + {}^nC_1 (a-b)^{n-1} b + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} (a-b) b^{n-1} + {}^nC_n b^n$$

$$= (a-b)^n + {}^nC_1 (a-b)^{n-1} b + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} (a-b) b^{n-1} + b^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a^n - b^n = (a - b)$$

$$\left[(a - b)^{n-1} + {}^nC_1 (a - b)^{n-2} b + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} b^{n-1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^n - b^n = k(a - b)$$

$$\text{Where, } k = \left[(a - b)^{n-1} + {}^nC_1 (a - b)^{n-2} b + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} b^{n-1} \right]$$

is a natural number This shows that $(a - b)$ is a factor of $(a^n - b^n)$, where n is a positive integer.

Question 2:

$$\text{Evaluate } (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6$$

Solution 2:

Firstly, the expression $(a + b)^6 - (a - b)^6$ is simplified by using Binomial Theorem. This can be done as

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^6 &= {}^6C_0 a^6 + {}^6C_1 a^5 b + {}^6C_2 a^4 b^2 + {}^6C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6C_4 a^2 b^4 + {}^6C_5 a^1 b^5 + {}^6C_6 b^6 \\ &= a^6 + 6a^5 b + 15a^4 b^2 + 20a^3 b^3 + 15a^2 b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^6 &= {}^6C_0 a^6 - {}^6C_1 a^5 b + {}^6C_2 a^4 b^2 - {}^6C_3 a^3 b^3 + {}^6C_4 a^2 b^4 - {}^6C_5 a^1 b^5 + {}^6C_6 b^6 \\ &= a^6 - 6a^5 b + 15a^4 b^2 - 20a^3 b^3 + 15a^2 b^4 - 6ab^5 + b^6 \end{aligned}$$

Putting $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b = \sqrt{2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^6 - (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})^6 \\ &= 2 \left[6(\sqrt{3})^5 (\sqrt{2}) + 20(\sqrt{3})^3 (\sqrt{2})^3 + 6(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2})^5 \right] \\ &= 2 \left[54\sqrt{6} + 120\sqrt{6} + 24\sqrt{6} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \times 198\sqrt{6}$$

$$= 396\sqrt{6}$$

Question 3:

Find the value of $\left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4$

Solution 3:

Firstly, the expression is simplified by using Binomial Theorem. $(x + y)^4 + (x - y)^4$

This can be done as

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)^4 &= {}^4C_0x^4 + {}^4C_1x^3y + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 + {}^4C_3xy^3 + {}^4C_4y^4 \\ &= x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x - y)^4 &= {}^4C_0x^4 - {}^4C_1x^3y + {}^4C_2x^2y^2 - {}^4C_3xy^3 + {}^4C_4y^4 \\ &= x^4 - 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 - 4xy^3 + y^4\end{aligned}$$

Putting $x = a^2$ and $y = \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}&\left(a^2 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 + \left(a^2 - \sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 \\ &= 2 \left[\left(a^2\right)^4 + 6\left(a^2\right)^2 \left(\sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{a^2 - 1}\right)^4 \right] \\ &= 2 \left[a^8 + 6a^4(a^2 - 1) + (a^2 - 1)^2 \right] \\ &= 2 \left[a^8 + 6a^4 - 6a^4 + a^4 - 2a^2 + 1 \right] \\ &= 2 \left[a^8 + 6a^4 - 5a^4 - 2a^2 + 1 \right] \\ &= 2a^8 + 12a^4 - 10a^4 - 4a^2 + 2\end{aligned}$$

Question 4:

Find an approximation of $(0.99)^5$ using the first three terms of its expansion.

Solution 4:

$$0.99 = 1 - 0.01$$

$$(0.99)^5 = (1 - 0.01)^5$$

$$= {}^5C_0(1)^5 - {}^5C_1(1)^4(0.01) + {}^5C_2(1)^3(0.01)^2$$

[Approximately]

$$= 1 - 0.05 + 0.001$$

$$= 1.001 - 0.05$$

$$= 0.951$$

Thus, the value of $(0.99)^5$ is approximately 0.951.

Question 5:

Expand using Binomial Theorem $\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4, x \neq 0$

Solution 5:

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4$$

$$= {}^4C_0\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - {}^4C_2\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 - {}^4C_3\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^4$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - 4\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3\left(\frac{2}{x}\right) + 6\left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4}\right)\left(\frac{4}{x^2}\right) - 4\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)\left(\frac{8}{x^3}\right) + \frac{16}{x^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - \frac{8}{x} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{24}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} - \frac{16}{x^2} + \frac{16}{x^4} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 - \frac{8}{x} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \dots (1)
\end{aligned}$$

Again by using Binomial Theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 &= {}^4C_0(1)^4 + {}^4C_1(1)^3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^4C_2(1)^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \\
&\quad + {}^4C_3(1)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4 \\
&= 1 + 4 \times \frac{x}{2} + 6 \times \frac{x^2}{4} + 4 \times \frac{x^3}{8} + \frac{x^4}{16} \\
&= 1 + 2x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} \dots (2) \\
\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^3 &= {}^3C_0(1)^3 + {}^3C_1(1)^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + {}^3C_2(1)\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + {}^3C_3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 \\
&= 1 + \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \frac{x^3}{8} \dots (3)
\end{aligned}$$

From (1), (2) and (3), we obtain

$$\left[\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{2}{x} \right]^4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 + 2x + \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - \frac{8}{x} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} \right) + \frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \\
&= 1 + 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - \frac{8}{x} - 12 - 6x + x^2 - \frac{8}{x^2} + \frac{24}{x} + 6 - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} \\
&= \frac{16}{x} + \frac{8}{x^2} - \frac{32}{x^3} + \frac{16}{x^4} - 4x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{x^4}{16} - 5
\end{aligned}$$

Question 6:

Find the expansion of $(3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3$ using binomial theorem.

Solution 6:

Using Binomial Theorem, the given expression

$$\begin{aligned}
&(3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3 \text{ can be expanded as } [3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2]^3 \\
&= {}^3C_0(3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + {}^3C_1(3x^2 - 2ax)^2(3a^2) + {}^3C_2(3x^2 - 2ax)(3a^2)^2 + {}^3C_3(3a^2)^3 \\
&= (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + 3(9x^4 - 12ax^3 + 4a^2x^2)(3a^2) + 3(3x^2 - 2ax)(9a^4) + 27a^6 \\
&= (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + 81a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 36a^4x^2 + 81a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \\
&= (3x^2 - 2ax)^3 + 81a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6 \dots (1)
\end{aligned}$$

Again by using Binomial Theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&(3x^2 - 2ax)^3 \\
&= {}^3C_0(3x^2)^3 - {}^3C_1(3x^2)^2(2ax) + {}^3C_2(3x^2)(2ax)^2 - {}^3C_3(2ax)^3 \\
&= 27x^6 - 3(9x^4)(2ax) + 3(3x^2)(4a^2x^2) - 8a^3x^3 \\
&= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 36a^2x^4 - 8a^3x^3 \dots (2)
\end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we obtain

$$(3x^2 - 2ax + 3a^2)^3$$

$$= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 36a^2x^4 - 8a^3x^3 + 81a^2x^4 - 108a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6$$

$$= 27x^6 - 54ax^5 + 117a^2x^4 - 116a^3x^3 + 117a^4x^2 - 54a^5x + 27a^6$$