

## BINOMIAL THEOREM

### INTRODUCTION OF BINOMIAL THEOREM

#### BINOMIAL EXPRESSION

Any algebraic expression which contains two dissimilar terms is called **Binomial expression**.

**For example:**  $x-y, xy + \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{z} - 1, \frac{1}{(x-y)^{\frac{1}{3}}} + 3$  etc.

**Terminology Used in Binomial Theorem** (For competitive exam)

**Factorial notation :**  $n$  or  $n!$  is pronounced as factorial  $n$  and is defined as

$$n! = \begin{cases} n(n-1)(n-2).....3.2.1 & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\forall n! = n \cdot (n-1)! \quad ; \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

#### BINOMIAL THEOREM

The formula by which any positive integral power of a Binomial expression can be expanded in the form of a series is known as **BINOMIAL THEOREM**.

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then :

$$(x+y)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1}y + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_1 x^{n-r}y^r + \dots + {}^nC_n y^n$$

This theorem can be proved by induction.

**Note:**

- (a) The number of terms in the expansion is  $(n+1)$  i.e. one more than the index.
- (b) The sum of the indices of  $x$  &  $y$  in each term is  $n$ .
- (c) The Binomial coefficients of the terms  $({}^nC_0, {}^nC_1, \dots)$  equidistant from the beginning and the end are equal. i.e.  ${}^nC_p = {}^nC_{n-p}$
- (d) Symbol  ${}^nC_r$  can also be denoted by  $\binom{n}{r}, C(n, r)$  or .

The coefficient of  $x^r$  in  $(1+x)^n = {}^nC_r$  & that in  $(1-x)^n = (-1)^r \cdot {}^nC_r$

**Some Important Expansions :**

$$(i) \quad (1+x)^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_nx^n$$

$$(ii) \quad (1-x)^n = {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 - \dots + (-1)^n \cdot {}^nC_nx^n$$

**Ex.** Expand the following Binomials:

$$(i) \quad (x-3)^5$$

$$(ii) \quad \left(1 - \frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^4$$

**Sol.** (i)  $(x-3)^5$

$${}^5C_0x^5 + {}^5C_1x^4(-3)^1 + {}^5C_2x^3(-3)^2 + {}^5C_3x^2(-3)^3 + {}^5C_4x(-3)^4 + {}^5C_5(-3)^5$$

$$x^5 - 15x^4 + 90x^3 - 270x^2 + 405x - 243$$

$$(ii) \quad \left(1 - \frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^4$$

$${}^4C_0 + {}^4C_1\left(\frac{-3x^2}{2}\right) + {}^4C_2\left(\frac{-3x^2}{2}\right)^2 + {}^4C_3\left(\frac{-3x^2}{2}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4\left(\frac{-3x^2}{2}\right)^4$$

$$= 1 - 6x^2 + \frac{27}{2}x^4 - \frac{27}{2}x^6 + \frac{81}{16}x^8$$

**Ex.** Find the value of  $\frac{(18^3 + 7^3 + 3 \times 18 \times 7 \times 25)}{3^6 + 6 \times 243 \times 2 + 15 \times 81 \times 4 + 20 \times 27 \times 8 + 15 \times 9 \times 16 + 6 \times 3 \times 32 + 64}$

**Sol.** The numerator is of the form

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

Where,  $a = 18$  and  $b = 7$

$$\therefore N^r = (18 + 7)^3 = (25)^3$$

Denominator can be written as

$$\therefore \frac{Nr}{Dr} = \frac{(25)^3}{(25)^3} = 1$$