

Binomial Theorem

An expansion of a binomial to a power n . Expand $(+)^n$ into a sum involving terms $ax^b y^c$, where $b+c=n$ and "a" are positive integers which make up pascal's triangle.

example:

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

binomial to power "n" $\rightarrow$ binomial coefficient (positive integer)

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$$(x+y)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4$$

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} x^k$$

$$= 1 + nx + \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} x^2 + \dots + nx^{n-1} + x^n$$

Theorem:

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

Binomial Coefficients:

$$a_n = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$$

Pascal's triangle

n=0	1
n=1	1 1
n=2	1 2 1
n=3	1 3 3 1
n=4	1 4 6 4 1
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Visualisation of binomial expansion

