



Introduction:

Francesco Maurolico (1494-1575) devised the method of induction and applied this device first to prove that the **sum of the first n odd positive integers equals n^2** .

We are aware of the fact that even one exception or case to a mathematical formula is enough to prove it to be false. Such a case or exception which fails the mathematical formula or statement is called a **counter example**.

For example, we consider the statement $S(n) = n^2 - n + 41$ is a prime number for every natural number n . The values of the expression $n^2 - n + 41$ for some first natural numbers are given in the table as shown below.

| n | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| $S(n)$ | 41 | 43 | 47 | 53 | 61 | 71 | 83 | 97 | 113 | 131 | 151 |

From the table, it appears that the statement $S(n)$ has enough chance of being true. If we go on trying for the next natural numbers. We find $n = 41$ as a counter example which fails the claim of the above statement. So we conclude that to derive a general formula without proof from some special cases is not a wise step. This example was discovered by **Euler** (1707-1783)

Principle of Mathematical Induction

The principle of mathematical induction is stated as follows:

If a proposition or statement $S(n)$ for each positive integer n is such that

1. $S(1)$ is true i.e., $S(n)$ is true for $n = 1$.
2. $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true for any positive integer k ,

Then $S(n)$ is true for all positive integers.

Procedure:

1. Substituting $n = 1$, show that the statement is true for $n = 1$.
2. Assuming that the statement is true for any integer k , then show that it is true for the next higher integer.

M1: Starting with one side of $S(k+1)$, its other side is derived by using $S(k)$.

M2: $S(k+1)$ is established by performing algebraic operations on $S(k)$.

Principle of Extended Mathematical Induction:

Let i be an integer. If a formula or statement for $n \geq i$ is such that

1. $S(i)$ is true and
2. $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true for integral values of $n \geq i$.

EXERCISE 8.1

Use the mathematical induction to prove the following formulae for every positive integer n .
(RWP 2021, LHR 2022)

Q.1 $1+5+9+\dots+(4n-3)=n(2n-1)$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the give statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1+5+9+\dots+(4n-3)=n(2n-1) \quad (i)$$

(i) when $n=1$, Equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 1+5=1(2 \times 1-1)$$

$$S(1): 1=1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true i.e., condition (I) is satisfied.

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n=k \in N$ i.e.,

$$1+5+9+\dots+(4k-3)=k(2k-1) \quad (A)$$

The statement for $n=k+1$ becomes;

$$1+5+9+\dots+(4k-3)+(4k+1)=(k+1)(2k+1) \quad (B)$$

Adding $(4k+1)$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} 1+5+9+\dots+(4k-3)+(4k+1) &= k(2k-1)+(4k+1) \\ &= 2k^2 - k + 4k + 1 &= (2k+1)(k+1) \\ &= 2k^2 + 3k + 1 &= (2k+2-1)(k+1) \\ &= 2k^2 + 2k + k + 1 &= [2(k+1)-1](k+1) \\ &= 2k(k+1) + 1(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied. Since both the condition are satisfied, therefore, $S(n)$ is true for all $n \in N$.

Q.2 $1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1)=n^2$

(LHR 2022)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1)=n^2 \quad (i)$$

(i) when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 2 \times 1 - 1 = 1^2$$

$$S(1): 1=1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true that is condition (I) satisfied.

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n=k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)=k^2 \quad (A)$$

The statement for $n=k+1$ becomes ;

$$1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)+(2k+1)=(k+1)^2 \quad (B)$$

Adding $(2k+1)$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$1+3+5+\dots+(2k-1)+(2k+1)=k^2+(2k+1)$$

$$=k^2+2k+1$$

$$=(k+1)^2$$

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied.

Since both the conditions are satisfied, therefore, $S(n)$ is true for each positive integer n .

Q.3 $1+4+7+\dots+(3n-2)=\frac{n(3n-1)}{2}$

(RWP 2022, MTN 2023)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1+4+7+\dots+(3n-2)=\frac{n(3n-1)}{2} \quad (i)$$

(i) When $n=1$, S equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 3(1)-2=\frac{1(3(1)-1)}{2}$$

$$S(1): 1=1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, i.e., condition (I) is satisfied

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n=k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1+4+7+\dots+(3k-2)=\frac{k(3k-1)}{2} \quad (A)$$

The statement for $n=k+1$ becomes;

$$1+4+7+\dots+(3k-2)+(3k+1)=\frac{(k+1)(3k+2)}{2} \quad (B)$$

Adding $(3k+1)$ on both sides of equation (A) we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(k): 1+4+7+\dots+(3k-2)+(3k+1) &= \frac{k(3k-1)}{2} + 3k+1 \\ &= \frac{3k^2 - k + 6k + 2}{2} &= \frac{(k+1)(3k+2+3-3)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 5k + 2}{2} &= \frac{(k+1)(3(k+1)-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k^2 + 3k + 2k + 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{3k(k+1) + 2(k+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true so condition (II) is satisfied.

Since both the conditions are satisfied, therefore $S(n)$ is true for each positive integer n .

Q.4 $1+2+4+\dots+2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1$ (FSD 2021, MTN 2023, LHR 2023)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1+2+4+\dots+2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1 \quad (i)$$

(i) when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 2^{1-1} = 2^1 - 1$$

$$S(1): 2^0 = 2 - 1$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true that is condition (I) is satisfied.

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n = k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1+2+4+\dots+2^{k-1} = 2^k - 1 \quad (A)$$

The statement for $n = k+1$ becomes;

$$1+2+4+\dots+2^{(k+1)-1} = 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad (B)$$

Adding $2^{(k+1)-1}$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} 1+2+4+\dots+2^{k-1}+2^{(k+1)-1} &= (2^k - 1) + 2^{(k+1)-1} \\ &= 2^k - 1 + 2^k &= 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^k - 1 &= 2^{(k+1)} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so the condition (II) is satisfied.

Since both the conditions are satisfied, therefore, $S(n)$ is true for each positive integer n .

Q.5 $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$ (FSD 2022, GRW 2023)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n} \right) \quad (i)$$

(i) when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): \frac{1}{2^{1-1}} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^1} \right)$$

$$S(1): \frac{1}{2^0} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true that is condition (I) is satisfied.

(ii) Let us assume that $S(k)$ is true for any $n = k \in N$ that is

$$S(k): 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k} \right) \quad (A)$$

The given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes;

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} + \frac{1}{2^k} = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \right) \quad (B)$$

Adding $\frac{1}{2^k}$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} + \frac{1}{2^k} &= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \right) + \frac{1}{2^k} \\ &= 2 - \frac{2}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2^k} \\ &= 2 - \frac{1}{2^k} \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} &= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^k} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true.

So condition (II) is satisfied.

Since both conditions are satisfied therefore $S(n)$ is true for each positive integer n .

Q.6 $2+4+6+\dots+2n=n(n+1)$ (GRW 2022, MTN 2023)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 2+4+6+\dots+2n=n(n+1) \quad (i)$$

when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$(i) \quad S(1): 2(1)=1(1+1)$$

$$S(1): 2=2$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true that is condition (I) is satisfied.

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n=k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 2+4+6+\dots+2k=k(k+1) \quad (A)$$

The given statement for $n=k+1$ becomes

$$2+4+6+\dots+2k+2(k+1)=(k+1)(k+2) \quad (B)$$

Adding $2(k+1)$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} 2+4+6+\dots+2k+2(k+1) &= k(k+1) + 2(k+1) \\ &= (k+1)(k+2) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ true whenever $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied.

Since both conditions are satisfied, therefore $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.7 $2+6+18+\dots+2 \times 3^{n-1} = 3^n - 1$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 2+6+18+\dots+2 \times 3^{n-1} = 3^n - 1 \quad (i)$$

(i) when $n=1, S(1)$ becomes;

$$S(1): 2 \times 3^{1-1} = 3^1 - 1$$

$$S(1): 2 = 2$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true that is condition (I) is satisfied

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n = k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 2 + 6 + 18 + \dots + 2 \times 3^{k-1} = 3^k - 1 \quad (A)$$

The given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes;

$$2 + 6 + 18 + \dots + 2 \times 3^{k-1} + 2 \times 3^k = 3^{k+1} - 1 \quad (B)$$

Adding 2×3^k on both sides we have

$$2 + 6 + 18 + \dots + 2 \times 3^{k-1} + 2 \times 3^k = 3^k - 1 + 2 \times 3^k$$

$$= 3^k + 2 \times 3^k - 1$$

$$= 3^k (1 + 2) - 1$$

$$= 3 \cdot 3^k - 1$$

$$= 3^{k+1} - 1$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied.

There fore both condition are satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$

Q.8 $1 \times 3 + 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + \dots + n \times (2n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(4n+5)}{6}$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + \dots + n \times (2n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(4n+5)}{6} \quad (i)$$

(i) When $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 1 \times (2 \times 1 + 1) = \frac{1(1+1)(4 \times 1 + 5)}{6}$$

$S(1): 3 = 3$. thus $S(1)$ is true that is condition (I) is satisfied.

(ii) Let us assume that $S(n)$ is true for any $n = k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + \dots + k \times (2k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(4k+5)}{6} \quad (A)$$

The given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes:

$$1 \times 3 + 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + \dots + k \times (2k+1) + (k+1) \times (2k+3) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(4k+9)}{6} \quad (B)$$

Adding $(k+1)(2k+3)$ in (A) we get;

$$1 \times 3 + 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + \dots + k \times (2k+1) + (k+1) \times (2k+3) = \frac{k(k+1)(4k+5)}{6} + (k+1)(2k+3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (k+1) \left[\frac{k(4k+5)}{6} + (2k+3) \right] \\
1 \times 3 + 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 7 + \dots + k(2k+1) + (k+1)(2k+3) &= (k+1) \left[\frac{k(4k+5) + 6(2k+3)}{6} \right] \\
&= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k^2 + 5k + 12k + 18}{6} \right] \\
&= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k^2 + 17k + 18}{6} \right] \\
&= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k^2 + 8k + 9k + 18}{6} \right] \\
&= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k(k+2) + 9(k+2)}{6} \right] \\
&= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(4k+9)}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

Which is same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true when $S(k)$ is true so condition (II) is satisfied.

Therefore both conditions are satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Q.9 $1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + n \times (n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + n \times (n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \quad (i)$$

1. When $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 1 \times (1+1) = \frac{1(1+1)(1+2)}{3}$$

$$S(1): \quad 2 = 2$$

So statement is true for $n=1$, that is condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Let us assume that statement is true for $n=k \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + \dots + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \quad (A)$$

Give statement for $n=k+1$ becomes;

$$S(k+1): 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + (k+1) \times (k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \quad (B)$$

Adding $(k+1)(k+2)$ both sides of (A) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + \dots + k(k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) &= \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} + (k+1)(k+2) \\ &= (k+1)(k+2) \left(\frac{k}{3} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Which is same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.10 $1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 6 + \dots + (2n-1) \times 2n = \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{3}$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 6 + \dots + (2n-1)(2n) = \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{3} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n = 1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): (2 \times 1 - 1)(2 \times 1) = \frac{1(1+1)(4 \times 1 - 1)}{3}$$

$$S(1): 2 = 2$$

So statement is true for $n = 1$ so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 6 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k) = \frac{k(k+1)(4k-1)}{3} \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes;

$$S(k+1): 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 6 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k) + (2k+1)(2k+2) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(4k+3)}{3} \quad (B)$$

Adding $(2k+1)(2k+2)$ on both sides of (A) we get :

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 4 + 5 \times 6 + \dots + (2k-1)(2k) + (2k+1)(2k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(4k-1)}{3} + (2k+1)(2k+2) \\ &= \frac{k(k+1)(4k-1)}{3} + (2k+1) \cdot 2(k+1) \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{k(4k-1)}{3} + 2(2k+1) \right] \\ &= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k^2 - k + 12k + 6}{3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k^2 + 11k + 6}{3} \right]$$

$$= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k^2 + 8k + 3k + 6}{3} \right]$$

$$= (k+1) \left[\frac{4k(k+2) + 3(k+2)}{3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)(4k+3)}{3}$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{Q.11} \quad \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n = 1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): \frac{1}{1(1+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{1+1}$$

$$S(1): \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So statement is true for $n = 1$ so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$

$$S(k): \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{k+1} \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes

$$S(k+1): \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = 1 - \frac{1}{k+2} \quad (B)$$

Adding $\frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)}$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = 1 - \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)}$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{(k+2)-1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[\frac{k+1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \right]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{k+2}$$

Which is same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{Q.12} \quad \frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): \frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes,

$$S(1): \frac{1}{(2(1)-1)(2(1)+1)} = \frac{1}{2(1)+1}$$

$$S(1): \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Thus statement is true for $n=1$, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} = \frac{k}{2k+1} \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n=k+1$ becomes

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)} = \frac{(k+1)}{(2k+3)} \quad (B)$$

Adding $\frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 7} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$$

$$= \frac{k}{(2k+1)} + \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \left[k + \frac{1}{2k+3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \left[\frac{2k^2 + 3k + 1}{2k+3} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2k^2 + 2k + k + 1}{\therefore 2k(k+1) + 1(k+1)} \\ & \frac{(k+1)(2k+1)}{(k+1)(2k+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \left[\frac{2k(k+1) + 1(k+1)}{2k+3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \left[\frac{(2k+1)(k+1)}{2k+3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{k+1}{2k+3}$$

Which is same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.13 $\frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{2(3n+2)}$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.

$$S(n): \frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3n-1)(3n+2)} = \frac{n}{2(3n+2)} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): \frac{1}{(2)(5)} = \frac{1}{(2)(5)}$$

So $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): \frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} = \frac{k}{2(3k+2)} \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n=k+1$ becomes

$$S(k+1): \frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} = \frac{k+1}{2(3k+5)} \quad (B)$$

Adding $\frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)}$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} \\ &= \frac{k}{2(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} \\ & \frac{1}{2 \times 5} + \frac{1}{5 \times 8} + \frac{1}{8 \times 11} + \dots + \frac{1}{(3k-1)(3k+2)} + \frac{1}{(3k+2)(3k+5)} = \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left[\frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{3k+5} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left[\frac{k(3k+5)+2}{2(3k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left[\frac{3k^2+5k+2}{2(3k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left[\frac{3k^2+3k+2k+2}{2(3k+5)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left[\frac{3k(k+1)+2(k+1)}{2(3k+5)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \left[\frac{(3k+2)(k+1)}{2(3k+5)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)}{2(3k+5)}$$

Which is same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.14 $1 + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^n = \frac{r(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}, (r \neq 1)$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^n = \frac{r(1-r^n)}{(1-r)} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): r^1 = \frac{r(1-r^1)}{(1-r)}$$

$$S(1): r = r$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k = \frac{r(1-r^k)}{(1-r)} \quad (A)$$

For $n=k+1$ given statement becomes;

$$S(k+1): r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k + r^{k+1} = \frac{r(1-r^{k+1})}{(1-r)} \quad (B)$$

Adding r^{k+1} on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k + r^{k+1} = \frac{r(1-r^k)}{(1-r)} + r^{k+1} = r \left(\frac{(1-r^k)}{1-r} + r^k \right)$$

$$= r \left(\frac{1-r^k + r^k(1-r)}{(1-r)} \right)$$

$$= r \left(\frac{1-r^k + r^k - r^{k+1}}{(1-r)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{r(1-r^{k+1})}{(1-r)}$$

Which is same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.15 $a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(n-1)d) = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): a + (a+b) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(n-1)d) \\ = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d] \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes,

$$S(1): [a + (1-1)d] = \frac{1}{2} [2a + (1-1)d]$$

$$S(1): a = \frac{1}{2}(2a)$$

$$S(1): a = a$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(k-1)d) \\ = \frac{k}{2} [2a + (k-1)d] \quad (A)$$

For $n=(k+1)$ given statement becomes;

$$S(k+1): a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(k-1)d) + (a+kd) \\ = \frac{(k+1)}{2} [2a + kd] \quad (B)$$

Adding $(a+kd)$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(k-1)d) + (a+kd)$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} [2a + (k-1)d] + (a+kd)$$

$$a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(k-1)d) + (a+kd)$$

$$= ka + \frac{k}{2}(k-1)d + a + kd$$

$$= ka + a + \frac{k}{2}(k-1)d + kd$$

$$= a(k+1) + kd \left(\frac{(k-1)}{2} + 1 \right)$$

$$= a(k+1) + kd \left(\frac{k+1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)}{2} (2a + kd)$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.16 $1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + \dots + n \cdot n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + \dots + n \cdot n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes:

$$S(1): 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{1 \cdot 1}{2} - 1$$

$$S(1): 1 = \frac{1}{2} - 1$$

$$S(1): 1 = 2 - 1 \quad \because 2! = 2$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n = k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + \dots + k \cdot k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} - 1 \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes ;

$$S(k+1): 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + \dots + k \cdot k + (k+1) \cdot (k+1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} - 1 \quad (B)$$

Adding $(k+1) \cdot (k+1)$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 + \dots + k \cdot k + (k+1) \cdot (k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} - 1 + (k+1) \cdot (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+1)}{2} - 1 + (k+1) \cdot (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)[1 + (k+1)]}{2} - 1$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} - 1$$

$$= (k+2) \cdot \frac{(k+1)}{2} - 1$$

$$= \frac{(k+2)(k+1)}{2} - 1$$

Which is Same as R.H.S of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \in N$

Q.17 $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$ when $a_1, a_1 + d, a_1 + 2d, \dots$ are in A.P.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): a_1 = a_1 + (1-1)d$$

$$S(1): a_1 = a_1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n = k \in N$, i.e.,

$$S(k): a_k = a_1 + (k-1)d \quad (A)$$

So given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes

$$S(k): a_{k+1} = a + kd \quad (B)$$

Adding d on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$a_k + d = a_1 + (k-1)d + d$$

$$= a_1 + kd - d + d$$

$$= a_1 + kd = \text{R.H.S of (B)}$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.18 $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$ when $a_1, a_1 r, a_1 r^2, \dots$ form a G.P.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): a_n = a_1 r^{n-1} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): a_1 = a_1 r^{1-1}$$

$$S(1): a_1 = a_1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): a_k = a_1 r^{k-1} \quad (A)$$

So given statement for $n=k+1$ becomes

$$S(k+1): a_{k+1} = a_1 r^k \quad (B)$$

Multiply r on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$r.a_k = a_1 r^{k-1} . r$$

$$a_{k+1} = a_1 r^k$$

Which is right hand side of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{Q.19} \quad 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(4n^2-1)}{3}$$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(4n^2-1)}{3} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes,

$$S(1): (2 \times 1 - 1)^2 = \frac{1(4 \times 1^2 - 1)}{3}$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{k(4k^2-1)}{3} \quad (A)$$

So given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes

$$S(k+1): 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{(k+1)(4(k+1)^2-1)}{3} \\ = \frac{(k+1)(4k^2+8k+3)}{3} \quad (B)$$

Adding $(2k+1)^2$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 + (2k+1)^2 = \frac{k(4k^2-1)}{3} + (2k+1)^2 \\ = \frac{k(4k^2-1) + 3(2k+1)^2}{3} \\ = \frac{k((2k-1)(2k+1))}{3} + (2k+1)^2 \\ = (2k+1) \left[\frac{k(2k-1)}{3} + (2k+1) \right] \\ = (2k+1) \left[\frac{(2k-1) + 3(2k+1)}{3} \right] \\ = (2k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 - k + 6k + 3}{3} \right] \\ = (2k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 + 5k + 3}{3} \right] \\ = (2k+1) \left[\frac{2k^2 + 2k + 3k + 3}{3} \right] \\ = \frac{(2k+1)(2k+3)(k+1)}{3} \\ = \frac{(k+1)[4k^2+8k+3]}{3}$$

Which is right hand side of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.20
$$\binom{3}{3} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \dots + \binom{n+2}{3} = \binom{n+3}{4}$$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): \binom{3}{3} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \dots + \binom{n+2}{3} = \binom{n+3}{4} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n = 1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): \binom{1+2}{3} = \binom{1+3}{4}$$

$$S(1): \binom{3}{3} = \binom{4}{4}$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n = k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): \binom{3}{3} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \dots + \binom{k+2}{3} = \binom{k+3}{4} \quad (A)$$

So given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes

$$S(k+1): \binom{3}{3} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \dots + \binom{k+2}{3} + \binom{k+3}{3} = \binom{k+4}{4} \quad (B)$$

Adding $\binom{k+3}{3}$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{3}{3} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \dots + \binom{k+2}{3} + \binom{k+3}{3} &= \binom{k+3}{3} + \binom{k+3}{4} \\ &= \binom{k+4}{4} \quad \because \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Which is right hand side of (B)

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Q.21 Prove by the mathematical induction that for all positive integral value of n .

- (i) $n^2 + n$ is divisible by 2.

Solution:

Let $S(n) = n^2 + n$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): n^2 + n \quad (i)$$

1. when $n = 1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1) = 1^2 + 1 = 2 \text{ that is divisible by 2.}$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n = k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): k^2 + k \text{ is divisible by 2, that is } \frac{k^2 + k}{2} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is Quotient,}$$

$$\text{i.e., } k^2 + k = 2Q \quad (A)$$

So given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} S(k+1): & (k+1)^2 + (k+1) \\ &= k^2 + 1 + 2k + k + 1 \end{aligned} \quad (B)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (k^2 + k) + (2k + 2) \\
 &= 2Q + 2(k + 1) \text{ by using A} \\
 &= 2[Q + (k + 1)] \\
 &= \text{Which is divisible by 2.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $S(k+1)$ is true if $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(ii) $5^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 3.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.,

$$S(n): 5^n - 2^n \quad (i)$$

1. when $n = 1$, equation (i) becomes;

$$S(1): 5^1 - 2^1$$

$$S(1): 3 \text{ that is divisible by 3}$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n = k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 5^k - 2^k \text{ is divisible by 3, so}$$

$$\frac{5^k - 2^k}{3} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is Quotient, i.e.,}$$

$$5^k - 2^k = 3Q \quad (A)$$

Next we have to show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$, that is we have to show that $S(k + 1) = 5^{k+1} - 2^{k+1}$ is also divisible by 3.

So consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 5^{k+1} - 2^{k+1} &= 5^k \cdot 5 - 2^k \cdot 2 \\
 &= 5(3Q + 2^k) - 2^{k+1} \quad \because \text{from (A) } 5^k = 3Q + 2^k \\
 &= 15Q + 5 \cdot 2^k - 2^{k+1} \\
 &= 15Q + 5 \cdot 2^k - 2^k \cdot 2 \\
 &= 15Q + 2^k(5 - 2) \\
 &= 15Q + 3 \cdot 2^k \\
 &= 3[5Q + 2^k] \text{ that is divisible by 3 } \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus statement is true for $n = k + 1$ when $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied hence result is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(iii) $5^n - 1$ is divisible by 4

Solution:

Let the given statement is $S(n)$ i.e.,

$$S(n): 5^n - 1 \quad (i)$$

1. when $n = 1$ then equation (i) becomes

$S(1)$: $5^1 - 1 = 4$ which is divisible by 4

So the condition (I) is satisfied

2. Let the statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$S(k)$: $5^k - 1$ is divisible by 4 i.e.,

$$\frac{5^k - 1}{4} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is the Quotient}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^k - 1 = 4Q$$

(A)

Now we have to show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$S(k + 1)$: $5^{k+1} - 1$ is also divisible by 4.

So consider

$$5^{k+1} - 1 = 5 \cdot 5^k - 1$$

$$= 5(4Q + 1) - 1$$

$$= 20Q + 5 - 1 \quad \because \text{from (A)}$$

$$= 20Q + 4 \quad 5^k = 4Q + 1$$

$$= 4(5Q + 1) \text{ which is divisible by 4}$$

Thus $S(k + 1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true.

Hence result is true $\forall n \in N$.

(iv) $8 \times 10^n - 2$ is divisible by 6.

Solution:

Let the given statement is $S(n)$ i.e.,

$$S(n): 8 \times 10^n - 2 \quad (i)$$

1. For $n=1$, equation (i) becomes

$$S(1): 8 \times 10^1 - 2 = 78 \text{ that is divisible by 6.}$$

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$, i.e.,

$$S(k): 8 \times 10^k - 2 \text{ is divisible by 6, i.e.,}$$

$$\frac{8 \times 10^k - 2}{6} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is Quotient}$$

$$8 \times 10^k - 2 = 6Q \quad (A)$$

Now we have to show that statement is also true for $n=k+1$, i.e.,

$$S(k+1): 8 \times 10^{k+1} - 2 \text{ is also divisible by 6.}$$

So consider

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \times 10^{k+1} - 2 &= 8 \times 10^k \times 10 - 2 \\ &= 10(8 \times 10^k - 2) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore from (A)

$$\begin{aligned} &= 10(6Q + 2) - 2 \\ &= 60Q + 20 - 2 \quad 8 \times 10^k = 6Q + 2 \\ &= 60Q + 18 \\ &= 6(10Q + 3) \text{ that is divisible by 6.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true. Hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

(v) $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 6

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): n^3 - n \quad (i)$$

1. When $n=1$ then equation (i) will become ;

$$S(1): 1^3 - 1 = 0 \text{ which is divisible by 6.}$$

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): k^3 - k \text{ is divisible by 6, so}$$

$$\frac{k^3 - k}{6} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is quotient}$$

$$k^3 - k = 6Q \quad (A)$$

Now we have to show that statement is also true for $n=k+1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): (k+1)^3 - (k+1)$$

So consider

$$(k+1)^3 - (k+1) = k^3 + 1 + 3k^2 + 3k - k - 1$$

$$= (k^3 - k) + 3k^2 + 3k$$

$$= 6Q + 3(k^2 + k) \quad \because k^3 - k = 6Q$$

$\therefore x^2 + x$ is divisible by 2

$$= 6Q + 3k(k+1)$$

$$= 6Q + 3(2P) \quad \because k \in N, \text{ so}$$

$$= 6Q + 6P \quad k(k+1) = \text{an even integer}$$

$$= 6(Q + P) \text{ which is divisible by 6}$$

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true so given statement is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.22 $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^n} \right]$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^n} \right] \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$, equation (i) becomes ;

$$S(1): \frac{1}{3^1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^1} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2}{3} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

So $S(1)$ is true so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n=k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^k} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^k} \right] \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n=k+1$ becomes ;

$$S(k+1): \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^k} + \frac{1}{3^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^{k+1}} \right] \quad (B)$$

Adding $\frac{1}{3^{k+1}}$ on both side of (A) , we get :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^k} + \frac{1}{3^{k+1}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^k} \right] + \frac{1}{3^{k+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3^k} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3^k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{3^k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{3^k} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3^k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{3^{k+1}} \right]$$

Which is right hand side of (1)

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Q.23 $1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \cdot n^2 = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cdot n(n+1)}{2}$

Solution:

Let the given statement is $S(n)$, i.e.,

$$S(n): 1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \cdot n^2 = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cdot n(n+1)}{2} \quad (i)$$

1. when $n=1$ then equation (i) becomes ;

$$S(1): (-1)^{1-1} \cdot (1)^2 = \frac{(-1)^{1-1} \cdot (1)(1+1)}{2}$$

$$S(1): 1 = 2$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

So $S(1)$ is true and condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that given statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \cdot (k)^2 = \frac{(-1)^{k-1} \cdot k(k+1)}{2} \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes

$$S(k+1): 1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + \dots + (-1)^k (k+1)^2 = \frac{(-1)^k \cdot (k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad (B)$$

By adding

$(-1)^k (k+1)^2$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + \dots + (-1)^{k-1} k^2 + (-1)^k (k+1)^2 = \frac{(-1)^{k-1} \cdot k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^k (k+1)^2$$

$$= (-1)^k (k+1) \left[\frac{(-1)^{-1} \cdot k}{2} + (k+1) \right]$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{(-1)^k (k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

Which is right hand side of (B)

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied, so $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.24 $1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2n-1)^3 = n^2(2n^2-1)$

Solution:

Let the given statement is $S(n)$, i.e.,

$$S(n) = 1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2n-1)^3 = n^2(2n^2-1) \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 1$ then equation (i) becomes

$$S(1): (2(1)-1)^3 = 1^2(2(1)^2-1)$$

$$S(1): 1 = 1$$

Thus $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2k-1)^3 = k^2(2k^2-1) \quad (A)$$

Given statement for $n = k+1$ becomes ;

$$\begin{aligned} S(k+1): 1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2k-1)^3 + (2k+1)^3 &= (k+1)^2(2(k+1)^2-1) \\ &= (k+1)^2(2k^2+4k+1) \end{aligned} \quad (B)$$

Adding $(2k+1)^3$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} 1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2k-1)^3 + (2k+1)^3 &= k^2(2k^2-1) + (2k+1)^3 \\ &= 2k^4 - k^2 + (8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1) \\ &= 2k^4 + 8k^3 + 12k^2 + 6k + 1 \\ &= 2k^4 + 2k^3 + 6k^3 + 6k^2 + 5k^2 + 5k + k + 1 \\ &= 2k^3(k+1) + 6k^2(k+1) + 5k(k+1) + (k+1) \\ &= (k+1)[2k^3 + 6k^2 + 5k + 1] \\ &= (k+1)[2k^3 - 2k^2 + 4k^2 + 4k + k - 1 + 1] \\ &= (k+1)[2k^2(k+1) + 4k(k+1) + (k+1)] \\ &= (k+1)^2[2k^2 + 4k + 1] \end{aligned}$$

Which is right hand side of (B)

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied

Hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.25 $(x+1)$ is factor of $x^{2n}-1$; $(x \neq -1)$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): x^{2n} - 1 \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 1$, then equation (i) becomes

$$S(1): x^{2(1)} - 1 = x^2 - 1 \text{ which is divisible by } x+1$$

So (1) is true, so condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ that is $S(k)$ is divisible by $(x+1)$. So

$$\frac{x^{2k} - 1}{x+1} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is Quotient}$$

$$x^{2k} - 1 = Q(x+1) \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k+1$ i.e.,

$S(k+1)$ is also divisible by $(x+1)$.

consider $S(k+1): x^{2(k+1)} - 1$

So

$$\begin{aligned} x^{2k+2} - 1 &= x^{2k} \cdot x^2 - 1 \\ &= x^2 [Q(x+1) + 1] - 1 \quad \because \text{from (A)} \quad x^{2k} = Q(x+1) + 1 \\ &= x^2 \cdot Q(x+1) + (x^2 - 1) \\ &= x^2 \cdot Q(x+1) + (x-1)(x+1) \\ &= (x+1) [x^2 \cdot Q + (x-1)] \end{aligned}$$

Which is divisible by $(x+1)$.

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied. Hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.26 $(x-y)$ is a factor of $x^n - y^n$; ($x \neq y$)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): x^n - y^n \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 1$ then equation (i) becomes

$$S(1): x^1 - y^1 \text{ which is divisible by } (x-y).$$

So $S(1)$ is true and condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that statement is true $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): x^k - y^k \text{ is divisible by } x-y$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{x^k - y^k}{x-y} = Q \text{ where } Q \text{ is Quotient}$$

$$x^k - y^k = Q(x-y) \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k+1$ i.e.,

$S(k+1)$ is also divisible by $(x+1)$

So consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(k+1): x^{k+1} - y^{k+1} &= x^k \cdot x - y^{k+1} \\
 &= x^k [Q(x-y) + y^k] - y^{k+1} \quad \because \text{from (A)} \quad x^k = Q(x-y) + y^k \\
 &= x^k Q(x-y) + x^k y^k - y^{k+1} \\
 &= x^k Q(x-y) + y^k (x^k - y) \\
 &= (x-y) [x^k Q + y^k]
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is divisible by $(x-y)$. thus $S(k+1)$ is true. Whenever $S(k)$ is true. So condition (II) is satisfied, so the given statement is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.27 $(x+y)$ is a factor of $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$ ($x \neq -y$)

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$S(n): (x+y)$ is a factor of $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$

1. When $n=1$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$S(1): x^{2(1)-1} + y^{2(1)-1} = x + y$ so which is divisible by $x + y$ so $S(1)$ is true and condition (I) is satisfied.

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ that is

$$\frac{x^{2k-1} + y^{2k-1}}{x+y} = Q$$

$$x^{2k-1} + y^{2k-1} = Q(x+y) \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k+1$ i.e.,

So consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{2k+1} + y^{2k+1} &= x^{2k-1} \cdot x^2 + y^{2k-1} \cdot y^2 \\
 &= x^2 [Q(x+y) - y^{2k-1}] + y^{2k-1} \cdot y^2 \quad \because \text{from (A)} \quad x^{2k-1} = Q(x+y) - y^{2k-1} \\
 &= x^2 \cdot Q(x+y) - x^2 \cdot y^{2k-1} + y^{2k-1} y^2 \\
 &= x^2 Q(x+y) - y^{2k-1} [x^2 - y^2] \\
 &= x^2 Q(x+y) - y^{2k-1} (x-y)(x+y) \\
 &= (x+y) [x^2 Q - (x-y) y^{2k-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is divisible by $(x+y)$ thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true so condition (II) is satisfied.

Hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.28 Use mathematical induction to show that

$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$ for all non-negative integers n .

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1 \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 0$ then equation (i) becomes

$$S(0): 2^0 = 2^{0+1} - 1 \quad \text{Here } \because n \in W$$

$$S(0): 1 = 2^1 - 1$$

$$S(0): 1 = 1$$

So $S(0)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): 1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1} = 2^{k+2} - 1 \quad (B)$$

In order to prove (B) we add 2^{k+1} on both sides of (A) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1} &= 2^{k+1} - 1 + 2^{k+1} \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &= 2^{k+2} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Which is right hand side of (B)

Thus $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true so condition (II) is satisfied.

Hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.29 If A and B are square matrices and $AB = BA$, then show by mathematical induction that $AB^n = B^n A$ for any positive integer n .

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): AB^n = B^n A \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 1$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(1): AB^1 = B^1 A$$

$$S(1): AB = BA$$

So $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): AB^k = B^k A \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): AB^{k+1} = B^{k+1} A \quad (B)$$

Multiply matrix B from left side with (A) we get

$$B(AB^k) = B \cdot B^k A$$

$$(BA)B^k = B^{k+1} A \quad \text{By associative law}$$

$$(AB)B^k = B^{k+1} A \quad AB = BA \text{ (Given)}$$

$$A(BB^k) = B^{k+1} A \quad \text{By associative law}$$

$$AB^{k+1} = B^{k+1} A$$

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.30 Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that $n^2 - 1$ is divisible by 8, when n an odd integer.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): n^2 - 1 \text{ is divisible by } 8 \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 1$ then equation (i) becomes

$$S(1): 1^2 - 1$$

$$S(1) = 0 \text{ which is divisible by } 8$$

So $S(1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): \frac{k^2 - 1}{8} = Q \Rightarrow k^2 - 1 = 8Q \quad (A)$$

Where Q is quotient.

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 2$ i.e.,

$$S(k+2): (k+2)^2 - 1 \quad (B)$$

So consider,

$$\begin{aligned} (k+2)^2 - 1 &= k^2 + 4k + 4 - 1 \\ &= (k^2 - 1) + (4k + 4) \\ &= 8Q + 4(k+1) \\ &= 8Q + 4(2p) \quad \therefore k \in O, p \in N \\ &= 8[Q + p] \end{aligned}$$

Which is divisible by 8

So $S(k+2)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Q.31 Use the principle of mathematical induction to prove that $\ln x^n = n \ln x$ for any positive integer $n \geq 0$ if x is positive integer.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): \ln x^n = n \ln x \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 0$ then equation (i) becomes

$$S(0): \ln x^0 = 0 \ln x$$

$$S(0): \ln 1 = 0$$

$$S(0): 0 = 0$$

So $S(0)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): \ln x^k = k \cdot \ln x \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): \ln x^{k+1} = (k+1) \cdot \ln x \quad (B)$$

So in order to prove (B) adding $\ln x$ on both sides of (A) we get;

$$\ln x^k + \ln x = k \cdot \ln x + \ln x$$

$$\ln(x^k \cdot x) = (k+1) \ln x$$

$$\ln x^{k+1} = (k+1) \ln x$$

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true $\forall n \in N$.

Use the Principle of extended mathematical Induction to prove that

Q.32 $n! > 2^n - 1$ for integral values of $n \geq 4$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): n! > 2^n - 1 \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 4$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(4): 4! > 2^4 - 1$$

$$S(4): 24 > 15$$

So $S(4)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): k! > 2^k - 1 \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): (k+1)! > 2^{k+1} - 1 \quad (B)$$

Multiply $(k+1)$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$(k+1).k! > (k+1)(2^k - 1)$$

$$(k+1)! > 2(2^k - 1) \quad \therefore k > 4$$

$$(k+1)! > 2^{k+1} - 2 \quad \therefore k+1 > 2$$

$$(k+1)! > (2^{k+1} - 1) - 1$$

$$(k+1)! > 2^{k+1} - 1$$

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true

$$\forall n \geq 4, n \in N.$$

Q.33 $n^2 > n + 3$ for integral values of $n \geq 3$

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): n^2 > n + 3 \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 3$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(3): 3^2 > 3 + 3$$

$$S(3): 9 > 6$$

So $S(3)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): k^2 > k + 3 \text{ where } k \geq 3 \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): (k+1)^2 > k + 4 \quad (B)$$

Adding $2k + 1$ in (A) on both sides

$$k^2 + 2k + 1 > k + 3 + 2k + 1$$

$$(k+1)^2 > (k+4) + 2k$$

$$(k+1)^2 > (k+4) \quad \therefore k \geq 3$$

So $2k$ is positive integer, so by neglecting $2k$ L.H.S. become more large.

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied hence $S(n)$ is true

$$\forall n \geq 3, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Q.34 $4^n > 3^n + 2^{n-1}$ for integral values of $n \geq 2$.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): 4^n > 3^n + 2^{n-1} \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 2$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(2): 4^2 > 3^2 + 2^{2-1}$$

$$S(2): 16 > 9 + 2$$

$$S(2): 16 > 11$$

So $S(2)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 4^k > 3^k + 2^{k-1} \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k+1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): 4^{k+1} > 3^{k+1} + 2^{k+1-1}$$

$$S(k+1): 4^{k+1} > 3^{k+1} + 2^k \quad (B)$$

In order to prove (2) we multiply (A) by 4 on both sides we get ;

$$4 \cdot 4^k > 4(3^k + 2^{k-1})$$

$$4^{k+1} > 4 \cdot 3^k + 4 \cdot 2^{k-1}$$

$$4^{k+1} > (3+1) \cdot 3^k + (2+2)2^{k-1}$$

$$4^{k+1} > (3 \cdot 3^k + 2^k) + (3^k + 2^k)$$

$$4^{k+1} > 3^{k+1} + 2^k$$

$3^k + 2^k$ is always positive so by neglecting it, L.H.S become more larger.

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true

$$\forall n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Q.35 $3^n < n!$ for integral values of $n > 6$.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): 3^n < n! \quad (i)$$

1. When $n > 6$, suppose then for $n = 7$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(7): 3^7 < 7!$$

$$S(7): 2187 < 5040$$

So $S(7)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 3^k < k! \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k+1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): 3^{k+1} < (k+1)! \quad \forall k > 6 \quad (B)$$

In order to prove (1) we multiply $(k+1)$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$(k+1)3^k < (k+1)k! \quad \because k+1 > 0$$

$$3 \cdot 3^k < (k+1)3^k < (k+1)! \quad \because k+1 > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{k+1} < (k+1)!$$

Which is required as in the equation B

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n > 6$, where $n \in N$.

Q.36 $n! > n^2$ for integral value of $n \geq 4$.

Solution:

Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): n! > n^2 \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = 4$ then $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(4): 4! > 4^2 \Rightarrow 24 > 16$$

So $S(4)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): k! > k^2 \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k+1$ i.e.,

$$S(k+1): (k+1)! > (k+1)^2 \quad (B)$$

In order to prove (2) we multiple $(k+1)$ on both sides of (A), we get;

$$(k+1)k! > (k+1)k^2 \quad \therefore k^2 > k+1 \quad \forall k \geq 4$$

$$(k+1)! > (k+1)(k+1)$$

$$(k+1)! > (k+1)^2$$

So $S(k+1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \geq 4$, where $n \in N$.

Q.37 $3+5+7+\dots+(2n+5) = (n+2)(n+4)$ for integral values of $n \geq -1$.

Solution: Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): 3+5+7+\dots+(2n+5) = (n+2)(n+4) \quad (i)$$

1. When $n = -1$ then equation (i) becomes

$$S(-1): 2(-1)+5 = (-1+2)(-1+4)$$

$$S(-1): 3 = (1)(3)$$

$$S(-1): 3 = 3$$

So $S(-1)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k + 5) = (k + 2)(k + 4) \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k + 1): 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k + 5) + (2k + 7) = (k + 3)(k + 5) \quad (B)$$

In order to prove (B) we add $(2k + 7)$ on both sides of (A) we get ;

$$\begin{aligned} 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2k + 5) + (2k + 7) &= (k + 2)(k + 4) + (2k + 7) \\ &= k^2 + 6k + 8 + 2k + 7 \\ &= k^2 + 8k + 15 \\ &= k^2 + 5k + 3k + 15 \\ &= k(k + 5) + 3(k + 5) \\ &= (k + 3)(k + 5) \end{aligned}$$

So $S(k + 1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$ is true

$\forall n \geq -1$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Q.38 $1 + nx \leq (1 + x)^n$ for $n \geq 2$ and $x > -1$.

Solution: Let $S(n)$ be the given statement i.e.,

$$S(n): 1 + nx \leq (1 + x)^n \quad (i)$$

1. When $n \geq 2$ then for $n = 2$, $S(n)$ becomes

$$S(2): 1 + 2x \leq (1 + x)^2$$

$$S(2): 1 + 2x \leq 1 + x^2 + 2x$$

So $S(2)$ is true, so condition (I) is satisfied

2. Suppose that statement is true for $n = k$ i.e.,

$$S(k): 1 + kx \leq (1 + x)^k \quad (A)$$

Now we show that statement is also true for $n = k + 1$ i.e.,

$$S(k + 1): 1 + (k + 1)x \leq (1 + x)^{k+1} \quad (B)$$

In order to prove (B) we multiply $(x + 1)$ on both sides of (A) we get

$$(1 + kx)(1 + x) \leq (1 + x)(1 + x)^k$$

$$1 + x + kx + kx^2 \leq (1 + x)^{k+1}$$

$$1 + (k + 1)x + kx^2 \leq (1 + x)^{k+1}$$

$$1 + (k + 1)x \leq (1 + x)^{k+1}$$

So $S(k + 1)$ is true whenever $S(k)$ is true, so condition (II) is satisfied, hence $S(n)$

is true $\forall n \geq 2$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Binomial Theorem:

An algebraic expression consisting of two terms such as $a + x$, $x - 2y$, $ax + b$ etc. is called a binomial or a binomial expression e.g.

$$(a + x)^2 = a^2 + 2ax + x^2 \quad (i)$$

$$(a + x)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2x + 3ax^2 + x^3 \quad (ii)$$

The right side of (i) and (ii) are called binomial expansions of binomial $a + x$ for the indices 2 and 3 respectively.

In general,

$$(a + x)^n = \binom{n}{0}a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}x + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{r-1}a^{n-(r-1)}x^{r-1} + \binom{n}{r}a^{n-r}x^r + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}ax^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}x^n$$

Or

$$(a + x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} x^r$$

Where a and x are real numbers

In the expansion of $(a + x)^n$ following points can be observed.

1. The number of terms in the expansion is one greater than its index.
2. The sum of exponents of a and x in each term of the expansion is equal to its index.
3. The exponent of a decreases from index to zero.
4. The exponent of x increases from zero to index.
5. The coefficients of the terms equidistant from beginning and end of the expansion are

equal as $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$

6. The $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion is $\binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} x^r$ and we denote it as T_{r+1}

i.e.,

$$T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} x^r$$

Middle term in the expansion of $(a + x)^n$

In the expansion of $(a + x)^n$, the total number of terms are $n + 1$.

Case-I

(n is even)

If n is even then $n + 1$ is odd,

So $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th}$ term will be the only middle term in the expansion.

Case-II

(n is odd)

If n is odd then $n + 1$ is even,

So $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th}$ and $\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{th}$ terms of the expansion will be the two middle terms.

Note:

The sum of coefficients in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ is 2^n .

The sum of odd coefficients of binomial expansion = The sum of its even coefficients of binomial expansion = 2^{n-1} .

EXERCISE 8.2**Q.1** Using binomial theorem to expand the following

(i) $(a + 2b)^5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^5C_0(a)^5(2b)^0 + {}^5C_1(a)^4(2b)^1 + {}^5C_2(a)^3(2b)^2 + {}^5C_3(a)^2(2b)^3 + {}^5C_4(a)^1(2b)^4 + {}^5C_5(a)^0(2b)^5 \\
 &= a^5 + 5a^4 \cdot 2b + \frac{20}{2}a^3 \cdot 4b^2 + 10a^2 \cdot 8b^3 + 5a^1 \cdot 16b^4 + 32b^5 \\
 &= a^5 + 10a^4b + 40a^3b^2 + 80a^2b^3 + 80ab^4 + 32b^5
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $\left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^6$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^6C_0\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^6\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^0 + {}^6C_1\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^5\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^1 + {}^6C_2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^4\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^2 + {}^6C_3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^3 \\
 &+ {}^6C_4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^4 + {}^6C_5\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^1\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^5 + {}^6C_6\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^0\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^6 \\
 &= \frac{x^6}{64} + 6\left(\frac{x^5}{32}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right) + 15\left(\frac{x^4}{16}\right)\left(\frac{4}{x^4}\right) + 6\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-32}{x^{10}}\right) + \left(\frac{64}{x^2}\right) + 20\left(\frac{x^3}{8}\right)\left(-\frac{8}{x^6}\right) + 15\left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right)\left(\frac{16}{x^8}\right) \\
 &= \frac{x^6}{64} - \frac{3}{8}x^3 + \frac{15}{4} - \frac{20}{x^3} + \frac{60}{x^6} - \frac{96}{x^9} + \frac{64}{x^{12}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) $\left(3a - \frac{x}{3a}\right)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^4C_0(3a)^4\left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^0 + {}^4C_1(3a)^3\left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^1 + {}^4C_2(3a)^2\left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^2 + {}^4C_3(3a)^1\left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^3 + {}^4C_4(3a)^0\left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right)^4 \\
 &= (81a^4) + 4(27a^3)\left(\frac{-x}{3a}\right) + 6(9a^2)\left(\frac{x^2}{9a^2}\right) + 4(3a)\left(\frac{-x^3}{27a^3}\right) + \frac{x^4}{81a^4} \\
 &= 81a^4 - 36a^2x + 6x^2 - \frac{4x^3}{9a^2} + \frac{x^4}{81a^4}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) $\left(\frac{x}{2y} - \frac{2y}{x}\right)^8$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^8C_0\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^8\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^0 + {}^8C_1\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^7\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^1 + {}^8C_2\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^6\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^2 + {}^8C_3\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^5\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^3 \\
 &+ {}^8C_4\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^4\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^4 + {}^8C_5\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^3\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^5 + {}^8C_6\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^2\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^6 + {}^8C_7\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^1\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^7 + {}^8C_8\left(\frac{x}{2y}\right)^0\left(\frac{-2y}{x}\right)^8
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{x^8}{256y^8} + 8 \left(\frac{x^7}{128y^7} \right) \left(\frac{-2y}{x} \right) + 28 \left(\frac{x^6}{64y^6} \right) \left(\frac{4y^2}{x^2} \right) + 56 \left(\frac{x^5}{32y^5} \right) \left(\frac{-8y^3}{x^3} \right) + 28 \left(\frac{x^2}{4y^2} \right) \left(\frac{64y^6}{x^6} \right) \\
&+ 8 \left(\frac{x}{2y} \right) \left(\frac{-128y^7}{x^7} \right) + \left(\frac{256y^8}{x^8} \right) \\
&= \frac{x^8}{256y^8} - \frac{x^6}{8y^6} + \frac{7x^4}{4y^4} - \frac{14x^2}{y^2} + 70 - 224 \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 448 \frac{y^4}{x^4} - 512 \frac{y^6}{x^6} + \frac{256y^8}{x^8} \\
&= \frac{x^8}{256y^8} - \frac{x^6}{8y^6} + \frac{7x^4}{4y^4} - \frac{14x^2}{y^2} + 70 - 224 \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 448 \frac{y^4}{x^4} - 512 \frac{y^6}{x^6} + \frac{256y^8}{x^8} \\
\text{(v)} \quad &\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} - \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^6
\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^6C_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^6 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^0 + {}^6C_1 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^5 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^1 + {}^6C_2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^4 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^2 + {}^6C_3 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^3 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^3 \\
&+ {}^6C_4 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^2 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^4 + {}^6C_5 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^1 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^5 + {}^6C_6 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} \right)^0 \left(-\sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \right)^6 \\
&= \frac{a^3}{x^3} + 6 \left(\frac{a^{\frac{5}{2}}}{x^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right) - \left(\frac{x^2}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}} \right) + 15 \left(\frac{a}{x} \right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)^1 + 20 \left(\frac{a}{x} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{-x}{a} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 15 \left(\frac{a}{x} \right) \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)^2 + 6 \left(\frac{a}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{-x}{a} \right)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \left(\frac{x}{a} \right)^3 \\
&= \frac{a^3}{x^3} - \frac{6a^2}{x^2} + 15 \frac{a}{x} - 20 + 15 \frac{x}{a} - 6 \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{x^3}{a^3}
\end{aligned}$$

Q.2 Calculate the following by means of binomial theorem:

(i) $(0.97)^3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&(0.97)^3 \\
&= (1 - 0.03)^3 \\
&= {}^3C_0 (1)^3 (-0.03)^0 + {}^3C_1 (1)^2 (-0.03)^1 + {}^3C_2 (1)(-0.03)^2 + {}^3C_3 (1)^0 (-0.03)^3 \\
&= 1 - .09 + .0027 + .000027 \\
&= 1.0027
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) $(2.02)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&(2.02)^4 \\
&= (2 + 0.02)^4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^4C_0(2)^4(0.02)^0 + {}^4C_1(2)^3(0.02)^1 + {}^4C_2(2)^2(0.02)^2 + {}^4C_3(2)^1(0.02)^3 + {}^4C_4(2)^0(0.02)^4 \\
&= 1 \times 16 + 4(8)(0.02) + 6(4)(0.0004) + 4(2)(0.000008) + 1(0.00000016) \\
&= 16 + 0.64 + 0.0096 + 0.000064 + 0.00000016 \\
&= 16.64966416
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) $(9.98)^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&(9.98)^4 \\
&= (10 - 0.02)^4 \\
&= {}^4C_0(10)^4(-0.02)^0 + {}^4C_1(10)^3(-0.02)^1 + {}^4C_2(10)^2(-0.02)^2 + {}^4C_3(10)^1(-0.02)^3 + {}^4C_4(10)^0(-0.02)^4 \\
&= 1 \times 10000 + 4(1000)(-0.02) + 6(100)(0.0004) - 4(10)(0.000008) + 1 \times (0.00000016) \\
&= 10000 - 80 + 0.24 + 0.00032 + 0.00000016 \\
&= 9920.228968
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) $(21)^5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
&(21)^5 \\
&= (20 + 1)^5 \\
&= {}^5C_0(20)^5(1)^0 + {}^5C_1(20)^4(1)^1 + {}^5C_2(20)^3(1)^2 + {}^5C_3(20)^2(1)^3 + {}^5C_4(20)^1(1)^4 + {}^5C_5(20)^0(1)^5 \\
&= (3200000) + 5(160000) + 10(8000) + 10(400) + 5(20) + 1 \times 1 \\
&= 3200000 + 800000 + 80000 + 4000 + 100 + 1 \\
&= 4084101
\end{aligned}$$

Q.3 Expand and simply the followings.

(i) $(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 + (a - \sqrt{2x})^4$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 &= {}^4C_0 a^4 (\sqrt{2x})^0 + {}^4C_1 (a^3) (\sqrt{2x})^1 + {}^4C_2 (a^2) (\sqrt{2x})^2 + {}^4C_3 (a) (\sqrt{2x})^3 \\
&\quad + {}^4C_4 (a)^0 (\sqrt{2x})^4 \quad (i)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
(a - \sqrt{2x})^4 &= {}^4C_0 a^4 (\sqrt{2x})^0 - {}^4C_1 (a^3) (\sqrt{2x})^1 + {}^4C_2 (a^2) (\sqrt{2x})^2 \\
&\quad - {}^4C_3 (a) (\sqrt{2x})^3 + {}^4C_4 (a)^0 (\sqrt{2x})^4 \quad (ii)
\end{aligned}$$

Adding (i) & (ii) we get;

$$\begin{aligned}
(a + \sqrt{2x})^4 + (a - \sqrt{2x})^4 &= 2({}^4C_0 a^4 (\sqrt{2x})^0 + {}^4C_2 (a^2) (\sqrt{2x})^2 + {}^4C_4 (a)^0 (\sqrt{2x})^4) \\
&= 2a^4 + 24a^2 x^2 + 8x^4
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) $(2 + \sqrt{3})^5 + (2 - \sqrt{3})^5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(2+\sqrt{3})^5 &= {}^5C_0(2)^5(\sqrt{3})^0 + {}^5C_1(2)^4(\sqrt{3})^1 + {}^5C_2(2)^3(\sqrt{3})^2 \\ &\quad + {}^5C_3(2)^2(\sqrt{3})^3 + {}^5C_4(2)(\sqrt{3})^4 + {}^5C_5(2)^0(\sqrt{3})^5\end{aligned}\quad (i)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}(2-\sqrt{3})^5 &= {}^5C_0(2)^5(\sqrt{3})^0 - {}^5C_1(2)^4(\sqrt{3})^1 + {}^5C_2(2)^3(\sqrt{3})^2 \\ &\quad - {}^5C_3(2)^2(\sqrt{3})^3 + {}^5C_4(2)(\sqrt{3})^4 - {}^5C_5(2)^0(\sqrt{3})^5\end{aligned}\quad (ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii) we get;

$$\begin{aligned}(2+\sqrt{3})^5 + (2-\sqrt{3})^5 &= 2({}^5C_0(2)^5(3)^0 + {}^5C_2(2)^3(\sqrt{3})^2 + {}^5C_4(2)(\sqrt{3})^4) \\ &= 2(32 + 10 \times 8 \times 3 + 5 \times 2 \times 9) \\ &= 64 + 480 + 180 \\ &= 724\end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \quad (2+i)^5 - (2-i)^5$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(2+i)^5 &= {}^5C_0(2^5)(i)^0 + {}^5C_1(2^4)(i) + {}^5C_2(2)(i)^2 \\ &\quad + {}^5C_3(2)^2(i)^3 + {}^5C_4(2)(i)^4 + {}^5C_5(2)^0(i)^5\end{aligned}\quad (i)$$

Similarly;

$$\begin{aligned}(2-i)^5 &= {}^5C_0(2)^5(i)^0 - {}^5C_1(2)^4(i) + {}^5C_2(2)^3(i)^2 \\ &\quad - {}^5C_3(2)(i)^3 + {}^5C_4(2)(i)^4 + {}^5C_5(2)^0(i)^5\end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i)

$$\begin{aligned}(2+i)^5 - (2-i)^5 &= 2({}^5C_1(2)^4(i) + {}^5C_3(2)^2(i)^3 + {}^5C_5(2)^0(i)^5) \\ &= 2(5 \times 16i + 10 \times 4(-i) + (+i)) \\ &= 2(80i - 40i + i) \\ &= 2(41i) \\ &= 82i\end{aligned}$$

$$(iv) \quad (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3 &= {}^3C_0 x^3 (\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^0 + {}^3C_1(x)(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^1 + {}^3C_2(x)^2(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^2 + {}^3C_3(x)^0(\sqrt{x^2 - 1})^3\end{aligned}\quad (i)$$

Similarly,

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

$$= {}^3C_0 x^3 (\sqrt{x^2-1})^0 + {}^3C_1 (x)^2 (\sqrt{x^2-1})^1 + {}^3C_2 (x)^1 (\sqrt{x^2-1})^2 - {}^3C_3 (x)^0 (\sqrt{x^2-1})^3 \quad (\text{ii})$$

Adding (i) and (ii) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} (x + \sqrt{x^2-1})^3 + (x - \sqrt{x^2-1})^3 &= 2({}^3C_0 x^3 (\sqrt{x^2-1})^0 + {}^3C_2 (x)^1 (\sqrt{x^2-1})^2) \\ &= 2(x^3 + 3x^1(x^2-1)) \\ &= 2(x^3 + 3x^3 - 3x) \\ &= 2(4x^3 - 3x) \\ &= 2x(4x^2 - 3) \end{aligned}$$

Q.4 Expand the following in ascending power of x.

(i) $(2+x-x^2)^4$

Solution:

$$(2+x-x^2)^4$$

Put $2+x=a$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (a-x^2)^4 &= {}^4C_0 (a)^4 (-x^2)^0 + {}^4C_1 (a)^3 (-x^2)^1 + {}^4C_2 (a)^2 (-x^2)^2 + {}^4C_3 (a)^1 (-x^2)^3 + {}^4C_4 (a)^0 (-x^2)^4 \\ &= a^4 - 4a^3 x^2 + 6a^2 x^4 - 4ax^6 + x^8 \end{aligned}$$

Put $a=2+x$ back we get;

$$\begin{aligned} (2+x-x^2)^4 &= (2-x)^4 - 4x^2(2+x)^3 + 6x^4(2+x)^2 - 4x^6(2+x) + x^8 \\ &= [{}^4C_0 2^4 + {}^4C_1 (2)^3 x + {}^4C_2 (2)^2 x^2 + {}^4C_3 (2)^1 x^3 + {}^4C_4 0 x^4] \\ &\quad - 4x^2 [{}^3C_0 2^3 + {}^3C_1 (2^2)(x) + {}^3C_2 (2^1)(x^2) + {}^3C_3 x^3] + 6x^4(4+4x+x^2) - 4x^6(2+x) + x^8 \\ &= (16+32x+24x^2+8x^3+x^4) - 4x^2(8+12x+6x^2+x^3) \\ &\quad + 6x^4(4+4x+x^2) - 4x^6(2+x) + x^8 \\ &= 16+32x-8x^2-40x^3+x^4+20x^5-2x^6-4x^7+x^8 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $(1-x+x^2)^4$

Solution:

Let $(1-x)=a$ then

$$\begin{aligned} (1-x+x^2)^4 &= (a+x^2)^4 \\ (1-x+x^2)^4 &= (a+x^2)^4 \\ &= {}^4C_0 (a)^4 + {}^4C_1 (a)^3 (x^2)^1 + {}^4C_2 (a)^2 (x^2)^2 + {}^4C_3 (a)^1 (x^2)^3 + {}^4C_4 (a)^0 (x^2)^4 \\ &= a^4 + 4a^3 x^2 + 6a^2 x^4 + 4ax^6 + x^8 \end{aligned}$$

Put $a=1-x$ Back, we get;

$$= (1-x)^4 + 4x^2(1-x)^3 + 6x^4(1-x)^2 + 4x^6(1-x) + x^8$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 - 4x + 6x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4 + 4x^2 - 12x^3 + 12x^4 - 4x^5 + 6x^4 - 12x^5 + 6x^6 + 4x^6 - 4x^5 + x^8 - 16x^5 \\
&= \{1 - 4x + 6x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4\} + 4x^2\{1 - 3x + 3x^2 - x^3\} + 6x^4(1 - 2x + x^2) + 4x^6(1 - x) + x^8 \\
&= 1 - 4x + 6x^2 + 4x^2 - 4x^3 - 12x^3 + x^4 + 12x^4 + 6x^4 - 4x^5 - 12x^5 + 6x^6 + 4x^6 - 4x^5 + x^8 \\
&= 1 - 4x + 10x^2 - 16x^3 + 19x^4 - 16x^5 + 10x^6 - 4x^7 + x^8
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) $(1 - x - x^2)^4$

Solution:

Let $(1 - x) = a$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - x - x^2)^4 &= (a - x^2)^4 \\
&= a^4 - 4a^3x^2 + 6a^2x^4 - 4a^1x^6 + x^8
\end{aligned}$$

Put back $a = 1 - x$ we get;

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (1 - x)^4 + 4x^2(1 - x)^3 + 6x^4(1 - x)^2 - 4x^6(1 - x) + x^8 \\
&= \left(1 + \binom{4}{1}1 \cdot (-x) + \binom{4}{2}1 \cdot (-x)^2 + \binom{4}{3}1 \cdot (-x)^3 + \binom{4}{4}1 \cdot (-x)^4\right) \\
&\quad + 4x^2\left(1 + \binom{3}{1}1 \cdot (-x) + \binom{3}{2}1 \cdot (-x)^2 + \binom{3}{3}1 \cdot (-x)^3\right) + 6x^4(1 - 2x + x^2) - 4x^6 + 4x^7 + x^8 \\
&= 1 - 4x + 6x^2 - 4x^3 + x^4 + 4x^2 - 12x^3 + 12x^4 - 4x^5 + 6x^4 - 2x^5 + 6x^6 + 4x^6 - 4x^7 + x^8 \\
&= 1 - 4x + 10x^2 - 16x^3 + 19x^4 - 16x^5 + 10x^6 - 4x^7 + x^8
\end{aligned}$$

Q.5 Expand the following in descending powers of x .

(i) $(x^2 + x - 1)^3$

Solution:

Let $x - 1 = a$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
(x^2 + x - 1)^3 &= (x^2 + a)^3 \\
&= {}^3C_0(x^2)^3(a)^0 + {}^3C_1(x^2)^2(a)^1 + {}^3C_2(x^2)^1(a)^2 + {}^3C_3(x^2)^0(a)^3
\end{aligned}$$

pulling back $x - 1 = a$ we get;

$$\begin{aligned}
&= x^6 + 3x^4(x - 1) + 3x^2(x - 1)^2 + (x - 1)^3 \\
&= x^6 + 3x^5 - 3x^4 + 3x^2(x^2 - 2x + 1) + (x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1) \\
&= x^6 + 3x^5 - 3x^4 + 3x^4 - 6x^3 + 3x^2 + x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 \\
&= x^6 + 3x^5 - 5x^3 + 3x - 1
\end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

Let $x - 1 = a$ then

$$\left(x - 1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = \left(a - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3$$

$$= {}^3C_0 (a)^3 \left(\frac{-1}{x}\right)^0 + {}^3C_1 (a)^2 \left(\frac{-1}{x}\right) + {}^3C_2 (a)^1 \left(\frac{-1}{x}\right)^2 + {}^3C_3 (a)^0 \left(\frac{-1}{x}\right)^3$$

$$= a^3 - 3a^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 3a \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) - \frac{1}{x^3}$$

Put a $a = x-1$ back we get:

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

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

$$= x^3 - 3x^2 + \cancel{3x} - 1 - \cancel{3x} + \frac{\cancel{-3}}{x} + \frac{\cancel{3}}{x} - \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$= x^3 - 3x^2 + 5 - \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3}$$

Q.6 Find the term involving:

(i) x^4 in the expansion of $(3-2x)^7$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $n=7, a=3, b=2x$ so we get;

$$T_{r+1} = {}^7C_r (3)^{7-r} (-2x)^r$$

For the term involving x^4 , put exponent of x equal to 4 we get $r=4$

So

$$T_{4+1} = {}^7C_4 (3)^{7-4} (-2x)^4$$

$$T_5 = 35(27)(16)x^4$$

$$T_5 = 15120x^4$$

(ii) x^{-2} in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{13}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $n=13, a=x, b=\frac{-2}{x^2}$ we get,

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{13}C_r (x)^{13-r} \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{13}C_r x^{13-r} (-2)^r x^{-2r}$$

$$= {}^{13}C_r (-2)^r x^{13-3r}$$

For the term involving x^{-2} put the exponent of x equal to -2 we get;

$$13 - 3r = -2 \Rightarrow 15 = 3r$$

$r = 5$ we get;

$$T_{5+1} = {}^{13}C_5 (-2)^5 (x)^{-2} \\ = (1287)(-32)x^{-2}$$

$$T_6 = \frac{-41184}{x^2}$$

(iii) a^4 in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{x} - a\right)^9$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $a = \frac{2}{x}, b = -a, n = 9$ we get;

$$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^{9-r} (-a)^r$$

For the term involving a^4 put exponent of a equal to 4 i.e., $r = 4$

So

$$T_{4+1} = {}^9C_4 \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^5 (-a)^4$$

$$T_5 = \frac{4032a^4}{x^5}$$

(iv) y^3 in the expansion of $(x - \sqrt{y})^{11}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $n = 11, a = x, b = -\sqrt{y}$

So

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{11}C_r (x)^{11-r} (-\sqrt{y})^r, \text{ Suppose } y^3 \text{ occurs in } T_{r+1} \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$y^3 = y^{\frac{r}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{r}{2} = 6$$

$$r = 6$$

Now

$$T_{6+1} = {}^{11}C_6 (x)^{11-6} (-y^{r/2})^6$$

$$T_{6+1} = \binom{11}{6} x^5 y^3$$

$$T_7 = 462x^5y^3$$

Q.7 Find the coefficient of,

(i) x^5 in the expansion of $\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^{10}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $a = x, b = -\frac{3}{2x}, n = 10$

So

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^{10}C_r (x^2)^{10-r} \left(-\frac{3}{2x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{10}C_r x^{20-2r} \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^r x^{-r} \\ &= {}^{10}C_r \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^r x^{20-2r-r} \\ &= {}^{10}C_r \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^r (x)^{20-3r} \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^5 , put $20-3r=5$ we get; i.e.,

$$20-3r=5$$

$$15=3r$$

$$5=r$$

$$T_{5+1} = {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)^5 x^5$$

$$T_6 = \frac{-15309}{8} x^5$$

Thus coefficient of x^5 is $\frac{-15309}{8} = -1913 \frac{625}{8}$

(ii) x^n in the expansion of $\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $n = 2n, a = x^2, b = -\frac{1}{x}$ we get;

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^{2n}C_r (x^2)^{2n-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{2n}C_r (x^2)^{4n-2r} (-1)^r x^{-r} \\ &= {}^{2n}C_r x^{4n-3r} (-1)^r \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^n put the exponent of x equal to n , so

$$\begin{aligned} 4n - 3r &= n \\ 3n &= 3r \end{aligned}$$

$$r = n$$

Thus

$$T_{n+1} = {}^{2n}C_n x^n (-1)^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(2n)!}{n! \times n!} (-1)^n x^n$$

So the coefficient of x^n is $\frac{(-1)^n (2n)!}{(n!)^2}$

Q.8 Find the 6th term in the expansion of $\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^{10}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $a = x^2, b = -\frac{3}{2x}, n = 10$

So, we get

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (x^2)^{10-r} \left(-\frac{3}{2x}\right)^r$$

for the 6th term put $r = 5$ we get;

$$T_{5+1} = {}^{10}C_5 (x^2)^{10-5} \left(-\frac{3}{2x}\right)^5$$

$$= 252 \cdot x^{10} \times \left(-\frac{243}{32}\right) \times \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$T_6 = \frac{-15209}{8} x^5 = -1913.625 x^5$$

Q.9 Find the term independent of x in the following expansions.

(i) $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{10}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $n=10, a=x, b=\frac{-2}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^{10}C_r (x)^{10-r} \left(\frac{-2}{x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{10}C_r (x^{10-r}) (x^{-r}) (-2)^r \\ &= {}^{10}C_r x^{10-2r} (-2)^r \end{aligned}$$

For the term involving x^0 (term independent from x) put exponent of x equal to zero i.e.,

$$10-2r=0$$

$$r=5$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T_{5+1} &= {}^{10}C_5 x^0 (-2)^5 \\ &= \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} (-32) \end{aligned}$$

$$T_6 = -8064$$

(ii) $\left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2}\right)^{10}$

Solution:

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $n=10, a=\sqrt{x}, b=\frac{1}{2x^2}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (\sqrt{x})^{10-r} \left(\frac{1}{2x^2}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r (x)^{5-\frac{r}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r x^{-2r}$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r x^{5-\frac{r}{2}-2r}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r x^{5-\frac{5r}{2}} \quad \because \frac{10-r-4r}{2} = \frac{10-5r}{2} = 5-\frac{5r}{2}$$

For the term involving x^0 (term independent from x) put exponent of x equal to zero i.e.,

$$5-\frac{5r}{2}=0$$

$$\frac{5r}{2}=5$$

$$r=2$$

Put $r = 2$ in the last expansion we get;

$$T_3 = {}^{10}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 x^0$$

$$= \frac{10 \times 9}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$T_3 = \frac{45}{4}$$

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

Solution:

$$(1+x^2)^3 \left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2}\right)^4$$

$$= (1+x^2)^3 \frac{(1+x^2)^4}{x^8}$$

$$= x^{-8} (1+x^2)^7$$

$(r+1)^{th}$ term in the expansion of $(1+x^2)^7$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^7C_r (1)^{7-r} (x^2)^r$$

$$= {}^7C_r x^{2r}$$

Thus

$$= x^{-8} \times {}^7C_r x^{2r}$$

$$= {}^7C_r x^{2r-8}$$

For the term involving x^0 (term independent from x) put exponent of x equal to zero i.e.,

$$\text{Put } 2r-8=0 \Rightarrow r=4$$

So required term independent from x is

$$T_{4+1} = {}^7C_4 x^0$$

$$= 35$$

Q.10 Determine the middle term in the following expansions:

$$(i) \quad \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x^2}{2}\right)^{12}$$

Solution:

Here $n=12$ (Even) so that middle term is $\left(\frac{n}{2}+1\right)^{th}$ term i.e.,

$$\left(\frac{n}{2}+1\right)^{th} = \left(\frac{12}{2}+1\right)^{th} = 7^{th} \text{ term}$$

$$\text{Here } a = \frac{1}{x}, b = \frac{-x^2}{2}, n=12, r=6$$

So

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$T_{6+1} = {}^{12}C_6 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \left(\frac{-x^2}{2}\right)^6$$

$$= {}^{12}C_6 \left(\frac{1}{x^6}\right) \left(\frac{x^{12}}{64}\right)$$

$$T_7 = \frac{231}{16} x^6$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{11}$$

Solution:

Here $n = 11$ (odd), so the middle terms are $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th}$ and $\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{th}$

So

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th} = \left(\frac{11+1}{2}\right)^{th} = 6^{th} \text{ term}$$

$$\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{th} = \left(\frac{11+3}{2}\right)^{th} = 7^{th} \text{ term}$$

Here $a = \frac{3}{2}, b = -\frac{1}{3x}, n = 11$

For 6th term:

$$r = 5$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$T_6 = {}^{11}C_5 \left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)^6 \left(\frac{-1}{3x}\right)^5$$

$$T_6 = \frac{-693}{32} x$$

For 7th term:

$$r = 6$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$T_7 = {}^{11}C_6 \left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)^5 \left(\frac{-1}{3x}\right)^6$$

$$= 462 \left(\frac{3^5 x^5}{2^5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3^6 x^6}\right)$$

$$= 462 \left(\frac{1}{32 \times 3x}\right)$$

$$(iii) \quad \left(2x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{2m+1}$$

Solution:

Here $2m+1 = \text{odd}$ so the middle terms are

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th} \text{ and } \left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{th} \text{ terms}$$

So

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{th} = \left(\frac{2m+1+1}{2}\right)^{th} = (m+1)^{th} \text{ term}$$

$$\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{th} = \left(\frac{2m+1+3}{2}\right)^{th} = (m+2)^{th} \text{ term}$$

$$\text{Here } a = 2x, b = -\frac{1}{2x}, n = 2m+1, r = m$$

For $(m+1)^{th}$ term:

$$r = m$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{m+1} &= {}^nC_m (2x)^{n-m} \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^m \\ &= {}^{2m+1}C_m (2x)^{2m+1-m} \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^m \\ &= \frac{(2m+1)!}{m!(m+1)!} (2x)^{m+1} (-1)^m \times \frac{1}{(2x)^m} \\ &= \frac{(2m+1)!}{m!(m+1)!} (-1)^m 2x \end{aligned}$$

For $(m+2)^{th}$ term:

$$r = m+1$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{m+2} &= {}^nC_{m+1} (2x)^{n-(m+1)} \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^{m+1} \\ T_{m+2} &= {}^{2m+1}C_{m+1} (2x)^{2m+1-m-1} \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{(2m+1)!}{(m+1)!(2m+1-m-1)!} (2x)^m \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^{m+1} \\ &= \frac{(2m+1)!}{(m+1)!(m)!} (-1)^{m+1} \cdot \frac{(2x)^m}{(2x)^{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(2m+1)!}{m!(m+1)!} (-1)^{m+1} \frac{1}{2x}$$

Q.11 Find $(2n+1)^{th}$ term from the end in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{3n}$

Solution:

$(2n+1)^{th}$ term from the end in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{3n}$ is $(2n+1)^{th}$ term from the beginning in the expansion of $\left(\frac{-1}{2x} + x\right)^{3n}$

As $(r+1)^{th}$ term of $(a+b)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Put $r = 2n, a = \frac{-1}{2x}, b = x, n = 3n$ we get;

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2n+1} &= {}^{3n}C_{2n} \left(\frac{-1}{2x}\right)^{3n-2n} (x)^{2n} \\ &= \frac{(3n)!}{(3n-2n)! (2n)!} \times \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^n \times \frac{1}{x^n} \times x^{2n} \\ T_{2n+1} &= \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} \times \frac{(3n)!}{(2n)! n!} x^n \end{aligned}$$

Q.12 Show that middle term of $(1+x)^{2n}$ is $\frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{n!} 2^n x^n$

Proof:

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

Thus

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

Here $r = n, a = 1, b = x, n = 2n$

So

$$\begin{aligned} T_{n+1} &= {}^{2n}C_n (1)^{2n-n} (x)^n \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{(2n-n)! n!} x^n \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} x^n \\ &= \frac{(2n)(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)(2n-4) \dots 4.3.2.1}{n! n!} x^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{[(2n)(2n-2)(2n-4)\dots 4.2][(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3.1]}{n! \times n!} \times x^n \\
&= \frac{2^n \{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 2.1\} \{(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3.1\}}{n! \times n!} \times x^n \\
&= \frac{2^n \times n! \times \{(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3.1\}}{n! \times n!} \times x^n \\
&= \frac{2^n \times \{(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3.1\}}{n!} \times x^n \\
&= \frac{\{1.3.5\dots(2n-1)\} 2^n x^n}{n!} \\
&= \frac{1.3.5\dots(2n-1)}{n!} 2^n x^n
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.

Q.13 Show that

$$\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$$

Proof:

We know that

$$(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n \quad (i)$$

Put $x = 1$ in (i) we get;

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+1)^n &= \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} \\
2^n &= \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} \quad (ii)
\end{aligned}$$

Put $x = -1$ in (i) we get;

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+(-1))^n &= \binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n}{3} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{n-1} + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} \\
0 &= \binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n}{3} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{n-1} + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

Assume that here n is even

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{4} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \quad (iii)$$

$$2^n = \left\{ \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{4} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} \right\} + \left\{ \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \right\}$$

Using (iii) we get;

$$2^n = \left\{ \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \right\} + \left\{ \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \right\}$$

$$2^n = 2 \left\{ \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \right\}$$

$$\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{5} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$$

Hence the proof

Q.14 Show that

$$\binom{n}{0} + \frac{1}{2}\binom{n}{1} + \frac{1}{3}\binom{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\binom{n}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}\binom{n}{n} = \frac{2^{n+1}-1}{n+1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \binom{n}{0} + \frac{1}{2}\binom{n}{1} + \frac{1}{3}\binom{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\binom{n}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}\binom{n}{n} \\ &= \frac{n!}{0!(n-0)!} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{n!}{3!(n-3)!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{n!}{n!(n-n)!} \\ &= 1 + \frac{n}{2!} + \frac{n(n-1)}{3!} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{4!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Taking common $\frac{1}{n+1}$ we get;

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \left[(n+1) + \frac{(n+1)n}{2!} + \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{3!} + \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)}{4!} + \dots + 1 \right]$$

Above expression can be written as;

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left[\binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{n+1}{3} + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n+1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left[\binom{n+1}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+1}{2} + \binom{n+1}{3} + \dots + \binom{n+1}{n+1} - \binom{n+1}{0} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} [2^{n+1} - 1] \\ &= \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

The Binomial Theorem when the index n is a negative integer or a fraction.

When n is negative integer or a fraction, then

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r + \dots$$

Provide $|x| < 1$

The series of the type

$$1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

Is called that binomial series

Note:

- (1) The proof of this theorem is beyond the scope of this book.
- (2) Symbols $\binom{n}{0}\binom{n}{1}\binom{n}{2}$ etc are meaningless when n is negative integer or a fraction.
- (3) The general term in the expansion is $T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r$

Some particular cases of the expansion of $(1+x)^n$, $n < 0$

- (i) $(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots + (-1)^r x^r + \dots$
- (ii) $(1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots + (-1)^r (r+1)x^r + \dots$
- (iii) $(1+x)^{-3} = 1 - 3x + 6x^2 - 10x^3 + \dots + (-1)^r \frac{(r+1)(r+2)}{2}x^r + \dots$
- (iv) $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^r + \dots$
- (v) $(1-x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots + (r+1)x^r + \dots$
- (vi) $(1-x)^{-3} = 1 + 3x + 6x^2 + 10x^3 + \dots + \frac{(r+1)(r+2)}{2}x^r + \dots$

EXERCISE 8.3

Q.1 Expand the following upto 4 terms, taking the value of x such that the expansion in each case is valid.

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

Solution:

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

The expansion of $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is valid if $|x| < 1$

(ii) $(1+2x)^{-1}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(1+2x)^{-1} &= 1 + (-1)(2x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!}(2x)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!}(2x)^3 + \dots \\&= 1 - 2x + 4x^2 - 8x^3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $(1+2x)^{-1}$ is valid if $|2x| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{2}$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} &= 1 + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)x + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-1}{3}-1\right)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-1}{3}-1\right)\left(\frac{-1}{3}-2\right)}{3!}x^3 + \dots \\&= 1 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)}{2}x^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-7}{3}\right)}{6}x^3 + \dots \\&= 1 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{9}x^2 - \frac{14}{27 \times 3 \times 2}x^3 + \dots \\&= 1 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{9}x^2 - \frac{14}{81}x^3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ is valid if $|x| < 1$

(iv) $(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Solution:

$$(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[4\left(1-\frac{3}{4}x\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[1 - \frac{3}{4}x \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{4}x \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{3}{4}x \right)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2 \right)}{3!} \left(-\frac{3}{4}x \right)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= 2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-1 \right)}{2} \frac{9x^2}{16} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-1 \right) \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right)}{6} \left(\frac{-27}{64} x^3 \right) + \dots \right] \\
&= 2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x - \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{9}{16} x^2 - \frac{1}{16} \times \frac{27}{64} x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= 2 - \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{9}{64}x^2 - \frac{27}{512}x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is valid if $\left| \frac{3}{4}x \right| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{4}{3}$

(v) $(8-2x)^{-1}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(8-2x)^{-1} &= 8^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4} \right)^{-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 + (-1) \left(\frac{-x}{4} \right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{-x}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!} \left(\frac{-x}{4} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1 \times 2}{2 \times 1} \left(\frac{x^2}{16} \right) - \frac{2 \times 3}{6} \left(\frac{-x^3}{64} \right) + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{x^3}{64} + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{32}x + \frac{1}{128}x^2 + \frac{1}{512}x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $(8-2x)^{-1}$ is valid if $\left| \frac{x}{4} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 4$

(vi) $(2-3x)^{-2}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2-3x)^{-2} &= \left[2 \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x \right) \right]^{-2} \\
&= (2)^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x \right)^{-2} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 + (-2) \left(\frac{-3}{2}x \right) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{-3}{2}x \right)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!} \left(\frac{-3}{2}x \right)^3 + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 + 3x + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2} \left(\frac{9}{4} x^2 \right) + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{6} \left(\frac{-27}{8} x^3 \right) + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 + 3x + \frac{27}{4} x^2 + \frac{27}{2} x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} x + \frac{27}{16} x^2 + \frac{27}{8} x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $(2-3x)^{-2}$ is valid if $\left| \frac{3}{2}x \right| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{2}{3}$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(1-x)^{-1}}{(1+x)^2} &= (1-x)^{-1} (1+x)^{-2} \\
&= \left[(1-x)^{-1} (1+x)^{-2} \right] \\
&= \left[1 + (-1)(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!} (-x)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!} (-x)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&\times \left[1 + (-2)(x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-1-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= \left[1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots \right] \left[1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + x - 2x^2 + 3x^3 - 4x^3 + \dots \\
&\text{Neglect } x^4 \text{ and higher powers of } x \\
&= 1 - x + 2x^2 - 2x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $(1-x)^{-1}$ and $(1+x)^{-2}$ are valid if $|x| < 1$

(viii) $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x} &= (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^{-1} \\
&= \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (2x) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} (2x)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2 \right)}{3!} (2x)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&\times \left[1 + (-1)(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!} (-x)^3 + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

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

The expansion of $(1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is valid $|2x| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < \frac{1}{2}$

and the expansion of $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is valid if $|x| < 1$

So, the expansion of $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x}$ is valid if $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2-x} &= \frac{\left(4\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)} = \frac{4^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}}{2\left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)} \\
&= \left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(1-\frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} \\
&= \left[1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&\quad \times \left[1 + (-1)\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right] \\
&= \left[1 + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{6} \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots \right] \times \left[1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots \right] \\
&= \left[1 + \frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{32}x^2 + \frac{1}{128}x^3 \right] \left[1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(1 + \frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{32}x^2 + \frac{1}{128}x^3 + \dots\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots\right) \\
&= 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{1}{32}x^2 - \frac{1}{64}x^3 + \frac{1}{128}x^3 + \dots \\
&= 1 + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{11}{32}x^2 + \frac{23}{128}x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of $\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$ is valid if $\left|\frac{x}{2}\right| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 2$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 + x - 2x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \left[1 + (x - 2x^2)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2x^2) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!}(x - 2x^2)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\right)}{3!}(x - 2x^2)^3 + \dots \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2x^2) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)}{2}(x - 2x^2)^2 + \frac{\frac{3}{8}}{6}(x - 2x^2)^3 + \dots \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2x^2) - \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - 4x^3 + 4x^4) + \frac{1}{16}(x^3 - 6x^4 + 12x^5 - 8x^6) + \dots \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \left(-1 - \frac{1}{8}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16}\right)x^3 + \dots \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 + \frac{9}{16}x^3 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion is valid if $|x - 2x^2| < 1$

$$+(x - 2x^2) < 1$$

$$x - 2x^2 < 1$$

$$x - 2x^2 - 1 < 0$$

$$2x^2 - x + 1 > 0$$

(i)

The inequality i) is not satisfied by any real value of x

$$-(x - 2x^2) < 1$$

$$x - 2x^2 > -1$$

$$x - 2x^2 + 1 > 0$$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 < 0$$

$$2x^2 - 2x + x - 1 < 0$$

$$2x(x - 1) + 1(x - 1) < 0$$

$$(x - 1)(2x + 1) < 0$$

Case 1

$$x - 1 < 0, 2x + 1 > 0$$

$$x < 1, x > -\frac{1}{2}$$

Case 2

$$x - 1 > 0, 2x + 1 < 0$$

$$x > 1, x < -\frac{1}{2}$$

Which is not possible

Thus the expansion of $(1+x-2x^2)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$ is valid if $x \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$ or $-\frac{1}{2} < x < 1$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & (1-2x+3x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (1-(2x-3x^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)(-(2x-3x^2)) + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-1}{2}-1\right)(-(2x-3x^2))^2}{2!} + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{-1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}(-(2x-3x^2))^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(2x-3x^2) + \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{1}{2}(2x-3x^2)^2 + \frac{-28}{27} \times \frac{1}{6}(-(2x-3x^2)^3) + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(2x-3x^2) + \frac{2}{9}(4x^2-12x^3+9x^4) + \frac{14}{81}(8x^3-36x^4+54x^5-27x^6) + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{2}{3}x + \left(-1 + \frac{8}{9}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{-8}{3}\right)x^3 + \frac{112}{81}x^4 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}x^2 - \frac{164}{81}x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The expansion is valid if $|2x-3x^2| < 1$

| | |
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| $\begin{aligned} & + (2x-3x^2) < 1 \\ & 2x-3x^2 < 1 \\ & 3x^2-2x+1 > 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{(i)}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -(2x-3x^2) < 1 \\ & -2x+3x^2 < 1 \\ & 3x^2-2x-1 > 0 \quad \text{(ii)} \\ & 3x^2-3x+x-1 < 0 \\ & 3x(x-1)+1(x-1) < 0 \\ & (x-1)(3x-1) < 0 \end{aligned}$ |
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The inequality i) is not satisfied by any

real value of x

Case 1
 $x-1 > 0, 3x+1 < 0$

$$x > 1, x < -\frac{1}{3}$$

Which is not possible

Case 2

$$x-1 < 0, 3x+1 > 0$$

$$x < 1, x > -\frac{1}{3}$$

Thus the expansion of $(1-2x+3x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is valid if $x \in \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$ or if $-\frac{1}{3} < x < 1$

Q.2 Using binomial theorem find the value of the following to three places of decimals.

(i) $\sqrt{99}$

Solution:

$$\sqrt{99} = (100-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[100\left(1-\frac{1}{100}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (100)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{100}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 10 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{100}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-1}{100}\right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= 10 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} (0.01) - \frac{1}{8} (0.0001) + \dots \right] \\
&= 10 [1 - 0.005 - 0.0000125 + \dots] \\
&\approx 10 [1 - 0.0050125] \\
&\approx 10 [0.9949875] \\
&\approx 9.949875 \\
&\approx 9.950 \text{ convert to the three decimal}
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) $(0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= (1 - 0.02)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-0.02) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)}{2!} \frac{1}{2} (-0.02)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-3}{2}\right)}{3!} (-0.02)^3 + \dots \\
&= 1 - 0.1 - \frac{1}{8} (0.0004) - \frac{1}{16} (0.000008) + \dots \\
&\approx 1 - 0.1 - 0.00005 - 0.0000005 \\
&\approx 1 - 0.1000505 \\
&\approx 0.9899595 \\
&\approx 0.990
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) $(1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= (1 + 0.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(0.03) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right)}{2!} (0.03)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{3} - 2\right)}{3!} (0.03)^3 + \dots \\
&= 1 + 0.01 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)}{2} \frac{1}{2} (0.0009) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{-2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{-5}{3}\right)}{6} \frac{1}{6} (0.000027) + \dots \\
&= 1 + 0.01 - \frac{1}{9} (0.0009) + \frac{5}{81} (0.000027) + \dots \\
&\approx 1 + 0.1 - 0.0001 + 0.0001 \\
&\approx 1.010
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) $\sqrt[3]{65}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt[3]{65} &= (64+1)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= \left[64 \left(1 + \frac{1}{64} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= (64)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{64} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{64} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
&= 4 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{64} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{64} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&= 4 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} (0.015625) - \frac{1}{9} (0.015625)^2 + \dots \right] \\
&\approx 4 [1 + 0.005208 - 0.000027] \\
&\approx 4 (1.005181) \\
&\approx 4.020724 \\
&\approx 4.021
\end{aligned}$$

(v) $\sqrt[4]{17}$ **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt[4]{17} &= (17)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= (16+1)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= \left[16 \left(1 + \frac{1}{16} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= (16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= 2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{16} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{16} \right)^2 + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{64} + \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\frac{-3}{4} \right) \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{16} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{64} - \frac{3}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{64} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\approx 2[1 + 0.015625 - 0.000366]$$

$$\approx 2[1.015259]$$

$$\approx 2.030518$$

$$\approx 2.031$$

(vi) ${}^5\sqrt{31}$

Solution:

$${}^5\sqrt{31} = (31)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= (32 - 1)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= \left[32 \left(1 - \frac{1}{32} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= (32)^{\frac{1}{5}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{32} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{32} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{-1}{32} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{5} \right) \left(\frac{1}{5} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-1}{32} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{5 \times 32} + \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{-4}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{32} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{16} - 2 \left(\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{16} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2[1 - 0.00625 - 2(0.0000390625) + \dots]$$

$$\approx 2(1 - 0.00625 - 0.000078)$$

$$\approx 2(0.993672)$$

$$\approx 1.987344$$

$$\approx 1.987$$

(vii) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{998}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{998}} &= (998)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= (1000 - 2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \left[(1000) \left(1 - \frac{2}{1000} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= (1000)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{500} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= (10)^{-1} \left[1 + \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{500} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{3} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-1}{500} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{10} [1 + 0.0006667 + 0.00000080] \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{10} (1.0006675) \\
 &\approx 0.10006675 \\
 &\approx 0.100
 \end{aligned}$$

(viii) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{252}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{252}} &= (252)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= (243 + 9)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= \left[243 \left(1 + \frac{9}{243} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= (243)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{27} \right)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[1 + \left(\frac{-1}{5} \right) \left(\frac{1}{27} \right) - \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{5} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{5} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{27} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[1 - \frac{1}{5 \times 27} + \left(\frac{-1}{5} \right) \left(\frac{-6}{5} \right) \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{27} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[1 - \frac{1}{5 \times 27} + 3 \left(\frac{1}{5 \times 27} \right)^2 + \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{3} [1 - 0.0074074 + 3(0.00005487)]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{3} (0.992757)$$

$$\approx 0.330919$$

$$\approx 0.331$$

(ix)

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{8}}$$

Solution:

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{8}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{-1}{8}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-1}{8}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{16} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{64} + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{8 \times 64} + \dots$$

$$\approx 1 - 0.0625 - 0.0193$$

$$\approx 0.935448$$

$$\approx 0.935$$

(x) $(0.998)^{\frac{-1}{3}}$

Solution:

$$(0.998)^{\frac{-1}{3}} = (1 - 0.002)^{\frac{-1}{3}}$$

$$= 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)(-0.002) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3} - 1\right)}{2!} (-0.002)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(0.002) + \frac{2}{9}(0.000004) + \dots$$

$$\approx 1 + 0.000666$$

$$\approx 1.001$$

(xi) $\sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{486}}$

Solution:

$$\sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{486}} = (486)^{\frac{-1}{6}} = (729 - 243)^{\frac{-1}{6}}$$

$$= \left[729 \left(1 - \frac{243}{729}\right)\right]^{\frac{-1}{6}}$$

$$= (3^6)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{-1}{6}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{-7}{6}\right)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 3^{-1} \left[1 + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{7}{36} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{9} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[1 + 0.05556 + \frac{7}{2} (0.003086) + \dots \right]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{3} [1 + 0.05556 + 0.0108]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{3} [1.06896]$$

$$\approx 0.35632$$

$$\approx 0.3563$$

(xii) $(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

Solution:

$$(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (1296 - 16)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \left[1296 \left(1 - \frac{16}{1296} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= (1296)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{81} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= 6 \left[1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{-1}{81} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(-\frac{1}{81} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\approx 6 \left[1 - 0.003086 - \frac{3}{2} (0.0000095) \right]$$

$$\approx 6 [1 - 0.0031]$$

$$\approx 6 (0.9969)$$

$$\approx 5.981$$

$$\approx 5.981$$

Q.3 Find the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of

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

Solution:

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

From $(1+x)^{-2}$ firstly we find the coefficient of x^{n-2} and x^n

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term of $(1+x)^n$ is

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

For x^n put $n = -2$, $r = n$ we get

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{2(-2-1)(-2-2)(-2-3)\dots(-2-(n-1))x^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)\dots(-n-1)x^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n (2)(3)(4)\dots(n+1)x^n}{n!}$$

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

$$T_{n+1} = (-1)^n (n+1)x^n$$

So in $(1+x)^{-2}$ coefficient of x^n is $(-1)^n (n+1)$

So coefficient of x^{n-2} is $(-1)^{n-2} (n-1)x^{n-2}$

$$= (-1)^n (n+1)x^n + (-1)^{n-2} (n-1)x^2 \times x^{n-2}$$

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

$$= (-1)^n (2n)x^n$$

Hence coefficient of x^n is $(-1)^n (2n)$

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

Solution:

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

$$= (1+2x+x^2)(1-x)^{-2}$$

From $(1-x)^{-2}$ firstly we find the coefficient of x^{n-2} , x^{n-1} and x^n

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term of $(1+x)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots(n-(r-1))x^r}{r!}$$

For x^n put $n = -2, r = n, x = -x$ we get

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)(-2-3)\dots(-2-(n-1))(-x)^n}{n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)(-5)\dots(-1-n)(-x)^n}{n!}$$

There are n factors in the numerators, so taking -1 from each factors we get;

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^n (2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times \dots \times (n+1)) x^n (-1)^n}{n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = (-1)^{n+n} \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} x^n$$

$$T_{n+1} = (-1)^{2n} \times \frac{(n+1)n!}{n!} x^n$$

So in $(1-x)^{-2}$ coefficient of x^n is $(n+1)$.

So coefficient of x^{n-1} is n

Coefficient of x^{n-2} is $(n-1)$

Now in $(1+2x+x^2)(1-x)^{-2}$ term involving x^n is

$$= (n+1)x^n + 2 \times n \times x^{n-1} \times x + 1 \times (n-1)x^{n-2} \times x^2$$

$$= x^n \{n+1+2n+n-1\}$$

$$= \{4n\} x^n \text{ so coefficient of } x^n \text{ is } 1+n$$

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

Solution:

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

$$= (1+3x^2+3x+x^3)(1-x)^{-2} \text{ -----(i)}$$

In order to find coefficient of x^n in $\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2}$

We have to need coefficient of $x^n, x^{n-1}, x^{n-2}, x^{n-3}$ from $(1-x)^{-2}$

As we know that $(r-1)^{\text{th}}$ term of $(1+x)^n$ is

$$T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots(n-(r-1))x^r}{r!}$$

So put $n = -2, x = -x, r = n$ we get

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)(-2-3)\dots(-2-(n-1))(-x)^n}{n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)(-5)\dots(-1-n)x^n \times (-1)^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n (2 \times 3 \times 4 \times \dots (n+1)) x^n \times (-1)^n}{n!}$$

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

$$T_{n+1} = (n+1)x^n$$

So coefficient of x^{n-1} is n

Coefficient of x^{n-2} is $n-1$

Coefficient of x^{n-3} is $n-2$

Now the term Involving x^n in $\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2}$ is

$$= 1 \times (n+1)x^n + 3x^2 \times (n-1)x^{n-2} + 3x \times (n)x^{n-1} + (n-2)x^{n-3} \times x^3$$

$$= (n+1)x^n + (3n-3)x^n + 3nx^n + (n-2)x$$

$$= (8n-4)x^n$$

$$= 4(2n-1)x^n$$

Hence coefficient of x^n is $4(2n-1)$

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

Solution:

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

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

From $(1-x)^{-3}$ firstly we find the coefficient of x^{n-2} , x^{n-1} and x^n

As we know that $(r+1)^{th}$ term of $(1+x)^n$ is

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

For x^r put $n = -3$, $r = n$ and $x = -x$ we get

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{-3(-3-1)(-3-2)(-3-3)\dots(-3-(n-1))(-x)^n}{n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)\dots(-3-n+1)(-x)^n}{n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^n (2)(3)(4)(5) \dots (n+2) x^n (-1)^n}{2n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-1)^{2n} (n+2)! x^n}{2n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n! x^n}{2n!}$$

$$T_{n+1} = (n+2)(n+1)x^n$$

So coefficient of x^n is $\frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{2}$

Coefficient of x^{n-1} is $\frac{(n+1)n}{2}$ and coefficient of x^{n-2} is $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

Now the term Involving x^n in $(1+2x+x^2)(1-x)^{-3}$ is

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ n^2 + 3n + 2 + 2n^2 + 2n + n^2 - n \} x^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ 4n^2 + 4n + 2 \} x^n$$

$$= (2n^2 + 2n + 1) x^n$$

Thus coefficient of x^n is $2n^2 + 2n + 1$

(v) $(1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots)^2$

Solution:

As we know that

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

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots)^2 = ((1+x)^{-1})^2 = (1+x)^{-2}$$

Now we find the coefficient of x^n in $(1+x)^{-2}$ by using formula

$$T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \dots (n-(r-1)) x^r}{r!}$$

Put $n = -2$, $r = n$ we get

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)(-2-3) \dots (-2-(n-1)) x^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)(-5) \dots (-1-n) x^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n [2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times \dots \times (n+1)] x^n}{n!}$$

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

$$= (-1)^n (n+1) x^n$$

Thus coefficient of x^n is $(-1)^n (n+1)$

Q.4 If x is so small that its square and higher powers can be neglected then show that

(i) $\frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1+x}} \approx 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$

Solution:

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1+x}} = (1-x)(1+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= (1-x) \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) x \right\} \text{ by neglecting } x^2 \text{ and highest power of } x.$$

$$\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x \text{ by neglecting } x^2$$

$$\approx 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$\approx \text{R.H.S}$$

(ii) $\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x$

Solution:

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{1-x}$$

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

$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}(2x) \right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) x \right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2 \text{ and higher powers of } x.$$

$$\approx (1+x) \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{x}{2} + x \text{ by neglecting } x^2$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$\approx \text{R.H.S}$$

(iii) $\frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4+5x} \approx \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}x$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{(4+5x)} \\
 &= \left\{ 9^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}x \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} (4+5x)^{-1} \\
 &= \left\{ 3 \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}x \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2 \left(1 + \frac{3x}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} 4^{-1} \left\{ 1 + \frac{5}{4}x \right\}^{-1} \\
 &= \left\{ 3 \left(1 + \frac{7}{9}x \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) - 2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3x}{16} \right) \right) \right\} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{5}{4}x \right)}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

By neglecting x^2 and higher powers of x .

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\approx \left\{ 3 + \frac{7x}{6} - 2 - \frac{3x}{32} \right\} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{5}{4}x \right)}{4} \\
 &\approx \frac{\left\{ 1 + \frac{103}{96}x \right\} \left\{ 1 - \frac{5}{4}x \right\}}{4} \\
 &\approx \frac{1 - \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{103}{96}x}{4} \quad \text{by neglecting } x^2 \\
 &\approx \frac{1 - \frac{17}{96}x}{4} \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}x \\
 &\approx \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{\sqrt{4+x}}{(1-x)^3} \approx 2 + \frac{25}{4}x$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{\sqrt{4+x}}{(1-x)^3} \\ &= (4+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^{-3} \\ &= 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^{-3} \\ &= 2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{4}\right)\right) (1+3x) \text{ by neglecting } x^2 \text{ and highest power of } x \\ &\approx 2 \left(1 + \frac{x}{8}\right) (1+3x) \\ &\approx 2 \left(1 + 3x + \frac{x}{8}\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2 \\ &\approx 2 + \frac{25}{4}x \\ &\approx \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

$$(v) \quad \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 4 \left(1 - \frac{5x}{6}\right)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= \left\{ (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right\} (8+5x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left\{ (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (4)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}x\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right\} \times (8)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 + \frac{5}{8}x\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \cdot 2^3 \times \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4}x\right)\right) \right\} \times (2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{5}{8}x\right)\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2, x^3, \dots \\ &\approx 8 \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{9}{8}x\right) \right\} \times 2^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right) \\ &\approx \frac{8}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{9}{8}x + \frac{1}{2}x \right\} \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2 \\ &\approx 4 \left\{ 1 - \frac{5}{8}x \right\} \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\approx 4\left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x - \frac{5}{8}x\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2$$

$$\approx 4\left(1 - \frac{5}{6}x\right)$$

$\approx \text{R.H.S}$

$$(vi) \quad \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(8+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 2 - \frac{61}{48}x$$

Solution:

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(8+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$= \left\{ (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 9^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{4}{9}x\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} (8+3x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \dots\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{4}{9}x\right) + \dots\right) \times 8^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{8}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \text{ by neglecting } x^2, x^3, \dots$$

$$\approx 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{9}x\right) \times 2^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3x}{8} + \dots\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2}{9}x - \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2.$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{13}{18}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{8} - \frac{13}{18}x\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^2$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{61}{72}x\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{3}{2} - \frac{61}{48}x$$

$\approx \text{R.H.S}$

$$(vii) \quad \frac{\sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 2 - \frac{1}{2}x$$

Solution:

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{(4-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(4-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} + \frac{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\
&= (4-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (8-x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} + 1 \\
&= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 8^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} + 1 \\
&= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + \dots\right) \times 2^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{x}{8}\right) + \dots\right) + 1 \text{ by neglecting } x^2, x^3, \dots \\
&\approx \frac{\left(2 - \frac{x}{4}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{24}\right)}{2} + 1 \\
&\approx \frac{2 + \frac{x}{12} - \frac{x}{4}}{2} + 1 \quad \text{By neglecting } x^2 \\
&\approx \frac{2 - \frac{1}{6}x}{2} + 1 \\
&\approx 1 - \frac{1}{12}x + 1 \\
&\approx 2 - \frac{1}{12}x \\
&\approx \text{R.H.S}
\end{aligned}$$

Q.5 If x is so small that its cube and higher power can be neglected, then show that

(i) $\sqrt{1-x-2x^2} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \sqrt{1-x-2x^2} \\ &= \left(1 - (x+2x^2)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x+2x^2) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)(x+2x^2)^2}{2!} \text{ by neglecting } x^3, x^4, \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(x^2)}{2} \text{ by neglecting } x^3, x^4 \dots \\ &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^2 \\ &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 \\ &\approx \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \approx 1+x+\frac{1}{2}x^2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \sqrt{\frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)} \times \frac{1+x}{1+x}} \\ &= (1+x)(1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (1+x)\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \text{ by neglecting } x^3, x^4 \dots \\ &\approx (1+x)\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) \\ &\approx 1+x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \text{ by neglecting } x^3 \\ &\approx 1+x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \\ &\approx \text{R.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Q.6 If x is nearly equal to 1, then prove that $px^p - qx^q \approx (p-q)x^{p+q}$

Proof: As x is nearly equal to 1, so

Let $x = 1+h$ where h is so small such that h^2, h^3, \dots are neglected.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= px^p - qx^q \\
 &= p(1+h)^p - q(1+h)^q \\
 &= p(1+ph) - q(1+qh) \text{ by neglecting } h^2, h^3 \dots \\
 &\approx p + p^2h - q - q^2h \\
 &\approx (p-q) + (p^2 - q^2)h \\
 &\approx (p-q) + (p-q)(p+q)h \\
 &\approx (p-q)[1 + (p+q)h] \\
 &\approx (p-q)(1+h)^{p+q} \\
 &\approx (p-q)(x)^{p+q} \\
 &\approx \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.7 If $p-q$ is small when compared with p or q show that

$$\frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q} \approx \left(\frac{p+q}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Proof: Let $p-q=h \Rightarrow p=q+h$ where h is very small such that h^2, h^3, \dots are neglected

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q} \\
 &= \frac{(2n+1)(q+h) + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)(q+h) + (2n+1)q} \\
 &= \frac{2nq + 2nh + q + h + 2nq - q}{2nq + 2nh - q - h + 2nq + q} \\
 &= \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq + 2nh - h} \\
 &= \frac{4nq + h(2n+1)}{4nq + h(2n-1)} \\
 &= \frac{4nq \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{2n+1}{4nq} \right) h \right\}}{4nq \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{4nq} \right) h \right\}} \\
 &= \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{2n+1}{4nq} \right) h \right\} \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{2n-1}{4nq} \right) h \right\}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{2n+1}{4nq} \right) h \right\} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{2n-1}{4nq} \right) h \right\} \text{ by neglecting } h^2, h^3, \dots$$

$$\approx 1 - \left(\frac{2n-1}{4nq} \right) h + \left(\frac{2n+1}{4nq} \right) h \text{ by neglecting } h^2$$

$$\approx 1 + h \left(\frac{(2n+1)}{4nq} - \frac{(2n-1)}{4nq} \right)$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{h}{4nq} (2n+1 - 2n+1)$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{h}{4nq} (2)$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{h}{2nq}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \left(\frac{p+q}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{q+h+q}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \because p = q + h$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{2q+h}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\approx \left(1 + \frac{h}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{h}{2nq} \text{ by neglecting } h^2, h^3, \dots$$

Hence L.H.S \approx R.H.S

Q.8 Show that

$$\left[\frac{n}{2(n+N)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n} \text{ where } n \text{ and } N \text{ are nearly equal.}$$

Proof: Here $N - n = h \Rightarrow N = n + h$ where h is so small, such that h^2, h^3, \dots are neglected

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \left[\frac{n}{2(n+N)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left[\frac{n}{2(n+n+h)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[\frac{n}{2(2n+h)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \left[\frac{n}{2 \times 2n \left(1 + \frac{h}{2n} \right)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \left[\frac{1}{4 \left(1 + \frac{h}{2n} \right)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2n} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{h}{2n} \right) \right) \text{ by neglecting } h^2, h^3, \dots \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{h}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n}$$

$$\text{Put } N = n+h$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{8n}{9n-n-h} - \frac{n+n+h}{4n} \\
 &= \frac{8n}{8n-h} - \frac{2n+h}{4n} \\
 &= \frac{\cancel{8n}}{\cancel{8n} \left(1 - \frac{h}{8n} \right)} - \frac{2n+h}{4n} \\
 &= \left(1 - \frac{h}{8n} \right)^{-1} - \frac{2n}{4n} - \frac{h}{4n} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{h}{8n} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{4n} \text{ by neglecting } h^2, h^3, \dots \\
 &\approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{h}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence L.H.S} \approx \text{R.H.S}$$

Q.9 Identify the following series as binomial expansion and find the sum in each case.

(i) $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2!4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{3!8}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$

Solution:

Let $(1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2!4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{3!8}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$ (I)

As we know $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$ (II)

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$nx = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{8n} \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{2 \times 4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{16}$$

$$n(n-1)\left(-\frac{1}{8n}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{64} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{1}{64n^2} = \frac{3}{64}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \Rightarrow 2n = -1$$

$$n = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{-1}{8\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$$

Now, the sum of the given series $= (1+x)^n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}$

(ii) $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$

Solution:

Let $(1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$ (I)

As we know $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$ (II)

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$nx = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{2 \times 4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{4n}$$

(i)

$$n(n-1)\left(-\frac{1}{4n}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{16} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{1}{16n^2} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \Rightarrow 2n = -1$$

$$n = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Put in (i)}$$

$$x = -\frac{-1}{4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, the sum of the given series} = (1+x)^n = \left(1+\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad 1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.5}{4.8} + \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12} + \dots$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } (1+x)^n = 1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3.5}{4.8} + \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12} + \dots \quad \text{(I)}$$

$$\text{As we know } (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots \quad \text{(II)}$$

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{4n}$$

(i)

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{3.5}{4.8}$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3.5}{2.8}$$

$$n(n-1)\left(\frac{3}{4n}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{16} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{9}{16n^2} = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = \frac{15}{9} \Rightarrow 3n-3 = 5n \Rightarrow 2n = -3$$

$$n = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{4\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Now, the sum of the given series

$$= (1+x)^n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = (2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = (2^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(iv) \quad 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } (1+x)^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1.3.5}{2.4.6}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \quad (I)$$

$$\text{As we know } (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots \quad (II)$$

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$nx = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{6n}$$

(i)

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{2.4}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{9}$$

$$n(n-1)\left(-\frac{1}{6n}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{36} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{1}{36n^2} = \frac{3}{36}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \Rightarrow 2n = -1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2} \text{ Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{-1}{6\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Now, the sum of the given series} = (1+x)^n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Q.10 Use binomial theorem to show that $1 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1.3}{4.8} + \frac{1.3.5}{4.3.12} - \dots = \sqrt{2}$

$$\text{Proof: Let } (1+x)^n = 1 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1.3}{4.8} + \frac{1.3.5}{4.3.12} - \dots \quad (I)$$

$$\text{As we know } (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots \quad (II)$$

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{4.8}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4n}$$

(i)

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{1.3}{2.8}$$

$$n(n-1)\left(\frac{1}{4n}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{16} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{1}{16n^2} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1=3n \Rightarrow 2n=-1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \text{Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, the sum of the given series} = (1+x)^n = \left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

Hence the proof

Q.11 If $y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$

Then prove that $y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$ **Proof:** Given that

$$y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$$

Adding 1 on both sides of given series of make it binomial series

$$1+y = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1.3}{2!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \quad \text{(I)}$$

$$\text{As we know } (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots \quad \text{(II)}$$

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3n}$$

(i)

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{2!}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$n(n-1)\left(\frac{1}{3n}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{9} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{1}{9n^2} = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1=3n \Rightarrow 2n=-1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2} \text{ Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{-2}{3}$$

From (I) and (II)

$$1 + y = (1 + x)^n$$

$$1 + y = \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$1 + y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$1 + y = \sqrt{3}$$

Squaring on both sides

$$1 + y^2 + 2y = 3$$

$$y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$$

Which is required to prove.

Q.12 If $2y = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$

Then Prove that $4y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0$

Proof: Given that

$$2y = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$$

Adding 1 on both sides to make it binomial series, we get ;

$$1 + 2y = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \times \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \times \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots \quad (I)$$

$$\text{As we know } (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots \quad (II)$$

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$\begin{aligned} nx &= \frac{1}{2^2} \\ x &= \frac{1}{4n} \end{aligned} \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4}$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$n(n-1) \left(\frac{1}{4n} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{16} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{1}{16n^2} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \Rightarrow 2n = -1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \text{Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{2}$$

From (I) and (II)

$$1 + 2y = (1+x)^n$$

$$1 + 2y = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

$$1 + 2y = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

$$1 + 2y = \sqrt{2}$$

Squaring on both sides

$$1 + 4y^2 + 4y = 2$$

$$4y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0$$

Which is required to prove.

Q.13 If $y = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots$

Then prove that $y^2 + 2y - 4 = 0$

Proof: Give that

$$y = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots$$

Adding 1 on both sides of given series to make it binomial series.

$$\text{So, } 1 + y = 1 + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1.3.5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots \quad (\text{I})$$

$$\text{As we know } (1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots \quad (\text{II})$$

Comparing (I) and (II)

$$nx = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{5n} \quad (\text{i})$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} = \frac{1.3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2$$

$$n(n-1)x^2 = \frac{12}{25}$$

$$n(n-1) \left(\frac{2}{5n}\right)^2 = \frac{12}{25} \quad \text{using (i)}$$

$$n(n-1) \times \frac{4}{25n^2} = \frac{12}{25}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = 3 \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \Rightarrow 2n = -1$$

$$n = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \text{Put in (i)}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{5 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{-4}{5}$$

From (I) and (II)

$$1 + y = (1+x)^n$$

$$1 + y = \left(1 - \frac{4}{5}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

$$1 + y = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$$

$$1 + y = \sqrt{5}$$

Squaring on both sides

$$1 + y^2 + 2y = 5$$

$$y^2 + 2y - 4 = 0$$

Which is required to prove.

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