

## Questions on Lesson 6.5?

Find all the possible rational roots of the following polynomial using the rational root theorem and factor this completely. <sup>and solve</sup>

3. Use the Rational Root Theorem to solve  $2x^4 - 9x^3 + 11x^2 - 9x + 9 = 0$ .

$P: \pm\{1, 3, 9\}$      $Q: \pm\{1, 2\}$

$\frac{P}{Q} \rightarrow \pm\left\{\frac{1}{1}, \frac{3}{1}, \frac{9}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{2}\right\}$

SIMPLIFY

not a factor  $\downarrow$  (x-1)     $\pm\{1, 3, 9, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{2}\}$

not a root  $\uparrow$  1

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 1 & 2 & -9 & 11 & -9 & 9 \\ & \downarrow & & & & \\ & 2 & -7 & 4 & -5 & 4 \end{array}$$

factor  $\uparrow$  (x-3) root 3

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} 3 & 2 & -9 & 11 & -9 & 9 \\ & \downarrow & & & & \\ & 2 & -3 & 2 & -3 & 0 \end{array}$$

$2x^4 - 9x^3 + 11x^2 - 9x + 9$

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

$\leftarrow Q: \pm\{1, 2\}$      $\leftarrow P: \pm\{1, 3\}$

$\frac{P}{Q}: \pm\left\{\frac{1}{1}, \frac{3}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right\} = \pm\left\{1, 3, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right\}$

$\frac{3}{2}$  (2x-3)

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} \frac{3}{2} & 2 & -3 & 2 & -3 \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$2(x - \frac{3}{2}) \cdot 2$   
 $(2x-3)$

$2x^4 - 9x^3 + 11x^2 - 9x + 9$   
 $= (x-3)(2x-3)(2x^2+2) = 0$

$= (x-3)(2x-3)(x+i)(x-i)$      $2x^2 + 2 = 0$

$X = 3, \frac{3}{2}, -i, i$

Solutions

fully factored

$2x^2 + 2 = 0$   
 $\frac{2x^2}{2} = \frac{-2}{2}$   
 $x^2 = -1$   
 $x = \pm i$

# The Curious Case of Pascal's Triangle

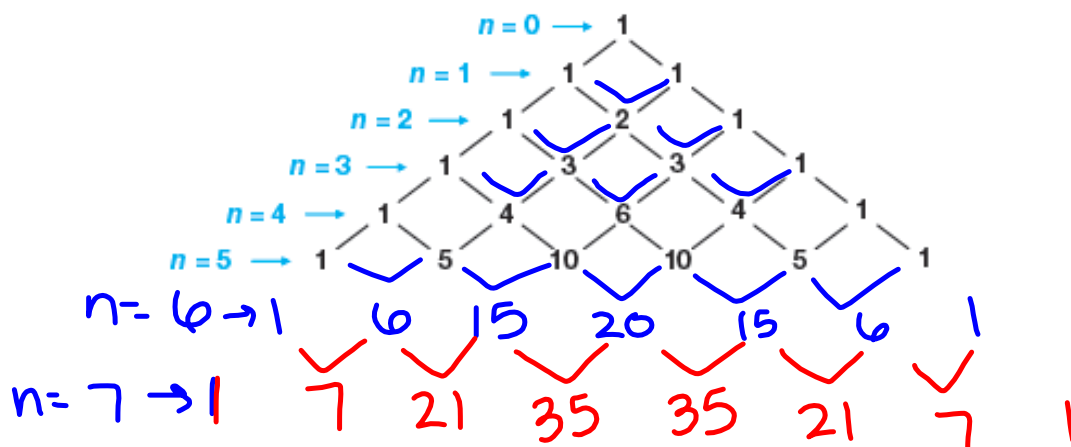
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## Pascal's Triangle and the Binomial Theorem

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There is an interesting pattern of numbers that makes up what is referred to as Pascal's Triangle.

The first six rows of Pascal's Triangle are shown, where  $n = 0$  represents the first row,  $n = 1$  represents the second row, and so on.



1. Analyze the patterns in Pascal's Triangle.
  - a. Describe all the patterns you see in Pascal's Triangle.
  - b. Complete the rows for  $n = 6$  and  $n = 7$  in the diagram of Pascal's Triangle. Describe the pattern you used.

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The patterns shown in Pascal's Triangle have many uses. For instance, you may have used Pascal's Triangle to calculate probabilities. Let's explore how you can use Pascal's Triangle to raise a binomial to a positive integer.

5. Multiply to expand each binomial. Write your final answer so that the powers of  $a$  are in descending order.

a.  $(a + b)^0 = 1$

b.  $(a + b)^1 = a + b$

c.  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

d.  $(a + b)^3 = (a+b)(a^2 + 2ab + b^2) =$   
 $a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$

e.  $(a + b)^4 = (a+b)(a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3) =$   
 $a^4b^0 + 4a^3b^1 + \underline{6a^2b^2} + 4ab^3 + b^4a^0$

★  $a$ 's exponents decrease by 1 as we go L to R.  
 → begin with  $n$  from  $(a+b)^n$ , end with 0.

★  $b$ 's exponents increase by 1 as we go L to R.

→ begin with 0 & end with the  $n$  from  $(a+b)^n$

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6. Analyze your answers to Question 5.

- Compare the coefficients of each product with the numbers shown in Pascal's Triangle. What do you notice?
- What do you notice about the exponents of the  $a$ - and  $b$ -variables in each expansion?
- What do you notice about the sum of the exponents of the  $a$ - and  $b$ -variables in each expansion?

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7. Use Pascal's Triangle to expand each binomial.

a.  $(a + b)^5 =$

row 5 in Pascal's  $\Delta$   
 $1 \ 5 \ 10 \ 10 \ 5 \ 1$   
 $1a^5b^0 + 5a^4b^1 + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + 5a^1b^4 + 1a^0b^5$

b.  $(a + b)^6 =$

row 6:  
 $1 \ 6 \ 15 \ 20 \ 15 \ 6 \ 1$   
 $1a^6b^0 + 6a^5b^1 + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6a^1b^5 + 1a^0b^6$

c.  $(a + b)^7 =$

7th row:  $1 \ 7 \ 21 \ 35 \ 35 \ 21 \ 7 \ 1$   
 $1a^7b^0 + 7a^6b^1 + 21a^5b^2 + 35a^4b^3 + 35a^3b^4 + 21a^2b^5 + 7a^1b^6 + 1a^0b^7$

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What if you want to expand a binomial such as  $(a + b)^{15}$ ?  
You could take the time to draw that many rows of Pascal's Triangle, but there is a more efficient way.

Recall that the factorial of a whole number  $n$ , represented as  $n!$ , is the product of all numbers from 1 to  $n$ .

1. Perform each calculation and simplify.

a.  $5! =$

c.  $\frac{5!}{3!} =$

You may have seen the notation  $\binom{n}{k}$  or  ${}_n C_k$  when calculating probabilities in another course. Both notations represent the formula for a *combination*. Recall that a combination is a selection of objects from a collection in which order does not matter. The formula for a combination of  $k$  objects from a set of  $n$  objects for  $n \geq k$  is shown.

$$\binom{n}{k} = {}_n C_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

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Calculate $\binom{4}{2}$ , or ${}_4C_2$ .	
$\binom{n}{k} = {}_nC_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$	Write the formula for a combination.
$n = 4$ and $k = 2$	Identify $n$ and $k$ .
$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!(4-2)!}$	Substitute the values for $n$ and $k$ into the formula.
$= \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(2 \cdot 1)(2 \cdot 1)}$	Write each factorial as a product.
$= \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 1}{(2 \cdot 1)(\cancel{2} \cdot 1)}$	Divide out common factors.
$= \frac{12}{2} = 6$	Simplify.

3. Perform each calculation and simplify.

a.  $\binom{5}{1} =$

b.  ${}_7C_4 =$

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The **Binomial Theorem** states that it is possible to extend any power of  $(a + b)$  into a sum of the form shown.

$$(a + b)^n = \binom{n}{0}a^n b^0 + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b^1 + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{n-1}a^1 b^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}a^0 b^n$$

5. Use the Binomial Theorem to expand  $(a + b)^{15}$ . You can use your calculator to determine the coefficients.

$$(a + b)^{15} =$$

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Suppose you have a binomial with coefficients other than one, such as  $(2x + 3y)^5$ . You can use substitution along with the Binomial Theorem to expand the binomial.

You can use the Binomial Theorem to expand  $(a + b)^5$ , as shown.

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^5 &= \binom{5}{0}a^5 b^0 + \binom{5}{1}a^4 b^1 + \binom{5}{2}a^3 b^2 + \binom{5}{3}a^2 b^3 + \binom{5}{4}a^1 b^4 + \binom{5}{5}a^0 b^5 \\ &= a^5 + 5a^4 b^1 + 10a^3 b^2 + 10a^2 b^3 + 5a^1 b^4 + b^5 \end{aligned}$$

Now consider  $(2x + 3y)^5$ .

Let  $2x = a$  and let  $3y = b$ .

You can substitute  $2x$  for  $a$  and  $3y$  for  $b$  into the expansion for  $(a + b)^5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (2x + 3y)^5 &= (2x)^5 + 5(2x)^4(3y)^1 + 10(2x)^3(3y)^2 + 10(2x)^2(3y)^3 + 5(2x)^1(3y)^4 + (3y)^5 \\ &= 32x^5 + 5(16x^4)(3y) + 10(8x^3)(9y^2) + 10(4x^2)(27y^3) + 5(2x)(81y^4) + 243y^5 \\ &= 32x^5 + 240x^4y + 720x^3y^2 + 1080x^2y^3 + 810xy^4 + 243y^5 \end{aligned}$$

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6. Use the Binomial Theorem and substitution to expand each binomial.

a.  $(3x + y)^4$

$(a+b)^n$

$a = 3x$

$b = y$

$n = 4$

Find 3<sup>rd</sup> term:4th row: 1 4 6 4 1

3<sup>rd</sup> term:  
 $6a^2b^2$

coefficient

$$6(3x)^2(y)^2 = 6 \cdot 9x^2 \cdot y^2 = 54x^2y^2$$

$$1a^4b^0 + 4a^3b^1 + \underline{6a^2b^2} + 4ab^3 + 1b^4a^0$$

$$1(3x)^4(y)^0 + 4(3x)^3(y)^1 + 6(3x)^2(y)^2 + 4(3x)^1(y)^3 + 1(3x)^0(y)^4 =$$

$$81x^4 + 108x^3y + 54x^2y^2 + 12xy^3 + y^4$$



Lesson 6.7 Problems  
-not in your book-

1. Consider  $(v + w)^8$ .
  - a. Use Pascal's Triangle to expand  $(v + w)^8$ .
  - b. Determine the coefficient of  $v^5w^3$  in the expansion of  $(v + w)^8$ .
  - c. Determine the coefficient of  $v^5w^3$  in the expansion of  $(2v + w)^8$ .
  - d. Determine the coefficient of  $v^4w^4$  in the expansion of  $(2v + 3w)^8$ .
2. Expand  $(4x + 2y)^5$ .
3. Expand  $(3m - n)^6$ .
4. Expand  $(-5x - 3y)^4$ .
5. Determine the coefficient of  $c^5d^4$  in the expansion of  $(2c + 3d)^9$ .
6. Determine the coefficient of  $j^7k^3$  in the expansion of  $(2j - k)^{10}$ .

Homework  
Finish Lesson 6.5