

# Binomial Theorem (Section 9.2)

\* Powers of Binomials:

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

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

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

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

$$\vdots$$

\* You can use the calculator to get the coefficients!

ex:  $(a+b)^6$  In the Calc-type:

$\boxed{6}$   $\boxed{nCr}$   $\boxed{\{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}}$  = 1, 6, 15, 20, 15, 6, 1

↑ Math/Prb/#3    ↑ 2nd/C    ↑ 2/1)    **What does this mean?**

$$= 1a^6b^0 + 6a^5b^1 + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6a^1b^5 + 1a^0b^6$$

$$= a^6 + 6a^5b + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6$$

\* All exponents add up to six!

\* Pascal's Triangle:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & & & \\
 & & & & 1 & & 1 & & \\
 & & & 1 & 2 & 1 & & & \\
 & & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 & & & \\
 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & & & \\
 1 & 5 & 10 & 10 & 5 & 1 & & & \\
 \hline
 1 & 6 & 15 & 20 & 15 & 6 & 1 & & 
 \end{array}$$

Same as what we got using the calc!

\* To get from one line to another:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 1 & & 3 & & 3 & & 1 \\
 & & & & 1 & & \vee & 3 & \vee & 3 & & 1 \\
 & & & 1 & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 \\
 & & & \uparrow & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\
 & & & & & & & & & & & \\
 \end{array}$$

Always start w/ a one on the outside, then add the two numbers above to get the new coefficient. And... end w/ a one!

\* To get just ONE term w/ its coefficient:  
use  $nCr$ .

ex: Find the coefficient of  $x^{10}$  in the expansion of  $(x+2)^{15}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\
 & = {}_{15}C_{10} x^{10} (2)^5 \\
 & = 3003 x^{10} \cdot 32 \\
 & = \boxed{96,096 x^{10}}
 \end{aligned}$$

ex: Expand:  $(2x - y^2)^4 \rightarrow 1 \ 4 \ 6 \ 4 \ 1$

$a = 2x$     $b = -y^2$

$$= a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

Substitute  $a \rightarrow b$  in  $\rightarrow$

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

$$= 16x^4 - 32x^3y^2 + 24x^2y^4 - 8xy^6 + y^8$$

ex: Expand:  $(x - 3y)^5 \rightarrow 1 \ 5 \ 10 \ 10 \ 5 \ 1$

$a = x$     $b = -3y$

$$= a^5 + 5a^4b + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + 5ab^4 + b^5$$

Substitute in  $\rightarrow$

$$= (x)^5 + 5(x)^4(-3y) + 10(x)^3(-3y)^2 + 10(x)^2(-3y)^3 + 5x(-3y)^4 + (-3y)^5$$

$$= x^5 - 15x^4y + 90x^3y^2 - 270x^2y^3 + 405xy^4 - 1215y^5$$

ex: #23  $(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^6 \rightarrow 1 \ 6 \ 15 \ 20 \ 15 \ 6 \ 1$

$a = \sqrt{x}$     $b = \sqrt{y}$

$$= a^6 + 6a^5b + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6$$

$$= (\sqrt{x})^6 + 6(\sqrt{x})^5(\sqrt{y}) + 15(\sqrt{x})^4(\sqrt{y})^2 + 20(\sqrt{x})^3(\sqrt{y})^3 + 15(\sqrt{x})^2(\sqrt{y})^4 + 6(\sqrt{x})(\sqrt{y})^5 + (\sqrt{y})^6$$

$$= x^3 + 6x^{5/2}y^{1/2} + 15x^2y + 20x^{3/2}y^{3/2} + 15xy^2 + 6x^{1/2}y^{5/2} + y^3$$

ex: Find the  $x^5y^8$  term of  $(x+y)^{13} \rightarrow {}_{13}C_5 (x)^5 (y)^8 = 1287x^5y^8$

ex: Find the 4<sup>th</sup> term in the expansion of  $(3x+2y)^9$

$${}^9C_4 (3x)^4 (2y)^5 = 126 (81x^4) (32y^5)$$

$$= 326,592 x^4 y^5$$