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The Binomial Theorem

Expansion, the boring and tedious way:

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

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

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

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

$$(a + b)^4 =$$

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

The AMAZING Binomial Theorem:

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

where $\binom{n}{k}$ is said "n choose k" and represents the number of ways to select k things from n.

$$\text{where } \binom{n}{k} = {}_n C_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \quad \text{and} \quad n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(2)1$$

EXAMPLES:

Evaluate: $\binom{5}{3}$

$\binom{7}{2}$

$\binom{7}{5}$

Binomial Expansion, using the amazing Binomial Theorem: $(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$

$$(a + b)^3$$

$$(2x - 3y)^3$$

You try! Expand completely.

$$(5x + 3y)^4$$

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Pascal's Triangle	
$(a + b)^0 =$ $(a + b)^1 =$ $(a + b)^2 =$ $(a + b)^3 =$ $(a + b)^4 =$ $(a + b)^5 =$ \vdots	1 $1a + 1b$ $1a^2 + 2ab + 1b^2$ $1a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + 1b^3$ $1a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + 1b^4$ $1a^5 + 5a^4b + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + 5ab^4 + 1b^5$ \vdots
<p>Looking at just the coefficients:</p>	1 $1 \ 1$ $1 \ 2 \ 1$ $1 \ 3 \ 3 \ 1$ $1 \ 4 \ 6 \ 4 \ 1$ $1 \ 5 \ 10 \ 10 \ 5 \ 1$ \vdots
<p>Which happens to be the same as:</p>	0C_0 ${}^1C_0 \ {}^1C_1$ ${}^2C_0 \ {}^2C_1 \ {}^2C_2$ ${}^3C_0 \ {}^3C_1 \ {}^3C_2 \ {}^3C_3$ ${}^4C_0 \ {}^4C_1 \ {}^4C_2 \ {}^4C_3 \ {}^4C_4$ ${}^5C_0 \ {}^5C_1 \ {}^5C_2 \ {}^5C_3 \ {}^5C_4 \ {}^5C_5$ \vdots

EXAMPLES:

Find each term described.

- The third term in the expansion $(y + 5)^4$
- The third term in the expansion $(2x - 3)^6$

Expand completely.

- $(2 + 3y)^4$


