

### Binomial Theorem when n is negative or fraction:

When n is negative or fraction and  $|x| < 1$  then

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

Where the general term of binomial expansion is

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

### Question # 1

Expand the following upto 4 times, taking the values of  $x$  such that the expansion in each case is valid.

(i)  $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(ii)  $(1+2x)^{-1}$

(iii)  $(1+x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

(iv)  $(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(v)  $(8-2x)^{-1}$

(vi)  $(2-3x)^{-2}$

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

(viii)  $\frac{\sqrt{(1+2x)}}{(1-x)}$

(ix)  $\frac{(4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2-x)}$

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

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

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-x) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}x^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3 \cdot 2}(-x^3) + \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 - \frac{1}{16}x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(ii) *Do yourself as above*

(iii) *Do yourself as above*

$$\text{(iv)} \quad (4-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[4\left(1-\frac{3x}{4}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = (4)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(1-\frac{3x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2\left(1-\frac{3x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{3x}{4}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}\left(-\frac{3x}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}\left(-\frac{3x}{4}\right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \left[ 1 - \frac{3x}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{9x^2}{16} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{-3}{2} \right) \left( -\frac{27x^3}{64} \right) + \dots \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[ 1 - \frac{3x}{8} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{9x^2}{16} \right) - \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{27x^3}{64} \right) + \dots \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[ 1 - \frac{3x}{8} - \frac{9x^2}{128} - \frac{27x^3}{1024} + \dots \right] \\
 &= 2 - \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{9x^2}{64} - \frac{27x^3}{512} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(v)  $(8 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (8)^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{2x}{8} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right)^{-1}$  *Now do yourself*

(vi) *Do yourself*

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left( 1 + (-1)(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!} (-x)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!} (-x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
 &\times \left( 1 + (-2)(x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!} (x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!} (x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
 &= \left( 1 + x + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2} (x^2) + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3 \cdot 2} (-x^3) + \dots \right) \\
 &\times \left( 1 - 2x + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2} (x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{3 \cdot 2} (x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
 &= (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \times (1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots) \\
 &= 1 + (x - 2x) + (x^2 - 2x^2 + 3x^2) + (x^3 - 2x^3 + 3x^3 - 4x^3) + \dots \\
 &= 1 - x + 2x^2 - 2x^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(viii) *Do yourself as above*

(ix)  $\frac{(4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2-x} = (4+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2-x)^{-1} = (4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{2x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2)^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-1}$

$$= (4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2)^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-1} = 2 \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-1} = \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} \\
 &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\right) \\
 &\times \left(1 + (-1)\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\right) \\
 &= \left(1 + \frac{x}{4} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}\left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3 \cdot 2}\left(\frac{x^3}{8}\right) + \dots\right) \\
 &\times \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2}\left(\frac{x^2}{4}\right) + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3 \cdot 2}\left(-\frac{x^3}{8}\right) + \dots\right) \\
 &= \left(1 + \frac{x}{4} - \frac{x^2}{32} + \frac{x^3}{128} + \dots\right) \times \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots\right) \\
 &= 1 + \left(\frac{x}{4} + \frac{x}{2}\right) + \left(-\frac{x^2}{32} + \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^2}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{x^3}{128} - \frac{x^3}{64} + \frac{x^3}{16} + \frac{x^3}{8}\right) + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{3x}{4} + \frac{11x^2}{32} + \frac{23x^3}{128} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2x^2) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}(x - 2x^2)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}-2\right)}{3!}(x - 2x^2)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2x^2) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}(x^2 - 4x^3 + 4x^4) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3 \cdot 2} \\
 &\quad (x^3 + 3(x)^2(-2x^2) + 3(x)(-2x^2)^2 - (2x^2)^3) + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2x^2) - \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - 4x^3 + 4x^4) + \frac{1}{16}(x^3 - 6x^4 + 12x^5 - 8x^6) + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{2}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^2 - \frac{4}{8}x^3 + \frac{4}{8}x^4 + \frac{1}{16}x^3 - \frac{6}{16}x^4 + \frac{12}{16}x^5 - \frac{8}{16}x^6 + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{16}x^3 - \frac{3}{8}x^4 + \frac{3}{4}x^5 - \frac{1}{8}x^6 + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 - \frac{9}{16}x^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(xi) *Do yourself as above*

**Question # 2**

Use the Binomial theorem find the value of the following to three places of decimals.

- |                                  |                             |                                 |                                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (i) $\sqrt{99}$                  | (ii) $(0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | (iii) $(1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}}$    | (iv) $\sqrt[3]{65}$              |
| (v) $\sqrt[4]{17}$               | (vi) $\sqrt[5]{31}$         | (vii) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{998}}$ | (viii) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{252}}$ |
| (ix) $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}}$ | (x) $(0.998)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | (xi) $\frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{486}}$  | (xii) $(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}}$     |

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad \sqrt{99} &= (99)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (100 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (100)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{100} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 10 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{100} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left( -\frac{1}{100} \right)^2 + \dots \right) \\
 &= 10 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{200} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{10000} \right) + \dots \right) \\
 &= 10 \left( 1 - 0.005 - \frac{1}{8} (0.0001) + \dots \right) \\
 &= 10 (1 - 0.005 - 0.0000125 + \dots) \\
 &\approx 10 (0.9949875) = 9.949875 \\
 &\approx 9.950
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad (0.98)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (1 - 0.02)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{Now do yourself}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad (1.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (1 + 0.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{Now do yourself}$$

$$\text{(iv)} \quad \sqrt[3]{65} = (65)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (64 - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (64)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{64} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{Now do yourself}$$

$$\text{(v)} \quad \sqrt[4]{17} = (17)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (16 - 1)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad \text{Now do yourself}$$

$$\text{(vi)} \quad \sqrt[5]{31} = (31)^{\frac{1}{5}} = (32 - 1)^{\frac{1}{5}} = (32)^{\frac{1}{5}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{32} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \quad \text{Now do yourself}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(vii)} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{998}} &= \frac{1}{(998)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = (998)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = (1000 - 2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = (1000)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{1000}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= (10^3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{500}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{500}\right) + \frac{-\frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{1}{3}-1\right)}{2!} \left(-\frac{1}{500}\right)^2 + \dots\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{1500}\right) + \frac{-\frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{250000}\right) + \dots\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \left(1 + (0.0006667) + \frac{2}{9}(0.000004) + \dots\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) (1 + 0.0006667 + 0.00000089 + \dots) \\
 &\approx \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) (1.00066759) = 0.100066759 \approx 0.100 \quad \text{Answer}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(viii)} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt[5]{252}} &= \frac{1}{(252)^{\frac{1}{5}}} = (252)^{-\frac{1}{5}} = (243 + 9)^{-\frac{1}{5}} = (243)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \left(1 + \frac{9}{243}\right)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
 &= (3^5)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{27}\right)^{-\frac{1}{5}} \quad \text{Now do yourself as above}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ix)} \quad \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{8}} &= \sqrt{\frac{7}{8}} = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!} \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 + \dots \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{64}\right) + \dots \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{64}\right) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{512} + \dots \\
 &= 1 - 0.0625 - 0.00195 + \dots \\
 &\approx 0.93555 \approx 0.936 \quad \text{Answer}
 \end{aligned}$$

(x)  $(0.998)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (1 - 0.002)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  *Now do yourself as above*

(xi) 
$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{486}} &= \frac{1}{(486)^{\frac{1}{6}}} = (486)^{-\frac{1}{6}} = (729 - 243)^{-\frac{1}{6}} = (729)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left(1 - \frac{243}{729}\right)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \\
 &= (3^6)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \quad \text{Now do yourself}
 \end{aligned}$$

(xii) 
$$(1280)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (1296 - 16)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (1296)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 - \frac{16}{1296}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (6^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{81}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$
*Now do yourself*

**Question # 3**

Find the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of

- (i)  $\frac{(1+x^2)}{(1+x)^2}$       (ii)  $\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^2}$       (iii)  $\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2}$
- (iv)  $\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^3}$       (v)  $(1-x+x^2-x^3+\dots)^2$

**Solution**

(i) 
$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(1+x^2)}{(1+x)^2} &= (1+x^2)(1+x)^{-2} \\
 &= (1+x^2) \left( 1 + (-2)(x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!}(x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
 &= (1+x^2) \left( 1 - 2x + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2}(x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{3 \cdot 2}(x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
 &= (1+x^2)(1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots) \\
 &= (1+x^2)(1 + (-1)2x + (-1)^2 3x^2 + (-1)^3 4x^3 + \dots)
 \end{aligned}$$

Following in this way we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(1+x^2)}{(1+x)^2} &= (1+x^2)(1 + (-1)2x + (-1)^2 3x^2 + (-1)^3 4x^3 + \dots + (-1)^{n-2}(n-1)x^{n-2} + \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad (-1)^{n-1}(n)x^{n-1} + (-1)^n(n+1)x^n + \dots)
 \end{aligned}$$

So taking only terms involving  $x^n$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& (-1)^n(n+1)x^n + (-1)^{n-2}(n-1)x^n \\
&= (-1)^n(n+1)x^n + (-1)^n(-1)^{-2}(n-1)x^n \\
&= (-1)^n(n+1)x^n + (-1)^n(n-1)x^n \\
&\quad \because (-1)^{-2} = 1 \\
&= (n+1+n-1)(-1)^n x^n = (2n)(-1)^n x^n
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the coefficient of term involving  $x^n$  is  $(2n)(-1)^n$

(ii)

Hint:

After solving you will get

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

*Do yourself as above*

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iii)} \quad \frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2} &= (1+x)^3(1-x)^{-2} \\
&= (1+x)^3 \left( 1 + (-2)(-x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
&= (1+x)^3 \left( 1 + 2x + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2}(x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{3 \cdot 2}(-x^3) + \dots \right) \\
&= (1+3x+3x^2+x^3)(1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots)
\end{aligned}$$

Following in this way we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(1+x)^3}{(1-x)^2} &= (1+3x+3x^2+x^3)(1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots+(n-2)x^{n-3}+(n-1)x^{n-2} \\
&\quad +(n)x^{n-1}+(n+1)x^n+\dots)
\end{aligned}$$

So taking only terms involving  $x^n$  we have term

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

Thus the coefficient of term involving  $x^n$  is  $(8n-4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iv)} \quad \frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^3} &= (1+x)^2(1-x)^{-3} \\
&= (1+x)^2 \left( 1 + (-3)(-x) + \frac{(-3)(-3-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-3-1)(-3-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1+x)^2 \left( 1 + (-3)(-x) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2}(-x)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3 \cdot 2}(-x)^3 + \dots \right) \\
 &= (1+2x+x^2) \left( 1 + 3x + \frac{(3)(4)}{2}(x^2) + \frac{(4)(5)}{2}(x^3) + \dots \right) \\
 &= (1+2x+x^2) \left( 1 + \frac{(2)(3)}{2}x + \frac{(3)(4)}{2}x^2 + \frac{(4)(5)}{2}x^3 + \dots \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Following in this way we can write

$$\frac{(1+x)^2}{(1-x)^3} = (1+2x+x^2) \left( 1 + \frac{(2)(3)}{2}x + \frac{(3)(4)}{2}x^2 + \frac{(4)(5)}{2}x^3 + \dots \right)$$

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

So taking only terms involving  $x^n$  we have term

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}x^n + 2 \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}x^n + \frac{(n-1)(n)}{2}x^n \\
 &= \left( (n+1)(n+2) + 2(n)(n+1) + (n-1)(n) \right) \frac{x^n}{2} \\
 &= \left( n^2 + n + 2n + 2 + 2n^2 + 2n + n^2 - n \right) \frac{x^n}{2} \\
 &= \left( 4n^2 + 4n + 2 \right) \frac{x^n}{2} = 2 \left( 2n^2 + 2n + 1 \right) \frac{x^n}{2} \\
 &= \left( 2n^2 + 2n + 1 \right) x^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the coefficient of term involving  $x^n$  is  $(2n^2 + 2n + 1)$ .

(v) Since we know that

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

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1-x+x^2-x^3+\dots)^2 &= ((1+x)^{-1})^2 = (1+x)^{-2} \\
 &= 1 + (-2)(x) + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)}{2!}(x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-2-1)(-2-2)}{3!}(x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1 - 2x + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2}(x)^2 + \frac{(-2)(-3)(-4)}{3 \cdot 2}(x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1 + (-1)2x + (-1)^2 3x^2 - (-1)^3 4x^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Following in this way we can write

$$= 1 + (-1)2x + (-1)^2 3x^2 - (-1)^3 4x^3 + \dots + (-1)^n (n+1)x^n + \dots$$

So the term involving  $x^n = (-1)^n (n+1)x^n$

And hence coefficient of term involving  $x^n$  is  $(-1)^n (n+1)$



**Question # 4**

If  $x$  so small that its square and higher powers can be neglected, then show that

$$(i) \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 - \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$(ii) \frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x$$

$$(iii) \frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4+5x} \approx \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}x$$

$$(iv) \frac{\sqrt{4+x}}{(1-x)^3} \approx 2 + \frac{25}{4}x$$

$$(v) \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(4-3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx \left(1 - \frac{5x}{6}\right)$$

$$(vi) \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(9-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(8+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx \frac{3}{2} - \frac{61}{48}x$$

$$(vii) \frac{\sqrt{4-x} + (8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(8-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx 2 - \frac{1}{12}x$$

**Solution**

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{1-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} = \frac{1-x}{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = (1-x)^{1-\frac{1}{2}} = (1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(-x) + \text{squares and higher power of } x. \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{2}x = \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Since} \quad \frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} = (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (1+2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(2x) + \text{squares and higher power of } x. \\ &\approx 1 + x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } (1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-x) + \text{squares and higher power of } x.$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{1+2x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} \approx (1+x)\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right)$$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x$$

ignoring term involving  $x^2$ .

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2}x \quad \text{Proved.}$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4+5x} = \left( (9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right) (4+5x)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 9^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{7x}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (3^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{7x}{9}\right) + \text{squares and higher of } x.\right) \\ &\approx 3 \left(1 + \frac{7x}{18}\right) = 3 + 3 \left(\frac{7x}{18}\right) = 3 + \frac{7x}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{4}} &= (16)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{16}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= (2^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(\frac{3x}{16}\right) + \text{square and higher power of } x\right) \\ &\approx (2) \left(1 + \frac{3x}{64}\right) = 2 + 2 \left(\frac{3x}{64}\right) = 2 + \frac{3x}{32} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (4+5x)^{-1} &= 4^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{5}{4}x\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + (-1)\left(\frac{5}{4}x\right) + \text{squares and higher power of } x\right) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{5}{4}x\right) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{16}x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \frac{(9+7x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (16+3x)^{\frac{1}{4}}}{4+5x} &\approx \left[\left(3 + \frac{7x}{6}\right) - \left(2 + \frac{3x}{32}\right)\right] \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{16}x\right) \\ &= \left[3 + \frac{7x}{6} - 2 - \frac{3x}{32}\right] \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{16}x\right) = \left(1 + \frac{103}{96}x\right) \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{16}x\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{103}{384}x - \frac{5}{16}x = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{17}{384}x \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

(iv) *Do yourself*

$$(v) \quad \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}(8+5x)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(x) + \text{square and higher power of } x \\ &\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}} &= 4^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}x\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= (2^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}x\right) + \text{square and higher power of } x\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\approx (2)^3 \left(1 - \frac{9}{8}x\right) = 8 \left(1 - \frac{9}{8}x\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (8+5x)^{-\frac{1}{3}} &= (8)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 + \frac{5}{8}x\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (2^3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{5}{8}x\right) + \text{square and higher power of } x\right) \\ &\approx (2)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

So 
$$\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(4-3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(8+5x)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \approx \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) 8 \left(1 - \frac{9}{8}x\right) \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{5}{24}x\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{8}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{9}{8}x - \frac{5}{24}x\right) \\ &= 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}x\right) = 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{4}{3}x\right) = 4 \left(1 - \frac{5}{6}x\right) \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

(vi)

*Do yourself as above*

(vii)

*Same as Question #4 (iii)*

### Question # 5

If  $x$  is so small that its cube and higher power can be neglected, then show that

$$(i) \sqrt{1-x-2x^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 \qquad (ii) \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \sqrt{1-x-2x^2} &= (1 - (x + 2x^2))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(- (x + 2x^2)\right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right)}{2!} \left(- (x + 2x^2)\right)^2 + \text{cube \& higher power of } x. \\ &\approx 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (x + 2x^2) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2} (x + 2x^2)^2 \\ &\approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}(2x^2) - \frac{1}{8}x^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{9}{8}x^2 \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

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

Now

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}x^2 + \text{cube \& higher power of } x.$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}x^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2$$

$$(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-x) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}-1\right)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \text{cube \& higher power of } x.$$

$$\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{2}x^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2$$

So

$$\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2\right)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{3}{8}x^2 = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad \text{Proved}$$

**Question # 6**

If  $x$  is very nearly equal 1, then prove that  $px^p - qx^q = (p - q)x^{p+q}$

**Solution**

Since  $x$  is nearly equal to 1 so suppose  $x = 1 + h$ ,  
 where  $h$  is so small that its square and higher powers be neglected

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= px^p - qx^q \\ &= p(1+h)^p - q(1+h)^q \\ &= p(1 + ph + \text{square \& higher power of } x) \\ &\quad - q(1 + qh + \text{square \& higher power of } h) \\ &= p(1 + ph) - q(1 + qh) \\ &= p + p^2h - q - q^2h \dots\dots\dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now R.H.S} &= (p - q)x^{p+q} \\ &= (p - q)(1+h)^{p+q} \\ &= (p - q)(1 + (p + q)h + \text{square \& higher power of } h) \\ &= (p - q)(1 + (p + q)h) = (p - q)(1 + ph + qh) \\ &= p + p^2h + pqh - q - pqh - q^2h \\ &= p + p^2h - q - q^2h \dots\dots\dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{Proved}$$

**Question # 7**

If  $p - q$  is small when compared with  $p$  or  $q$ , show that

$$\frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q} = \left( \frac{p+q}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

**Solution** Since  $p - q$  is small when compare

Therefore let  $p - q = h \Rightarrow p = q + h$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \frac{(2n+1)p + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)p + (2n+1)q} = \frac{(2n+1)(q+h) + (2n-1)q}{(2n-1)(q+h) + (2n+1)q} \\ &= \frac{2nq + q + 2nh + h + 2nq - q}{2nq - q + 2nh - h + 2nq + q} = \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq + 2nh - h} \\ &= \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq \left( 1 + \frac{2nh-h}{4nq} \right)} = \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq} \left( 1 + \frac{2nh-h}{4nq} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq} \left( 1 + (-1) \left( \frac{2nh-h}{4nq} \right) + \text{square \& higher power of } x^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq} \left( 1 - \frac{2nh-h}{4nq} \right) = \frac{4nq + 2nh + h}{4nq} \left( \frac{4nq - 2nh + h}{4nq} \right) \\ &= \frac{16n^2q^2 + 8n^2hq + 4nhq - 8n^2hq + 4nhq}{16n^2q^2} \quad \text{ignoring squares of } h \\ &= \frac{16n^2q^2 + 8nhq}{16n^2q^2} = \frac{16n^2q^2}{16n^2q^2} + \frac{8nhq}{16n^2q^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{h}{2nq} \dots\dots\dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now R.H.S} &= \left( \frac{p+q}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( \frac{q+h+q}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \left( \frac{2q+h}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( \frac{2q}{2q} + \frac{h}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( 1 + \frac{h}{2q} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= 1 + \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) \left( \frac{h}{2q} \right) + \text{square \& higher power of } h. \\ &= 1 + \frac{h}{2nq} \dots\dots\dots (ii) \end{aligned}$$

Form (i) and (ii)

L.H.S = R.H.S      Proved

**Question # 8**

Show that  $\left(\frac{n}{2(n+N)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n}$  where  $n$  and  $N$  are nearly equal.

**Solution** Since  $n$  and  $N$  are nearly equal therefore consider  $N = n + h$ , where  $h$  is so small that its squares and higher power be neglected.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= \left(\frac{n}{2(n+N)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{n}{2(n+n+h)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{2(2n+h)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{2(2n+h)}{n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{4n+2h}{n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(4 + \frac{2h}{n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{2h}{4n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (2^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (2)^{-1} \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{h}{2n} + \text{square \& higher power of } h\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{h}{4n}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{8n} \dots\dots\dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now R.H.S} &= \frac{8n}{9n-N} - \frac{n+N}{4n} \\ &= \frac{8n}{9n-(n+h)} - \frac{n+(n+h)}{4n} = \frac{8n}{9n-n-h} - \frac{n+n+h}{4n} \\ &= \frac{8n}{8n-h} - \frac{2n+h}{4n} = \frac{8n}{8n\left(1-\frac{h}{8n}\right)} - \frac{2n+h}{4n} = \left(1 - \frac{h}{8n}\right)^{-1} - \frac{2n+h}{4n} \\ &= \left(1 + (-1)\left(-\frac{h}{8n}\right) + \text{square \& higher power of } h\right) - \left(\frac{2n}{4n} + \frac{h}{4n}\right) \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{h}{8n}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{h}{4n}\right) = 1 + \frac{h}{8n} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{4n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{h}{8n} \dots\dots\dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S} \quad \text{Proved}$$

**Question # 9**

Identify the following series as binomial expansion and find the sum in each case.

(i)  $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2! \cdot 4}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3! \cdot 8}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots\dots\dots$

(ii)  $1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\dots\dots$

(iii)  $1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} + \dots$

(iv)  $1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$

**Solution**

(i)  $1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2! \cdot 4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3! \cdot 8} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots$

Suppose the given series be identical with

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

This implies  $nx = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \dots \dots \dots$  (i)

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2! \cdot 4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \dots \dots \dots$$
 (ii)

From (i)  $nx = -\frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{8n} \dots \dots \dots$  (iii)

Putting value of  $x$  in (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(-\frac{1}{8n}\right)^2 &= \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2! \cdot 4} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{64n^2}\right) &= \frac{3}{2 \cdot 4} \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)}{128n} = \frac{3}{128} &\Rightarrow (n-1) = \frac{3}{128} \cdot 128n \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \\ \Rightarrow n-3n = 1 &\Rightarrow -2n = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{n = -\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Putting value of  $n$  in equation (iii)

$$x = -\frac{1}{8 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{1}{4}}$$

So

$$(1+x)^n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}$$

(ii) Do yourself as above

(iii)  $1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} + \dots$

Suppose the given series be identical with

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

This implies  $nx = \frac{3}{4}$  ..... (i)

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8}$$
 ..... (ii)

From (i)  $nx = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4n}$  ..... (iii)

Putting value of  $x$  in (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{3}{4n}\right)^2 &= \frac{3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left(\frac{9}{16n^2}\right) &= \frac{15}{32} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{9(n-1)}{32n} &= \frac{15}{32} \Rightarrow 9(n-1) = \frac{15}{32} \cdot 32n \Rightarrow 9n - 9 = 15n \\ \Rightarrow 9n - 15n &= 9 \Rightarrow -6n = 9 \Rightarrow n = -\frac{9}{6} \Rightarrow \boxed{n = -\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Putting value of  $n$  in equation (iii)

$$x = -\frac{3}{4\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

(iv) *Do yourself as above*

**Question # 10**

Use binomial theorem to show that  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} + \dots = \sqrt{2}$

**Solution**  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} + \dots$

Suppose the given series be identical with

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

This implies

$$nx = \frac{1}{4}$$
 ..... (i)

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 8}$$
 ..... (ii)

From (i)  $nx = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4n}$  ..... (iii)

Putting value of  $x$  in (ii)



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{4n}\right)^2 &= \frac{1 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 8} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left(\frac{1}{16n^2}\right) &= \frac{3}{32} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)}{32n} = \frac{3}{32} &\Rightarrow (n-1) = \frac{3}{32} \cdot 32n \Rightarrow n-1 = 3n \\ \Rightarrow n-3n = 1 &\Rightarrow -2n = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{n = -\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Putting value of  $n$  in equation (iii)

$$x = \frac{1}{4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

Hence  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} + \dots = \sqrt{2}$  Proved

**Question # 11**

If  $y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$ , then prove that  $y^2 + 2y - 2 = 0$

**Solution**  $y = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$

Adding 1 on both sides

$$1 + y = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \dots$$

Suppose the given series be identical with

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

This implies

$$nx = \frac{1}{3} \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

From (i)  $nx = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3n} \dots \dots \dots \text{(iii)}$

Putting value of  $x$  in (ii)

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3n}\right)^2 = \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{9n^2} \right) &= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)}{18n} &= \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow (n-1) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 18n \\ \Rightarrow n-1 &= 3n \Rightarrow n-3n = 1 \\ \Rightarrow -2n &= 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{n = -\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Putting value of  $n$  in equation (iii)

$$x = \frac{1}{3 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = -\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } (1+x)^n &= \left( 1 - \frac{2}{3} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= (3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$1+y = \sqrt{3}$$

On squaring both sides

$$\begin{aligned} (1+y)^2 &= (\sqrt{3})^2 \\ \Rightarrow 1+2y+y^2 &= 3 \Rightarrow 1+2y+y^2-3=0 \\ \Rightarrow y^2+2y-2 &= 0 \quad \text{Proved} \end{aligned}$$

**Question # 12**

If  $2y = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$ , then prove that  $4y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0$

**Solution**  $2y = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$

Adding 1 on both sides

$$1+2y = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^6} + \dots$$

Comparing above series with

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

After solving as above you will get  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ , so

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

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

This implies

$$1 + 2y = \sqrt{2}$$

On squaring both sides

$$(1 + 2y)^2 = (\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 4y + 4y^2 = 2 \quad \Rightarrow 1 + 4y + 4y^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0 \quad \text{Proved}$$

### Question # 13

If  $y = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{3!} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + \dots$ ,

then prove that  $4y^2 + 4y - 1 = 0$

**Solution**

*Do yourself as above*

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