

Section 8.5 The Binomial Theorem

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to use the Binomial Theorem and Pascal's Triangle to calculate binomial coefficients and binomial expansions.

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Binomial coefficients

Pascal's Triangle

I. Binomial Coefficients (Pages 618–619)

List four general observations about the expansion of $(x + y)^n$ for various values of n .

1)

2)

3)

4)

The **Binomial Theorem** states that in the expansion of $(x + y)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}y + \dots + {}_nC_r x^{n-r}y^r + \dots + nxy^{n-1} + y^n$, the coefficient of $x^{n-r}y^r$ is _____.

Example 1: Find the binomial coefficient ${}_{12}C_5$.

What you should learn

How to use the Binomial Theorem to calculate binomial coefficients

II. Pascal's Triangle (Page 620)

Construct rows 0 through 6 of Pascal's Triangle.

What you should learn

How to use Pascal's Triangle to calculate binomial coefficients

III. Binomial Expansions (Pages 621–622)

Writing out the coefficients for a binomial that is raised to a power is called _____.

What you should learn

How to use binomial coefficients to write binomial expansions

Example 2: Use the binomial coefficients from the appropriate row of Pascal's Triangle to expand $(x + 2)^5$

Additional notes**Homework Assignment**

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