

## The binomial expansion 8C

**1 a**  $(1+x)^4 = 1^4 + \binom{4}{1}1^3x + \binom{4}{2}1^2x^2 + \binom{4}{3}1x^3 + x^4$   
 $= 1 + 4x + 6x^2 + 4x^3 + x^4$

**b**  $(3+x)^4 = 3^4 + \binom{4}{1}3^3x + \binom{4}{2}3^2x^2 + \binom{4}{3}3x^3 + x^4$   
 $= 81 + 108x + 54x^2 + 12x^3 + x^4$

**c**  $(4-x)^4 = 4^4 + \binom{4}{1}4^3(-x) + \binom{4}{2}4^2(-x)^2 + \binom{4}{3}4(-x)^3 + (-x)^4$   
 $= 256 - 256x + 96x^2 - 16x^3 + x^4$

**d**  $(x+2)^6 = x^6 + \binom{6}{1}x^52 + \binom{6}{2}x^42^2 + \binom{6}{3}x^32^3 + \binom{6}{4}x^22^4 + \binom{6}{5}x2^5 + 2^6$   
 $= x^6 + 12x^5 + 60x^4 + 160x^3 + 240x^2 + 192x + 64$

**e**  $(1+2x)^4 = 1^4 + \binom{4}{1}1^3(2x) + \binom{4}{2}1^2(2x)^2 + \binom{4}{3}1(2x)^3 + (2x)^4$   
 $= 1 + 8x + 24x^2 + 32x^3 + 16x^4$

**f**  $\left(1-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^4 = 1^4 + \binom{4}{1}1^3\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) + \binom{4}{2}1^2\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 + \binom{4}{3}1\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^3 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^4$   
 $= 1 - 2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \frac{1}{16}x^4$

**2 a**  $(1+x)^{10} = 1^{10} + \binom{10}{1}1^9x + \binom{10}{2}1^8x^2 + \binom{10}{3}1^7x^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 + 10 \times 1x + 45 \times 1x^2 + 120 \times 1x^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 + 10x + 45x^2 + 120x^3 + \dots$

**b**  $(1-2x)^5 = 1^5 + \binom{5}{1}1^4(-2x) + \binom{5}{2}1^3(-2x)^2 + \binom{5}{3}1^2(-2x)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 \times 1 + 5 \times (-2x) + 10 \times 4x^2 + 10 \times (-8x^3) + \dots$   
 $= 1 - 10x + 40x^2 - 80x^3 + \dots$

**c**  $(1+3x)^6 = 1^6 + \binom{6}{1}1^5(3x) + \binom{6}{2}1^4(3x)^2 + \binom{6}{3}1^3(3x)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 \times 1 + 6 \times 3x + 15 \times 9x^2 + 20 \times 27x^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 + 18x + 135x^2 + 540x^3 + \dots$

**d**  $(2-x)^8 = 2^8 + \binom{8}{1}2^7(-x) + \binom{8}{2}2^6(-x)^2 + \binom{8}{3}2^5(-x)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 \times 256 + 8 \times (-128x) + 28 \times 64x^2 + 56 \times (-32x^3) + \dots$   
 $= 256 - 1024x + 1792x^2 - 1792x^3 + \dots$

**2 e**  $\left(2 - \frac{1}{2}x\right)^{10} = 2^{10} + \binom{10}{1}2^9\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right) + \binom{10}{2}2^8\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 + \binom{10}{3}2^7\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^3 + \dots$

$$= 1 \times 1024 + 10 \times (-256x) + 45 \times 64x^2 + 120 \times (-16x^3) + \dots$$

$$= 1024 - 2560x + 2880x^2 - 1920x^3 + \dots$$

**f**  $(3 - x)^7 = 3^7 + \binom{7}{1}3^6(-x) + \binom{7}{2}3^5(-x)^2 + \binom{7}{3}3^4(-x)^3 + \dots$

$$= 1 \times 2187 + 7 \times (-729x) + 21 \times 243x^2 + 35 \times (-81x^3) + \dots$$

$$= 2187 - 5103x + 5103x^2 - 2835x^3 + \dots$$

**3 a**  $(2x + y)^6 = (2x)^6 + \binom{6}{1}(2x)^5y + \binom{6}{2}(2x)^4y^2 + \binom{6}{3}(2x)^3y^3 + \dots$

$$= 64x^6 + 192x^5y + 240x^4y^2 + 160x^3y^3$$

**b**  $(2x + 3y)^5 = (2x)^5 + \binom{5}{1}(2x)^4(3y) + \binom{5}{2}(2x)^3(3y)^2 + \binom{5}{3}(2x)^2(3y)^3 + \dots$

$$= 32x^5 + 240x^4y + 720x^3y^2 + 1080x^2y^3 + \dots$$

**c**  $(p - q)^8 = p^8 + \binom{8}{1}p^7(-q) + \binom{8}{2}p^6(-q)^2 + \binom{8}{3}p^5(-q)^3 + \dots$

$$= p^8 - 8p^7q + 28p^6q^2 - 56p^5q^3 + \dots$$

**d**  $(3x - y)^6 = (3x)^6 + \binom{6}{1}(3x)^5(-y) + \binom{6}{2}(3x)^4(-y)^2 + \binom{6}{3}(3x)^3(-y)^3 + \dots$

$$= 729x^6 - 1458x^5y + 1215x^4y^2 - 540x^3y^3 + \dots$$

**e**  $(x + 2y)^8 = x^8 + \binom{8}{1}x^7(2y) + \binom{8}{2}x^6(2y)^2 + \binom{8}{3}x^5(2y)^3 + \dots$

$$= x^8 + 16x^7y + 112x^6y^2 + 448x^5y^3 + \dots$$

**f**  $(2x - 3y)^9 = (2x)^9 + \binom{9}{1}(2x)^8(-3y) + \binom{9}{2}(2x)^7(-3y)^2 + \binom{9}{3}(2x)^6(-3y)^3 + \dots$

$$= 512x^9 - 6912x^8y + 41472x^7y^2 - 145152x^6y^3 + \dots$$

**4 a**  $(1 + x)^8 = 1^8 + \binom{8}{1}1^7x + \binom{8}{2}1^6x^2 + \binom{8}{3}1^5x^3 + \dots$

$$= 1 + 8x + 28x^2 + 56x^3 + \dots$$

**b**  $(1 - 2x)^6 = 1^6 + \binom{6}{1}1^5(-2x) + 1^4\binom{6}{2}(-2x)^2 + \binom{6}{3}1^3(-2x)^3 + \dots$

$$= 1 - 12x + 60x^2 - 160x^3 + \dots$$

**c**  $\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{10} = 1^{10} + \binom{10}{1}1^9\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \binom{10}{2}1^8\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + \binom{10}{3}1^7\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$

$$= 1 + 5x + \frac{45}{4}x^2 + 15x^3 + \dots$$

**4 d**  $(1 - 3x)^5 = 1^5 + \binom{5}{1} 1^4(-3x) + \binom{5}{2} 1^3(-3x)^2 + \binom{5}{3} 1^2(-3x)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 1 - 15x + 90x^2 - 270x^3 + \dots$

**e**  $(2 + x)^7 = 2^7 + \binom{7}{1} 2^6x + \binom{7}{2} 2^5x^2 + \binom{7}{3} 2^4x^3 + \dots$   
 $= 128 + 448x + 672x^2 + 560x^3 + \dots$

**f**  $(3 - 2x)^3 = 3^3 + \binom{3}{1} 3^2(-2x) + \binom{3}{2} 3(-2x)^2 + (-2x)^3$   
 $= 27 - 54x + 36x^2 - 8x^3$

**g**  $(2 - 3x)^6 = 2^6 + \binom{6}{1} 2^5(-3x) + \binom{6}{2} 2^4(-3x)^2 + \binom{6}{3} 2^3(-3x)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 64 - 576x + 2160x^2 - 4320x^3 + \dots$

**h**  $(4 + x)^4 = 4^4 + \binom{4}{1} 4^3x + \binom{4}{2} 4^2x^2 + \binom{4}{3} 4x^3 + \dots$   
 $= 256 + 256x + 96x^2 + 16x^3 + \dots$

**i**  $(2 + 5x)^7 = 2^7 + \binom{7}{1} 2^6(5x) + \binom{7}{2} 2^5(5x)^2 + \binom{7}{3} 2^4(5x)^3 + \dots$   
 $= 128 + 2240x + 16\ 800x^2 + 70\ 000x^3 + \dots$

**5**  $(2 - x)^6 = 2^6 + \binom{6}{1} 2^5(-x) + \binom{6}{2} 2^4(-x)^2 + \dots$   
 $= 64 - 192x + 240x^2 + \dots$

**6**  $(3 - 2x)^5 = 3^5 + \binom{5}{1} 3^4(-2x) + \binom{5}{2} 3^3(-2x)^2 + \dots$   
 $= 243 - 810x + 1080x^2 + \dots$

**7**  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5 = x^5 + \binom{5}{1} x^4\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \binom{5}{2} x^3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \binom{5}{3} x^2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \binom{5}{4} x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5$   
 $= x^5 + 5x^3 + 10x + \frac{10}{x} + \frac{5}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^5}$

**Challenge**

**a** 
$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)^4 &= a^4 + \binom{4}{1}a^3b + \binom{4}{2}a^2b^2 + \binom{4}{3}ab^3 + b^4 \\&= a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(a-b)^4 &= a^4 + \binom{4}{1}a^3(-b) + \binom{4}{2}a^2(-b)^2 + \binom{4}{3}a(-b)^3 + (-b)^4 \\&= a^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 - 4ab^3 + b^4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(a+b)^4 - (a-b)^4 &= (a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4) - (a^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 - 4ab^3 + b^4) \\&= 8a^3b + 8ab^3 \\&= 8ab(a^2 + b^2)\end{aligned}$$

**b**  $82\,896 = 17^4 - 5^4$

$$\begin{aligned}a &= 11 \text{ and } b = 6 \\&= 8 \times 11 \times 6 \times (11^2 + 6^2) \\&= 8 \times 11 \times 6 \times 157 \\&= 2^3 \times 11 \times 2 \times 3 \times 157 \\&= 2^4 \times 3 \times 11 \times 157\end{aligned}$$