

Problem 3. Use the binomial theorem for the following.

1. Expand $(2a - b)^5$.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & & & & & 1 \\
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 & 1 & & 2 & & 1 \\
 1 & & 3 & & 3 & & 1 \\
 1 & & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 \\
 1 & & 5 & & 10 & & 10 & & 5 & & 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2a - b)^5 &= (2a)^5 + 5(2a)^4(-b) + 10(2a)^3(-b)^2 \\
 &\quad + 10(2a)^2(-b)^3 + 5(2a)(-b)^4 + (-b)^5 \\
 &= 32a^5 - 80a^4b + 80a^3b^2 - 40a^2b^3 \\
 &\quad + 10ab^4 - b^5
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the coefficient of x^2y^4 in the binomial expansion of $(2x - y)^6$.

$$C(6, 2)(2x)^2(-y)^4 = \frac{6!}{2!4!} \cdot 4x^2y^4 = 60x^2y^4$$

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3. Prove

$$C(5, 0) + C(5, 1) + C(5, 2) + C(5, 3) + C(5, 4) + C(5, 5) = 2^5.$$

$$2^5 = (1+1)^5 = \sum_{j=0}^5 C(5, j) 1^j 1^{5-j} = \sum_{j=0}^5 C(5, j).$$