

Summary 2

Binomials, Functions

Factorials

$n! = n(n-1)(n-2)...2.1$; $n \in N$ is the number of ways n objects can be arranged.

$0! \equiv 1$

$$\text{Simplify } \frac{73!}{71!} = \frac{73 \times 72 \times 71!}{71!} = 73 \times 72 = 5256$$

Combinations

${}^n C_r$ is number of ways r objects can be selected from a total of n objects

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \text{ where } {}^n C_0 = 1 \text{ and } {}^n C_n = 1$$

Binomial Theorem

${}^n C_r$ are also coefficients in binomial expansions (and arranged in **Pascal's triangle**)

$$(x+y)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r + \dots + {}^n C_n y^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r$$

Hence the $(r+1)$ st term is $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r$

Use this to calculate any term e.g. find term with x^8 in $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$

$${}^{10} C_r (x^2)^{10-r} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^r = {}^{10} C_r x^{20-2r} x^{-r} = {}^{10} C_r x^{20-3r} \text{ Hence } 20-3r = 8 \text{ and } r = 4$$

So the term is ${}^{10} C_4 x^8 = 210x^8$

Functions

The function $y = f(x)$ **maps** the set of x **onto** the set of y .

The set of x is the **domain**; the set of y is the **range** of the function

Any value of x can only have one value of y associated with it, otherwise $f(x)$ is not a function

$$\text{Notations: } \quad 4x+5 \quad y = 4x+5 \quad f(x) = 4x+5$$

$$f : x \mapsto 4x+5 \text{ (mapping)} \quad \{(x, y) : y = 4x+5\} \text{ (set builder)}$$

INVERSE FUNCTION swap x and y in $y = f(x)$

$$\text{Ex: } y = f(x) = x+6 \quad f^{-1} \rightarrow x = y+6 \text{ or } y = x-6 \text{ Hence } f^{-1}(x) = x-6$$

COMPOSITE FUNCTION $f \circ f^{-1} \equiv x$

Ex: substitute $y = x-6$ for x in $y = x+6$ i.e. $y = (x-6)+6 = x$