

**Step 2** We assume that  $P(k)$  is true. Thus our induction hypothesis is

$$(a + b)^k = \binom{k}{0}a^k + \binom{k}{1}a^{k-1}b + \binom{k}{2}a^{k-2}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{k}{k-1}ab^{k-1} + \binom{k}{k}b^k$$

We use this to show that  $P(k + 1)$  is true.

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^{k+1} &= (a + b)[(a + b)^k] \\ &= (a + b)\left[\binom{k}{0}a^k + \binom{k}{1}a^{k-1}b + \binom{k}{2}a^{k-2}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{k}{k-1}ab^{k-1} + \binom{k}{k}b^k\right] && \text{Induction hypothesis} \\ &= a\left[\binom{k}{0}a^k + \binom{k}{1}a^{k-1}b + \binom{k}{2}a^{k-2}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{k}{k-1}ab^{k-1} + \binom{k}{k}b^k\right] \\ &\quad + b\left[\binom{k}{0}a^k + \binom{k}{1}a^{k-1}b + \binom{k}{2}a^{k-2}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{k}{k-1}ab^{k-1} + \binom{k}{k}b^k\right] && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= \binom{k}{0}a^{k+1} + \binom{k}{1}a^k b + \binom{k}{2}a^{k-1}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{k}{k-1}a^2 b^{k-1} + \binom{k}{k}ab^k \\ &\quad + \binom{k}{0}a^k b + \binom{k}{1}a^{k-1}b^2 + \binom{k}{2}a^{k-2}b^3 + \cdots + \binom{k}{k-1}ab^k + \binom{k}{k}b^{k+1} && \text{Distributive Property} \\ &= \binom{k}{0}a^{k+1} + \left[\binom{k}{0} + \binom{k}{1}\right]a^k b + \left[\binom{k}{1} + \binom{k}{2}\right]a^{k-1}b^2 \\ &\quad + \cdots + \left[\binom{k}{k-1} + \binom{k}{k}\right]ab^k + \binom{k}{k}b^{k+1} && \text{Group like terms} \end{aligned}$$

Using the key property of the binomial coefficients, we can write each of the expressions in square brackets as a single binomial coefficient. Also, writing the first and last coefficients as  $\binom{k+1}{0}$  and  $\binom{k+1}{k+1}$  (these are equal to 1 by Exercise 50) gives

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = \binom{k+1}{0}a^{k+1} + \binom{k+1}{1}a^k b + \binom{k+1}{2}a^{k-1}b^2 + \cdots + \binom{k+1}{k}ab^k + \binom{k+1}{k+1}b^{k+1}$$

But this last equation is precisely  $P(k + 1)$ , and this completes the induction step.

Having proved Steps 1 and 2, we conclude by the Principle of Mathematical Induction that the theorem is true for all natural numbers  $n$ . ■

## 12.6 EXERCISES

### CONCEPTS

1. An algebraic expression of the form  $a + b$ , which consists of a sum of two terms, is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We can find the coefficients in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  from the  $n$ th row of \_\_\_\_\_ triangle. So

$$(a + b)^4 = \blacksquare a^4 + \blacksquare a^3 b + \blacksquare a^2 b^2 + \blacksquare ab^3 + \blacksquare b^4$$

3. The binomial coefficients can be calculated directly by using

the formula  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ . So  $\binom{4}{3} = \frac{4!}{3!1!} = 4$ .

4. To expand  $(a + b)^n$ , we can use the \_\_\_\_\_ Theorem. Using this theorem, we find

$$(a + b)^4 = \binom{4}{0}a^4 + \binom{4}{1}a^3 b + \binom{4}{2}a^2 b^2 + \binom{4}{3}ab^3 + \binom{4}{4}b^4$$

## SKILLS

5–16 ■ Use Pascal's triangle to expand the expression.

5.  $(x + y)^6$       6.  $(2x + 1)^4$       7.  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^4$   
 8.  $(x - y)^5$       9.  $(x - 1)^5$       10.  $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^6$   
 11.  $(x^2y - 1)^5$       12.  $(1 + \sqrt{2})^6$       13.  $(2x - 3y)^3$   
 14.  $(1 + x^3)^3$       15.  $\left(\frac{1}{x} - \sqrt{x}\right)^5$       16.  $\left(2 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$

17–24 ■ Evaluate the expression.

17.  $\binom{6}{4}$       18.  $\binom{8}{3}$       19.  $\binom{100}{98}$   
 20.  $\binom{10}{5}$       21.  $\binom{3}{1}\binom{4}{2}$       22.  $\binom{5}{2}\binom{5}{3}$   
 23.  $\binom{5}{0} + \binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4} + \binom{5}{5}$   
 24.  $\binom{5}{0} - \binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{2} - \binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4} - \binom{5}{5}$

25–28 ■ Use the Binomial Theorem to expand the expression.

25.  $(x + 2y)^4$       26.  $(1 - x)^5$   
 27.  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$       28.  $(2A + B^2)^4$   
 29. Find the first three terms in the expansion of  $(x + 2y)^{20}$ .  
 30. Find the first four terms in the expansion of  $(x^{1/2} + 1)^{30}$ .  
 31. Find the last two terms in the expansion of  $(a^{2/3} + a^{1/3})^{25}$ .  
 32. Find the first three terms in the expansion of

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{40}$$

33. Find the middle term in the expansion of  $(x^2 + 1)^{18}$ .  
 34. Find the fifth term in the expansion of  $(ab - 1)^{20}$ .  
 35. Find the 24th term in the expansion of  $(a + b)^{25}$ .  
 36. Find the 28th term in the expansion of  $(A - B)^{30}$ .  
 37. Find the 100th term in the expansion of  $(1 + y)^{100}$ .  
 38. Find the second term in the expansion of

$$\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{25}$$

39. Find the term containing  $x^4$  in the expansion of  $(x + 2y)^{10}$ .  
 40. Find the term containing  $y^3$  in the expansion of  $(\sqrt{2} + y)^{12}$ .  
 41. Find the term containing  $b^8$  in the expansion of  $(a + b^2)^{12}$ .  
 42. Find the term that does not contain  $x$  in the expansion of

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

43–46 ■ Factor using the Binomial Theorem.

43.  $x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4$

44.  $(x - 1)^5 + 5(x - 1)^4 + 10(x - 1)^3 + 10(x - 1)^2 + 5(x - 1) + 1$

45.  $8a^3 + 12a^2b + 6ab^2 + b^3$

46.  $x^8 + 4x^6y + 6x^4y^2 + 4x^2y^3 + y^4$

47–52 ■ Simplify using the Binomial Theorem.

47.  $\frac{(x + h)^3 - x^3}{h}$       48.  $\frac{(x + h)^4 - x^4}{h}$

49. Show that  $(1.01)^{100} > 2$ . [Hint: Note that  $(1.01)^{100} = (1 + 0.01)^{100}$ , and use the Binomial Theorem to show that the sum of the first two terms of the expansion is greater than 2.]50. Show that  $\binom{n}{0} = 1$  and  $\binom{n}{n} = 1$ .51. Show that  $\binom{n}{1} = \binom{n}{n-1} = n$ .52. Show that  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$  for  $0 \leq r \leq n$ .

53. In this exercise we prove the identity

$$\binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r}$$

- (a) Write the left-hand side of this equation as the sum of two fractions.  
 (b) Show that a common denominator of the expression that you found in part (a) is  $r!(n - r + 1)!$ .  
 (c) Add the two fractions using the common denominator in part (b), simplify the numerator, and note that the resulting expression is equal to the right-hand side of the equation.  
 54. Prove that  $\binom{n}{r}$  is an integer for all  $n$  and for  $0 \leq r \leq n$ . [Suggestion: Use induction to show that the statement is true for all  $n$ , and use Exercise 53 for the induction step.]

## APPLICATIONS

55. **Difference in Volumes of Cubes** The volume of a cube of side  $x$  inches is given by  $V(x) = x^3$ , so the volume of a cube of side  $x + 2$  inches is given by  $V(x + 2) = (x + 2)^3$ . Use the Binomial Theorem to show that the difference in volume between the larger and smaller cubes is  $6x^2 + 12x + 8$  cubic inches.

56. **Probability of Hitting a Target** The probability that an archer hits the target is  $p = 0.9$ , so the probability that he misses the target is  $q = 0.1$ . It is known that in this situation the probability that the archer hits the target exactly  $r$  times in  $n$  attempts is given by the term containing  $p^r$  in the binomial expansion of  $(p + q)^n$ . Find the probability that the archer hits the target exactly three times in five attempts.

## DISCOVERY ■ DISCUSSION ■ WRITING

57. **Powers of Factorials** Which is larger,  $(100!)^{101}$  or  $(101!)^{100}$ ? [Hint: Try factoring the expressions. Do they have any common factors?]

- 58. Sums of Binomial Coefficients** Add each of the first five rows of Pascal's triangle, as indicated. Do you see a pattern?

$$1 + 1 = ?$$

$$1 + 2 + 1 = ?$$

$$1 + 3 + 3 + 1 = ?$$

$$1 + 4 + 6 + 4 + 1 = ?$$

$$1 + 5 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 1 = ?$$

On the basis of the pattern you have found, find the sum of the  $n$ th row:

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}$$

Prove your result by expanding  $(1 + 1)^n$  using the Binomial Theorem.

- 59. Alternating Sums of Binomial Coefficients** Find the sum

$$\binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \cdots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n}$$

by finding a pattern as in Exercise 58. Prove your result by expanding  $(1 - 1)^n$  using the Binomial Theorem.

## CHAPTER 12 | REVIEW

### CONCEPT CHECK

- (a) What is a sequence?

(b) What is an arithmetic sequence? Write an expression for the  $n$ th term of an arithmetic sequence.

(c) What is a geometric sequence? Write an expression for the  $n$ th term of a geometric sequence.
- (a) What is a recursively defined sequence?

(b) What is the Fibonacci sequence?
- (a) What is meant by the partial sums of a sequence?

(b) If an arithmetic sequence has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ , write an expression for the sum of its first  $n$  terms.

(c) If a geometric sequence has first term  $a$  and common ratio  $r$ , write an expression for the sum of its first  $n$  terms.

(d) Write an expression for the sum of an infinite geometric series with first term  $a$  and common ratio  $r$ . For what values of  $r$  is your formula valid?
- (a) Write the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$  without using sigma notation.

(b) Write  $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + \cdots + b_n$  using sigma notation.
- Write an expression for the amount  $A_f$  of an annuity consisting of  $n$  regular equal payments of size  $R$  with interest rate  $i$  per time period.
- State the Principle of Mathematical Induction.
- Write the first five rows of Pascal's triangle. How are the entries related to each other?
- (a) What does the symbol  $n!$  mean?

(b) Write an expression for the binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{r}$ .

(c) State the Binomial Theorem.

(d) Write the term that contains  $a^r$  in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$ .

### EXERCISES

**1–6** ■ Find the first four terms as well as the tenth term of the sequence with the given  $n$ th term.

$$1. a_n = \frac{n^2}{n+1}$$

$$2. a_n = (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{n}$$

$$3. a_n = \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^3}$$

$$4. a_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$5. a_n = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}$$

$$6. a_n = \binom{n+1}{2}$$

**7–10** ■ A sequence is defined recursively. Find the first seven terms of the sequence.

$$7. a_n = a_{n-1} + 2n - 1, \quad a_1 = 1$$

$$8. a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{n}, \quad a_1 = 1$$

$$9. a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}, \quad a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3$$

$$10. a_n = \sqrt{3a_{n-1}}, \quad a_1 = \sqrt{3}$$

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1. binomial 2. Pascal's; 1, 4, 6, 4, 1

3.  $\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}; \frac{4!}{3!(4-3)!} = 4$

4. Binomial;  $\binom{4}{0}, \binom{4}{1}, \binom{4}{2}, \binom{4}{3}, \binom{4}{4}$

5.  $x^6 + 6x^5y + 15x^4y^2 + 20x^3y^3 + 15x^2y^4 + 6xy^5 + y^6$

7.  $x^4 + 4x^2 + 6 + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^4}$

9.  $x^5 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 10x^2 + 5x - 1$

11.  $x^{10}y^5 - 5x^8y^4 + 10x^6y^3 - 10x^4y^2 + 5x^2y - 1$

13.  $8x^3 - 36x^2y + 54xy^2 - 27y^3$

15.  $\frac{1}{x^5} - \frac{5}{x^{7/2}} + \frac{10}{x^2} - \frac{10}{x^{1/2}} + 5x - x^{5/2}$

17. 15 19. 4950 21. 18 23. 32

25.  $x^4 + 8x^3y + 24x^2y^2 + 32xy^3 + 16y^4$

27.  $1 + \frac{6}{x} + \frac{15}{x^2} + \frac{20}{x^3} + \frac{15}{x^4} + \frac{6}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^6}$

29.  $x^{20} + 40x^{19}y + 760x^{18}y^2$  31.  $25a^{26/3} + a^{25/3}$

33.  $48,620x^{18}$  35.  $300a^2b^{23}$  37.  $100y^{99}$  39.  $13,440x^4y^6$

41.  $495a^8b^8$  43.  $(x+y)^4$  45.  $(2a+b)^3$  47.  $3x^2 + 3xh + h^2$