



10.3 – Binomial expansion

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1. (a)

$\sqrt{(4-9x)} = (4-9x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \underline{(4)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\left(1 - \frac{9x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2\left(1 - \frac{9x}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
$= \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(kx) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \dots \right]$
$= \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{9x}{4}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{9x}{4}\right)^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$
$= 2\left[1 - \frac{9}{8}x - \frac{81}{128}x^2 + \dots\right]$
$= 2 - \frac{9}{4}x; -\frac{81}{64}x^2 + \dots$

(b) $\sqrt{310} = 10\sqrt{3.1} = 10\sqrt{(4-9(0.1))}$, so $x = 0.1$

When $x = 0.1$ $\sqrt{(4-9x)} \approx 2 - \frac{9}{4}(0.1) - \frac{81}{64}(0.1)^2 + \dots$

$= 2 - 0.225 - 0.01265625 = 1.76234375$

So, $\sqrt{310} \approx 17.6234375 = \underline{17.623}$ (3 dp)

2. (a) $\left\{ (2+kx)^{-3} = 2^{-3}\left(1 + \frac{kx}{2}\right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}\left(1 + (-3)\left(\frac{kx}{2}\right) + \frac{(-3)(-3-1)\left(\frac{kx}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \right\}, k > 0$

$\{A = \} \frac{1}{8}$

(b) $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^2$

$\left\{ \text{So, } \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{243}{16} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{16}k^2 = \frac{243}{16} \Rightarrow k^2 = 81 \right\}$

So, $k = 9$

(c) $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) (-3) \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)$

$\left\{ \text{So, } B = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) (-3) \left(\frac{9}{2}\right) \Rightarrow B = -\frac{27}{16} \right\}$



3.

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{(2+5x)^3} \right\} (2+5x)^{-3}$$

$$= (2)^{-3} \left(1 + \frac{5x}{2} \right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{8} \left(1 + \frac{5x}{2} \right)^{-3}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \right\} \left[1 + (-3)(kx) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!} (kx)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \right\} \left[1 + (-3) \left(\frac{5x}{2} \right) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!} \left(\frac{5x}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!} \left(\frac{5x}{2} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 - \frac{15}{2}x + \frac{75}{2}x^2 - \frac{625}{4}x^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 - 7.5x + 37.5x^2 - 156.25x^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{15}{16}x; + \frac{75}{16}x^2 - \frac{625}{32}x^3 + \dots$$

or $\frac{1}{8} - \frac{15}{16}x; + 4\frac{11}{16}x^2 - 19\frac{17}{32}x^3 + \dots$

4. (a)

$$(4+5x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (4)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{5x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \left(1 + \frac{5x}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (kx) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{5x}{4} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{5x}{4} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[1 + \frac{5}{8}x - \frac{25}{128}x^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 + \frac{5}{4}x; - \frac{25}{64}x^2 + \dots$$

(b) $\left\{ x = \frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow (4+5(0.1))^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{4.5} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}$

$$= \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

(c) $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}$ or $1.5\sqrt{2}$ or $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = 2 + \frac{5}{4} \left(\frac{1}{10} \right) - \frac{25}{64} \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^2 + \dots \{= 2.121\dots\}$

So, $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2} = \frac{543}{256}$ or $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{543}{256}$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{181}{128} \text{ or } \sqrt{2} = \frac{256}{181}$$



$$5. (a) \left\{ (1 + kx)^{-4} = 1 + (-4)(kx) + \frac{(-4)(-4-1)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \dots \right\}$$

Either $(-4)k = -6$ **or** $(1 + kx)^{-4} = 1 + (-4)(kx)$

leading to $k = \frac{3}{2}$

(b) $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2}(k)^2$

$$\left\{ A = \frac{(-4)(-5)\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2}{2!} \right\} \Rightarrow A = \frac{45}{2}$$

$$6. (2 + 3x)^{-3} = \underline{(2)}^{-3} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{2} \right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{8} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{2} \right)^{-3}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \right\} \left[1 + (-3)(kx) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}(kx)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \right\} \left[1 + (-3)\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 - \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{27}{2}x^2 - \frac{135}{4}x^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 - \frac{135}{32}x^3 + \dots$$

$$7. (a) = \dots \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(kx) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{2}(kx)^2 + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)}{3!}(kx)^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{9}x + \dots \right)$$

$$= 2 + \frac{4}{9}x + \frac{4}{27}x^2 + \frac{40}{729}x^3 + \dots$$

(b) $g(x) = 2 - \frac{4}{9}x + \frac{4}{27}x^2 - \frac{40}{729}x^3 + \dots$

(c) $h(x) = 2 + \frac{4}{9}(2x) + \frac{4}{27}(2x)^2 + \frac{40}{729}(2x)^3 + \dots$

$$\left(= 2 + \frac{8}{9}x + \frac{16}{27}x^2 + \frac{320}{729}x^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{8. (a)} \quad \frac{1}{(2-5x)^2} &= (2-5x)^{-2} = \underline{(2)^{-2}} \left(1 - \frac{5x}{2}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{5x}{2}\right)^{-2} \\
 &= \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \right\} \left[1 + (-2)(**x) + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!} (**x)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \right\} \left[1 + (-2) \left(-\frac{5x}{2} \right) + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!} \left(-\frac{5x}{2} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 + 5x; + \frac{75}{4}x^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4}x; + \frac{75}{16}x^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \left\{ \frac{2+kx}{(2-5x)^2} \right\} = (2+kx) \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4}x + \left\{ \frac{75}{16}x^2 + \dots \right\} \right)$$

$$\text{x terms: } \frac{2(5x)}{4} + \frac{kx}{4} = \frac{7x}{4}$$

$$\text{giving, } 10 + k = 7 \Rightarrow \underline{k = -3}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \text{x}^2 \text{ terms: } \frac{150x^2}{16} + \frac{5kx^2}{4}$$

$$\text{So, } A = \frac{75}{8} + \frac{5(-3)}{4} = \frac{75}{8} - \frac{15}{4} = \frac{45}{8}$$

$$\text{9. } f(x) = (\dots + \dots)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 9^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\dots + \dots)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(1+kx^2)^n = 1+nkx^2 + \dots$$

$$(1+kx^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \dots + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2} (kx^2)^2$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{4}{9}x^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{2}{9}x^2 + \frac{2}{27}x^4$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{27}x^2 + \frac{2}{81}x^4$$

$$10. (a) (2-3x)^{-2} = 2^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x\right)^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x\right)^{-2} &= 1 + (-2) \left(-\frac{3}{2}x\right) + \frac{-2 \cdot -3}{1 \cdot 2} \left(-\frac{3}{2}x\right)^2 + \frac{-2 \cdot -3 \cdot -4}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} \left(-\frac{3}{2}x\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + 3x + \frac{27}{4}x^2 + \frac{27}{2}x^3 + \dots \\ (2-3x)^{-2} &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 + \frac{27}{8}x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) f(x) = (a+bx) \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 + \frac{27}{8}x^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } x; \quad \frac{3a}{4} + \frac{b}{4} = 0 \quad (3a+b=0)$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^2; \quad \frac{27a}{16} + \frac{3b}{4} = \frac{9}{16} \quad (9a+4b=3)$$

$$\text{Leading to} \quad a = -1, b = 3$$

$$(c) \text{ Coefficient of } x^3 \text{ is } \frac{27a}{8} + \frac{27b}{16} = \frac{27}{8} \times (-1) + \frac{27}{16} \times 3 = \frac{27}{16}$$

$$11. (a) (1-8x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(-8x) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}(-8x)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{3!}(-8x)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 4x - 8x^2; -32x^3 - \dots$$

$$(b) \sqrt{1-8x} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{8}{100}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{92}{100}} = \sqrt{\frac{23}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{23}}{5} \quad *$$

$$(c) 1 - 4x - 8x^2 - 32x^3 = 1 - 4(0.01) - 8(0.01)^2 - 32(0.01)^3$$

$$= 1 - 0.04 - 0.0008 - 0.00032 = 0.959168$$

$$\sqrt{23} = 5 \times 0.959168$$

$$= 4.79584$$

$$12. f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x}} = (4+x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= (4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (1 + \dots)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \frac{1}{2} (1 + \dots)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+\dots}}$$

$$= \dots \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{2}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)}{3!}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{16}x + \frac{3}{256}x^2 - \frac{5}{2048}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 13. \text{ (a) } \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4-3x)}} &= (4-3x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{3x}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + (-\frac{1}{2})(**x) + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!} (**x)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + (-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3x}{4}) + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!} (-\frac{3x}{4})^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{3}{8}x + \frac{27}{128}x^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{16}x + \frac{27}{256}x^2 + \dots \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) } (x+8) &\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{16}x + \frac{27}{256}x^2 + \dots \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{16}x^2 + \dots \\
 &\quad + 4 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{27}{32}x^2 + \dots \\
 &= 4 + 2x + \frac{33}{32}x^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$