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## Today's Learning Goal(s):

By the end of the class, I will be able to:

- a) understand the pattern in Pascal's triangle.
- b) use Pascal's triangle to expand binomials efficiently.

2 classes ago's work: pp. 452-453 #(1 – 7)ace, 11, 13 [15,16]  
(A. Series)

Last day's work: pp. 459-461 #(1 – 6)ace, 9, 11, 13 [16,18]  
(G. Series)

## 7.7 Pascal's Triangle and Binomial Expansions

Ex.1 Expand and simplify each of the following:

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$$(a + b)^1$$

$$= a + b$$

$$(a + b)^2$$

$$= a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a + b)^3$$

$$= (a + b)(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)$$

$$= \underline{a^3} + \underline{2a^2b} + \underline{ab^2} + \underline{a^2b} + \underline{2ab^2} + \underline{b^3}$$

$$= a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$(a + b)^4$$

$$= (a + b)(a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3)$$

$$= \underline{a^4} + \underline{3a^3b} + \underline{3a^2b^2} + \underline{ab^3} + \underline{a^3b} + \underline{3a^2b^2} + \underline{3ab^3} + \underline{b^4}$$

$$= a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

$$= a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

$$= a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

Before continuing, let's explore Pascal's Triangle!

*Click on the paperclip to learn about Pascal's Triangle.*



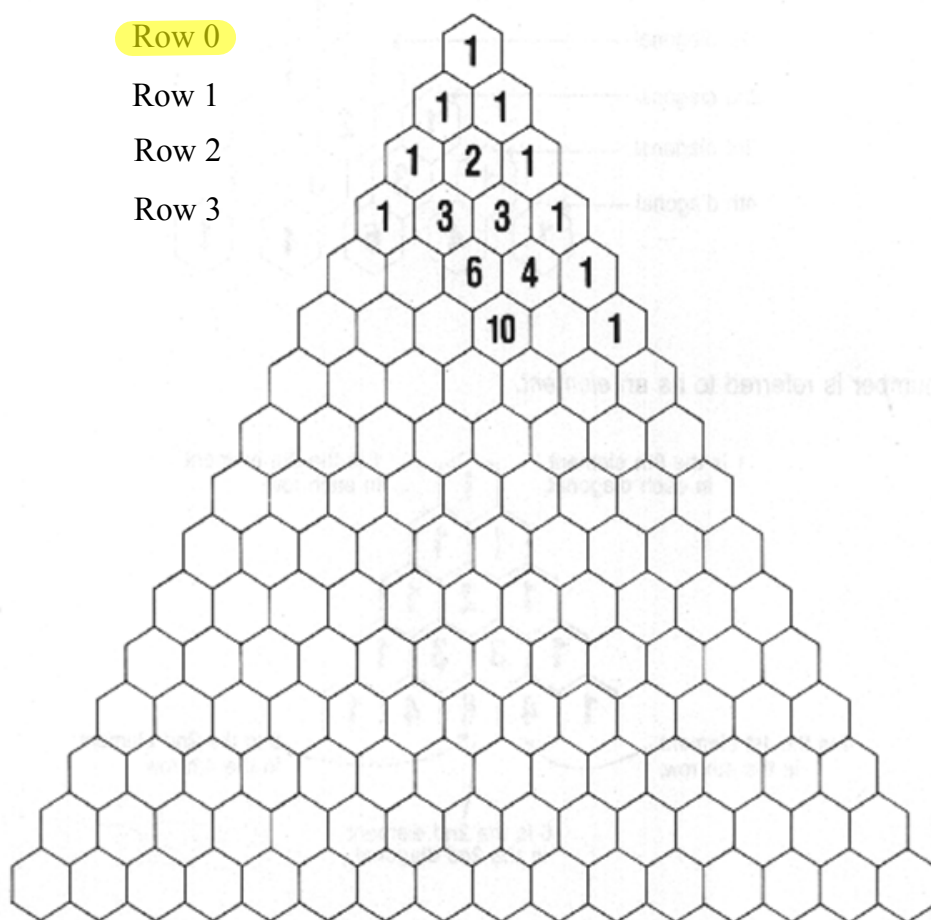
## Pascal's Triangle

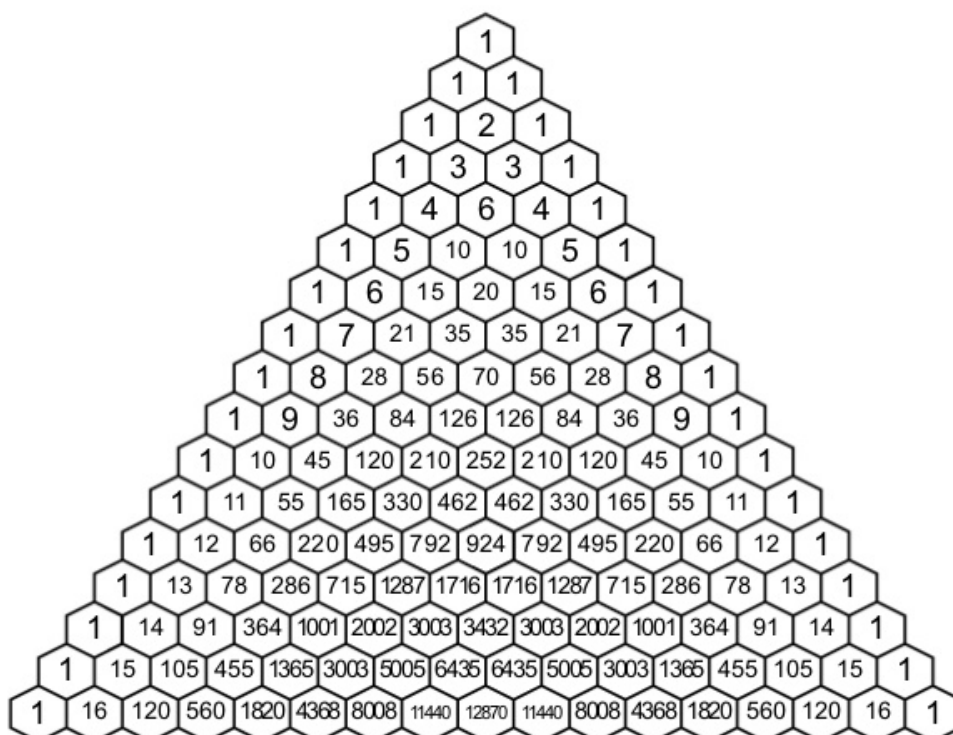
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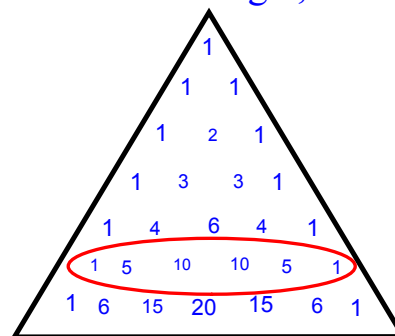
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The *coefficients* for a binomial expansion are found in **Pascal's Triangle**!!  
 The exponent on the  $x$  begins with the exponent of the binomial and progressively decreases to zero; the exponent on the  $y$  begins at zero and progresses to equal the exponent on the binomial.

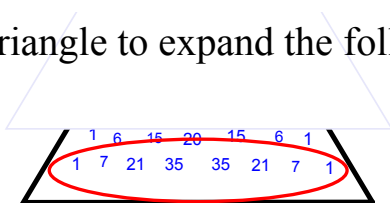
So for  $(x + y)^5$ , the coefficients are in the 5th row of Pascal's Triangle, so the expansion is:



$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)^5 &= 1x^5y^0 + 5x^4y^1 + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5x^1y^4 + 1x^0y^5 \\ &= x^5 + 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4 + y^5\end{aligned}$$

Ex.2 Use Pascal's triangle to expand the following:

a)  $(x + 3)^7$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1x^7 + 7x^6y^1 + 21x^5y^2 + 35x^4y^3 + 35x^3y^4 + 21x^2y^5 + 7xy^6 + y^7 \\
 &= x^7 + 7x^6(3) + 21x^5(3)^2 + 35x^4(3)^3 + 35x^3(3)^4 + 21x^2(3)^5 + 7x(3)^6 + (3)^7 \\
 &= x^7 + 21x^6 + 189x^5 + 945x^4 + 2835x^3 + 5103x^2 + 5103x + 2187
 \end{aligned}$$

b)  $(2x - 5y)^5$       1 5 10 10 5 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a^5 + 5a^4b + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + 5ab^4 + b^5 \\
 &= (2x)^5 + 5(2x)^4(-5y) + 10(2x)^3(-5y)^2 + 10(2x)^2(-5y)^3 + 5(2x)(-5y)^4 + (-5y)^5 \\
 &= 32x^5 - 400x^4y + 2000x^3y^2 - 5000x^2y^3 + 6250xy^4 - 3125y^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex.3 If time, show "my" patterning method.

$(x - 1)^8$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1x^8 - 8x^7y + 28x^6y^2 - 56x^5y^3 + 70x^4y^4 - 56x^3y^5 + 28x^2y^6 - 8xy^7 + y^8 \\
 &= x^8 - 8x^7 + 28x^6 - 56x^5 + 70x^4 - 56x^3 + 28x^2 - 8x + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex.4  $(x - 3)^9$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1x^9 + \frac{(1)(9)}{1}x^8(-3) + \frac{(9)(8)}{2}x^7(-3)^2 + \frac{(36)(7)}{3}x^6(-3)^3 \\
 &= x^9 + 9x^8(-3) + 36x^7(-3)^2 \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

**Are there any Homework Questions you would like to see on the board?**

Last day's work: pp. 459-461 #(1 – 6)ace, 9, 11, 13 [16,18]

Today's Homework Practice includes:

p. 466 #1 – 3, (4 – 5)ace, 6, 8, 10  
& Begin Review

## Attachments

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PascalsTriangle.notebook