



3. Suppose that the number "x" satisfies the equation:  $5 = x + x^{-1}$ . What is the value of  $x^4 + x^{-4}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 &= (5)^2 & x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} &=? & \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) &= 529 \\ \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) &= 25 & & & x^4 + 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{x^4} &= 529 \\ x^2 + 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{x^2} &= 25 & & & x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} &= 527 \\ \boxed{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 23} & & & & & \end{aligned}$$

4. There are integers "a" and "b" such that:  $(1 + \sqrt{2})^{16} = a + b\sqrt{2}$ . What is the value of "a"?

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$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \sqrt{2})^2 &= (1 + \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2}) \\ &= 1 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2 \\ &= 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \\ \therefore (1 + \sqrt{2})^{16} &= (3 + 2\sqrt{2})^8 = (17 + 12\sqrt{2})^4 \\ (3 + 2\sqrt{2})(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) &= 9 + 12\sqrt{2} + 8 \\ &= 17 + 12\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \sqrt{2})^{16} &= (17 + 12\sqrt{2})^4 \\ &= \binom{4}{0} 17^4 + \binom{4}{1} 17^3 \cdot 12\sqrt{2} + \binom{4}{2} 17^2 \cdot (12\sqrt{2})^2 + \binom{4}{3} 17 \cdot (12\sqrt{2})^3 + \binom{4}{4} (12\sqrt{2})^4 \\ &= 17^4 + 4 \cdot 17^3 \cdot 12\sqrt{2} + 6 \cdot 17^2 \cdot 144 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 17 \cdot 1728 \cdot 2\sqrt{2} + 12^4 \cdot 4 \\ a &= 17^4 + 6 \cdot 17^2 \cdot 288 + 12^4 \cdot 4 & b\sqrt{2} &= 4 \cdot 17^3 \cdot 12\sqrt{2} + 6 \cdot 17 \cdot 12^3 \cdot 2\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

5. Given the expression:  $(x + a)^5$ , what are the values of "a" and "x" if the third term of the expression is equal to 4320 and the fifth term is equal to 3840.

6. Given the expression:  $(a - b)^4$ , what are the values of "a" and "b" if the third term of the expression is equal to 108 and the fourth term is  $-24\sqrt{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^4 &= \binom{4}{0} a^4 (-b)^0 + \binom{4}{1} a^3 (-b)^1 + \binom{4}{2} a^2 (-b)^2 + \binom{4}{3} a^1 (-b)^3 + \binom{4}{4} a^0 (-b)^4 \\ &= a^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 - 4ab^3 + b^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6a^2b^2 &= 108 & 4ab^3 &= 24\sqrt{2} \\ a^2b^2 &= 18 & ab^3 &= 6\sqrt{2} \\ ab &= \pm 3\sqrt{2} & & \\ a &= \pm 3 & & \\ \frac{ab^3}{ab} &= \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\pm 3\sqrt{2}} & & \\ b^2 &= 2 & & \\ b &= \pm \sqrt{2} & & \end{aligned}$$

$(3, \sqrt{2})$   
 $(-3, -\sqrt{2})$

7. If the first term of the expansion  $(a + b)^6$  is equal to 512 and the last term is 5832, then what is the value of the expression?

8. If the sum of the coefficients of  $(a+b)^n$  is equal to 128, how many terms are in the expansion?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 1 = 2^0 \\
 1 \quad 1 = 2^1 \\
 1 \quad 2 \quad 1 = 2^2 \\
 1 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 1 = 2^3 \\
 \underline{1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 4 \quad 1} = 2^4
 \end{array}$$

$2^7 = 128$   
 $\therefore 8 \text{ terms}$

9. If  $(x+3)^5 - (x+2)^4 = Ax^5 + Bx^4 + Cx^3 + Dx^2 + Ex + F$ . What is the value of  $A+B+C+D+E+F$ ?

10. The 4<sup>th</sup> term of  $(x-0.5)^n$  is  $-15x^7$ . What is the value of "n"?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \frac{1}{x^n} \quad \frac{n}{x^{n-1}} \quad \frac{nC_2}{x^{n-2}} \quad \frac{nC_3}{x^{n-3}} \\
 (-0.5)^0 \quad (-0.5)^1 \quad (-0.5)^2 \quad (-0.5)^3
 \end{array}$$

$10C_3 \cdot x^7 \cdot (-0.5)^3 =$

$$\frac{nC_3}{x^{n-3}} \cdot (-0.5)^3 = -15x^7$$

$\therefore n=10$

11. The 7<sup>th</sup> term of  $(2x-1)^n$  is  $112x^2$ . What is the value of "n"?

12. Determine "b" such that  $(x-b)^{10}$  has the term  $-1875x^7$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 10C_0 \quad 10C_1 \quad 10C_2 \quad 10C_3 \\
 x^{10} \quad x^9 \quad x^8 \quad x^7 \\
 b^0 \quad (-b)^1 \quad (-b)^2 \quad (-b)^3
 \end{array}$$

$-1875x^7$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 10C_3 \cdot x^7 \cdot (-b)^3 = -1875 \\
 120 \cdot (-b)^3 = -1875 \\
 \frac{120(-1)b^3}{120(-1)} = \frac{-1875}{120} \\
 b = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-1875}{-120}} \\
 \boxed{b = \frac{5}{2}}
 \end{array}$$

13.  $(\sqrt{3}-1)^4 - (2\sqrt{3}+2)^3 = A+B\sqrt{C}$ . What is the value of  $A+B+C$ ?

$$(\sqrt{3}-1)^4 = \binom{4}{0}(\sqrt{3})^4 - \binom{4}{1}(\sqrt{3})^3 + \binom{4}{2}(\sqrt{3})^2 - \binom{4}{3}(\sqrt{3}) + \binom{4}{4}1$$

$$= 1 - 4\sqrt{3} + 12 - 12\sqrt{3} + 9$$

$$(2\sqrt{3}+2)^3 = 2^3(\sqrt{3}+1)^3$$

$$= 8(\sqrt{3}+1)^3 = 8\left(\binom{3}{0}(\sqrt{3})^3 + \binom{3}{1}(\sqrt{3})^2 + \binom{3}{2}(\sqrt{3}) + \binom{3}{3}1\right)$$

$$= 8(1 + 3\sqrt{3} + 9 + 3\sqrt{3})$$

$$= 8 + 24\sqrt{3} + 72 + 24\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

14. Solve for all the possible value(s) of "x"

$$\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1}{x+1} = 25$$

$$\frac{(x+1)^3}{x+1} = 25$$

$$(x+1)^2 = 25$$

$$x+1 = 5$$

$$\boxed{x=4}$$

$$x+1 = -5$$

$$\boxed{x=-6}$$

15. Solve for all the possible value(s) of "x"

$$\frac{x^5 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 10x^2 + 5x - 1}{(1-x)^2} = 343$$

16. The expansion of  $(3+2x)(1-x)^n = ax^2 - 10x + 3$ . Find the values of "a" and "n"

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

$$(3-x-2x^2)(1-x)$$

$$3-x-2x^2-3x+x^2+2x^3$$

$$(3+2x)(1-x)^3$$

$$(2x^3-x^2-4x+3)(1-x)$$

$$2x^3-x^2-4x+3-2x^4+x^3+4x^2-3x$$

$$-2x^4+3x^3+3x^2-7x+3$$

$$\frac{(3+2x)(1-x)^4}{(-2x^4+3x^3+3x^2-7x+3)(1-x)}$$

$$-2x^4+3x^3+3x^2-7x+3$$

$$+2x^5-3x^4-3x^3+7x^2-3x$$

$$\frac{2x^5-5x^4+10x^3-10x^2+3}{ax^2-10x+3}$$

$$2x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 3 =$$

17. Challenge: Find the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expression:  $(2+x-x^2)^4 - (3-2x-x^2)^5$

$$n=4$$

$$ax^2 = 2x^5 - 5x^4 + 10x^3$$

$$\boxed{a = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 10}$$

$$= (2+x-x^2)^4 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (3-2x-x^2)^5 \\ (-x^2-2x+3)^5 \\ (-1)^5 (x^2+2x-3)^5 \\ -1(x^2+(2x-3))^5 \\ -1((x-1)(x+3))^5 \end{array} \right.$$

$$= (-x^2+x+2)^4$$

$$= (-1)^4 (x^2-x-2)^4$$

$$= (x^2-x-2)^4$$

$$= [x^2-(x+2)]^4$$

$$= [(x-2)(x+1)]^4$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [x^2-(x+2)]^4 \\ [x^2+(2x-3)]^5 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\binom{4}{0}(x^2)^4 - \binom{4}{1}(x^2)^3(x+2) + \binom{4}{2}(x^2)^2(x+2)^2 - \binom{4}{3}(x^2)(x+2)^3 + \binom{4}{4}(x+2)^4$$

$$\frac{x^8}{N} - 4x^6(x+2) + 6x^4(x+2)^2 - 4x^2(x+2)^3 + (x+2)^4$$