NEW BINOMIAL THEOREM

If n is odd,

$$(a+b)^n = 2^{n-1}(a^n+b^n) - \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \binom{n}{2k}(a+b)^{n-2k}(a-b)^{2k}$$

If n is even,

$$(a+b)^n = 2^{n-1}(a^n+b^n) - \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} \binom{n}{2k}(a+b)^{n-2k}(a-b)^{2k}$$

SUM OF TWO N POWERS

If n is odd, we can see that;

$$a^n+b^n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \binom{n}{2k}(a+b)^{n-2k}(a-b)^{2k} \qquad (1)$$

If n is even, we can see that;

$$a^n+b^n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} \binom{n}{2k}(a+b)^{n-2k}(a-b)^{2k} \qquad (2)$$

APPLICATION

If

$x - y = \alpha$ **(3)**

$x^4 + y^4 = \beta$ **(4)**

Can we find a solution to ***x and y*** *without arriving at general quartic equation if* ***α and β*** *are given?*
Equation (2) above can answer this question because if n = 4,

$$x^4+y^4 = \frac{1}{2^{4-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{4}{2}} \binom{4}{2k}(x+y)^{4-2k}(x-y)^{2k}$$

$$x^4+y^4 = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{k=0}^{2} \binom{4}{2k}(x+y)^{4-2k}(x-y)^{2k}$$

$$8(x^4+y^4) = (x+y)^4 + 6(x+y)^2(x-y)^2 + (x-y)^4 \qquad (5)$$

Putting (3) and (4) in (5), we get;

$$8\beta = (x+y)^4 + 6(x+y)^2(\alpha)^2 + (\alpha)^4$$
$$(x+y)^4 + 6(x+y)^2(\alpha)^2 + (\alpha)^4 - 8\beta = 0$$

We can get the value of x+y using bi-quadratic formula

Let λ be the value of x + y such that;
x+y = λ (6)
We can get the values of x and y by solving (3) and (6).

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 4th POWERS OF AN ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION

If

$$\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (a + nd)$$

$$\beta = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (a + nd)^2$$

$$\lambda = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (a + nd)^3$$

$$\gamma = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (a + nd)^4$$

Then

$$\lambda = \frac{\alpha(3\beta n - 2\alpha^3)}{n^2}$$

$$\gamma = \left[\frac{12\beta - n(n^2 - 1)d^2}{12}\right]\left[\frac{15\beta + n(4n^2 - 1)d^2}{15n}\right] + \beta\left[\frac{3n^2 - 7}{20}\right]d^2$$

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