

The expression of binomial formula $(a + b)^n$ when n is a prime

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Abstract

We give the expression of binomial formula $(a + b)^n$ when n is a prime number.

The binomial formula :

$$(a + b)^n = a^n + na^{n-1}b + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}a^{n-2}b^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}a^{n-3}b^3 + \dots + b^n$$

If n is a prime number, $n = p > 3$, we obtain:

$$(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p + pab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)M_{a,b}$$

$M_{a,b}$: Polynomial(a,b) of degree $p - 5$

For $p = 5$:

$$(a + b)^5 = a^5 + b^5 + 5ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

For $p = 7$:

$$(a + b)^7 = a^7 + b^7 + 7ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)(a^2 + ab + b^2) = a^7 + b^7 + 5ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)^2$$

For $p = 11$:

$$(a + b)^{11} = a^{11} + b^{11} + 11ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)(a^6 + 3a^5b + 7a^4b^2 + 9a^3b^3 + 7a^2b^4 + 3ab^5 + b^6)$$

$$(a + b)^{11} = a^{11} + b^{11} + 11ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)((a^2 + ab + b^2)^3 + a^2b^2(a + b)^2)$$

For $p = 13$:

$$(a + b)^{13} = a^{13} + b^{13} + 11ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)(a^8 + 4a^7b + 2a^6b^2 + 42a^5b^3 + 7a^4b^4 + 42a^3b^5 + 2a^2b^6 + 4ab^7 + b^8)$$

Proof:

We have:

$$(a + b)^5 = a^5 + b^5 + 5ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

In other words $a^2 + ab + b^2$ is a factor of $(a + b)^5 - (a^5 + b^5)$

1. $p = 3m + 1$

$$p = 3m + 1 \Leftrightarrow p = 6k + 7$$
$$(a + b)^p = (a + b)^{2(3k+1)}(a + b)^5 = (a^2 + 2ab + b^2)^{3k+1}(a + b)^5$$

$$= (a^2 + ab + b^2 + ab)^{3k+1}(a+b)^5 = [(a^2 + ab + b^2)N + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}](a+b)^5 = (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a+b)^5$$

and

$$a^p + b^p = a^{6k+7} + b^{6k+7} = (a^{3k+6} - b^{3k+6})(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}) + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a^5 + b^5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^p + b^p &= (a^{3(k+2)} - b^{3(k+3)})(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}) + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a^5 + b^5) \\ a^{3(k+2)} - b^{3(k+3)} &= (a^3 - b^3)L \\ \Rightarrow a^p + b^p &= (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}) + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a^5 + b^5) \\ \Rightarrow (a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p) &= (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a+b)^5 - [(a^3 - b^3)L(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}) + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a^5 + b^5)] \\ \Rightarrow (a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p) &= (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 - (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}) + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a+b)^5 - a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}(a^5 + b^5) \\ \Rightarrow (a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p) &= (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 - (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}) + a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}[(a+b)^5 - (a^5 + b^5)] \end{aligned}$$

$(a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5, (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{3k+1} - b^{3k+1}), a^{3k+1}b^{3k+1}[(a+b)^5 - (a^5 + b^5)]$ have a common factor $a^2 + ab + b^2$, hence $(a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p)$ has the factor $a^2 + ab + b^2$

$$2. p = 3n + 2$$

$$p = 3n + 2 \Rightarrow p = 6k + 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^p &= (a+b)^{6k}(a+b)^5 = (a^2 + 2ab + b^2)^{3k}(a+b)^5 \\ &= (a^2 + ab + b^2 + ab)^{3k}(a+b)^5 = [(a^2 + ab + b^2)N + a^{3k}b^{3k}](a+b)^5 = (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a+b)^5 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$a^p + b^p = a^{5+6k} + b^{5+6k} = (a^{5+3k} - b^{5+3k})(a^{3k} - b^{3k}) + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a^5 + b^5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^p + b^p &= (a^{5+3k} - b^{5+3k})(a^{3k} - b^{3k}) + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a^5 + b^5) \\ a^{3k} - b^{3k} &= (a^3 - b^3)L \\ \Rightarrow a^p + b^p &= (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{5+3k} - b^{5+3k}) + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a^5 + b^5) \\ \Rightarrow (a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p) &= (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a+b)^5 - [(a^3 - b^3)L(a^{5+3k} - b^{5+3k}) + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a^5 + b^5)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p) = (a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5 - (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{5+3k} - b^{5+3k}) + a^{3k}b^{3k}(a+b)^5 - a^{3k}b^{3k}(a^5 + b^5)$$

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$(a^2 + ab + b^2)N(a+b)^5, (a^3 - b^3)L(a^{5+3k} - b^{5+3k}), a^{3k}b^{3k}[(a+b)^5 - (a^5 + b^5)]$ have a common factor $a^2 + ab + b^2$, hence $(a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p)$ has the factor $a^2 + ab + b^2$

It is easy to show that p, a, b and $(a+b)$ are the factors of $(a+b)^p - (a^p + b^p)$, finally we obtain:

$$(a+b)^p = a^p + b^p + pab(a+b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)M_{a,b}$$

Note that if $a, b = 1$ then $a, b, (a+b), (a^2 + ab + b^2) = 1$

We also get:

$$a^p + b^p = (a + b)^p - pab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)M_{a,b}$$

$$a^p + b^p = (a + b)[(a + b)^{p-1} - pab(a^2 + ab + b^2)M_{a,b}]$$

$$a^{p-1} - a^{p-2}b + a^{p-3}b^2 - \dots + b^{p-1} = (a + b)^{p-1} - pab(a^2 + ab + b^2)M_{a,b}$$

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