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C4 Chap03 Binomial Expansion

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5.

$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 16}{(1-3x)(2+x)^2} = \frac{A}{(1-3x)} + \frac{B}{(2+x)} + \frac{C}{(2+x)^2}, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{3}.$$

(a) Find the values of  $A$  and  $C$  and show that  $B = 0$ . (4)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ . Simplify each term. (7)

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$$2. \quad f(x) = \frac{3x-1}{(1-2x)^2}, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Given that, for  $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3x-1}{(1-2x)^2} = \frac{A}{(1-2x)} + \frac{B}{(1-2x)^2}$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants,

(a) find the values of  $A$  and  $B$ .

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ , simplifying each term.

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$$f(x) = \frac{27x^2 + 32x + 16}{(3x + 2)^2(1 - x)}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{3}$$

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Given that  $f(x)$  can be expressed in the form

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{(3x+2)} + \frac{B}{(3x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{(1-x)},$$

(a) find the values of  $B$  and  $C$  and show that  $A = 0$ . (4)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . Simplify each term. (6)

(c) Find the percentage error made in using the series expansion in part (b) to estimate the value of  $f(0.2)$ . Give your answer to 2 significant figures. (4)

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$$5. \quad \frac{2x^2+5x-10}{(x-1)(x+2)} \equiv A + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+2}$$

(a) Find the values of the constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

(4)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, expand  $\frac{2x^2 + 5x - 10}{(x-1)(x+2)}$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , as far as the term in  $x^2$ . Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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1. Use the binomial theorem to expand

$$\sqrt{4-9x}, \quad |x| < \frac{4}{9},$$

in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ , simplifying each term.

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$$1. \quad f(x) = (2 - 5x)^{-2}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{5}.$$

Find the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , as far as the term in  $x^3$ , giving each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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$$1. \quad f(x) = (3+2x)^{-3}, \quad |x| < \frac{3}{2}.$$

Find the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , as far as the term in  $x^3$ .

Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

(5)

2. (a) Use the binomial theorem to expand

$$(8-3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad |x| < \frac{8}{3},$$

in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ , giving each term as a simplified fraction.

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(b) Use your expansion, with a suitable value of  $x$ , to obtain an approximation to  $\sqrt[3]{7.7}$ . Give your answer to 7 decimal places.

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5. (a) Expand  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{(4-3x)}}$ , where  $|x| < \frac{4}{3}$ , in ascending powers of  $x$  up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . Simplify each term. (5)

(5)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the first 3 terms in the expansion of  $\frac{x+8}{\sqrt{4-3x}}$  as a series in ascending powers of  $x$ . (4)

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1.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x}}, \quad |x| < 4$$

Find the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ . Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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1. (a) Find the binomial expansion of

$$\sqrt{(1-8x)}, \quad |x| < \frac{1}{8},$$

in ascending powers of  $x$  up to and including the term in  $x^3$ , simplifying each term

(4)

(b) Show that, when  $x = \frac{1}{100}$ , the exact value of  $\sqrt{1-8x}$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{23}}{5}$ .

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(c) Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{100}$  into the binomial expansion in part (a) and hence obtain an approximation to  $\sqrt{23}$ . Give your answer to 5 decimal places.

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5. (a) Use the binomial theorem to expand

$$(2-3x)^{-2}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{3},$$

in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ . Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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$$f(x) = \frac{a+bx}{(2-3x)^2}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{3}, \quad \text{where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants.}$$

In the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , the coefficient of  $x$  is 0 and the coefficient of  $x^2$  is  $\frac{9}{16}$ . Find

(b) the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ ,

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(c) the coefficient of  $x^3$ , giving your answer as a simplified fraction.

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2.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(9+4x^2)}} , \quad |x| < \frac{3}{2}$$

Find the first three non-zero terms of the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$  in ascending powers of  $x$ . Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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3. (a) Expand

$$\frac{1}{(2-5x)^2}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{5}$$

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in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^2$ , giving each term as a simplified fraction.

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Given that the binomial expansion of  $\frac{2+kx}{(2-5x)^2}$ ,  $|x| < \frac{2}{5}$ , is

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{4}x + Ax^2 + \dots$$

(b) find the value of the constant  $k$ ,

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(c) find the value of the constant  $A$ .

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3.

$$f(x) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{(9 - 4x)}}, \quad |x| < \frac{9}{4}$$

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(a) Find the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ . Give each coefficient in its simplest form.

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Use your answer to part (a) to find the binomial expansion in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ , of

(b)  $g(x) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{(9 + 4x)}}, \quad |x| < \frac{9}{4}$  (1)

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{(9 - 8x)}}, \quad |x| < \frac{9}{8}$  (2)

### 1. Given

$$f(x) = (2 + 3x)^{-3}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{3}$$

find the binomial expansion of  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ .

Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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2. (a) Use the binomial expansion to show that

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$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)} \approx 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2, \quad |x| < 1 \quad (6)$$

(b) Substitute  $x = \frac{1}{26}$  into

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

to obtain an approximation to  $\sqrt{3}$

Give your answer in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

4. (a) Find the binomial expansion of

$$\sqrt[3]{(8 - 9x)}, \quad |x| < \frac{8}{9}$$

in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ . Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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(b) Use your expansion to estimate an approximate value for  $\sqrt[3]{7100}$ , giving your answer to 4 decimal places. State the value of  $x$ , which you use in your expansion, and show all your working.

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