

Exercise

1. Use the binomial theorem to expand $(a + b)^4$.
 2. Use the binomial theorem to expand $(x + 1)^5$.
 3. Use the binomial theorem to expand $(x - 1)^4$.
 4. Use the binomial theorem to expand $(x - 2)^4$.
 5. Use the binomial theorem to find the 6th term in the expansion of $(a + b)^8$. (You can do this *without* writing all the terms of $(a + b)^8$. Think about the exponent on y in the 6th term.)
 6. Use the binomial theorem to find the 6th term in the expansion of $(x - 1)^8$.
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Answers to Exercise

(1) $a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$

(2) $x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1.$

(3) $x^6 - 6x^5 + 15x^4 - 20x^3 + 15x^2 - 6x + 1.$

(4) $x^4 - 8x^3 + 24x^2 - 32x + 16.$

(5) $56a^3b^5.$

(6) $-56x^3.$