



A NOTE ON PARALLEL BINOMIAL EXPANSION AND ITS MULTINOMIAL EXTENSION

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ABSTRACT

The note gives an application of Binomial theorem for multiplying any two digit numbers to itself any number of times which we call Parallel Binomial Expansion. The result has an easy extension to the multinomial case.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Binomial theorem states that  $(x + y)^n = {}^nC_0x^n + {}^nC_1x^{n-1}y + {}^nC_2x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_ny^n$  where n is a positive integer. The nomenclature “Binomial theorem” is credited to Abramowitz and Stegun (1972, p. 10). From Wolfram’s Mathworld, we get some more interesting facts. The binomial theorem was known for the case n=2 by Euclid, around 300 BC, and stated in its modern form by Pascal in a posthumous pamphlet published in 1665. Pascal’s pamphlet, together with his correspondence on the subject with Fermat beginning in 1654 (and published in 1679) is the basis for naming the arithmetical triangle in his honor.

Newton in 1676 showed the formula also holds for negative integers -n,

$$(x + a)^{-n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{-n C_k}{k!} x^k a^{-n-k}$$

This is the so-called negative binomial series that converges for  $|x| \ll a$ .

In fact, the generalization

$$(1 + z)^\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha C_k}{k!} z^k$$

holds for all complex  $\alpha$  with  $|z| \ll 1$  (<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/BinomialTheorem.html>)

See also Coolidge (1949) and Courant and Robbins (1996).

The following discussion applies the Binomial theorem for multiplying any two digit number to itself any number of times. The result, which we call Parallel Binomial Expansion, has an immediate extension to the multinomial case.

PARALLEL BINOMIAL EXPANSION

Parallel binomial expansion states that binomial expansion can be applied in case of place value system also for multiplying any two digit number xy to itself n number of times.

place values →					hundreds	tens	units
$(xy)^n =$	${}^nC_0x^n$	${}^nC_1x^{n-1}.y$	${}^nC_2x^{n-2}.y^2$	.....	${}^nC_{n-2}.x^2.y^{n-2}$	${}^nC_{n-1}.x.y^{n-1}$	${}^nC_n.y^n$

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**PROCEDURE:**

- Calculations must start from extreme right i.e. from UNIT’S PLACE.
- From the resultant of term at UNIT’S PLACE only last digit is to be written as the right most digit(at unit’s place) of the final result and rest must be “carried over” to the TEN’S PLACE calculation where the carried over part is added to the resultant of the term at ten’s place and from the result obtained from it the last digit is written at the ten’s place of the final result. This method is continued in a similar manner until the left most term is calculated where the entire resultant number is written at the left most part of the final result.

We illustrate the procedure with some examples.

**First Example:**

place values→		THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(27)^4 =$	${}^4C_0 \cdot 2^4$	${}^4C_1 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 7$	${}^4C_2 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 7^2$	${}^4C_3 \cdot 2 \cdot 7^3$	${}^4C_4 \cdot 7^4$
=	$1 \cdot 2^4$	$4 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 7$	$6 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 7^2$	$4 \cdot 2 \cdot 7^3$	$7^4$
=	$16+37 = 53$	$224+147 = 37[1]$	$1176+298 = 147[4]$	$2744+240 = 298[4]$	$2401 = 240[1]$
=	$53$	1441			

**Second Example:**

place values→		TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(52)^5 =$	${}^5C_0 \cdot 5^5$	${}^5C_1 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 2$	${}^5C_2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 2^2$	${}^5C_3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 2^3$	${}^5C_4 \cdot 5 \cdot 2^4$	${}^5C_5 \cdot 2^5$
=	$1 \cdot 5^5$	$5 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 2$	$10 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 2^2$	$10 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 2^3$	$5 \cdot 5 \cdot 2^4$	$1 \cdot 2^5$
=	$3125+677 = 3802$	$6250+520 = 677 [0]$	$5000+204 = 520[4]$	$2000+40 = 204[0]$	$400+3 = 40[3]$	$32 = 3[2]$
=	3802	04032				

**2. HOW DOES PARALLEL BINOMIAL EXPANSION WORK?**

We write a two digit number xy as  $xy = 10x + y$

We have,  $(xy)^n = (10x + y)^n$

Applying Binomial theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10x + y)^n &= {}^nC_0 \cdot (10x)^n + {}^nC_1 \cdot (10x)^{n-1} \cdot y + {}^nC_2 \cdot (10x)^{n-2} \cdot y^2 + \dots \\
 &\dots + {}^nC_{n-1} \cdot (10x) \cdot y^{n-1} + {}^nC_n \cdot y^n \\
 &= 10^n \cdot {}^nC_0 \cdot x^n + 10^{n-1} \cdot {}^nC_1 \cdot x^{n-1} \cdot y + 10^{n-2} \cdot {}^nC_2 \cdot x^{n-2} \cdot y^2 + \dots \\
 &\dots + 10 \cdot {}^nC_{n-1} \cdot x \cdot y^{n-1} + {}^nC_n \cdot y^n \\
 &= 10^n \cdot a_r + 10^{n-1} \cdot a_{r-1} + 10^{n-2} \cdot a_{r-2} + \dots \\
 &\dots + 10 \cdot a_1 + a_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $a_r = {}^nC_{n-r} \cdot x^r \cdot y^{n-r}$  (r=power of 10 in the respective term)

Just as  $1000 \times 5 + 100 \times 6 + 10 \times 7 + 8 = 5678$ ,

Similarly in the PLACE VALUE SYSTEM,

$$(10x + y)^n = 10^n \cdot a_r + 10^{n-1} \cdot a_{r-1} + 10^{n-2} \cdot a_{r-2} + \dots + 10 \cdot a_1 + a_0$$

place value→					THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(10x + y)^n =$	$a_r$	$a_{r-1}$	$a_{r-2}$	.....	$a_3$	$a_2$	$a_1$	$a_0$

place value→					THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(x y)^n =$	$a_r$	$a_{r-1}$	$a_{r-2}$	.....	$a_3$	$a_2$	$a_1$	$a_0$

place value→					HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(xy)^n =$	${}^n C_0 x^n$	${}^n C_1 x^{n-1} y$	${}^n C_2 x^{n-2} y^2$	.....	${}^n C_{n-2} x^2 y^{n-2}$	${}^n C_{n-1} x y^{n-1}$	${}^n C_n y^n$

### 3. A FEW DIRECT FORMULAE:

- $(ab)^2 = a^2 \left| \begin{matrix} 2 X a X b \end{matrix} \right| b^2$   
 Eg.  $(98)^2 = 9^2 \left| \begin{matrix} 2 X 9 X 8 \end{matrix} \right| 8^2$   
 $= 81 + 15 = 96 \left| \begin{matrix} 144 + 6 = 15[0] \end{matrix} \right| 6[4]$   
 $= 9604$
- $(ab)^3 = a^3 \left| \begin{matrix} 3 X a^2 X b \end{matrix} \right| 3 X a X b^2 \left| b^3 \right.$   
 Eg.  $(98)^3 = 9^3 \left| \begin{matrix} 3 X 9^2 X 8 \end{matrix} \right| 3 X 9 X 8 \left| \begin{matrix} 8^3 \end{matrix} \right.$   
 $= 729 + 212 = 941 \left| \begin{matrix} 1944 + 177 = 212[1] \end{matrix} \right| 1728 + 51 = 177[9] \left| \begin{matrix} 51[2] \end{matrix} \right.$   
 $= 941192$

### PARALLEL MULTINOMIAL EXPANSION

Parallel Multinomial Expansion states that multinomial theorem can be applied in case of place value system also for multiplying any number to itself any number of times.

place value→					HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(abcde \dots)^n =$	$T_x$	$T_{(x-1)}$	$T_{(x-2)}$	.....	$T_2$	$T_1$	$T_0$

- Here value of X is the highest value on the power of 10 in all the terms in multinomial theorem expression.
- Here  $T_x, T_{(x-1)}$  etc are the expressions of a, b, c, d, ..... and so on.
- The above expression can be understood by the examples given later.

### 4. MECHANISM OF PARALLEL MULTINOMIAL EXPANSION

- For a three digit number abc

$$(abc)^n = (100a + 10b + c)^n$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r!} \cdot 100^p \cdot a^p \cdot 10^q \cdot b^q \cdot c^r$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot 100^p \cdot 10^q$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot 10^{(2p+q)} \quad (\text{where } p + q + r = n)$$

$$= \sum T_{(2p+q)} \cdot 10^{(2p+q)}$$

- ❖ With the different values of (2p+q) say x, (x-1), (x-2), ..... , 3, 2, 1, 0

$$(abc)^n = 10^X \cdot T_x + 10^{(X-1)} \cdot T_{(X-1)} + 10^{(X-2)} \cdot T_{(X-2)} + \dots + 10^2 \cdot T_2 + 10 \cdot T_1 + T_0$$

And  $T_{(2p+q)} = \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r$  ; where X=highest value of (2p+q)

since  $1000 \times 5 + 100 \times 6 + 10 \times 7 + 8 = 5678$

Similarly in the **PLACE VALUE SYSTEM:**

place value→					HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(abc)^n =$	$T_x$	$T_{(X-1)}$	$T_{(X-2)}$	.....	$T_2$	$T_1$	$T_0$

Table 1 gives the various combinations of p, q, r and the respective value of (2p+q) are given as (take n=3)

**Table 1: Table showing combinations of p,q,r and the respective value of (2p+q) for n=3**

All possibilities of p, q, r where p+q+r=3	Values of 2p+q	Expression of $T_{(2p+q)}$
p=0, q=0, r=3;	0	$c^3$
p=0, q=1, r=2;	1	$3bc^2$
p=0, q=2, r=1;	2	$3b^2c$
p=0, q=3, r=0;	3	$b^3$
p=1, q=0, r=2;	2	$3ac^2$
p=1, q=1, r=1;	3	$6abc$
p=1, q=2, r=0;	4	$3ab^2$
p=2, q=0, r=1;	4	$3a^2c$
p=2, q=1, r=0;	5	$3a^2b$
p=3, q=0, r=0;	6	$a^3$

Here X=6. Therefore, the arrangement will be as

$$(abc)^3 = 10^6 \cdot T_6 + 10^5 \cdot T_5 + 10^4 \cdot T_4 + 10^3 \cdot T_3 + 10^2 \cdot T_2 + 10 \cdot T_1 + T_0$$

Since,

$$T_{(2p+q)} = \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r$$

Putting the value of n=3 and various values of p, q, r we get  $T_{(2p+q)}$ . Since there are two terms containing  $(2p+q) = 3$  so these two terms will be added as  $(b^3 + 6abc)$ . Similar process will be done for  $(2p+q) = 4$ .

**General formula for cube of a three digit number**

place value→	TEN LACS	LACS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(abc)^3 =$	$a^3$	$3a^2b$	$3a^2c + 3ab^2$	$6abc + b^3$	$3ac^2 + 3b^2c$	$3bc^2$	$c^3$

**Example:** Take a=1, b=2, c=3. Writing the value of  $T_{(2p+q)}$  in their respective place values for an illustration:

place values→	TEN LACS	LACS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(123)^3 =$	1	6	9+12	36+8	27+36	54	27

○ Now we give the desired expansion with proper carry over method :-

place values→	TEN LACS	LACS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(123)^3 =$		6+2 =8	21+5 =2[6]	44+6 =5[0]	63+5 =6[8]	54+2 =5[6]	2[7]

Hence

$$(123)^3 = 1860867$$

• For a four digit number abcd

$$(abcd)^n = (1000a + 100b + 10c + d)^n$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s!} \cdot 1000^p \cdot a^p \cdot 100^q \cdot b^q \cdot 10^r \cdot c^r \cdot d^s$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s \cdot 1000^p \cdot 100^q \cdot 10^r$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s \cdot 10^{(3p+2q+r)}$$

(where  $p + q + r + s = n$ )

$$= \sum T_{(3p+2q+r)} \cdot 10^{(3p+2q+r)}$$

With the different values of  $(3p+2q+r)$  say

$x, (x-1), (x-2), \dots, 3, 2, 1, 0$

$$(abcd)^n = 10^X \cdot T_x + 10^{(x-1)} \cdot T_{(x-1)} + 10^{(x-2)} \cdot T_{(x-2)} + \dots + 10^2 \cdot T_2 + 10 \cdot T_1 + T_0$$

$$\text{And } T_{(3p+2q+r)} = \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s ;$$

Where  $X = \text{highest value of } (3p+2q+r)$ ;

$$\text{since } 1000 \times 5 + 100 \times 6 + 10 \times 7 + 8 = 5678$$

Similarly in PLACE VALUE SYSTEM:

place values→					HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(abcd)^n =$	$T_x$	$T_{(x-1)}$	$T_{(x-2)}$	.....	$T_2$	$T_1$	$T_0$

Similarly, for a five digit number abcde,

$$(abcde)^n = (10000a + 1000b + 100c + 10d + e)^n$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s! \cdot t!} \cdot 10000^p \cdot a^p \cdot 1000^q \cdot b^q \cdot 100^r \cdot c^r \cdot 10^s \cdot d^s \cdot e^t$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s! \cdot t!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s \cdot e^t \cdot 10000^p \cdot 1000^q \cdot 100^r \cdot 10^s$$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s! \cdot t!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s \cdot e^t \cdot 10^{(4p+3q+2r+s)}$$

(where  $p + q + r + s + t = n$ )

$$= \sum T_{(4p+3q+2r+s)} \cdot 10^{(4p+3q+2r+s)}$$

With the different values of  $(4p+3q+2r+s)$  say

$x, (x-1), (x-2), \dots, 3, 2, 1, 0$

$$(abcde)^n = 10^X \cdot T_x + 10^{(X-1)} \cdot T_{(X-1)} + 10^{(X-2)} \cdot T_{(X-2)} + \dots + 10^2 \cdot T_2 + 10 \cdot T_1 + T_0$$

And  $T_{(4p+3q+2r+s)} = \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s! \cdot t!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s \cdot e^t$ ;

where  $X$  = highest value of  $(4p+3q+2r+s)$

since  $1000 \times 5 + 100 \times 6 + 10 \times 7 + 8 = 5678$

In PLACE VALUE SYSTEM, we have:

place values→					HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(abcde)^n =$	$T_x$	$T_{(X-1)}$	$T_{(X-2)}$	.....	$T_2$	$T_1$	$T_0$

Table 2 gives the various combinations of  $p, q, r, s, t$  and the respective value of  $(4p+3q+2r+s)$  is given as (take  $n=2$ )

**Table 2: Table showing combinations of  $p, q, r, s, t$  and the respective values of  $(4p+3q+2r+s)$  for  $n=2$**

All possibilities of $p, q, r, s, t/p+q+r+s+t=2$	Value of $(4p+3q+2r+s)$	Expression of $T_{(4p+3q+2r+s)}$
$p=0, q=0, r=0, s=0, t=2$ ; $p=0, q=0, r=0, s=2, t=0$ ; $p=0, q=0, r=2, s=0, t=0$ ; $p=0, q=2, r=0, s=0, t=0$ ; $p=2, q=0, r=0, s=0, t=0$ ;	0 2 4 6 8	$e^2$ $d^2$ $c^2$ $b^2$ $a^2$
$p=1, q=1, r=0, s=0, t=0$ ; $p=1, q=0, r=1, s=0, t=0$ ; $p=1, q=0, r=0, s=1, t=0$ ; $p=1, q=0, r=0, s=0, t=1$ ;	7 6 5 4	$2ab$ $2ac$ $2ad$ $2ae$
$p=0, q=1, r=1, s=0, t=0$ ; $p=0, q=1, r=0, s=1, t=0$ ; $p=0, q=1, r=0, s=0, t=1$ ;	5 4 3	$2bc$ $2bd$ $2be$
$p=0, q=0, r=1, s=1, t=0$ ; $p=0, q=0, r=1, s=0, t=1$ ;	3 2	$2cd$ $2ce$
$p=0, q=0, r=0, s=1, t=1$ ;	1	$2de$

Here  $X=8$ . Therefore, the arrangement will be as

$$(abcde)^2 = 10^8 \cdot T_8 + 10^7 \cdot T_7 + 10^6 \cdot T_6 + 10^5 \cdot T_5 + 10^4 \cdot T_4 + 10^3 \cdot T_3 + 10^2 \cdot T_2 + 10 \cdot T_1 + T_0$$

Since,

$$T_{(4p+3q+2r+s)} = \frac{n!}{p! \cdot q! \cdot r! \cdot s! \cdot t!} \cdot a^p \cdot b^q \cdot c^r \cdot d^s \cdot e^t$$

Put value of  $n=2$  and various values of  $p, q, r, s, t$  to get  $T_{(4p+3q+2r+s)}$ ;

- Terms with same value of  $(4p+3q+2r+s)$  will be added as shown in previous examples.

**General formula for square of a five digit number abcde:**

place values→	TEN CRORE	CRORE	TEN LACS	LACS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(abcde)^2 =$	$a^2$	$2ab$	$b^2 + 2ac$	$2ad + 2bc$	$c^2 + 2ae + 2bd$	$2be + 2cd$	$2ce + d^2$	$2de$	$e^2$

**Example:** (take a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5). Writing the value of  $T_{(4p+3q+2r+s)}$  in their respective place values for illustration-

place values→	TEN CRORE	CRORE	TEN LACS	LACS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(12345)^2=$	1	4	4+6	8+12	9+10+16	20+24	30+16	40	25

○ Now we give the desired expansion with proper carry over method-

place values→	TEN CRORE	CRORE	TEN LACS	LACS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS
$(12345)^2=$	1	4+1 =5	10+2 =1[2]	20+3 =2[3]	35+4 =3[9]	44+5 =4[9]	46+4 =5[0]	40+2=4[2]	2[5]

Hence

$(12345)^3 = 152399025$

### 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

From the previous examples, we observe that

- For a three digit number, the value of X depends on the values of  $(2p+q)$   
 For a four digit number, the value of X depends on the values of  $(3p+2q+r)$   
 For a five digit number, the value of X depends on the values of  $(4p+3q+2r+s)$  and so on.
- Calculating all the possibilities is not difficult because it follows a certain pattern. In the given two examples that pattern can be understood and by practice, finding all possibilities of p, q, r, s..... and  $T_{(subscript)}$  become quite easier.

As future work, it may be rewarding to do a comparative study on computational complexity of an algorithm that achieves these expansions with the same for an algorithm that performs the products in question without using these expansions.

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