

Example 13 Which of the following is larger?

$99^{50} + 100^{50}$ or 101^{50}

We have $(101)^{50} = (100 + 1)^{50}$

$$= 100^{50} + 50(100)^{49} + \frac{50 \cdot 49}{2 \cdot 1}(100)^{48} + \frac{50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}(100)^{47} + \dots \quad (1)$$

Similarly $99^{50} = (100 - 1)^{50}$

$$= 100^{50} - 50 \cdot 100^{49} + \frac{50 \cdot 49}{2 \cdot 1}(100)^{48} - \frac{50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}(100)^{47} + \dots \quad (2)$$

Subtracting (2) from (1), we get

$$101^{50} - 99^{50} = 2 \cdot 50 \cdot (100)^{49} + \frac{50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} 100^{47} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow 101^{50} - 99^{50} = 100^{50} + 2 \frac{50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} 100^{47} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow 101^{50} - 99^{50} > 100^{50}$$

Hence $101^{50} > 99^{50} + 100^{50}$

