

Question 1: Find the value of

$$\binom{30}{0} \binom{30}{10} - \binom{30}{1} \binom{30}{11} + \binom{30}{2} \binom{30}{12} + \dots + \binom{30}{20} \binom{30}{30}$$

Solution:

$$(1 - x)^{30} = {}^{30}C_0 x^0 - {}^{30}C_1 x^1 + {}^{30}C_2 x^2 + \dots + (-1)^{30} {}^{30}C_{30} x^{30} \dots (i)$$

$$(x + 1)^{30} = {}^{30}C_0 x^{30} + {}^{30}C_1 x^{29} + {}^{30}C_2 x^{28} + \dots + {}^{30}C_{10} x^{20} + \dots + {}^{30}C_{30} x^0 \dots (ii)$$

Multiplying (i) and (ii) and equating the coefficient of x^{20} on both sides, we get

required sum = coefficient of x^{20} in $(1 - x^2)^{30} = {}^{30}C_{10}$.