

## 8.4) Solving binomial problems

## Worked example

Find the coefficient of  $x^6$  in the binomial expansion of  $(3 + 2x)^{10}$

## Your turn

Find the coefficient of  $x^4$  in the binomial expansion of  $(2 + 3x)^{10}$

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## Worked example

Find the coefficient of  $x^3$  in the binomial expansion of  $(3 + x)(2 - 3x)^7$

## Your turn

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## Worked example

The coefficient of  $x^6$  in the expansion of  $(1 + qx)^{10}$  is 153090. Find the possible value(s) of the constant  $q$ .

## Your turn

The coefficient of  $x^4$  in the expansion of  $(1 + qx)^{10}$  is 3360. Find the possible value(s) of the constant  $q$ .

$$q = \pm 2$$

## Worked example

In the expansion of  $(1 + ax)^8$ , where  $a$  is a non-zero constant the coefficient of  $x^3$  is quadruple the coefficient of  $x^2$ .

Find the value of  $a$ .

## Your turn

In the expansion of  $(1 + ax)^{10}$ , where  $a$  is a non-zero constant the coefficient of  $x^3$  is double the coefficient of  $x^2$ .

Find the value of  $a$ .

$$a = \frac{3}{4}$$

## Worked example

Given that, in the expansion of  $(1 + qx)^8$ , the coefficient of  $x$  is  $-r$  and the coefficient of  $x^2$  is  $14r$ , find the value of  $q$  and the value of  $r$

## Your turn

Given that, in the expansion of  $(1 + qx)^8$ , the coefficient of  $x$  is  $-r$  and the coefficient of  $x^2$  is  $7r$ , find the value of  $q$  and the value of  $r$

$$q = -2, r = 16$$

## Worked example

In the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{40}$ , the coefficients of  $x^{19}$  and  $x^{20}$  are  $p$  and  $q$  respectively. Find the value of  $\frac{q}{p}$

## Your turn

In the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{20}$ , the coefficients of  $x^9$  and  $x^{11}$  are  $p$  and  $q$  respectively. Find the value of  $\frac{q}{p}$

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