Identities

Exercise 4.3

Question 1: Find the cube of each of the following binomial expressions:

(i)
$$(1/x + y/3)$$

(ii)
$$(3/x - 2/x^2)$$

(iii)
$$(2x + 3/x)$$

(iv)
$$(4 - 1/3x)$$

Solution:

[Using identities: $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b)$ and $(a - b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a - b)$]

$$\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + 3 \times \frac{1}{x} \times \frac{y}{3}\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + \frac{y}{x}\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + \left(\frac{y}{x} \times \frac{1}{x}\right) + \left(\frac{y}{x} \times \frac{y}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{y^3}{27} + \frac{y}{x^2} + \frac{y^2}{3x}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^3 - 3\left(\frac{3}{x}\right)\left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{27}{x^3} - \frac{8}{x^6} - 3 \times \frac{3}{x} \times \frac{2}{x^2}\left(\frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{27}{x^3} - \frac{8}{x^6} - \frac{18}{x^3}\left(\frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{27}{x^3} - \frac{8}{x^6} - \frac{54}{x^4} + \frac{36}{x^5}$$

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(iii)

$$(2x + \frac{3}{x})^{3}$$

$$= 8x^{3} + \frac{27}{x^{3}} + \frac{18x}{x}(2x + \frac{3}{x})$$

$$= 8x^{3} + \frac{27}{x^{3}} + \frac{18x}{x}(2x + \frac{3}{x})$$

$$= 8x^{3} + \frac{27}{x^{3}} + (18 \times 2x) + (18 \times \frac{3}{x})$$

$$= 8x^{3} + \frac{27}{x^{3}} + 36x + \frac{54}{x}$$

(iv)

$$\left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^3 = 4^3 - \left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)^3 - 3(4)\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)(4 - \frac{1}{3x})$$

$$= 64 - \frac{1}{27x^3} - \frac{4}{x}\left(4 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)$$

$$= 64 - \frac{1}{27x^3} - \frac{16}{x} + \frac{4}{3x^2}$$

Question 2: Simplify each of the following:

(i)
$$(x+3)^3 + (x-3)^3$$

(ii)
$$(x/2 + y/3)^3 - (x/2 - y/3)^3$$

(iii)
$$(x + 2/x)^3 + (x - 2/x)^3$$

(iv)
$$(2x - 5y)^3 - (2x + 5y)^3$$

Solution:

[Using identities:

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$$

$$(a + b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$
 and

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$

(i)
$$(x+3)^3 + (x-3)^3$$

Here
$$a = (x + 3), b = (x - 3)$$

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$$= (x + 3 + x - 3)[(x + 3)^{3} + (x - 3)^{3} - (x + 3)(x - 3)]$$

$$= 2x[(x^{2} + 9 + 6x) + (x^{2} + 9 - 6x) - x^{2} + 9]$$

$$= 2x[(x^{2} + 9 + 6x + x^{2} + 9 - 6x - x^{2} + 9)]$$

$$= 2x (x^{2} + 27)$$

$$= 2x^{3} + 54x$$

(ii)
$$(x/2 + y/3)^3 - (x/2 - y/3)^3$$

Here $a = (x/2 + y/3)$ and $b = (x/2 - y/3)$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{3} \right) \right] \left[\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} \right) \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2y}{3} \left[\left(\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{2xy}{6} \right) + \left(\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{2xy}{6} \right) + \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2y}{3} \left[\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2y}{3} \left[\frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{x^2y}{3} + \frac{2y^3}{37}$$

(iii)
$$(x + 2/x)^3 + (x - 2/x)^3$$

Here a = (x + 2/x) and b = (x - 2/x)

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$$= (x + \frac{2}{x} + x - \frac{2}{x})[(x + \frac{2}{x})^2 + (x - \frac{2}{x})^2 - ((x + \frac{2}{x})(x - \frac{2}{x}))]$$

$$= (2x)[(x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4x}{x}) + (x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} - \frac{4x}{x}) - (x^2 - \frac{4}{x^2})$$

$$= (2x)[(x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^2})$$

$$= (2x)[(x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^2})$$

$$= (2x)[(x^2 + \frac{12}{x^2})$$

$$= 2x^3 + \frac{24}{x}$$

(iv)
$$(2x - 5y)^3 - (2x + 5y)^3$$

Here
$$a = (2x - 5y)$$
 and $b = 2x + 5y$

$$= (2x - 5y - 2x - 5y)[(2x - 5y)^{2} + (2x + 5y)^{2} + ((2x - 5y)(2x + 5y))]$$

$$= (-10y)[(4x^{2} + 25y^{2} - 20xy) + (4x^{2} + 25y^{2} + 20xy) + 4x^{2} - 25y^{2}]$$

$$= (-10y)[4x^{2} + 4x^{2} + 4x^{2} + 25y^{2}]$$

$$= (-10y)[12x^{2} + 25y^{2}]$$

$$= -120x^{2}y - 250y^{3}$$

Question 3: If a + b = 10 and ab = 21, find the value of $a^3 + b^3$. Solution:

$$a + b = 10$$
, $ab = 21$ (given)
Choose $a + b = 10$
Cubing both sides,
 $(a + b)^3 = (10)^3$
 $a^3 + 6^3 + 3ab(a + b) = 1000$
 $a^3 + b^3 + 3 \times 21 \times 10 = 1000$ (using given values)
 $a^3 + b^3 + 630 = 1000$
 $a^3 + b^3 = 1000 - 630 = 370$
or $a^3 + b^3 = 370$

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Question 4: If a - b = 4 and ab = 21, find the value of $a^3 - b^3$.

Solution:

$$a - b = 4$$
, $ab = 21$ (given)

Choose
$$a - b = 4$$

Cubing both sides,

$$(a - b)^3 = (4)^3$$

$$a^3 - b^3 - 3ab (a - b) = 64$$

$$a^3 - b^3 - 3 \times 21 \times 4 = 64$$
 (using given values)

$$a^3 - b^3 - 252 = 64$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = 64 + 252$$

Or
$$a^3 - b^3 = 316$$

Question 5: If x + 1/x = 5, find the value of $x^3 + 1/x^3$.

Solution:

Given:
$$x + 1/x = 5$$

Apply Cube on x + 1/x

$$(x + \frac{1}{x})^3 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3(x \times \frac{1}{x})(x + \frac{1}{x})$$

$$5^3 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3(x + \frac{1}{x})$$

$$125 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3(5)$$

$$125 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 15$$

$$125 - 15 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 110$$

Question 6: If x - 1/x = 7, find the value of $x^3 - 1/x^3$.

Solution:

Given:
$$x - 1/x = 7$$

Apply Cube on
$$x - 1/x$$

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$$(x-\frac{1}{x})^3 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3(x \times \frac{1}{x})(x - \frac{1}{x})$$

$$7^3 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3(x - \frac{1}{x})$$

343 =
$$x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - (3 \times 7)$$

$$343 + 21 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} = 364$$

Question 7: If x - 1/x = 5, find the value of $x^3 - 1/x^3$.

Solution:

Given: x - 1/x = 5

Apply Cube on x - 1/x

$$(x-\frac{1}{x})^3 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3(x \times \frac{1}{x})(x - \frac{1}{x})$$

$$5^3 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3(x - \frac{1}{x})$$

$$125 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - (3 \times 5)$$

$$125 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 15$$

$$125 + 15 = x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$x^3 - \frac{1}{r^3} = 140$$

Question 8: If $(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 51$, find the value of $x^3 - 1/x^3$.

Solution:

We know that: $(x - y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2xy$

Replace y with 1/x, we get

$$(x-1/x)^2 = x^2 + 1/x^2 - 2$$

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Since
$$(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 51$$
 (given)

$$(x-1/x)^2 = 51 - 2 = 49$$

or
$$(x - 1/x) = \pm 7$$

Now, Find $x^3 - 1/x^3$

We know that, $x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + y^2 + xy)$

Replace y with 1/x, we get

$$x^3 - 1/x^3 = (x - 1/x)(x^2 + 1/x^2 + 1)$$

Use
$$(x - 1/x) = 7$$
 and $(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 51$

$$x^3 - 1/x^3 = 7 \times 52 = 364$$

$$x^3 - 1/x^3 = 364$$

Question 9: If $(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 98$, find the value of $x^3 + 1/x^3$.

Solution:

We know that: $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$

Replace y with 1/x, we get

$$(x + 1/x)^2 = x^2 + 1/x^2 + 2$$

Since
$$(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 98$$
 (given)

$$(x + 1/x)^2 = 98 + 2 = 100$$

or
$$(x + 1/x) = \pm 10$$

Now, Find $x^3 + 1/x^3$

We know that, $x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 + y^2 - xy)$

Replace y with 1/x, we get

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 = (x + 1/x)(x^2 + 1/x^2 - 1)$$

Identities

Use
$$(x + 1/x) = 10$$
 and $(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 98$
 $x^3 + 1/x^3 = 10 \times 97 = 970$
 $x^3 - 1/x^3 = 970$

Question 10: If 2x + 3y = 13 and xy = 6, find the value of $8x^3 + 27y^3$. Solution:

Given:
$$2x + 3y = 13$$
, $xy = 6$
Cubing $2x + 3y = 13$ both sides, we get
 $(2x + 3y)^3 = (13)^3$
 $(2x)^3 + (3y)^3 + 3(2x)(3y)(2x + 3y) = 2197$
 $8x^3 + 27y^3 + 18xy(2x + 3y) = 2197$
 $8x^3 + 27y^3 + 18x + 6x + 13 = 2197$
 $8x^3 + 27y^3 + 1404 = 2197$
 $8x^3 + 27y^3 = 2197 - 1404 = 793$
 $8x^3 + 27y^3 = 793$

Question 11: If 3x - 2y = 11 and xy = 12, find the value of $27x^3 - 8y^3$. Solution:

Given: 3x - 2y = 11 and xy = 12Cubing 3x - 2y = 11 both sides, we get $(3x - 2y)^3 = (11)^3$ $(3x)^3 - (2y)^3 - 3$ (3x)(2y) (3x - 2y) =1331 $27x^3 - 8y^3 - 18xy(3x - 2y) =1331$ $27x^3 - 8y^3 - 18 \times 12 \times 11 = 1331$ $27x^3 - 8y^3 - 2376 = 1331$ $27x^3 - 8y^3 = 1331 + 2376 = 3707$ $27x^3 - 8y^3 = 3707$