

## Middle Term.

The middle term depends upon the value of  $n$ .

(1) **When  $n$  is even**, then total number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$  is  $n + 1$  (odd). So there is only one middle term i.e.,  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^{\text{th}}$  term is the middle term.  $T_{\left[\frac{n}{2} + 1\right]} = {}^n C_{n/2} x^{n/2} y^{n/2}$

(2) **When  $n$  is odd**, then total number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + y)^n$  is  $n + 1$  (even). So, there are two middle terms i.e.,  $\left(\frac{n + 1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$  and  $\left(\frac{n + 3}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$  are two middle terms.

$$T_{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} = {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} x^{\frac{n+1}{2}} y^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \text{ and } T_{\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)} = {}^n C_{\frac{n+1}{2}} x^{\frac{n-1}{2}} y^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

Note: When there are two middle terms in the expansion then their binomial coefficients are equal.

Binomial coefficient of middle term is the greatest binomial coefficient.