



## APPROXIMATION

BINOMIAL EXPANSION  
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- (a) Use the 1st 3 terms of the expansion of  $(3 - 2x)^7$  to approximate  $2.8^7$
- (b) Explain why the expansion  $(1 + x)^{15} \approx 1 + 15x + 105x^2 + 455x^3$  can't be used to estimate  $2.01^{15}$
- (c) Use  $x = \frac{1}{10}$  in  $(1 - 2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x^3$  to approximate  $\sqrt{5}$

