

CHAPTER 5

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BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS

DEF 1

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k(k-1)\dots 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

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FOR $k \geq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $k \leq n$

COMBINATORIAL INTERPRETATION

$\binom{n}{k}$ - "n choose k"

$\binom{n}{k}$ denotes a NUMBER of ways to choose k -ELEMENT SUBSET from an n -element SET.

PROOF of COMBINATORIAL STATEMENT

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

is a number of ways to choose k -elem SUBSETS from n -elem SET.

STEP 1

Find the number of k -element 1-1 sequences formed out of n -element SET

REMARK 1 - all sequences of length k from n -elem set are all functions

$$f: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$$

and there are n^k of them.

We need 1-1 sequences only.

REMARK 2

DEF PERMUTATION of $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, $|A| = n$

is any FUNCTION $f: A \xrightarrow{1-1} A$

We prove:

If $|A| = n$, then # of PERMUTATIONS of A is $n!$ n70

PROOF of Remark 2

If $|A| = n$, then there are $n!$ functions $f: A \xrightarrow{\text{out}} A$, $n \geq 1$

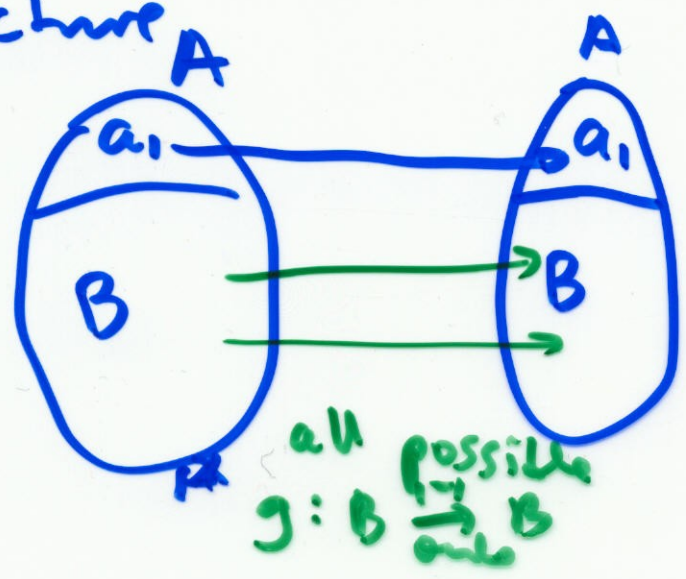
By induction over $|A| = n$
 $n=1$ $A = \{a\}$ and there is one function $f: A \xrightarrow{\text{out}} A$, $f(a) = a$ and $1! = 1$ yes

Assume that $B \subsetneq A$ (any subset of A) and $|B| = n-1$, then there is $(n-1)!$ functions that map $f: B \xrightarrow{\text{out}} B$

We count $f: A \xrightarrow{\text{out}} A$ as follows.
 group 1 Assume $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

$f(a_1) = a_1$ Fixed (a_1) By ind assumption there are $(n-1)!$ such functions

Picture



$|B| = n-1$

$f: A \xrightarrow{\text{out}} A$

$f(a_1) = a_1, f(b) = g(b)$
 $g(b) = b'$ for $b \in B$

Group 2

$$f(a_2) = a_2$$

Fix a_2

$$f(b) = g(b)$$

for $b \in B = \{a_1, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$ $|B| = n-1$

There are $(n-1)!$ functions in G_2

Group i

$i \geq 2$

$$f(a_i) = a_i$$

+

$$f(b) = g(b)$$

for $b \in A - \{a_i\} = B$ $g: B \xrightarrow{\text{int}} B$

There are $(n-1)!$ functions

There are n -groups; all

together there are

$$n \cdot (n-1)!$$

functions $f: A \xrightarrow{\text{int}} A$

$$n! = n(n-1)!$$

end of proof
of REMARK 2

In particular $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$

There are $k!$ $k-1$ sequences of length k out of A .

BACK TO STEP ONE

Let $|A| = n$ be an n -element set
We construct all 1-1 k -element
sequences out of elements of A as
follows: sequence 1-1, all $i \neq j$

b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k

- ① b_1, b_1 - there are n choices, $\frac{n!}{1!}$ $\frac{n!}{1!}$
- ② b_1, b_2 - there are $n-1$ choices, $\frac{n!}{2!}$ $\frac{n!}{2!}$
- ③ b_1, b_2, b_3 - there are $n-2$ choices for $b_i \in A$
 $b_3 \neq b_2 \neq b_1$

Induction (really)

b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k - there are $(n-k+1)$ choices
for $b_k \neq b_{k-1} \dots \neq b_1$

All together we have

$n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)$

possible 1-1 sequences b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k

STEP 2

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

represents how many are there
k-element **SUBSETS**

We know that there are
 $n(n+1) \dots (n+k+1)$ sequences 1-1

$$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$$

1-1 sequence



?

$$\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}$$

subset

SETS: $\{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_k\} = \{b_2, b_1, b_3, \dots, b_k\}$
etc

different sequences represent the same **SET**

How many of all possible
"representations" - as many
as PERMUTATIONS i.e. **k!**

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{\# \text{sequences}}{k!} = \frac{n(n+1) \dots (n+k+1)}{k!}$$

END

GENERALIZATION

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We proved (COMBINATORIAL INT)

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

is a number of k -elem subsets of an n -elem SET.

$$k, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad k \leq n$$

$$0! = 1$$

$$x^0 = 1$$

$$1^{\underline{n}} = n!$$

$$1^{\underline{n}} = n!$$

$$\binom{0}{0} = \frac{0^{\underline{0}}}{0!} = 1$$

$$\binom{n}{n} = \frac{n^{\underline{n}}}{n!} = \frac{n!}{n!} = 1$$

We have

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = X^{\underline{k}} = x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1)$$

or $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x, k) = X^{\underline{k}}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

We DEFINE

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x, k) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\underline{k}}}{k!} & k \geq 0 \\ 0 & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

or even

$$f: \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

\mathbb{C} -complex number

$$f(x, k) = \binom{x}{k} = g(x) - \text{for any } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

EXAMPLE

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

$k \geq 0$

$k < 0$

$$\binom{-1}{3} = \frac{(-1)^{\underline{3}}}{3!} = \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = -1$$

$$x^{\underline{k}} = x(x-1) \dots (x-k+1)$$

$$\binom{n}{n} = 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\binom{-1}{-1} = 0 \quad (k < 0) !$$

$$\binom{1}{1} = 1 \quad \text{in general}$$

$$\binom{n}{n} = 1 \quad n \geq 0$$

only when $n \geq 0$

$$\binom{n}{n} = 0 \quad n < 0$$

$$\binom{\sqrt{2}}{3} = \frac{(\sqrt{2})^{\underline{3}}}{3!}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)(\sqrt{2}-2)}{6}$$

$$(\sqrt{2})^{\underline{3}} = \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)(\sqrt{2}-2)$$

NO COMBINATORIAL INTERPRETATION!

We defined

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (8)$$

$$f(x, k) = \binom{x}{k}$$

$$\binom{x}{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\underline{k}}}{k!} & k \geq 0 \\ 0 & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

where

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x, k) = \binom{x}{k}$$

$$k! = 1^{\underline{k}} \quad k \geq 0$$

Use x to denote that
UPPER LIMIT is a real number
or
 $k! = k^{\underline{k}}$

We use



$$n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

FOR COMBINATORIAL
interpretation

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

BOOK USES

$$\pi \in \mathbb{R}$$

instead

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\binom{\pi}{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi^{\underline{k}}}{k!} & k \geq 0 \\ 0 & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f(\pi, k) = \binom{\pi}{k}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

SAME FUNCTION

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x^{\underline{k}}}{k!} \quad k \geq 0, \quad \binom{x}{k} = 0 \quad k < 0$$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

REMINDER

① $\binom{n}{n} = 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$

② $\binom{n}{n} = 0 \quad n < 0$

③ $\binom{n}{k} = 0 \quad \text{for } k > n, k \geq 0$

When we have restriction $k \geq 0$ in

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x^{\underline{k}}}{k!}$$

i.e. $\binom{x}{k} = 0 \quad k < 0$

Let's look at

SYMMETRY IDENTITY

CONSIDER

$$f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-(n-k))!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

SYMMETRY PROPERTY

$$\boxed{\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}}$$

↑ proof
for
 $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $k \leq n$

COMBINATORIAL INTERPRETATION

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

k chosen elements out of n

$$\binom{n}{n-k}$$

$n-k$ "unchosen" elements
out of n .

SYMMETRY PROPERTY

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$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

Proved $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$k \leq n$

restriction

$n \in \mathbb{N}$

CASE $k < 0$

$$\binom{n}{k} = 0, \quad \binom{n}{n-k} = \binom{n}{s} = 0$$

$s > n$

CASE $k > n$

$$\binom{n}{k} = 0, \quad \binom{n}{n-k} = \binom{n}{s} = 0$$

$s < 0$

So we have

SYMMETRY GENERAL

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$n \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

Why we can't have $m \in \mathbb{Z}$?

Check $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$ for $n = -1$

$k \geq 0$ (E)

$$\binom{-1}{k} = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} = \frac{(-1)(-2)\dots(-1+k+1)}{k!} \leftarrow k \text{ factors}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^k k!}{k!} = \boxed{(-1)^k} \quad X^k = x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1)$$

(Q)

$$\binom{-1}{-1-k} = 0 \quad \text{all } k \geq 0$$

by induction.

$$\binom{-1}{k} \neq \binom{-1}{-1-k} \quad \text{all } k \geq 0.$$

ABSORPTION IDENTITY

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x}{k} \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$$k \neq 0$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \setminus \{0\}$$

PROOF OF ABSORPTION IDENTITY

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \binom{x}{k} = \frac{x}{k} \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}, k \neq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

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$$\textcircled{2} \quad k \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Proof:

① Observe

$$x^{\underline{k}} = x(x-1)^{\underline{k-1}}$$

$$\textcircled{L} \quad x^{\underline{k}} = x(x-1) \dots (x-k+1)$$

GENERAL

$$x^{\underline{m+n}} = x^{\underline{m}}(x-m)^{\underline{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{R} \quad x(x-1)^{\underline{k-1}} &= x(x-1)(x-2) \dots \underbrace{((x-1) - (k-1) + 1)} \\ &= x(x-1) \dots (x-1-k+1+1) \\ &= x(x-1) \dots (x-k+1) = x^{\underline{k}} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate:

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x(x-1)^{\underline{k-1}}}{k \cdot (k-1)!} = \frac{x}{k} \binom{x-1}{k-1} \quad \text{end}$$

ABSORPTION IDENTITY

PROVED

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$$k \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

TO BE PROVED:

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$$(x-k) \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k}$$

big DOMAIN

$$\frac{x \in \mathbb{R}}{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$L = P$$

$$N \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

Proof

① Prove ~~Assume~~ the case

$$x \in N, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Symmetry

$$L = (x-k) \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{\text{Symmetry}}{=} (x-k) \binom{x}{x-k}$$

use 2 for

$$k := x-k$$

$$\textcircled{1} \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

SYMMETRY

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} x \binom{x-1}{x-k-1}$$

Symmetry

$$= x \binom{\overbrace{x-1}^n}{\underbrace{(x-1)-k}_{n-k}} \stackrel{\text{Symmetry}}{=} x \binom{x-1}{k} = \textcircled{P}$$

④ 1/2 end

We proved identity (3) for
a case $x \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Now we are going to show that
this result **EXTENDS** to $x \in \mathbb{R}$

We do it by what is called $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

A POLYNOMIAL argument.

OBSERVE:

$$(x-1) \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{matrix}$$

IS EQUALITY OF TWO POLYNOMIALS
OF DEGREE

$$L(x) = (x-1) \binom{x}{k} = a_{k+1} x^{k+1} + \dots + a_0$$

$(k+1)$

$$P(x) = x \binom{x-1}{k} = b_{k+1} x^{k+1} + \dots + b_0$$

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1)}{k(k-1)\dots 1}$$

polynomial of
degree k
over \mathbb{Z} .

POLYNOMIALS THEOREMS

THM 1

Let $w(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$ $a_n \neq 0$

be a polynomial of the degree n

The equation

$$w(x) = 0$$

has at most n solutions; i.e.

$$|\{x : w(x) = 0\}| \leq n.$$

THM 2

If $w(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$ $a_n \neq 0$

is such that

$$|\{x : w(x) = 0\}| > n$$

then

$$\underline{w(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}}$$

BACK TO OUR IDENTITY

$$L(x) = (x-1) \binom{x}{k} = a_{k+1} x^{k+1} \dots + a_0$$

$$P(x) = x \binom{x-1}{k} = b_{k+1} x^{k+1} + \dots + b_0$$

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$$L(x) = P(x)$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{K}$



GOAL:

$$\text{all } x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{K}$$

$$\underbrace{L(x) - P(x)}_{w(x)} = 0$$

We have a polynomial

$$w(x) = L(x) - P(x)$$

of degree $k+1$

$$\{x : L(x) - P(x) = 0\} = \{x_0\} \text{ with } x_0 > k+1$$

because we proved that $L(x) = P(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{N}$.

$(\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R})$
we proved $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}$

by thm 2

$$w(x) = L(x) - P(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

HENCE

$$L(x) = P(x), \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{K}.$$

$$\boxed{(x-k) \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} x \binom{x-1}{k}} \quad (3)$$

Independent
proof Ba

$$x \binom{x}{k} - k \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} x \binom{x-1}{k}$$

$$x \binom{x}{k} - x \binom{x-1}{k-1} \stackrel{?}{=} x \binom{x-1}{k}$$

$$x \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} x \binom{x-1}{k} + x \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$$x \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} x \left(\binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1} \right)$$

$$\underline{\binom{x-1}{k}} \stackrel{?}{=} \underline{(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-1-k+1)} \quad k!$$

$$x-1-k+1+1 = \underline{(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-k)} \quad k \neq (k-1)!$$

$$\binom{x-1}{k-1} = \frac{(x-1) \dots (x-k+1)}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{k} + \frac{x-k}{k} \right) = \frac{(x-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \left(1 + \frac{x}{k} - 1 \right)$$

$$x \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} \binom{x-1}{k-1} \cdot \frac{x}{k} \cdot x$$

$x \neq 0$

$$\binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} \binom{x-1}{k-1} \frac{x}{k}$$

$$k \binom{x}{k} \stackrel{?}{=} x \binom{x-1}{k-1} \quad \text{yes} \quad \text{was proved}$$

+ direct case

$$x = 0$$

SYMMETRY PROPERTY

$$\textcircled{1} \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k} \quad \boxed{n \in \mathbb{N}} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

ABSORPTION IDENTITY

$$\textcircled{2} \binom{n}{k} = \frac{x}{k} \binom{x-1}{k-1} \quad \boxed{x \in \mathbb{R}} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$$

$$\textcircled{3} k \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k-1} \quad \boxed{x \in \mathbb{R}} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

PROVE FIRST FOR $x \in \mathbb{N}$, and then extend it via POLYNOMIAL ARGUMENT to $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\textcircled{4} \binom{x}{k} = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1} \quad \begin{matrix} x \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{matrix}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n \cdot \overset{k}{k!}}{k!} = \frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}{k!}$$

when $n \in \mathbb{R}$ we put 0 $k < 0$

$k \geq 0, \quad k \leq n$
 $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$

NEXT IDENTITY

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$$\textcircled{4} \quad \binom{x}{k} = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1} \quad \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

CASE 1 Assume $x \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e. $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

and we have a COMBINATORIAL INTERPRETATION:

$\binom{n}{k}$ = # of k -element subsets chosen from the n -elem. set

If we have n -eggs with exactly one bad egg, we have

$\binom{n-1}{k}$ selections that have good eggs

$\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ of them contain the BAD egg because they have $k-1$ of $n-1$ good eggs.

PROVED

so

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

$n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

all
eggs

only
good

contain bad
egg

+ POLYNOMIAL ARGUMENT

$$L(x) = \binom{x}{k}$$

polynomial of the degree k $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$P(x) = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

polynomial of the degree k

we proved

$$L(x) - P(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{N}$$

\rightarrow polyn on degree k

by thm 2

$$L(x) - P(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$L(x) = P(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{N}$$

PROOF 2

Use identities (3) + (2)

$$\begin{matrix} x \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{matrix}$$

We know

$$(3) \quad (x-k) \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k}, \quad (2) \quad k \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

ADD THEM : (3) + (2)

$$(x-k) \binom{x}{k} + k \binom{x}{k} = x \binom{x-1}{k} + x \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$$\binom{x}{k} (x-k+k) = x \left(\binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1} \right)$$

We get:

$$\binom{x}{k} x = x \left(\binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1} \right) \quad * \\ x \neq 0$$

$$\boxed{\binom{x}{k} = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1}} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{check} \\ x=0 \end{matrix}$$

Check case $x=0$

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$$\binom{0}{k} = \binom{-1}{k} + \binom{-1}{k-1}$$

① $k < 0$

We: $\binom{x}{k} = 0$ for all $k < 0$

$$L = R$$

$$0 = 0 + 0$$

$$\binom{-1}{k} = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!}$$

for $k \geq 0$

$= 0$ for $k < 0$

$$\binom{-1}{k-1} = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

for $k \geq 1$

$= 0$ for $k < 1$

$$\boxed{x^0 = 1}$$

② $k = 0$

$$\binom{0}{0} \stackrel{?}{=} \binom{-1}{0} + \binom{-1}{-1}$$

$$1 = 1 + 0$$

$$\binom{-1}{0} = \frac{(-1)^0}{1} = 1$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = 0 \quad k > n$$

$$\binom{n}{n} = 0, \quad n < 0$$

$$(3) \quad k > 0; k \geq 1$$

$$\binom{0}{k} = \binom{-1}{k} + \binom{-1}{k-1}$$

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 $k-1 < k$
 $k < 1$

$$\binom{-1}{k} = \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k-kk}}}{k!}$$

$$\binom{-1}{k-1} = \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k-1}}}{(k-1)!}$$

L =

$$\binom{0}{k} = \frac{0^{\overline{k}}}{k!} = 0$$

use

$$x^{\overline{m+n}} = x^{\overline{m}} (x-m)^{\overline{n}}$$

Evaluate

P =

$$\binom{-1}{k} + \binom{-1}{k-1} =$$
$$= \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k}}}{k!} + \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k-1}}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\binom{-1}{k} = (-1)^{\overline{(k-1)+1}}$$
$$= (-1)^{\overline{k-1}} (-k+1)$$
$$= \boxed{(-1)^{\overline{k-1}} (-k)}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k-1}} (-k)}{(k-1)! k} + \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k-1}}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{\overline{k-1}}}{(k-1)!} ((-1)+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{L = P}$$

Proof 3

$$\boxed{\binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1}} \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \frac{(x-1)^k}{k!} + \frac{(x-1)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)^{k-1}(x-k)}{k!} + \frac{(x-1)^{k-1} \cdot k}{k!}$$

$$= \frac{(x-1)^{k-1}}{k!} (x-k + k)$$

$$= \frac{x \cdot (x-1)^{k-1}}{k!} = \frac{x^k}{k!} = \boxed{\binom{x}{k}}$$

$k \geq 0, \quad k-1 \geq 0, \quad k \geq 1$

OBSERVE

$$\binom{5}{3} = \binom{4}{3} + \binom{4}{2}$$

$$= \binom{4}{3} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{3}{1}$$

$$= \binom{4}{3} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{2}{1} + \binom{2}{0}$$

$$= \binom{4}{3} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{2}{1} + \binom{1}{0} + \binom{1}{-1} \rightarrow \text{STOP}$$

GENERAL (proof by induction)

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{x+k}{k} = \binom{x}{0} + \binom{x+1}{1} + \dots + \binom{x+n}{n} = \binom{x+n+1}{n}$$

$$0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

where $k < 0$

factors are 0.

GUESS

We guessed

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \sum_{k \leq n} \binom{x+k}{k} = \binom{x+n+1}{n}$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $x \in \mathbb{R}$

We use now formula

$$\binom{x}{k} = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

to unfold (differently than before)

$$\binom{5}{3} = \binom{4}{3} + \binom{4}{2} = \binom{3}{3} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{4}{2}$$

unfolds *unfolds*

$$= \binom{2}{3} + \binom{2}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{4}{2}$$

$$= \binom{1}{3} + \binom{1}{2} + \binom{2}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{4}{2}$$

$$= \binom{0}{3} + \binom{0}{2} + \binom{1}{2} + \binom{2}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{4}{2}$$

n *m*

and we guess a new formula:
 $\sum \binom{k}{m} \quad k = 2$

We guess

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$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{k}{m} = \binom{0}{m} + \binom{1}{m} + \dots + \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

need $k \geq 0$

for $k < 0$ same

can $\binom{k}{m} \neq 0$

Both guesses $\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$

be proved by math induction

We will prove $\textcircled{2}$ by induction

and then we will prove $\textcircled{1}$ from $\textcircled{2}$

Combinatorial interpretation of $\textcircled{2}$:

IF we want to choose $m+1$ tickets

from a set of $(n+1)$ tickets

numbered $0, 1, \dots, n$

there are $\binom{k}{m}$ ways of doing this

when the largest ticket selection number is k

$$\binom{0}{m} + \binom{1}{m} + \binom{2}{m} + \dots + \binom{n}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

$k=0$

$k=1$

Proof by induction of (2)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

$$n, k, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

Induction over $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$n=0 \quad \sum_{k=0}^0 \binom{k}{m} = \binom{0}{m} = \binom{1}{m+1} \quad \binom{0}{0} = 1$$

$$\binom{1}{m+1} = \binom{0}{m+1} + \binom{0}{m} = 0 \quad \binom{0}{m} = 0 \quad m > 0$$

IND
Assume

$$S_{m-1} = \binom{n}{m+1}$$

Prove $S_m = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Use:

$$S_m = S_{m-1} + \binom{n}{m}$$

$$\binom{n+1}{m+1} \stackrel{?}{=} \binom{n}{m+1} + \binom{n}{m}$$

$$\binom{x}{k} = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x = n+1 \\ k = m+1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} n = x-1 \\ k-1 = m \end{matrix}$$

$$\binom{n+1}{m+1} = \binom{n}{m+1} + \binom{n}{m}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad m=0 \quad \binom{1}{1} = 1 = \binom{0}{0} = 1$$

yes.

PROOF of ① from ②

$m \in \mathbb{N}$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$

① $\sum_{k \leq n} \binom{m+k}{k} = \binom{m+n+1}{n}$

② $\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$

$n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

USE $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$ $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Evaluate

for $m+k \geq 0$, $k \geq -m$
 out $k < -m$
 but terms are 0

$\sum_{k \leq n} \binom{m+k}{k} = \sum_{-m \leq k \leq n} \binom{m+k}{k}$

$\sum_{-m \leq k \leq n} \binom{m+k}{m} = \sum_{k=0}^{n+m} \binom{k}{m}$

Replace $k \rightarrow k-m$
 $-m \leq k \leq n$
 \downarrow
 $-m \leq k-m \leq n$
 $0 \leq k \leq n+m$

② $\sum_{k=0}^{n+m} \binom{m+k}{m} = \binom{m+n+1}{n}$
 $\binom{m+n+1}{m+1} = \binom{m+n+1}{n}$
 $(\underbrace{m+n+1}_n - \underbrace{(m+1)}_k) = n$

Consider (8) SPECIAL CASES

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

PROVED

$m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

Consider $m = 1$

$$\binom{n+1}{2} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{1} = \binom{0}{1} + \binom{1}{1} + \binom{2}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{1}$$
$$= 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

General case $\binom{k}{m}$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{m} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{k^{\underline{m}}}{m!} = \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{k=0}^n k^{\underline{m}}$$

$\binom{n+1}{m+1}$

$$= \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

i.e

$$\sum_{k=0}^n k^{\underline{m}} = m! \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

verified c.d

FORMULA

$$\sum_{k=0}^m k^m = m! \binom{m+1}{m+1} =$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^k}{k!}$$

$$= \frac{m! (m+1)^{m+1}}{(m+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(m+1)^{m+1}}{m+1}$$

SPECIAL SUM.

$$\sum_{k=0}^m k^m = \frac{(m+1)^{m+1}}{m+1}$$

$$n, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

YOU CAN GET IT BY INTEGRATION (SHORT)

Look back at

$$\binom{x}{k} = \binom{x-1}{k} + \binom{x-1}{k-1}$$

re-write it as

$$x = x+1$$

$$\binom{x+1}{m} = \binom{x}{m} + \binom{x}{m-1}$$

$\binom{x}{m}$ and evaluate

$$\Delta \left(\binom{x}{m} \right) = \binom{x+1}{m} - \binom{x}{m} = \binom{x}{m-1}$$

DEFINITION

from $\binom{x}{m}$

$$\Delta \binom{x}{m} = \binom{x}{m-1} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and "integral"

$$\sum \binom{x}{m} \delta x = \binom{x}{m+1} + C$$

We get a SHORT PROOF of (2):

$$\sum_{x=0}^n \binom{x}{k} \delta x = \binom{x}{k+1} \Big|_0^{n+1} = \binom{n+1}{k+1} - \binom{0}{k+1} = \binom{n+1}{k+1}$$

used

$$\sum_{k=a}^{b-1} g(k) = \sum_a^b g(x) \delta x$$