

**Proposition:** For all  $r, n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $r \leq n$ , it follows that

$$S_n : \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{i}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r+1}.$$

*Proof.* (Induction).

**Basis step.** Suppose  $n = 1$ , then  $r = 1$ . Observe that  $\sum_{i=0}^1 \binom{i}{1} = \binom{0}{1} + \binom{1}{1} = 0 + 1 = \binom{1+1}{1+1}$ . Thus  $S_1$ .

**Inductive step.** Suppose  $S_k$  for  $r, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \leq k$ .

We now show  $S_k$  implies  $S_{k+1}$ . Observe that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{i}{r} = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{i}{r} \right] + \binom{k+1}{r} \tag{1}$$

$$= \binom{k+1}{r+1} + \binom{k+1}{r} \tag{2}$$

$$= \binom{(k+1)+1}{r+1} \tag{3}$$

(Def. of Pascal's triangle).

Thus  $S_{k+1}$ .

It follows by mathematical induction that  $S_n$  for all  $r, n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $r \leq n$ . ■