

**Proposition:** For all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $m < n$ , it follows that  
 $S_n$  : if  $2|n$  and  $2|m$ , then  $2|\binom{n}{m}$ .

*Proof.* (Strong Induction).

**Basis step.** Suppose  $m = 1$  and  $n = 2$ .

Observe that  $\binom{2}{1} = 2$ , thus statement is true.

**Inductive step.** Suppose  $S_n$  for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $2 < m, 2 \leq n, m < n$  and  $2|n$  but  $2 \nmid m$ .

We now show  $S_n$  implies  $S_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $2|k$  and  $m < k$ . Observe that

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

$$= \binom{k-2}{m} + \binom{k-2}{m-1} + \binom{k-2}{m-1} + \binom{k-2}{m-2} \quad (\text{Def. of Pascal's triangle}) \quad (2)$$

$$= \binom{k-2}{m} + 2\binom{k-2}{m-1} + \binom{k-2}{m-2} \quad (3)$$

Since  $2|2\binom{k-2}{m-1}$ , it follows that the second term is even. Note that  $2|k$  implies  $2|k-2$ , and  $2 \nmid m$  implies  $2 \nmid m-2$ , thus the first and third terms are even. Since the sum of three even terms is even, it follows that  $\binom{k}{m}$  is even.

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