

Proposition: For all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, it follows that

$$S_n : \sum_{i=0}^n i \binom{m+i}{m} = n \binom{m+n+1}{m+1} - \binom{m+n+1}{m+2}.$$

Proof. (Induction).

Basis step. Suppose $n = 1$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Observe that

$$\sum_{i=0}^1 i \binom{m+i}{m} = \binom{m+1}{m} = \frac{(m+1)!}{m!(m+1-m)!} = m+1 = m+2-1 = \frac{(m+2)!}{(m+1)!(m+2-(m+1))!} - 1 = \binom{m+1+1}{m+1} - \binom{m+1+1}{m+2}.$$

Thus S_1 .

Inductive step. Suppose S_n for $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$.

We now show S_n implies S_{n+1} . Observe that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} i \binom{m+1}{m} = \left[\sum_{i=0}^n i \binom{m+1}{m} \right] + (n+1) \binom{m+n+1}{m} \quad (1)$$

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

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

$$= (n+1) \binom{m+n+1}{m+1} + (n+1) \binom{m+n+1}{m} - \binom{m+n+1}{m+1} - \binom{m+n+1}{m+2} \quad (4)$$

$$= (n+1) \left[\binom{m+n+1}{m+1} + \binom{m+n+1}{m} \right] - \left[\binom{m+n+1}{m+1} + \binom{m+n+1}{m+2} \right] \quad (5)$$

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

$$= (n+1) \binom{m+(n+1)+1}{m+1} - \binom{m+(n+1)+1}{m+2}. \quad (6)$$

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Thus S_{n+1} .

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