# 计算机科学中的数学基础

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#### Warmup1

What is 11<sup>4</sup>? Why is this number easy to compute, for a person who knows binomial coefficients?

利用二项式定理:

$$11^4 = (10+1)^4 \tag{1}$$

$$= {4 \choose 4} 10^4 + {4 \choose 3} 10^3 + {4 \choose 2} 10^2 + {4 \choose 1} 10 + 1 \tag{2}$$

$$= 10000 + 4000 + 600 + 40 + 1 \tag{3}$$

$$= 14641 \tag{4}$$

## Warmup2

2 For which value(s) of k is (<sup>n</sup><sub>k</sub>) a maximum, when n is a given positive integer? Prove your answer.

利用定义,我们做相邻两个二项式之商,有:

$$\frac{\binom{n}{k}}{\binom{n}{k-1}} = \frac{\frac{n \times (n-1) \times \cdots (n-k+1)}{1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times k}}{\frac{n \times (n-1) \times \cdots \times (n-k+2)}{1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times (k-1)}}$$
(5)

$$=\frac{n-k+1}{k}\tag{6}$$

(7)

现在需要分情况讨论 n-k+1 和 k 的大小关系。

于是有,

- 1. n 是偶数,可知, $k = \frac{n}{2}$  时,有  $\frac{n-k+1}{k} \ge 1$ , $k = \frac{n}{2} + 1$  时,有  $\frac{n-k+1}{k} \le 1$ ,故  $\binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} \ge \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}-1}$  且  $\binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}} \ge \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}-1}$ ,故此时  $k = \frac{n}{2}$  时  $\frac{n}{k}$  取最值。
- 2. n 是奇数,可知, $k = \frac{n+1}{2}$  时,有  $\frac{n-k+1}{k} = 1$ ,故  $\binom{n}{\frac{n+1}{2}} = \binom{n}{\frac{n-1}{2}}$ ,故当  $k = \frac{n+1}{2}$  或  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  时, $\binom{n}{k}$  取最大值。

## Warmup3

3 Prove the hexagon property,

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

按照二项式的定义将两侧的式子展开,有:

$$\binom{n-1}{k-1}\binom{n}{k+1}\binom{n+1}{k} \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)\times(n-2)\times\cdots\times(n-k+1)\times n\times(n-1)\times\cdots\times(n-k)\times(n+1)\times n\times\cdots\times(n-k+2)}{(k-1)\times(k-2)\times\cdots\times 1\times(k+1)\times k\times\cdots\times 1\times k\times(k-1)\times\cdots 1}$$
(9)

$$= \frac{(n-1)\times(n-2)\times\cdots\times 1\times(k+1)\times k\times\cdots\times 1\times k\times(k-1)\times\cdots 1}{(k-1)\times(n-k+1)\times(k-2)\times\cdots\times (n-k+1)\times(n-k+2)(n-k+1)(n-k)\times(n+1)\times n\times\cdots\times (n-k+2)}$$

(10)

$$=\frac{(n-1)\times(n-2)\times\cdots\times(n-k+1)(n-k)\times n\times(n-1)\times\cdots\times(n-k+2)\times(n+1)\times n\times\cdots\times(n-k+2)(n-k+1)}{(k-1)\times(k-2)\times\cdots\times1\times(k+1)\times k\times\cdots\times1\times k\times(k-1)\times\cdots1}$$
(11)

只需将分母中的三个项稍微调整顺序即可

#### Warmup4

Evaluate  $\binom{-1}{k}$  by negating (actually un-negating) its upper index.

根据对整数域二项式的定义,有

$$\binom{-1}{k} = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \tag{12}$$

$$= \frac{(-1) \times (-2) \cdots \times (-k)}{k!}$$

$$= (-1)^k \times \frac{k(k-1) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1}{k!}$$
(13)

$$= (-1)^k \times \frac{k(k-1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1}{k!} \tag{14}$$

$$= (-1)^k \quad k \ge 0 \tag{15}$$