

Question 1.

Write a combinatorial proof of the identity

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{j} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} (3^{n-k} - 2)$$

for integer $n \geq 1$.