

**Task**

Prove the equality:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$$

**Solution**

We know that

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

Then

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{n-k}$$

Then we can see that this is the same as choosing  $n - k$  objects from the set of power  $n$  and  $k$  from the other set with the same size. Then, considering the sum of  $\binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{n-k}$  for all possible  $k$ , we get the number of ways to select  $n$  objects from a set of size  $2n$ .