

# 数学-恒等式

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差分法证明，记右式为  $f(n)$ ，左式为  $g(n)$ 。

$$\begin{aligned} f(n+1) - f(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i-1} \frac{1}{i} \binom{n+1}{i} - \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} \frac{1}{i} \binom{n}{i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i-1} \frac{1}{i} \left( \binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} \frac{1}{i} \binom{n}{i} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i-1} \frac{1}{i} \binom{n}{i-1} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{n}{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{i} + 0 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{i} \end{aligned}$$

通过差分将上式化为比较简单的式子，接下来处理每一项中的  $\frac{1}{i+1}$  部分，注意到

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{i} &= \frac{1}{i+1} \frac{n!}{(n-i)!i!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-i)!(i+1)!} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-i)!(i+1)!} \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= \binom{n+1}{i+1} \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
f(n+1) - f(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \frac{1}{i+1} \binom{n}{i} \\
&= \sum_0^{n+1} (-1)^i \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i+1} \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \sum_1^{n+2} (-1)^{i-1} \binom{n+1}{i} - 1 + 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \sum_1^{n+1} (-1)^{i-1} \binom{n+1}{i} + (-1)^{-1} \binom{n+1}{0} + 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \left( \sum_0^{n+1} (-1)^{i-1} \binom{n+1}{i} + 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \left( - \sum_0^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} (-1)^i 1^{n+1-i} + 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} (-(-1+1)^{n+1} + 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

因此有  $f(n+1) - f(n) = g(n+1) - g(n)$ .

考虑  $n=1$  时,  $f(1) = g(1) = 1$ .

所以  $f(n) = g(n)$ 。

QED.