

# Combination 3

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**PROBLEM I** proof:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \binom{n+i}{i} x^i = \frac{1}{(1+x)^{n+1}}$

**SOLUTION.** 1.  $n = 0$ : obviously!

2. Assume  $n$ , we have the equation.

3. We go to  $n+1$ , so  $\frac{1}{(1+x)^{n+2}} = \frac{1}{(1+x)^{n+1}} \frac{1}{1+x} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \binom{n+i}{i} x^i \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i x^i = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \sum_{l=0}^i \binom{n+l}{l} x^i = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \binom{n+i+1}{i} x^i$

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**PROBLEM II** Power series expansion:  $\frac{2+3x-6x^2}{1-2x}$ .

**SOLUTION.** Let  $t = 2x$ , so  $\frac{2+3x-6x^2}{1-2x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4+3t-3t^2}{1-t} = \frac{2}{1-t} + \frac{3t}{2} = 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} t^i + \frac{3t}{2} = 2 + \frac{7}{2}t + 2 \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} t^i = 2 + 7x + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} 2^{i+1} x^i$ .

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