

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r y^{n-r}$$

Level 1: plugging in #'s for  $x, y$  to get identity

$$x=1$$

$$y=1$$

$$x=-1$$

$$y=1$$

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

$$0 = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} (-1)^r$$

Level 2: Additional like a derivative or using a previous, or simplifying first

$$\sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n}{r} \binom{r}{m} \stackrel{?}{=} 2^{n-m} \binom{n}{m}$$

$$\sum_{r=m}^n \frac{n!}{\cancel{r!} (n-r)!} \cdot \frac{\cancel{r!}}{m! (r-m)!} \stackrel{?}{=} 2^{n-m} \frac{n!}{m! (n-m)!}$$

$$\frac{n!}{m!} \sum_{r=m}^n \frac{1}{(n-r)! (r-m)!} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{n!}{m!} \cdot 2^{n-m} \cdot \frac{1}{(n-m)!}$$

$$\frac{n!}{m!} \sum_{r=m}^n \frac{(n-m)!}{(n-r)! (r-m)!} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{n!}{m!} 2^{n-m}$$



$$\frac{n!}{m!} \sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n-m}{n-r} \stackrel{?}{=} 2^{n-m} \frac{n!}{m!}$$

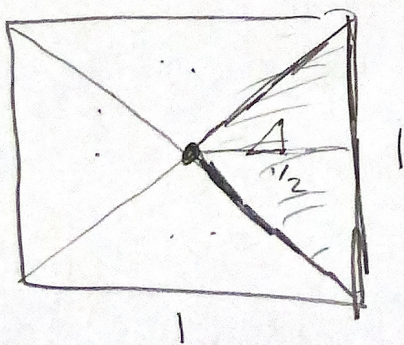
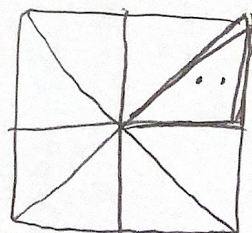
$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n-m}{n-r} &= \frac{(n-m)!}{(n-r)! (n-m-(n-r))!} \\ &= \frac{(n-m)!}{(n-r)! (r-m)!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{n!}{m!} \left( \binom{n-m}{n-m} + \binom{n-m}{n-m-1} + \dots + \binom{n-m}{0} \right) \stackrel{?}{=} 2^{n-m} \frac{n!}{m!}$$


$2^{n-m}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Match!



Area of small triangle formed  
by 3 points

≤ Area of 

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4}$$