

Q1 Vandermonde's Identity

For all integers $m, n, r \geq 1$

$$\binom{m+n}{r} = \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{m}{i} \binom{n}{r-i}$$

By: Binomial Theorem - Algebraic

Key consequence of the Binomial Theorem

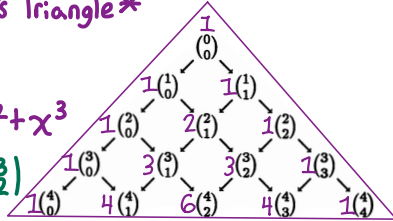
is that the coefficient of x^r in $(1+x)^m$ is $\binom{m}{r}$ *Pascal's Triangle*

$$(1+x)^2 = 1+2x+x^2$$

$$(1+x)^3 = 1+3x+3x^2+x^3$$

$$\binom{3}{1}$$

$$\binom{3}{2}$$



Consider the identity $(1+x)^{m+n} = (1+x)^m (1+x)^n$

Coefficient of x^r is $\binom{m+n}{r}$

$$\begin{matrix} \binom{m+n}{0} 1 & \binom{m+n}{1} x^1 & \dots & \binom{m+n}{r} x^r & \dots & \binom{m+n}{n} x^n \\ \binom{m}{0} 1 & \binom{m}{1} x & \dots & \binom{m}{r} x^r & \dots & \binom{m}{n} x^n \\ \binom{n}{0} 1 & \binom{n}{1} x & \dots & \binom{n}{r} x^r & \dots & \binom{n}{n} x^n \end{matrix}$$

Binomial Theorem

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

Leverages This Rule

Key consequence of the Binomial Theorem is that the coefficient of x^r in $(1+x)^m$ is $\binom{m}{r}$

For the right hand side, the coefficient of x^r is going to be

$$\binom{m}{0} \binom{n}{r} + \binom{m}{1} \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{m}{2} \binom{n}{r-2} + \dots + \binom{m}{r} \binom{n}{0} = \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{m}{i} \binom{n}{r-i}$$

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Q2 Multinomial Theorem: For $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m)^n = \sum (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_m^{n_m}$$

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$$(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) \in S$$

Where S is all m -tuples of non-negative integers with $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m = n$

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Q3 For $n=4$ and $m=3$, we have by Theorem 2.8.1

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^4$$

Multinomial Theorem

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m)^n = \sum (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m) x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_m^{n_m}$$

$n=4$ and $m=3 \leftarrow$ number of positions

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_m!}$$

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^4 = \binom{4}{4,0,0} x_1^4 + \binom{4}{3,1,0} x_1^3 x_2 + \binom{4}{3,0,1} x_1^3 x_3 + \dots$$

$$+ \binom{4}{2,2,0} x_1^2 x_2^2 + \binom{4}{2,1,1} x_1^2 x_2 x_3 + \dots$$

$$+ \binom{4}{1,3,0} x_1 x_2^3 + \binom{4}{1,2,1} x_1 x_2^2 x_3 + \dots$$

$$+ \binom{4}{1,0,3} x_1 x_2 x_3^3 + \binom{4}{0,4,0} x_2^4 + \dots$$

$$+ \binom{4}{0,2,2} x_2^2 x_3^2 + \binom{4}{0,1,3} x_2 x_3^3 + \dots$$

$$= x_1^4 + 4 x_1^3 x_2 + 4 x_1^3 x_3 + \dots$$

$$+ 6 x_1^2 x_2^2 + 12 x_1^2 x_2 x_3 + 6 x_1^2 x_3^2 + \dots$$

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$$+ 4 x_1 x_2 x_3^3 + 1 x_2^4 + 4 x_2^3 x_3 + \dots$$

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Q4 28. $\sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n}{r} \binom{r}{m} = 2^{n-m} \binom{n}{m}$ for $m \leq n$,

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

$$\text{LHS: } \sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n}{r} \binom{r}{m} \Rightarrow \sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{n-m}{r-m} \Rightarrow \binom{n}{m} \sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n-m}{r-m}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \binom{n}{m} 2^{n-m} \therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

Q5 31. $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r r \binom{n}{r} = 0$

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6) State the Pigeonhole Principle

Let k & n be positive the Pigeonhole Principle states that if atleast $k(n+1)$ objects are placed in n -boxes, then at least one box has at least $k+1$ objects

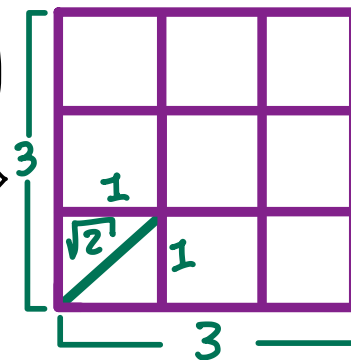
Pigion Hole Principle Example

There is a chance that in this class there will be 2 students with the same month.

Given that we have more than 12 students in class.

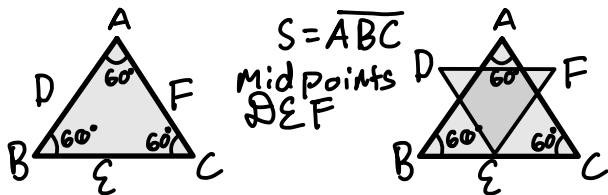
Q7 Example 3.2.4. Show that for any set of 10 points chosen within a square whose sides are of length 3 units, there are two points in the set whose distance apart is at most $\sqrt{2}$.

What are the objects? What are the boxes? These are the two questions we have to ask beforehand. It is fairly clear that we should treat the 10 given points in the set as our "objects". The conclusion we wish to arrive at is the existence of "2 points" from the set which are "close" to each other (i.e. their distance apart is at most $\sqrt{2}$ units). This indicates that " $k + 1 = 2$ " (i.e., $k = 1$), and suggests also that we should partition the 3×3 square into n smaller regions, $n < 10$, so that the distance between any 2 points in a region is at most $\sqrt{2}$.



Exercise 3

1. Show that among any 5 points in an equilateral triangle of unit side length, there are 2 whose distance is at most $\frac{1}{2}$ units apart.



If $BA = 1$
then $BD = 1/2$

3. Given any set S of 9 points within a unit square, show that there always exist 3 distinct points in S such that the area of the triangle formed by these 3 points is less than or equal to $\frac{1}{8}$. (Beijing Math. Competition, 1963)