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`int PrintBinomialTheorum(int n)` is the function that prints out the binomial theorem. `PrintBinomialTheorum` calls `nCr` (located in the `.s` file) inside of a for loop.

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for (r = 0; r <= n; r++) {  
    nChooseR = nCr(n, r);  
    .....  
}
```

`nCr` calls `Factorial` 3 times with `n`, `n-r`, and `r` since $nCr = \frac{(n!)}{(n-r)!r!}$.

Design challenges included getting `nCr` to be able to call `Factorial`. Then we needed to be able to identify error conditions and how to handle them. In particular, the overflow check in `Factorial` was important. The check for overflow had to be done after the multiplication is performed. If overflow is detected, the function needs to return 0 to signify that (since no valid input will ever result in 0). From there, `nCr` has to know what to do with a bad value generated from `Factorial`. Basically, if we know that `n!` generates an overflow we know that there is a problem and we need to just return 0 in the `nCr` function. From there, `PrintBinomialTheorum` is printing out the `nCr` values 1 at a time in the loop and if `nCr` is 0, it reads out an error to `stderr` (since no valid input will result in 0).

Error checking is also very important. I decided to use `strtol` instead of `atoi` because of its ability to detect bad input. For bad input (non integers), `strtol` is setting a string to NULL to signify that an error occurred. If an error occurred or it parsed the input to a negative number, I didn't even bother to go into the `PrintBinomialTheorum`.

Big-O Analysis

This program is $O(n)$ in times of space and performance. Assuming that the input `n` is valid, for $(1+x)^n$, as `n` increases linearly, `PrintBinomialTheorum` gets executed 1 more time every time `n` is increased by 1. As a result of `PrintBinomialTheorum` getting called 1 more time, `nCr` gets called 1 more time, and `Factorial` gets called 1 more time.