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HW 6.4

Problems = { 1,4,7,8,12,13,15,19 }

1) Find the expansion of $(x + 4)^4$

a) Using combinatorial reasoning, as in Example 1.

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)^4 &= (x + y)(x + y)(x + y)(x + y) = (xx + xy + yx + yy)(xx + xy + yx + yy) \\ &= (xxxx + xxxy + xxyx + xxyy + xyxx + xyxy + yyxx + yyxy + yxxx + yxxy + yxyx + yxyy + yyxx + yyxy) \\ &= x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4\end{aligned}$$

b) Using the Binomial Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}&= \sum_{j=0}^4 \binom{4}{j} x^{4-j} y^j \\ &= \binom{4}{0} x^4 + \binom{4}{1} x^3 y + \binom{4}{2} x^2 y^2 + \binom{4}{3} x y^3 + \binom{4}{4} y^4 \\ &= x^4 + 4x^3 y + 6x^2 y^2 + 4x y^3 + y^4\end{aligned}$$

4) Find the coefficient of $x^5 y^8$ in $(x + y)^{13}$

$$\frac{13!}{5!8!} = 1287$$

7) What is the coefficient of x^9 in $(2 - x)^{19}$

$$-1^9 2^{10} \binom{19}{9} = -94595072$$

8) What is the coefficient of $x^8 y^9$ in the expansion of $(3x + 2y)^{17}$

$$3^8 2^9 \binom{17}{9} = 8.1666e10$$

12) The row of Pascal's triangle containing the binomial coefficients $\binom{10}{k}, 0 \leq k \leq 10$ is:

1 10 45 120 210 252 210 120 45 10 1

Use Pascal's identity to produce the row immediately following this row in Pascal's triangle.

*See attached sheet.

13) What is the row of Pascal's triangle containing the binomial coefficients $\binom{9}{k}, 0 \leq k \leq 9$

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15) Show that $\binom{n}{k} \leq 2^n$ for all positive integers n and all integers k with $0 \leq k \leq n$

A set with n elements has a total of 2^n different subsets. Each subset has zero elements, one element to n elements in it. There are $\binom{n}{0}$ subsets with zero elements, $\binom{n}{1}$ subsets with one element, $\binom{n}{2}$ subsets with two elements and $\binom{n}{n}$ subsets with n elements. Therefore, $\binom{n}{k \leq 2^n}$.

19) Prove Pascal's identity, using the formula $\binom{n}{r}$.