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1. Combinatorial Argument Proof for Theorem 1.1 ( The sum of the entries of row  $n$  of Pascal's triangle is  $2^n$ )

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Notice  $(a + b)^n = (a + b)(a + b)\dots(a + b)$ , where  $(a + b)$  is written out  $n$  times

Example:  $(a + b)^4 = (a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)$

The terms in  $(a + b)^n$  have the form of  $a^{n-k}b^k$  where  $k$  is a number between 0 and  $n$

The coefficient of  $a^{n-k}b^k$  for some  $k$  is the number of ways to choose  $k$  factors of  $b$  from  $n$  factors of  $(a + b)$

The factors of  $a$  come from the remaining  $(n - k)$

Example:  $a^4 = 1(aaaa)$

$a^3b^1 = 4(aaab)(aaba)(abaa)(baaa)$

$a^2b^2 = 6(aabb)(abba)(bbaa)(baba)(baab)(abab)$

This can be written as  $\binom{n}{k}$

Therefore  $(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$

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2. Induction Proof

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Let  $n = 1$

$$(a + b)^1 = \binom{1}{0} a^{1-0} b^0 + \binom{1}{1} a^{1-1} b^1 = \sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{1}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

$$\text{Assume } (a + b)^t = \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k} b^k$$

$$\text{We show that } (a + b)^{t+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{t+1} \binom{t+1}{k} a^{(t+1)-k} b^k$$

$$(a + b)^{t+1} = (a + b)^t (a + b)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k} b^k (a + b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k} b^k (a+b) \\
&= a \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k} b^k + b \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k} b^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k+1} b^k + b \sum_{k=0}^t \binom{t}{k} a^{t-k} b^k + 1
\end{aligned}$$

according to the summations, the coefficient of  $a^{t+1-k} b^k$  is  $\binom{t}{k} + \binom{t}{k-1}$

This can be rewritten as  $\binom{t+1}{k}$  by Formula 1.6

By the Principle of Mathematical Induction, the Formula is proven.

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### 3. Induction Proof for Theorem 1.1

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$$\text{Formula 1.6} \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$$

Let  $n = 0$

$$\sum_{k=0}^0 \binom{0}{k} = 2^0 = 1$$

Assume  $n > 0$  and that the theorem is true for  $n - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then } \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}^n \binom{n}{k} &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}^n [\binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}] \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}^n \binom{n-1}{k} \\
&= 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} \\
&= 2^n
\end{aligned}$$

The Principal of Mathematical Induction the Theorem is proven

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### 4. Combinatorial Argument Proof for Theorem 1.1

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Notice that Pascal's Triangle has borders of all 1's

This is true because the coefficients of the first and last elements in Pascal's Triangle can be written as

$$\binom{n}{0}, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for the first element.}$$

The Last element can be written as  $\binom{n}{n}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\binom{n}{0}$  and  $\binom{n}{n}$  both = 1, hence every first and last element of Pascal's triangle is 1

Internally the numbers in Pascal's triangle are found by adding the two numbers above it

Because row two of Pascal's triangle is 1 1, the middle element of row three is 2

This can be written as  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$

Therefore to add an entire row of Pascal's triangle together we can use the formula

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$$

Notice  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$

Therefore the sum of the entries of row  $n$  of Pascal's triangle is  $2^n$

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$$\text{equation 1.14} = (1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x^1 + \binom{n}{2}x^2 \dots \binom{n}{n}x^n$$

$$[(1+x)^n]' = n(1+x)^{n-1}$$

$$[\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x^1 + \binom{n}{2}x^2 \dots \binom{n}{n}x^n]' = [\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2}2x + \binom{n}{3}3x^2 \dots \binom{n}{n}nx^{n-1}]$$

$$\text{Which can be written as } n(1+x)^{n-1} = \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} x^{k-1}$$

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