

4.5.

Thm: Suppose that  $X$  is a finite totally ordered set. Then  $X$  has a maximal element  $c \in X$  such that  $x < c$  for all  $x \in X - \{c\}$ . Similarly,  $X$  has a minimal element  $a \in X$  such that  $a < x$  for all  $x \in X - \{a\}$ .

Proof by induction on  $|X| = n$ .

$n = 1$ . If  $X = \{x_1\}$ , then  $x_1$  is both the minimal and maximal of  $X$ .

$n = k$ . Suppose for  $|X| = k$  that  $X$  has a maximal element.

$n = k + 1$ . Suppose  $|X| = k + 1$ .

Let  $b \in X$ . Then  $|X - \{b\}| = k$ .

Thus  $X - \{b\}$  has a maximal element  $c \in X - \{b\}$ .

Suppose  $b < c$ . Then  $c$  is the maximal element of  $X$ . Since if  $x \in X - \{c\} \Rightarrow$  either  $x = b$  in which case  $b < c$  or  $x \in X - \{b\}$  in which case  $x < c$  by hypothesis.

Suppose  $c < b$ . For all  $x \in X - \{b, c\}$ ,  $x < c$ .

By transitivity  $x < b$ .

Thus  $b$  is the maximal element of  $X$ .

Similarly,  $X$  has a minimal element  $a \in X$  such that  $a < x$  for all  $x \in X - \{a\}$ .

### 5.1 Patterns from Pascal's triangle

We create the table below where the entry in the  $n$ th row and  $k$ th column is

$$C(n, k) = C(n-1, k) + C(n-1, k-1).$$

$C(n, 0) = 1 = \#$  of 0-element subsets of  $S$  where  $|S| = n$ .

$C(n, n) = 1 = \#$  of  $n$ -element subsets of  $S$  where  $|S| = n$ .

Table for  $C(n, k)$

$n \setminus k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	1							
1	1	1						
2	1	2	1					
3	1	3	3	1				
4	1	4	6	4	1			
5	1	5	10	10	5	1		
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1	
7	1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1

$C(n, i)$  - are the counting #s  
 $\subset C(n, n-1) =$  counting #s

$1 + 2 = 3; 1 + 2 + 3 = 6; 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10; \dots$

Observe symmetry:  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$

Sum any row:  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$

$$C(2, 2) = \sum_{i=1}^2 i = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$= C(2, 2)$$

$$C(2, 2) = \sum_{i=1}^2 i$$

$$(x+y)^0 = 1$$

$$5.2: (x+y)^1 = 1x + 1y$$

$$(x+y)^2 = (x+y)(x+y) = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x+y)^3 = (x+y)(x+y)(x+y) = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

$$(x+y)^4 = (x+y)(x+y)(x+y)(x+y) = x^4 + 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3 + y^4$$

$$\text{Thm 5.2.1: } (x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

*coef from pasc triangle*

Proof Outline:

The terms of  $(x+y)^n$  are of the form  $x^k y^{n-k}$ .

The coefficient of  $x^k y^{n-k}$

= the number of ways to choose  $k$   $x$ 's and  $(n-k)$   $y$ 's

= the number of ways to choose  $k$   $x$ 's from  $n$   $x$ 's =  $\binom{n}{k}$ .

Alternatively,

The coefficient of  $x^k y^{n-k}$  = *once  $k$  's are chosen, choose all remaining  $n-k$ 's*

= the number of ways to choose  $k$   $x$ 's and  $(n-k)$   $y$ 's

= the number of permutations of the multiset

$$\{k \cdot x, (n-k) \cdot y\} = \binom{n}{k}$$

2nd proof of Thm 5.2.1: Induction (read textbook) ←

Obtain other formulas via substitution and algebraic manipulation including differentiation.

Cor 5.2.2:  $(1+x)^n = (x+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k$   
*Pf: Let  $g = 1$  in Thm 5.2.1*

Let  $x = 1$ :  $2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$

Let  $x = -1$ :  $0 = (-1+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k$

I.e.,  $0 = \binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \dots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n}$

~~$$\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1} (-1)^k$$~~

$\lfloor x \rfloor$  = floor of  $x = \max \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \leq x\}$

$\lceil x \rceil$  = ceiling of  $x = \min \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq x\}$

Thus  $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k = \frac{1}{2}(2^n) = 2^{n-1}$

and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1} (-1)^k = \frac{1}{2}(2^n) = 2^{n-1}$

Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$   
 and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k+1}$