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⑨ a Which binomial coefficient is equal to $\sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n+k}{k}$?

$\binom{n+r+1}{r}$

⑩ Prove that your answer to ⑨ is correct.

Proof by induction on r:

If $r=0$ $\binom{n+0}{0} = 1$ and $\binom{n+0+1}{0} = 1$

If $r=1$ $\binom{n+0}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1} = n+1$ and $\binom{n+1+1}{1} = n+2$

Induction Hypothesis: Suppose $\sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n+k}{k} = \binom{n+r+1}{r}$

We must show that $\sum_{k=0}^{r+1} \binom{n+k}{k} = \binom{n+(r+1)+1}{(r+1)}$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n+k}{k} + \binom{n+r+1}{r+1} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{I.H.}}}{=} \binom{n+r+1}{r} + \binom{n+r+1}{r+1} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{R.H.S.}}}{=} \binom{n+r+2}{r+1}$$

The trick from Pascal's triangle.

