

**Identity with sum of binomial coefficients.**

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Show that

$$\binom{n+1}{k+1} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k} + \dots + \binom{k}{k}.$$

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Since  $\binom{n}{m} = \binom{n-1}{m} + \binom{n-1}{m-1}$ ,  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$\sum_{i=k+1}^n \binom{i}{k} = \sum_{i=k}^n \left( \binom{i+1}{k+1} - \binom{i}{k+1} \right) = \binom{n+1}{k+1} - \binom{k+1}{k+1} = \binom{n+1}{k+1} - \binom{k}{k} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\binom{n+1}{k+1} = \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{i}{k}.$$