

P153, 26: $\binom{2n+2}{n+1}$ is the number of ways to choose $n + 1$ objects from $2n + 2$ objects.

We can also choose those $n + 1$ objects by considering the first $2n$ objects. There are three cases.

- (1) All $n + 1$ objects are in the first $2n$ objects. There are $\binom{2n}{n+1}$ ways to choose.
- (2) There are n objects in the first $2n$ objects, and one in the last two. There are $\binom{2n}{n} \binom{2}{1}$ ways to choose.
- (3) There are $n - 1$ objects in the first $2n$ objects. There are $\binom{2n}{n-1} = \binom{2n}{n+1}$ ways to choose.

Extra: It is easy to see that it is true when $k = 1$.

When $k \geq 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = n} \binom{n}{n_1 \dots n_k} x_1^{n_1} \dots x_k^{n_k} \\
 = & \sum_{n_1} \binom{n}{n_1} x_1^{n_1} \left(\sum_{n_2 + \dots + n_k = n - n_1} \binom{n - n_1}{n_2 \dots n_k} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_k^{n_k} \right) \\
 = & \sum_{n_1} \binom{n}{n_1} x_1^{n_1} (x_2 + \dots + x_k)^{n - n_1} \\
 = & (x_1 + \dots + x_k)^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

by induction.