

Lemma on the Binomial Coefficients of Combinatorial Geometric Series

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Abstract

This paper presents lemmas and its corollaries on the combinatorial geometric series and summation of series of binomial coefficients. Also, the coefficient for each term in combinatorial geometric series refers to a binomial coefficient. These ideas can enable the scientific researchers to solve the real life problems.

Keywords: computation, combinatorics, binomial coefficient

1. Introduction

When the author of this article was trying to develop the multiple summations of geometric series (Annamalai, 2010, 2017a, 2017b, 2017c, 2018a, 2018b, 2018c, 2018d, 2019a, 2019b, 2020), a new idea stimulated his mind to create a combinatorial geometric series (Annamalai, 2022a, 2022b, 2022c). The combinatorial geometric series is a geometric series whose coefficient of each term of the geometric series denotes the binomial coefficient V_n^r . In this article, lemmas and corollaries on the binomial coefficients of combinatorial geometric series (Annamalai, 2022d, 2022j) are provided with detailed proofs.

2. Combinatorial Geometric Series

The combinatorial geometric series (Annamalai, 2022d, 2022e, 2022h) is derived from the multiple summations of geometric series. The coefficient of each term in the combinatorial refers to the binomial coefficient V_n^r (Annamalai, 2022i).

$$\sum_{i_1=0}^n \sum_{i_2=i_1}^n \sum_{i_3=i_2}^n \cdots \sum_{i_r=i_{r-1}}^n x^{i_r} = \sum_{i=0}^n V_i^r x^i \& V_n^r = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)\cdots(n+r-1)(n+r)}{r!},$$

where $n \ge 0, r \ge 1$ and $n, r \in N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

Here, $\sum_{i=0}^{n} V_i^r x^i$ refers to the combinatorial geometric series and

 V_n^r is the binomial coefficient for combinatorial geometric series.

Lemma 2. 1: $V_{n-1}^{r+1} + V_n^r = V_n^{r+1}$.

Proof. Let us prove this lemma using the combinatorial geometric series.

By substituting x = 1 in the combinatorial geometric series $\sum_{i=1}^{n} V_i^r x^i$, we get n n

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} V_{i}^{r}(1)^{i} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} V_{i}^{r} = V_{0}^{r} + V_{1}^{r} + V_{2}^{n} + V_{3}^{r} + \dots + V_{n-1}^{r} + V_{n}^{r} = V_{n}^{r+1}.$$
(1)

This is one of the binomial identities based on the combinatorial geometric series. From the above binomial identity, we get the following result:

$$V_{n-1}^{r+1} + V_n^r = V_n^{r+1}, \left(::\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} V_i^r = V_{n-1}^{r+1}\right).$$
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$$V_{n-1}^{r+1} + V_n^r = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+r)}{(r+1)!} + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+r)}{r!}$$
$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+r)}{r!} \left(\frac{n}{r+1} + 1\right) =$$
$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+r)}{r!} \left(\frac{n+r+1}{r+1}\right).$$
$$V_{n-1}^{r+1} + V_n^r = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+r)(n+r+1)}{(r+1)!} = V_n^{r+1}.$$
(4)

Hence, the lemma is proved.

We know that the binomial series is
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} V_i^{n-i} x^i y^{n-i} = (x + y)^n$$
.
For examples: by substituting $x = 1$ and $y = 1$ in the binomial series, we get $\sum_{i=0}^{n} V_i^{n-i} = 2^n$ and also, by substituting $x = 1$ and $y = 2$ in the binomial series, we get $\sum_{i=0}^{n} V_i^{n-i} 2^{n-i} = 3^n$.
From the binomial series given in the examples, we get the following series:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} V_i^{n-i} (2^{n-i} - 1) = 3^n - 2^n.$$
(5)

Lemma 2. 2: $\sum_{i=1}^{n} V_i^{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = 2^n - 1.$

Proof. Let us prove this lemma using the summation of series of binomial coefficients and sum of geometric series of powers of two as follows:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} 2^{i} = 2^{n+1} - 1 \Longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^{i} = 2^{n} - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=0}^{n} V_{i}^{n-i} = 2^{n} \Longrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} V_{i}^{n-i} = 2^{n} - 1.$$

From these expressions, we conclude that
$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{n} V_{i}^{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^{i} = 2^{n} - 1.$$
 (6)

Hence, the lemma is proved.

Corollary 3.1:
$$\sum_{i=k}^{n-1} 2^{i} = 2^{n} - 2^{k}$$
. In this summation, if $k = 0$, then
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^{i} = 2^{n} - 1$$
.
Corollary 3.2:
$$\sum_{i=k+1}^{n} V_{i}^{n-i} = 2^{n} - \frac{1}{(n-k)!} \sum_{i=k}^{n-k} (k+i)$$
.
Corollary 3.3:
$$\sum_{i=0}^{r} V_{i}^{n} = V_{r}^{n+1} \Longrightarrow \sum_{i=k+1}^{r} V_{i}^{n} = V_{r}^{n+1} - V_{k}^{n+1}$$

3. Conclusion

i=0

In this article, lemmas and its corollaries were introduced on the combinatorial geometric series and series of binomial coefficients. This idea can enable the scientific researchers to solve the real-life problems (Annamalai, 2010).

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