

sequence S_1 , the first divisors of successive columns were 1, 2, 6, 20, 70, ..., the central column of Pascal's triangle which gave rise to the Catalan numbers originally. For S_2 , they are 1, 4, 21, 120, ..., which diagonal of Pascal's triangle yields S_2 upon successive division by $(3j+1)$, $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $S_2^2 = \{1, 2, 7, 60, \dots\}$ upon successive division by 1, 2, 3, 4, For S_3 , the first divisors are 1, 6, 45, ..., which produce $S_3^3 = \{1, 3, 15, 91, \dots\}$, upon successive division by 1, 2, 3, 4,

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$$x^N - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x^i$$

for some $N \geq 2$. Then

$$a^{N+i} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F_{N,i}^k a^{N-k}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Proof. The case $i=1$ amounts to $F_{N,1}^k = 1$, $k=0, 1, \dots, N-1$. If the theorem is true for some $i \geq 1$, then

$$a^{N+i+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F_{N,i}^k a^{N-k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} F_{N,i}^{k+1} a^{N-k} + F_{N,i}^0 a^{N+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-2} (F_{N,i}^{k+1} + F_{N,i}^0) a^{N-k} + F_{N,i}^0.$$

Now

$$F_{N,i}^{k+1} + F_{N,i}^0 = F_{N,i+k+1} - \sum_{j=0}^k F_{N,i+j} + F_{N,i} = F_{N,i+1+k} - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} F_{N,i+1+j} = F_{N,i+1}^k.$$

Also $F_{N,i} = F_{N,i+1}^{N-1}$, so the above equation reduces to

$$a^{N+i+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F_{N,i+1}^k a^{N-k}.$$

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