

Recall

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \quad C_n = \sum_{k=1}^n C_{n-k} \cdot C_{k-1}$$

$$F = F_c = \sum C_k x^k = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4x}}{2x}$$

$$(1+y)^\alpha = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{\alpha}{k} y^k$$

$$\binom{\alpha}{k} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1) \cdots (\alpha-k+1)}{k!}$$

$$\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{k} = \dots = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{2^k \cdot k!} (1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-3)) \stackrel{(*)}{=} ?$$

\uparrow
 $(1+y)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(2k-3)!!}$

Aside: Understand $(2n-1)!!$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol } \textcircled{1}: (2n-1)!! &= 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1) \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdots (2n)} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{2^n (1 \cdot 2 \cdots n)} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} \end{aligned}$$

Sol $\textcircled{2}$: Start by asking a question.

How many ways to pair $2n$ people?



Ans 1: $(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)(2n-7) \dots$

Ans 2: $\frac{(2n)!}{2^n \cdot n!} \Rightarrow (2n-1)!! = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n \cdot n!}$

Now $(2k-3)!! = \frac{2(k-1)!!}{2^{k-1} (k-1)!} \stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow} ? = \frac{(-1)2^{k-1} (2k-2)!}{2^{2k-1} \cdot k((k-1)!)^2} = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{2^{2k-1} \cdot k} \binom{2k-2}{k-1}$
 with $\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{0} = 1$

$$\sqrt{1-4x} = (1-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{k} (-4)^k x^k$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{2^{2k-1} (k)} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} (-4)^k x^k$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} x^k$$

$$F = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4x}}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} x^k}{2x}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} x^{k-1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} C_n \cdot x^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

Q: How many way to the top of an n -stair stair cases if in each leap, you can climb one or two steps? Call answer F_n

A: $F_0 = 1$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_2 = 2$$

$$F_3 = 3, 5, 8, \dots$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$