
Problem 14) Using the binomial expansion $(x + y)^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} x^{n-m} y^m$, we write

$$2^n = (1 + 1)^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} = \sum_{m=0,2,4,6,\dots}^n \binom{n}{m} + \sum_{m=1,3,5,7,\dots}^n \binom{n}{m}. \quad (1)$$

$$0 = (1 - 1)^n = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} (-1)^m = \sum_{m=0,2,4,6,\dots}^n \binom{n}{m} - \sum_{m=1,3,5,7,\dots}^n \binom{n}{m}. \quad (2)$$

Adding Eqs.(1) and (2) yields the sum over even values of m as $\frac{1}{2}(2^n + 0) = 2^{n-1}$. Similarly, subtracting Eq.(2) from Eq.(1) yields the sum over odd values of m as $\frac{1}{2}(2^n - 0) = 2^{n-1}$.
