

<POW 2010-6>  $\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k}^3$  (06 3441)

$$\text{문제 : } \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k}^3 = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m}^2 \binom{2m}{m}.$$

Consider  $(1+(1+x)(1+y)(1+z))^n = f(x, y, z).$

Denote the coefficient of  $x^a y^b z^c$  in  $f(x, y, z)$  as  $f(x, y, z)[x^a y^b z^c].$

$$\text{Then, } \sum_{m=k}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{m}{k}^3 = f(x, y, z)[x^k y^k z^k].$$

$$\text{So, } \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k}^3 = f(x, y, \frac{1}{xy})[1].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By the way, } 1+(1+x)(1+y)(1+\frac{1}{xy}) &= 3+x+y+xy+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{y}+\frac{1}{xy} \\ &= (1+x+\frac{1}{y})(1+y+\frac{1}{x}) \\ &= (1+x(1+\frac{1}{xy}))(1+y(1+\frac{1}{xy})). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } f(x, y, \frac{1}{xy}) = \left(1+x(1+\frac{1}{xy})\right)^n \left(1+y(1+\frac{1}{xy})\right)^n.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, \frac{1}{xy})[1] = \sum_{k, l} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{l} [x^k (1+\frac{1}{xy})^k y^l (1+\frac{1}{xy})^l][1].$$

Note that  $(x^k (1+\frac{1}{xy})^k y^l (1+\frac{1}{xy})^l)[1] = 0$  if  $k \neq l.$

( $\because$  To cancel  $x^k y^l$  by  $(\frac{1}{xy})^m$  for some  $m$ , we need  $k=l$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And, } (x^m (1+\frac{1}{xy})^m y^m (1+\frac{1}{xy})^m)[1] &= \left(1+\frac{1}{xy}\right)^{2m} [x^m y^m] \\ &= \binom{2m}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } f(x, y, \frac{1}{xy})[1] = \sum_m \binom{n}{m}^2 \binom{2m}{m}.$$

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