

# The Falling Factorial of a Sum

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## Abstract

This entry shows that the falling factorial of a sum can be computed with an expression using binomial coefficients and the falling factorial of its summands. The entry provides three different proofs: a combinatorial proof, an induction proof and an algebraic proof using the Vandermonde identity.

The three formalizations try to follow their informal presentations from a Mathematics Stack Exchange page [1, 2, 3, 4] as close as possible. The induction and algebraic formalization end up to be very close to their informal presentation, whereas the combinatorial proof first requires the introduction of list interleavings, and significant more detail than its informal presentation.

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## 1 Proving Falling Factorial of a Sum with Combinatorics

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theory Falling-Factorial-Sum-Combinatorics
imports
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*Discrete-Summation.Factorials*  
*Card-Partitions.Injectivity-Solver*

**begin**

## 1.1 Preliminaries

### 1.1.1 Addition to Factorials Theory

**lemma** *card-lists-distinct-length-eq*:

**assumes** *finite A*

**shows**  $\text{card } \{xs. \text{length } xs = n \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq A\} = \text{ffact } n (\text{card } A)$

**proof** *cases*

**assume**  $n \leq \text{card } A$

**have**  $\text{card } \{xs. \text{length } xs = n \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq A\} = \prod \{\text{card } A - n + 1.. \text{card } A\}$

**using**  $\langle \text{finite } A \rangle \langle n \leq \text{card } A \rangle$  **by** (*rule card-lists-distinct-length-eq*)

**also have**  $\dots = \text{ffact } n (\text{card } A)$

**using**  $\langle n \leq \text{card } A \rangle$  **by** (*simp add: prod-rev-ffact-nat'[symmetric]*)

**finally show** *?thesis* .

**next**

**assume**  $\neg n \leq \text{card } A$

**from this**  $\langle \text{finite } A \rangle$  **have**  $\forall xs. \text{length } xs = n \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq A \longrightarrow \text{False}$   
**by** (*metis card-mono distinct-card*)

**from this** **have** *eq-empty*:  $\{xs. \text{length } xs = n \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq A\} = \{\}$

**using**  $\langle \text{finite } A \rangle$  **by** *auto*

**from**  $\langle \neg n \leq \text{card } A \rangle$  **show** *?thesis*

**by** (*simp add: ffact-nat-triv eq-empty*)

**qed**

## 1.2 Interleavings of Two Lists

**inductive** *interleavings* :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list  $\Rightarrow$  bool

**where**

*interleavings* [] *ys ys*

| *interleavings xs* [] *xs*

| *interleavings xs ys zs*  $\Longrightarrow$  *interleavings (x#xs) ys (x#zs)*

| *interleavings xs ys zs*  $\Longrightarrow$  *interleavings xs (y#ys) (y#zs)*

**lemma** *interleaving-Nil-implies-eq1*:

**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*

**assumes**  $xs = []$

**shows**  $ys = zs$

**using** *assms* **by** (*induct rule: interleavings.induct*) *auto*

**lemma** *interleaving-Nil-iff1*:

*interleavings* [] *ys zs*  $\longleftrightarrow$  ( $ys = zs$ )

**using** *interleaving-Nil-implies-eq1*

**by** (*auto simp add: interleavings.intros(1)*)

**lemma** *interleaving-Nil-implies-eq2*:

**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*  
**assumes**  $ys = []$   
**shows**  $xs = zs$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induct rule: interleavings.induct*) *auto*

**lemma** *interleaving-Nil-iff2*:  
*interleavings xs [] zs*  $\longleftrightarrow$  ( $xs = zs$ )  
**using** *interleaving-Nil-implies-eq2*  
**by** (*auto simp add: interleavings.intros(2)*)

**lemma** *interleavings-Cons*:  
 $\{zs. \text{interleavings } (x\#xs) (y\#ys) zs\} =$   
 $\{x\#zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } xs (y\#ys) zs\} \cup \{y\#zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } (x\#xs) ys zs\}$   
**(is**  $?S = ?expr$ **)**  
**proof**  
**show**  $?S \subseteq ?expr$   
**by** (*auto elim: interleavings.cases*)  
**next**  
**show**  $?expr \subseteq ?S$   
**by** (*auto intro: interleavings.intros*)  
**qed**

**lemma** *interleavings-filter*:  
**assumes**  $X \cap Y = \{\}$  *set*  $zs \subseteq X \cup Y$   
**shows** *interleavings*  $[z \leftarrow zs . z \in X] [z \leftarrow zs . z \in Y] zs$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induct zs*) (*auto intro: interleavings.intros*)

**lemma** *interleavings-filter-eq1*:  
**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*  
**assumes**  $(\forall x \in \text{set } xs. P x) \wedge (\forall y \in \text{set } ys. \neg P y)$   
**shows** *filter*  $P zs = xs$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induct rule: interleavings.induct*) *auto*

**lemma** *interleavings-filter-eq2*:  
**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*  
**assumes**  $(\forall x \in \text{set } xs. \neg P x) \wedge (\forall y \in \text{set } ys. P y)$   
**shows** *filter*  $P zs = ys$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induct rule: interleavings.induct*) *auto*

**lemma** *interleavings-length*:  
**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*  
**shows**  $\text{length } xs + \text{length } ys = \text{length } zs$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induct xs ys zs rule: interleavings.induct*) *auto*

**lemma** *interleavings-set*:  
**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*  
**shows**  $\text{set } xs \cup \text{set } ys = \text{set } zs$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induct xs ys zs rule: interleavings.induct*) *auto*

**lemma** *interleavings-distinct*:  
**assumes** *interleavings xs ys zs*  
**shows**  $\text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{distinct } ys \wedge \text{set } xs \cap \text{set } ys = \{\}$   $\longleftrightarrow$  *distinct zs*  
**using** *assms interleavings-set* **by** (*induct xs ys zs rule: interleavings.induct*) *fast-force+*

**lemma** *two-mutual-lists-induction*:  
**assumes**  $\bigwedge ys. P \ [] \ ys$   
**assumes**  $\bigwedge xs. P \ xs \ []$   
**assumes**  $\bigwedge x \ xs \ y \ ys. P \ xs \ (y\#\ys) \implies P \ (x\#xs) \ ys \implies P \ (x\#xs) \ (y\#\ys)$   
**shows**  $P \ xs \ ys$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*induction-schema*) (*pat-completeness, lexicographic-order*)

**lemma** *finite-interleavings*:  
*finite {zs. interleavings xs ys zs}*  
**proof** (*induct xs ys rule: two-mutual-lists-induction*)  
**case** (1 *ys*)  
**show** ?*case* **by** (*simp add: interleaving-Nil-iff1*)  
**next**  
**case** (2 *xs*)  
**then show** ?*case* **by** (*simp add: interleaving-Nil-iff2*)  
**next**  
**case** (3 *x xs y ys*)  
**then show** ?*case* **by** (*simp add: interleavings-Cons*)  
**qed**

**lemma** *card-interleavings*:  
**assumes**  $\text{set } xs \cap \text{set } ys = \{\}$   
**shows**  $\text{card } \{zs. \text{interleavings } xs \ ys \ zs\} = (\text{length } xs + \text{length } ys \text{ choose } (\text{length } xs))$   
**using** *assms*  
**proof** (*induct xs ys rule: two-mutual-lists-induction*)  
**case** (1 *ys*)  
**have**  $\text{card } \{zs. \text{interleavings } [] \ ys \ zs\} = \text{card } \{ys\}$   
**by** (*simp add: interleaving-Nil-iff1*)  
**also have**  $\dots = (\text{length } [] + \text{length } ys \text{ choose } (\text{length } []))$  **by** *simp*  
**finally show** ?*case* .  
**next**  
**case** (2 *xs*)  
**have**  $\text{card } \{zs. \text{interleavings } xs \ [] \ zs\} = \text{card } \{xs\}$   
**by** (*simp add: interleaving-Nil-iff2*)  
**also have**  $\dots = (\text{length } xs + \text{length } [] \text{ choose } (\text{length } xs))$  **by** *simp*  
**finally show** ?*case* .  
**next**  
**case** (3 *x xs y ys*)  
**have**  $\text{card } \{zs. \text{interleavings } (x \# xs) \ (y \# ys) \ zs\} =$   
 $\text{card } (\{x\#\zs | zs. \text{interleavings } xs \ (y\#\ys) \ zs\} \cup \{y\#\zs | zs. \text{interleavings } (x\#xs) \ ys \ zs\})$   
**by** (*simp add: interleavings-Cons*)

**also have**  $\dots = \text{card } \{x\#zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } xs (y\#ys) zs\} + \text{card } \{y\#zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } (x\#xs) ys zs\}$   
**proof** –  
**have**  $\text{finite } \{x \# zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } xs (y \# ys) zs\}$   
**by** (*simp add: finite-interleavings*)  
**moreover have**  $\text{finite } \{y \# zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } (x \# xs) ys zs\}$   
**by** (*simp add: finite-interleavings*)  
**moreover have**  $\{x \# zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } xs (y \# ys) zs\} \cap \{y \# zs \mid zs. \text{interleavings } (x \# xs) ys zs\} = \{\}$   
**using**  $\langle \text{set } (x \# xs) \cap \text{set } (y \# ys) = \{\} \rangle$  **by** *auto*  
**ultimately show** *?thesis* **by** (*simp add: card-Un-disjoint*)  
**qed**  
**also have**  $\dots = \text{card } ((\lambda zs. x \# zs) ` \{zs. \text{interleavings } xs (y \# ys) zs\}) + \text{card } ((\lambda zs. y \# zs) ` \{zs. \text{interleavings } (x\#xs) ys zs\})$   
**by** (*simp add: setcompr-eq-image*)  
**also have**  $\dots = \text{card } \{zs. \text{interleavings } xs (y \# ys) zs\} + \text{card } \{zs. \text{interleavings } (x\#xs) ys zs\}$   
**by** (*simp add: card-image*)  
**also have**  $\dots = (\text{length } xs + \text{length } (y \# ys) \text{ choose length } xs) + (\text{length } (x \# xs) + \text{length } ys \text{ choose length } (x \# xs))$   
**using** 3 **by** *simp*  
**also have**  $\dots = \text{length } (x \# xs) + \text{length } (y \# ys) \text{ choose length } (x \# xs)$  **by** *simp*  
**finally show** *?case* .  
**qed**

### 1.3 Cardinality of Distinct Fixed-Length Lists from a Union of Two Sets

**lemma** *lists-distinct-union-by-interleavings*:

**assumes**  $X \cap Y = \{\}$   
**shows**  $\{zs. \text{length } zs = n \wedge \text{distinct } zs \wedge \text{set } zs \subseteq X \cup Y\} = \text{do } \{$   
 $k \leftarrow \{0..n\};$   
 $xs \leftarrow \{xs. \text{length } xs = k \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq X\};$   
 $ys \leftarrow \{ys. \text{length } ys = n - k \wedge \text{distinct } ys \wedge \text{set } ys \subseteq Y\};$   
 $\{zs. \text{interleavings } xs ys zs\}$   
 $\} \text{ (is } ?S = ?\text{expr)}$

**proof**

**show**  $?S \subseteq ?\text{expr}$

**proof**

**fix**  $zs$

**assume**  $zs \in ?S$

**from this have**  $\text{length } zs = n$  **and**  $\text{distinct } zs$  **and**  $\text{set } zs \subseteq X \cup Y$  **by** *auto*

**define**  $xs$  **where**  $xs = \text{filter } (\lambda z. z \in X) zs$

**define**  $ys$  **where**  $ys = \text{filter } (\lambda z. z \in Y) zs$

**have**  $\text{eq: } [z \leftarrow zs . z \in Y] = [z \leftarrow zs . z \notin X]$

**using**  $\langle \text{set } zs \subseteq X \cup Y \rangle \langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle$

**by** (*auto intro: filter-cong*)

**have**  $\text{length } xs \leq n \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq X$

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    using ⟨length zs = n⟩ ⟨distinct zs⟩ unfolding xs-def by auto
  moreover have length ys = n - length xs
    using ⟨set zs ⊆ X ∪ Y⟩ ⟨length zs = n⟩
    unfolding xs-def ys-def eq
    by (metis diff-add-inverse sum-length-filter-compl)
  moreover have distinct ys ∧ set ys ⊆ Y
    using ⟨distinct zs⟩ unfolding ys-def by auto
  moreover have interleavings xs ys zs
    using xs-def ys-def ⟨X ∩ Y = {}⟩ ⟨set zs ⊆ X ∪ Y⟩
    by (simp add: interleavings-filter)
  ultimately show zs ∈ ?expr by force
qed
next
show ?expr ⊆ ?S
proof
  fix zs
  assume zs ∈ ?expr
  from this obtain xs ys where length xs ≤ n distinct xs set xs ⊆ X
    and length ys = n - length xs distinct ys set ys ⊆ Y interleavings xs ys zs by
  auto
  have length zs = n
    using ⟨length xs ≤ n⟩ ⟨length ys = n - length xs⟩ ⟨interleavings xs ys zs⟩
    using interleavings-length by force
  moreover have distinct zs
    using ⟨distinct xs⟩ ⟨distinct ys⟩ ⟨interleavings xs ys zs⟩ ⟨set xs ⊆ X⟩ ⟨set ys ⊆
  Y⟩
    using ⟨X ∩ Y = {}⟩ interleavings-distinct by fastforce
  moreover have set zs ⊆ X ∪ Y
    using ⟨interleavings xs ys zs⟩ ⟨set xs ⊆ X⟩ ⟨set ys ⊆ Y⟩ interleavings-set by
  blast
  ultimately show zs ∈ ?S by blast
qed
qed

lemma interleavings-inject:
  assumes (set xs ∪ set xs') ∩ (set ys ∪ set ys') = {}
  assumes interleavings xs ys zs interleavings xs' ys' zs'
  assumes zs = zs'
  shows xs = xs' and ys = ys'
proof -
  have xs = filter (λz. z ∈ set xs ∪ set xs') zs
    using ⟨(set xs ∪ set xs') ∩ (set ys ∪ set ys') = {}⟩ ⟨interleavings xs ys zs⟩
    by (auto intro: interleavings-filter-eq1[symmetric])
  also have ... = filter (λz. z ∈ set xs ∪ set xs') zs'
    using ⟨zs = zs'⟩ by simp
  also have ... = xs'
    using ⟨(set xs ∪ set xs') ∩ (set ys ∪ set ys') = {}⟩ ⟨interleavings xs' ys' zs'⟩
    by (auto intro: interleavings-filter-eq1)
  finally show xs = xs' by simp

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**have**  $ys = \text{filter } (\lambda z. z \in \text{set } ys \cup \text{set } ys') \text{ } zs$   
**using**  $\langle (\text{set } xs \cup \text{set } xs') \cap (\text{set } ys \cup \text{set } ys') = \{\} \rangle \langle \text{interleavings } xs \text{ } ys \text{ } zs \rangle$   
**by**  $(\text{auto intro: interleavings-filter-eq2}[\text{symmetric}])$   
**also have**  $\dots = \text{filter } (\lambda z. z \in \text{set } ys \cup \text{set } ys') \text{ } zs'$   
**using**  $\langle zs = zs' \rangle$  **by**  $\text{simp}$   
**also have**  $\dots = ys'$   
**using**  $\langle (\text{set } xs \cup \text{set } xs') \cap (\text{set } ys \cup \text{set } ys') = \{\} \rangle \langle \text{interleavings } xs' \text{ } ys' \text{ } zs' \rangle$   
**by**  $(\text{auto intro: interleavings-filter-eq2})$   
**finally show**  $ys = ys'$  .  
**qed**

**lemma injectivity:**

**assumes**  $X \cap Y = \{\}$   
**assumes**  $k \in \{0..n\} \wedge k' \in \{0..n\}$   
**assumes**  $(\text{length } xs = k \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq X) \wedge (\text{length } xs' = k' \wedge \text{distinct } xs' \wedge \text{set } xs' \subseteq X)$   
**assumes**  $(\text{length } ys = n - k \wedge \text{distinct } ys \wedge \text{set } ys \subseteq Y) \wedge (\text{length } ys' = n - k' \wedge \text{distinct } ys' \wedge \text{set } ys' \subseteq Y)$   
**assumes**  $\text{interleavings } xs \text{ } ys \text{ } zs \wedge \text{interleavings } xs' \text{ } ys' \text{ } zs'$   
**assumes**  $zs = zs'$   
**shows**  $k = k'$  **and**  $xs = xs'$  **and**  $ys = ys'$

**proof** –

**from**  $\text{assms}(1,3,4)$  **have**  $(\text{set } xs \cup \text{set } xs') \cap (\text{set } ys \cup \text{set } ys') = \{\}$  **by**  $\text{blast}$   
**from**  $\text{this}$   $\text{assms}(5)$   $\langle zs = zs' \rangle$  **show**  $xs = xs'$  **and**  $ys = ys'$   
**using**  $\text{interleavings-inject}$  **by**  $\text{fastforce+}$   
**from**  $\text{this}$   $\text{assms}(3)$  **show**  $k = k'$  **by**  $\text{auto}$

**qed**

**lemma card-lists-distinct-length-eq-union:**

**assumes**  $\text{finite } X \text{ } \text{finite } Y \text{ } X \cap Y = \{\}$   
**shows**  $\text{card } \{zs. \text{length } zs = n \wedge \text{distinct } zs \wedge \text{set } zs \subseteq X \cup Y\} =$   
 $(\sum k=0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k (\text{card } X) * \text{ffact } (n - k) (\text{card } Y))$   
**(is**  $\text{card } ?S = -)$

**proof** –

**let**  $?expr = \text{do } \{$   
 $k \leftarrow \{0..n\};$   
 $xs \leftarrow \{xs. \text{length } xs = k \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq X\};$   
 $ys \leftarrow \{ys. \text{length } ys = n - k \wedge \text{distinct } ys \wedge \text{set } ys \subseteq Y\};$   
 $\{zs. \text{interleavings } xs \text{ } ys \text{ } zs\}$   
 $\}$   
**from**  $\langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle$  **have**  $\text{card } ?S = \text{card } ?expr$   
**by**  $(\text{simp add: lists-distinct-union-by-interleavings})$   
**let**  $?S \gg= ?comp = ?expr$   
 $\{$   
 $\text{fix } k$   
 $\text{assume } k \in ?S$   
 $\text{let } ?expr = ?comp \text{ } k$   
 $\text{let } ?S \gg= ?comp = ?expr$   
 $\text{from } \langle \text{finite } X \rangle \text{ have } \text{finite } ?S \text{ by } \text{auto}$

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moreover {
  fix  $xs$ 
  assume  $xs: xs \in ?S$ 
  let  $?expr = ?comp\ xs$ 
  let  $?S \gg= ?comp = ?expr$ 
  from  $\langle finite\ Y \rangle$  have  $finite\ ?S$  by auto
  moreover {
    fix  $ys$ 
    assume  $ys: ys \in ?S$ 
    let  $?expr = ?comp\ ys$ 
    have  $finite\ ?expr$ 
    by (simp add: finite-interleavings)
    moreover have  $card\ ?expr = (n\ choose\ k)$ 
    using  $xs\ ys\ \langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle\ \langle k \in - \rangle$ 
    by (subst card-interleavings) auto
    ultimately have  $finite\ ?expr \wedge card\ ?expr = (n\ choose\ k) ..$ 
  }
  moreover have disjoint-family-on  $?comp\ ?S$ 
  using  $\langle k \in \{0..n\} \rangle\ \langle xs \in \{xs.\ length\ xs = k \wedge distinct\ xs \wedge set\ xs \subseteq X\} \rangle$ 
  by (injectivity-solver rule: injectivity(3)[OF  $\langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle$ ])
  moreover have  $card\ ?S = \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ (card\ Y)$ 
  using  $\langle finite\ Y \rangle$  by (simp add: card-lists-distinct-length-eq)
  ultimately have  $card\ ?expr = (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ (card\ Y)$ 
  by (subst card-bind-constant) auto
  moreover have  $finite\ ?expr$ 
  using  $\langle finite\ ?S \rangle$  by (auto intro!: finite-bind finite-interleavings)
  ultimately have  $finite\ ?expr \wedge card\ ?expr = (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)$ 
  (card Y)
  by blast
}
moreover have disjoint-family-on  $?comp\ ?S$ 
using  $\langle k \in \{0..n\} \rangle$ 
by (injectivity-solver rule: injectivity(2)[OF  $\langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle$ ])
moreover have  $card\ ?S = \text{ffact}\ k\ (card\ X)$ 
using  $\langle finite\ X \rangle$  by (simp add: card-lists-distinct-length-eq)
ultimately have  $card\ ?expr = (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ (card\ X) * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)$ 
(card Y)
by (subst card-bind-constant) auto
moreover have  $finite\ ?expr$ 
using  $\langle finite\ ?S \rangle\ \langle finite\ Y \rangle$  by (auto intro!: finite-bind finite-interleavings)
ultimately have  $finite\ ?expr \wedge card\ ?expr = (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ (card\ X)$ 
 $* \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ (card\ Y)$ 
by blast
}
moreover have disjoint-family-on  $?comp\ ?S$ 
by (injectivity-solver rule: injectivity(1)[OF  $\langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle$ ])
ultimately have  $card\ ?expr = (\sum\ k=0..n.\ (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ (card\ X) * \text{ffact}$ 
 $(n - k)\ (card\ Y))$ 
by (auto simp add: card-bind)

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**from**  $\langle \text{card } - = \text{card } ?\text{expr} \rangle$  **this show**  $?thesis$  **by simp**  
**qed**

**lemma**

$\text{ffact } n (x + y) = (\sum k=0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (n - k) y)$

**proof** -

**define**  $X$  **where**  $X = \{..<x\}$

**define**  $Y$  **where**  $Y = \{x..<x+y\}$

**have**  $\text{finite } X$  **and**  $\text{card } X = x$  **unfolding**  $X\text{-def}$  **by auto**

**have**  $\text{finite } Y$  **and**  $\text{card } Y = y$  **unfolding**  $Y\text{-def}$  **by auto**

**have**  $X \cap Y = \{\}$  **unfolding**  $X\text{-def } Y\text{-def}$  **by auto**

**have**  $\text{ffact } n (x + y) = \text{ffact } n (\text{card } X + \text{card } Y)$

**using**  $\langle \text{card } X = x \rangle \langle \text{card } Y = y \rangle$  **by simp**

**also have**  $\dots = \text{ffact } n (\text{card } (X \cup Y))$

**using**  $\langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle \langle \text{finite } X \rangle \langle \text{finite } Y \rangle$  **by**  $(\text{simp add: card-Un-disjoint})$

**also have**  $\dots = \text{card } \{xs. \text{length } xs = n \wedge \text{distinct } xs \wedge \text{set } xs \subseteq X \cup Y\}$

**using**  $\langle \text{finite } X \rangle \langle \text{finite } Y \rangle$  **by**  $(\text{simp add: card-lists-distinct-length-eq})$

**also have**  $\dots = (\sum k=0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k (\text{card } X) * \text{ffact } (n - k) (\text{card } Y))$

**using**  $\langle X \cap Y = \{\} \rangle \langle \text{finite } X \rangle \langle \text{finite } Y \rangle$  **by**  $(\text{simp add: card-lists-distinct-length-eq-union})$

**also have**  $\dots = (\sum k=0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (n - k) y)$

**using**  $\langle \text{card } X = x \rangle \langle \text{card } Y = y \rangle$  **by simp**

**finally show**  $?thesis$  .

**qed**

**end**

## 2 Proving Falling Factorial of a Sum with Induction

**theory** *Falling-Factorial-Sum-Induction*

**imports**

*Discrete-Summation.Factorials*

**begin**

Note the potentially special copyright license condition of the following proof.

**lemma** *ffact-add-nat*:

$\text{ffact } n (x + y) = (\sum k=0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (n - k) y)$

**proof**  $(\text{induct } n)$

**case**  $0$

**show**  $?case$  **by simp**

**next**

**case**  $(\text{Suc } n)$

**let**  $?s = \lambda k. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (n - k) y$

**let**  $?t = \lambda k. \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n - k) y$

**let**  $?u = \lambda k. \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } k) x * \text{ffact } (n - k) y$

**have**  $\text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n) (x + y) = (x + y - n) * \text{ffact } n (x + y)$

by (*simp add: ffact-Suc-rev-nat*)  
 also have ... =  $(x + y - n) * (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k * \text{ffact } (n - k) y)$   
 using *Suc.hyps* by *simp*  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. ?s k * (x + y - n))$   
 by (*simp add: mult.commute sum-distrib-left*)  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. ?s k * ((y + k - n) + (x - k)))$   
 proof -  
 have  $?s k * (x + y - n) = ?s k * ((y + k - n) + (x - k))$  for  $k$   
 by (*cases k ≤ x ∨ n - k ≤ y*) (*auto simp add: ffact-nat-triv*)  
 from *this* show *?thesis*  
 by (*auto intro: sum.cong simp only: refl*)  
 qed  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * (?t k + ?u k))$   
 by (*auto intro!: sum.cong simp add: Suc-diff-le ffact-Suc-rev-nat*) *algebra*  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) + (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?u k)$   
 by (*simp add: sum.distrib add-mult-distrib2 mult.commute mult.left-commute*)  
 also have ... =  $?t 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k + (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k)) * ?u k)$   
 proof -  
 have ... =  $(?t 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k) * ?u k)) + (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?u k)$   
 proof -  
 have  $(\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) = (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k) * ?u k)$   
 \*  $?u k$   
 proof -  
 have  $(\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) = (\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..\text{Suc } n. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k)$   
 by *simp*  
 also have ... =  $(\text{sum } ((\lambda k. (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) \text{ o } \text{Suc}) \{0..n\})$   
 by (*simp only: sum.reindex[symmetric, of Suc] inj-Suc image-Suc-atLeastAtMost*)  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k) * ?u k)$   
 by *simp*  
 finally show *?thesis* .  
 qed  
 from *this* show *?thesis*  
 by (*simp add: sum.atLeast-Suc-atMost[of - - λk. (n choose k) \* ?t k]*)  
 qed  
 also have ... =  $?t 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. (n \text{ choose } k + (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k)) * ?u k)$   
 by (*simp add: distrib-right sum.distrib*)  
 finally show *?thesis* .  
 qed  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..\text{Suc } n. (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k * \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n - k) y)$   
 proof -  
 let  $?v = \lambda k. (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k * \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n - k) y$   
 have ... =  $?v 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } (\text{Suc } k)) * ?u k)$   
 by *simp*  
 also have ... =  $?v 0 + (\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..\text{Suc } n. ?v k)$

by (*simp only: sum.shift-bounds-cl-Suc-ivl diff-Suc-Suc mult.assoc*)  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..Suc\ n. (Suc\ n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (Suc\ n - k)\ y)$   
 by (*simp add: sum.atLeast-Suc-atMost*)  
 finally show *?thesis* .  
 qed  
 finally show *?case* .  
 qed

lemma *ffact-add*:

fixes  $x\ y :: 'a::\{ab\text{-group-add, comm-semiring-1-cancel, ring-1}\}$   
 shows  $\text{ffact}\ n\ (x + y) = (\sum k=0..n. \text{of-nat}\ (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ y)$   
 proof (*induct n*)  
 case 0  
 show *?case* by *simp*  
 next  
 case (*Suc n*)  
 let  $?s = \lambda k. \text{of-nat}\ (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ y$   
 let  $?t = \lambda k. \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (Suc\ n - k)\ y$   
 let  $?u = \lambda k. \text{ffact}\ (Suc\ k)\ x * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ y$   
 have  $\text{ffact}\ (Suc\ n)\ (x + y) = (x + y - \text{of-nat}\ n) * \text{ffact}\ n\ (x + y)$   
 by (*simp add: ffact-Suc-rev*)  
 also have ... =  $(x + y - \text{of-nat}\ n) * (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat}\ (n\ choose\ k) * \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ y)$   
 using *Suc.hyps* by *simp*  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. ?s\ k * (x + y - \text{of-nat}\ n))$   
 by (*simp add: mult.commute sum-distrib-left*)  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. ?s\ k * ((y + \text{of-nat}\ k - \text{of-nat}\ n) + (x - \text{of-nat}\ k)))$   
 by (*auto intro: sum.cong simp add: diff-add-eq add-diff-eq add.commute*)  
 also have ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat}\ (n\ choose\ k) * (?t\ k + ?u\ k))$   
 proof -  
 {  
 fix  $k$   
 assume  $k \leq n$   
 have  $?u\ k = \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ y * (x - \text{of-nat}\ k)$   
 by (*simp add: ffact-Suc-rev Suc-diff-le of-nat-diff mult.commute mult.left-commute*)  
 moreover from  $k \leq n$  have  $?t\ k = \text{ffact}\ k\ x * \text{ffact}\ (n - k)\ y * (y + \text{of-nat}\ k - \text{of-nat}\ n)$   
 by (*simp add: ffact-Suc-rev Suc-diff-le of-nat-diff diff-diff-eq2 mult.commute mult.left-commute*)  
 ultimately have  
 $?s\ k * ((y + \text{of-nat}\ k - \text{of-nat}\ n) + (x - \text{of-nat}\ k)) = \text{of-nat}\ (n\ choose\ k) * (?t\ k + ?u\ k)$   
 by (*metis (no-types, lifting) distrib-left mult.assoc*)  
 }  
 from *this* show *?thesis* by (*auto intro: sum.cong*)

**qed**  
**also have** ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) + (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?u k)$   
**by** (*simp add: sum.distrib distrib-left mult.commute mult.left-commute*)  
**also have** ... =  $?t 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k + (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k)) * ?u k)$   
**proof** –  
**have** ... =  $(?t 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k) * ?u k)) + (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?u k)$   
**proof** –  
**have**  $(\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) = (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k) * ?u k)$   
**proof** –  
**have**  $(\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) = (\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..\text{Suc } n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k)$   
**by** (*simp add: binomial-eq-0*)  
**also have** ... =  $(\text{sum } ((\lambda k. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k) \text{ o } \text{Suc}) \{0..n\})$   
**by** (*simp only: sum.reindex[symmetric, of Suc] inj-Suc image-Suc-atLeastAtMost*)  
**also have** ... =  $(\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k) * ?u k)$   
**by** *simp*  
**finally show** ?thesis .  
**qed**  
**from this show** ?thesis  
**by** (*simp add: sum.atLeast-Suc-atMost[of - -  $\lambda k. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k) * ?t k]$* )  
**qed**  
**also have** ... =  $?t 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (n \text{ choose } k + (n \text{ choose } \text{Suc } k)) * ?u k)$   
**by** (*simp add: distrib-right sum.distrib*)  
**finally show** ?thesis .  
**qed**  
**also have** ... =  $(\sum k = 0..\text{Suc } n. \text{of-nat } (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n - k) y)$   
**proof** –  
**let** ?v =  $\lambda k. \text{of-nat } (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n - k) y$   
**have** ... =  $?v 0 + (\sum k = 0..n. \text{of-nat } (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } (\text{Suc } k)) * ?u k)$   
**by** *simp*  
**also have** ... =  $?v 0 + (\sum k = \text{Suc } 0..\text{Suc } n. ?v k)$   
**by** (*simp only: sum.shift-bounds-cl-Suc-ivl diff-Suc-Suc mult.assoc*)  
**also have** ... =  $(\sum k = 0..\text{Suc } n. \text{of-nat } (\text{Suc } n \text{ choose } k) * \text{ffact } k x * \text{ffact } (\text{Suc } n - k) y)$   
**by** (*simp add: sum.atLeast-Suc-atMost*)  
**finally show** ?thesis .  
**qed**  
**finally show** ?case .  
**qed**  
**end**

### 3 Proving Falling Factorial of a Sum with Vandermonde Identity

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theory Falling-Factorial-Sum-Vandermonde
imports
  Discrete-Summation.Factorials
begin

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Note the potentially special copyright license condition of the following proof.

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lemma ffact-add-nat:

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  shows ffact k (n + m) = (∑ i≤k. (k choose i) * ffact i n * ffact (k - i) m)

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proof -

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  have ffact k (n + m) = fact k * ((n + m) choose k)

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    by (simp only: ffact-eq-fact-mult-binomial)

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  also have ... = fact k * (∑ i≤k. (n choose i) * (m choose (k - i)))

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    by (simp only: vandermonde)

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  also have ... = (∑ i≤k. fact k * (n choose i) * (m choose (k - i)))

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    by (simp add: sum-distrib-left field-simps)

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  also have ... = (∑ i≤k. (fact i * fact (k - i) * (k choose i) * (n choose i) * (m choose (k - i))))

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    by (simp add: binomial-fact-lemma)

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  also have ... = (∑ i≤k. (k choose i) * (fact i * (n choose i)) * (fact (k - i) * (m choose (k - i))))

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    by (auto intro: sum.cong)

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  also have ... = (∑ i≤k. (k choose i) * ffact i n * ffact (k - i) m)

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    by (simp only: ffact-eq-fact-mult-binomial)

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  finally show ?thesis .

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qed

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end

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