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Dear Neil,

Just a brief note while I am endeavoring to clear my desk prior to departure for Britain on Monday. I can be reached intermittently at DPMS, 16 Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1SB, and will be back here on August 4.

I am intrigued by the title of a paper, which I have seen only in "Current Math. Pubs." Kenneth R. Rebman, The sequence 1 5 16 45 121 320 ... in combinatorics, Fibonacci Quarterly 13(1975) 51-55.

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Here is another triangular array which I came across while trying to analyze the n -person game in which the winner is the largest *unique* choice from $[1, N]$, no person knowing anyone else's choice. When $n = N$, let $g_{n,k}$ be the #, out of all possible games (i.e. all n^n sets of choices) which are won by a given player who has chosen k .

$n = 1$				1											
$n = 2$				1		0					$1 = (2^2-2)/2$				
$n = 3$			4		2		2				$8 = (3^3-3)/3$				
$n = 4$		27		15		9		3			$54 = (4^4-40)/4$				
		256		148		88		52		40	$584 = (5^5-205)/5$				
		3125		1845		1105		665		405	205	$7350 = (6^6-2556)/6$			
		46656		27906		16836		10206		6216	3786	2556	$114162 = (7^7-24409)/7$		
		823543		496951		301609		183757		112315	68803	42301	24409	$2053688 = (8^8-347712)/8$	
		16777216		10188872		6213264		3800392		2330336	1431816	881392	542984	347712	$42513984 = (9^9-4794633)/9$

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$g_{n,n} = (n-1)^{n-1}$. $g_{n+1,1} = u_n$, the number of undecided games between n players. $g_{n+1,k} = g_{n+1,k+1} - ng_{n,k}$.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Richard.

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