

# An asymptotic lower bound for A305233

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Let us consider natural  $k$  in the following problem:  
Find minimal  $k$  such that

$$\binom{k}{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \geq n.$$

We can take the following asymptotic expansion<sup>1</sup> (see also [1]):

$$\binom{k}{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} = \frac{2^k}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}k}}(1 + O(1/k)).$$

Let us assume that  $n = \frac{2^k}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}k}}(1 + O(1/k))$  and express  $k$ .

$$k = \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}k} + \log_2 n - \log_2(1 + O(1/k)) = \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} + \log_2 n + 1/2 \log_2 k + O(1/k).$$

Let us apply the bootstrap technique assuming that  $k = \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n} + O(\log_2 k)$ .

We get

$$k = \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n} + 1/2 \log_2(\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n} + O(\log_2 k))$$

$$k = \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n} + 1/2 \log_2(\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n}) + 1/2 \log_2(1 + O(\frac{\log_2 k}{\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n}}))$$

$$k = \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n} + 1/2 \log_2(\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n}) + O(\frac{\log_2 \log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n}}{\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}n}})$$

Since we started with the inequality, this asymptotic expresses a lower bound for  $k$ .

## References

- [1] Donald E. Knuth, Ilan Vardi, and Rolf Richberg. 6581. *The American Mathematical Monthly*, 97(7):626–630, 1990.

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<sup>1</sup><https://oeis.org/A001405> for  $\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ ,  $a(n) \sim 2^n / \sqrt{\pi n/2}$  by Charles R Greathouse IV, Oct 23 2015