

In the Polygorial paper, I assert that the ratio of \mathcal{P}_n^6 to \mathcal{P}_n^3 produces the Catalan number C_n (A000108_n).

Proof. Given

$$\mathcal{P}_n^k \equiv \frac{n!}{2^n} (k-2)^n \left(\frac{2}{k-2} \right)_n \quad (1)$$

$$C_n \equiv \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)!n!} \quad (2)$$

then¹

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_n^6 &\equiv \frac{n!}{2^n} 4^n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)_n \\ &= n! 2^n \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ &= n! 2^n \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \\ &= n! 2^n \frac{(2n-1)!! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^n \sqrt{\pi}} \\ &= n!(2n-1)!! \\ &= n! \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{2^n} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_n^3 &\equiv \frac{n!}{2^n} (2)_n \\ &= \frac{n! \Gamma(2+n)}{2^n \Gamma(2)} \\ &= \frac{n!^2 (n+1)}{2^n} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

thus

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_n^6}{\mathcal{P}_n^3} = \frac{\frac{(2n)!}{2^n}}{\frac{n!^2(n+1)}{2^n}} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)!n!} = C_n$$

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¹Mathworld's "Double factorial article" cites G Arfken, *Mathematical Methods for Physicists*, 3e, 1985, p. 548, for $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{2^n} \sqrt{\pi}$ and $(2n-1)!! = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}$