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From the  $n$  factors  $(x + y)$ , you must choose a “ $y$ ” exactly  $k$  times. Therefore,  $\binom{n}{k}$  ways. We recover the desired equation.  $\square$