

**Proof:** For each positive integer  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_p &:= \sum_{k=0}^p \binom{n+k}{k}^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^p (n+k+1) \int_0^1 t^k (1-t)^n dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left\{ (n+1)(1-t)^n \sum_{k=0}^p t^k + (1-t)^n \sum_{k=0}^p kt^k \right\} dt \\
 &= (n+1) \int_0^1 (1-t)^n dt - (n+1) \int_0^1 t^{p+1} (1-t)^{n-1} dt + \int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-2} dt \\
 &\quad - (p+1) \int_0^1 t^{p+1} (1-t)^{n-2} dt + p \int_0^1 t^{p+2} (1-t)^{n-2} dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Formula (1) yields

$$s_p = \frac{n}{n-1} - (n-2)! \frac{(np+p+1)(p+1)!}{(p+n+1)!} - (n+1)(n-1)! \frac{(p+1)!}{(p+n+1)!}.$$

Taking into account that  $n \geq 2$ , we conclude that  $s_p \rightarrow \frac{n}{n-1}$  when  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

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