

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $g(z)$  be a polynomial of degree  $\leq d$  and  $g(1) \neq 0$ .

Let  $g(z) = a_n z^n + \dots a_1 z + a_0$  and  $a_n + a_{n-1} + \dots a_1 + a_0 \neq 0$ . Then  $\frac{g(z)}{(1-z)^{d+1}} = g(z) \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{t+d}{t} z^t$

$$\frac{g(z)}{(1-z)^{d+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{t \geq 0} a_i \binom{t+d}{t} z^{t+i}$$

$$\frac{g(z)}{(1-z)^{d+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{t \geq i} a_i \binom{t-i+d}{t-i} z^t$$

By convention  $\binom{t-i+d}{t-i} = 0$  when  $t < i$ , hence we have

$$\frac{g(z)}{(1-z)^{d+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^n \left[ \sum_{t \geq 0} a_i \binom{t-i+d}{t-i} z^t \right]$$

Now we can switch the summation which gives us

$$\frac{g(z)}{(1-z)^{d+1}} = \sum_{t \geq 0} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \binom{t-i+d}{t-i} \right] z^t$$

For any  $1 \leq i \leq n$  we have  $\binom{t-i+d}{t-i} = \frac{(t-i+d)!}{(t-i)!d!} = \frac{(t-i+d)(t-i+d-1)\dots(t-i+1)}{d!} = \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{d-1} (t-i+d-k)}{d!}$ .  
Hence each is a polynomial of degree  $d$ .

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \binom{t-i+d}{t-i} = \frac{a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n}{d!} t^d + b_{d-1} + \dots b_1 t + b_0$$

For some coefficients  $b_k$  where  $0 \leq k \leq d-1$ . Since  $g(1) = a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n \geq 0$  we are assure the coefficient of  $t^d$  is not equal to 0 hence the degree of  $f$  is  $d$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $f(t)$  be a polynomial of degree  $d$ .  
Let  $f(t) = b_d t^d + \dots b_1 t + b_0$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{t \geq 0} f(t) z^t = \sum_{t \geq 0} b_d t^d z^t + \sum_{t \geq 0} b_{d-1} t^{d-1} z^t + \dots + \sum_{t \geq 0} b_1 t z^t + \sum_{t \geq 0} b_0 z^t$$

From **Problem 2** we proved that

$$\sum_{t \geq 0} (t+1)^d z^t = \frac{A(d, 1) z^0 + \dots + A(d, d) z^{d-1}}{(1-z)^{d+1}}$$

$$z \sum_{t \geq 0} (t+1)^d z^t = \sum_{t \geq 0} (t+1)^d z^{t+1} = \frac{A(d, 1) z^1 + \dots + A(d, d) z^d}{(1-z)^{d+1}}$$

We then have

$$\sum_{t \geq 1} (t)^d z^t = \sum_{t \geq 0} (t)^d z^t = \frac{A(d, 1) z^1 + \dots + A(d, d) z^d}{(1-z)^{d+1}}$$

Using this we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t \geq 0} f(t) z^t &= b_d \frac{A(d, 1) z^1 + \dots + A(d, d) z^d}{(1-z)^{d+1}} + b_{d-1} \frac{A(d-1, 1) z^1 + \dots + A(d-1, d-1) z^{d-1}}{(1-z)^d} \\ &\quad + \dots + b_1 \frac{A(1, 1) z^1}{(1-z)^2} + b_0 \frac{1}{(1-z)^1} \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $g_k(z) = A(k, 1) z^1 + \dots A(k, k) z^k$ , hence  $g_k(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $k$  and therefore we have

$$\sum_{t \geq 0} f(t) z^t = \sum_{k=0}^d b_k \frac{g_k(z)}{(1-z)^{k+1}}$$

Since we want to add all these together we need a common denominator. Hence

$$\sum_{t \geq 0} f(t) z^t = \sum_{k=0}^d b_k \frac{g_k(z) (1-z)^{d-k}}{(1-z)^{d+1}}$$

Thus our numerator is  $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^d b_k g_k(z) (1-z)^{d-k}$ . This polynomial's degree is at most  $d$  and

$$g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^d b_k g_k(z) (1-z)^{d-k} + g_d(z) (1-z)^0 = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} b_k g_k(z) (1-z)^{d-k} + g_d(z)$$

Therefore

$$g(1) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} b_k g_k(1) (1-1)^{d-k} + g_d(1) = g_d(1) = A(d, 1) + \dots A(d, d) > 0$$