

**Problem 11406**

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Find

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (2i-1)!! (2(n-i)-1)!!$$

in closed form.

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Since  $(2n-1)!! = (2n)!/(2^n n!)$  and

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{2i}{i} \binom{2(n-i)}{n-i} = 4^n$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (2i-1)!! (2(n-i)-1)!! &= \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!} \cdot \frac{(2i)!}{2^i i!} \cdot \frac{(2(n-i))!}{2^{n-i} (n-i)!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{2^n} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{2i}{i} \binom{2(n-i)}{n-i} = n! 2^n = (2n)!!. \end{aligned}$$

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