The Maximal number of floors a Building can have where you can tell the highest floor from where you can throw a glass ball without breaking it,

if you have **b** glass balls and are allowed t throws is

$$\binom{t}{b} + \binom{t}{b-1} + \ldots + \binom{t}{1}$$

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Indeed, let F(b,t) be the quantity described in the title and let $G(b,t) := {t \choose b} + {t \choose b-1} + \ldots + {t \choose 1}$. After the first throw, if the ball broke, the maximal number of floors that you can handle below it is F(b-1,t-1), and if it didn't break, the maximum floors that you can handle above it is F(b,t-1), so we have the recurrence F(b,t) = F(b-1,t-1) + F(b,t-1) + 1 with the initial condition F(1,t) = t. By the Pascal-Chu-defining recurrence for the binomial coefficients, G(b,t) = G(b-1,t-1) + G(b,t-1) + 1. Since G(1,t) = t, the statement follows by induction on b and t. \Box

The strategy is clear. Throw a ball from floor G(b-1,t-1)+1. If it breaks explore (recursively) the G(b-1,t-1) floors below, (with the remaining b-1 balls and t-1 throws). Otherwise, explore (recursively) the G(b,t-1) floors above.

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