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Let n and k be positive integers such that $n \geq 2k$. If $\binom{n}{k} = uv$ where each prime factor of u is less than k and each prime factor of v is greater than or equal to k , it is proved here that $u < v$ except for twelve cases which are listed. It is also shown that if $\binom{n}{k} = UV$ where each prime factor of U is less than or equal to k and each prime factor of V exceeds k , then $U < V$ with finitely many exceptions. Nineteen such exceptions are given and it is conjectured that there are no others. The arguments used are elementary but not simple.

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