

Generating Function – Example – 1

Find the generating function for the sequence

$$a_n = \{4, 16, 64, \dots\}$$

Solution:

It can be observed that the sequence can be denoted as $a_n = 4^n$. The generating function is given as follows:

$$G(z) = 1 + 4z + (4z)^2 + (4z)^3 + \dots$$

$$G(z) - 1 = 4z + (4z)^2 + (4z)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 4z(1 + 4z + (4z)^2 + \dots)$$

One can rewrite this equation of $G(z)$ by simplifying the preceeding equation:

$$\frac{G(z) - 1}{4z} = 1 + 4z + (4z)^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{G(z) - 1}{4z} = G(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z) - 1 = 4z(G(z))$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z) - 4z(G(z)) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z)(1 - 4z) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 4z}$$
