

Generating Function – Example – 2

***Example 2: Solve the following recurrence equation
using a generating function:***

$$t_n = 5t_{n-1} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$t_0 = 2$$

Solution:

***The solution is formulated by converting the given
recurrence equation to a generating function.***

***Here, substitute $G(z)$ for t_n and represent the given
recurrence as $t_n - 5t_{n-1} = 0$, thereby converting the
recurrence equation into a generating function as
follows:***

$$G(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots$$

$$5z \times G(z) = 5a_{1-1}z^1 + 5a_{2-1}z^2 + 5a_{3-1}z^3$$

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$$5z \times G(z) = 5a_0z + 5a_1z^2 + 5a_2z^3$$

$$G(z) - (5z \times G(z)) = a_0 + (a_1z - 5a_0z) + (a_2z^2 - 5a_1z^2) + (a_3z^3 - 5a_2z^3) + \dots$$

$$(1 - 5z)(G(z)) = a_0 + (a_1 - 5a_0)z + (a_2 - 5a_1)z^2 + (a_3 - 5a_2)z^3 + \dots$$

Now , this generating function should be simplified .

The initial condition is given as 2 and one can observed that the difference in the recurrence equation is 0 that is , $t_n - 5t_{n-1} = 0$.

Therefore all the terms such as :

$$(a_1 - 5a_0) = 0$$

$$(a_2 - 5a_1) = 0$$

and

$$(a_3 - 5a_2) = 0 \dots$$

Therefore, this equation is reduced as follows:

$$(1 - 5z)G(z) = 2 \text{ [as } t_0 = 2]$$

$$G(z) = \frac{2}{(1 - 5z)}$$

The final step is to get the solution in terms of sequence:

$$2(1 - 5z)^{-1} = 2(1 + (5z) + (5z)^2 + \dots) = 2 \times 5^n$$

This is the solution of the given recurrence equation.
