

TABLE 1 Useful Generating Functions.

$G(x)$	a_k
$(1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C(n, k)x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)x + C(n, 2)x^2 + \cdots + x^n$	$C(n, k)$
$(1+ax)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C(n, k)a^k x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)ax + C(n, 2)a^2x^2 + \cdots + a^n x^n$	$C(n, k)a^k$
$(1+x^r)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C(n, k)x^{rk}$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)x^r + C(n, 2)x^{2r} + \cdots + x^{rn}$	$C(n, k/r)$ if $r \mid k$; 0 otherwise
$\frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n$	1 if $k \leq n$; 0 otherwise
$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots$	1
$\frac{1}{1-ax} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k x^k = 1 + ax + a^2x^2 + \cdots$	a^k
$\frac{1}{1-x^r} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{rk} = 1 + x^r + x^{2r} + \cdots$	1 if $r \mid k$; 0 otherwise
$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)x^k = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \cdots$	$k+1$
$\frac{1}{(1-x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1, k)x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)x + C(n+1, 2)x^2 + \cdots$	$C(n+k-1, k) = C(n+k-1, n-1)$
$\frac{1}{(1+x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1, k)(-1)^k x^k$ $= 1 - C(n, 1)x + C(n+1, 2)x^2 - \cdots$	$(-1)^k C(n+k-1, k) = (-1)^k C(n+k-1, n-1)$
$\frac{1}{(1-ax)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1, k)a^k x^k$ $= 1 + C(n, 1)ax + C(n+1, 2)a^2x^2 + \cdots$	$C(n+k-1, k)a^k = C(n+k-1, n-1)a^k$
$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots$	$1/k!$
$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} x^k = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \cdots$	$(-1)^{k+1}/k$

Note: The series for the last two generating functions can be found in most calculus books when power series are discussed.