

1. For each *finite* sequence below, give its generating function.

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| a. 1, 4, 6, 4, 1          | b. 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1     |
| c. 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | d. 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1        |
| e. 3, 0, 0, 1, -4, 7      | f. 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, -3, 0, 1 |

2. For each *infinite* sequence suggested below, give its generating function in closed form, i.e., *not* as an infinite sum. (Use the most obvious choice of form for the general term of each sequence.)

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| a. 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...                      | b. 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, ...                                     |
| c. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ...                    | d. 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...                                  |
| e. 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, ...     | f. $2^8, 2^7 \binom{8}{1}, 2^6 \binom{8}{2}, \dots, \binom{8}{8}, 0, 0, 0, \dots$ |
| g. 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ... | h. 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ...   |
| i. 3, 2, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...                | j. 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, ...                                  |
| k. 6, 0, -6, 0, 6, 0, -6, 0, 6, ...           | l. $1, 3, 6, 10, 15, \dots, \binom{n+2}{2}, \dots$                                |

3. For each generating function below, give a closed form for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of its associated sequence.

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| a. $(1+x)^{10}$                               |
| b. $\frac{1}{1-x^4}$                          |
| c. $\frac{x^3}{1-x^4}$                        |
| d. $\frac{1-x^4}{1-x}$                        |
| e. $\frac{1+x^2-x^4}{1-x}$                    |
| f. $\frac{1}{1-4x}$                           |
| g. $\frac{1}{1+4x}$                           |
| h. $\frac{x^5}{(1-x)^4}$                      |
| i. $\frac{x^2+x+1}{1-x^7}$                    |
| j. $3x^4 + 7x^3 - x^2 + 10 + \frac{1}{1-x^3}$ |

4. Find the coefficient on  $x^{10}$  in each of the generating functions below.

a.  $(x^3 + x^5 + x^6)(x^4 + x^5 + x^7)(1 + x^5 + x^{10} + x^{15} + \dots)$

b.  $(1 + x^3)(x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots)(x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + \dots)$

c.  $(1 + x)^{12}$

d.  $\frac{x^5}{1 - 3x^5}$

e.  $\frac{1}{(1 - x)^3}$

f.  $\frac{1}{1 - 5x^4}$

g.  $\frac{x}{1 - 2x^3}$

h.  $\frac{1 - x^{14}}{1 - x}$

9. What is the generating function for the number of ways to select a group of  $n$  students from a class of  $p$  students?

11. Using generating functions, find the number of ways to make change for a 100 dollar bill using only dollar coins and \$1, \$2, and \$5 bills.

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1 f(x) = x # Generating function on right here
2 pretty_print((f(x)).partial_fraction())
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Evaluate (Sage)

▼ Hint.

Find the partial fractions expansion for your generating function. Be careful here, as you want a partial fraction expansion in which all coefficients for your denominator polynomials have integer coefficients. The `partial_fraction()` method in SageMath should be useful here, and `pretty_print` will make it easier to read. Once you have the right partial fractions expansion, you may find the following identity helpful

$$\frac{p(x)}{1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^k} = \frac{p(x)(1 - x)}{1 - x^{k+1}},$$

where  $p(x)$  will be a polynomial in this instance.