

## Little Dictionary of Generating Functions

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Notations:  $[S(n)] = 1$  if the predicate  $S(n)$  is true, 0 otherwise.

$[m \setminus n] = [m \mid n] = [m \text{ divides } n]$

Sequence	Generating Function	Closed Form
$(1, 0, 0, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} [n = 0] z^n$	1
$(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} [n = m] z^n$	$z^m$
$(1, 1, 1, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} z^n$	$\frac{1}{1 - z}$
$(1, -1, 1, -1, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n z^n$	$\frac{1}{1 - z}$
$(1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} z^{2n}$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^2}$
$(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} (n + 1) z^n$	$\frac{1}{(1 - z)^2}$
$(1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} 2^n z^n$	$\frac{1}{1 - 2z}$
$(1, 4, 6, 4, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{4}{n} z^n$	$(1 + z)^4$
$(1, c, \binom{c}{2}, \binom{c}{3}, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{c}{n} z^n$	$(1 + z)^c$
$(1, c, \binom{c+1}{2}, \binom{c+2}{3}, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{c + n - 1}{n} z^n$	$\frac{1}{(1 - z)^c}$
$(1, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{24}, \frac{1}{120}, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n!} z^n$	$e^z$
$(0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} z^n$	$\ln \frac{1}{1 - z}$
$(0, 1, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, \dots)$	$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} z^n$	$\ln(1 + z)$

Memorize these basic sequences.