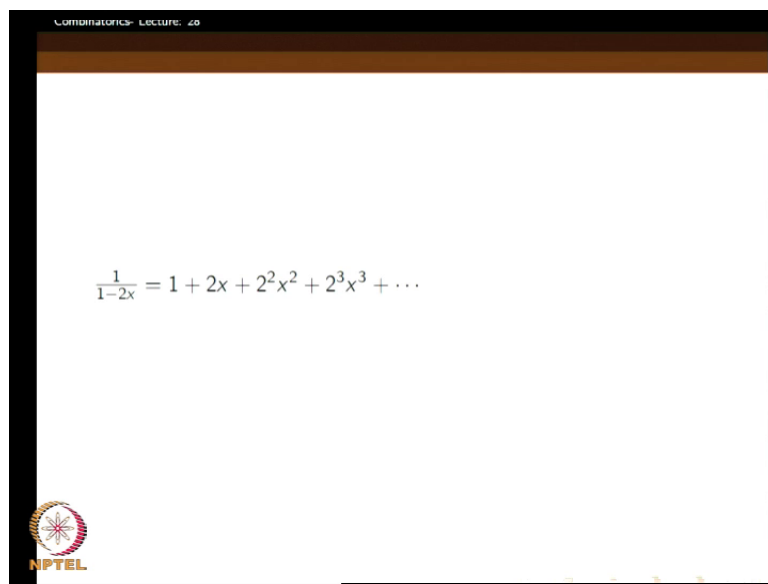


Combinatorics
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Lecture - 28
Generating Functions – Part (1)


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$$\frac{1}{1-2x} = 1 + 2x + 2^2x^2 + 2^3x^3 + \dots$$

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We were discussing generating functions and we saw several examples, how a sequence can be represented by a generating function; to remind you.

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A screenshot of a digital whiteboard showing a handwritten mathematical expression. At the top, the sequence $h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots$ is written. Below it, the generating function $g(x)$ is defined as a sum of terms: $g(x) = \frac{h_0 + h_1x + h_2x^2 + h_3x^3 + \dots}{\dots + h_nx^n + \dots}$. The whiteboard interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Actions, Tools, Help), a toolbar with various drawing tools, and a status bar at the bottom showing the page number 1/1 and the time 16:43.

Suppose the sequence is h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3 and so on. Then, the generating function g of x is h_0 plus h_1x plus h_2x^2 plus h_3x^3 plus and so on plus h_nx^n plus... We have seen the several situations, where the sequence is such that its generating function has a very nice form.

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A screenshot of a digital whiteboard showing a handwritten mathematical expression. At the top, it states $h_n = 1$. Below that, the sequence $1, 1, 1, 1, \dots$ is written. The generating function $g(x)$ is then shown as $g(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$. The whiteboard interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Actions, Tools, Help), a toolbar with various drawing tools, and a status bar at the bottom showing the page number 2/2 and the time 16:44.

For instance, when h_n is just equal to 1; that means the sequence $1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1$ corresponds to $\frac{1}{1-x}$; g of x will be equal to $\frac{1}{1-x}$, because this expands to $1 + x + x^2$ plus and so on.

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A slide showing the geometric series expansion of $\frac{1}{1-2x}$. The equation is $\frac{1}{1-2x} = 1 + 2x + 2^2x^2 + 2^3x^3 + \dots$. The slide has a black border and a small logo in the bottom left corner.

Now we will continue with the discussion. We will consider few more examples.

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A slide showing the geometric series expansion of $\frac{1}{1-x}$ and the sequence $y=2^n$. The equations are $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ and $y=2^n$. The slide has a black border and a small logo in the bottom left corner.

From that, we can get the... From that 1 by 1 minus x is equal to 1 plus x plus x square plus x cube plus... we can get the generating function of another interesting sequence namely, 1; which is equal to 2 raise to 0; 2, that is, 2 raise to 1; then, 2 raise to 2, 2 raise to 3 – this sequence. How will I get it? I know that, 1 by 1 minus x equal to 1 plus x plus x square plus x cube plus so on.

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The image shows a handwritten derivation on a whiteboard. On the left, the fraction $\frac{1}{1-y}$ is circled in red. To its right, the same fraction $\frac{1}{1-y}$ is circled in blue. An equals sign follows, leading to the series expansion:

$$= 1 + y + y^2 + y^3 + \dots$$
 Below this, the variable y is replaced by $2x$:

$$= 1 + 2x + (2x)^2 + (2x)^3 + \dots$$
 This is further simplified to:

$$= 1 + 2x + 2^2 x^2 + 2^3 x^3 + \dots + 2^n x^n + \dots$$
 The general term $2^n x^n$ is underlined.

Now, what if I write y equal to $2x$ and then evaluate 1 by 1 minus y ? It will be definitely 1 plus y plus y square plus y cube plus and so on. But, this y being $2x$ is equal to 1 plus $2x$ plus $2x$ whole square plus $2x$ whole cube plus so on. This is 1 plus $2x$ plus 2 square into x square plus 2 cube into x cube plus general term – will be 2 raise to n x raise to n . So, the coefficient of x raise to n is 2 to the power n .

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The image shows a handwritten derivation on a whiteboard. At the top, the sequence of coefficients is written: $1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, \dots, (2^n), \dots$. A red horizontal line is drawn below this sequence. An arrow points down from the first term '1' to the first term of a series below:

$$1 + 2x + 2^2 x^2 + 2^3 x^3 + \dots$$
 Below this series, the generating function is written:

$$\frac{1}{1-2x} = (1-2x)^{-1}$$
 The fraction and the result are written in red ink.

If you had looked at the sequence $1, 2, 2$ square, 2 cube, 2 raise to n and so on; the corresponding generating function would have written as 1 plus $2x$ plus 2 square x

square plus 2 cube x cube plus and so on. The coefficient of x raise to n being 2 to the power n. So, that is exactly what we are getting here. And, this is 1 by 1 minus y; that is, 1 by 1 minus 2x. So, this is what is the generating function. So, we get the generating function for this sequence is 1 by 1 minus 2x; or, we can also write it as 1 minus 2x power minus 1.

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Let α be a real number. The generating function for the infinite sequence of binomial coefficients

$$\binom{\alpha}{0}, \binom{\alpha}{1}, \dots, \binom{\alpha}{n}, \dots$$

is $(1+x)^\alpha$

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Next, we will... We have seen some special cases; we will see somewhat more general generating function.

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$$(1+x)^\alpha = \binom{\alpha}{0} + \binom{\alpha}{1}x +$$

$$\binom{\alpha}{2}x^2 + \binom{\alpha}{3}x^3 + \dots$$

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What we told, $1 + x$ raised to α . We have already seen this in some earlier class, previous class that, this is α choose 0 plus α choose 1 x plus α choose 2 x square plus α choose 3 x cube plus so on. Here α is any real number or even complex number. That is what we told. So, we can define it. So, we have seen it when we studied the generalized binomial theorem. This is what it is. What does it say?

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$$\binom{\alpha}{0}, \binom{\alpha}{1}, \binom{\alpha}{2}, \dots, \binom{\alpha}{n}$$

$$\swarrow \quad \alpha \quad \searrow$$

$$(1+x)^\alpha$$

It says that, this sequence for a given real number α – say α choose 0, α choose 1, α choose 2 – this sequence to α choose n being the general term. And, this goes on; has the corresponding generating function $1 + x$ raised to α . So, I told that, this is a more general generating function than what we have earlier seen, because...

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$(1+x)^n \leftarrow \alpha$
 $\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \dots, \binom{n}{n}$
 $1, 0, 0, 0, \dots$

For instance, if you... One generating function we have earlier seen is the special case when alpha is taken as some positive integer (()) This corresponded... We saw that, this – the coefficient – n choose zero, n choose 1, n choose 2 up to n choose n. And then, zeros in that case. This is the usual binomial theorem.

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$\frac{1}{(1+x)} = (1+x)^{-1}$
 $= \binom{-1}{0} + \binom{-1}{1}x$
 $+ \binom{-1}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{-1}{n}x^n + \dots$

And, this 1 by 1 minus x we saw; that is, 1 plus x to the power of minus 1. This is actually... When I take alpha equal to minus 1, this will become minus 1 choose 0 plus

minus 1 choose 1 x plus minus 1 choose 2 x square plus... So, in general, the general term will be minus 1 choose n to the power x raise to n and so on.

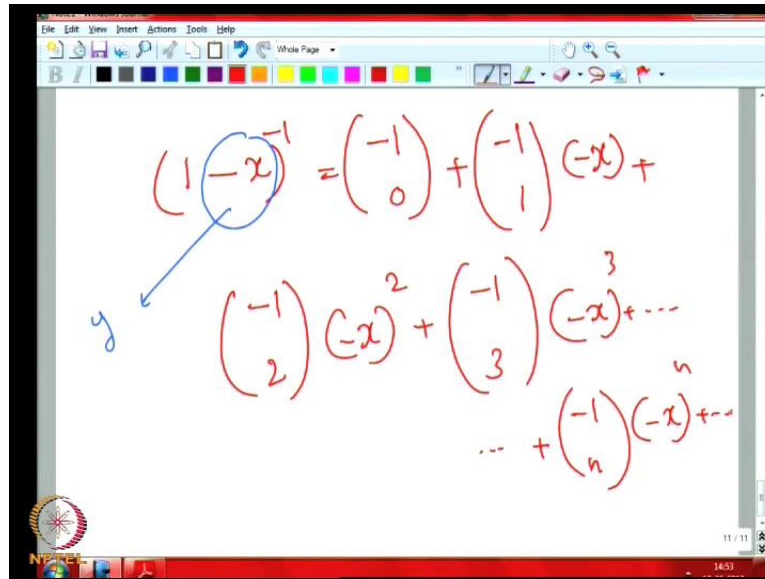
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$$\binom{-1}{n} = \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)\dots(-n)}{n!} = (-1)^n \frac{n!}{n!} = (-1)^n$$

How does it look like? For instance, this minus 1 choose n will be minus 1 into – the next is minus 1 minus 1, that is, minus 2; then, minus 3 up to it will go to minus n... n terms we have write starting from here – 1 to n terms we will write. And then, this is decreasing. For instance, you see this is the following factorial. What we have written here is minus 1 n following. Below it is n factorial. This is minus 1; like that only this will go – minus 1, minus 2. That will make it minus 1 raise to...

Here we collect all the minus 1's out. So, minus 1 to the power n. And, we get an n factorial here. And, here we get an n factorial below. So, this cancels off. We get minus 1 power n. But... This is 1 plus x. Suppose if I wanted to consider... See earlier we had considered... We wanted to say that this is more general form compared to the earlier things we considered. See 1 minus x is what we considered here. So, let us say we will consider 1 minus x there; like this; instead of this, we will put minus here. Then, what will happen? Then, minus x here; minus x whole square here; minus x cube; and, the general term will be ...

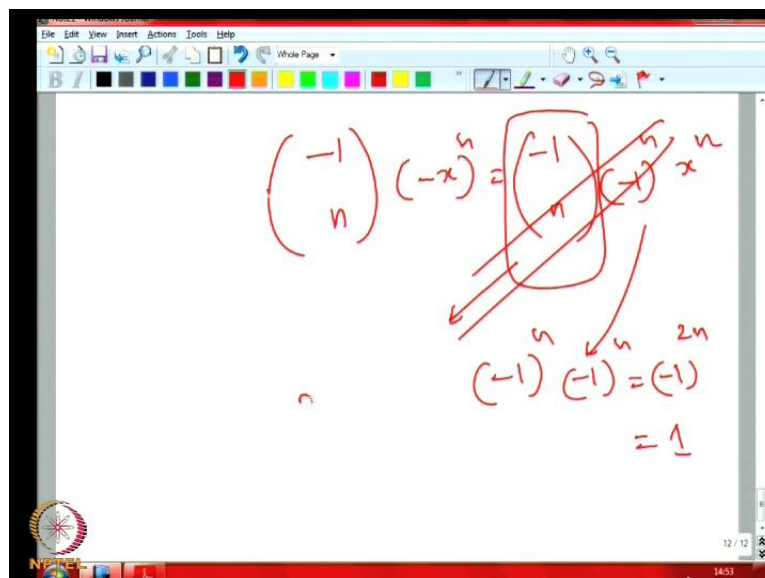
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$$(1-x)^{-1} = \binom{-1}{0} + \binom{-1}{1}(-x) + \binom{-1}{2}(-x)^2 + \binom{-1}{3}(-x)^3 + \dots + \binom{-1}{n}(-x)^n + \dots$$

Here once again, if I consider 1 minus x to the power minus 1, what I get is minus 1 choose 0 plus minus 1 choose 1 to the power minus x. Here if we want to replace this with y, you can get the earlier expression and substitute minus x in that. Rather than going round about, we directly write it minus 1 choose 2 minus x square plus minus 1 choose 3 minus x cube and so on. The general term is minus 1 choose n minus x to the power n and so on.

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$$\binom{-1}{n} (-x)^n = \binom{-1}{n} (-1)^n x^n$$

$$\binom{-1}{n} (-1)^n = (-1)^{2n} = 1$$

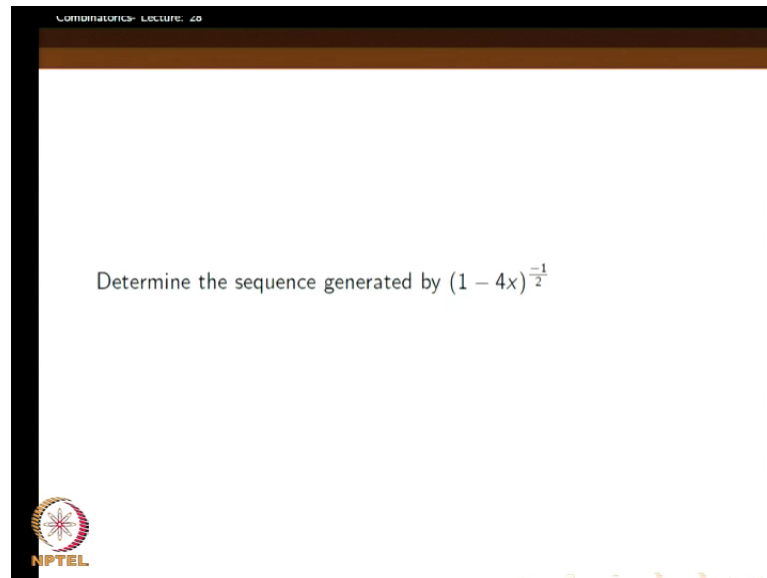
So, that general term... This being minus 1 to choose n minus x to the power n, which is equal to minus 1 choose n minus 1 to the power n into x to the power n. This happens what? This as we have seen, is minus 1 to the power n; and, this is another minus 1 to the power n. This will become minus 1 to the power 2 n, which is always 1. So, there would not be any coefficient now. So, we will just get x raise to n. Going back to this formula; all these things will go away.

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The image shows a presentation slide with a white background and a red border. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Insert', 'Actions', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with various drawing tools. The main content of the slide is a handwritten formula in red ink: $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$. The formula is written in a cursive style. In the bottom left corner, there is a small circular logo with a globe and the text 'NET'. In the bottom right corner, there is a small text '13 / 13' and a red bar with the number '1653'.

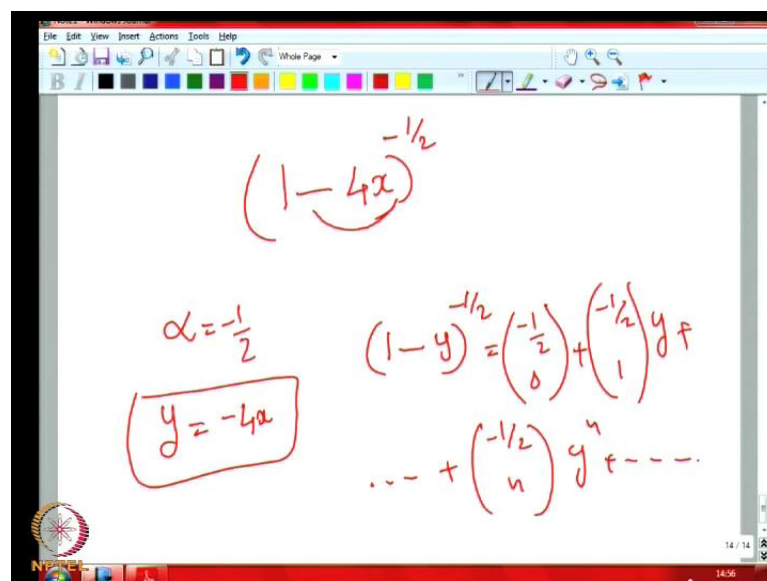
It will just be 1 by 1 minus x will just be 1 plus x plus x square plus like this. So, that way if you remember this formula... Which formula? This general formula we have written here; we changed it here – 1 plus x. This formula if you remember; then, all those previous cases can be derived by putting appropriate value for alpha and sometimes taking x equal to minus 1 and so on.

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In that context, we should mention that... x need not be... x can be... We can take x as some a times x . Then, substitute a x equal to y and then use the formula; get the expression in terms of y . Then, y can be substituted by a x . So, wherever y raise to n is coming, we will get a to the power n into x to the power n , so that a to the power n will go to the coefficient, merged with the coefficient. It will become part of the coefficient of x to the power n . Now, let us take... To illustrate this point, we will take one example. Determine the sequence generated by 1 minus $4x$ whole power minus half.

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1 minus 4x to the power minus half. This is what we want (()) Here alpha equal to minus half. And, we can substitute say y equal to minus 4x. This is what I was trying to tell. And then, say 1 minus y to the power minus half. How will it look like? This will be minus half to choose 0 plus minus half choose 1 y plus... So, minus... General term will be minus half choose n y to the power n and so on.

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Handwritten mathematical derivation on a whiteboard showing the binomial expansion of $(1 - 4x)^{-1/2}$. The derivation starts with the general term $(-1)^{2n} \binom{-1/2}{n} y^n = \binom{-1/2}{n} (-4x)^n$. It then shows the expansion of the binomial coefficient: $\binom{-1/2}{n} = \frac{(-1)^n (1/2)(3/2)(5/2)\dots((2n-1)/2)}{n!}$. The final expression is $(-1)^n \frac{(1/2)(3/2)(5/2)\dots((2n-1)/2)}{n!} (-4x)^n$.

That general term – minus half choose n y to the power n will become minus half choose n; y being minus 4 x to the power n. This will become... We can expand this. This will be minus half into minus half minus 1 into minus half into minus 2 and so on minus half minus n plus 1. We will get minus 4 to the power n here and we will have n factorial in the denominator.

Now, see we can take a term here. Say here this term. This is minus 1 by 2; this is minus half minus one and so on. So, what I do is I first take this minuses out; from here I take minus out. What will happen? This will become half plus 1. Here I can take half plus 2 and so on. This will become plus minus... What I have done is I have removed, taken out minus 1 from each of the terms in the numerator up to here.

So, I got minus 1 to the power n from here, because here n terms here – half half plus minus half minus 1. So, minus half became half now. Minus half minus 1 became half plus 1 now; minus half minus 2 became half plus 2 now and so on. Then, this minus n can be merged with... Here we have minus 4 raise to n. Here if we take this minus; this

is n . So, here 1 minus 1 raise to n can be taken from that. And, this will become 1 raise to $2n$, which is equal to 1 always, because $2n$ is any one number. So, this will go away.

Now, we have only this part. Here is a $4n$. Now, what we can do is to... We can... Because this is half plus 1 and so on, what I do is; this 1 I can write as 2 by 2 . So, that will become 3 by 2 . Similarly, here I can write it as 4 by 2 ; this will become 5 by 2 . So, similarly, in the end, this $2n$ plus n minus 1 – that can be written as 2 into n minus 1 by 2 . How does it help me?

Because I have 2 here from this term, I have half plus 2 by 2 , which I can write it as 3 by 2 . And, there is a 2 here. And then, this is half plus 4 by 2 , which I can write as 5 by 2 , which is here. And, this is... This can be written as $2n$ minus 2 ... See $2n$ minus 2 plus 1 ; that is, $2n$ minus 1 by 2 ; like this. So, we have 2 from each term; half in each term; 1 by 2 here; 1 by 2 here; 1 by 2 here. This I can... Because I got n such 2 's; so, 2 to the power, which I can cancel with 2 to the... This 4 is actually 2 into 2 . That one of the 2 to the power n 's will go away.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top, a sequence of terms is written: $1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)$. Above these terms are even numbers $2, 4, 6, \dots, 2n$ with arrows pointing down to the terms below. Below the sequence is a horizontal line, and underneath it are the expressions 2^n and $n! n!$. To the right, there is a circled expression $\frac{2^n n!}{n! n!}$ with arrows pointing to the numbers $1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$ below it. Below this, a red arrow points to the expression $\frac{2^n n!}{n! n!}$, which is then equated to a binomial coefficient $\binom{2n}{n}$.

In the end, what I get is 1 into 3 into 5 into up to $2n$ minus 1 above. The 2 to the power n , which was here got cancelled off with one of the 2 to the power n 's. And, we still have 2 to the power n below and there is an n factorial below. This is what is happening – $1, 3, 5$, because every time we were adding an even number. Next even number is being

added. Therefore, we get this sequence of odd numbers – 1, 3, 5 up to $2n$ minus 1 in the denominator. And, 2 to the power n here – that gets cancelled with one of the 2 to the power n 's. That 2 to the power of n remains and we still have n factorial below.

Now, what we will do is we introduce... Here I introduce one more n factorial. And, see to balance it, I have to add it above also, because this thing if you look, this is 1 into 3 into 5 into $2n$ minus 1. I would like to introduce 2, 4, 6 – the missing numbers, the even numbers in between. Till here I will introduced $2n$ minus 2 and here I want to introduce $2n$, because 2 to the power n I have. The 2's which I need... n 2's I have here. And, this n factorial will provide the remaining figures; n factorial is 1, 2, 3, 4 up to n . One of the 2 I take from here and multiply it; I get this 2. And, another 2 I take and multiply it; I get this 4; another 2 from here I take and multiply this 3; I get 6 and so on. So, the last two will multiply by this n and we will get $2n$. So, this entire this thing can be distributed in these gaps here. So, this will become...

Above what will you get then? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 up to $2n$; that is, $2n$ factorial. Below we have n factorial into n factorial – this is $2n$ choose n . So, what do we get? The term is $2n$ choose n apart from the x to the power n we have. So, the term has become... See here still we have x to the power n , because we were just manipulating the coefficient alone. So, the final term will be this into x to the power n . So, we see that, this minus half choose n into y to the power n ; which is equal to minus half choose n . Minus 4 x to the power n will become $2n$ choose n into x to the power n .

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top, the expression $(1-4x)^{-1/2}$ is written and circled in red. To its right, the expansion is given as $1 + \binom{-1/2}{1}(-4x) + \binom{-1/2}{2}(-4x)^2 + \dots$. Below this, the general term is written as $\binom{-1/2}{n}(-4x)^n$. A red arrow points from the circled expression to the general term. Below the general term, the binomial coefficients are listed as $1, 2, \binom{4}{1}, \binom{6}{2}, \dots$. The whiteboard has a toolbar at the top and a Windows taskbar at the bottom.

Therefore, this thing $1 - 4x$ to the power minus half expands to $2n$ choose n x to the power n . You can give values for n . And then, for instance, when it is 0, that will be this 0 choose 0; that is, x to the power 0. This is 1 only. When this is 1, it will be 2 choose 1 x 1. And then, when it is 2, that will be become 4 choose 2 x square and so on. In general, it is $2n$ choose 1 x to the power n . This is the formula for $1 - 4x$.

So, this is actually $1 - 4x$ to the power minus half turns out to be the generating function for this sequence $2n$ choose n ; h_n equal to $2n$ choose n ; that means 0 choose 0, which is 1; 2 choose 1, which is 2; and, 4 choose 2 and then 6 choose 3 and so on – this sequence. This happens to be the generating function for that sequence – $2n$ choose n sequence.

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Some basic facts to remember:

$$(1 - rx)^{-k} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-k}{n} (-rx)^n$$

(for $|x| < \frac{1}{|r|}$)

$$(1 - rx)^{-k} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{n} r^n x^n$$

(for $|x| < \frac{1}{|r|}$)

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Now, let us look at some basics. Now that we have mentioned the general form, these are some special cases – 1 minus r x to the power of minus k. So, how will... So, it is good to...

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$$(1+x)^\alpha = \binom{\alpha}{0} + \binom{\alpha}{1}x + \dots + \binom{\alpha}{n}x^n + \dots$$

$$(1+rx)^{-k} = \binom{-k}{0} + \binom{-k}{1}rx + \binom{-k}{2}r^2x^2 + \dots + \binom{-k}{n}r^n x^n + \dots$$

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We can always derive it from the general formula namely, 1 plus x to the power alpha equal to alpha choose 0 plus alpha choose 1 x plus alpha choose n x raise to n form. So, we can always derive all these things. But, some of these forms – they will occur more frequently. Therefore, we just have a look at them. 1 plus rx to the power n – what will

happen? $1 + rx$ to the power minus k ; minus k ; what will happen? Minus k is taking the role of α . So, if I put it here, that will become k choose 0 plus minus k choose 1 x plus minus k choose 2 x square. See as we have mentioned, this we should took it as y or something; and then, this will become y ; and then, y square and so on.

The general term is what? minus k choose n y to the power n . Now, y can be substituted as rx . So, this will become r times x ; this will become r square times x square; this will become r raise to n times x raise to n . So, the general term is minus k ... We wanted minus... I copied it wrongly; I wanted minus rx here; but, this is correct. So, let us... rx but... Off case, this can be done like this. But, the form we wanted was slightly different.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top, the binomial expansion is written as:

$$(1 - rx)^{-k} = \binom{-k}{0} + \binom{-k}{1} (-r)x + \binom{-k}{2} (-r)^2 x^2 + \dots + \binom{-k}{n} (-r)^n x^n + \dots$$

Below this, a box contains the definitions:

$$\alpha = -k$$

$$y = -rx$$

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We wanted $1 + rx$ to the power minus k , is what we wanted. Here α is equal to minus k and y is equal to minus rx , not rx . This is what we wanted $(())$ Here this is y ; this is y . Minus rx is y . Now, this will become minus k choose 0 plus minus k choose 1 into minus r raise into x plus – next is minus k choose 2 into minus r square into x square and so on. And, general term is minus k choose n into minus r raise to n into x raise to n . This is what the general term and so on. And, what is this? We can simplify this general term a little bit if you remove... This is already simple – minus k choose n minus r raise to n .

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$$\binom{-k}{n} (-r)^n$$

$$\binom{-1}{n} (-1)^n$$

$$\binom{-1}{n} r^n$$

But, what we can do is to convert it to a more familiar form, because minus k choose n into minus r raise to n is what? This we know; can be converted to n n... We have learnt this trick of change of sign. This was equal to this. This we studied when we studied the binomial coefficients especially when we studied the generalized binomial coefficients. So, this is same as this. And, this became minus 1 raise to n into r raise to n. This also needs this thing – minus 1 raise to n; whatever they say. Therefore, this minus 1 raise to n and this minus 1 raise to n – this minus 1 raise to n is coming from here. This is a negative r. So, we are getting minus 1 raise to n into r raise to n here.

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~~$$\binom{-1}{n} (-1)^n$$~~

$$\binom{h+k-1}{n} r^n$$

$$\binom{h+k-1}{n} r^n$$

This minus 1 raise to n into minus 1 raise to n will combine to form minus 1 raise to 2n into n plus k minus 1 choose n into r raise to n. This will go away, because this is just 1. So, we will get n plus k minus 1 choose n r raise to n. This is the general term. General term means this term. This corresponds to the same thing. There is n plus k minus 1 choose n into r raise to n will become the general term here.

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$$(1 - rx)^{-k} = \dots + \binom{n+k-1}{n} r^n x^n$$

$$= 1 + krx + \binom{k+1}{2} r^2 x^2 + \dots$$

Therefore, what we see is 1 minus r x to the power minus k is same as... This is the general term – minus... – n plus k minus 1 choose n into r raise to n into x raise to n. This is the general term. We can substitute for the value of n. For instance, if we put n equal to 0 here; this will become k minus 1 choose 0 into r raise to 0 into x raise to 0; that means k minus 1 choose 0; which is essentially 1.


Then, put n equal 1. That will become k minus 1 plus 1; that is, k choose 1 into r raise to 1 – k choose 1; that is, first term is this one only. The second term will be k choose 1; that is, k into r – k r. When I put n equal to 2, what will happen? This will become k plus 1 choose 2 into r square x square and so on. This is the sequence, which we... Here we have an x. So, this is the expansion we will get. So, we can...

Off case, we can derive it. If you recall the original formula namely, 1 plus x whole power alpha; we substituted y equal to minus rx and alpha equal to minus k in that formula and simplified; that is all. But, it has a nice form. That is why we did it. And, recall that, this formula will only... This is equal to 0 to m. Now, this is valid when the

$\text{mod } x$ is less than 1 by r , because generalized binomial theorem if you remember, had this condition that, $\text{mod } x$ has to be less than 1 by r ; that means the mod of this rx has to be less than 1. That is why this condition is coming.

Off case, when we used generating function, we do not have to really worry about this issue of whether it converges or not, because we will be picking up the coefficient and comparing. As long as it converges in the set and range, that will work. So, we do not have to worry about whether it really converges for all as long as we are not going to submit up. Most of the times as you will see, we will just pick up the coefficient of x raise to n and compare. That is what we are going to do.

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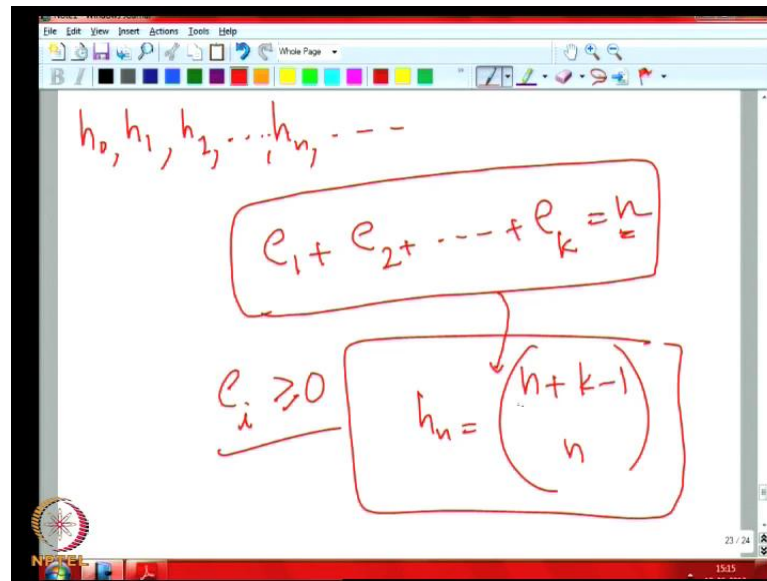


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Let k be an integer, and let the sequence $h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots$ be defined by letting h_n equal the number of non-negative integral solutions of $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$.
The generating function for this sequence is $\frac{1}{(1-x)^k}$

Now, we consider an example, which is again familiar; k be an integer. And, let this sequence h_0, h_1, h_n be defined by letting h_n equal the number of non-negative integral solutions of e_1 plus e_2 plus e_k is equal to n .

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What about the generating function for this sequence? See this is a very familiar question; we have already solved this thing; that means we have this equation $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$; there are k variables; this is equal to n . What we are interested in is non-negative integer solution for this thing. So, this e_1, e_2, e_k should get values, which are integers, but non-negative integers; that means e_i has to be greater than equal to 0. We have discussed this problem earlier. We know that the answer – the number of such solutions, which we can get – different possible assignments of non-negative integers e_1, e_2 up to e_k , so that they add up to n is $n + k - 1$ choose n . This is the number. But, we see that...

Now, suppose this number of integer solutions is written as – for this n , we write h_n . So, h_0 will be the number of solutions when n equal to 0; h_1 corresponds to the number of solutions when n equal to 1; and, h_2 corresponds to the number of solutions when n equal to 2 and so on; h_n for the general when this is n and so on. So, there is a sequence like this. And, you know that, actually h_n value is this. This is from our previous knowledge; we have not solved it here; we have done it before. But, now, we can write the generating function for this thing easily. Why? Because we see that, the generating function, whose coefficient, which is such that its x raise to n has coefficient h_n equal to $n + k - 1$ choose n is this one $\left(\frac{1}{1-x} \right)^k$. This is $(1-x)^{-k}$. Here we have to put r equal to 1, because we are only interested in this thing. So, we want r equal

to 1 here. So, 1 minus x to the power minus k will be the answer for this thing. Write this here...

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top left, $h_0 = 1$ is circled in red. Below it, the generating function is written as $g(x) = 1 + h_1 x + h_2 x^2 + \dots + h_n x^n$. An arrow points from $h_n x^n$ to a binomial coefficient $\binom{h+k-1}{n}$, which is then multiplied by x^n . Below this, the general term of a binomial series is shown: $(1-x)^{-k} = \dots + \binom{h+k-1}{n} x^n + \dots$. The x^n term is underlined, and an arrow points from the $\binom{h+k-1}{n} x^n$ term above to it.

We want a generating function like this – 1 plus $h_1 x$ plus $h_2 x^2$ plus and so on. I am taking h_0 is equal to 1. The number of integer solutions 0; that we will fix it as 0. For n equal to 0, in how many ways we can do? That is 0, 0, 0, 0. It is definitely equal to 1. This generating function, where $h_n x^n$. This is what I want to evaluate. What is this $g(x)$? Let this is $g(x)$. But, we know that, this h_n equal to $\binom{n+k-1}{n}$ into x^n . Now, you know if we take r equal to 1. This earlier formula, previous formula we have derived; that means $1 - rx$ whole power minus k . The n -th term is coming as $\binom{n+k-1}{n}$ into $r^n x^n$ is the general term. Now, we do not want r here. Put r equal to 1. So, that means the general term will be as we want – $h_n x^n$ – this will become the general term. Now, r has to be 1. So, $1 - x$ raise to minus k will give the generating function we are looking for.

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$$(1-x)^{-k} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^k}$$

1 minus x to the power minus k – 1 by 1 minus x whole power k. This is the generating function for the sequence we are looking for. How did we derive it? We knew the answer before; we knew that, the answer for the question namely, the number of non-negative integers solutions for this equation is indeed this n plus k minus 1 choose n. And, in the previous discussion, we have seen a generating function, where the coefficient of x raise to n is this. Just I have to take r is equal to 1. So, that is how we solved it. Now, we can also solve it directly without referring to the earlier calculations namely... So, let us say 1 minus...

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$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^k} = \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)$$

$$g(x) = [1+x+x^2+\dots] [1+x+x^2+\dots] \dots [1+x+x^2+\dots]$$

$$\sum_{e_1+e_2+\dots+e_k=n} x^{e_1} x^{e_2} \dots x^{e_k} = x^n \Leftrightarrow \boxed{e_1+e_2+\dots+e_k=n}$$

Let us look at this one. Suppose if we can solve it in the sense (()) At least we can establish that, this is indeed the generating function for the number of non-negative integer – the sequence of numbers, where n -th number h_n is the number of non-negative integer solutions for that equation $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$. This is what we are going to do. How will you do this? You write this as $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^k$. There are k terms here. But we know this one expands to $1 + x + x^2 + \dots$ – this sequence. And, this also expands to $1 + x + x^2 + \dots$ plus and so on. Like that the k -th one also expands to $1 + x + x^2 + \dots$ plus and so on.

Now, in this expansion... For instance, if I multiply it out; suppose this is $g(x)$; this is... So, if I have an expansion for this thing, it will come from this, if you expand it out. What would be the coefficient of x^n in that? x^n can be formed in several different ways from this product. For instance, I can take an x^{e_1} from this and I can take another x^{e_2} . So, a term x^{e_2} from here; and then, finally, x^{e_3} from the next; and then, x^{e_k} from the last. So, this can become equal to x^n if... When will this become?

When $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$; that means this selected e_1 into e_k form a solution for that equation; it is a non-negative integer solution when assignments... So, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k such that they add up to n . So, this is what we can do. But, for every possible e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k such that they add up to n , that will correspond to... That will give another x^n . To get the coefficient of x^n , we have to add up all of them.

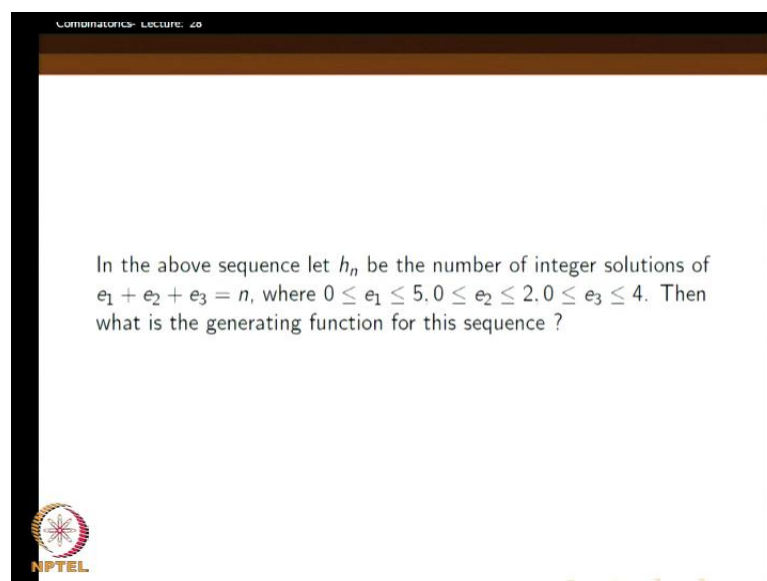
Suppose some t is the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of this thing; that means how many ways we can form n as a sum of $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k$, where each e_i gets non-negative integer values, because in that case, you can see that, that is the way you can get it. More clearly; suppose you take a non negative integer solution for e_1, e_2 up to e_k to the equation $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$. Then, what we can do is for that corresponding solution, we collect x^{e_1} from this first term, x^{e_2} from this term and x^{e_k} from the last term. Then, that will indeed form x^n by multiplying out. On the other hand, if we consider a particular way in which we can form x^n ; that indeed corresponds to a solution of that equation. Therefore, that indeed counts; the coefficient of x^n in this product counts the

number of ways we can assign non-negative integer values to e_1, e_2 up to e_k such that they add up to n .

We get directly from this argument that $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^k)^k$ is the generating function for the sequence h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3 up to h_n and so on, where h_n is the number of integer solutions for e_1 up to e_k , where $e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_k = n$ for the integer solution for that equation. This is one thing. But, this argument is very useful, because we get how this x^n – the coefficient of x^n – how is it getting formed; in how many different ways x^n can be formed from the product.

The first term gives something; the second terms gives something; and, third term gives something. And, in various ways, they form this x^n . Everytime an x^n is formed, they add up together and then they get it. So, that is why it is interesting. Why is it interesting? Because we can put some restrictions on the way we can take e_1 . So, we have considered such kind of questions when we discussed inclusion-exclusion principle.

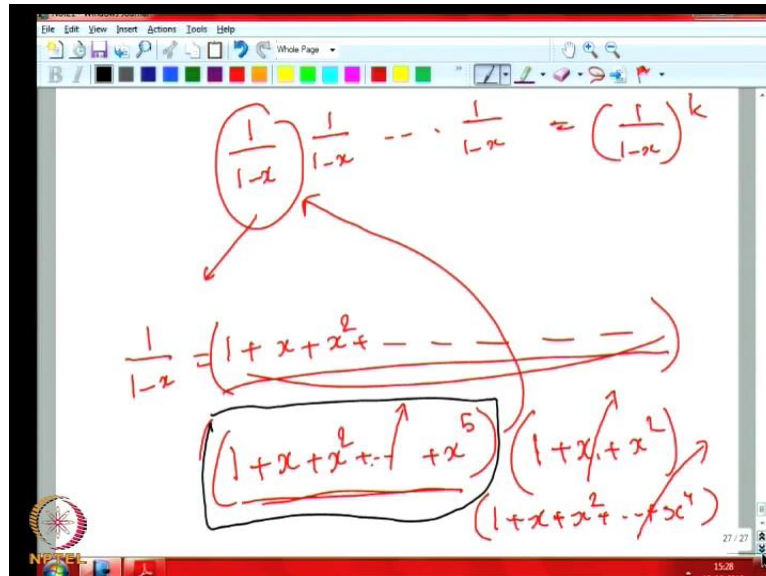
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But, we release such things in a different way now. For instance, you can look at this question. In the above sequence, let h_n be the number of integer solutions of $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = n$. I am taking k equal to 3 now for simplicity. Let k equal to 3. So, $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = n$. And now, e_1 cannot take any non-negative integer value. It is restricted to be between 0 and 5; that means e_1 can only take either 0 or 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5. Only 6 possible values e_1 has. Similarly, e_2 can take only values – 0, 1 or 2;

that is, e_2 is between 0 and 2. Similarly, e_3 can take only values 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; it is between 0 and 4. Then, what is the generating function for the sequence?

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You can see that, earlier, we had considered the first term as 1 by 1 minus x; the second term as 1 by 1 minus x; the third term as also 1 by 1 minus x. And, we had taken k such terms – 1 by 1 minus x. That is why it is 1 by 1 minus x whole power k. That is because this 1 by 1 minus x was equal to 1 plus x plus x square plus – all the possible powers of x are there here; that means we are allowing any power of x to be taken (()) including x raise to 0, x raise to 1, x raise to 2 to any power of x.

But, now, I do not want it to be like that; I want only either x raise to 0 or x raise to 1 or x raise to 2 or up to x raise to 5 is to be allowed for e_1 . So, this first term – I will rather substitute with this; rather than this infinite sequence, infinite sum, I will have this 1 plus x plus x square plus up to x raise to 5. I will use this here. Similarly, for the second term, instead of allowing all possible non-negative integer values for e_2 , we are now allowing only x raise to 0 or x raise to 1 or x raise to 2; that is what we told. So it has to be between 0 and 2.

The third one has to be between 0 and 4. So, up to here only we allow. And, the third term – we only allow 1 plus x plus x square plus x raise to 4. So, this will indeed give the solution for this thing, because if now you look at the coefficient of x raise to n in this product, what will happen? Because this x raise to n can be formed by giving some x

raise to e taking some x raise to e_1 from here, some x raise to e_2 from this term and x raise to e_3 from this third term. But, this is making sure that, x raise to that e_3 is in between 0 and 5. So, similarly, e_2 is in between 0 and 2. Here we are making sure that, e_3 is in between 0 and 4. And, if they add up to n ; then, we will get one more to the coefficient of x raise to n . If they do not add up to n , then it is not contributing to the coefficient of x raise to n . And, any thing – any e_1, e_2, e_3 , which can add up to n and such that they are satisfying the conditions, will come from this also.

First – e_1 can be taken from this thing; second – e_2 can be taken from this thing; and, third – e_3 can be taken; third that term – third variable e_3 , whichever value it was given, it can be taken from this also. Therefore, you see that, it corresponds to the kind of solutions we look for. But, now, if you see, this will be a product like this. We can indeed simplify this, because this 1 plus x plus x square plus x raise to 5 – we know how to submit.

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$$z = \left(\frac{1-x^6}{1-x} \right) \left(\frac{1-x^3}{1-x} \right) \left(\frac{1-x^5}{1-x} \right)$$


↓

How much is that? That is 1 minus x raise to 6 by 1 minus x . Similarly, next term – this term – 1 plus x plus x square is 1 minus x cube by 1 minus x . And now, this one – 1 plus x plus x square plus x raise to 4; that is, 1 minus x raise to 5 by 1 minus x . We can indeed simplify this thing. So, the coefficient of x raise to n in this product will give the number of integer solutions for the problem with restrictions for e_1, e_2 and e_3 . Now, let us look at the next question.

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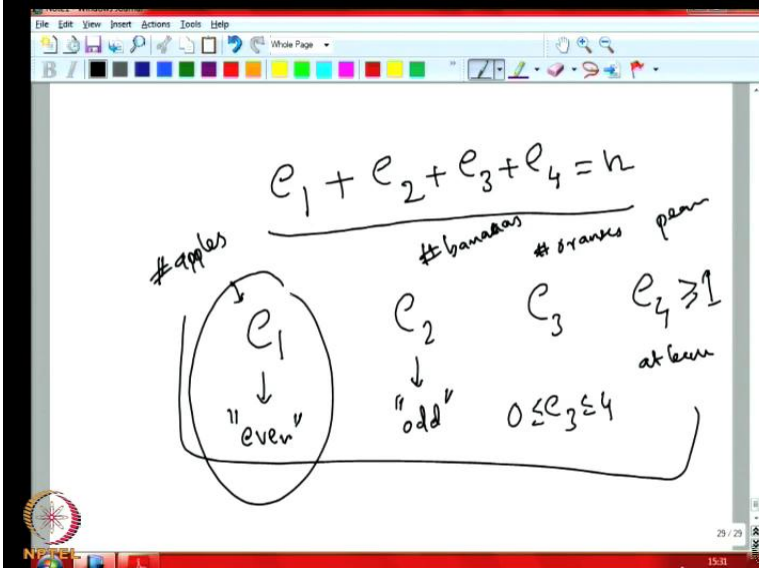
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Determine the generating function for the number of n -combinations of apples, bananas, oranges and pears where in each n -combination, the number of apples is even, the number of bananas is odd, the number of oranges is between 0 and 4, and there is at least one pear.



We will give some examples for the same problem, but with some more concrete examples. Determine the generating function for the number of n -combinations of apples, bananas, oranges and pears; where, in each n -combination, the number of apples is even, the number of bananas is odd, the number of oranges is between 0 and 4, and there is at least one pear.

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$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 = n$$

apples e_1 ↓ "even"

bananas e_2 ↓ "odd"

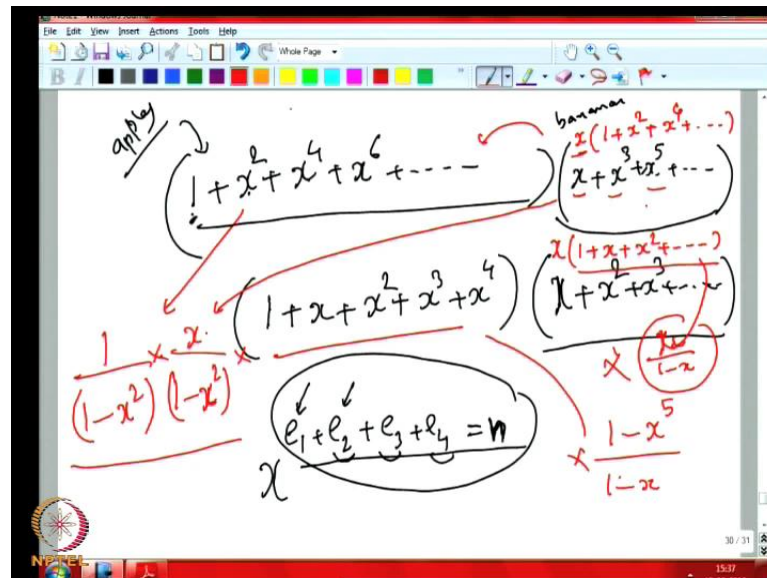
oranges e_3 $0 \leq e_3 \leq 4$

pear $e_4 \geq 1$ at least

See here it is very clear that, we are asking for the number of integer solutions for e_1 plus e_2 plus e_3 plus e_4 equal to n with conditions that e_1 has to be the number of...

We say that the number of apples is even, e_1 corresponds to the number of apples; that has to be even. And similarly, the number of bananas is odd. So, e_2 corresponds to the number of bananas. So, this corresponds to the number of apples. So, this e_2 will correspond to number of bananas. So, this e_1 is to be even; e_2 has to be odd. These are the conditions. And, then one more condition here – the number of oranges is between 0 and 4 and there is at least one pear; that means e_3 – this is oranges; this corresponds to the oranges. We have e_3 is between 0 and 4. And, e_4 – that is pears. It is at least 1; that is, the condition – that is, e_4 is greater than equal to 1. So, these are the conditions. With this... Respecting these conditions, how many non-negative integers solutions can be given to this is what we are asking. So, how will we find it out?

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Now, corresponding to this apples that, namely, this e_1 , we will have one term. So, we will add like this – 1 plus x square plus x raise to 4 plus x raise to 6 plus and so on. Why? Because this is x raise to 0; this is x square, x 4, because I am only interested in getting an even number of apples. So, I do not allow x raise to 1, x raise to 3, etcetera, because they are all powers of x. So, I do not want... When I create x raise to n, I do not want the first term in the product to contribute.

And, x to the power t; where, t is an odd number. So, I make sure that, all the powers of x here in the first term are indeed even; that is the trick. And, second term, which... This corresponds to apples. And, the second term will correspond to bananas. They have to be

odd. This will correspond to bananas. So, that means I cannot put even $(\)$ 1; I can only put odd powers of $x - x$ plus x cube plus x raise to 5 plus; like that. And, the third one is easier, because we have already seen that. Third one says you need oranges and that should be either in between 0 and 4. So, that third term will be 1 plus x plus x square plus x cube plus x raise to 4. So, the powers of x are all between 0 and 4 here. We are not taking anything more than $4 - x$ raise to 4. x raise to 5 onwards we are not considering.

And, the last one says we should have at least one pear; that means we cannot take 1 , we have to start with $x - x$ plus x square plus x cube plus so on. This term will not contribute one; that means this last term should contribute at least 1 to the power of x when I form x to the power n . Now, when you take the product of this thing, we see that, some x to the power e_1 plus e_2 plus e_3 plus e_4 will be formed, where this is equal to n . This e_1 plus e_2 plus e_3 plus e_4 is equal to n .

But, this e_1 is coming from here – the first term. That will definitely is going to be an even number. And, this e_2 is coming from this second term; that is going to be an odd number as we require. And, e_3 is in between 0 and 4. And, e_4 is going to be at least 1 as we want. $(\)$ trick. How many ways you can form it will be easily obtained if we consider the coefficient of n , because in the product, we will get the coefficient of x raise to n when we consider as the number of solutions of this equation, which satisfies the required conditions. And, to evaluate the coefficient of x raise to n , we can actually consider the close forms and multiply and see whether we can get something. What will happen? This one...

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$$1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + \dots$$

$$y = x^2$$
$$1 + y + y^2 + y^3 + \dots$$
$$= \frac{1}{1-y} = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

Now, off case, one will ask, how will I get a formula for 1 plus x square plus x raise to 4 plus x raise to 6 and so on. Now, what I suggest is put y equal to x square. Then, what will happen to this sum? This will become 1 plus y plus y square plus y cube and so on. We know this is actually 1 by 1 minus y. And, substitute for y now. So, that is this one – 1 by 1 minus x square. So, the first term is actually... This will be actually 1 by 1 minus x square. And similarly, this term is what? This term – what I can do is I can take x out from this thing and this corresponds to the same (()) So, this is actually x into 1 plus x square plus x 4 plus and so on. You see this x into... Other than x, the remaining is the same as this term; that is, the second term is actually x by 1 minus x square. Instead of 1, we have x, because there is a multiplier x here. And, this is indeed 1 by 1 minus x square.

And, this is what... This we already know. This is 1 minus x raise to 5 by 1 minus x. And, this last term – the last term is easy to say; what I do is I take x out from here. So, I write it as 1 plus x plus x square plus and so on, because this is anyway... This second term is actually... After x whatever you see is 1 by 1 minus x. So, you put x also here. Thus, that will give you x by 1 minus x. So, we have this total product as 1 by 1 minus x square into x by 1 minus x square here. And, here x by 1 minus x and 1 minus x square by 1 minus x. When you multiply all the four terms together, what do you get?

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$$\frac{x^2(1-x^5)}{(1-x^2)^2(1-x)^2}$$
$$x^n$$
$$= \frac{x^2 - x^7}{(1-x^2)^2(1-x)^2}$$

We get x square into 1 minus x raise 5 in the numerator. And, in the denominator, we have 1 minus x square whole square into 1 minus x whole square. Now, if you want to find the coefficient of x raise to n in this thing, how will I go about doing this? Because this is the... Usually, if you want to get the final answer, we have to really find out the coefficient of this kind of an expression – coefficient of x raise to n and this kind of expression. For instance, I can try like this. I will rewrite this as x raise to 2 minus x raise to 7 divided by 1 minus x square whole square into 1 minus x whole square.

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$$\frac{x^2}{(1-x^2)^2(1-x)^2}$$
$$\frac{x^7}{(1-x^2)^2(1-x)^2}$$
$$\frac{1}{(1-x^2)^2(1-x)^2}$$
$$x^{n-2}$$

Now, this will be two different sequences: one is x^2 by $(1-x)^2$ whole square into $(1-x)^2$ and x^7 by same thing – $(1-x)^2$ whole square into $(1-x)^2$. Now, I can take... When I am interested in the coefficient of x^n , I can get the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of this and I can get the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of this portion; and then, take the difference – this coefficient minus this coefficient. So, I can concentrate on say one of them say, because if I can do this thing, I can do this also. So, here you see this is x^2 into something – x^2 into $(1-x)^2$ whole square into $(1-x)^2$.

Suppose I find the coefficient of x^{n-2} in the expansion of this. And, that will correspond to the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of this thing, because x^2 anyways is multiplying each term there. So, if you are looking for the power of x^n , we should rather look for the power of x^{n-2} in the remaining. I discard this and look for x^{n-2} – the coefficient of x^{n-2} in this thing. And, in this case, what will you do? You should look for the power of x^{n-7} , because x^7 is multiplying every term. So, if we are looking for x^n , we should actually look for the coefficient of x^{n-7} in the coefficient of this term. Discarding x^7 , the remaining is $(1-x)^2$ whole square into $(1-x)^2$.

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$$\frac{1}{(1-x^2)^2(1-x)^2} (1+x)^2$$

$$f(x) = (1-x^2)^2$$

$$g(x) = (1-x)^2$$

$$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

We will be interested in the power of some x raised to n . Either it is x raised to n minus 2 or x raised to n minus 7 or whatever; 1 minus x squared this thing. So, here if this is... Suppose if I take f of x is equal to 1 minus x squared whole square and g of x is equal to 1 minus x whole square; both of this thing, I know how to expand using the formula 1 plus x raised to α . Now, I am interested in the coefficient of x raised to n in h of x , which is f of x into g of x .

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$$h(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_n x^n$$

$$c_n = a_0 b_n + \dots +$$

Now, we see that, if h of x is equal to f of x into g of x ; and, say if h of x is equal to c_0 plus $c_1 x$ plus say $c_n x$ raised to n ; then, c_n will be equal to a_0 into b_n plus... So, I will discuss this... Because the time is over, I will discuss in the next class.