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Exercise Sheet 06

Problem T14

Compute the generating functions of the following series:

(a) $a_n = 2^n + 3^n$ (b) $b_n = (n+1)2^{n+1}$ (c) $c_n = \alpha^n \binom{k}{n}$
(d) $d_n = n - 1$ (e) $e_n = (n+1)^2$

Problem T15

Compute:

(a) $[z^n]\dfrac{1}{1+2z}$ (b) $[z^n]\dfrac{z+1}{z-1}$ (c) $[z^n]\left(\dfrac{z+1}{z-1}\right)^2$ (d) $[z^n]\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5+z}}$

Problem H13 (15 credits)

Let $A(z)$ and $B(z)$ be the OGFs of two series a_n and b_n.
The convolution $c_n = (a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} * (b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of a_n and b_n is defined as

$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k b_{n-k}.$$

For example,

$$\big(n\big)_{n=0}^{\infty} * \big(3^n\big)_{n=0}^{\infty} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} k3^{n-k}\right)_{n=0}^{\infty}.$$

Prove that the OGF of the convolution of a_n and b_n is $A(z)B(z)$.

Problem H14 (15 credits)

Solve this recurrence using generating functions:

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}$$

and $a_0 = 0$, $a_1 = 2$.