

Exercises V

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1 Write down closed forms for the generating functions of the following series

i)

$$\binom{r}{n} x^n$$

ii)

$$n + 1$$

iii)

$$\frac{1}{n + 1}$$

iv)

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} \quad (m \text{ fixed})$$

v)

$$\left[\begin{matrix} m \\ n \end{matrix} \right] \quad (m \text{ fixed})$$

vi)

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{m!}{n!} \quad (m \text{ fixed})$$

2 A series g_n is given recursively by $g_0 = 1$ and

$$g_n = g_{n-1} + 2g_{n-2} + \dots + ng_0$$

Find an explicit formula.

3 In how many ways could you change 25 'öre' in the old times when there were coins with denominations 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 'öre'?

4 Find an explicit formula in terms of n for the sums $\sum_{a+b+c=n} abc$ where a, b, c are non-negative integers.

5 Consider the function $B_3(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{3n+1}{n} \frac{1}{3n+1} z^n$

i) Show that $B_3(t)$ is positive and strictly increasing on the positive real axis

ii) Use this function to solve a cubic equation $x^3 + px + q$