

Problem 26

In each of Problems 21 through 27, rewrite the given expression as a sum whose generic term involves x^n .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Solution

Bring x into the summand.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1}$$

Write out the first term of the first sum.

$$a_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+1}$$

Substitute $k = n - 2$ in the first sum and substitute $k = n$ in the second sum.

$$a_1 + \sum_{k+2=2}^{\infty} (k+2) a_{k+2} x^{k+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+1}$$

Solve for k .

$$a_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2) a_{k+2} x^{k+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+1}$$

Combine the sums.

$$a_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+2) a_{k+2} x^{k+1} + a_k x^{k+1}]$$

Factor x^{k+1} .

$$a_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [(k+2) a_{k+2} + a_k] x^{k+1}$$

Substitute $m = k + 1$.

$$a_1 + \sum_{m-1=0}^{\infty} [(m+1) a_{m+1} + a_{m-1}] x^m$$

Solve for m .

$$a_1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [(m+1) a_{m+1} + a_{m-1}] x^m$$

As m is only a dummy index, it can be replaced with n .

$$a_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+1) a_{n+1} + a_{n-1}] x^n$$