

ON THE GENERATING FUNCTION OF A119574

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For a nonnegative integer n , let

$$a_n = \frac{\binom{2n}{n}(n+2)^2}{n+1}$$

and let $f(x)$ be the corresponding generating function. Then

$$f(x) = \frac{(1-4x)\sqrt{1-4x} - 36x^2 + 14x - 1}{2x(\sqrt{1-4x})^3},$$

confirming the conjecture in A119574. Indeed, using that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x}} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{2n}{n} x^n,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\binom{2n}{n}(n+2)^2}{n+1} x^n &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\binom{2n}{n}(n+1+1)^2}{n+1} x^n \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\binom{2n}{n} ((n+1)^2 + 2(n+1) + 1)}{n+1} x^n \\ &= 3 \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{2n}{n} x^n + \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{2n}{n} n x^n + \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{n+1} x^n \\ &= 3 \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{2n}{n} x^n + x \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{2n}{n} x^n - 1 \right)' + \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{2n}{n} t^n dt \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-4x}} + \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-4x}^3} - \frac{\sqrt{1-4x}}{2x} + \frac{1}{2x} \\ &= \frac{(1-4x)\sqrt{1-4x} - 36x^2 + 14x - 1}{2x(\sqrt{1-4x})^3} \end{aligned}$$

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