From Permutations to Slopes: A Surprising Example of Generating Functions

I will introduce several different kinds of generating functions by running through my favorite examples. The Fibonacci and Lucas number sequences and some special permutations of $n$ numbers will give the first sequences. If time allows, I will talk about partitions of $n$ and the zeta function of an elliptic curve over a finite field.

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