

(a) I will show how to find the addition formula. First, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} [f(x)]^n &= x^n + (\text{higher order terms}) \\ f^n(x) f^m(y) &= x^n y^m + (\text{higher order terms, } x^p x^q, p > n, q > m) \\ f(x+y) &= x+y + (\text{higher order terms}). \end{aligned}$$

To get $f(x+y) = F(f(x), f(y))$, we need to match the coefficients

$$[x^i y^j] f(x+y) = [x^i y^j] F(f(x), f(y)),$$

for all i and j , both not equal to zero (here the expression on the right is expanded completely). This is easy if we start with i and j small and work our way up. Let

$$\lambda_{i,j} = [f^i(x) f^j(y)] F(f(x), f(y))$$

so that the λ 's are the coefficients of the non-expanded versions of powers of $f(x)$ and $f(y)$. Starting with $i=1$ and $j=0$ we see

$$\lambda_{1,0} = [x] F(f(x), f(y)) = [x] f(x+y) = 1$$

and vice-versa

$$\lambda_{0,1} = [y] F(f(x), f(y)) = [y] f(x+y) = 1$$

so far we know that

$$F(f(x), f(y)) = x+y + (\text{higher order terms}),$$

which we can write as a function of $f(x)$ and $f(y)$ by observing that

$$\begin{aligned} F(f(x), f(y)) &= x+y + (\text{higher order terms}) \\ &= f(x) + f(y) + (\text{same higher order terms}) - (\text{higher order terms of } f(x) + f(y)) \\ &= \lambda_{1,0} f(x) + \lambda_{0,1} f(y) + (\text{combined higher order terms}). \end{aligned}$$

Since we are trying to create a series equal to $f(x + y)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + y) &= \lambda_{1,0}f(x) + \lambda_{0,1}f(y) + (\text{combined higher order terms}) \\ f(x + y) - \lambda_{1,0}f(x) - \lambda_{0,1}f(y) &= (\text{combined higher order terms}) \end{aligned}$$

We use this to proceed to values of i and j such that $i + j = 2$. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{2,0} &= [x^2] F(f(x), f(y)) = [x^2] f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) \\ \lambda_{1,1} &= [xy] F(f(x), f(y)) = [xy] f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) \\ \lambda_{0,2} &= [y^2] F(f(x), f(y)) = [y^2] f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) \end{aligned}$$

and actually, this is redundant because $f(y)$ doesn't have any x^2 terms, and the same goes for $f(x)$, more simply this is:

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We can follow this procedure indefinitely and recursively for find all $\lambda_{i,j}$, noting that only the coefficients of lower order terms are needed (so $\lambda_{i,j}$ only depends on $\lambda_{m,n}$ where neither $m > i$, nor $n > j$). The recursive formula is:

$$\lambda_{i,j} = [x^i y^j] f(x + y) - \sum_{\substack{m \leq i \\ n \leq j}} \lambda_{n,m} f^n(x) f^m(y)$$

Thus the addition formula exists and is unique since all the choices we made were necessary. It is

$$F(f(x), f(y)) = \sum_{i,j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_{i,j} f^i(x) f^j(y)$$

or

$$F(x, y) = \sum_{i,j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_{i,j} x^i y^j.$$