

My notes on "The Strong Factorial Conjecture" by Eric Edo and Arno van den Essen. See: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1304.3956>

**Theorem 1** (Conjecture). Let  $a(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  be a polynomial of degree less or equal to  $m+1 \in \mathbb{N}_+$  such that  $a(X) \equiv X \pmod{X^2}$ . If the first  $m$  consecutive coefficient of the compositional inverse  $a^{-1}(X)$  vanish, then  $a(X) = X$ .

**Remark.** If we denote the polynomial  $a(X)$  by  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} a_k X^k$  for some  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , then the condition  $a(X) \equiv X \pmod{X^2}$  amounts to  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 1$ .

Moreover, we have this:

A power series has a compositional inverse if and only if  $a_1 \neq 0$ . In that case, the inverse is unique.

See

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00HMUGS4S>

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/2520744/finding-compositional-inverses-for-formal-power-series>

My questions:

1. What if  $a_0 \neq 0$ ? Pick  $a_0 = 3$ .  $a(X) = 3$