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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 2.13). 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  $a(X) = X$ .

**Theorem 2** (Conjecture 2.14). 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 coefficients of  $X^{n+1}, \dots, X^{n+m}$  of the compositional inverse vanish, then  $a(X) = X$ .

**Remark.**  $R(m)$  if and only if  $R(m)_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .

*Proof.* Let  $R(m)$  be true for a  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Then  $R(m)_1$  is true, i.e. if  $\deg(a) \leq m+1$  and if the □

**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  $a_0 = 3$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  be a polynomial with  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Then we may write  $f(X) = g(X) + a_0$  where  $g$  has a compositional inverse. Thus it is

$$\begin{aligned} g^{-1}(g(X) + a_0) &= g^{-1}(g(X)) + g^{-1}(a_0) \\ &= X + g^{-1}(a_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(X) &= g^{-1}(X) + g^{-1}(a_0) \\ h(f(X)) &= h(g(X) + a_0) \\ &= g^{-1}(g(X) + a_0) + g^{-1}(a_0) \\ &= X \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  be a polynomial with  $a_1 \neq 1$  and  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then we may write  $f(X) =$

<https://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~dgvagner/co430I.pdf>

proof

**Proposition 3.** 1. The polynomial  $a(X)$  is invertible for the composition.

2. For all  $i \in \{1, \dots, \deg(a-1)\}$ , the coefficient  $a_i$  is nilpotent element in  $A$ . I just don't see this ...

**Lemma 4** (Lagrange Inversion Formula). Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic

**Example 4.1** (See 5.4.4).  $f(X) = Xe^{-X} = X \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} X^k$

$$[X^n]f^{-1}(X) = \frac{1}{n} [X^{n-1}]e^{nX}$$

**Lemma 5** (Lemma 2.20 (Additive Inversion Formula)). Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{C}$  be complex numbers. The formal inverse of  $a(X) = X(1 - (\alpha_1 X + \dots + \alpha_m X^m))$  is given by the following formula

$$a^{-1}(X) = X \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{n \geq 1} u_n X^n \right)$$

where

$$u_n = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{j_1 + 2j_2 + \dots + mj_m = n} \frac{(n + j_1 + \dots + j_m)!}{j_1! \dots j_m!} \alpha_1^{j_1} \dots \alpha_m^{j_m}$$

**Proposition 6** (Proposition 2.23). Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{C}$  be complex numbers and let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_+}$  be a sequence defined by AIF in Lemma 2.20. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ , the Rigidity Conjecture  $R(m)_n$  is equivalent to the following implication: If  $u_n = \dots = u_{n+m-1} = 0$  then  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_m = 0$ .

*Proof.*

□

**Theorem 7.** 1. The inclusion  $E^{[m]} \subset F_n^{[m]}$  implies  $R(m)_n$

**Definition 8.**

$$E^{[m]} = \{ X_1 \dots X_m (\mu_1 X_1 + \dots + \mu_m X_m) \mid \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m \in \mathbb{C} \} \subset$$

$$F_n^{[m]} = \left\{ f \in \mathbb{C}^{[m]} \setminus \{0\} \mid \mathcal{L}(f^k) \neq 0 \text{ for some } n \leq k \leq \mathcal{N}(f) - 1 \right\} \cup \{0\}$$