

Exercise:

Suppose  $f(x) = x^2 e^{x^3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ , what is

$a_4, a_7, a_{28}, a_{29}$

Solution: Note that  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$

$$\text{so } e^{x^3} = 1 + (x^3) + \frac{(x^3)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x^3)^3}{3!} + \frac{(x^3)^4}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x^3)^n}{n!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } x^2 e^{x^3} &= x^2 \left( 1 + x^3 + \frac{x^6}{2!} + \frac{x^9}{3!} + \frac{x^{12}}{4!} + \dots \right) = x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{n!} \\ &= x^2 + x^5 + \frac{x^8}{2!} + \frac{x^{11}}{3!} + \frac{x^{14}}{4!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n+2}}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot x^{3n+2} \end{aligned}$$

so this power series only have nonzero coefficients in front of terms of degree  $3n+2$ , ( $n \geq 0$  integers)

$$\text{Hence } \left. \begin{aligned} 3n+2 &= 4 \Rightarrow n = \frac{2}{3} \\ 3n+2 &= 7 \Rightarrow n = \frac{5}{3} \\ 3n+2 &= 28 \Rightarrow n = \frac{26}{3} \end{aligned} \right\} n \text{ not an integer} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_4 = 0 \\ a_7 = 0 \\ a_{28} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$3n+2 = 29 \Rightarrow n = 9 \Rightarrow a_{29} \text{ is the coefficient of term } a_{29} x^{29}$$

$$a_{29} x^{3 \cdot 9 + 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{9!} x^{3 \cdot 9 + 2}$$

(here  $n = 9$ )

$$\text{so } a_{29} = \frac{1}{9!}$$