

1132. Determine a closed form of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+m}}{(n+m)!}$$

Solution. We start by introducing $p = n + m$, so $m = p - n$ and $m \geq 1 \implies p \geq n + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n+m}}{(n+m)!} &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{x^{n+m}}{(n+m)!} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{p \geq n+1} \frac{x^p}{p!} \\ &= \sum \sum \frac{x^p}{p!} [n \geq 1][p \geq n + 1] \end{aligned}$$

Notice that $p \geq n + 1 \implies n + 1 \leq p \implies n \leq p - 1$ and now we can interchange the summations.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sum \frac{x^p}{p!} [n \geq 1][p \geq n + 1] &= \sum \sum \frac{x^p}{p!} [1 \leq n \leq p - 1] \\ &= \sum \sum \frac{x^p}{p!} [1 \leq p - 1][n \leq p - 1] \\ &= \sum \sum \frac{x^p}{p!} [p \geq 2][1 \leq n \leq p - 1] \\ &= \sum_{p \geq 2} \left(\sum_{1 \leq n \leq p-1} \frac{x^p}{p!} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This summation can be massaged to bring out the exponential series:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{p \geq 2} \left(\sum_{1 \leq n \leq p-1} \frac{x^p}{p!} \right) &= \sum_{p \geq 2} \frac{p-1}{p!} x^p \\
&= \sum_{p \geq 2} \frac{p-1}{p!} x^p + \frac{x^p}{p!} - \frac{x^p}{p!} \\
&= \sum_{p \geq 2} \frac{p}{p!} x^p - \frac{x^p}{p!} \\
&= \sum_{p \geq 2} \frac{x^p}{(p-1)!} - \frac{x^p}{p!} \\
&= \sum_{p \geq 2} x \frac{x^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} - \sum_{p \geq 2} \frac{x^p}{p!} \\
&= \left(x \sum_{p \geq 1} \frac{x^p}{p!} \right) - \left(-1 - x + \sum_{p \geq 0} \frac{x^p}{p!} \right) \\
&= (x(e^x - 1)) - (-1 - x + e^x) \\
&= xe^x - x + 1 + x - e^x \\
&= 1 + (x-1)e^x
\end{aligned}$$

The desired closed form, therefore, is $1 + (x-1)e^x$.