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In the third communication of my paper “Some observations on complete transmutation”¹⁾ I proved a restricted validity of MAC LAURIN’S theorem in the Functional Calculus for a *normal* additive transmutation. A normal transmutation was defined by me as follows:

1. There is a functional field $F(T)$, the functions u of which *belong to*²⁾ the very same circle (σ) , and for these functions the transmutation T produces functions belonging to the very same circle (α) , concentric with (σ) .

2. All rational integral functions are included in the functional field.

3. The transmutation T is continuous in the pair of associated fields $F(T)$ and (α) ³⁾.

From 2 it can be derived that to any such transmutation T another transmutation P *formally* corresponds, which is given by

$$Pu = a_0 u + \frac{a_1 u'}{1} + \frac{a_2 u''}{2!} + \dots + \frac{a_m u^{(m)}}{m!} + \dots, \dots \quad (1)$$

where the quantities $u^{(m)}$ are the derivatives of the subject of operation u and the quantities a_m functions of the numerical variable x , which by means of the formula

$$a_m = \xi_m - m_1 x \xi_{m-1} + \dots + (-1)^m x^m \xi_0 \quad (2)$$

can be derived from the functions

$$\xi_k = T(x^k) \dots \dots \dots \quad (3)$$

¹⁾ These Proc. Vol. XIX N^o. 6 and 8 and Vol. XX N^o. 3—7, to be quoted as l.c.

²⁾ A function *belongs to* a circle, if it is regular *within and on* it. The symbol (σ) means a circle with radius σ .

³⁾ See for the definition of continuity l.c. Vol. XIX N^o. 8, where also definitions are given of the expressions *functional field* ($F. F.$), *numerical field of operation* ($N. F. O.$) (here the circle (α)) and *numerical field of functions* ($N. F. F.$) (here the circle (σ)).

⁴⁾ By m_k the binomialcoefficient of order k of the number m is meant.

which are the transmuted of the successive positive integral powers of x : the latter functions exist according to 2 and belong to the circle (α) . The above-mentioned theorem of MAC LAURIN consists in stating the *equality* of the transmutations T and P , in a certain numerical field (α') , which is part of (α) or identical with (α) , *if the further condition is added, that the latter transmutation is complete in (α')* ¹).

In this statement there is something unsatisfying, if we compare it with TAYLOR's theorem for the *Theory of Functions*. The latter asserts: "if a function, in a certain circle, has some specified properties (viz. a *definite* differential coefficient) it can be expanded in TAYLOR's series in that circle". It is therefore not necessary to impose further conditions on that series. Accordingly it would be desirable that also in the *Functional Calculus* the theorem might be stated in such a way that it were not necessary to impose any further condition on the series P corresponding to the given transmutation T , but that *such conditions were implied in the properties of T* . At the time it was our opinion that this was not the case. But now we are in a position to prove the following proposition:

The series corresponding to a normal additive transmutation represents a complete transmutation.

For simplicity we consider a circular domain (σ) round the origin as a centre and in this the infinite sequence of functions

$$1, x, x^2, \dots, x^m, \dots \quad (4)$$

to which, by definition, the infinite sequence of transmuted

$$\xi_0, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_m, \dots \quad (5)$$

corresponds, the latter functions being regular in a circular domain (α) . If we denote by ε an arbitrarily small positive quantity, then the sequence of functions

$$1, \frac{x}{\sigma + \varepsilon}, \frac{x^2}{(\sigma + \varepsilon)^2}, \dots, \frac{x^m}{(\sigma + \varepsilon)^m}, \dots \quad (6)$$

derived from (4) converges uniformly to zero in the domain (α) . According to a simple property of continuity (l.c. II, n^o. 11) the sequence of the transmuted of the latter functions, which, by the additive property of the transmutation, is represented by

¹) A transmutation P , represented by a series of the form (1), is called by me *complete in a domain (α)* , if there is a certain circle (ρ) , concentric with (α) , such that *all* functions belonging to (ρ) possess a transmuted, regular in (α) . The minimum circle (β) , which may be taken for (ρ) , I called the domain *corresponding to (α)* (l.c. Vol. XIX; N^o. 6).

$$\xi_{m_0}, \frac{\xi_1}{\sigma + \varepsilon}, \frac{\xi_2}{(\sigma + \varepsilon)^2}, \dots, \frac{\xi_m}{(\sigma + \varepsilon)^m}, \dots \quad (6')$$

will converge uniformly to zero in the domain (α) ; because a normal transmutation is continuous in a pair of conjugate fields. For sufficiently large m -values we have therefore in all points of (α)

$$|\xi_m| < (\sigma + \varepsilon)^m \quad (7)$$

From the equation (2) it is now easily derived that an analogous inequality holds for the functions a_m occurring in the series (1), that is to say, that these functions, too, are less in value than the m^{th} power of a certain number independent of m . For if (7) is valid for $m > m_0$, we have by (2), $|x|$ being at most equal to α ,

$$\begin{aligned} |a_m| &< \sum_0^{m_0} m_k \alpha^{m-k} |\xi_k| + \sum_{m_0+1}^m m_k \alpha^{m-k} (\sigma + \varepsilon)^k \\ &< \overleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} + \sum_0^m k \overleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} \\ &< \overleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} + (\sigma + \alpha + \varepsilon)^m \end{aligned}$$

The first part of the second member of this inequality consists of a fixed number of terms, each of which is, for sufficiently large m -values, less than $(\alpha + \varepsilon)^m$, so that the same holds for their sum. The second part is greater than the latter quantity, hence we have for sufficiently large m -values at all points of the domain (α)

$$|a_m| < (\sigma + \alpha + \varepsilon)^m \quad (8)$$

and therefore also

$$\overline{\lim}_{m=\infty} |a_m|^{\frac{1}{m}} < \sigma + \alpha \quad (8')$$

Thus the upper limit in the left-hand member of this inequality is finite, and this is (Vol. XIX, N^o. 6) the very condition under which the transmuting series (1) is complete in the domain (α) ; moreover we infer that the corresponding domain (β) has a radius β , no greater than $\sigma + 2\alpha$. For all functions u belonging to the circle $(\sigma + 2\alpha)$ the series P therefore produces a transmuted function Pu in the domain (α) , and this transmuted is equal to Tu , according to the functional theorem of MAC LAURIN we gave in the form (Vol. XX, N^o. 3):

If the series P , answering to a normal additive transmutation T , is complete in the circular domain (α) forming the N. F. O. of T , we have in this domain $Tu = Pu$ for such functions of the functional field $F(T)$ of T as belong to the circle (β) corresponding to (α) .

But now that we have found that the series answering to a normal additive transmutation has *necessarily* the property of representing a *complete* transmutation, our theorem can be expressed in the following form, in which it is more really a "theorem of MAC LAURIN" for the functional calculus, the unsatisfying point mentioned above having disappeared:

A *normal additive transmutation can always, in its N. F. O.* (α), *be expanded in the functional series of MAC LAURIN (1), either for all functions of its F. F., or for a certain part of it, consisting of the functions belonging to a circle (β) $>$ (σ), (σ) being the N. F. F.; and the radius β is never greater than $\sigma + 2\alpha$.*