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Suppose H is a Banach space, D is an open set of H containing 0, and V is a function from  $D \times D$  to H satisfying V(0, x) = V(x, 0) = x for each x in D. If n is an integer greater than 1, denote by  $x^n$  the product of n - x's associated as follows whenever the product exists.

$$x^n = V(x, V(x, \cdots V(x, x) \cdots))$$
.

Define  $x^0 = 0$  and  $x^1 = x$ . V is said to be power associative if and only if  $V(x^n, x^m) = x^{n+m}$  whenever each of n and m is a nonnegative integer and  $x^{n+m}$  exists.

THEOREM A. If H and V are as above, V is power associative and continuously differentiable in the sense of Frechet on  $D \times D$  then there are positive numbers a and c such that if x is in H and ||x|| < a there is a unique continuous function  $T_x$  from [0, 1] to the ball of radius c centered at 0 satisfying  $V(T_x(s), T_x(t)) = T_x(s + t)$  whenever each of s, t, and s + t is in [0, 1],  $T_x(0) = 0$ , and  $T_x(1) = x$ .

Theorem A is similar to a result in [1] of Birkhoff. He showed that if H and V are as above, V is associative, V is Frechet differentiable on a neighborhood of (0, 0), and V' is continuous at (0, 0) then some neighborhood of 0 is covered by partial homomorphic images of the additive group of real numbers.

To see that Theorem A is not a special case of this result of Birkhoff, we offer the following example. Denote by E the 2-dimensional Euclidean space and define V from  $E \times E$  to E by V((x, y), (z, w)) = (x + [1 + (xw - yz)]z, y + [1 + (xw - yz)]w). If S is a 1-dimensional linear subspace of E and each of p and q is in S then V(p, q) =p + q. Thus V is power associative and 0 is an identity for V. V is not associative but V is continuously differentiable on  $E \times E$ .

We will now prove Theorem A. Regard  $H \times H$  as a Banach space in the usual way, defining the norm of a member (x, y) of  $H \times H$  by  $||(x, y)|| = \max \{||x||, ||y||\}$ . If c is a positive number, denote by R(c)the set to which x belongs if and only if x is in H and ||x|| < c. Finally, if B is a bounded linear transformation from  $H \times H$  to H or from H to H, denote the norm of B by |B|.

Define f from D to H by  $f(x) = V(x, x) = x^2$  for each x in D. Note f is continuously differentiable on D and if x is in D, f'(x)(y) = V'(x, x)(y, y) for each y in H. Moreover, V'(0, 0)(z, w) = z + w for each pair (z, w) in  $H \times H$  so f'(0) = 2I where I is the identity transformation on H.

Employing the inverse function theorem (for instance [2] page 268) we see that there is a positive number b and an open set U of H such that  $(f \mid U)$  is a homeomorphism of U onto R(b) and  $g = (f \mid U)^{-1}$  is continuously differentiable on R(b) with  $g'(y) = [f'(g(y))]^{-1}$  for each y in R(b). Hence g'(0) = 1/2 I.

By continuity of g' and V' there is a positive number d and a number M such that if p is in  $R(d) \times R(d)$  and x is in R(d) then |V'(p)| < M and |g'(x)| < 2/3.

Suppose each of x, y, z, and w is in R(d). Then  $||V(x, y) - V(z, w)|| = ||\int_{0}^{1} dt V'((z, w) + t(x - z, y - w))(x - z, y - w)|| < M ||(x - z, y - w)||$ . As special cases of this inequality we obtain

1. ||V(x, y)|| < M||(x, y)|| and 2. ||V(x, y) - y|| < M||x||.

Similarly, if each of x and y is in R(d) we have  $||g(x) - g(y)|| = ||\int_0^1 dt \ g'(y + t(x - y))(x - y)|| < 2/3 ||x - y||$ . Hence g is Lipschitz on R(d) and has Lipschitz norm less than 2/3. In particular, for each x in R(d) and each positive integer m we have  $||g^m(x)|| < (2/3)^m ||x||$  where  $g^m$  is g composed with itself m times.

LEMMA 1. Let r = d/3M. If x is in R(r), m is a positive integer, and n is an integer in  $[0,2^m]$  then  $[g^m(x)]^n$  exists and has norm less than  $M ||x|| \sum_{i=1}^{m} (2/3)^i$ .

*Proof.* Note |V'(0, 0)| = 2 so M > 3/2. If x is in R(r), it is clear, using inequality 1, that  $g^{i}(x)^{i}$  exists for each i = 0, 1, or 2 and has norm less than M||x||(2/3).

Suppose *m* is an integer greater than 1 and assume that for each integer *k* in [1, *m*) that  $g^k(x)^s$  exists for each integer *s* in [0,  $2^k$ ] and has norm less than  $M ||x|| \sum_{i=1}^{k} (2/3)^i$ .

As has been observed before,  $g^m(x)$  exists and  $||g^m(x)^{\circ}|| = 0$ . Suppose n is an integer in  $(0, 2^m]$  and assume for each integer c in [0, n) that  $g^m(x)^{\circ}$  exists and has norm less than  $M||x|| \sum_{i=1}^{m} (2/3)^i$ .

Then  $g^m(x)^{n-1}$  exists and  $||g^m(x)^{n-1}|| < M ||x|| \sum_1^m (2/3)^i < 2M ||x|| < 2Mr = 2M d/3M < d$ . Thus  $g^m(x)^{n-1}$  is in D and  $g^m(x)^n = V(g^m(x), g^m(x)^{n-1})$  exists.

If *n* is even, we may use power associativity and the equality  $g^m(x)^2 = g^{m-1}(x)$  to obtain  $g^m(x)^n = g^{m-1}(x)^{n/2}$ . Hence, by the first inductive hypothesis,  $||g^m(x)^n|| < M ||x|| \sum_{i=1}^{m} (2i3)_i$ .

If n is odd then  $g^m(x)^n = V(g^m(x), g^{(m-1)}(x)^{(n-1)/2})$ . Using the triangle

inequality, inequality 2, and the first inductive hypothesis we obtain  $||g^{m}(x)^{n}|| \leq ||V(g^{m}(x), g^{m-1}(x)^{(n-1)/2}) - g^{m-1}(x)^{(n-1)}|| + ||g^{m-1}(x)^{(n-1)/2}|| < M ||x|| \sum_{1}^{m} (2/3)^{i}$ .

Thus we have Lemma 1.

Suppose x is in R(r). Denote by E the set of dyadic rational numbers in [0, 1] and define T from E to H by  $T(n/2^m) = g^m(x)^n$ . T exists by Lemma 1 and is well defined by power associativity. Moreover, by power associativity, V(T(h), T(k)) = T(h + k) whenever each of h, k, and h + k is in E. Lemma 2 will show that T has a continuous extension to all of [0, 1].

LEMMA 2. If x and T are as above, each of h and k is in E, and  $|h - k| < 1/2^m$  for some positive integer m then  $||T(h) - T(k)|| < 9M ||x|| (2/3)^{m+1}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $h = s/2^{m+n}$  for some nonnegative integers s and n, and u is an integer with each of  $u/2^m$  and  $(u + 1)/2^m$  in E so that h is in  $[u/2^m, (u + 1)/2^m]$ . There is a sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that  $h = u/2^m + a_1/2^{m+1} + \dots + a_n/2^{m+n}$  and each  $a_i$  is in the set  $\{0, 1\}$ . Thus  $T(h) = V(T(u/2^m), V(T(a_1/2^{m+1}), \dots, V(T(a_{n-1}/2^{m+n-1}), T(a_n/2^{m+n})) \dots)).$ 

Let w be defined from  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  by  $w_i = u/2^m + \sum_{i=1}^{i} a_i/2^{m+i}$ . Then  $w_i = w_{i-1} + a_i/2^{m+i}$  for each i in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . Now, using the triangle inequality, we have  $|| T(h) - T(u/2^m) || \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} || T(w_i) - T(w_{i-1}) ||$ . But, using inequality 2 we obtain  $|| T(w_i) - T(w_{i-1}) || \le M || T(a_i/2^{m+i}) || < M || x || (2/3)^{m+i}$ . Hence  $|| T(h) - T(u/2^m) || < M || x || \sum_{i=1}^{n} (2/3)^{m+i} < 3M || x || (2/3)^{m+i}$ .

There is an integer u such that each of  $(u-1)/2^m$  and  $(u+1)/2^m$  is in E and each of h and k is in  $[(u-1)/2^m, (u+1)/2^m]$ . Hence, by using the triangle inequality and the inequality just proved, we obtain Lemma 2.

From Lemma 2 it is clear that T has a continuous extension to all of [0, 1]. If each of s, t, and s + t is in [0, 1], choose sequences  $\{a_n\}_1^{\infty}$  and  $\{b_n\}_1^{\infty}$  in E converging to s and t respectively so that for each positive integer  $n, d_n = a_n + b_n$  is in E. By continuity of V and T, we have  $V(T(s), T(t)) = \lim_n V(T(a_n), T(b_n)) = \lim_n T(d_n) =$ T(s + t).

Choose c positive and less than r so that R(c) is contained in g(R(d)). Let a = c/3M. If x is in R(a) then, by Lemma 1,  $T_x$  maps into R(c). Suppose F satisfies the conclusion of theorem A for x in R(a). F(1/2) is in R(c) and hence in g(R(d)).  $F(1/2)^2 = x$  and x is in R(d) so g(x) = F(1/2). Similarly  $g^m(x) = F(1/2^m)$  for each positive integer m, and hence F agrees with  $T_x$  on E. Since each of F and  $T_x$  is continuous, the proof is complete.

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