

ANOTHER FAMILY OF q -LAGRANGE INVERSION FORMULAS

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ABSTRACT. A q -analog of Lagrange inversion is stated for $(x/(1-x^r)^b)$. Applications to basic hypergeometric series, identities of the Rogers-Ramanujan type, and orthogonal polynomials are given.

1. Introduction. The generalized Lagrange inversion problem is: given

$$(1.1) \quad G_k(x) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} B_{nk} x^n, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

for some lower triangular non-singular matrix B_{nk} , and a formal power series

$$(1.2) \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n x^n,$$

find constants a_k such that

$$(1.3) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k G_k(x).$$

It is clear that

$$(1.4) \quad f_n = \sum_{k=0}^n B_{nk} a_k.$$

Thus to find a_k it is sufficient to find the inverse matrix $B_{k'}^{-1}$:

$$(1.5) \quad a_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^k B_{k'\ell}^{-1} f_{\ell}.$$

The usual Lagrange inversion formula takes $G_k(x) = y^k$, where $y(x)$ is a formal power series in x such that $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) \neq 0$.

In a recent paper [10] we gave a q -analog of B_{nk} , $B_{k'}^{-1}$, and $G_k(x)$ for $G_k(x) = x^k/(1-x)^{a+(b+1)k}$. In this paper we similarly find a q -Lagrange inversion formula for a q -analog of $G_k(x) = x^k/(1-x^r)^{a+(b+1)k}$ for $r = 1, 2, \dots$. Our main theorem is stated as Theorem 2.3. Just as in [10],

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