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# Chapter 1

## Classes

### 1.1 poly.formalsum – formal sum

- Classes
  - †**FormalSumContainerInterface**
  - **DictFormalSum**
  - †**ListFormalSum**

The formal sum is mathematically a finite sum of terms, A term consists of two parts: coefficient and base. All coefficients in a formal sum are in a common ring, while bases are arbitrary.

Two formal sums can be added in the following way. If there are terms with common base, they are fused into a new term with the same base and coefficients added.

A coefficient can be looked up from the base. If the specified base does not appear in the formal sum, it is null.

We refer the following for convenience as `terminit`:

**terminit** :

`terminit` means one of types to initialize **dict**. The dictionary constructed from it will be considered as a mapping from bases to coefficients.

**Note for beginner** You may need USE only **DictFormalSum**, but may have to READ the description of **FormalSumContainerInterface** because interface (all method names and their semantics) is defined in it.

### 1.1.1 FormalSumContainerInterface – interface class

#### Initialize (Constructor)

Since the interface is an abstract class, do not instantiate.

The interface defines what “formal sum” is. Derived classes must provide the following operations and methods.

#### Operations

operator	explanation
$f + g$	addition
$f - g$	subtraction
$-f$	negation
$+f$	new copy
$f * a, a * f$	multiplication by scalar $a$
$f == g$	equality
$f != g$	inequality
$f[b]$	get coefficient corresponding to a base $b$
$b \text{ in } f$	return whether base $b$ is in $f$
$\text{len}(f)$	number of terms
$\text{hash}(f)$	hash

## Methods

### 1.1.1.1 `construct_with_default` – copy-constructing

```
construct_with_default(self, maindata: terminit)  
→ FormalSumContainerInterface
```

Create a new formal sum of the same class with `self`, with given only the `maindata` and use copy of `self`'s data if necessary.

### 1.1.1.2 `iterterms` – iterator of terms

```
iterterms(self) → iterator
```

Return an iterator of the terms.

Each term yielded from iterators is a `(base, coefficient)` pair.

### 1.1.1.3 `itercoefficients` – iterator of coefficients

```
itercoefficients(self) → iterator
```

Return an iterator of the coefficients.

### 1.1.1.4 `iterbases` – iterator of bases

```
iterbases(self) → iterator
```

Return an iterator of the bases.

### 1.1.1.5 `terms` – list of terms

```
terms(self) → list
```

Return a list of the terms.

Each term in returned lists is a `(base, coefficient)` pair.

### 1.1.1.6 `coefficients` – list of coefficients

```
coefficients(self) → list
```

Return a list of the coefficients.

#### 1.1.1.7 bases – list of bases

**bases(self) → list**

Return a list of the bases.

#### 1.1.1.8 terms\_map – list of terms

**terms\_map(self, func: function) → FormalSumContainerInterface**

Map on terms, i.e., create a new formal sum by applying **func** to each term.

**func** has to accept two parameters **base** and **coefficient**, then return a new term pair.

#### 1.1.1.9 coefficients\_map – list of coefficients

**coefficients\_map(self) → FormalSumContainerInterface**

Map on coefficients, i.e., create a new formal sum by applying **func** to each coefficient.

**func** has to accept one parameters **coefficient**, then return a new coefficient.

#### 1.1.1.10 bases\_map – list of bases

**bases\_map(self) → FormalSumContainerInterface**

Map on bases, i.e., create a new formal sum by applying **func** to each base.

**func** has to accept one parameters **base**, then return a new base.

### 1.1.2 DictFormalSum – formal sum implemented with dictionary

A formal sum implementation based on dict.

This class inherits **FormalSumContainerInterface**. All methods of the interface are implemented.

#### Initialize (Constructor)

```
DictFormalSum(args: terminit, defaultvalue: RingElement=None)  
→ DictFormalSum
```

See **terminit** for type of **args**. It makes a mapping from bases to coefficients.

The optional argument **defaultvalue** is the default value for `__getitem__`, i.e., if there is no term with the specified base, a look up attempt returns the **defaultvalue**. It is, thus, an element of the ring to which other coefficients belong.

### 1.1.3 ListFormalSum – formal sum implemented with list

A formal sum implementation based on list.

This class inherits **FormalSumContainerInterface**. All methods of the interface are implemented.

#### Initialize (Constructor)

```
ListFormalSum(args: terminit, defaultvalue: RingElement=None)  
→ ListFormalSum
```

See **terminit** for type of **args**. It makes a mapping from bases to coefficients.

The optional argument **defaultvalue** is the default value for `__getitem__`, i.e., if there is no term with the specified base, a look up attempt returns the **defaultvalue**. It is, thus, an element of the ring to which other coefficients belong.