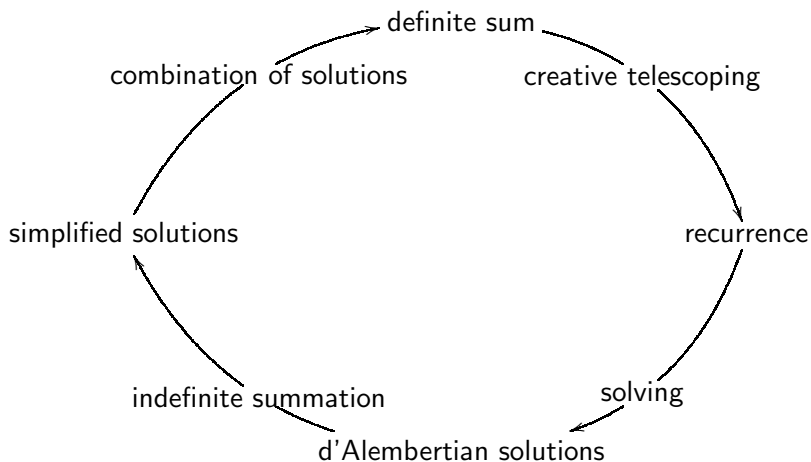


Symbolic Summation Assists Combinatorics

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Part 1: Symbolic Summation Methods and Applications

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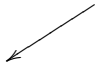
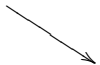
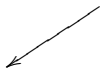
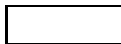
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A constructive $\Pi\Sigma^*$ -field theory

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Generalizations, extensions and **examples**

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Further examples

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{k(k+2)} = -\frac{n(3n+5)}{4(n+1)(n+2)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k(k-1)2^k} = \frac{-1}{n2^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k2^k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k! (k^2 + k + k! (k(k+1)^2 + k! (k(k+1)^2 + (2k^2 - 1)k! - 3) - 2) + 1) + 1}{(k!)^3 (k! + 1) ((k+1)k! + 1)} \\ = \frac{3(n+1)(n!)^3 + (3-2n)(n!)^2 - 2(n+2)n! - 2}{2(n!)^2 ((n+1)n! + 1)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k(k!)^3 + k! + 1}{(k!)^3 (k! + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{(k+1)(k(k+1)^2(k+2)H_k^3 + k(3k^2+8k+5)H_k^2 - (k+2)H_k - k - 2)}{H_k(k(k+1)^2(k+2)H_k^3 + 2(k^3+2k^2-1)H_k^2 - (k^2+5k+5)H_k - 2k-3)} \\ = \frac{-6(n+1)(n+2)H_n^2 - 6(2n+3)H_n + 11(n+1)(n+2)}{11H_n(2n+(n+1)(n+2)H_n+3)} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k(k+1)}{kH_k-1} \end{aligned}$$

The analogue problem for Π -extensions

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{(-k-1)(k+7)}{(k+4)^2} = \frac{4}{35} \frac{(n+5)(n+6)(n+7)}{(n+2)(n+3)(n+4)} (-1)^n,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{(k+3)(H_k(k+1)+1)^2(H_k(k+2)(k+1)+2k+3)}{(k+1)^2 H_k(H_k(k+3)(k+2)(k+1)+3(k+4)k+11)} \\ = \frac{11}{6} \frac{(n+3)(n+2)(H_n(n+1)+1)^2}{(n+1)(H_n(n+3)(n+2)(n+1)+3(n+4)n+11)} \prod_{k=1}^n H_k, \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^3} \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{H_j}{j^2} = H_n^{(3)} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{H_j}{j^2} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{H_j (j^3 H_j^{(3)} - 1)}{j^5}$$

CS. Symbolic summation with single-nested sum extensions. 2004.

CS. Finding telescopers with minimal depth for indefinite nested sum and product expressions. 05.

Further examples

$$\sum_{k=1}^n H_k^3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(2(n+1)H_n^3 - 3(2n+1)H_n^2 + 6(2n+1)H_n - 12n - 1 + H_n^{(2)} \right)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{j} \sum_{i=1}^j \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{6} [H_n^3 + 3H_n H_n^{(2)} + 2H_n^{(3)}]$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{H_i} = -n + H_n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{H_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{iH_i},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{H_j^{(2)}}{j^3} \right)^2 &= -(H_n^{(2)})^2 + H_n^{(4)} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{H_j^{(2)}}{j^3} + (n+1) \times \\ &\times \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{H_j^{(2)}}{j^3} \right)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{H_j^{(2)} ((jH_j^{(2)})^2 - H_j^{(2)} + j^2 H_j^{(4)})}{j^5}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$a_m \sigma^m(g) + \dots + a_0 g = c_0 f_0 + \dots + c_d f_d.$$

Algorithms for parameterized linear difference equations

Rational case:

Abramov. Rational solutions of linear differential and difference equations with polynomial coefficients. 1989.

Hoeyj. Rational solutions of linear difference equations. 1998.

q -Rational case:

Abramov. Rational solutions of linear difference and q -difference equations with polynomial coefficients. 1995.

$\Pi\Sigma^*$ -field case: (open subproblems)

M. Karr. Summation in finite terms. 1981.

Bronstein. On solutions of linear ordinary difference equations in their coefficient field. 2000.

CS. Solving parameterized linear difference equations in terms of indefinite nested sums and products. 2005.

CS. A collection of denominator bounds to solve parameterized linear difference equations in $\Pi\Sigma$ -extensions. 2004.

CS. Degree bounds to find polynomial solutions of parameterized linear difference equations in $\Pi\Sigma$ -fields.

Example: Sigma

Generalization III: Solving recurrences with extensions

Rational case:

Petkovšek. Hypergeometric solutions of linear recurrences with polynomial coefficients. 1992.

Hoeij. Finite singularities and hypergeometric solutions of linear recurrence equations. 1999.

Abramov, Petkovšek. D'Alembertian solutions of linear differential and difference equations. 1994.

Hendriks, Singer. Solving difference equations in finite terms. 1999.

$\Pi\Sigma^*$ -field case: (open subproblems)

CS. Symbolic summation in difference fields. PhD-thesis, 2001.

Communication with (M. Bronstein), Abramov, Petkovšek.

Example: Sigma

Generalization IV: Unspecified sequences

GIVEN

$$\mathbb{K}(\dots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, \dots), \quad \text{where } \sigma(x_i) = x_{i+1}$$

plus a tower of $\Pi\Sigma^*$ -extensions on top.

There are algorithms for

- ▶ telescoping
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- ▶ solving recurrences (open subproblems)

Kauers, CS. Application of unspecified sequences in symbolic summation. 2006.

Kauers, CS. Indefinite summation with unspecified sequences.

Generalization V: Multi-Summation

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Part 3