

Discrete Mathematics

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Symbolic Summation in Difference Fields and Particle Physics

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Starting point:
bonus problem 6.69 in “Concrete Mathematics”

FIND a closed form for

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 H_{n+k} = ?$$

where $H_n := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$.

D.E. Knuth:

“It would be nice to automate the derivation of formulas such as this.”

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Summing the telescoping equation over k from 1 to n gives

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 H_{n+k} = g(n+1) - g(1)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{36}n(n+1)(10n+6(2n+1)H_n - 12(2n+1)H_{2n} - 1).$$

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A difference field for the **summand**:

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$$\mathbb{F} := \mathbb{Q}(n)(k)(h)$$

Karr 1981

and the field automorphism $\sigma : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ defined by

$$\sigma(c) = c \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{Q}(n),$$

$$\sigma(k) = k + 1,$$

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$$\sigma(h) = h + \frac{1}{n+k+1},$$

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↑ $h \equiv H_{n+k}$

Example 1: A quadruple sum

A challenging email:

From: Doron Zeilberger
To: Robin Pemantle, Herbert Wilf
CC: Carsten Schneider

Robin and Herb,

I am willing to bet that Carsten Schneider's SIGMA package for handling sums with harmonic numbers (among others) can do it in a jiffy. I am Cc-ing this to Carsten.

Carsten: please do it, and Cc- the answer to me.

-Doron

The problem

From: Robin Pemantle [University of Pennsylvania]

To: herb wilf; doron zeilberger

Herb, Doron,

I have a sum that, when I evaluate numerically, looks suspiciously like it comes out to exactly 1.

Is there a way I can automatically decide this?

The sum may be written in many ways, but one is:

$$\sum_{j,k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_j(H_{k+1}-1)}{jk(k+1)(j+k)}; \quad H_j := \sum_{i=1}^j \frac{1}{i}.$$

Simplify:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{k+1} - 1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_j}{j(j+k)}.$$

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$$- \underbrace{\frac{(kH_a - 1)}{k^2} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{a+i} - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{i} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{a+j}}_{\text{Limits}}$$

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= Sigma

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E.g., in J.M. Borwein, Girgensohn. Evaluation of triple Euler sums, 1996.

Flajolet, Salvy. Euler sums and contour integral representations, 1998.

we find

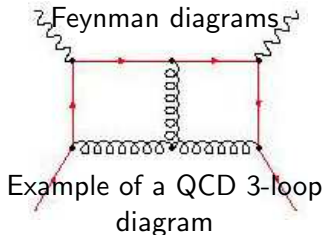
$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_i}{i^2} &= 2\zeta(3), & \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_i^2}{i^3} &= -\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \frac{7}{2}\zeta(5), \\
 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_i^3}{i^2} &= \zeta(2)\zeta(3) + 10\zeta(5), & \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_i H_i^{(2)}}{i^2} &= \zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \zeta(5).
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Theorem (Sigma 2005).

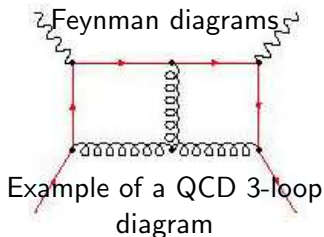
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Example 2: Evaluation of Feynman integrals

Feynman diagrams



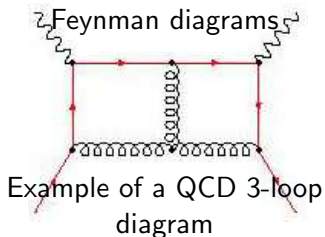
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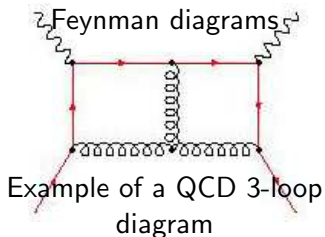
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Simplified expressions/
solutions

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where $K \in \mathbb{N}$, $r_i, s_i \in \mathbb{Q}$, and p_i, q_i are polynomials in x_1, \dots, x_7 .

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 &= F_{-3}(n)\varepsilon^{-3} + F_{-2}(n)\varepsilon^{-2} + \boxed{F_{-1}(n)}\varepsilon^{-1} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

The **3-loop anomalous dimensions** can be derived from the single pole part of $F(n, \varepsilon)$. The other poles are needed for the **renormalization**.

Vermaseren, Moch: 3-5 CPU years (2004)

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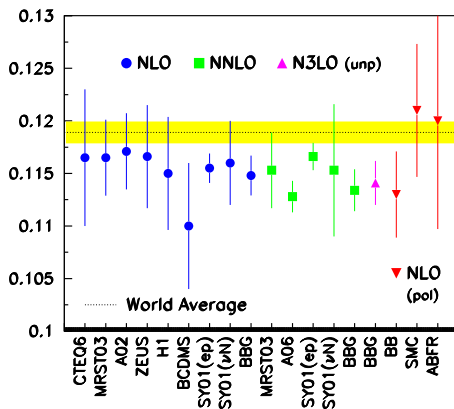
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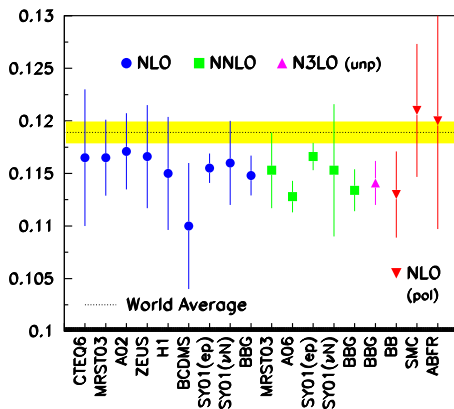
CLOSED FORM

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2-loop result → 3-loop result → 4-loop challenge

Appendix

- ▶ Integration 
- ▶ $\Pi\Sigma$ -fields 
- ▶ Padé approximation 
- ▶ Creative telescoping 

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- ▶ Then $(\mathbb{K}(t_1, \dots, t_e), \sigma)$ is a **$\Pi\Sigma$ -field** if the set of constants is \mathbb{K} , i.e.,

$$\{c \in \mathbb{K}(t_1, \dots, t_e) \mid \sigma(c) = c\} = \mathbb{K}.$$

Constructive difference field theory

Summation and Integration

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Indefinite summation

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$$g(k+1) - g(k) = f(k)$$

↓

$$g(b+1) - g(a) = \sum_{k=a}^b f(k)$$

Integration

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$$D_x g(x) = f(x)$$

↓

$$g(b) - g(a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Example from quadratic Padé approximation

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Proof.

Sigma



Zeilberger's creative telescoping paradigm

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FIND $c_0(m)$, $c_1(m)$, $c_2(m)$, and $g(m, k)$:

$$\boxed{g(m, k+1) - g(m, k)} = \boxed{c_0(m) f(m, k) + c_1(m) f(m+1, k) + c_2(m) f(m+2, k)}$$

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for all $0 \leq k \leq m$ and all $m \geq 0$.**Sigma:**

$$c_0(m) := 3(3m+2)(3m+4)(3m+8), \quad c_1(m) := 0, \\ c_2(m) := (m+2)^2(3m+8),$$

$$g(m, k) := (-1)^k \binom{m}{k}^3 \frac{p_1(k, m, H_k, H_k^{(2)}, H_{m-k}, H_{m-k}^{(2)})}{(m-k+1)^5 (m-k+2)^5},$$

$$g(m, k+1) := (-1)^k \binom{m}{k}^3 \frac{p_2(k, m, H_k, H_k^{(2)}, H_{m-k}, H_{m-k}^{(2)})}{(m-k+1)^5}.$$

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for all $0 \leq k \leq m$ and all $m \geq 0$.Summing this equation over k from 0 to m gives:

$$g(m, m+1) - g(m, 0)$$

$$= c_0(m) \text{SUM}(m) + c_1(m) [\text{SUM}(m+1) - f(m+1, m+1)] + c_2(m) [\text{SUM}(m+2) - f(m+2, m+1) - f(m+2, m+2)].$$

Indefinite nested sum expression:

$$\sum_{k=0}^a \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \right)$$

Definite nested sum expression:

$$\sum_{k=0}^a \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n+k}{i} \right)$$