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Difference Field Algorithms and Algebraic Independence of Nested Sums and Products

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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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Karr 1981

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

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The simple approach

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appropriate = sum representations with optimal nested depth

Example:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\sum_{i=1}^j \frac{1}{i}}{j}}{k} = \frac{1}{6} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^3}$$

depth 3

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Such an extension is called Σ^* -extension (the product case can be handled analogously with Π -extensions).

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can be constructed by an (infinite) tower of Σ^* -extensions.

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Then $S : \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} / \sim \rightarrow \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} / \sim$ forms a ring automorphism.

$(\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} / \sim, S)$ is called the **difference ring of sequences**.

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In particular,

$$(\mathbb{Q}(n)[h_1, h_2, \dots], \sigma) \cong (\tau(\mathbb{Q}(n)[h_1, h_2, \dots]), S)$$

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\Rightarrow The generalized harmonic numbers

$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}, \quad H_n^{(2)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2}, \quad H_n^{(3)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^3}, \quad \dots$$

are algebraic independent over the rational sequences $\mathbb{Q}(n)$.

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FIND an alternative representation:

$$S(n) = \text{combined solutions.}$$

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:

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

$$\sum_{j=1}^a \frac{H_j}{j(j+k)} = \text{FIND}$$

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

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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.

Granville. A decomposition of Riemann's zeta-function. 1997.

Zagier. Values of zeta functions and their applications. 1994.

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).

$$S = \sum_{j,k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_j(H_{k+1} - 1)}{jk(k+1)(j+k)}$$
$$= -4\zeta(2) - 2\zeta(3) + 4\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + 2\zeta(5) = 0.999222\dots$$

Similarly, we obtain simplifications like

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_1(i)S_1(i+j+N)}{i(i+j)(j+N)} &= 6\frac{S_1(N)}{N}\zeta_3 + \zeta_2\left(2\frac{S_1^2(N)}{N} + \frac{S_2(N)}{N}\right) \\ &+ \frac{S_1^4(N)}{6N} + \frac{S_1^2(N)S_2(N)}{N} - \frac{S_2^2(N)}{N} + 4\frac{S_{2,1,1}(N)}{N} \\ &+ S_1(N)\left(-3\frac{S_{2,1}(N)}{N} + 4\frac{S_3(N)}{3N}\right) - 2\frac{S_{3,1}(N)}{N} - \frac{S_4(N)}{2N}. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_a(N) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i^a} & S_{2,1}(N) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{j^1}}{i^2} \\ S_{3,1}(N) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{j^3}}{i^3} & S_{2,1,1}(N) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \frac{\sum_{k=1}^j \frac{1}{k^1}}{j}}{i^2} \end{aligned}$$

Two-Loop Massive Operator Matrix Elements for Unpolarized Heavy Flavor Production to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ (I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, S. Klein, C.S.)

Example 2: In the non-singlet (3-loop) case ~ 360 diagrams contribute. The integrals are of the form:

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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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Appendix

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

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Indefinite summation

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 \downarrow

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

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