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Symbolic summation for particle physics: difference ring theory, stable software and proof certificates

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Here I will restrict to the setting of difference rings/fields.

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(2j+k+n+2)j!k!(j+k+n)!}{(j+k+1)(j+n+1)(j+k+1)!(j+n+1)!(k+n+1)!} \right. \\ \left. + \underbrace{\frac{j!k!(j+k+n)!(-S_1(j) + S_1(j+k) + S_1(j+n) - S_1(j+k+n))}{(j+k+1)!(j+n+1)!(k+n+1)!}}_{f(j)} \right)$$

where

$$S_1(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \quad (= H_n)$$

Arose in the context of

I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, and S. Klein, *Evaluating two-loop massive operator matrix elements with Mellin-Barnes integrals*. 2006

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↑ summation package Sigma

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$$\sum_{j=0}^a f(j) = g(a+1) - g(0) \\ = \frac{(a+1)!(k-1)!(a+k+n+1)!(S_1(a) - S_1(a+k) - S_1(a+n) + S_1(a+k+n))}{n(a+k+1)!(a+n+1)!(k+n+1)!} \\ + \underbrace{\frac{S_1(k) + S_1(n) - S_1(k+n)}{kn(k+n+1)n!} + \frac{(2a+k+n+2)a!k!(a+k+n)!}{(a+k+1)(a+n+1)(a+k+1)!(a+n+1)!(k+n+1)!}}_{a \rightarrow \infty}$$

 $a \rightarrow \infty$

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Telescoping

GIVEN

$$A(n) := \sum_{k=1}^a \underbrace{\frac{S_1(k) + S_1(n) - S_1(k+n)}{kn(k+n+1)}}_{=: f(k)}.$$

FIND $g(k)$:

$$\boxed{g(k+1) - g(k)} = \boxed{f(k)}$$

for all $0 \leq k \leq n$ and all $n \geq 0$.no solution 

Zeilberger's creative telescoping paradigm

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FIND $g(n, k)$

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Sigma computes: $c_0(n) = -n$, $c_1(n) = (n+2)$ and

$$g(n, k) = \frac{kS_1(k) + (-n-1)S_1(n) - kS_1(k+n) - 2}{(k+n+1)(n+1)^2}$$

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Summing this equation over k from 1 to a gives:

$$\boxed{g(n, a+1) - g(n, 1)} = \boxed{\sum_{k=1}^a [c_0(n)f(n, k) + c_1(n)f(n+1, k)]}$$

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$$(n+2)\mathbf{A}(n+1) - n\mathbf{A}(n) = \frac{(n+1)S_1(n) + 1}{(n+1)^3}$$

recurrence finder

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recurrence solver

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$$\left\{ c \times \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{S_1(n)^2 + S_2(n)}{2n(n+1)} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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Summation package Sigma

(based on difference field/ring algorithms/theory

see, e.g., Karr 1981, Bronstein 2000, Schneider 2001/2004/2005a-c/2007/2008/2010a-c)

$$A(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{S_1(k) + S_1(n) - S_1(k+n)}{kn(k+n+1)}$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(n,k,j) = \frac{S_1(n)^2 + 3S_2(n)}{2n(n+1)!}$$

where

$$S_1(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \qquad S_2(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2}$$

Toolbox 1: Indefinite summation

Toolbox 2: Definite summation

Toolbox 3: Special function algorithms

Toolbox 1: Indefinite summation

Telescoping

GIVEN $f(k) = S_1(k)$.

FIND $g(k)$:

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

for all $1 \leq k \leq n$ and $n \geq 0$.

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Sigma compute

$$g(k) = (S_1(k) - 1)k.$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n S_1(k) = g(n+1) - g(1)$$

$$= (S_1(n+1) - 1)(n+1).$$

Telescoping in the given difference ring

FIND a closed form for

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A difference ring for the [summand](#)

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A difference ring for the **summand**

Consider a ring

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

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Toolbox 1: Indefinite summation – the basic tactic

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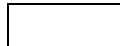
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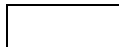
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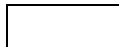
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Toolbox 1: Improved indefinite summation

– symbolic simplification

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Toolbox 2: Definite summation

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Summation package Sigma

(based on difference field/ring algorithms/theory

see, e.g., Karr 1981, Bronstein 2000, Schneider 2001/2004/2005a-c/2007/2008/2010a-c)

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Sigma computes: $c_0(n) = -n, c_1(n) = (n+2)$ and

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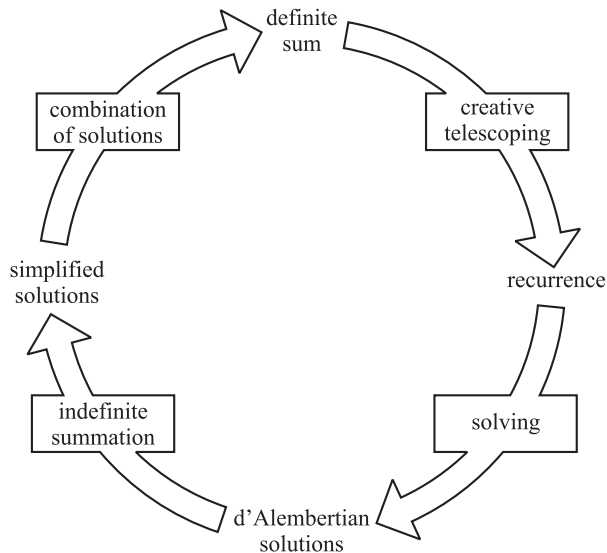
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Combine the solutions

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Sigma's summation spiral



Toolbox 3: Special function algorithms

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limit computations

numerical evaluation

► Generalized algorithms for generalized harmonic sums

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{2^k \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{2^{-i} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{S_1(j)}{j}}{i}}{k} &= -\frac{21\zeta_2^2}{20} \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{8N^2} + \frac{295}{216N^3} - \frac{1115}{96N^4} + O(N^{-5}) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{2N} - \frac{3}{4N^2} + \frac{19}{12N^3} - \frac{5}{N^4} + O(N^{-5}) \right) \zeta_2 \\
 &+ 2^N \left(\frac{3}{2N} + \frac{3}{2N^2} + \frac{9}{2N^3} + \frac{39}{2N^4} + O(N^{-5}) \right) \zeta_3 \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{N} + \frac{3}{4N^2} - \frac{157}{36N^3} + \frac{19}{N^4} + O(N^{-5}) \right) (\log(N) + \gamma) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{2N} - \frac{3}{4N^2} + \frac{19}{12N^3} - \frac{5}{N^4} + O(N^{-5}) \right) (\log(N) + \gamma)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

[Ablinger, Blümlein, CS, J. Math. Phys. 54, 2013, arXiv:1302.0378 [math-ph]]

► Generalized algorithms for cyclotomic harmonic sums

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{1+2i}}{j^2} &= \left(-3 + \frac{35\zeta_3}{16}\right)\zeta_2 - \frac{31\zeta_5}{8} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{N} - \frac{33}{32N^2} + \frac{17}{16N^3} - \frac{4795}{4608N^4} + O(N^{-5}) \\
 &+ \log(2)\left(6\zeta_2 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{9}{8N^2} - \frac{7}{6N^3} + \frac{209}{192N^4} + O(N^{-5})\right) \\
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► Generalized algorithms for nested binomial sums

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{4^j S_1(j-1)}{\binom{2j}{j} j^2} = 7\zeta_3 + \sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{N} \left\{ \left[-\frac{2}{N} + \frac{5}{12N^2} - \frac{21}{320N^3} - \frac{223}{10752N^4} + \frac{671}{49152N^5} \right. \right. \\ + \frac{11635}{1441792N^6} - \frac{1196757}{136314880N^7} - \frac{376193}{50331648N^8} + \frac{201980317}{18253611008N^9} \\ \left. \left. + O(N^{-10}) \right] \ln(\bar{N}) - \frac{4}{N} + \frac{5}{18N^2} - \frac{263}{2400N^3} + \frac{579}{12544N^4} + \frac{10123}{1105920N^5} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1705445}{71368704N^6} - \frac{27135463}{11164188672N^7} + \frac{197432563}{7927234560N^8} + \frac{405757489}{775778467840N^9} \right. \\ \left. + O(N^{-10}) \right\}$$

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Computer algebra and special functions:

Harmonic sums (Borwein, Hoffman, Broadhurst, Vermaseren, Remm, Blümlein, . . .)

$$\boxed{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{j}}$$

Integral representation:

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{x^n - 1}{1 - x} \left(\int_0^x \frac{\int_0^y \frac{1}{1-z} dz}{y} dy - \zeta_2 \right) dx, \quad \zeta_z := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 1/i^z$$

Asymptotic expansion:

$$= \left(\frac{1}{30n^5} - \frac{1}{6n^3} + \frac{1}{2n^2} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \ln(n) \\ - \frac{1}{100n^5} - \frac{1}{6n^4} + \frac{13}{36n^3} - \frac{1}{4n^2} - \frac{1}{n} + 2\zeta_3 + O\left(\frac{\ln(n)}{n^6}\right).$$

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Example 1: A bet on my cost

You've Got Mail (7/2004)

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:

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[Arose in the analysis of the simplex algorithm on the Klee-Minty cube
(J. Balogh, R. Pemantle)]

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Example 2: The Stam project

(joint with B. Buchberger, P. Paule, C. Koutschan, W. Windsteiger, . . .)

→ Bruno Buchberger's talk on Monday

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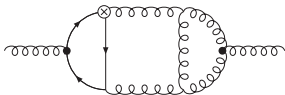
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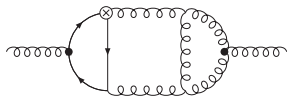
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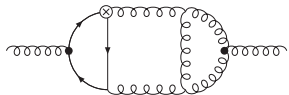


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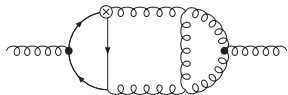


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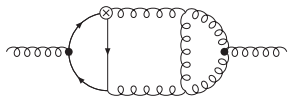
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A warm-up example: simplify

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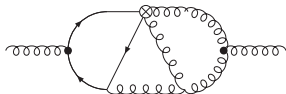
$$S_1(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \quad S_2(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2}$$

Arose in the context of

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