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# Symbolic summation assists particle physics

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$$D_\varepsilon(n) = \int \frac{d^D p_1}{(2\pi)^D} \cdots \int \frac{d^D p_k}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{N(p_1, \dots, p_k; p; M^2; \Delta, n)}{(-p_1^2 + m_1^2)^{l_1} \cdots (-p_k^2 + m_k^2)^{l_k}} \prod_V \delta_V$$

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## Multi-summation and particle physics:

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↓ (DESY, J. Blümlein)

**Definite hypergeometric multi-sums:**

$$D_\varepsilon(n) = \sum_{k_1=l_1}^{L_1(n)} \cdots \sum_{k_v=l_v}^{L_v(n, k_1, \dots, k_{v-1})} \sum_{i=1}^l f_i(\varepsilon, n, k_1, \dots, k_v)$$

$f_i$ : proper hypergeometric series in terms of  $\Gamma$ -functions

$L_v(n, k_1, \dots, k_{v-1})$ : integer linear relation in the parameters (or  $\infty$ )

↓ (symbolic summation)

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

## A warm up example

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\times \left( \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+2+n)} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(k+j+1+n)}{\Gamma(j+1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+2+n)\Gamma(k+j+2)} \right. \\
 &\left. + \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+2+n)} \frac{\Gamma(-\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+1+\varepsilon)\Gamma(j+1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2})\Gamma(k+j+1+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}+n)}{\Gamma(j+1)\Gamma(j+2+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}+n)\Gamma(k+j+2+\frac{\varepsilon}{2})} \right) \\
 &\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{f(n, k, j)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Arose in the context of

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$$f(n, k, j)$$

FIND the first coefficients of the  $\varepsilon$ -expansion

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$$f(n, k, j)$$

Step 1: Compute the first coefficients of the  $\varepsilon$ -expansion

$$f(n, k, j) = f_0(n, k, j) + \varepsilon f_1(n, k, j) + \dots$$

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$$f(n, k, j)$$

Step 2: Simplify the sums in

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(n, k, j) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_0(n, k, j) + \varepsilon \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_1(n, k, j) + \dots$$

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where

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

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↑ summation package Sigma

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Summing the telescoping equation over  $j$  from 0 to  $a$  gives

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

 $a \rightarrow \infty$

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## Telescoping

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FIND  $g(k)$  :

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

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## Zeilberger's creative telescoping paradigm

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

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## Summation package Sigma

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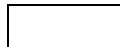


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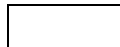
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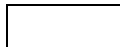
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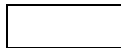
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We compute

$$g = (h - 1)k \in \mathbb{A}.$$

This gives

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

with

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

Hence,

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



# Toolbox 1: Improved indefinite summation

## – symbolic simplification

For algorithmic details see:

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# Toolbox 2: Definite summation



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

## Summation package Sigma

(based on difference field/ring algorithms/theory  
see, e.g., Karr 1981, Bronstein 2000, Schneider 2001–)

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

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## 1. Creative telescoping (for the special case of hypergeometric terms see Zeilberger's algorithm (1991))

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$f(n, k)$ : indefinite nested product-sum in  $k$ ;  
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## 2. Recurrence solving

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$a_0(n), \dots, a_d(n), h(n)$ :  
 indefinite nested product-sum expressions in  $n$ .

$$a_0(n)A(n) + \dots + a_d(n)A(n+d) = h(n);$$

FIND all solutions expressible by indefinite nested products/sums in  $n$ .  
 (d'Alembertian solutions)

(Abramov/Bronstein/Petkovšek/CS, in preparation)

## 4. Find a "closed form"

$A(n)$  = combined solutions in terms of indefinite nested sums in  $n$ .

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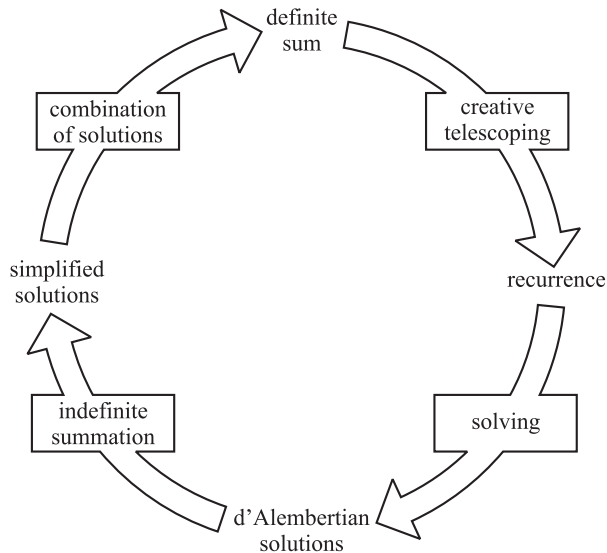
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## Combine the solutions

In[6]:= FindLinearCombination[recSol, {1, {1/2}}, n, 2]

Out[6]= 
$$\frac{S[1, n]^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2}}{2n(n+1)}$$

# Sigma's summation spiral



Example

# Toolbox 3: Special function algorithms

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**limit computations**

**numerical evaluation**

► Generalized algorithms for generalized harmonic sums

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2^k \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{2^{-i} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{S_1(j)}{j}}{i}}{k} = -\frac{21\zeta_2^2}{20} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{8n^2} + \frac{295}{216n^3} - \frac{1115}{96n^4} + O(n^{-5})$$

$$+ \left( \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{3}{4n^2} + \frac{19}{12n^3} - \frac{5}{n^4} + O(n^{-5}) \right) \zeta_2$$

$$+ 2^n \left( \frac{3}{2n} + \frac{3}{2n^2} + \frac{9}{2n^3} + \frac{39}{2n^4} + O(n^{-5}) \right) \zeta_3$$

$$+ \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{4n^2} - \frac{157}{36n^3} + \frac{19}{n^4} + O(n^{-5}) \right) (\log(n) + \gamma)$$

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

- Generalized algorithms for cyclotomic harmonic sums

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{1+2i}}{j^2} &= \left(-3 + \frac{35\zeta_3}{16}\right)\zeta_2 - \frac{31\zeta_5}{8} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{n} - \frac{33}{32n^2} + \frac{17}{16n^3} - \frac{4795}{4608n^4} + O(n^{-5}) \\
 &+ \log(2)\left(6\zeta_2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{9}{8n^2} - \frac{7}{6n^3} + \frac{209}{192n^4} + O(n^{-5})\right) \\
 &+ \left(-\frac{7}{4} - \frac{7}{16n} + \frac{7}{16n^2} - \frac{77}{192n^3} + \frac{21}{64n^4} + O(n^{-5})\right)\zeta_3 \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{16n^2} - \frac{1}{8n^3} + \frac{65}{384n^4} + O(n^{-5})\right)(\log(n) + \gamma)
 \end{aligned}$$

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► Generalized algorithms for nested binomial sums

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

Ablinger, Blümlein, CS, ACAT 2013, arXiv:1310.5645 [math-ph]

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

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# Back to Feynman integrals

joint work (RISC–DESY) with

J. Ablinger, A. Behring, I. Bierenbaum, J. Blümlein, A. Hasselhuhn,  
A. de Freitas, A. von Manteuffel, C.G. Raab, M. Round, S. Klein, F. Wißbrock

## A warm-up example: simplify

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

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

where

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

Arose in the context of

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

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{r=0}^{j+1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-j+r-2} \frac{(-1)^{r+s} \binom{j+1}{r} \binom{-j+n+r-2}{s} (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n-s)(s+1)(-j+n+r)!}$$

Simple sum

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$$\frac{-n^2 - n - 1}{n^2 (n+1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^n (n^2 + n + 1)}{n^2 (n+1)^3} - \frac{2S_{-2}(n)}{n+1} + \frac{S_1(n)}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{S_2(n)}{-n-1}$$

Note:  $S_a(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\text{sign}(a)^i}{i^{|a|}}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .



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Simplify

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$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-3} \sum_{k=0}^j \sum_{l=0}^k \sum_{q=0}^{-j+n-3-l+n-q-3} \sum_{s=1}^{-l+n-q-3} \sum_{r=0}^{-l+n-q-s-3} (-1)^{-j+k-l+n-q-3} \times$$

$$\times \frac{\binom{j+1}{k+1} \binom{k}{l} \binom{n-1}{j+2} \binom{-j+n-3}{q} \binom{-l+n-q-3}{s} \binom{-l+n-q-s-3}{r} r! (-l+n-q-r-s-3)! (s-1)!}{(-l+n-q-2)! (-j+n-1) (n-q-r-s-2) (q+s+1)}$$

$$\left[ 4S_1(-j+n-1) - 4S_1(-j+n-2) - 2S_1(k) \right.$$

$$\left. - (S_1(-l+n-q-2) + S_1(-l+n-q-r-s-3) - 2S_1(r+s)) \right.$$

$$\left. + 2S_1(s-1) - 2S_1(r+s) \right] + \mathbf{3 \text{ further 6-fold sums}}$$

$$F_0(n) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{7}{12}S_1(n)^4 + \frac{(17n+5)S_1(n)^3}{3n(n+1)} + \left( \frac{35n^2-2n-5}{2n^2(n+1)^2} + \frac{13S_2(n)}{2} + \frac{5(-1)^n}{2n^2} \right) S_1(n)^2 \\ & + \left( -\frac{4(13n+5)}{n^2(n+1)^2} + \left( \frac{4(-1)^n(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} - \frac{13}{n} \right) S_2(n) + \left( \frac{29}{3} - (-1)^n \right) S_3(n) \right. \\ & + (2+2(-1)^n)S_{2,1}(n) - 28S_{-2,1}(n) + \left. \frac{20(-1)^n}{n^2(n+1)} \right) S_1(n) + \left( \frac{3}{4} + (-1)^n \right) S_2(n)^2 \\ & - 2(-1)^n S_{-2}(n)^2 + S_{-3}(n) \left( \frac{2(3n-5)}{n(n+1)} + (26+4(-1)^n)S_1(n) + \frac{4(-1)^n}{n+1} \right) \\ & + \left( \frac{(-1)^n(5-3n)}{2n^2(n+1)} - \frac{5}{2n^2} \right) S_2(n) + S_{-2}(n) (10S_1(n)^2 + \left( \frac{8(-1)^n(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{4(3n-1)}{n(n+1)} \right) S_1(n) + \frac{8(-1)^n(3n+1)}{n(n+1)^2} + (-22+6(-1)^n)S_2(n) - \frac{16}{n(n+1)} \\ & + \left( \frac{(-1)^n(9n+5)}{n(n+1)} - \frac{29}{3n} \right) S_3(n) + \left( \frac{19}{2} - 2(-1)^n \right) S_4(n) + (-6+5(-1)^n)S_{-4}(n) \\ & + \left( -\frac{2(-1)^n(9n+5)}{n(n+1)} - \frac{2}{n} \right) S_{2,1}(n) + (20+2(-1)^n)S_{2,-2}(n) + (-17+13(-1)^n)S_{3,1}(n) \\ & - \frac{8(-1)^n(2n+1)+4(9n+1)}{n(n+1)} S_{-2,1}(n) - (24+4(-1)^n)S_{-3,1}(n) + (3-5(-1)^n)S_{2,1,1}(n) \\ & + 32S_{-2,1,1}(n) + \left( \frac{3}{2}S_1(n)^2 - \frac{3S_1(n)}{n} + \frac{3}{2}(-1)^n S_{-2}(n) \right) \zeta(2) \end{aligned}$$



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# Further tools

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$$\stackrel{?}{=} F_{-3}(n)\varepsilon^{-3} + F_{-2}(n)\varepsilon^{-2} + F_{-1}(n)\varepsilon^{-1} + \dots$$

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 $\varepsilon$ -recurrence solver

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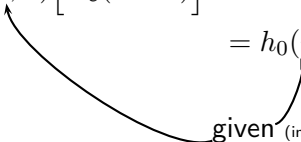
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given (in terms of indefinite nested sums and products)

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REC solver: Given the initial values  $F_0(1), F_0(2), \dots, F_0(d)$ ,  
**decide** if  $F_0(n)$  can be written in terms of indefinite  
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 & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \underbrace{h'_0(n) + h'_1(n)}_{=0} \varepsilon + h'_2(n)\varepsilon^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Divide by  $\varepsilon$

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Example

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**Extension 1:** Works also for Laurent series.

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**Extension 2: Can be generalized to solve coupled systems of difference and differential equations**

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