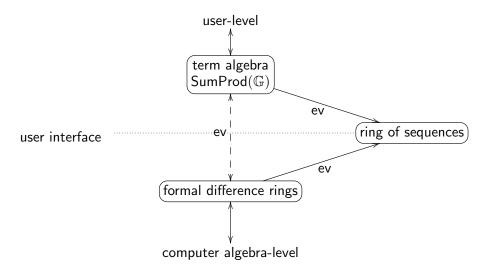
Term Algebras, Canonical Representations and Difference Ring Theory for Symbolic Summation

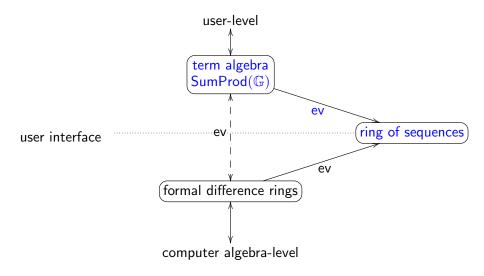
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Part 1: A term algebra for nested sums over hypergeometric products

Part 2: A canonical simplifier (justified by difference ring theory)

Part 3: Construction of appropriate difference rings

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Example: For

$$f = \frac{p}{q} = \frac{x-4}{(x-3)(x-1)}$$

we get

$$(\text{ev}(f,n))_{n\geq 0} = (-\frac{4}{3}, \underline{0}, 2, \underline{0}, 0, \frac{1}{8}, \dots) \in \mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

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with the function $\operatorname{ord}: \mathcal{R} \to \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$ where

$$\operatorname{ord}(r) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \mid r^n = 1\}.$$

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Furthermore, we define

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Example: In $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Q}(x)$ we get

$$P = (\underbrace{\mathsf{Prod}(1,x)}^{\textcircled{\bigcirc}}(-2)) \odot \underbrace{\mathsf{RPow}(-1)}_{\Pi(\mathbb{G})} \in \mathsf{Prod}^*(\mathbb{G}).$$

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Furthermore, the **set of nested sums over hypergeometric products** is given by

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Example

With $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{K}(x)$ we get, e.g., the following expressions:

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$$E_2 = \operatorname{Sum}(1, \tfrac{1}{x+1} \odot \operatorname{Sum}(1, \tfrac{1}{x^3}) \odot \operatorname{Sum}(1, \tfrac{1}{x})) \in \Sigma(\mathbb{G}) \subset \operatorname{SumProd}(\mathbb{G}),$$

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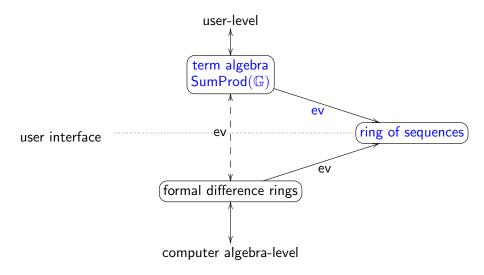
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Problem SigmaReduce: Compute a σ -reduced representation

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Find: a σ -reduced set $W = \{T_1, \dots, T_e\} \subset \Sigma\Pi(\mathbb{G})$,

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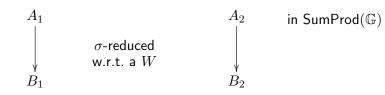
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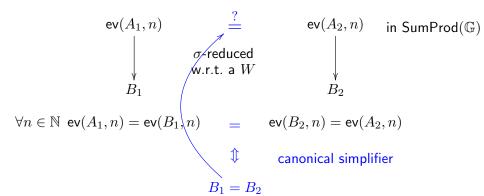
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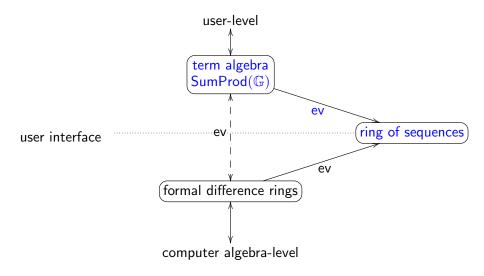
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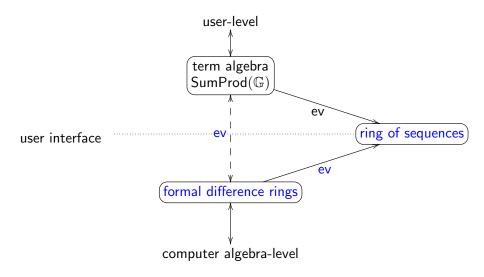
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General construction

$$H \in \mathsf{SumProd}(\mathbb{G})$$



- an evaluation function $ev : \mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{K}$ with H(n) = ev(h, n);
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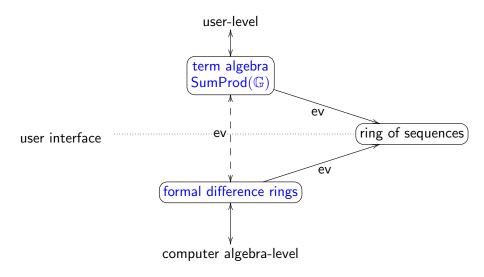
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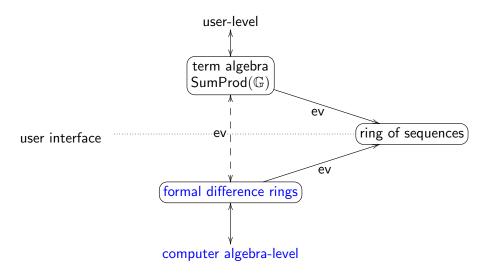
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