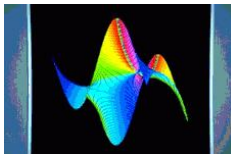


# D-finiteness: Algorithms and Applications

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## IV D-finiteness in Several Variables

## Applications of Creative Telescoping

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j}^3 \quad [\text{Strehl92}]$$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x J_1(ax) I_1(ax) Y_0(x) K_0(x) dx = -\frac{\ln(1-a^4)}{2\pi a^2} \quad [\text{GIMo94}]$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{(1+2xy+4y^2) \exp\left(\frac{4x^2y^2}{1+4y^2}\right)}{y^{n+1}(1+4y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dy = \frac{H_n(x)}{[n/2]!} \quad [\text{Doetsch30}]$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{q^{k^2}}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}} = \sum_{k=-n}^n \frac{(-1)^k q^{(5k^2-k)/2}}{(q; q)_{n-k} (q; q)_{n+k}} \quad [\text{Andrews74}]$$

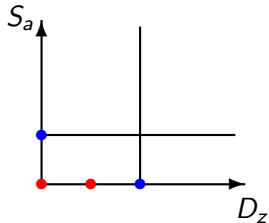
$$\sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-j} \frac{q^{(i+j)^2+j^2}}{(q; q)_{n-i-j} (q; q)_i (q; q)_j} = \sum_{k=-n}^n \frac{(-1)^k q^{7/2k^2+1/2k}}{(q; q)_{n+k} (q; q)_{n-k}} \quad [\text{Paule85}]$$

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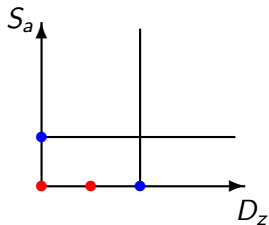
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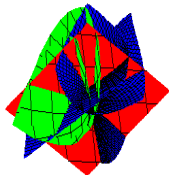
$\dim=2 \Rightarrow S_a^2 \cdot F, S_a \cdot F, F$  linearly dependent

[Gauss1812]. Also:

- $S_a^{-1}$  in terms of  $\text{Id}, D_z$  (step-down op.);
- relation between any three polynomials in  $S_a, S_b, S_c, S_a^{-1}, S_b^{-1}, S_c^{-1}$ ;
- generalizes to any  ${}_pF_q$  and multivariate case [Takayama89].



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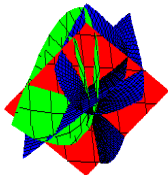
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Tools: linear algebra, Gröbner bases. Implemented in **Mgfun** [Chyzak98]

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# Example: Jacobi's Orthogonal Polynomials

$$\mathbb{O} = \mathbb{Q}(n, x, a, b)\langle S_n, D_x \rangle, \quad \text{Jacobi} = P_n^{(a,b)}(x)$$

Annihilating ideal  $\text{Ann } P$  generated by

$$G_1 = p_{11}(n, a, b)S_n^2 + p_{12}(n, x, a, b)S_n + p_{13}(n, a, b)\text{Id},$$

$$G_2 = p_{21}(n, x, a, b)D_x + p_{22}(n, x, a, b)S_n + p_{23}(n, a, b)\text{Id}, \quad (p_{ij} \text{ poly.})$$

$$G_3 = p_{31}(x, a, b)D_x^2 + p_{32}(x, a, b)D_x + p_{33}(n, a, b)\text{Id}.$$

$\Rightarrow P$  is D-finite:  $\dim \mathbb{O} / \text{Ann } P = 2$ .

$$G_4 = p_{41}(n, x, a, b)S_a + p_{42}(n)S_n + p_{43}(n, a)\text{Id},$$

$$G_5 = p_{51}(n, x, a, b)S_b + p_{52}(n)S_n + p_{53}(n, b)\text{Id}.$$

In  $\mathbb{O}' = \mathbb{Q}(n, x, a, b)\langle S_n, D_x, S_a, S_b \rangle$ ,  $\dim \mathbb{O}' / \text{Ann } P = 2$  as well.



## Creative Telescoping [Zeilberger 90]

$$F_n = \sum_{k=\omega_1}^{\omega_2} u_{n,k} = ?$$

IF ONE KNOWS  $A(n, S_n)$  and  $B(n, k, S_n, S_k)$  such that

$$(A(n, S_n) + \Delta_k B(n, k, S_n, S_k)) \cdot u_{n,k} = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$A(n, S_n) \cdot u_{n,k} + B(n, k+1, S_n, S_k) \cdot u_{n,k+1} - B(n, k, S_n, S_k) \cdot u_{n,k} = 0,$$

then the sum “telescopes,” leading to  $A(n, S_n) \cdot F_n = 0$ .

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*Then I come along and try differentiating under the integral sign, and often it worked. So I got a great reputation for doing integrals.*

Richard P. Feynman, 1985

Creative telescoping = “differentiation” under integral + “integration” by parts

# Generating Series of the Jacobi Polynomials

$$\mathbb{O} = \mathbb{Q}(n, x, a, b, z) \langle S_n, D_x, S_a, S_b, D_z \rangle$$

1. Ann  $P_n^{(a,b)}(x)$  generated by  $G_1, \dots, G_5, D_z$  (dim 2);
2. Ann  $z^n$  generated by  $S_n - z \text{Id}, D_x, S_a - \text{Id}, S_b - \text{Id}, zD_z - n \text{Id}$  (dim 1);
3. Closure by product (dim 2);
4. Creative telescoping:
 
$$q_{11} \text{Id} + q_{12} D_z + q_{13} D_x, \quad q_{21} \text{Id} + q_{22} D_z + q_{23} S_b,$$

$$q_{31} \text{Id} + q_{32} D_z + q_{33} S_a, \quad q_{41} \text{Id} + q_{42} D_z + q_{43} D_z^2 \quad (\text{dim } 2).$$
5. (optional) Resolution:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(a,b)}(x) z^n = \frac{2^{a+b}}{R(x, z) (1 - z + R(x, z))^a (1 + z + R(x, z))^b},$$

$$R(x, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2xz + z^2}}.$$

## Extended Gosper Decision Algorithm [Chyzak2000]

*Input:*  $t(k) \in V = \text{vect}_{\mathbb{Q}(k)} \langle b_1(k), \dots, b_N(k) \rangle$ ,  $V$  closed under  $S_k$

*Output:*  $T(k) \in V$  such that  $T(k+1) - T(k) = t(k)$  or ' $\nexists T$ '

- ① let  $T = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i b_i$  for **undetermined coefficients**  $\phi_i \in \mathbb{Q}(k)$ ;
- ② extract the coefficients of  $\Delta_k \cdot T - t$  in the  $b_i$ 's to obtain a **first-order functional system** in the  $\phi_i$ 's;
- ③ solve for **rational solutions** (Abramov's **decision** algorithms);
- ④ if solvable return  $T$ ; otherwise return ' $\nexists T$ '.

**Parametrized** extension:  $t(k) = \eta_1 b_1(k) + \dots + \eta_N b_N(k)$  for **unknown  $\eta_i$ 's**  $\rightarrow$  returns  $\eta_i$ 's as well.

## Extended Zeilberger Fast Algorithm [Chyzak2000]

*Input:*  $t(n, k) \in V = \text{vect}_{\mathbb{Q}(n,k)} \langle b_1(n, k), \dots, b_N(n, k) \rangle$ ,  $V$  closed under  $S_n, S_k$

*Output:*  $P(n, S_n), T(n, k) \in V$  s.t.  $P \cdot t(n, k) = \Delta_k \cdot T(n, k)$

For  $r = 0, 1, \dots$ :

- ① let  $P = \sum_{i=0}^r \eta_i S_n^i$  and  $t = P \cdot u$  for **undetermined coefficients**  $\eta_i = \eta_i(n)$ ;
- ② compute  $T$  and the  $\eta_i$ 's by the Parametrized Extended Gosper algorithm;
- ③ if  $T \neq \nexists T'$  return  $(P, T)$ .

Termination guaranteed only for so-called “holonomic” terms.

## Neumann's Addition Theorem for Bessel Functions

$$J_0(z)^2 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k(z)^2 = 1, \quad J_k(z) := \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z^2/4)^n}{n!(n+k)!}.$$

1. Bessel  $J_k$  defined by

$$z^2 D_z^2 + z D_z + (z^2 - k^2) \text{Id}, \quad S_k + D_z - (k/z) \text{Id} \quad (\text{dim } 2)$$

2. Square (dim 3) by closure algorithm (lin. alg.)

$$z^2 D_z^3 + 3z D_z^2 + (4z^2 - 4k^2 + 1) D_z + 4z \text{Id}, \quad 2z S_k + z D_z^2 + (2k - 1) D_z - z \text{Id}.$$

3. Look for  $P + (S_k - \text{Id})Q$  with  $P$  free of  $k$  and of order 1 in  $D_z$ :

$$P = D_z, \quad Q = \frac{1}{2} D_z + \frac{k}{z} \text{Id}.$$

4. Conclusion:

$$D_z \cdot \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} J_k^2 + [Q \cdot J_k^2]_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} = 0.$$

# Applications of Creative Telescoping

**Generating series:** Multiplication by  $z^n$  using closure by  $\times$ , then definite summation.

**Extraction of coefficients:**  $\times z^{-n-1}$ , then Cauchy integral.

**Diagonals:** If  $f(x, y) = \sum_{n,k} a_{n,k} x^n y^k$ , its *diagonal*

$$\sum_n a_{n,n} x^n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint f(x/s, s) \frac{ds}{s}. \text{ Generalizes to more variables.}$$

**Hadamard product:**  $f(\mathbf{x}) \odot g(\mathbf{x})$  is a diagonal of  $f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{y})$ .

**Coefficients in Chebyshev or Neumann series:**

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(t) T_n(t)}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt, \quad \int_0^1 f(r) J_n(r) r dr.$$

*But termination/success not guaranteed!*



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Natural condition:  $\partial(fg) = (\partial f)g$ , so that

$$\sigma(fg)\partial + \delta(fg) = (\sigma(f)\partial + \delta(f))g = \sigma(f)\sigma(g)\partial + \sigma(f)\delta(g) + \delta(f)g.$$

# Skew Polynomial Rings

## Definition (Skew polynomial ring)

$\mathbb{A}[\partial; \sigma, \delta]$ : set of polynomials in  $\partial$  with coefficients in the (non-commutative) cancellation ring  $\mathbb{A}$ , with commutation rule  $\partial f = \sigma(f)\partial + \delta(f)$ , where  $\sigma$  is an injective ring endomorphism of  $\mathbb{A}$  and  $\delta$  is a  $\sigma$ -derivation.

## Definition (General univariate D-finiteness)

When  $\mathbb{A}$  is a field,  $f$  is **D-finite** if there exists  $P \in \mathbb{A}[\partial; \sigma, \delta]$  such that  $P \cdot f = 0$ .

## Theorem (Ore, 1933)

When  $\mathbb{A}$  is a field, Euclidean division and extended Euclidean algorithm yield *greatest common right divisors* (GCRD), *least common left multiples* (LCLM), Bézout identities.



# Closure Properties of Univariate D-Finite Functions

**Prop.** Closure under  $+$ .

**Proof.**  $P \cdot f = Q \cdot g = 0 \Rightarrow \text{LCLM}(P, Q) \cdot (f + g) = 0$

**Prop.** Closure under  $\times$ : provided there exist polynomials  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $\sigma = A(\partial)|_{\mathbb{A}}$  and  $\delta = B(\partial)|_{\mathbb{A}}$ , with, for all  $w \in \mathbb{A}$ ,  $((A - 1) \cdot w)B = (B \cdot w)(A - 1)$ .

**Proof.**  $\partial \cdot (f \otimes g) = (A \cdot f) \otimes (\partial \cdot g) + (B \cdot f) \otimes g + \text{Linear algebra.}$

# Ore Algebras & Their Ideals

**Prop.**  $\mathbb{A}[\partial; \sigma, \delta]$  is a cancellation ring.

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→ Algorithms based on noncommutative Gröbner bases [ChSa98]:

- The leading monomial of a product is the product of the leading monomials (+ adjust coefficients).
- Buchberger's algorithm for Gröbner bases works in Ore algebras [Kredel93].

# Properties of Multivariate D-Finite Functions [ChSa98]

**Prop. 1** Closure under  $+$ .

**Prop. 2** Closure under  $\times$ : if  $\sigma_i = A_i(\partial_i)$  and  $\delta_i = B_i(\partial_i)$ , with  $((A_i - 1) \cdot w)B_i = (B_i \cdot w)(A_i - 1)$ , for all  $w \in \mathbb{F}$  and all  $i$ .

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**Prop. 5**  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  D-finite w.r.t.  $\mathbb{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})[\partial_{\mathbf{x}}; \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{x}}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{x}}][\partial_{\mathbf{y}}; \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{y}}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{y}}]$ , then for any  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{K}^m$  where the **specialization** is well-defined,  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$  is D-finite w.r.t.  $\mathbb{K}(\mathbf{x})[\partial_{\mathbf{x}}; \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{x}}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\mathbf{x}}]$ .

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**Proof**  $\partial^m \cdot (P \cdot f) \in \mathbb{O} \cdot f$  which is finite-dimensional.

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**Proof** Use Prop. 4 for each of the  $\partial_{\mathbf{x}}$  and specialize coefficients.

# General Creative Telescoping

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- General case: Find annihilators of

$$I(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \partial_n^{-1} \Big|_{\Omega} f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

knowing generators of  $\text{Ann } f$  in

$$\mathbb{O}_n = \mathbb{K}(x_1, \dots, x_n)[\partial_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1] \cdots [\partial_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n];$$

- Crucial step: compute  $(\mathbb{O}_n \text{Ann } f + \partial_n \mathbb{O}_n) \cap \mathbb{O}_{n-1}$ .

## (Partial) Algorithms for Creative Telescoping

Aim:  $\mathcal{I} = (\mathbb{O}_n \text{Ann } f + \partial_n \mathbb{O}_n) \cap \mathbb{O}_{n-1}$ 

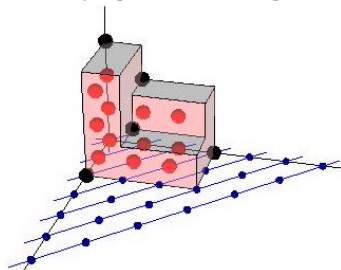
- By Gröbner bases, eliminate  $x_n$  and set  $\partial_n$  to 0 [ChSa98]  
 $\rightarrow (\mathbb{O}_n \text{Ann } f \cap \mathbb{O}_{n-1}[\partial_n] + \partial_n \mathbb{O}_{n-1}) \cap \mathbb{O}_{n-1} \subset \mathcal{I}$
- Differential case: algorithms from  $\mathcal{D}$ -module theory [SaStTa00, Tsai00], Gröbner bases with negative weights.
- Shift case,  $n = 2$ ,  $\dim 1$  (= hypergeometric): [Zeilberger91]  
 For increasing  $k$ , search for  $a_i$  and  $B$

$$\mathbb{O}_{n-1} \ni \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \partial_{n-1}^i f = \partial_n B f$$

Termination [Abramov03].

- Arbitrary  $n$  and  $\mathbb{O}_n$ : [Chyzak2000]

$$\mathbb{O}_{n-1} \ni \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda} \partial^{\lambda} \in \partial_n B + \text{Ann } f$$

 $B$  is given by rational solutions of a linear system in  $\sigma_n, \delta_n$ .

# Open Problems

## Efficiency

- Faster Gröbner bases;
- Other elimination techniques (adapt geometric resolution [GiHe93,GiLeSa01] to Ore algebras);
- Structured Padé-Hermite approximants + bounds.

## Understand non-minimality

- Remove **apparent** singularities by Ore closure, a generalization of Weyl closure [Tsai00], and of [AbBavH05] ([ChDuLeMaMiSa05] in progress);
- Exploit symmetry (explain [Paule94]).

## Easy-to-use Implementations

- Improve `gfun` and `Mgfun`. Make the ESF interactive.