

Diagonals and Creative Telescoping —From 1G to 4G algorithms—

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- ▷ **Today**: how computer algebra uses Bernoulli's 1682 idea –systematically and algorithmically–, to solve Knuth's 1969 exercise, and more

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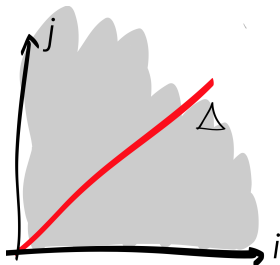
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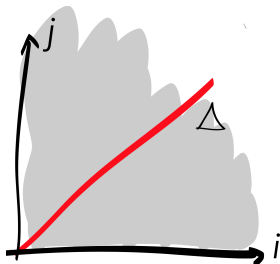
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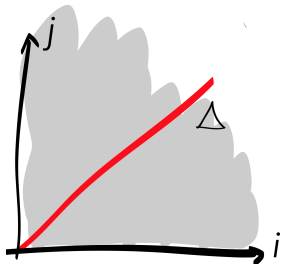
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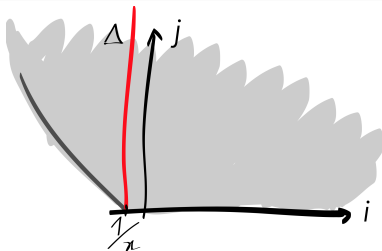
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Therefore, by Cauchy's integral theorem,

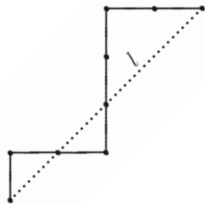
$$\text{Diag}(F) = [x^{-1}] \frac{1}{x} F\left(x, \frac{t}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=\epsilon} F\left(x, \frac{t}{x}\right) \frac{dx}{x}.$$

By the Residue Theorem: last integral is a sum of residues, all algebraic. \square

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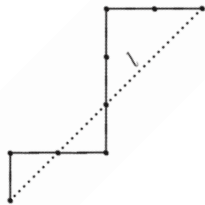
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Rothstein-Trager resultant

Let $A, B \in \mathbb{K}[x]$ be such that $\deg(A) < \deg(B)$, with B squarefree. In particular, the rational function $F = A/B$ has simple poles only.

Lemma. The residue r_i of F at the pole p_i equals $r_i = \frac{A(p_i)}{B'(p_i)}$.

Proof. If $F = \sum_i \frac{r_i}{x - p_i}$, then $r_i = (F \cdot (x - p_i))|_{x=p_i} = \frac{A(x)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x - p_j)}(p_i)$

Theorem. The residues r_i of F are roots of the resultant

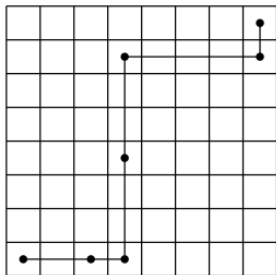
$$R(t) = \text{Res}_x(B(x), A(x) - t \cdot B'(x)).$$

Proof. By Poisson's formula: $R(t) = \prod_i (A(p_i) - t \cdot B'(p_i))$. □

- ▷ Introduced by [Rothstein-Trager 1976] for the (indefinite) integration of rational functions.
- ▷ Generalized by [Bronstein 1992] to multiple poles.

Example: diagonal Rook paths

Question: A chess Rook can move any number of squares horizontally or vertically in one step. How many paths can a Rook take from the lower-left corner square to the upper-right corner square of an $N \times N$ chessboard? Assume that the Rook moves only right or up at each step.



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Generating function of the sequence

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is

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Residue theorem: $\text{Diag}(F)$ is a sum of roots y of the Rothstein-Trager resultant

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> F:=1/(1-x/(1-x)-y/(1-y)):  
> G:=normal(1/x*subs(y=t/x,F)):  
> factor(resultant(denom(G),numer(G)-y*diff(denom(G),x),x));
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$$t^2(1-t)(2y-1)(36ty^2-4y^2+1-t)$$

Answer: Generating series of diagonal Rook paths is $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{1-t}{1-9t}} \right)$.

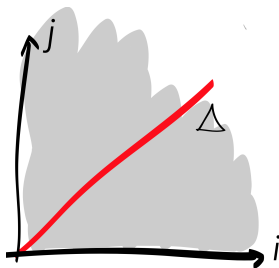
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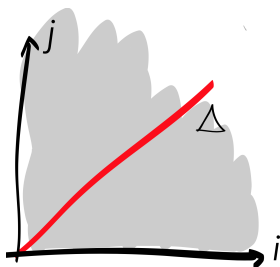
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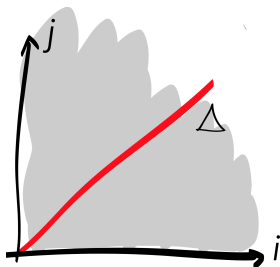
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Diagonals of *bivariate* rational functions are *algebraic* and thus *D-finite*.

- ▷ Algebraic equation has **exponential size** [B., Dumont, Salvy, 2015]
- ▷ Differential equation has **polynomial size** [B., Chen, Chyzak, Li, 2010]

Lipshitz's theorem

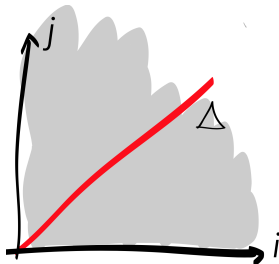
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Theorem (Lipshitz, 1988)

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Example: Diagonal Rook paths on a 3D chessboard

Question [Erickson 2010]

How many ways can a Rook move from $(0,0,0)$ to (N,N,N) , where each step is a positive integer multiple of $(1,0,0)$, $(0,1,0)$, or $(0,0,1)$?

1, 6, 222, 9918, 486924, 25267236, 1359631776, 75059524392, ...

Answer [B., Chyzak, van Hoeij, Pech, 2011]: GF of 3D diagonal Rook paths is

$$G(t) = 1 + 6 \cdot \int_0^t \frac{{}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{27x(2-3x)}{(1-4x)^3}\right)}{(1-4x)(1-64x)} dx$$

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- ① $\text{Diag}(F) = [x^0 y^0] F\left(x, \frac{y}{x}, \frac{t}{y}\right)$
- ② $0 = L(G) = P(G) + \partial_x(\cdot) + \partial_y(\cdot)$
- ③ $0 = [x^{-1} y^{-1}] L(G) = [x^{-1} y^{-1}] P(G) = P([x^{-1} y^{-1}] G) = P(\text{Diag}(F))$

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▷ **Remaining task:** Show that such an L does exist.

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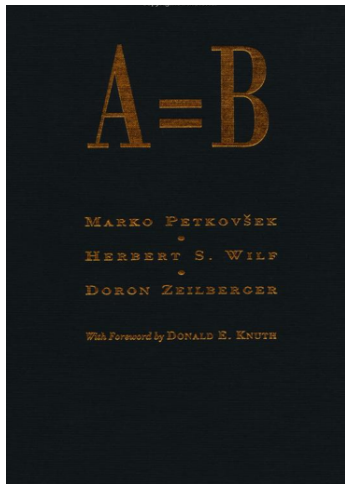
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- ▷ A better solution is provided by **creative telescoping**.

CREATIVE TELESCOPING

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$$(n+1)^3 A_{n+1} = (34n^3 + 51n^2 + 27n + 5)A_n - n^3 A_{n-1}.$$

(Neither Cohen nor I had been able to prove this in the intervening two months [Van der Poorten 1979])

- $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j}^3$ [Strehl 1992]

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(The specific problem was mentioned to Don Zagier, who solved it with irritating speed [Van der Poorten 1979])

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Examples II: Integrals and Diagonals

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[Doetsch 1930]

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[Glasser-Montaldi'94]

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[Straub 2014].

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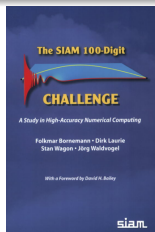
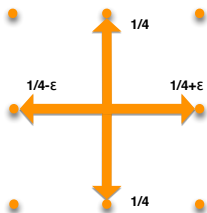
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> iszero:=(subs(n=n+1,T) - 2*T) - (subs(k=k+1,cert) - cert);  
> simplify(convert(%,GAMMA));
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Example: from the SIAM challenges



$$U_{n,k} := \binom{2n}{2k} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2n-2k}{n-k} \left(\frac{1}{4} + c\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{4} - c\right)^k \frac{1}{4^{2n-2k}},$$
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$$\begin{aligned} & [(4n^2 + 16n + 16)Sn^2 + (-4n^2 + 32c^2n^2 + 96c^2n - 12n + 72c^2 - 9)Sn \\ & \quad + 128c^4n + 64c^4n^2 + 48c^4, \dots(\text{BIG certificate})\dots] \end{aligned}$$

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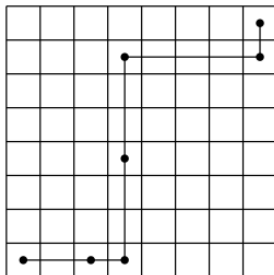
$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} + a(x) \cdot G = \sum_{k=0}^r c_k \cdot b_k(x)$$

admits a rational solution $G \in \mathbb{L}(x)$, for some $c_0, \dots, c_r \in \mathbb{L}$ not all zero

- ③ if so, then return $P := \sum_{k=0}^r c_k \partial_t^k$ and G ; else increase r by 1 and repeat

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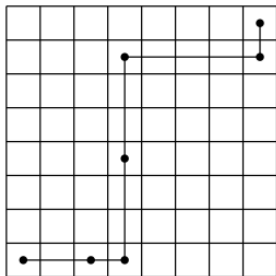
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Diagonal Rook paths via Creative Telescoping

Generating function of the sequence

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is

$$\text{Diag}(F) = [x^0] F(x, t/x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint F(x, t/x) \frac{dx}{x}, \quad \text{where } F = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{1-x} - \frac{y}{1-y}}.$$

Creative telescoping computes a differential equation satisfied by $\text{Diag}(F)$:

```
> F:=1/(1-x/(1-x)-y/(1-y)):  
> G:=normal(1/x*subs(y=t/x,F)):  
> Zeilberger(G, t, x, Dt)[1];
```

$$(9t^2 - 10t + 1)\partial_t^2 + (18t - 14)\partial_t$$

Conclusion: Generating series of diagonal Rook paths is $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{1-t}{1-9t}} \right)$.

Creative Telescoping for multiple rational integrals

Problem:

$\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ — integration variables

t — parameter

$H(t, \mathbf{x})$ — rational function

γ — n -cycle in \mathbb{C}^n

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n \\ t \\ H(t, \mathbf{x}) \\ \gamma \end{array} \right\} \oint_{\gamma} H(t, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

Principle of creative telescoping

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Task:

- ① find the $c_k(t)$ which satisfy a telescopic relation,
- ② ideally, without computing the certificate (A_i).

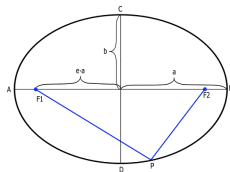
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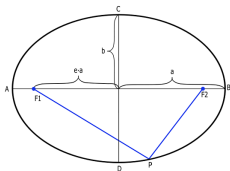


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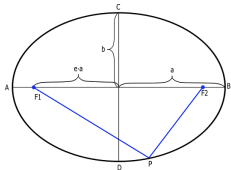
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 - 2G, *linear diff/rec rational solving*: [Zeilberger, 1990], [Zeilberger, 1991], [Almkvist, Zeilberger, 1990], [Chyzak, 2000], [Koutschan, 2010]
 - 3G, combines *1G + 2G + linear algebra*: [Apagodu, Zeilberger, 2005], [Koutschan 2010], [Chen, Kauers 2012], [Chen, Kauers, Koutschan 2014]
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4G: roots in [Ostrogradsky, 1845], [Hermite, 1872] and [Picard, 1902].

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Algorithm for the integration of rational functions [B., Lairez, Salvy, 2013]

- **Input:** $R(e, \mathbf{x})$ a rational function in e and $\mathbf{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$.
- **Output:** A linear ODE $T(e, \partial_e)y = 0$ satisfied by $y(e) = \int R(e, \mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}$.
- **Complexity:** $\mathcal{O}(D^{8n+2})$, where $D = \deg R$.
- **Output size (tight!):** T has order $\leq D^n$ in ∂_e and degree $\leq D^{3n+2}$ in e

- ▷ Avoids the (costly) computation of **certificates**, of size $\Omega(D^{n^2/2})$.
- ▷ Previous algorithms: complexity (at least) doubly exponential in n .
- ▷ Very efficient in practice.

Griffiths–Dwork method for the generic case

Linear reduction classical in algebraic geometry;
Generalization of Hermite's reduction.

Fast linear algebra on polynomial matrices

Macaulay matrices encoding Gröbner bases computations;
Sophisticated algorithms due to Villard, Storjohann, Zhou, etc.

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Input perturbation using a new free variable.

▷ Highly non-trivial extension by [Lairez, 2016]: tremendously improves the efficiency of the algorithm in [B., Lairez, Salvy, 2013]

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in two different ways:

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