Exponential Finite Differences (EFD): A Theoretical Summary

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1 Core Discovery

Theorem 1. *For the sequence $S = (x, x^2, \ldots, x^n)$, the $(n-1)$-th exponential finite difference is:*

$$\Delta^{n-1} S = x(x-1)^{n-1}$$

Proof Sketch

Base Case $(n = 2)$:

$$\Delta^1 S = x^2 - x = x(x-1)$$

Inductive Step: Assume true for $n = k$. For $n = k + 1$, expand $(x-1)^k$ using the binomial theorem. The form remains consistent.

2 Theoretical Significance

Generalization: Extends classical finite differences (used for linear spacing) to exponential spacing.

Factorization: For integer $x \geq 2$, $\Delta^{n-1} S$ is always composite since $x(x-1)^{n-1}$ is factored.

Calculus Link: Challenges classical assumptions about polynomial differences and discrete derivatives.

3 Applications

Cryptography: Potential nonlinear pseudorandom number generator:

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def efd_prng(x, n, p):
    return (x * pow(x - 1, n - 1, p)) % p  # Modular EFD
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Dynamical Systems: EFDs may model complex behaviors under exponential discretization.

3.1 Chaotic Maps

For $x = 1.5 + 0.1i$, EFDs demonstrate:

- Fractal boundaries
- Sensitivity to initial conditions

4 Open Questions

Conjecture 1. *EFDs for irrational spacings (e.g., x^{π}) exhibit quasi-periodic or self-similar behavior when $x \in \mathbb{Q}$.*

Conjecture 2. *There exists a hybrid sequence $S = (x, f(x), f(f(x)), \dots)$ for which EFDs correlate with primality detection.*