Biomembranes and creative telescoping[1]

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Motivating examples

- Recurrence for **Apéry numbers**:

$$A_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2 \quad \text{satisfies} \quad (n+1)^3 A_{n+1} = (17n^2+17n+5)(2n+1)A_n - n^3 A_{n-1}.$$

- Generating function of **moments**:

$$m_n = \int_0^1 x^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{x(1-x)}\,\mathrm{d}x \quad \text{satisfies} \quad \sum_{k\geq 0} m_k t^k = c \cdot {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} 1 \ \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3} \end{matrix}; t\right].$$

- **Surface area** a projection to $\mathbb{R}^3$ of the **Clifford torus**:

$$\int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(\sqrt{2}+\sin v)\,\mathrm{d}u\,\mathrm{d}v}{(1+2t(\sqrt{2}+\sin v)\cos u + t^2(3+2\sqrt{2}\sin v))^2}$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2\left(1-t^2\right)}{\left(t^2-6t+1\right)^2}\ {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} -\frac{1}{2} \ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{matrix}; \frac{4t}{(1-t)^2}\right]$$

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[van der Poorten, 1978]:

Neither Cohen nor I had been able to prove (5) or (5') in the intervening 2 months. After a few days of fruitless effort the specific problem was mentioned to Don Zagier (Bonn), and with irritating speed he showed that indeed the sequence $\{b'_n\}$ satisfies the recurrence (4). This more or less broke the dam and (5') and (5) were quickly conquered.

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`> Zeilberger(a, n, k, N);` finds in < 0.02 seconds:

$$L = (n+2)^3 N^2 - (17n^2 + 51n + 39)(2n+3)N + (n+1)^3 \text{ and}$$
$$C = (k^2 - 3/2k - 2n^2 - 6n - 4)k^4(16n+24)/(k-n-1)/(k-n-2),$$

with the property that ($N \cdot a_{n,k} := a_{n+1,k}$ and $K \cdot a_{n,k} := a_{n,k+1}$):

$$L \cdot \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2 = (K-1) \cdot C \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2.$$

Sum over k from 0 to n and conclude.

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$$m_n = \int_0^1 \underbrace{x^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{x(1-x)}}_{=:f_n(x)}\,\mathrm{d}x \quad \text{satisfies} \quad \sum_{k\geq 0} m_k t^k = {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix}1 \;\; \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{8}{3}\end{matrix}; t\right] \cdot \frac{2\pi^2}{15\Gamma(2/3)^3}.$$

`> creative_telescoping(f,n::shift,x::diff);` finds in < 0.1 seconds:

$$L = (3n+8)N - (3n+4) \quad \text{and} \quad C(x) = 3x(x-1),$$

with the property that $(N \cdot f_n(x) = f_{n+1}(x))$:

$$L \cdot x^n \sqrt[3]{x(1-x)} = \partial_x\left(C(x) \cdot x^n \sqrt[3]{x(1-x)}\right)$$

It follows that $L \cdot \int_0^1 x^n \sqrt[3]{x(1-x)}\mathrm{d}x = 0$ and hence $(3n+8)m_{n+1} = (3n+4)m_n$.

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> `FindCreativeTelescoping[F, {Der[x], Der[y]}, Der[t]];` finds in 10 seconds:

$$L = t\left(3t^2-1\right)\left(9t^4-2t^2+1\right)\left(3t^2+1\right)^2\partial_t^2 + \left(3t^2+1\right)\left(729t^8+162t^6-192t^4+38t^2-1\right)\partial_t$$
$$+12t\left(324t^8+333t^6+51t^4-53t^2+1\right),$$ and

$C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{Q}(x, y, t)$ with the property that:

$$L \cdot F = \partial_x C_1 + \partial_y C_2.$$

Therefore it follows that $L \cdot \oint_\gamma F = 0$. Solving $Ly = 0$ we find the right-hand side.

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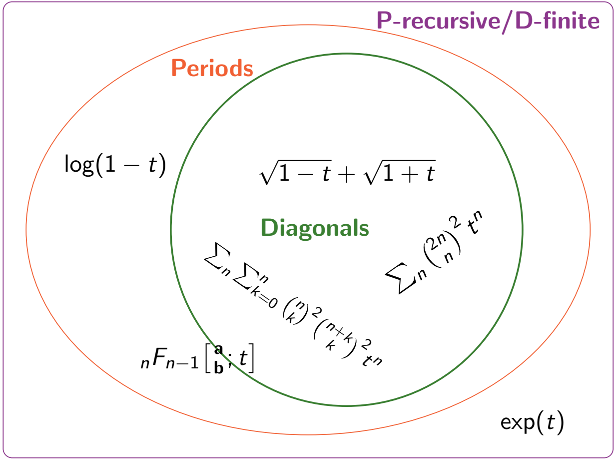

A power series $f(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[[t]]$ is **D-finite** if it satisfies a linear differential equation with polynomial coefficients:

$$p_n(t)f^{(n)}(t) + \cdots + p_0(t)f(t) = 0.$$

This equation can be rewritten: $L \cdot f = 0$,

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Let $(\alpha)_n = \alpha \cdot (\alpha+1)\cdots(\alpha+n-1)$.
Then ${}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} a & b \\ & c \end{matrix}; t\right] := \sum_{n\geq 0} \frac{(a)_n \cdot (b)_n}{(c)_n \cdot n!} t^n$ satisfies

$$t(1-t)f''(t) + (c-(a+b+1)t)f'(t) - abf(t) = 0.$$

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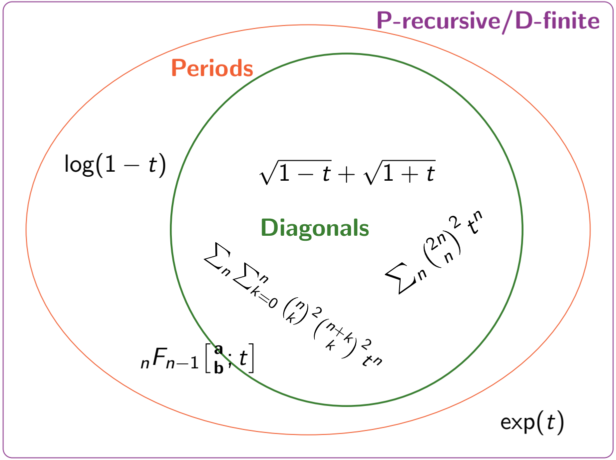

A sequence $(u_n)_{n\geq 0}$ is **P-recursive**, if it satisfies a linear recurrence with polynomial coefficients:

$$c_r(n)u_{n+r}+\cdots+c_0(n)u_n=0.$$

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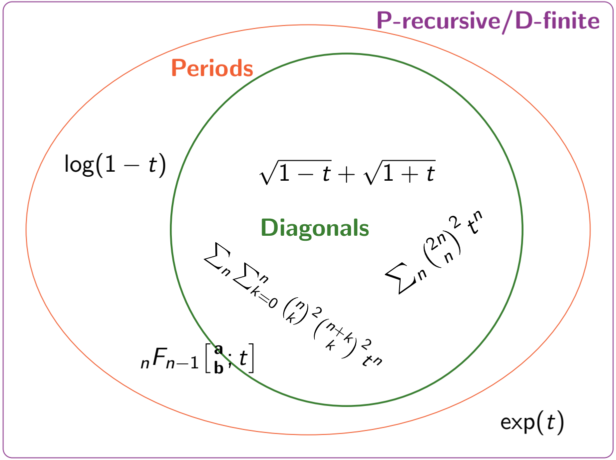

A power series $f(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[\![t]\!]$ is called a **Period function** if it is an integral of a rational function in t and $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ over a semi-algebraic set.

$$p(t) = 4\int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{1-t^2x^2}{1-x^2}}\mathrm{d}x$$

$$= 4 \oiint \frac{\mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}y}{1-\frac{1-t^2x^2}{(1-x^2)y^2}} \text{ and}$$

$$((t-t^3)\partial^2 + (1-t^2)\partial + t)\cdot p = 0,$$

$$p(t) = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}t^2 - \frac{3\pi}{32}t^4 - \cdots .$$

André-Bombieri-Katz's theorem: A **Period function** is a G-function [André, 1989].

Bombieri-Dwork conjecture: Any G-function is a **Period function**.

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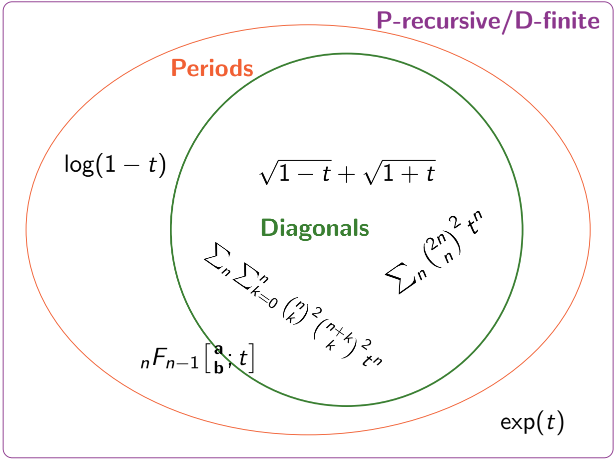

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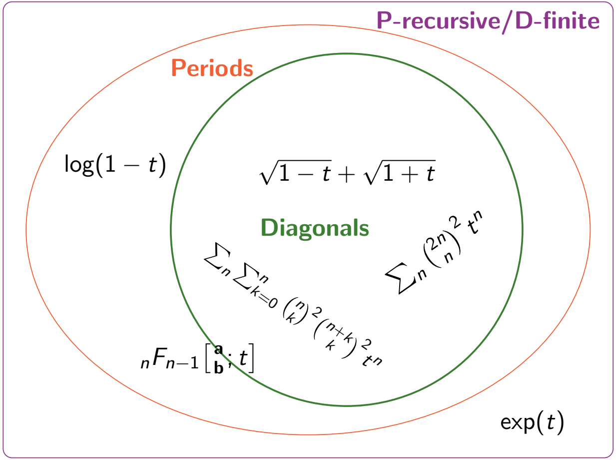

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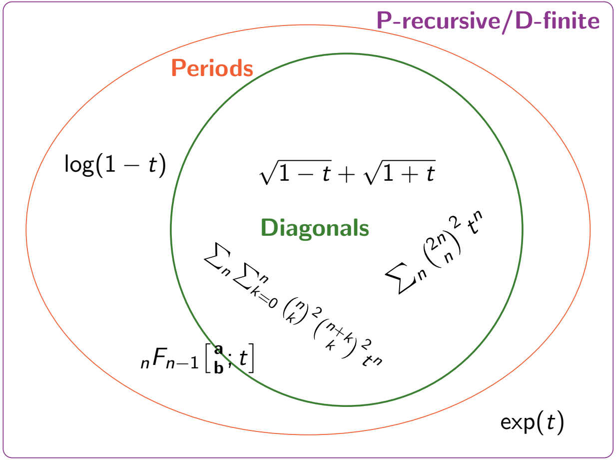

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Christol's conjecture: A convergent **D-finite** power series in $\mathbb{Z}[\![t]\!]$ is a **Diagonal.**

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} p_k(t) \frac{\mathrm{d}^k R}{\mathrm{d}t} = \partial_{x_1} C_1 + \cdots + \partial_{x_n} C_1 \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n} p_k(t)\partial_t^k \right) \cdot \oint_\gamma R \mathrm{d}x = 0.$$

The telescoper and certificates always exist and can be found **algorithmically**.

The Almkvist-Zeilberger algorithm [1990] *"I could never resist a definite integral."*

Input: A hyperexponential function $H(t,x)$, i.e. $\partial_t H/H$ and $\partial_x H/H \in \mathbb{Q}(t,x)$.
Output: A linear differential operator $P(t,\partial_t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t][\partial_t]$ and $G(t,x) \in \mathbb{Q}(t,x)$, s.t.

$$P \cdot H = \partial_x \left(G \cdot H\right).$$

Algorithm: Let $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{Q}(t)$. For $r = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ do:

1. Compute $a(t,x) = \partial_x H/H$ and $b_k(t,x) = \partial_t^k H/H$ for $k = 0, \ldots, r$.
2. Decide whether the (ordinary, linear, inhomogeneous, parametrized) diff. equation

$$\partial_x G + a(t,x) G = \sum_{k=0}^{r} c_k(t) b_k(t,x)$$

   has a rational solution $G \in \mathbb{L}(x)$ for some $c_0(t), \ldots, c_r(t) \in \mathbb{L}$ not all zero.
3. If found solution in (2), return $P = \sum_{k=0}^{r} c_k \partial_t^k$ and G; else increase r and repeat.

Some history of Creative Telescoping

- Indefinite integration/summation and working examples $\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$
  - Sums: [Bernoulli, Fasenmyer, Gosper,...]
  - Integrals: [Legendre, Ostrogradsky, Hermite, Picard, Manin, Griffiths, Feynman, ...]

$$\int \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}\mathrm{d}x = \frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)} + \int \frac{P_2(x)}{Q_2(x)}\mathrm{d}x \qquad \int_0^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\sqrt{x(1-x)(1-xt)}} = \pi\, {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix}\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ & 1\end{matrix}; t\right]$$

- Algorithmic Creative Telescoping (algorithmic definite summation&integration):
  - 1G: brutal elimination: [Fasenmyer, 1947], [Zeilberger, 1990], [Takayama, 1990]
  - 2G: rational solutions of linear ODEs: [Zeilberger, 1990], [Almkvist,Zeilberger, 1990], [Chyzak, 2000], [Koutschan, 2010]
  - 3G: 2G + linear algebra + bounds: [Apagodu, Zeilberger, 2005], [Koutschan 2010], [Chen, Kauers 2012], [Chen, Kauers, Koutschan 2014]
  - 4G: based on (Hermite- and generalized Griffiths-Dwork) reduction [Bostan, Chen, Chyzak, Kauers, Koutschan, Li, Lairez, Salvy, Singer,...]

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Theorem [Griffiths 1969, Bostan, Lairez, Salvy 2013, Lairez 2016]

Assume that $\mathbb{L}[x]/\langle \partial_{x_0} f, \ldots, \partial_{x_n} f\rangle$ is finite-dimensional over $\mathbb{L}$. Then H_f^{pr} is finitely generated over $\mathbb{L}$. Moreover the *Generalized Griffiths-Dwork Reduction* can be used to compute the (minimal regular) telescoper.

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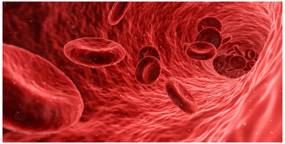
- Conclusion: Certificates are important.
  A certificate is called **regular** if it has no other poles than F.

Motivation and Introduction

"Why do all humans have the same biconcave shaped red blood cells?"

- *Canham model* predicts shape of biomembranes like blood cells [Canham, 1970].
- The model asks to minimize the *Willmore energy*



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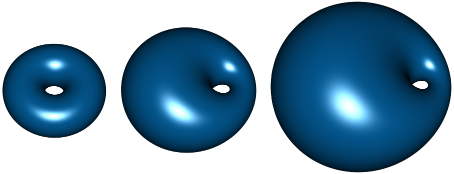
over orientable closed surfaces $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ with genus g, area A_0 and volume V_0.



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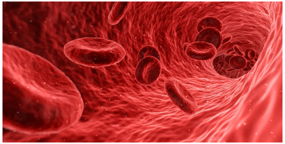

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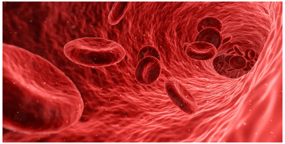

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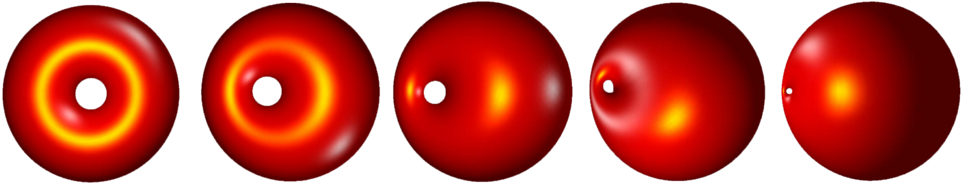

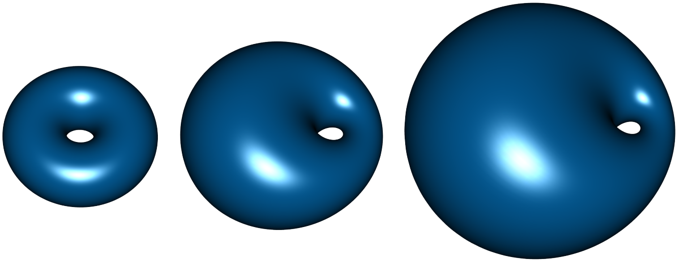

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After some computation we find, on writing $b/a = c$, that

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THE BLOG SCIENCE

Math Finds the Best Doughnut

After a 47-year search, mathematicians Fernando C. Marques and André Neves have found the best doughnut, or at least the best geometric shape for a doughnut.

By Frank Morgan, Contributor

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[Marques, Neves, 2014]: *Let $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{S}^3$ be an embedded closed surface of genus $g \geq 1$. Then $W(\Sigma) \geq 2\pi^2$ and the equality holds if and only if Σ is the Clifford torus up to conformal transformations of $\mathbb{S}^3$.*

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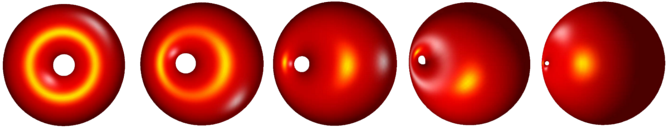

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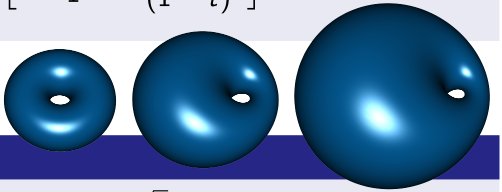

Corollary

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The general case $R > 1$

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Are there closed formulas for the volume and surface area of $\mathrm{inv}_{(x,y,z)}(T_R)$ for any R?
Is $\mathrm{Iso}_R(t)$ increasing in t for any $R > 1$?

Computing the isoperimetric ratio

Theorem (Bostan, Yu, Y., 2023)

The surface area $A_R(t^2)R\pi^2$ and volume $V_R(t^2)R\pi^2$ of $\mathrm{inv}_{(t,0,0)}(\frac{T_R}{R^2-1})$ are given by

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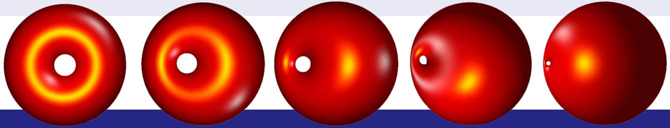

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First perform the substitution $x = 4t^2/((1-(R^2-1)t^2)^2$. It remains to show that:

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$$\frac{4\cdot \mathbf{g'(x)}\cdot(1+x)^{7/4}\cdot(1+(R^2-1)\cdot x)^{7/4}}{3\cdot(1-x)^2\cdot(R^2-1)} =: \sum_{n\geq 0} u_n(R)x^n, \quad \text{and}$$

$$u_{n+1}(R)/u_n(R) = (2n-1)(2n+1)\,p_{n+1}(R)/(4(n+2)(n+1)\,p_n(R)),\ u_0(R)=1, \text{ where}$$

$$p_n(R) := 4(R^4+4R^2-4)n^3+6(R^4+R^2-2)n^2+(2R^4-13R^2+10)n-3R^2+3>0.$$

Summary and conclusion

- Creative Telescoping is a powerful tool for dealing with **Period functions**.
- Implemented versions of Creative Telescoping exist (both 2G and 4G).
  They are useful in practice and can solve non-trivial problems.
- The surface area and volume of any stereographic projection to $\mathbb{R}^3$ of the Clifford torus can be expressed in terms of **hypergeometric functions**.
- The Canham model in genus 1 has a unique solution when $\iota_0^3 \in \left(\frac{3}{2^{5/4}}\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}}, 1\right)$.