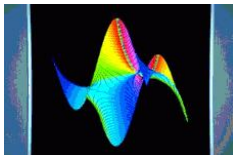


D-finiteness: Algorithms and Applications

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I D-finiteness in One Variable

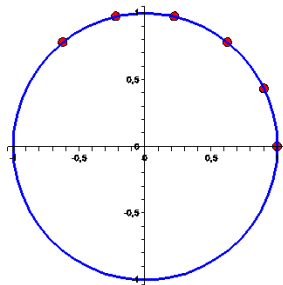
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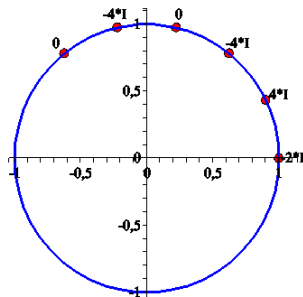


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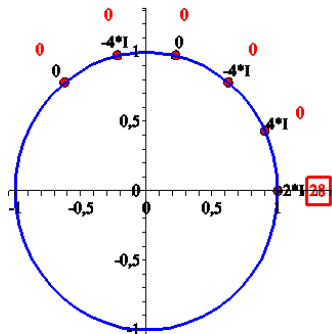
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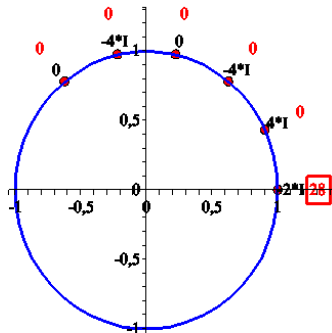
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A number $x \in \mathbb{C}$ is *algebraic* when its powers generate a finite-dimensional vector space over \mathbb{Q} .

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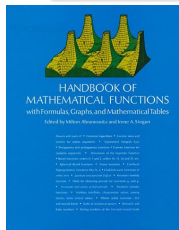


D-finite Series & Sequences

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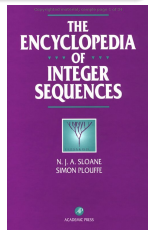
A series $f(x) \in \mathbb{K}[[x]]$ is **D-finite** over \mathbb{K} when its derivatives generate a finite-dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{K}(x)$. (LDE)

A sequence u_n is **D-finite** over \mathbb{K} when its shifts (u_n, u_{n+1}, \dots) generate a finite-dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{K}(n)$. (LRE)



About **25%** of Sloane's encyclopedia,
60% of Abramowitz & Stegun.

$\text{eqn} + \text{ini. cond.} = \text{data structure}$



Tools: **right** Euclidean division; **right** (extended) Euclidean algorithm; linear algebra; equivalence via generating series.
Implemented in gfun [SaZi94].

Example: Mehler's Identity for Hermite Polynomials

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x) H_n(y) \frac{u^n}{n!} = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{4u(xy - u(x^2 + y^2))}{1 - 4u^2}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - 4u^2}}$$

- ① Definition of Hermite polynomials (D-finite over $\mathbb{Q}(x)$):
recurrence of order 2
- ② Product by linear algebra: $H_{n+k}(x)H_{n+k}(y)/(n+k)!$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$
generated over $\mathbb{Q}(x, n)$ by

$$\frac{H_n(x)H_n(y)}{n!}, \frac{H_{n+1}(x)H_n(y)}{n!}, \frac{H_n(x)H_{n+1}(y)}{n!}, \frac{H_{n+1}(x)H_{n+1}(y)}{n!}$$

→ recurrence of order at most 4;

- ③ Translation into a differential equation



I. Definition

$$> R_1 := \{H(n+2) = (-2n-2)H(n) + 2H(n+1)x, H(0)=1, H(1)=2x\} :$$

$$> R_2 := \text{subs}(H=H_2, x=y, R_1);$$

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II. Product

$$> R_3 := \text{gfun} \text{:- poltorec}(H(n) \cdot H_2(n) \cdot v(n), [R_1, R_2, \{v(n+1) \cdot (n+1) = v(n), v(1)=1\}], [H(n), H_2(n), v(n)], c(n));$$

$$R_3 := \left\{ c(0)=1, c(1)=4xy, c(2)=8x^2y^2+2-4y^2-4x^2, c(3)=\frac{32}{3}x^3y^3+24xy-16xy^3-16x^3y, (16n \right. \\ \left. +16)c(n)-16xyc(n+1) + (-8n-20+8y^2+8x^2)c(n+2)-4xc(n+3)y + (n+4)c(n+4) \right\}$$

III. Differential Equation

$$> \text{gfun} \text{:- rectodiffeq}(R_3, c(n), f(u));$$

$$\left\{ (16u^3 - 16u^2yx - 4u + 8uy^2 + 8ux^2 - 4xy)f(u) + (16u^4 - 8u^2 + 1) \left(\frac{d}{du} f(u) \right), f(0)=1 \right\}$$

$$> \text{dsolve}(\%, f(u));$$

$$f(u) = \frac{\text{Ie} \left(\frac{-4xyu + y^2 + x^2}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \right)}{e^{(-y^2-x^2)} \sqrt{2u+1} \sqrt{2u-1}}$$

Euclidean Division & Finite Dimension

Theorem (XIXth century)

D-finite series and sequences over \mathbb{K} form \mathbb{K} -algebras.

Proof.

Linear algebra



Corollary

D-finite series are closed under Hadamard (termwise) product, Laplace transform, Borel transform ($ogf \leftrightarrow egf$).

Euclidean Division & Finite Dimension

Theorem (Tannery 1874)

D-finite series composed with algebraic power series are D-finite.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x, y) = 0 \text{ and } AP + BP_y = 1 &\Rightarrow y' = -\frac{P_x}{P_y} = -BP_x \bmod P \\
 &\Rightarrow y^{(k)} \in \underbrace{\bigoplus_{i < \deg_y P} \mathbb{K}(x)y^i}_{\text{finite dim}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$(f \circ y)^{(p)}$ linear combination of $(f^{(j)} \circ y)y^k$.



Example: Airy Ai at Infinity

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Computation:

- ① **algebraic** change of variables $t^2 = (u-1)(4u^2+4u+1)$;

$$\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\xi t^2} f(t) dt, \quad f(t) = \frac{dv}{dt},$$

- ② recurrence satisfied by the coefficients of f (**generating series**);
 ③ termwise integration (**Hadamard product**).



I. Algebraic change of variables

$$eq_u := u^2 - \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{3}\right);$$

$$eq_t := t^2 - (u - 1) \cdot (4 \cdot u^2 + 4 \cdot u + 1);$$

$$res := resultant(eq_u, eq_t, u);$$

$$t^4 + 2t^2 - 3v^2 - \frac{8}{3}v^4 - \frac{16}{27}v^6$$

$$gfun := algeqtodiffeq\left(res, v(t), \left\{v(0)=0, D(v)(0)=sqrt\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right\}\right);$$

$$\left\{-4v(t) + 9t\left(\frac{d}{dt}v(t)\right) + (9t^2 + 18)\left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2}v(t)\right), v(0)=0, (D(v))(0)=\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{6}\right\}$$

II. Recurrence satisfied by the coefficients of f

$$gfun := poltodiffeq(diff(v(t), t), [\%], [v(t)], f(t));$$

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$$\left\{(5 + 18n + 9n^2)c(n) + (18n^2 + 54n + 36)c(n+2), c(0)=\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{6}, c(1)=0\right\}$$

III. Hadamard product

assume($\xi > 0$); $s := \text{Int}(\exp(-\xi * t^2) * t^n, t = -\infty .. \infty)$; $s = \text{student}[\text{intparts}](s, \exp(-\xi * t^2))$;

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(-\xi t^2)} t^n dt = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2 \xi t e^{(-\xi t^2)} t^{(n+1)}}{n+1} dt$$

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> FinalRec:=gfun:-`rec*rec`(R[i],R[f],c(n));

$$\text{FinalRec} := \left\{ (5 + 18n + 9n^2) c(n) + (36 \xi c(n+2) + 72 \xi c(n+1)), c(1) = 0, c(0) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{\xi}} \right\}$$

Sol := rsolve(FinalRec, c(n));

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} \frac{(-1)^{\left(\frac{1}{2}n\right)} {}_2\left(-1-\frac{1}{2}n\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}n+\frac{5}{6}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}n+\frac{1}{6}\right) \xi^{-\left(-\frac{1}{2}n\right)} \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}n+1\right) \sqrt{\xi}} & n::\text{even} \\ 0 & n::\text{odd} \end{cases}$$

Analytic Properties

$$\mathcal{L}y = a_0(x)y^{(k)} + \cdots + a_k(x)y = 0$$

- ① Singular points: roots ρ of a_0 ;
- ② Indicial polynomial: $\mathcal{L}(x - \rho)^\sigma \sim P(\sigma)(x - \rho)^{\sigma+m}$ [Fuchs1868]
- ③ Basis of formal solutions [Fabry1885]
 - $\deg P = k$: *regular* singular point.

$$\psi_i(z) = (z - \rho)^{\sigma_i} \sum_{j=0}^{d_i} \log^j(z - \rho) \underbrace{\Phi_{i,j}(z - \rho)}_{\text{convergent p. s.}}, \quad P(\sigma_i) = 0.$$

- $\deg P < k$: *irregular* singular point

$$y_i(t) = \underbrace{\exp(P_i(1/t))}_{\text{polynomial}} \underbrace{\psi_i(t)}_{\text{as above}}, \quad \underbrace{t^{\mu_i}}_{\mu_i \in \mathbb{N}^*} = (z - \rho).$$

Algorithms for everything [Tournier87,vanHoeij97]

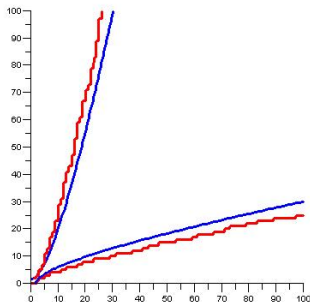
Incorporated in ESF: <http://algo.inria.fr/esf> [MeSa03]

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Algebraic behaviour (mostly Galois theory)

- f and $1/f$ D-finite iff f'/f algebraic [HaSi85];
- f_n and $1/f_n$ D-finite iff f_n interlacing of hypergeometric sequences (= rec. of order 1) [vdPSi97];
- f and $\exp \int f$ D-finite iff f algebraic;
- g algebraic of genus ≥ 1 . f and $g \circ f$ D-finite iff f is algebraic.
[Singer86]

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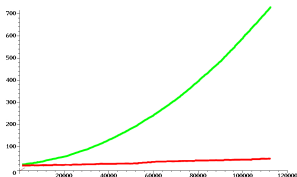
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Used in Maple & Mathematica. Recurrence of order 1.

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$$(x+1)^{2000}(x^2+x+1)^{1000}(x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1)^{500}$$

(first compute a rec. of order 7, then use binary splitting).

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II D-finiteness in Several Variables

Ore Polynomials & Ore Algebras

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Aim [ChSa98]: manipulate (solutions of) systems of mixed linear (q -)differential or (q -)difference operators.

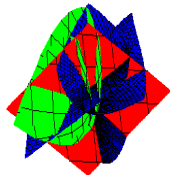


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- **Consequences:**
 - ① Univariate: Right Euclidean division and extended Euclidean algorithm [Ore 33];
 - ② Multivariate: Buchberger's algorithm for Gröbner bases works in Ore algebras [Kredel93].

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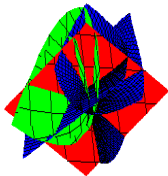
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Tools: linear algebra, Gröbner bases. **Implemented in** `Mgfun` [Chyzak98]

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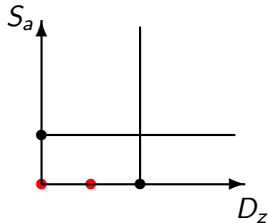
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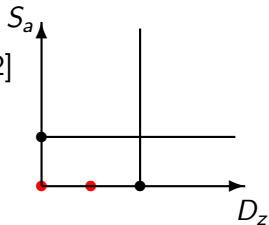
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$\dim=2 \Rightarrow S_a^2 F, S_a F, F$ linearly dependent [Gauss1812]

Also:

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



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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

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knowing generators of 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 $(\mathbb{O}_n \text{Ann}_f + \partial_n \mathbb{O}_n) \cap \mathbb{O}_{n-1}$.

Example: $\zeta(3)$ is Irrational [Apéry78]

$$a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2, \quad b_n = a_n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2}{2m^3 \binom{n}{m} \binom{n+m}{m}}.$$

- ① $b_n/a_n \rightarrow \zeta(3)$, $n \rightarrow \infty$; $d_n^3 b_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $d_n = \text{lcm}(1, \dots, n)$;
- ② By **creative telescoping**, both a_n and b_n satisfy 

$$(n+1)^3 u_{n+1} = (34n^3 + 51n^2 + 27n + 5)u_n - n^3 u_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 1;$$

- ③ $0 < \zeta(3) - \frac{b_n}{a_n} = \sum_{k \geq n+1} \frac{b_k}{a_k} - \frac{b_{k-1}}{a_{k-1}}: b_k a_{k-1} - b_{k-1} a_k = \frac{6}{k^3}$;
- ④ $\lambda a_n + \mu b_n \approx \alpha_{\pm}^n$, with $\alpha_{\pm}^2 = 34\alpha_{\pm} - 1$;
- ⑤ Conclusion: $0 < \underbrace{a_n d_n^3}_{\in \mathbb{N}} \zeta(3) - \underbrace{d_n^3 b_n}_{\in \mathbb{N}} \approx \alpha_-^n e^{3n} \rightarrow 0$.

Algolib can be downloaded from <http://algo.inria.fr/libraries>.

> *libname* := "/Users/salvy/lib/maple/Algolib", *libname* :

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> *Mgfun*[*creative_telescoping*](*a*, *n* :: *shift*, *k* :: *shift*);

[$(-n^3 - 3n^2 - 3n - 1) _f(n, k) + (34n^3 + 153n^2 + 231n + 117) _f(n + 1, k) + (-n^3 - 6n^2 - 12n - 8) _f(n$
 $+ 2, k), - \frac{4k^4 (4n^2 + 12n + 8 + 3k - 2k^2) (2n + 3) _f(n, k)}{4 + 12n - 12k - 4nk^3 + 13n^2 + 13k^2 + k^4 - 26nk + n^4 + 6n^3 - 6k^3 + 6n^2k^2 - 18n^2k + 18nk^2 - 4n^3k}$]

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

Applications of Creative Telescoping

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

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

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

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

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

(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 ∂_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

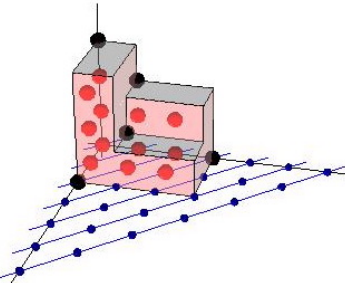
$$\mathbb{O}_{n-1} \ni \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \partial_{n-1}^i f = \partial_n B f$$

Termination [Abramov03].

- Arbitrary n and \mathbb{O}_n : [Chyzak00]

$$\mathbb{O}_{n-1} \ni \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda} \partial^{\lambda} = \partial_n B \bmod \text{Ann}_f$$

B is given by rational solutions of a linear system in σ_n, ∂_n .



III D-finiteness in Infinitely Many Variables

k -uniform Young Tableaux

4	4					
3	3	5				
2	2	3	4			
1	1	1	2	5	5	

Question: Asymptotic number of semi-standard Young tableaux filled with k 1's, k 2's, ..., k n 's?

Result [ChMiSa05]

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{e^{k-2}}{2\pi} \right)^{k/4} n!^{k/2-1} \left(\frac{k^{k/2}}{k!} \right)^n \frac{\exp \sqrt{kn}}{n^{k/4}}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Method:

Combinatorics \rightarrow Symmetric functions \rightarrow LDE \rightarrow Asymptotics.

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Algebra of symmetric functions: $\Lambda := \mathbb{K}[[p_1, p_2, \dots]]$

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homogeneous h_k $h_3 = x_1^3 + x_2^3 + \dots + x_1^2 x_2 + \dots + x_1 x_2 x_3 + \dots$

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- [Technical conds] closed under plethysm and **scalar product**.

Scalar product: $\langle h_\lambda, m_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$, where $h_\lambda = h_{\lambda_1} h_{\lambda_2} \dots$

Adjoint: $\langle \phi F, G \rangle = \langle F, \phi^\perp G \rangle$, with $p_k^\perp = k \frac{\partial}{\partial p_k}$, $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p_k} \right)^\perp = \frac{p_k}{k}$.

Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle \underbrace{\exp \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n^2}{2n} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{p_n}{n} \right)}_{\text{All semi-standard Young tableaux}}, \underbrace{\sum_{n \geq 0} h_k^n t^n}_{\text{Extract coeffs corresponding to } k\text{-uniform}} \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle \exp \left(\sum_{n=1}^k \frac{p_n^2}{2n} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}}^k \frac{p_n}{n} \right), \sum_{n \geq 0} h_k^n t^n \right\rangle =: \langle F, G \rangle \\
 & \text{Wanted: } \left(\underbrace{\text{Ann}_F^\perp}_{\text{right ideal}} + \underbrace{\text{Ann}_G}_{\text{left ideal}} \right) \cap \mathbb{K}[t, \partial_t].
 \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm [ChMiSa05]

For increasing D , from GB's of Ann_F and Ann_G , compute bases of Ann_F^\perp and Ann_G up to degree D as vector spaces.
 Stop when Gaussian elimination yields an element of $\mathbb{K}[t, \partial_t]$.

Termination: granted by holonomy.

IV Conclusion

Future Work

Efficiency

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

Understand non-minimality

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

Easy-to-use Implementations

- Improve gfun and Mgfun. Make the ESF interactive.