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Multi-Summation and Difference Field Theory for Particle Physics

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PART 1:

Motivation and the Basic Algorithms

Multi-summation and particle physics:

Feynman parameter integrals with one mass M and local operator insertions in $4 + \varepsilon$ -dimensional Minkowski space:

$$D_\varepsilon(n) = \int \frac{d^D p_1}{(2\pi)^D} \cdots \int \frac{d^D p_k}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{N(p_1, \dots, p_k; p; M^2; \Delta, n)}{(-p_1^2 + m_1^2)^{l_1} \cdots (-p_k^2 + m_k^2)^{l_k}} \prod_V \delta_V$$

↓ (Blümlein/Stan/Schneider 2012)

Definite hypergeometric multi-sums:

$$D_\varepsilon(n) = \sum_{k_1=l_1}^{L_1(n)} \cdots \sum_{k_v=l_v}^{L_v(n, k_1, \dots, k_{v-1})} \sum_{i=1}^l f_i(\varepsilon, n, k_1, \dots, k_v)$$

f_i : proper hypergeometric series in terms of Γ -functions

$L_v(n, k_1, \dots, k_{v-1})$: integer linear relation in the parameters (or ∞)

↓ (symbolic summation)

$$D_\varepsilon(n) = \varepsilon^{-3} F_{-3}(n) + \varepsilon^{-2} F_{-2}(n) + \varepsilon^{-1}(n) F_{-1}(n) + \dots$$

A warm up example

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 &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{f(n, k, j)}.
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$$f(n, k, j)$$

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 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{f(n, k, j)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: **Simplify** the sums in

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(n, k, j) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_0(n, k, j) + \varepsilon \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_1(n, k, j) + \dots$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \overbrace{\left(\frac{(2j+k+N+2)j!k!(j+k+N)!}{(j+k+1)(j+N+1)(j+k+1)!(j+N+1)!(k+N+1)!} \right)}^{f(N, k, j)} \\
 + \frac{j!k!(j+k+N)!(-S_1(j) + S_1(j+k) + S_1(j+N) - S_1(j+k+N))}{(j+k+1)!(j+N+1)!(k+N+1)!}$$

where

$$S_1(N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i}$$

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Sigma (based on a refined version of M. Karr's difference fields (1981)) computes

$$g(j) = \frac{(j+k+1)(j+N+1)j!k!(j+k+N)!(S_1(j) - S_1(j+k) - S_1(j+N) + S_1(j+k+N))}{kN(j+k+1)!(j+N+1)!(k+N+1)!}$$

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Summing the telescoping equation over j from 0 to a gives

$$\sum_{j=0}^a f(N, k, j) = g(a+1) - g(0)$$

Simplify

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \overbrace{\left(\frac{(2j+k+N+2)j!k!(j+k+N)!}{(j+k+1)(j+N+1)(j+k+1)!(j+N+1)!(k+N+1)!} \right)}^{f(N, k, j)} \\
 & + \frac{j!k!(j+k+N)!(-S_1(j) + S_1(j+k) + S_1(j+N) - S_1(j+k+N))}{(j+k+1)!(j+N+1)!(k+N+1)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \sum_{j=0}^a f(N, k, j) &= \frac{(a+1)!(k-1)!(a+k+N+1)!(S_1(a) - S_1(a+k) - S_1(a+N) + S_1(a+k+N))}{N(a+k+1)!(a+N+1)!(k+N+1)!} \\
 & + \frac{S_1(k) + S_1(N) - S_1(k+N)}{kN(k+N+1)N!} + \frac{(2a+k+N+2)a!k!(a+k+N)!}{(a+k+1)(a+N+1)(a+k+1)!(a+N+1)!(k+N+1)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

$a \rightarrow \infty$

Simplify

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \overbrace{\left(\frac{(2j+k+N+2)j!k!(j+k+N)!}{(j+k+1)(j+N+1)(j+k+1)!(j+N+1)!(k+N+1)!} \right)}^{f(N, k, j)} \\
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Simplify

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recurrence finder

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$$\left\{ c \times \frac{1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{S_1(n)^2 + S_2(n)}{2n(n+1)} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

where

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GIVEN

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GIVEN

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& \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\epsilon\gamma}}{\Gamma(\epsilon+1)} \left(\frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+2+n)} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\epsilon}{2})\Gamma(1-\frac{\epsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+1-\frac{\epsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+1+\frac{\epsilon}{2})\Gamma(k+j+1+n)}{\Gamma(j+1-\frac{\epsilon}{2})\Gamma(j+2+n)\Gamma(k+j+2)} \right. \\
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\end{aligned}$$

Sigma computes

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_2(n, k, j) &= \frac{1}{96n(n+1)} \left(S_1(n)^4 + (12\zeta_2 + 54S_2(n))S_1(n)^2 \right. \\
&+ 104S_3(n)S_1(n) - 48S_{2,1}(n)S_1(n) + 51S_2(n)^2 + 36\zeta_2S_2(n) \\
&\left. + 126S_4(n) - 48S_{3,1}(n) - 96S_{1,1,2}(n) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_3(n, k, j) = & \frac{1}{960n(n+1)} \left(S_1(n)^5 + (20\zeta_2 + 130S_2(n))S_1(n)^3 + \right. \\
& (40\zeta_3 + 380S_3(n))S_1(n)^2 + (135S_2(n)^2 + 60\zeta_2S_2(n) + 510S_4(n))S_1(n) \\
& - 240S_{3,1}(n)S_1(n) - 240S_{1,1,2}(n)S_1(n) + 160\zeta_2S_3(n) + S_2(n)(120\zeta_3 \\
& + 380S_3(n)) + 624S_5(n) + (-120S_1(n)^2 - 120S_2(n))S_{2,1}(n) \\
& \left. - 240S_{4,1}(n) - 240S_{1,1,3}(n) + 240S_{2,2,1}(n) \right)
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More generally: Sigma's summation spiral

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3. Find a "closed form"

$A(n)$ =combined solutions.

The basic summation algorithm

(a simplified version of Karr's algorithm, 1981)

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- ▶ Examples: the rational numbers \mathbb{Q} or the rational function field $\mathbb{Q}(x)$, i.e., x is transcendental over \mathbb{Q} ($\mathbb{Q}[x]$ is the polynomial ring with coefficients from \mathbb{Q}) and

$$\mathbb{Q}(x) = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Q}[x] \text{ with } q \neq 0 \right\}$$

Usually we assume that $\frac{p}{q}$ is reduced, i.e., $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

Note: If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(x)$ is already a rational function field, we can construct on top again a rational function field $\mathbb{K}(y) = \mathbb{Q}(x)(y)$, etc.

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- ▶ Let \mathbb{F} be a field. A map $\sigma : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is a field automorphism iff
 - ▶ σ is bijective
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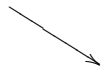
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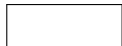
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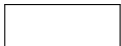
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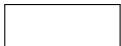
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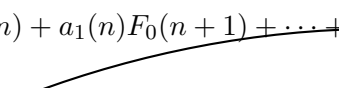
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(885 decimal digits)

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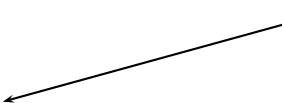
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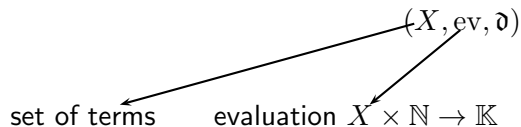


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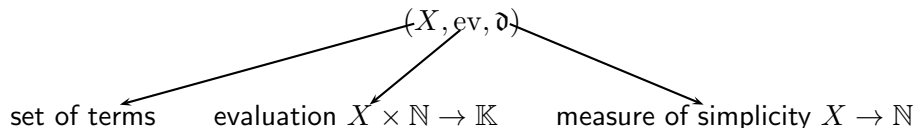
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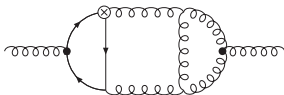
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Automatization

Example: All n -Results for 3-Loop Ladder Graphs

Joint work with J. Ablinger (RISC), J. Blümlein (DESY),
A. Hasselhuhn (DESY), S. Klein (RWTH)
(Nuclear Physics B, 2012; arXiv:1206.2252v1)

In total around 50 diagrams (for this class) have been calculated, like e.g.



(containing three massive fermion propagators)



Around 1000 sums have to be calculated for this diagram

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \sum_{r=0}^{j+1} \sum_{s=0}^{n-j+r-2} \frac{(-1)^{r+s} \binom{j+1}{r} \binom{-j+n+r-2}{s} (-j+n-2)! r!}{(n-s)(s+1)(-j+n+r)!}$$

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Note: $S_a(n) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\text{sign}(a)^i}{i^{|a|}}$, $a \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$

Example .

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$$+ \dots$$

where, e.g.,

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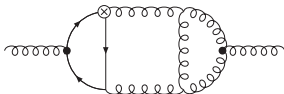
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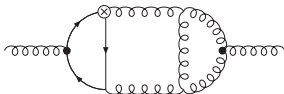
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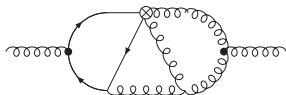


J. Ablinger's HarmonicSum.m

After elimination the following sums remain:

$$S_{-4}(n), S_{-3}(n), S_{-2}(n), S_1(n), S_2(n), S_3(n), S_4(n), S_{-3,1}(n), \\ S_{-2,1}(n), S_{2,-2}(n), S_{2,1}(n), S_{3,1}(n), S_{-2,1,1}(n), S_{2,1,1}(n)$$

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$$\times \frac{\binom{j+1}{k+1} \binom{k}{l} \binom{n-1}{j+2} \binom{-j+n-3}{q} \binom{-l+n-q-3}{s} \binom{-l+n-q-s-3}{r} r! (-l+n-q-r-s-3)! (s-1)!}{(-l+n-q-2)! (-j+n-1) (n-q-r-s-2) (q+s+1)}$$

$$\left[4S_1(-j+n-1) - 4S_1(-j+n-2) - 2S_1(k) \right.$$

$$\left. - (S_1(-l+n-q-2) + S_1(-l+n-q-r-s-3) - 2S_1(r+s)) \right.$$

$$\left. + 2S_1(s-1) - 2S_1(r+s) \right] + \mathbf{3 \text{ further 6-fold sums}}$$

$$\boxed{F_0(n)} =
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{7}{12}S_1(n)^4 + \frac{(17n+5)S_1(n)^3}{3n(n+1)} + \left(\frac{35n^2-2n-5}{2n^2(n+1)^2} + \frac{13S_2(n)}{2} + \frac{5(-1)^n}{2n^2} \right) S_1(n)^2 \\
& + \left(-\frac{4(13n+5)}{n^2(n+1)^2} + \left(\frac{4(-1)^n(2n+1)}{n(n+1)} - \frac{13}{n} \right) S_2(n) + \left(\frac{29}{3} - (-1)^n \right) S_3(n) \right. \\
& + \left. \left(2 + 2(-1)^n \right) S_{2,1}(n) - 28S_{-2,1}(n) + \frac{20(-1)^n}{n^2(n+1)} \right) S_1(n) + \left(\frac{3}{4} + (-1)^n \right) S_2(n)^2 \\
& - 2(-1)^n S_{-2}(n)^2 + S_{-3}(n) \left(\frac{2(3n-5)}{n(n+1)} + (26 + 4(-1)^n) S_1(n) + \frac{4(-1)^n}{n+1} \right) \\
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& + \left. \frac{4(3n-1)}{n(n+1)} \right) S_1(n) + \frac{8(-1)^n(3n+1)}{n(n+1)^2} + \left(-22 + 6(-1)^n \right) S_2(n) - \frac{16}{n(n+1)} \\
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& - \frac{8(-1)^n(2n+1) + 4(9n+1)}{n(n+1)} S_{-2,1}(n) - (24 + 4(-1)^n) S_{-3,1}(n) + (3 - 5(-1)^n) S_{2,1,1}(n) \\
& + 32S_{-2,1,1}(n) + \left(\frac{3}{2}S_1(n)^2 - \frac{3S_1(n)}{n} + \frac{3}{2}(-1)^n S_{-2}(n) \right) \zeta(2)
\end{aligned}$$

New Strategies

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If $F_0(n)$ (with required initial values) is not expressible in terms of indefinite nested sums and products:

game over

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 & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \underbrace{h'_0(n) + h'_1(n)}_{=0} \varepsilon + h'_2(n)\varepsilon^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Divide by ε

$$\begin{aligned}
& a_0(\varepsilon, n) \left[F_1(n) + F_2(n)\varepsilon + \dots \right] \\
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\end{aligned}$$

Now repeat for $F_1(n), F_2(n), \dots$

Example

Remark: Works the same for Laurent series.

(see J. Blümlein, S. Klein, CS, F. Stan. J. Symbolic Comput. 47, 2012; arXiv:1011.2656v2
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