# NON-MINIMALITY OF MINIMAL TELESCOPERS EXPLAINED BY RESIDUES



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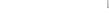
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#### Submodule approach to creative telescoping



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#### ABSTRACT

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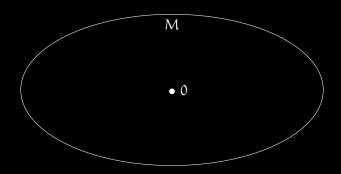
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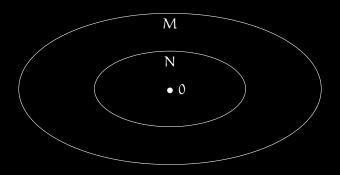
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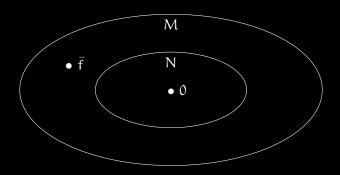
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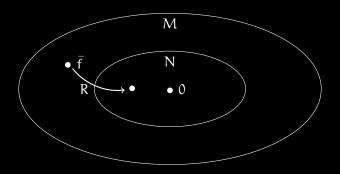
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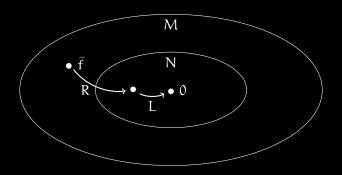
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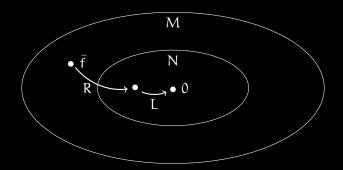




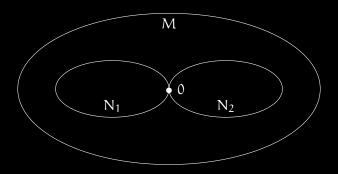


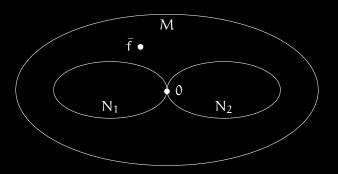


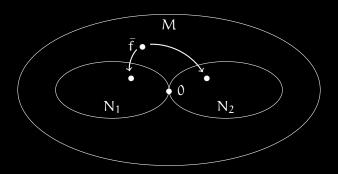


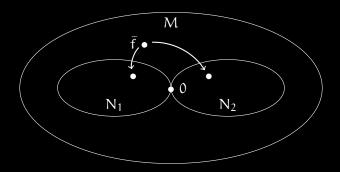


If R is the minimal order operator that maps  $\bar{f}$  into N, then every telescoper of f must be a left multiple of R.

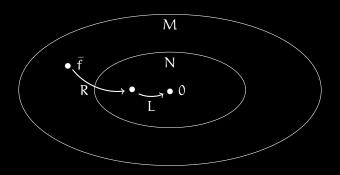


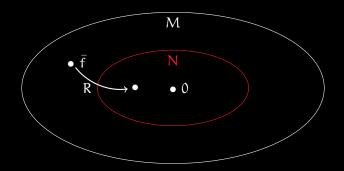






If  $R_i$  are minimal order operators annihilating the components  $\pi_i(\bar{f})$  of  $\bar{f}$  in  $N_i$ , then the minimal order telescoper of f is  $lclm(R_1,R_2)$ .





If for every  $h \in \Omega$  with  $\bar{h} \in N$  we have  $\sum_k h = 0$ , then R annihilates  $\sum_k f$ , though it need not be a telescoper of f.

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ABSTRACT
Elaborating on an approach recently proposed by Mark van Hoeij,
we continue to investigate why creative telescoping occasionally
fails to find the minimal-order annihilating operator of a given
definite sum or integral. We offer an explanation based on the

consideration of residues.

CCS CONCEPTS

Computing methodologies → Algebraic algorithms

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Such operators are obtained from annihilating operators of the summand or integrand that have a particular form. In the case of summation, suppose that we have  $(L-(S_k-1)Q)\cdot f(n,k)=0 \eqno(1.1)$ 

for some operator L that only involves n and the shift operator  $S_n$  but neither k nor the shift operator  $S_k$ , and another operator Q that may involve any of  $n, k, S_n, S_k$ . Summing the equation over all k vields:

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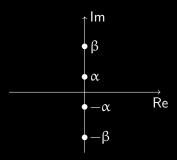
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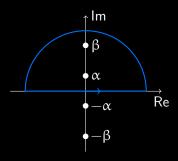
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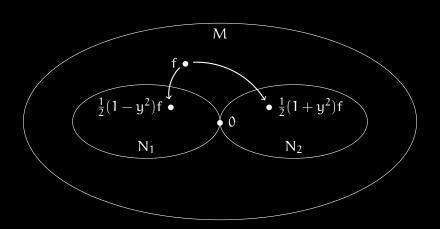
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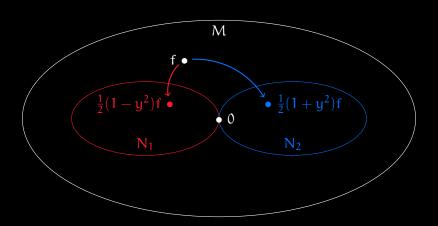
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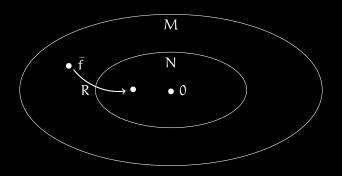
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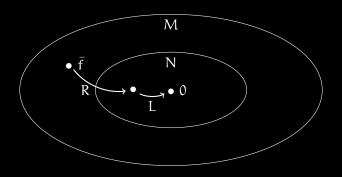
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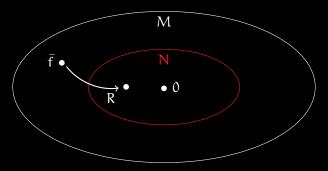
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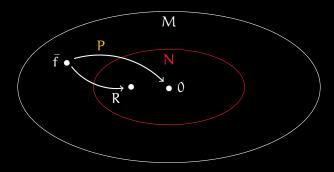
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