Analysis of Summation Algorithms

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$$\begin{aligned} (256x^6 - 256x^5 + 64x^3 - 16x^2) \ \mathsf{F}''(x) \\ &+ (512x^5 + 256x^2 - 32x) \ \mathsf{F}'(x) \\ &+ (48x^4 + 176x^3 + 84x - 3) \ \mathsf{F}(x) = \mathsf{C} \end{aligned}$$

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Analysis of the underlying linear algebra problem gives rise to

- existence results / bounds on the order
- bounds on degree and height / complexity estimates

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- There are fast algorithms (Storjohann-Villard 2005).

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A telescoper for f(n, k) is an annihilator of $\sum_{k} f(n, k)$.

How to find P and Q?
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 - Easier to analyze

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for a certain polynomial c, certain constants p, q, $a_i'', b_i'', u_i'', v_i''$ and certain fixed nonnegative integers $a_i, a_i', b_i, b_j', u_i, u_j', v_i, v_j'$.

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Example:
$$f(n,k) = (n+k)2^n(-1)^k \frac{(n+k)!(2n-k)!(2n-2k)!}{(n+2k)!^2}$$

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Usually there is no telescoper of lower order.

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Equating coefficients with respect to k gives a linear system with (r+1)+(2r-2+1) variables and 2r+1 equations. It has a nontrivial solution as soon as $r \ge 2$.

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But that's another story. We stop here.