

# Interval summation of differentially finite series

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# The Problem



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diff. finite —  $u(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n z^n$  solution of a linear ODE

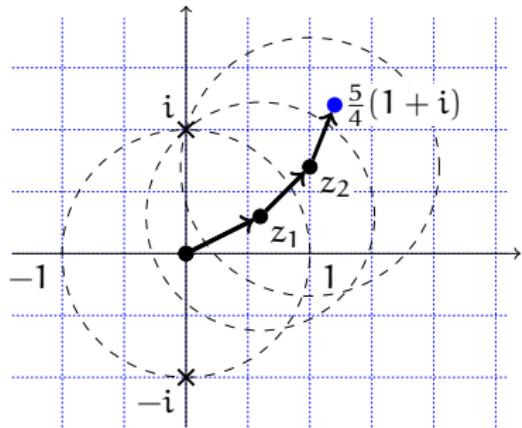
$$p_r(z) u^{(r)}(z) + \cdots + p_0(z) u(z) = 0, \quad p_k \in \mathbb{C}[z]$$

enclosure — return a interval containing the sum (rigorous bounds)

partial sum — truncation order given

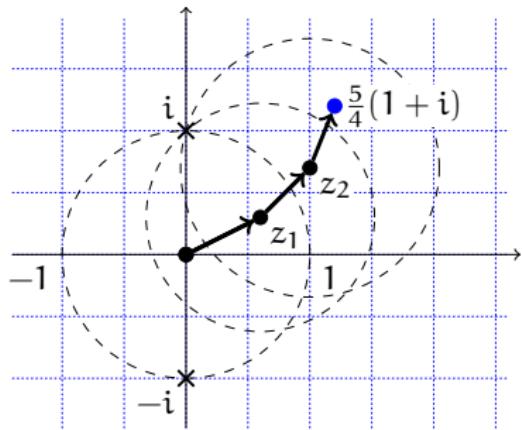
Basic brick of **Taylor methods** for ODEs with polynomial coefficients

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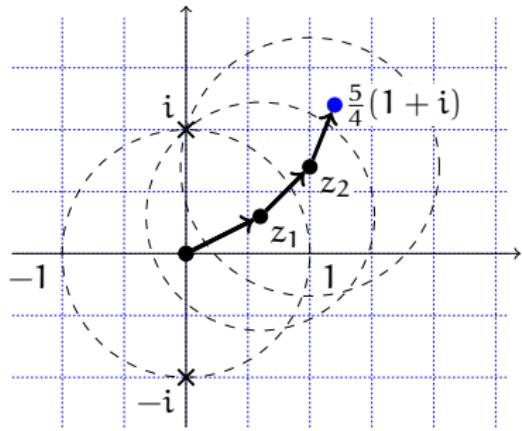
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- ▶ Differentially finite case: **recurrences**

$$L(z, \frac{d}{dz}) \cdot u(z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow L(S^{-1}, S n) \cdot (u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} = 0$$

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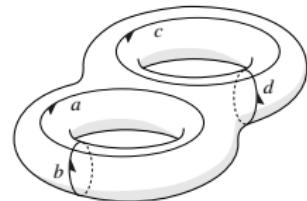
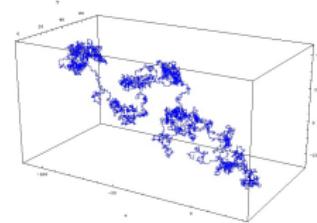
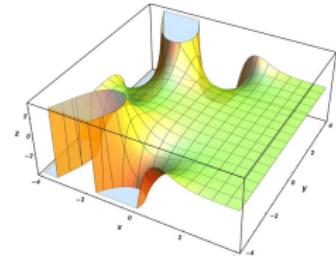
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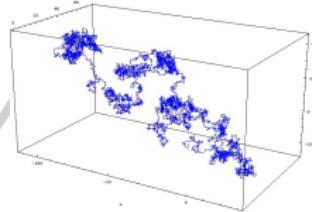
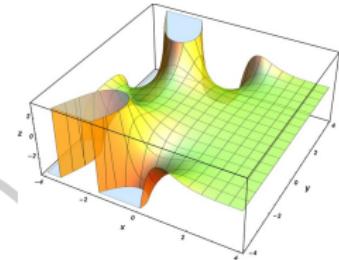
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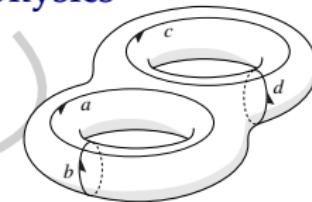
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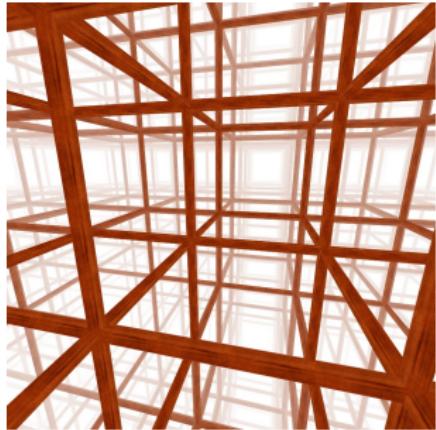


## Math. physics



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# Pólya Walks



For a random walk on  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  ( $d \geq 3$ ) starting at 0:

$$\text{return probability} = 1 - \frac{1}{w(1/(2d))}$$

where

$$w(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w_n z^n$$

#walks of length n  
ending at origin

satisfies an LODE with polynomial coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} d=3 \quad & z^2 (4z^2 - 1) (36z^2 - 1) D^3 + (1296z^5 - 240z^3 + 3z) D^2 \\ & + (2592z^4 - 288z^2 + 1) D + 864z^3 - 48z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d=4 \quad & (1024z^7 - 80z^5 + z^3) D^4 + (14336z^6 - 800z^4 + 6z^2) D^3 \\ & + (55296z^5 - 2048z^3 + 7z) D^2 + (61440z^4 - 1344z^2 + 1) D \\ & + 12288z^3 - 128z \end{aligned}$$

First return after  $n$  steps:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n z^n$$

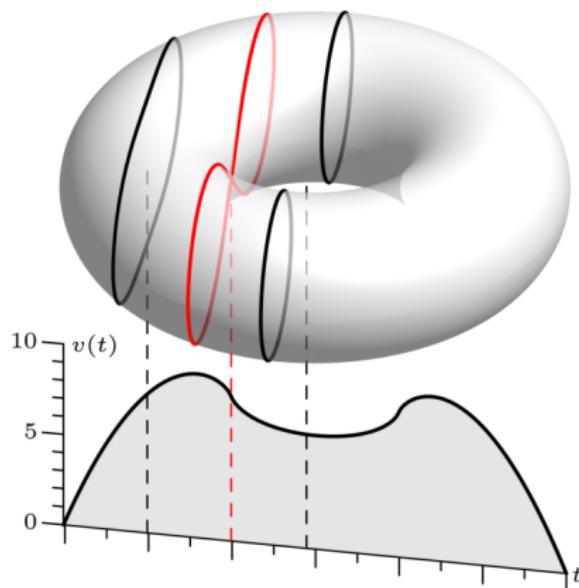
$$f\left(\frac{1}{2d}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_n}{(2d)^n}$$

$$w(z) = 1 + f(z) w(z)$$

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sage: from ore_algebra.examples import polya
sage: 1 - 1/polya.dop[10].numerical_solution([0]^9+[1], [0, 1/(2^10)], 1e-50).real()
[0.05619753597426778812097369256252412572131681661862 +/- 7.03e-51]
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# Volumes of Compact Semi-Algebraic Sets

[Lairez, M., Safey El Din, 2019]



- The “slice volume” function satisfies a Picard-Fuchs eqn
  - Except at **critical values** of the projection, it is analytic
- Compute initial values by recursive calls, integrate the equation

**Cost for  $p$  digits =  $\tilde{O}(p)$**

```
.... slice #2: ρ = 10866099/4849664
.... slice length = [3.95699242690042041342397892533404623584614411033674866606926914003 +/- 5.52e-66]
.... integrating PF equation over [1.010906176264399?, 2.989093823735602?]...
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# ore\_algebra

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GNU GPL v2+

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**mezzarobba** test fixes for the upcoming sage 8.8 release

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issac2019: typo

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## Contributors

- **M. Kauers** – main author
- **M. Jaroschek, F. Johansson** – initial implementation
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- **C. Hofstadler, S. Schwaiger** – D-finite function objects



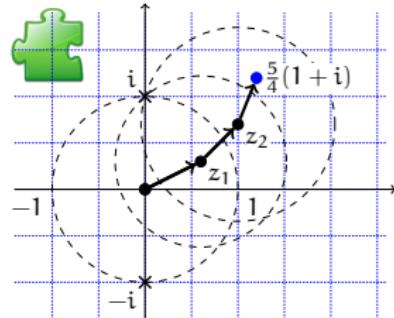
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$ sage -pip install git+https://github.com/mkauers/ore_algebra.git
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Try it online at

<http://marc.mezzarobba.net/oaademo>

# Main Ingredients

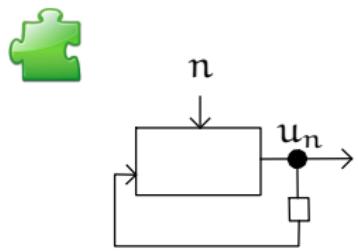


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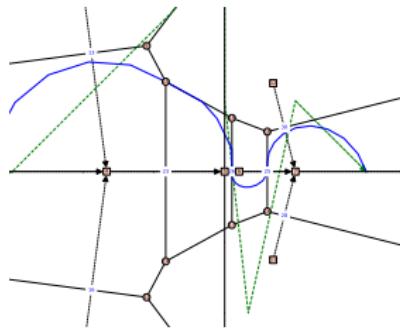
$$\sum_{v \in \lambda + \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k=0}^K y_{v,k} z^v \frac{\log(z)^k}{k!}$$

$$L(S_n^{-1}, n + S_k) \cdot (y_{n,k}) = 0$$

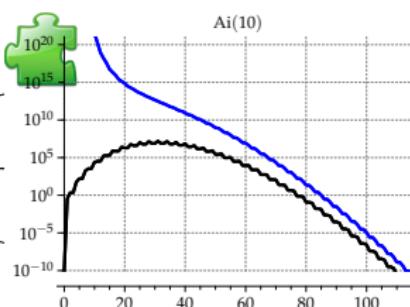
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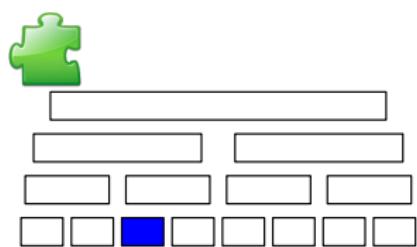
Recurrences



Path optimization



Error bounds



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**Input:**  $L \in \mathbb{IC}[z]\langle d/dz \rangle$  — differential operator  
 $u_{0:r-1} \in \mathbb{IC}$  — initial values  
 $\zeta \in \mathbb{IC}$  — evaluation point  
 $N \in \mathbb{N}$  — truncation order  
 $p \in \mathbb{N}$  — target precision

**Output:**  $y \in \mathbb{IC}$  — interval  $\exists u_{\leq N}(\zeta)$  of width  $\approx 2^{-p}$

## Assumptions:

ordinary point —  $a_r(0) \neq 0$   
“obviously” cvgt —  $|\zeta| < \min \{ |\xi| : a_r(\xi) = 0 \}$   
geometric cvgce —  $N = \Theta(p)$

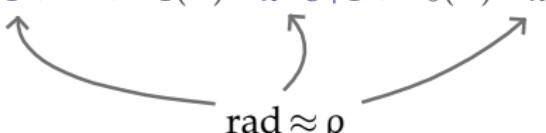
$$L = a_r(z) \left( \frac{d}{dz} \right)^r + \dots$$

# Recurrences in Interval Arithmetic

Recurrence step:

(naïve interval arithmetic, with  $u_n \approx \Theta(1)$ )

$$u_n = \frac{-1}{b_s(n)} [b_{s-1}(n) u_{n-1} + \dots + b_1(n) u_{n-s+1} + b_0(n) u_{n-s}]$$



$$\text{rad} \gtrsim \left( \sum_i \left| \frac{b_i(n)}{b_s(n)} \right| \right) \rho \gtrsim s \rho$$

$$\text{rad}(u_n) = 2^{\Theta(n)}$$

$$\text{rad}(\sum N u_n \zeta^n) = 2^{\Theta(N)} \text{ (unless } \zeta \text{ small)}$$

Accuracy target  $2^{-p} \Rightarrow$  Need  $\Omega(p)$  guard bits



(This is not a numerical stability issue.)

# A Toy Example

[Boldo 2009]

$$c_{n+1} = 2c_n - c_{n-1} \quad (c_0 = \diamond(1/3), c_{-1} = 0)$$

$n =$	Interval	Floating-Point
0	$[0.3333333333333333 \pm 1.49e-17]$	0.3333333333333333
5	$[2.000000000000000 \pm 3.78e-15]$	2.000000000000000
10	$[3.6666666666667 \pm 5.74e-13]$	3.666666666666667
15	$[5.3333333333 \pm 5.29e-11]$	5.33333333333334
20	$[7.00000000 \pm 1.60e-9]$	7.000000000000001
25	$[8.666667 \pm 4.65e-7]$	8.666666666666668
30	$[10.3333 \pm 4.41e-5]$	10.3333333333333
35	$[12.000 \pm 8.82e-4]$	12.0000000000000
40	$[1.4e+1 \pm 0.406]$	13.6666666666667
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Therefore:

$$a_r(z) \delta^{(r)}(z) + \cdots + a_1(z) \delta'(z) + a_0(z) \delta(z) = Q(z^d/dz) \varepsilon(z)$$

$$\delta(z) = \sum_n \delta_n z^n, \quad \varepsilon(z) = \sum_n \varepsilon_n z^n$$

Compute a **bound** on  $\delta_n$  given one on  $\varepsilon_n$ ?

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# The Majorant Method

[Cauchy 1842]



“Bound” an implicit equation whose series solutions can be determined iteratively by a simpler “model equation”

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“ $f \ll \hat{f}$ ”  $\hat{f}$   $\doteq$  coefficientwise  $\|f_n\| \leq \hat{f}_n$

$$A(z) \ll \hat{a}(z), \quad B(z) \ll \hat{b}(z), \quad \|Y_0\| \leq \hat{y}_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y(z) \ll \hat{y}(z)$$

- $\hat{a}(z)$  easily computable if  $A(z) \in \mathbb{C}(z)^{r \times r}$

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The same computation yields a bound on the **truncation** error!  
(Replace  $\varepsilon(z)$  by a residual accounting for the neglected tail.)

# Practical Issues



- The Cauchy majorants are *far* too coarse
  - ▶ Use sharper variants [M. 2019]
- Simple majorants cannot be sharp for small  $n$ 
  - ▶ Switch from interval summation to running error analysis
- Need to choose the working precision ( $\leftrightarrow$  cutoff point) in advance
  - ▶ Heuristics based on asymptotics...
- Good choice of  $\hat{\varepsilon}(z)$  (tight & easily computable) not clear

Current status: works well for (some) large equations met in practice, but sometimes slower than naïve interval summation.

# Closed-form Bounds by the same technique

## Legendre Polynomials

- $P_{n+1}(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} [(2n+1)x P_n(x) - n P_{n-1}(x)]$
- In fixed-point arithmetic:

$$|\tilde{p}_n - P_n(x)| \leq \frac{3}{4} (n+1)(n+2) u \quad (-1 \leq x \leq 1)$$

Relevant for the fast computation of Gauss-Legendre quadrature rules [Johansson-M. 2018]

## Bernoulli Numbers

- $b_k = \frac{1}{(2k)! 4^k} - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{b_j}{(2k+1-2j)! 4^{k-j}}, \quad b_k = \frac{B_{2k}}{(2k)!}$
- In binary floating-point arithmetic:  $\tilde{b}_k = b_k (1 + \eta_k)$  where  
 $|\eta_k| \leq c_1 k (1 + c_2 u)^k = "O(k u)"$

Answers a question of P. Zimmermann based on work of Brent and Harvey



Generating series + Cauchy majorants

⇒ Simple & general automatic running error analysis  
of the summation of D-finite series

Same technique yields tight closed-form error bounds for related problems

General context: arbitrary-precision integration of linear ODEs with poly. coeff.



## Has anyone seen this technique in the literature?



- Make it (more) practical!
- Regular singular case
- Error analysis based on generating series:  
Backward recurrences? RK methods? Beyond recurrences?



Code available at

[https://github.com/mkauers/ore\\_algebra/](https://github.com/mkauers/ore_algebra/)

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