

Creative Telescoping via Abramov's Reduction

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Outline

- ▶ Rational summability
- ▶ Abramov's reduction for rational functions
- ▶ Telescoping via Abramov's reduction
- ▶ Hypergeometric case

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- ▶ $\text{num}(f)$: the numerator of f .
- ▶ $\text{den}(f)$: the denominator of f .
- ▶ $S_y(f(y)) = f(y + 1)$ and $\Delta_y(f) = S_y(f) - f$.

Summability

Definition. $f \in \mathbb{C}(y)$ is said to be **(rational) summable** if

$$f = \Delta_y(g) \text{ for some } g \in \mathbb{C}(y).$$

Examples.

- ▶ All polynomials in $\mathbb{C}[y]$ are summable
- ▶ $1/y$ is not summable

Shift-freeness

Definition. $p \in \mathbb{C}[y]$ is **shift-free** if

$$\gcd(p, S_y^\ell(p)) = 1 \quad \text{for all } \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Fact. Given $r \in \mathbb{F}(y)$ with $\text{den}(r)$ shift-free, then r is not summable.

Recall. $1/y$ is not summable.

Abramov's reduction (1995)

Definition. $r \in \mathbb{C}(y)$ is called a **residual form** if

$$\deg_y(\text{num}(r)) < \deg_y(\text{den}(r)) \text{ and } \text{den}(r) \text{ is shift-free.}$$

Theorem. Let $f \in \mathbb{C}(y)$. Then $\exists g \in \mathbb{C}(y)$ and a residual form r s.t.

$$f = \Delta_y(g) + r$$

Moreover, f is summable $\iff r = 0$.

Remark. r is not unique.

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$$s = \Delta_y(g) + t \quad \text{and} \quad r + t \quad \text{is a residual form.}$$

Bivariate rational functions

Let $\mathbb{C}(x, y)$ be the field of bivariate rational functions.

Telescoping problem. Given $f \in \mathbb{C}(x, y)$, find a nonzero operator $L(x, S_x) \in \mathbb{C}(x)\langle S_x \rangle$ s.t.

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Call

- ▶ L : a **telescopier** for f ;
- ▶ g : the corresponding **certificate**.

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Existence criterion (Wilf&Zeilberger1992, Abramov2003).

Given $f \in \mathbb{C}(x, y)$. Let $r \in \mathbb{C}(x, y)$ be a residual form with

$$f = \Delta_y(g) + r \text{ for some } g \in \mathbb{C}(x, y).$$

Then

$$f \text{ has a telescopers} \iff \text{den}(r) \text{ is integer-linear.}$$

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$$f = \frac{y^{10}}{x+y}$$

- ▶ The minimal telescopers L for f is

$$\begin{aligned} L = S_x - \frac{1}{x^{10}} & (x^{10} + 10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 \\ & + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Certificate for the example

$$\begin{aligned}
 G = & \frac{1}{10} \left(-\frac{1}{21} \frac{x^3 (175x^7 + 700x^6 + 1234x^5 + 1252x^4 + 790x^3 + 310x^2 + 70x + 7)}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \right. \\
 & - \frac{1}{42} \frac{x (1750x^7 + 5950x^6 + 9558x^5 + 9186x^4 + 5630x^3 + 2180x^2 + 490x + 49) y^2}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \\
 & - \frac{1}{18} \frac{(990x^9 + 3960x^8 + 7890x^7 + 10260x^6 + 9654x^5 + 6780x^4 + 3490x^3 + 1240x^2 + 270x + 27) y^3}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \\
 & + \frac{5}{36} \frac{x (792x^7 + 2574x^6 + 4020x^5 + 3801x^4 + 2310x^3 + 891x^2 + 200x + 20) y^4}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \\
 & + \frac{1}{12} \frac{(1320x^9 + 5280x^8 + 11352x^7 + 16566x^6 + 17540x^5 + 13535x^4 + 7410x^3 + 2721x^2 + 600x + 60) y^5}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \\
 & - \frac{1}{6} \frac{x (660x^7 + 1980x^6 + 2948x^5 + 2717x^4 + 1630x^3 + 625x^2 + 140x + 14) y^6}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \\
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 & + \frac{5}{84} \frac{x (924x^7 + 2310x^6 + 3168x^5 + 2805x^4 + 1650x^3 + 627x^2 + 140x + 14) y^8}{10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1} \\
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 & \cdot (10x^9 + 45x^8 + 120x^7 + 210x^6 + 252x^5 + 210x^4 + 120x^3 + 45x^2 + 10x + 1) (x + y)^{-1}
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$$f \equiv_y h$$

if $f - h$ is summable w.r.t. y .

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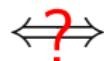
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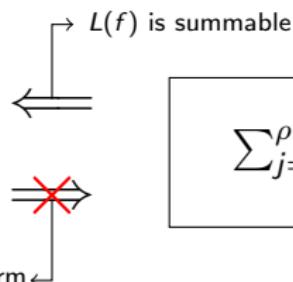
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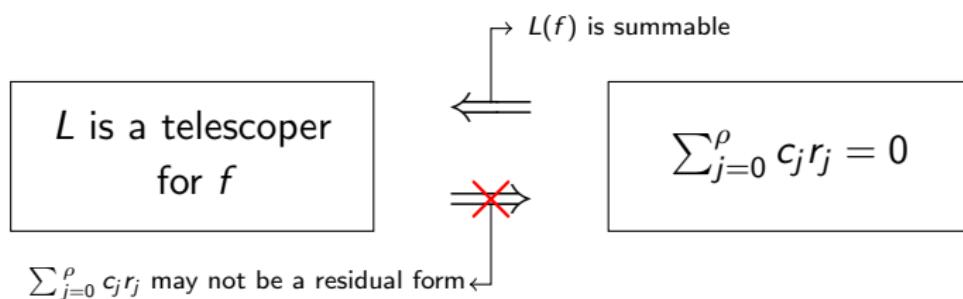
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Idea. Choose appropriate r_j s.t. $\sum_{j=0}^{\rho} c_j r_j$ is a residual form.

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- ▶ The **first** linear depend. leads to the **minimal** telescopier.
- ▶ One can leave the certificate as an un-normalized sum.

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- ▶ $G = \frac{y-1}{(x+y+1)^2} + \frac{y-2}{(x+y)^2} - 2\frac{y-1}{(x+y)^2} = -\frac{x^2+4xy+3y^2+y}{(x+y)^2(x+1+y)^2}$

Timings (in seconds)

Let

$$T = \frac{f(x, y)}{g_1(x + y)g_2(x + y)}$$

with

- ▶ $g_i(z) = p_i(z)p_i(z + \lambda)p_i(z + \mu)$, $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{N}$,
- ▶ $\deg(p_1) = \deg(p_2) = m$ and $\deg(f) = n$.

(m, n, λ, μ)	Zeilberger	TvR+cert	TvR	order
(1, 0, 5, 5)	1.27	0.44	0.24	3
(1, 8, 5, 5)	6.53	1.02	0.45	4
(2, 0, 5, 10)	20.99	4.01	1.03	3
(2, 3, 5, 10)	23.28	4.65	1.12	3
(2, 0, 10, 15)	84.26	12.76	1.66	3
(2, 5, 10, 15)	85.15	13.91	1.94	3
(3, 0, 5, 10)	587.84	29.88	5.61	5

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Remark. Our paper in Proc. ISSAC 2015:

A modified Abramov-Petkovšek reduction and creative telescoping for hypergeometric terms

Summary

Results.

- ▶ Telescoping via Abramov's reduction
- ▶ Generalization for hypergeometric terms

Future work.

- ▶ Creative telescoping for q -hypergeometric terms