Computing D-Finite Symmetric Scalar Products in Order to Count Regular Graphs

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Example: for 3-regular graphs, an ODE is

$$9t^3(t^4+2t^2-2)U^{\prime\prime}(t)+3(t^{10}+6t^8+3t^6-6t^4-26t^2+8)U^{\prime}(t)-t^3(t^4+2t^2-2)^2U(t)=0$$

and a (minimal order) recurrence relation is

$$12(3n+10)(n+8)(3n+16)u(n+8) - 9(3n+10)(n+6)(3n^2+40n+136)u(n+6)$$

$$+ (-108n^3 - 1710n^2 - 8628n - 14048)u(n+4)$$

$$- (3n+22)(9n^2+60n+76)u(n+2) + (3n+22)(3n+16)u(n) = 0.$$

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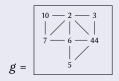
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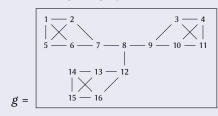
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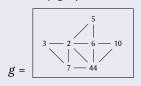
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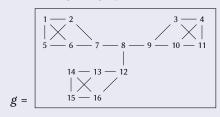


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(Classical multivariate) D-finiteness (Lipshitz, 1989)

A formal power series $f(u_1,\ldots,u_r)\in\mathbb{Q}[[u_1,\ldots,u_r]]$ is D-finite with respect to (u_1,\ldots,u_r) if the family of the derivatives $\partial_{u_1}^{\alpha_1}\cdots\partial_{u_r}^{\alpha_r}\cdot f$ over all $\alpha_i\geq 0$ generates a finite-dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{Q}(u_1,\ldots,u_r)$.

D-finiteness in countably many variables (Gessel, 1990)

A formal power series $f(u_0, u_1, ...) \in \mathbb{Q}[[(u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}_>}]]$ is D-finite with respect to $(u_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}_>}$ if for any choice S of a finite subset of $\mathbb{N}_>$, setting u_i to zero when $i \notin S$ results in a D-finite series with respect to $(u_i)_{i \in S}$.

$$f(u_1, u_2, ...)$$
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Theorem (Gessel, 1990)

The generating function $F = \exp\left(\sum_{m\geq 1} (-1)^{m+1} \frac{p_m^2 - p_{2m}}{2m}\right)$ of simple graphs is symmetric D-finite.

Corollary (Gessel, 1990)

For each k, the generating function $\langle F, \exp(h_k t) \rangle$ of k-regular simple graphs is D-finite w.r.t. t.

$$\left\langle \hat{\mathsf{\Lambda}}, \mathsf{\Lambda}[[t]] \right
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Generalizations, by changing F and G accordingly

- allowed degrees in a finite set $\{k_1, \ldots, k_\ell\}$ instead of $\{k\}$,
- multigraphs and variants: loops allowed, multiple edges allowed,
- marking valencies instead of degrees.

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An analogue of creative telescoping

The scalar product $\langle F, G \rangle$ is cancelled by any element of

$$(\operatorname{ann}(F)^{\dagger}\mathbb{Q}(t)\langle\partial_{t}\rangle + \operatorname{ann}(G)) \cap \mathbb{Q}(t)\langle\partial_{t}\rangle.$$

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Filter each of $\operatorname{ann}(F)^{\dagger}$ and $\operatorname{ann}(G)$ up to total degree N before eliminating (p, ∂_p) by $\mathbb{Q}(t)$ -linear algebra.

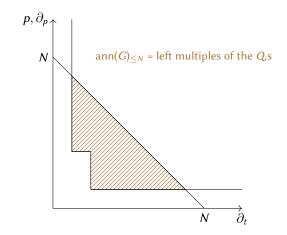
Given annihilators of F and of G:

- Compute:
 - a (right) Gröbner basis $(P_1, P_2, ...)$, with $P_i = P_i(p, \partial_p)$,
 - **2** a (left) Gröbner basis $(Q_1, Q_2, ...)$, with $Q_i = Q_i(p, \partial_p, t, \partial_t)$,

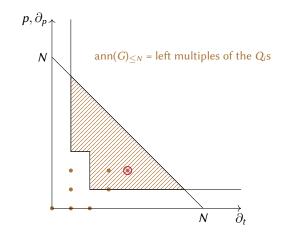
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- **②** For increasing integer $N \ge 0$:
 - Consider all $P_i p^{\alpha} \partial_p^{\beta} \partial_t^{\gamma}$ and all $p^{\alpha} \partial_p^{\beta} Q_i$ of total degree at most N.
 - Decompose them in the basis of the $p^{\alpha} \partial_{p}^{\beta} \partial_{t}^{\gamma}$ over $\mathbb{Q}(t)$ and form a matrix (one operator per row, one basis element per column).
 - Order the columns so that those corresponding to the ∂_t^γ are right-most and perform a row echelon form computation.
 - If a row represents a non-zero element of $\mathbb{Q}(t)\langle \partial_t \rangle$, return it.

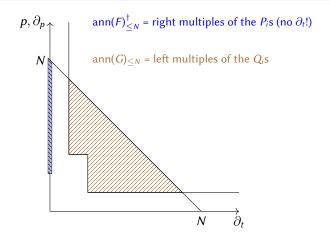
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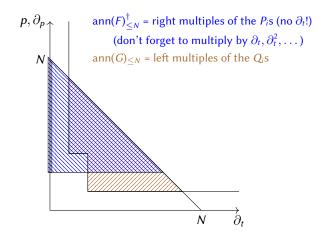
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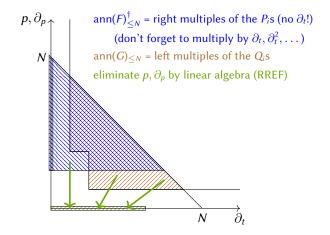
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Idea 2: Hammond Series (Chyzak, Mishna, Salvy, 2005)

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- **3** Substitute $C_i(y, \partial_y)$ for p_i and $E_i(y, \partial_y)$ for ∂_{p_i} , $1 \le i \le k$.
- For *i* from 1 to k-1 eliminate ∂_{y_i} and set $y_i = 0$ in the resulting polynomials.
- Make $y_k = t$ and $\partial_{y_k} = \partial_t$ in the final set and return the single operator it contains.

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Reduction

Taking inspiration from (Bostan, Chyzak, Lairez, Salvy, 2018):

$$\begin{cases} P \cdot F = 0 \\ h \in \mathbb{Q}(t)[p] \end{cases} \Rightarrow 0 = \langle P \cdot F, hG \rangle = \langle F, P^{\dagger} \cdot (hG) \rangle = \langle F, (P^{\sharp} \cdot h) G \rangle$$

"Dominant" operator \rightarrow reducible monomials:

$$P^{\sharp} = x^{\mu} + \sum_{|\alpha| - |\beta| < |\mu|} u_{\alpha,\beta} x^{\alpha} \partial_{x}^{\beta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \forall \sigma \geq \mu, \ x^{\sigma} = \operatorname{Im}(P^{\sharp} \cdot x^{\sigma - \mu})$$

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Computational observations

- $\operatorname{ann}(F)^{\sharp}$ has a Gröbner bases made of dominant operators.
- The corresponding leading monomials x^{μ} generate a 0-dimensional ideal in $\mathbb{Q}(t)[p]$.

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- **a** Fail if cannot verify: (never happened for k-regular graphs)
 - that the operators are dominant,
 - that their leading monomials do not involve ∂_p ,
 - that they generate a zero-dimensional ideal I: dim $\mathbb{Q}(t)[p]/I < \infty$.
- **3** Set $s_0 = 1$, then for successive r = 1, 2, ...: $(\partial_t^i \leftrightarrow s_i)$
 - write $\partial_t^r \cdot \langle F, G \rangle = \partial_t \cdot \langle F, s_{r-1}G \rangle = \left\langle F, \left(\frac{ds_{r_1}}{dt} + s_{r-1}g\right)G \right\rangle$,
 - reduce to get $\partial_t^r \cdot \langle F, G \rangle = \langle F, s_r G \rangle$ with confinement of s_r ,
 - if $\exists (a_i), a_0s_0 + \cdots + a_rs_r = 0$, output $a_0 + a_1\partial_t + \cdots + a_r\partial_t^r$.

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Define the formal Laplace transform and the formal residue:

$$\mathcal{L}(p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}) = \frac{r_1!}{p_1^{r_1+1}} \dots \frac{r_k!}{p_k^{r_k+1}}$$
 and $\operatorname{res}\left(\sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}^k} c_r p^r\right) = c_{-1,\dots,-1}.$

Residue representation

$$\langle F, G \rangle = \operatorname{res}_{p} \left(\exp(f(p_{1}, \dots, p_{k})) \mathcal{L} \left(\exp(tg(1p_{1}, 2p_{2}, \dots, kp_{k})) \right) \right)$$

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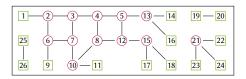
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New problem: Conjecture 16 in (Kauers, Koutschan, 2023)

Sequence A339987 of the OEIS, which counts (3,1)-regular graphs having one more vertex than edges by number of vertices, satisfies an explicit, guessed recurrence relation of order 5, valid for all $n \ge 0$.



26 vertices, 25 edges

Main idea

A diagonal is a residue, too.

Marking edges by $x_i x_i \to q x_i x_i$, or equivalently $p_i \to q^{i/2} p_i$, leads to:

Number $r_{m,n}^{(k)}$ of k-regular simple graphs on n labelled vertices with m edges

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$$\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} r_{m,n}^{(k)} q^m \frac{t^n}{n!} = \langle F(p,q), G(p,t) \rangle,$$

where

$$F(p,q) = \exp\left(\sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} (-q)^m \frac{p_{2m}}{2m} - \sum_{m=1}^k (-q)^m \frac{p_m^2}{2m}\right) \in \mathbb{Q}[p_1, \dots, p_k][[q]],$$

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- is D-finite w.r.t. q and t.
 - 'Idea 3: polynomial reductions' works, and delivers a *system* of linear PDEs w.r.t. *q* and *t*.
 - **②** For $r_{n-1,n}^{(3,1)}$, next compute the diagonal of $q\langle F(p,q), G(p,t)\rangle$.

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Use D-module integration and Hadrien Brochet's implementation again.

Conclusions

Evolution of efficiency

- 'Idea 1, plain linear algebra': very slow because it enumerates monomials above the stairs [Maple]
- 'Idea 2, Hammond series': slow, probably because elimination is done too incrementally (variable after variable) [Maple]
- 'Idea 3, polynomial reductions': reasonable, because it does not compute the 'certificates' s_i in expansions [Maple]
- 'Idea 4, residues': faster, because the implementation adds evaluation-interpolation technique [Julia]

Methodological remarks

- Plain linear algebra: reminiscent of Takayama's algorithm for integration
- Hammond series: elimination-and-setting-variables-to-0 is really a D-module 'restriction' and so should work as fast as residues