

Two applications of the telescoping method

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In this talk, we will give two applications of telescoping method.

The first one focuses on series involving π . In [5], Sun derived several identities involving π by telescoping method. For example, from Bauer’s series [1]

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (4k+1) \frac{\binom{2k}{k}^3}{(-64)^k} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

and the telescoping sum

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(16k^3 - 4k^2 - 2k + 1) \binom{2k}{k}^2}{(2k-1)^2 (-64)^k} = \frac{8(2n+1)}{(-64)^n} \binom{2n}{n}^3,$$

he deduced

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k(4k-1) \binom{2k}{k}^3}{(2k-1)^2 (-64)^k} = -\frac{1}{\pi}. \quad (1)$$

We aim to give a systematic method to construct series like (1). This motivates us to consider the following problem: Given a hypergeometric term t_k , for which rational functions $r(k)$ is the product $r(k)t_k$ Gosper summable?

By aid of Gosper’s algorithm, we give candidates for the denominator of $r(k)$. Then by polynomial reduction [2,4], we derive an upper bound and a lower bound on the degree of the numerator of $r(k)$. Based on these results, we are able to construct several new series involving π .

Wang and Zhong [6] further extended the method of polynomial reduction to P -recursive sequences. We also give a brief introduction on their results.

The second one focuses on the congruences of partial sums of P -recursive sequences [3]. For example, we have

$$\frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (2k+1) M_k^2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

where

$$M_k = \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{2l} \frac{\binom{2l}{l}}{l+1}$$

is the k -th Motzkin number.

Let $\{a_k^{(i)}\}_{k \geq 0}$, $(1 \leq i \leq m)$ be P -recursive sequences of order d_i , respectively. We aim to find non-trivial polynomials $X(k)$ and $A_{i_1, \dots, i_m}(k)$ such that

$$X(k)a_k^{(1)} \cdots a_k^{(m)} = \Delta \left(\sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in S} A_{i_1, \dots, i_m}(k) a_{k-i_1}^{(1)} \cdots a_{k-i_m}^{(m)} \right).$$

Summing over k from 0 to $n-1$ and considering the congruences of boundary values, we will derive the congruence of

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X(k) a_k^{(1)} \cdots a_k^{(m)}.$$

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