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Koepf's "Extended Gosper" algorithm

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> read `hsum.mpl` ;

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> gosper(k*k!,k);

$k!$

> a1 := (k/2)*(k/2)!;
gosper(a1,k);

$$a1 := \frac{1}{2}k \left(\frac{1}{2}k \right)!$$

Error, (in gosper) algorithm not applicable

> s1 := extended_gosper(a1,k);

$$s1 := \left(\frac{1}{2}k \right)! + \left(\frac{1}{2}k + \frac{1}{2} \right)!$$

Note: the above is not a hypergeometric term, but it is an antidifference of $(k/2)*(k/2)!$ with a simple, closed formula. Let's check it:

> simplify((subs(k=k+1,s1)-s1) - a1);

0

So we conclude that

> Sum(a1,k=a..(b-1)) = subs(k=b,s1) - subs(k=a,s1);

$$\sum_{k=a}^{b-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}k \left(\frac{1}{2}k \right)! \right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}b \right)! + \left(\frac{1}{2}b + \frac{1}{2} \right)! - \left(\frac{1}{2}a \right)! - \left(\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2} \right)!$$

A variation: instead of computing $s(k)$ s.t. $s(k+1)-s(k)=a(k)$, we supply an integer j and compute $s(k)$ s.t. $s(k+j)-s(k)=a(k)$. This is called a j -fold antidifference.

extended_gosper(f(k),k,j);

> extended_gosper((k/2)*(k/2)!,k,2);

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}k \right)!$$

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