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Polynomial/Hypergeometric solutions of recurrences

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> read 'hsum.mpl' ;
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Example 1. Polynomial solutions of a recurrence equation.

Since $(n*(n+1)*(n+2,8))^2 - (n,8)*(n+8)*(n+9))^2 = 0$, we must have

$$f(n) = \text{pochhammer}(n,8)^2 = (n(n+1)...(n+7))^2$$

as a solution of

$$(n(n+1))^2 f(n+2) - ((n+8)(n+9))^2 f(n) = 0$$

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> recpoly((n*(n+1))^2*f(n+2) - ((n+8)*(n+9))^2*f(n),  
f(n));
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$$\delta_0 n^2 (n+7)^2 (n+6)^2 (n+5)^2 (n+4)^2 (n+3)^2 (n+2)^2 (n+1)^2$$

δ_0 is an arbitrary constant.

Example 2. Hypergeometric solutions of a recurrence equation.

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> f1 := hyperterm([a,b],[c],x,n);
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$$f1 := \frac{\text{pochhammer}(a,n) \text{pochhammer}(b,n) x^n}{\text{pochhammer}(c,n) n!}$$

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> simpcomb(subs(n=n+2,f1)/f1);
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$$\frac{(a+n)(a+n+1)(b+n)(b+n+1)x^2}{(c+n)(c+n+1)(n+1)(n+2)}$$

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> eq := numer(")*f(n) - denom(")*f(n+2);
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$$eq := (a+n)(a+n+1)(b+n)(b+n+1)x^2 f(n) - (c+n)(c+n+1)(n+1)(n+2) f(n+2)$$

By construction, this is solved by the hypergeometric term

$${}_2F_1(a,b;c;x)_n$$

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> ratios := rechyper(eq,f(n));
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$$\text{ratios} := \left\{ -\frac{x(b+n)(a+n)}{(n+1)(c+n)}, \frac{x(b+n)(a+n)}{(n+1)(c+n)} \right\}$$

It doesn't return $f(n)$, but rather the ratio $f(n+1)/f(n)$. Also, it found a SECOND hypergeometric solution:

$${}_2F_1(a,b;c;-x)_n$$

which in retrospect isn't surprising.

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> ratiosk := subs(n=k,ratios):
> product(ratiosk[1],k=0..n-1);
product(ratiosk[2],k=0..n-1);
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$$\frac{x^n \Gamma(b+n) \Gamma(a+n) \Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(c+n) \Gamma(b) \Gamma(a)}$$

$$\frac{(-1)^n x^n \Gamma(b+n) \Gamma(a+n) \Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(n+1) \Gamma(c+n) \Gamma(b) \Gamma(a)}$$

Application to factorization of operators

Given a root x_0 in C of a polynomial $f(x)$ over Q , then $f(x)=g(x)*(x-x_0)$ for some polynomial $g(x)$ over C .

If the minimal polynomial of x_0 over Q is $h(x)$, then $f(x)=p(x)h(x)$ for some polynomial $p(x)$ over Q .

Now consider a differential operator $L = \sum a_i(x) Dx^i$, each $a_i(x)$ in $Q(x)$, that annihilates a function $f(x)$, or a recurrence operator that annihilates a function $f(n)$, etc.

The first order operator $R = f(x) Dx - f'(x)$ annihilates $f(x)$ in the differential case, and $R = f(n) En - f(n+1)$ annihilates $f(n)$ in the shift case. f is the analogue of a root x_0 in an extension field; R is the analogue of the linear factor $x-x_0$. Using non-commutative right division of L by R we obtain a factorization $L = G R$, with G, R operators (over the extension, usually not over $Q(x)$).

There is a minimal order operator H over $Q(x)$ that annihilates f . Using non-commutative right division of L by H gives an operator P over $Q(x)$ with $L = P H$.

There is software available for these divisions that we will use later. Non-commutative factorization in general is only a partially solved problem, and I don't have anyone's software for it.

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> L := subs(f(n)=1, f(n+1)=En, f(n+2)=En^2, eq);
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L :=
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$$(a+n)(a+n+1)(b+n)(b+n+1)x^2 - (c+n)(c+n+1)(n+1)(n+2)En^2$$

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> R_op := En - ratios[1]; Rf := f(n+1) - ratios[1]*f(n);
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$$R_op := En + \frac{x(b+n)(a+n)}{(n+1)(c+n)}$$

$$Rf := f(n+1) + \frac{x(b+n)(a+n)f(n)}{(n+1)(c+n)}$$

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> G_op := A*En - B; GRf := A*subs(n=n+1,Rf) - B*Rf;
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$$G_{op} := A En - B$$

$$GRf := A \left(f(n+2) + \frac{x(b+n+1)(a+n+1)f(n+1)}{(n+2)(c+n+1)} \right) - B \left(f(n+1) + \frac{x(b+n)(a+n)f(n)}{(n+1)(c+n)} \right)$$

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> fs := {f(n), f(n+1), f(n+2)}: collect(GRf - eq, fs):
coeffs(" ", fs):
sols := factor(solve({" }, {A, B}));
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sols := {A = -(c+n)(c+n+1)(n+1)(n+2),
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  B = -(a+n+1)(b+n+1)x(n+1)(c+n)}
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> map(collect, factor(subs(sols, G_op)), En, factor);
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(n+1)(c+n)(-(n+2)(c+n+1)En + x(b+n+1)(a+n+1))
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The factored form of L obtained by using the first ratio to generate a right factor is

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> factorL := " * R_op;
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factorL := (n+1)(c+n)(-(n+2)(c+n+1)En + x(b+n+1)(a+n+1))
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$$\left(En + \frac{x(b+n)(a+n)}{(n+1)(c+n)} \right)$$

Example 3. Failure to find a hypergeometric solution.

Now test the recurrence obtained on my handout "Creative telescoping for a triple integral":

The sequence $a(n) = \text{binomial}(n, n/2)^2$ satisfies a recurrence:

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> rechyper(16*(n+1)^2*a(n) - (n+2)^2*a(n+2), a(n));
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There's no hypergeometric solutions because $\text{binomial}(n, n/2)$ is 2-fold hypergeometric, not 1-fold. This can be detected automatically, but not with this software. (Even that can fail if there's no k-fold solutions for any k, which is possible.) Substitute $n=2m$, $b(m)=a(n/2)$:

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> rechyper(16*(2*m+1)^2 * b(m) - (2*m+2)^2 * b(m+1),
b(m));
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$$\left\{ 4 \frac{(2m+1)^2}{(m+1)^2} \right\}$$

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> subs(m=m0, "[1]): product(" , m0=0..m-1);
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$$\frac{4^m (2^m)^2 \Gamma\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\Gamma(m+1)^2 \pi}$$

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> an1 := simplify(subs(m=n/2, "));
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$$an1 := \frac{2^{(2n)} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}n + 1\right)^2 \pi}$$

This is the same as $\text{binomial}(n, n/2)^2$ (identifying binomial coefficients with their def. in terms of factorials, and factorials in terms of Gamma functions, so that non-nonnegative integer arguments are valid).

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> simplify( an1 / binomial(n, n/2)^2 );
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