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In[1]:= (* We start by writing the ansatz *)
Celine[f_, n_, k_, r_, s_] :=
  Module[{ansatz},
    ansatz = Sum[c[i, j] * (f /. {n -> n + i, k -> k + j}), {i, 0, r}, {j, 0, s}]
  ];
Celine[Binomial[n, k], n, k, 1, 1]
Out[2]= Binomial[n, k] c[0, 0] + Binomial[n, 1 + k] c[0, 1] +
  Binomial[1 + n, k] c[1, 0] + Binomial[1 + n, 1 + k] c[1, 1]

In[3]:= (* We have to divide this ansatz by f and simplify. *)
Celine[f_, n_, k_, r_, s_] :=
  Module[{ansatz},
    ansatz =
      FunctionExpand[Sum[c[i, j] * (f /. {n -> n + i, k -> k + j}), {i, 0, r}, {j, 0, s}] / f]
  ];
Celine[Binomial[n, k], n, k, 1, 1]
Out[4]= (-k + n) ( (c[0, 0] / (-k + n) + c[0, 1] / (1 + k) + (1 + n) c[1, 0] / ((-1 + k - n) (k - n)) + (1 + n) c[1, 1] / ((1 + k) (-k + n)) )

In[5]:= (* Let's try a more complicated example *)
expr = Product[(Table[RandomInteger[{-10, 10}], {3}].{n, k, 1})! ^ ((-1) ^ i), {i, 6}]
Out[5]= ( (-2 - 9 k - 4 n) ! (-2 + 9 k - 3 n) ! (-3 + 3 k + 7 n) ! ) /
  ( (8 - k + 3 n) ! (-8 + k + 5 n) ! (5 + 2 k + 9 n) ! )

In[6]:= (* This is quite slow *)
Timing[Celine[expr, n, k, 1, 1];]
Out[6]= {6.2635, Null}

In[7]:= (* Better perform the simplification on each part separately *)
Celine[f_, n_, k_, r_, s_] :=
  Module[{ansatz},
    ansatz =
      Sum[c[i, j] * FunctionExpand[(f /. {n -> n + i, k -> k + j}) / f], {i, 0, r}, {j, 0, s}]
  ];
Celine[Binomial[n, k], n, k, 1, 1]
Out[8]= c[0, 0] + ( (-k + n) c[0, 1] / (1 + k) + (1 + n) c[1, 0] / (1 - k + n) + (1 + n) c[1, 1] / (1 + k) )

In[9]:= (* Much better. *)
Timing[Celine[expr, n, k, 1, 1];]
Out[9]= {0.050475, Null}

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In[10]:= (* But what about this? :- ( *)
Timing[Celine[expr, n, k, 10, 10];]
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Out[10]= {90.9673, Null}
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In[11]:= (* Using the rational functions (certificates) of the hypergeometric input *)
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Celine[f_, n_, k_, r_, s_] :=
Module[{u, v, ansatz},
  u = FunctionExpand[(f /. n → n + 1) / f];
  v = FunctionExpand[(f /. k → k + 1) / f];
  ansatz = Table[Product[(u /. {n → n + i1, k → k + j}), {i1, 0, i - 1}] *
    Product[(v /. k → k + j1), {j1, 0, j - 1}], {i, 0, r}, {j, 0, s}]
];
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In[12]:= (* This is acceptable *)
Timing[Celine[expr, n, k, 10, 10];]
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Out[12]= {0.185556, Null}
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In[13]:= (* Basic version of Sister Celine's algorithm *)
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Celine[f_, n_, k_, r_, s_] :=
Module[{u, v, mat, ns, rec},
  u = FunctionExpand[(f /. n → n + 1) / f];
  v = FunctionExpand[(f /. k → k + 1) / f];
  mat = Flatten[Table[Product[(u /. {n → n + i1, k → k + j}), {i1, 0, i - 1}] *
    Product[(v /. k → k + j1), {j1, 0, j - 1}], {i, 0, r}, {j, 0, s}]];
  (* Multiply with the common denominator *)
  mat = Together[mat * (PolynomialLCM@@Denominator[mat])];
  (* Coefficient comparison w.r.t. k *)
  mat = Transpose[PadRight[CoefficientList[#, k] & /@ mat]];
  (* Compute the kernel *)
  ns = NullSpace[mat];
  If[ns === {}, Return[{}]];
  (* Each kernel vector gives a k-free recurrence. *)
  (* Sum these by replacing f[n+i,k+j] by SUM[n+i]. *)
  rec = ns.Flatten[Table[SUM[n + i], {i, 0, r}, {j, 0, s}]];
  (* Simplify the obtained recurrences and return them. *)
  rec = Collect[Numerator[Together[#]], SUM[_], Expand] & /@ rec;
  Return[rec];
];
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In[14]:= (* It works! *)
Celine[Binomial[n, k], n, k, 1, 1]
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Out[14]= {-2 SUM[n] + SUM[1 + n]}
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In[15]:= Celine[Binomial[n, k]^2, n, k, 2, 2]
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Out[15]= {(-6 - 4 n) SUM[1 + n] + (2 + n) SUM[2 + n]}
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In[16]:= FullSimplify[%[[1]] /. SUM[n_] => Binomial[2 n, n]]
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Out[16]= 0
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In[17]:= (* Sister Celine's algorithm with
(a quick-and-dirty version of) Verbaeten completion *)
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Celine[f_, n_, k_, r_, s_, e_] :=
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Module[{u, v, mat, den, deg, idx, ns, rec},
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u = FunctionExpand[(f /. n -> n + 1) / f];
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v = FunctionExpand[(f /. k -> k + 1) / f];
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mat = Table[Product[(u /. {n -> n + i1, k -> k + j}), {i1, 0, i - 1}] *
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Product[(v /. k -> k + j1), {j1, 0, j - 1}], {i, 0, r + e}, {j, 0, s + e}];
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den = PolynomialLCM@@Denominator[Flatten[mat[[1 ;; r + 1, 1 ;; s + 1]]]];
mat = Together[den * mat];
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deg = Max[Exponent[Flatten[mat[[1 ;; r + 1, 1 ;; s + 1]]], k]];
mat = Flatten[mat];
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deg = Max[Exponent[Flatten[mat[[1 ;; r + 1, 1 ;; s + 1]]], k]];
mat = Flatten[mat];
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idx = Select[Range[Length[mat]],
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Denominator[mat[[#]]] == 1 && Exponent[mat[[#]], k] <= deg &];
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mat = mat[[idx]];
mat = Transpose[PadRight[CoefficientList[#, k] & /@ mat]];
ns = NullSpace[mat];
If[ns == {}, Return[{}]];
rec = ns.(Flatten[Table[SUM[n + i], {i, 0, r + e}, {j, 0, s + e}]][[idx]]);
rec = Collect[Numerator[Together[#]], SUM[_], Expand] & /@ rec;
Return[rec];
];
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In[18]:= (* Compare: original Celine's algorithm *)
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Timing[Celine[(-1)^k * Binomial[2 n, n + k]^2, n, k, 2, 4]]
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Out[18]= {0.511511, {(112 + 400 n + 416 n^2 + 128 n^3) SUM[n] +
(-110 - 288 n - 240 n^2 - 64 n^3) SUM[1 + n] + (18 + 45 n + 34 n^2 + 8 n^3) SUM[2 + n]}}
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In[19]:= (* and with Verbaeten completion *)
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Timing[Celine[(-1)^k * Binomial[2 n, n + k]^2, n, k, 1, 3, 1]]
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Out[19]= {0.102244, {(112 + 400 n + 416 n^2 + 128 n^3) SUM[n] +
(-110 - 288 n - 240 n^2 - 64 n^3) SUM[1 + n] + (18 + 45 n + 34 n^2 + 8 n^3) SUM[2 + n]}}
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In[20]:= (\* Another example: Apery numbers \*)

Timing[Celine[Binomial[n, k]^2 \* Binomial[n+k, k]^2, n, k, 4, 3]]

Timing[Celine[Binomial[n, k]^2 \* Binomial[n+k, k]^2, n, k, 2, 3, 2]]

Out[20]= {10.3229, {(-504 - 2076 n - 3408 n^2 - 2832 n^3 - 1248 n^4 - 276 n^5 - 24 n^6) SUM[n] +  
 (63 000 + 194 316 n + 245 760 n^2 + 162 672 n^3 + 59 256 n^4 + 11 232 n^5 + 864 n^6) SUM[1 + n] +  
 (-277 560 - 734 604 n - 798 792 n^2 - 457 224 n^3 - 145 392 n^4 - 24 360 n^5 - 1680 n^6) SUM[2 + n] +  
 (224 280 + 564 636 n + 578 136 n^2 + 308 280 n^3 + 90 360 n^4 + 13 824 n^5 + 864 n^6) SUM[3 + n] +  
 (-9216 - 22 272 n - 21 696 n^2 - 10 896 n^3 - 2976 n^4 - 420 n^5 - 24 n^6) SUM[4 + n]}}

Out[21]= {4.05575, {(-504 - 2076 n - 3408 n^2 - 2832 n^3 - 1248 n^4 - 276 n^5 - 24 n^6) SUM[n] +  
 (63 000 + 194 316 n + 245 760 n^2 + 162 672 n^3 + 59 256 n^4 + 11 232 n^5 + 864 n^6) SUM[1 + n] +  
 (-277 560 - 734 604 n - 798 792 n^2 - 457 224 n^3 - 145 392 n^4 - 24 360 n^5 - 1680 n^6) SUM[2 + n] +  
 (224 280 + 564 636 n + 578 136 n^2 + 308 280 n^3 + 90 360 n^4 + 13 824 n^5 + 864 n^6) SUM[3 + n] +  
 (-9216 - 22 272 n - 21 696 n^2 - 10 896 n^3 - 2976 n^4 - 420 n^5 - 24 n^6) SUM[4 + n]}}

In[22]:= (\* Note that we do not get the minimal second-order recurrence. \*)

Arec = (1 + 3 n + 3 n^2 + n^3) SUM[n] +

(-117 - 231 n - 153 n^2 - 34 n^3) SUM[1 + n] + (8 + 12 n + 6 n^2 + n^3) SUM[2 + n]

Out[22]= (1 + 3 n + 3 n^2 + n^3) SUM[n] +

(-117 - 231 n - 153 n^2 - 34 n^3) SUM[1 + n] + (8 + 12 n + 6 n^2 + n^3) SUM[2 + n]

In[23]:= (\* However, we can check that the larger  
 recurrence is a consequence of the minimal one: \*)

Together[%%[[2, 1]] //.

SUM[n + i\_ /; i ≥ 2] => Solve[(Arec /. n -> n + i - 2) == 0, SUM[n + i]][[1, 1, 2]]]

Out[23]= 0