## Creative Telescoping

### 5.2 HolonomicFunctions Demo

Shaoshi Chen, Manuel Kauers, Christoph Koutschan

Johann Radon Institute for Computational and Applied Mathematics Austrian Academy of Sciences

Friday, 01.12.2023
Recent Trends in Computer Algebra Special Week @ Institut Henri Poincaré

## Execute Closure Properties of D-Finite Functions

Some D-finite and some non-D-finite functions:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{x+1})^{2}+\exp (\sqrt{x+1})^{2} \\
\left((\sinh (x))^{2}+(\sin (x))^{-2}\right) \cdot\left((\cosh (x))^{2}+(\cos (x))^{-2}\right) \\
\frac{\log \left(\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right)}{\exp \left(\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right)} \\
\arctan \left(\mathrm{e}^{x}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Finite Element Methods



## Finite Element Methods

(joint work with Joachim Schöberl and Peter Paule)

## Finite Element Methods

## (joint work with Joachim Schöberl and Peter Paule)

Simulate the propagation of electromagnetic waves according to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d} H}{\mathrm{~d} t}=\operatorname{curl} E, \quad \frac{\mathrm{~d} E}{\mathrm{~d} t}=-\operatorname{curl} H \tag{Maxwell}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H$ and $E$ are the magnetic and the electric field respectively.

## Finite Element Methods

## (joint work with Joachim Schöberl and Peter Paule)

Simulate the propagation of electromagnetic waves according to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d} H}{\mathrm{~d} t}=\operatorname{curl} E, \quad \frac{\mathrm{~d} E}{\mathrm{~d} t}=-\operatorname{curl} H \tag{Maxwell}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H$ and $E$ are the magnetic and the electric field respectively.
Define basis functions (2D case)

$$
\varphi_{i, j}(x, y):=(1-x)^{i} P_{j}^{(2 i+1,0)}(2 x-1) P_{i}\left(\frac{2 y}{1-x}-1\right)
$$

using Legendre and Jacobi polynomials.

## Finite Element Methods

## (joint work with Joachim Schöberl and Peter Paule)

Simulate the propagation of electromagnetic waves according to

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathrm{d} H}{\mathrm{~d} t}=\operatorname{curl} E, \quad \frac{\mathrm{~d} E}{\mathrm{~d} t}=-\operatorname{curl} H \tag{Maxwell}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H$ and $E$ are the magnetic and the electric field respectively.
Define basis functions (2D case)

$$
\varphi_{i, j}(x, y):=(1-x)^{i} P_{j}^{(2 i+1,0)}(2 x-1) P_{i}\left(\frac{2 y}{1-x}-1\right)
$$

using Legendre and Jacobi polynomials.
Problem: Represent the partial derivatives of $\varphi_{i, j}(x, y)$ in the basis (i.e., as linear combinations of shifts of the $\varphi_{i, j}(x, y)$ itself).

## Find Certain Operators in Annihilator Ideals

Ansatz: One needs a relation of the form
$\sum_{(k, l) \in A} a_{k, l}(i, j) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} x} \varphi_{i+k, j+l}(x, y)=\sum_{(m, n) \in B} b_{m, n}(i, j) \varphi_{i+m, j+n}(x, y)$,
that is free of $x$ and $y$ (and similarly for $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} y}$ ).

## Find Certain Operators in Annihilator Ideals

Ansatz: One needs a relation of the form

$$
\sum_{(k, l) \in A} a_{k, l}(i, j) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i+k, j+l}(x, y)=\sum_{(m, n) \in B} b_{m, n}(i, j) \varphi_{i+m, j+n}(x, y)
$$

that is free of $x$ and $y$ (and similarly for $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} y}$ ).
Result: With our holonomic methods, we find the relation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (2 i+j+3)(2 i+2 j+7) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i, j+1}(x, y)+ \\
& 2(2 i+1)(i+j+3) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i, j+2}(x, y)- \\
& (j+3)(2 i+2 j+5) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i, j+3}(x, y)+ \\
& (j+1)(2 i+2 j+7) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i+1, j}(x, y)- \\
& 2(2 i+3)(i+j+3) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i+1, j+1}(x, y)- \\
& (2 i+j+5)(2 i+2 j+5) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i+1, j+2}(x, y)+ \\
& 2(i+j+3)(2 i+2 j+5)(2 i+2 j+7) \varphi_{i, j+2}(x, y)+ \\
& 2(i+j+3)(2 i+2 j+5)(2 i+2 j+7) \varphi_{i+1, j+1}(x, y)=0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Prove Special Function Identities



## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik


2

## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik



## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik

## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik



## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik

1. 

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { 1. } \begin{array}{r}
\int_{0}^{1}(1-x)^{\mu-1} x^{\nu-1} C_{2 n}^{\lambda}\left(\gamma x^{1 / 2}\right) d x=(-1)^{n} \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+n) \Gamma(\mu) \Gamma(\nu)}{n!\Gamma(\lambda) \Gamma(\mu+\nu)}{ }_{3} F_{2}\left(-n, n+\lambda, \nu ; \frac{1}{2}, \mu+\nu ; \gamma^{2}\right) \\
{[\operatorname{Re} \mu>0, \quad \operatorname{Re} \nu>0] \quad \text { ET II 191(41)a }} \\
2 . \quad \int_{0}^{1}(1-x)^{\mu-1} x^{\nu-1} C_{2 n+1}^{\lambda}\left(\gamma x^{1 / 2}\right) d x=\frac{(-1)^{n} 2 \gamma \Gamma(\mu) \Gamma(\lambda+n+1) \Gamma\left(\nu+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{n!\Gamma(\lambda) \Gamma\left(\mu+\nu+\frac{1}{2}\right)} \\
\\
\times{ }_{3} F_{2}\left(-n, n+\lambda+1, \nu+\frac{1}{2} ; \frac{3}{2}, \mu+\nu+\frac{1}{2} ; \gamma^{2}\right) \\
{\left[\operatorname{Re} \mu>0, \quad \operatorname{Re} \nu>-\frac{1}{2}\right] \quad \text { ET II 191(42) }}
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

### 7.32 Combinations of Gegenbauer polynomials $C_{n}^{\nu}(x)$ and elementary functions

 7.321$$
\begin{array}{r}
\int_{-1}^{1}\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}} e^{i a x} C_{n}^{\nu}(x) d x=\frac{\pi 2^{1-\nu} i^{n} \Gamma(2 \nu+n)}{n!\Gamma(\nu)} a^{-\nu} J_{\nu+n}(a) \\
{\left[\operatorname{Re} \nu>-\frac{1}{2}\right]}
\end{array}
$$

ET II 281(7), MO 99a
$7.322 \int_{0}^{2 a}[x(2 a-x)]^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}} C_{n}^{\nu}\left(\frac{x}{a}-1\right) e^{-b x} d x=(-1)^{n} \frac{\pi \Gamma(2 \nu+n)}{n!\Gamma(\nu)}\left(\frac{a}{2 b}\right)^{\nu} e^{-a b} I_{\nu+n}(a b)$

$$
\left[\operatorname{Re} \nu>-\frac{1}{2}\right]
$$

ET I 171(9)
7.323
1.
$\int_{0}^{\pi} C_{n}^{\nu}(\cos \varphi)(\sin \varphi)^{2 \nu} d \varphi=0$ $[n=1,2,3, \ldots]$

## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik

$$
\int_{-1}^{1}\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}} e^{i a x} C_{n}^{\nu}(x) d x=\frac{\pi 2^{1-\nu} i^{n} \Gamma(2 \nu+n)}{n!\Gamma(\nu)} a^{-\nu} J_{\nu+n}(a)
$$

## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik



Gegenbauer
polynomials $C_{n}^{(\alpha)}(x)$

$$
\int_{-1}^{1}\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}} e^{i a x} C_{n}^{\nu}(x) d x=\frac{\pi 2^{1-\nu} i^{n} \Gamma(2 \nu+n)}{n!\Gamma(\nu)} a^{-\nu} J_{\nu+n}(a)
$$

## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik



Gegenbauer
polynomials $C_{n}^{(\alpha)}(x)$

Gamma
function $\Gamma(x)$


## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik



Gegenbauer polynomials $C_{n}^{(\alpha)}(x)$

Gamma
function $\Gamma(x)$


Bessel function $J_{\nu}(x)$


## Table of Integrals by Gradshteyn and Ryzhik



Gegenbauer
polynomials $C_{n}^{(\alpha)}(x)$
Gamma
function $\Gamma(x)$
Bessel function $J_{\nu}(x)$


Let's prove this identity with creative telescoping. . .

## Prove Special Function Identities

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}^{2}\binom{k+n}{k}^{2}=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}\binom{k+n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k}\binom{k}{j}^{3} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Prove Special Function Identities

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}^{2}\binom{k+n}{k}^{2}=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}\binom{k+n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k}\binom{k}{j}^{3}  \tag{1}\\
& \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(x^{4}+2 a x^{2}+1\right)^{m+1}} \mathrm{~d} x=\frac{\pi P_{m}^{\left(m+\frac{1}{2},-m-\frac{1}{2}\right)}(a)}{2^{m+\frac{3}{2}}(a+1)^{m+\frac{1}{2}}} \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

## Prove Special Function Identities

$$
\begin{gather*}
\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}^{2}\binom{k+n}{k}^{2}=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}\binom{k+n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k}\binom{k}{j}^{3}  \tag{1}\\
\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(x^{4}+2 a x^{2}+1\right)^{m+1}} \mathrm{~d} x=\frac{\pi P_{m}^{\left(m+\frac{1}{2},-m-\frac{1}{2}\right)}(a)}{2^{m+\frac{3}{2}}(a+1)^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}  \tag{2}\\
e^{-x} x^{a / 2} n!L_{n}^{a}(x)=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{\frac{a}{2}+n} J_{a}(2 \sqrt{t x}) \mathrm{d} t \tag{3}
\end{gather*}
$$

## Prove Special Function Identities

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}^{2}\binom{k+n}{k}^{2}=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}\binom{k+n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k}\binom{k}{j}^{3}  \tag{1}\\
& \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(x^{4}+2 a x^{2}+1\right)^{m+1}} \mathrm{~d} x=\frac{\pi P_{m}^{\left(m+\frac{1}{2},-m-\frac{1}{2}\right)}(a)}{2^{m+\frac{3}{2}}(a+1)^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}  \tag{2}\\
& e^{-x} x^{a / 2} n!L_{n}^{a}(x)=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{\frac{a}{2}+n} J_{a}(2 \sqrt{t x}) \mathrm{d} t  \tag{3}\\
& \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m}(x) H_{n}(x) r^{m} s^{n} e^{-x^{2}}}{m!n!} \mathrm{d} x=\sqrt{\pi} e^{2 r s} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

## Prove Special Function Identities

$$
\begin{gather*}
\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}^{2}\binom{k+n}{k}^{2}=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}\binom{k+n}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k}\binom{k}{j}^{3}  \tag{1}\\
\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(x^{4}+2 a x^{2}+1\right)^{m+1}} \mathrm{~d} x=\frac{\pi P_{m}^{\left(m+\frac{1}{2},-m-\frac{1}{2}\right)}(a)}{2^{m+\frac{3}{2}}(a+1)^{m+\frac{1}{2}}}  \tag{2}\\
e^{-x} x^{a / 2} n!L_{n}^{a}(x)=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{\frac{a}{2}+n} J_{a}(2 \sqrt{t x}) \mathrm{d} t  \tag{3}\\
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m}(x) H_{n}(x) r^{m} s^{n} e^{-x^{2}}}{m!n!} \mathrm{d} x=\sqrt{\pi} e^{2 r s}  \tag{4}\\
\int_{-1}^{1}\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}} e^{i a x} C_{n}^{(\nu)}(x) \mathrm{d} x=\frac{\pi i^{n} \Gamma(n+2 \nu) J_{n+\nu}(a)}{2^{\nu-1} a^{\nu} n!\Gamma(\nu)} \tag{5}
\end{gather*}
$$

## Symbolic Determinants via Holonomic Ansatz

$$
\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(\frac{1}{i+j-1}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 n-1)!} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(k!)^{2}}{(k+1)_{n-1}}
$$

## Symbolic Determinants via Holonomic Ansatz

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(\frac{1}{i+j-1}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 n-1)!} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(k!)^{2}}{(k+1)_{n-1}} \\
\operatorname{det}_{0 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n-1}\left(\sum_{k}\binom{i}{k}\binom{j}{k} 2^{k}\right)=2^{n(n-1) / 2}
\end{array}
$$

Symbolic Determinants via Holonomic Ansatz

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(\frac{1}{i+j-1}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 n-1)!} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(k!)^{2}}{(k+1)_{n-1}} \\
\operatorname{det}_{0 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n-1}\left(\sum_{k}\binom{i}{k}\binom{j}{k} 2^{k}\right)=2^{n(n-1) / 2} \\
\operatorname{det}_{0 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n-1}\left(\binom{2 i+2 a}{j+b}\right)=2^{n(n-1) / 2} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(2 k+2 a)!k!}{(k+b)!(2 k+2 a-b)!}
\end{gathered}
$$

Symbolic Determinants via Holonomic Ansatz

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(\frac{1}{i+j-1}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 n-1)!} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(k!)^{2}}{(k+1)_{n-1}} \\
\operatorname{det}_{0 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n-1}\left(\sum_{k}\binom{i}{k}\binom{j}{k} 2^{k}\right)=2^{n(n-1) / 2} \\
0 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n-1
\end{gathered}\left(\binom{2 i+2 a}{j+b}\right)=2^{n(n-1) / 2} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(2 k+2 a)!k!}{(k+b)!(2 k+2 a-b)!}, \operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant 2 m+1}\left(\binom{\mu+i+j+2 r}{j+2 r-2}-\delta_{i, j+2 r}\right) .
$$

The Holonomic Ansatz

## The Holonomic Ansatz



## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$


## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence



## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$



## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.



## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.

$$
\mathcal{A}_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{c:c} 
& \\
\mathcal{A}_{n-1} & \\
& \\
\hdashline a_{n, 1} & \cdots
\end{array} a_{n, n-1}: a_{n, n}\right)
$$



Laplace expansion:

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n}\right)=a_{n, 1} \operatorname{Cof}_{n, 1}+\ldots+a_{n, n-1} \operatorname{Cof}_{n, n-1}+a_{n, n} \operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}\right)
$$

## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.

$$
\mathcal{A}_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{c:c} 
& \\
\mathcal{A}_{n-1} & \\
& \\
\hdashline a_{n, 1} & \cdots
\end{array} a_{n, n-1}: a_{n, n}\right)
$$

$\sum(n)^{2}\binom{3 m k}{2 n}=\binom{n n}{n}^{2}$ WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Laplace expansion:

$$
\frac{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n}\right)}{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}\right)}=a_{n, 1} \frac{\operatorname{Cof}_{n, 1}}{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}\right)}+\ldots+a_{n, n-1} \frac{\operatorname{Cof}_{n, n-1}}{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}\right)}+a_{n, n}
$$

## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.

$$
\mathcal{A}_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{c:c} 
& \\
\mathcal{A}_{n-1} & \\
& \\
\hdashline a_{n, 1} & \cdots
\end{array} a_{n, n-1}: a_{n, n}\right)
$$



Laplace expansion:

$$
\frac{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n}\right)}{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}\right)}=a_{n, 1} c_{n, 1}+\ldots+a_{n, n-1} c_{n, n-1}+a_{n, n} c_{n, n}
$$

## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.

$$
\mathcal{A}_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{c:c} 
& \\
\mathcal{A}_{n-1} & \\
& \\
\hdashline a_{n, 1} & \cdots
\end{array} a_{n, n-1}: a_{n, n}\right)
$$



Laplace expansion:

$$
\frac{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n}\right)}{\operatorname{det}\left(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}\right)}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{n, j} c_{n, j}
$$

## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.

$$
\mathcal{A}_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{c:c} 
& \\
\mathcal{A}_{n-1} & \\
& \\
\hdashline a_{n, 1} & \cdots
\end{array} a_{n, n-1}: a_{n, n}\right)
$$



Laplace expansion:

$$
0=\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{1, j} c_{n, j}
$$

## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.


Laplace expansion:

$$
0=\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i, j} c_{n, j} \quad(1 \leqslant i<n)
$$

## The Holonomic Ansatz

Problem: Prove a determinantal identity of the form $\operatorname{det}_{1 \leqslant i, j \leqslant n}\left(a_{i, j}\right)=b_{n}$, where

- $a_{i, j}$ is a holonomic sequence
- that does not depend on $n$, and
- $b_{n}$ is a closed form $\left(b_{n} \neq 0\right.$ for all $\left.n\right)$.


Laplace expansion:

$$
0=\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i, j} c_{n, j} \quad(1 \leqslant i<n), \quad c_{n, n}=1
$$

## Recipe

1. Guess a set of recurrences (holonomic description) for the normalized cofactors $c_{n, j}$.

## Recipe

1. Guess a set of recurrences (holonomic description) for the normalized cofactors $c_{n, j}$.
2. Use it to prove, via creative telescoping, the three identities

$$
\begin{align*}
c_{n, n} & =1 & & (1 \leqslant n)  \tag{1}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i, j} c_{n, j} & =0 & & (1 \leqslant i<n)  \tag{2}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{n, j} c_{n, j} & =\frac{b_{n}}{b_{n-1}} & & (1 \leqslant n) \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

## Recipe

1. Guess a set of recurrences (holonomic description) for the normalized cofactors $c_{n, j}$.
2. Use it to prove, via creative telescoping, the three identities

$$
\begin{align*}
c_{n, n} & =1 & & (1 \leqslant n)  \tag{1}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i, j} c_{n, j} & =0 & & (1 \leqslant i<n)  \tag{2}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{n, j} c_{n, j} & =\frac{b_{n}}{b_{n-1}} & & (1 \leqslant n)
\end{align*}
$$

Conjecture (Di Francesco's determinant for 20V configurations):

$$
\operatorname{det}_{0 \leqslant i, j<n}\left(2^{i}\binom{i+2 j+1}{2 j+1}-\binom{i-1}{2 j+1}\right)=2 \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{2^{i-1}(4 i-2)!}{(n+2 i-1)!}
$$

## Recipe

1. Guess a set of recurrences (holonomic description) for the normalized cofactors $c_{n, j}$.
2. Use it to prove, via creative telescoping, the three identities

$$
\begin{align*}
c_{n, n} & =1 & & (1 \leqslant n)  \tag{1}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i, j} c_{n, j} & =0 & & (1 \leqslant i<n)  \tag{2}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{n, j} c_{n, j} & =\frac{b_{n}}{b_{n-1}} & & (1 \leqslant n)
\end{align*}
$$

Theorem (Di Francesco's determinant for 20V configurations):

$$
\operatorname{det}_{0 \leqslant i, j<n}\left(2^{i}\binom{i+2 j+1}{2 j+1}-\binom{i-1}{2 j+1}\right)=2 \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{2^{i-1}(4 i-2)!}{(n+2 i-1)!}
$$

