

# Contraction of Linear Differential and Difference Operators

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# Krattenthaler's conjecture

Call  $(c_n)_{n \geq 0}$  a **P-recursive sequence** over  $\mathbb{Z}$  if

$$l_r c_n = l_{r-1} c_{n-1} + \cdots + l_0 c_{n-r}$$

where  $l_i \in \mathbb{Z}[n]$ ,  $l_r \neq 0$ .

**Conjecture:** Let  $(a_n)_{\geq 0}$  and  $(b_n)_{\geq 0}$  be two P-recursive sequences over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with leading coeff  $n$ . Show that  $(n! a_n b_n)_{\geq 0}$  is also a P-recursive sequence over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with leading coeff  $n$ .

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## Ore algebra (shift case)

$$\mathbb{Z}[n][\partial] \subset \mathbb{Q}(n)[\partial]$$

small ring

big ring

Assume  $L = \ell_r \partial^r + \cdots + \ell_1 \partial + \ell_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[n][\partial]$ . Then

$$L \circ f(n) = \ell_r f(n+r) + \cdots + \ell_1 f(n+1) + \ell_0 f(n)$$

- ▶ Call  $L$  an **annihilator** of  $f$  if  $L \circ f = 0$ .
- ▶ Call  $\deg_{\partial}(L) := r$  the **order** of  $L$ ,  $\text{lc}_{\partial}(L) := \ell_r$  the **leading coeff**
- ▶ Let  $T \in \mathbb{Z}[n][\partial]$ . Call  $T$  a **left multiple** of  $L$  if  $T = PL$ , where  $P \in \mathbb{Q}(n)[\partial]$ .

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**Answer:** Yes,  $u(n)$  is an integer sequence.

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**Note:**  $a$  is called the **content** of  $\text{lc}_\partial(T)$ , denoted as  $c(T)$ .

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- ▶ If  $T$  is a desingularized operator and

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call  $T$  a **completely** desingularized operator of  $L$ .

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- ▶  $\text{Cont}(L)$  is **finitely generated**.
- ▶ Every desingularized operator of  $L$  belongs to  $\text{Cont}(L)$ .
- ▶  $\text{Cont}(L)$  contains  $\mathbb{Z}[n][\partial]L$ , but in general **more** operators.



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**Theorem 1 (Main Result 1)** Let  $T$  be a desingularized operator of  $L$ . If  $k = \deg_{\partial}(T)$ , then

$$\text{Cont}(L) = (\mathbb{Z}[x][\partial] \cdot M_k) : c(T)^{\infty}$$

# Order bound for desingularized operators

Let  $L \in \mathbb{Z}[n][\partial]$ .

Assume  $p \mid \text{lc}_\partial(L)$ ,  $p$  is irreducible.

- ▶ If  $p$  is removable, then one can **compute** an integer  $k$ , s.t. there exists a  $p$ -removing operator of order  $k$ .
- ▶ Using Euclidean algorithm, one can **compute** an order bound for desingularized operators.

Chen, Jaroschek, Kauers, Singer. Desingularization explains order-degree curves for Ore operators. *ISSAC 2013*.

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1. Make an ansatz:  $F = z_k \partial^k + \dots + z_0$ , where  $z_k, \dots, z_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[n]$  are to be determined.
2. Compute  $\text{rrem}(F, L) = 0$ . It gives:

$$(z_k, \dots, z_0)A = \mathbf{0}, \quad (1)$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[n]^{(k+1) \times r}$ .

3. Using Gröbner bases, solve (1).

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$$I_k := \{[\partial^k]P \mid P \in M_k\} \cup \{0\},$$

the  **$k$ -th coefficient ideal** of  $\text{Cont}(L)$ , where  $[\partial^k]P$  is the coefficient of  $\partial^k$  in  $P$ .

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**Note:** Using Euclidean algorithm over  $\mathbb{Q}[n]$ , one can **compute** an operator  $S$  with  $\text{lc}_\partial(S) = s$ .

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1. An order bound for desingularized operator is 3.
2.  $M_3$  is generated by  $\{L, \tilde{T}\}$ .
3. Since  $\text{lc}_\partial(\tilde{T}) = 1$ ,  $\tilde{T}$  is a desingularized operator.
4.  $\text{Cont}(L) = (\mathbb{Z}[n][\partial] \cdot \{L, \tilde{T}\}) : 1^\infty = \mathbb{Z}[n][\partial] \cdot \{L, \tilde{T}\}$ .

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Krattenthaler's conjecture holds



$$\text{lc}_{\partial}(T) = n + \text{deg}_{\partial}(T)$$

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with  $\alpha, \beta_i \in \mathbb{Z}[n]$ . Then  $c_n := n!a_n b_n$  satisfies

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