# Symbolic Surprises: Unexpected Findings in Combinatorics, Number Theory, and Special Functions 

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## A Bit of History

## SYMBOLIC COMPUTATION in Combinatorics, Number Theory, and Special Functions

Number Theorists played a pioneering role; e.g.: "Computers in Number Theory" (Oxford, 1969 ${ }^{1}$ )


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Volume 1, 1st edition 1968, Exercise 1.2.6.63: [50] Develop computer algebra programs for simplifying sums that involve binomial coefficients.

## CONCRETE MATHEMATICS

A FOUNDATION FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE
GRAHAM O KNUTH OF PATASHRIK


1st edition 1989; contains Gosper's algorithm (1978).

## CONGRETE MATHEMATICS

## A FOUNDATION FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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2nd edition 1994: What is the difference to the 1st edition?

## Answer： <br> Answer

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Gosper $\rightarrow$ Zeilberger:

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Fig. 37. The Pascal triangle as given in Murai's

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$$

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We know that there are identities like

$$
\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k}=2^{n}
$$

but $\binom{n}{k}$ does not telescope! $\rightsquigarrow$ Creative Telescoping (Zeilberger):

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Zeilberger's algorithm solves Knuth's [50]-problem from 1968:




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An algorithmic supplement to "Concrete Mathematics":

## Texts \& Monographs in Symbolic Computation <br> Manuel Kauers Peter Paule <br> The Concrete Tetrahedron

Symbolic Sums, Recurrence Equations,

Generating Functions, Asymptotic Estimates

SpringerWienNewYork
1st edition 2011

A conversation with Donald E. Knuth conducted by Edgar G. Daylight (Paris, June 18, 2014):


Knuth: Learning how to manipulate formulas fluently, and how to see patterns in formulas instead of patterns in numbers - that's what my book "Concrete Mathematics" is essentially about.

A conversation with Donald E. Knuth conducted by Edgar G. Daylight (Paris, June 18, 2014) [contd.]:


Edgar: Which was also the topic of Manuel Kauers this morning?
Knuth: Right. In fact, he and Peter Paule in Austria recently published a beautiful book called "The Concrete Tetrahedron", which is sort of the sequel to "Concrete Mathematics".

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## Further Concrete Surprises

Emil Artin ${ }^{1}$ : ". . determine the number of possible products of $n$ elements given in linear order. For example, the elements $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, a_{4}$ in that order yield the products $\left(a_{1} a_{2}\right)\left(a_{3} a_{4}\right)$, $\left.a_{1}\left(a_{2}\left(a_{3} a_{4}\right)\right)\right)$, etc.

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Hint. Let $c_{n-1}$ be the number of products of $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$. Find a recursion formula for $c_{n}$ and use the [Lagrange] generating function

$$
F(x)=c_{0} x+c_{1} x^{2}+\cdots+c_{n-1} x^{n}+\cdots . .
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Out[5]=

$$
\{1,2,4,8,16,32,64\}
$$

$\square$ What is the idea behind?

GuessRE [\{1, 2, 4, 8, 16\}, c[k]]
$\{\{-2 c[k]+c[1+k]==0, c[0]==1\}, O g f\}$

GuessRE[\{1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21\}, c[k]]
$\{\{(-3-k) c[k]+(1+k) c[1+k]==0, c[0]==1\}, o g f\}$

GuessRE[\{1, 1, 2, 6, 24, 120\}, c[k]]
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GuessRE[\{1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8\}, c[k]]
$\{\{-c[k]-c[1+k]+c[2+k]==0, c[0]==1, c[1]==1\}$,
NOTE. The first 3 sequences are hypergeometric!

NOTE. In general, there can be infinitely many recursive descriptions of given sequences!

$$
\text { EXAMPLE. } c(k):=\sum_{j=1}^{k} j=1+2+\cdots+k
$$

From the recursive structure of the sum quantifier:

$$
c(k)=c(k-1)+k, k \geq 1, \text { and } c(0)=1
$$

GuessRE [...] computed"

$$
(k+1) c(k+1)-(k+3) c(k)=0, k \geq 0, \text { and } c(0)=1
$$

Other recurrences are, for example:
$c(k+2)-2 c(k+1)+c(k)=1, k \geq 0$, and $c(0)=1, c(1)=3$, $c(k)=(k+1)(k+2) / 2, k \geq 0 ; \quad$ etc.

A sequence $\left(c_{k}\right)_{k \geq 0}$ is called hypergeometric : $\Longleftrightarrow$
$\exists$ rational function $r(x)$ s.t. for all $k \geq 0: \frac{c_{k+1}}{c_{k}}=r(k)$.

$$
c_{k}
$$

Suppose we can write the rational function $r(k)$ as:

$$
\frac{c_{k+1}}{c_{k}}=\frac{\left(k+a_{1}\right) \ldots\left(k+a_{p}\right)}{\left(k+b_{1}\right) \ldots\left(k+b_{q}\right)} \frac{z}{k+1},
$$

then:

$$
c_{k}=c_{0} \frac{\left(a_{1}\right)_{k} \ldots\left(a_{p}\right)_{k}}{\left(b_{1}\right)_{k} \ldots\left(b_{q}\right)_{k}} \frac{z^{k}}{k!} .
$$

NOTE. This provides a normal form representation for hypergeometric sequences!

## Rising Factorials

$\ln [6]:=$

$$
\left(a_{-}\right)_{k_{-}}:=\text {Pochhammer }[a, k]
$$

$\ln [7]:=$

$$
\left\{(a)_{0},(a)_{1},(a)_{2},(a)_{5}\right\}
$$

Out [7]=

$$
\{1, a, a(1+a), a(1+a)(2+a)(3+a)(4+a)\}
$$

Binomials
$\ln [8]:=$

$$
\binom{n_{-}}{k_{-}}_{*}:=\text { Binomial }[n, k]
$$

$\ln [9]:=$

$$
\binom{a}{3}_{*}
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Out [9]=

$$
\frac{1}{6}(-2+a)(-1+a) a
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NOTE. It was relatively easy to identify this recursive pattern; however, this recurrence is not linear!

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    << RISC`fastZeil`
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Fast Zeilberger Package version 3.61
written by Peter Paule, Markus Schorn, and Axel Riese
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$\ln [12]:=$

$$
\mathrm{Zb}\left[\frac{1}{\mathrm{k}+1}\binom{2 \mathrm{k}}{\mathrm{k}}_{*} \frac{1}{\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}}\binom{2(\mathrm{n}-1-\mathrm{k})}{\mathrm{n}-1-\mathrm{k}}_{*},\{\mathrm{k}, 0, \mathrm{n}-1\}, \mathrm{n}, 1\right]
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\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
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$\Rightarrow$ The homogeneous recurrence is nothing but the recurrence for the $c_{n}$ : RECALL
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$$

NOTE. As a by-product, Zeilberger's algorithm delivers a certificate proof for the correctness of the output recurrence: $\ln [18]:=$

## Computer Theorem

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Let
$F(k, n)=-\frac{\binom{2 k}{k}\binom{2(-k+n-1)}{-k+n-1}}{(k+1)(k-n)}$
and
$\operatorname{SUM}(n)=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F(k, n)$.
Then
$(n+2) \operatorname{SUM}(1+n)-2(2 n+1) \operatorname{SUM}(n)=0$.

## Proof

Let $\Delta_{k}(" . ")$ denote the forward difference operator in $k$ and define $R(k, n)=\frac{(k+1)(-2 k+2 n-1)\left(4 k^{2}-2 k(3 n+2)\right)}{\left(n^{2}+n\right)(-k+n+1)}$.

Then the Theorem follows from summing the equation
$(n+2) F(k, 1+n)-2(2 n+1) F(k, n)=\Delta_{k}(F(k, n) R(k, n))$
over $k$ from $O$ to $\infty$.

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& \text { If }{ }^{\prime}-1+n^{\prime} \text { is a natural number and } n+n^{2} \neq 0 \text {, then: }
\end{aligned}
$$

Out[19]=

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\{\operatorname{Sum}\left[-\frac{\text { Binomial }[2 \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{k}] \text { Binomial }[2(-1-\mathrm{k}+\mathrm{n}),-1-\mathrm{k}+\mathrm{n}]}{(1+\mathrm{k})(\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{n})},\{\mathrm{k}, 0,-1+\mathrm{n}\}\right]=\right. \\
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Outi9]=

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NOTE. The numbers $c_{n}$ are the celebrated Catalan numbers; e.g., see Richard Stanley's book.

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EXAMPLE (communicated by H. Prodinger). For $m \geq 0$,
$S(m):=\sum_{k=1}^{2 m+1}(-1)^{k}\binom{2 m+1}{k}^{2}\binom{2 m+1}{k-1}=(-1)^{m+1} \frac{(3 m+2)!}{2(m+1)!^{2} m!}$.
But Zeilberger's algorithm does not deliver the minimal recurrence:
$\ln [44]:=$

$$
Z b\left[(-1)^{k}\binom{2 m+1}{k}_{*}^{2}\binom{2 m+1}{k-1}_{*},\{k, 1,2 m+1\}, m, 1\right]
$$

Out[44]=
$\ln [45]:=$

$$
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$$

If ' 2 m ' is a natural number, then:
Out[45]=

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \{-9(1+m)(4+3 m)(5+3 m)(9+4 m)(5+6 m)(7+6 m) \operatorname{SUM}[m]- \\
& 6(2+m)(7+4 m)\left(345+784 m+665 m^{2}+252 m^{3}+36 m^{4}\right) \operatorname{SUM}[1+m]- \\
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$$

$\{k, 1,2 m+1\}, m, 1]$
If '2 m' is a natural number, then:
Out[52]=

$$
\left\{-3(4+3 m)(5+3 m) \operatorname{SUM}[m]-(2+m)^{2} \operatorname{SUM}[1+m]==0\right\}
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> "There must be many universities to-day where 95 per cent, if not 100 per cent, of the functions studied by physics, engineering, and even mathematics students, are covered by this single symbol ${ }_{2} F_{1}$." [W.W. Sawyer, Prelude to Mathematics, Baltimore, Penguin, 1955.]

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$e^{x}=\lim _{a \rightarrow \infty}{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\begin{array}{ll}a & 1 ; \frac{x}{a} \\ 1 & \end{array}\right) ;$
$\log (1-x)=x{ }_{2} F_{1}\left(\begin{array}{ll}1 & 1 \\ 2 & ;-x\end{array}\right)$;
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## EXAMPLES contd.

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$$
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\frac{3}{2} & ; \frac{x}{b}
\end{array}\right)
$$

## NOTE.

- Z's algorithm and the algorithmic theory of contiguous relations carry over to $q$-hypergeometric functions and $q$-identities.

For example, one can algorithmically prove polynomial versions [P. '94, P. \& Riese '97] of identities like ${ }^{1}$ :
$1+\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k^{2}}}{(1-q)\left(1-q^{2}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{k}\right)}=\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(1-q^{5 n+1}\right)\left(1-q^{5 n+4}\right)}$.
$\rightarrow$ " $q$-Series and Modular Functions"

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Out[42]=

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$$

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$n=0,1,2, \ldots$ (radial quantum number),
Laguerre polyomials $L_{n}^{2 v}(2 \mathrm{a} \beta r)$ given by

$$
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\begin{aligned}
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& \left(6 a n^{2} \beta \alpha_{1}^{2} \beta_{1}^{2}-12 a n^{3} \beta \alpha_{1}^{2} \beta_{1}^{2}+4 a n^{2} p \beta \alpha_{1}^{2} \beta_{1}^{2}-8 a n^{3} p \beta \alpha_{1}^{2} \beta_{1}^{2}-\right. \\
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& \left.4 p^{3} \nu^{2} \alpha_{2}^{2} \beta_{2}^{2}+16 n \nu^{3} \alpha_{2}^{2} \beta_{2}^{2}+16 n p \nu^{3} \alpha_{2}^{2} \beta_{2}^{2}+16 \nu^{4} \alpha_{2}^{2} \beta_{2}^{2}+16 p \nu^{4} \alpha_{2}^{2} \beta_{2}^{2}\right)
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## Proof of George Andrews's and David Robbins's q-TSPP

 conjecture(by Christoph Koutschan, Manuel Kauers, Doron Zeilberger)


## Another Holonomic Surprise: a Patent!


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- wide range of applications in constructing antennas, mobile phones, etc.
- merchandised by the company CST (Computer Simulation Technology)
- simulation with finite element methods
- significant contributions from Symbolic Computation using CK's package HolonomicFunctions
- symbolically derived formulae allow a considerable speed-up
- method is planned to be registered as a patent


## Mathematical and physical background

Simulate the propagation of electromagnetic waves using the Maxwell equations

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d} H}{\mathrm{~d} t}=\operatorname{curl} E, \quad \frac{\mathrm{~d} E}{\mathrm{~d} t}=-\operatorname{curl} H
$$

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

Define basis functions (in 2D) in order to approximate the solution:

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

Basis functions in 3D are more involved.


## Results

In order to speed up the numerical computations, certain relations for the basis functions $\varphi_{i, j}(x, y)$ are needed.

Using HolonomicFunctions relations like the following can easily be derived:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2(i+2 j+5)(2 i+2 j+7) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i, j+1}(x, y) \\
& +(2 i+1)(i+2 j+1) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i, j+2}(x, y) \\
& -(j+3)(i+2 j+5) \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{~d} x} \varphi_{i, j+3}(x, y) \\
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& 2(i+j+4)(2 i+2 j+5)(i i+2 j+7) \varphi_{i, j+2}(x, y) \\
& +2(i+j+2)(i+2 j+5)(2 i+2 j+7) \varphi_{i+1, j+1}(x, y)
\end{aligned}
$$

Much bigger formulae in the 3D case! Some efforts were needed to compute them.

## Method

- basis functions $\varphi_{i, j}(x, y)$ are composed of functions that are holonomic and $\partial$-finite, i.e., hypergeometric expressions and orthogonal polynomials (Legendre and Jacobi)
- differential equations and recurrence relations for these objects are known
- symbolic algorithms deliver relations for $\varphi_{i, j}(x, y)$
- compute a Gröbner basis for the ideal of such relations
- search in the ideal for relations of the desired form
- all the above steps can be performed automatically by HolonomicFunctions


## $q$-Series and Modular Functions

## Current project with Silviu Radu: algebraic relations of modular functions

There are two Rogers-Ramanujan identities:
$R(q):=1+\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k^{2}}}{(1-q)\left(1-q^{2}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{k}\right)}=\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(1-q^{5 n+1}\right)\left(1-q^{5 n+4}\right)}$
and
$S(q):=1+\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k^{2}+k}}{(1-q)\left(1-q^{2}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{k}\right)}=\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(1-q^{5 n+2}\right)\left(1-q^{5 n+3}\right)}$.
Ramanujan (1887-1920) discovered 40 algebraic relations between $R(q)$ and $S(q)$; for example:

$$
R\left(q^{11}\right) S(q)-q^{2} R(q) S\left(q^{11}\right)=1
$$

Setting

$$
q=q(\tau):=e^{2 \pi i \tau}
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$R(q)$ and $S(q)$ can be considered as modular functions on the upper half of the complex plane.

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= & \left(1+q^{1}+q^{1+1}+q^{1+1+1}+\ldots\right) \\
& \times\left(1+q^{2}+q^{2+2}+q^{2+2+2}+\ldots\right) \\
& \times \text { etc. } \\
= & \ldots+q^{1+1+1} q^{2+2} \cdots+\ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

Let's look at a table of partition numbers from $p(0):=1$ to $p(80)$ :

| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7 | 11 | 15 | 22 | 30 |
| 42 | 56 | 77 | 101 | 135 |
| 176 | 231 | 297 | 385 | 490 |
| 627 | 792 | 1002 | 1255 | 1575 |
| 1958 | 2436 | 3010 | 3718 | 4565 |
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## Ramanujan's Congruences

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(5 n+4) & \equiv 0(\bmod 5) \\
p(7 n+5) & \equiv 0(\bmod 7) \\
p(11 n+6) & \equiv 0(\bmod 11)
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$$

and

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& \times\left(1078 t^{4}+13893 t^{3}+31647 t^{2}+11209 t-21967\right. \\
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$$
w_{j}=\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(1-q^{\square j}\right)^{\square} \ldots}{\left(1-q^{\square j}\right)^{\square} \ldots} .
$$

This implies that the $q$-series $t, w_{1}$, and $w_{2}$ have coefficients in $\mathbb{Z} . \square$

## Symbolic Summation in QFT

## Symbolic Summation in Quantum Field Theory

# JKU Collaboration with DESY (Berlin-Zeuthen) (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron) 

Project leader: Carsten Schneider (RISC)<br>Partners: Johannes Blümlein (DESY) Peter Paule (RISC)

## Evaluation of Feynman diagrams




$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=0}^{N-3} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \sum_{l=0}^{k} \sum_{q=0}^{-j+N-3} \sum_{s=1}^{-l+N-q-3} \sum_{r=0}^{-l+N-q-s-3}(-1)^{-j+k-l+N-q-3} \times \\
& \times \frac{\binom{j+1}{k+1}\binom{k}{l}\binom{N-1}{j+2}\binom{-j+N-3}{q}\binom{-l+N-q-3}{s}\binom{-l+N-q-s-3}{r} r!(-l+N-q-r-s-3)!(s-1)}{(-l+N-q-2)!(-j+N-1)(N-q-r-s-2)(q+s+1)} \\
& {\left[4 S_{1}(-j+N-1)-4 S_{1}(-j+N-2)-2 S_{1}(k)\right.} \\
& \quad-\left(S_{1}(-l+N-q-2)+S_{1}(-l+N-q-r-s-3)-2 S_{1}(r+s)\right) \\
& \left.\quad+2 S_{1}(s-1)-2 S_{1}(r+s)\right]+3 \text { further 6-fold sums }
\end{aligned}
$$

$F_{0}(N)=$ (using Sigma.m, EvaluateMultiSums.m and J. Ablinger's HarmonicSums.m package)

$$
\begin{aligned}
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& -2(-1)^{N} S_{-2}(N)^{2}+S_{-3}(N)\left(\frac{2(3 N-5)}{N(N+1)}+\left(26+4(-1)^{N}\right) S_{1}(N)+\frac{4(-1)^{N}}{N+1}\right) \\
& +\left(\frac{(-1)^{N}(5-3 N)}{2 N^{2}(N+1)}-\frac{5}{2 N^{2}}\right) S_{2}(N)+S_{-2}(N)\left(10 S_{1}(N)^{2}+\left(\frac{8(-1)^{N}(2 N+1)}{N(N+1)}\right.\right. \\
& \left.\left.+\frac{4(3 N-1)}{N(N+1)}\right) S_{1}(N)+\frac{8(-1)^{N}(3 N+1)}{N(N+1)^{2}}+\left(-22+6(-1)^{N}\right) S_{2}(N)-\frac{16}{N(N+1)}\right) \\
& +\left(\frac{(-1)^{N}(9 N+5)}{N(N+1)}-\frac{29}{3 N}\right) S_{3}(N)+\left(\frac{19}{2}-2(-1)^{N}\right) S_{4}(N)+\left(-6+5(-1)^{N}\right) S_{-4}(N) \\
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## Challenges of the project

About 1000 difficult Feynman diagrams have been treated so far
(some took 50 days of calculation time) $\downarrow$

About a million multi-sums have been simplified
(most were double and triple sums)

## Resources

- up to 9 full time employed researchers at RISC/DESY
- 4 up-to-date mainframe DESY computers at RISC + exploiting DESY's computer farms
- New computer algebra/special functions technologies (new/tuned algorithms, efficient implementations,...)


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$\rightarrow$ talk by Bruno Buchberger (Wednesday, 11 a.m.)

## Conclusion



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But let's conclude with Knuth:

## Recall:



EQNVERSNTMN

## Algorithmic Barriers Falling

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P=NP?
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Knuth: Learning how to manipulate formulas fluently, and how to see patterns in formulas instead of patterns in numbers - that's what my book "Concrete Mathematics" is essentially about.

SYMBOLIC COMPUTATION and SOFTWARE not only greatly assist in these tasks, but also can be used to enhance mathematical theory!


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ taken from John B. Cosgrove's home page

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Exercise 2, p.2, of "Algebra with Galois Theory", Courant LNS 15

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ 1st Rogers-Ramanujan identity

