

Solving combinatorial equations via computer algebra

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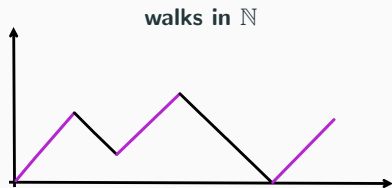
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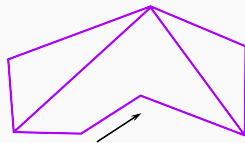


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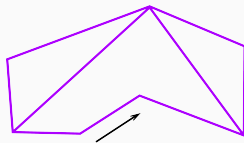


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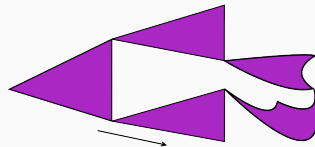
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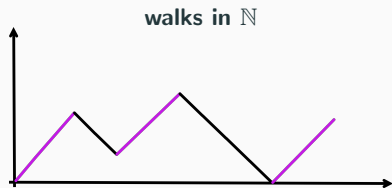
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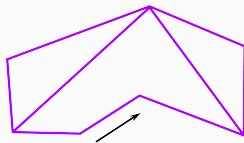
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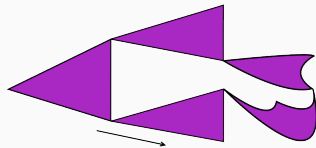
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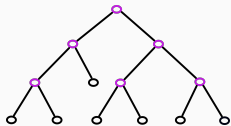
A set of **discrete** objects, $s : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ **size** function s.t.

$$\#\{a \in \mathcal{A} \mid s(a) = n\} < +\infty, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

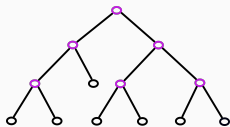
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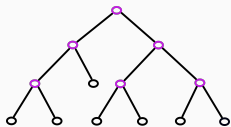


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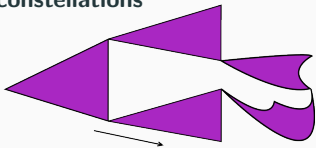
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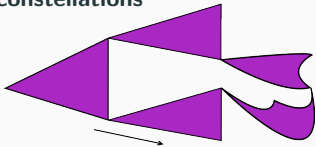
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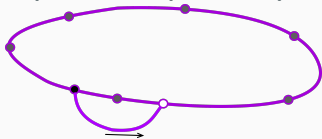
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hard particles on planar maps



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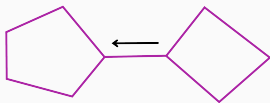
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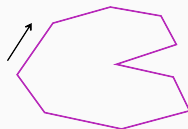
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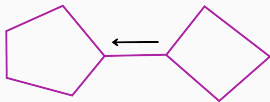
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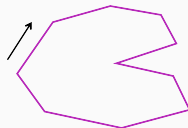
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From R :

- (Recurrence) $a_0 = 1$ and $(n+3)a_{n+1} - 6(2n+1)a_n = 0$,
- (Closed-form) $a_n = 2 \frac{3^n (2n)!}{n(n+2)!}$,
- (Asymptotics) $a_n \sim 2 \frac{12^n}{\sqrt{\pi n^5}}$, when $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

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[Bousquet-Mélou, Jehanne '06; Bostan, Chyzak, N., Safey El Din '22;
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[N., Yurkevich '23]

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Theorem

[Bousquet-Mélou, Jehanne '06]

The unique solution in $\mathbb{Q}[u][[t]]$ of (DDE) is **algebraic** over $\mathbb{Q}(t, u)$.

↪ Constructive proof \implies **algorithm**

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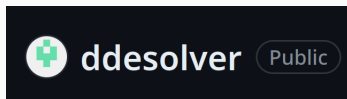
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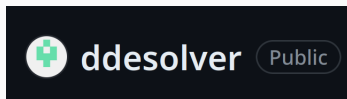
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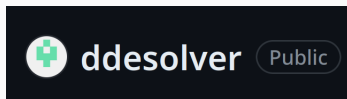
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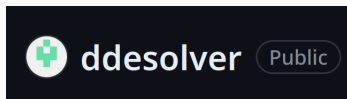
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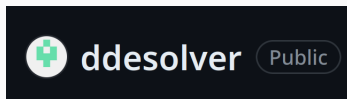
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[Bousquet-Mélou, Jehanne '06]

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\rightarrow **There should be things to say for any system** of DDEs



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[Proof sketch]

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$$\begin{cases} F_1 = f_1(u) + t \cdot Q_1(\nabla^k F_1, \dots, \nabla^k F_n, t, u), \\ \vdots \\ F_n = f_n(u) + t \cdot Q_n(\nabla^k F_1, \dots, \nabla^k F_n, t, u). \end{cases} \quad (\text{SDDEs})$$

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$$\text{Det} := \det \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{x_1} E_1 & \dots & \partial_{x_n} E_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \partial_{x_1} E_n & \dots & \partial_{x_n} E_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P := \det \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{x_1} E_1 & \dots & \partial_{x_{n-1}} E_1 & \partial_u E_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \partial_{x_1} E_{n-1} & \dots & \partial_{x_{n-1}} E_{n-1} & \partial_u E_{n-1} \\ \partial_{x_1} E_n & \dots & \partial_{x_{n-1}} E_n & \partial_u E_n \end{pmatrix},$$

Set up the duplicated polynomial system $(\mathcal{S}_{\text{dup}})$, consisting in the nk duplications of the polynomials $E_1, \dots, E_n, \text{Det}, P$. It has $nk(n+2)$ variables and equations.

Compute a non-trivial element of $(\langle \mathcal{S}_{\text{dup}} \rangle : \det(\text{Jac}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{dup}}})^\infty) \cap \mathbb{K}[t, z_0, \epsilon]$, then set ϵ to 0.