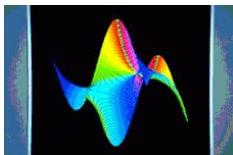


# Gfun — 15 Years Later

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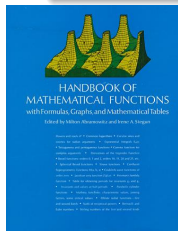
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# I Introduction

# Framework: D-finite Series & Sequences

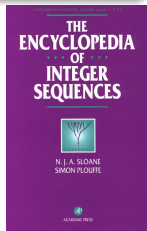
Code: `gfun` (S. & Zimmermann 94)

Maple package to **guess**, **manipulate** and **prove** D-finite identities.



About **25%** of Sloane's encyclopedia,  
**60%** of Abramowitz & Stegun.

`eqn+ini. cond.=data structure`



## Definition

A *series*  $f(x) \in \mathbb{K}[[x]]$  is **D-finite** over  $\mathbb{K}$  when its derivatives generate a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{K}(x)$ . (LDE)

A *sequence*  $u_n$  is **D-finite** over  $\mathbb{K}$  when its shifts  $(u_n, u_{n+1}, \dots)$  generate a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{K}(n)$ . (LRE)

References: Stanley vol. 2,  $A = B$  (Petkovšek, Wilf, Zeilberger 96)

## II Guessing Identities

# Mehler's Identity on Hermite Polynomials (1866)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x)H_n(y) \frac{u^n}{n!} = ?$$

Answer: compute the first 10 polynomials and guess!



```
> L:= [seq(orthopoly[H](n,x)*orthopoly[H](n,y),n=0..9)];
```

```
L
:= [1, 4xy, (-2 + 4x^2) (-2 + 4y^2), (8x^3 - 12x) (8y^3 - 12y), (12 + 16x^4 - 48x^2) (12 + 16y^4 - 48y^2), (32x^5 - 160x^3 + 120x) (32y^5 - 160y^3 + 120y), (-120 + 64x^6 - 480x^4 + 720x^2) (-120 + 64y^6 - 480y^4 + 720y^2), (128x^7 - 1344x^5 + 3360x^3 - 1680x) (128y^7 - 1344y^5 + 3360y^3 - 1680y), (1680 + 256x^8 - 3584x^6 + 13440x^4 - 13440x^2) (1680 + 256y^8 - 3584y^6 + 13440y^4 - 13440y^2), (512x^9 - 9216x^7 + 48384x^5 - 80640x^3 + 30240x) (512y^9 - 9216y^7 + 48384y^5 - 80640y^3 + 30240y)]
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```
> deq:=gfun[listtodiffeq](L,F(u),['egf']);
```

```
deq := [ [ (1 - 8u^2 + 16u^4) (d/dx F(u)) + (-4xy + 8ux^2 - 4u + 8uy^2 - 16u^2xy + 16u^3) F(u), F(0) = 1 ], egf ]
```

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> dsolve(deq[1],F(u)) assuming 0<u,u<1/2;
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$$F(u) = \frac{e^{\frac{-4xyu + x^2 + y^2}{(2u+1)(2u-1)}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{(-2u+1)(2u+1)}}}{e^{-x^2-y^2}}$$

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>
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# Guess = Good Approximant

## Definition (Padé-Hermite Approximant)

The vector of polynomials  $(P_1, \dots, P_k)$  with  $\deg P_i \leq d_i$  is a **Padé-Hermite approximant** of type  $(d_1, \dots, d_k)$  for a vector of power series  $(f_1, \dots, f_k)$  when

$$P_1 f_1 + \dots + P_k f_k = O(x^{d_1 + \dots + d_k + k - 1}).$$

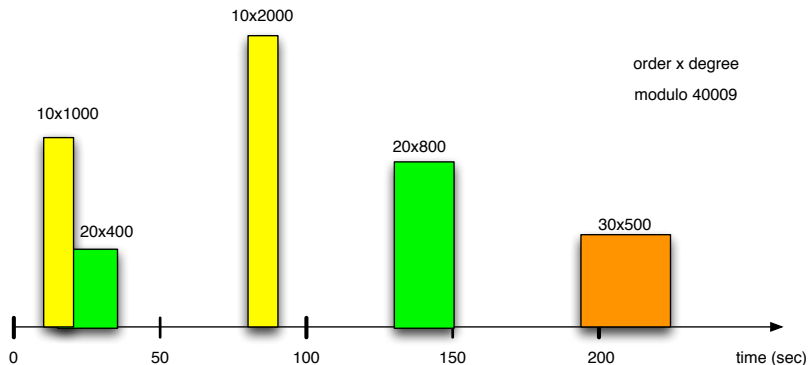
**Special cases:** (given one series  $y$ )

- $k = 2, f_1 = -1, f_2 = y$ : Padé-approximant;
- $f_i = y^{i-1}, i = 1, \dots, k$ : algebraic approximants (Guttman);
- $f_i = y^{(i-1)}, i = 1, \dots, k$ : differential approximants.

**Algorithms and complexity** ( $D = d_1 + \dots + d_k$ ):

- Linear algebra:  $O(D^\omega)$  ops  
( $\omega \leq 3$  complexity of matrix product);
- minimal basis of approximants in  $O(k^\omega D^{1+\epsilon})$  ops  
(Beckermann & Labahn 94);
- genset in  $O(k^\omega (D/k)^{1+\epsilon})$  ops (Steriohann 06)

# Example from a Study of Susceptibility of an Ising Model



- Direct linear algebra runs out of memory;
- $30 \times 1,000$  coefficients in about 10 min.;
- Work in progress (Bostan, Maillard *et alii*);

## Code

Magma code available from Alin Bostan.

## III Computing Identities

# Bound = Proof = Algorithm

> series(sin(x)<sup>2</sup> + cos(x)<sup>2</sup>, x, 4);

$$1 + O(x^4)$$

Why is this a proof?

- 1 sin and cos satisfy a 2nd order LDE:  $y'' + y = 0$ ;
- 2 their squares (and their sum) satisfy a 3rd order LDE;
- 3 the constant 1 satisfies a 1st order LDE:  $y' = 0$ ;
- 4  $\rightarrow \sin^2 + \cos^2 - 1$  satisfies a LDE of order at most 4;
- 5 it is not singular at 0, Cauchy's theorem concludes.

# Proof of Mehler's Identity for Hermite Polynomials

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n(x)H_n(y) \frac{u^n}{n!} = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{4u(xy-u(x^2+y^2))}{1-4u^2}\right)}{\sqrt{1-4u^2}}$$

- 1 Definition of Hermite polynomials (D-finite over  $\mathbb{Q}(x)$ ):  
recurrence of order 2;
- 2 Product by linear algebra:  $H_{n+k}(x)H_{n+k}(y)/(n+k)!$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$   
generated over  $\mathbb{Q}(x, n)$  by

$$\frac{H_n(x)H_n(y)}{n!}, \frac{H_{n+1}(x)H_n(y)}{n!}, \frac{H_n(x)H_{n+1}(y)}{n!}, \frac{H_{n+1}(x)H_{n+1}(y)}{n!}$$

→ recurrence of order **at most 4**;

- 3 Translate into differential equation.



## I. Definition

>  $R_1 := \{H(n+2) = (-2n-2)H(n) + 2H(n+1)x, H(0)=1, H(1)=2x\} :$

>  $R_2 := \text{subs}(H=H_2, x=y, R_1);$

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## II. Product

>  $R_3 := \text{gfun} :- \text{poltorec}(H(n) \cdot H_2(n) \cdot v(n), [R_1, R_2, \{v(n+1) \cdot (n+1) = v(n), v(1)=1\}], [H(n), H_2(n), v(n)], c(n));$

$$R_3 := \left\{ c(0)=1, c(1)=4xy, c(2)=8x^2y^2 + 2 - 4y^2 - 4x^2, c(3) = \frac{32}{3}x^3y^3 + 24xy - 16xy^3 - 16x^3y, (16n \right.$$

$$\left. + 16)c(n) - 16xyc(n+1) + (-8n - 20 + 8y^2 + 8x^2)c(n+2) - 4xc(n+3)y + (n+4)c(n+4) \right\}$$

## III. Differential Equation

>  $\text{gfun} :- \text{rectodiffeq}(R_3, c(n), f(u));$

$$\left\{ (16u^3 - 16u^2yx - 4u + 8uy^2 + 8ux^2 - 4xy)f(u) + (16u^4 - 8u^2 + 1) \left( \frac{d}{du} f(u) \right), f(0)=1 \right\}$$

>  $\text{dsolve}(\%, f(u));$

$$f(u) = \frac{\text{Ie} \left( \frac{-4xyu + y^2 + x^2}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \right)}{e^{(-y^2-x^2)} \sqrt{2u+1} \sqrt{2u-1}}$$

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# Closure Properties

## Theorem (XIXth century)

- *D*-finite series and sequences over  $\mathbb{K}$  form  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebras;
- *y* algebraic, *f* is *D*-finite  $\implies y, f \circ y, \exp \int y$  *D*-finite.

Proof.

Linear algebra in finite dimension. □

## Corollary

*D*-finite series are closed under Hadamard (termwise) product, Laplace transform, Borel transform ( $ogf \leftrightarrow egf$ ).

All implemented in Gfun.

# Example: Recursion for Bessel Moments

Proposition (Borwein & S. 08)

$$C_{n,k} := \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty \frac{dx_1 \cdots dx_n}{(\cosh x_1 + \cdots + \cosh x_n)^{k+1}}$$

satisfies a (computable) linear recurrence wrt  $k$ .

Proof.

- 1  $c_{n,k} := k!n!2^{-n}C_{n,k} = \int_0^\infty t^k K_0(t)^n dt$ ;
- 2  $K_0$  satisfies a linear diff. eqn. of order 2;
- 3  $K_0^n$  satisfies a linear diff. eqn. of order  $n + 1$ ;
- 4 this translates into a linear recurrence for the  $c_{n,k}$ .

Step 3 can be optimized + more precise form of the recurrence. □

# Linear Recurrences for Algebraic Series

Proposition (Bostan-Chyzak-Lecerf-S.-Schost 07)

If  $P(x, y)$  has degree at most  $D$  then the coefficients of its series solutions obey a recurrence of order at most  $D^2 + 1$ .

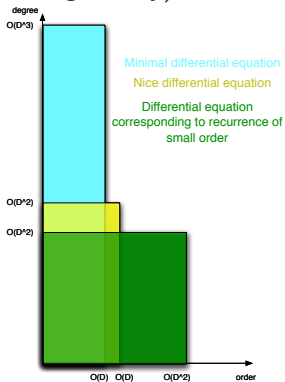
(First observed experimentally, then proved rigorously)

minimal  $\neq$  nice;

Guess + Bound + Algebraic

= Proof

= Fast Algorithm.



## IV Multivariate Functions & Sequences

# D-finiteness in Several Variables

## Definition

A series  $F(x, y) \in \mathbb{K}[[x, y]]$  is **D-finite** when its derivatives generate a finite-dimensional space over  $\mathbb{K}(x, y)$ .

More generally, **finite dimensional** quotients by ideals of operators in suitable Ore algebras  $\Rightarrow$  **closure properties** (Chyzak & S. 98).

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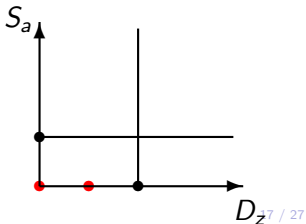
**Example:** Contiguity of Hypergeometric Series (Gauss 1812)

$$F(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n n!}}_{u_{a,n}} z^n, \quad (x)_n := x(x+1) \cdots (x+n-1).$$

$$\frac{u_{a,n+1}}{u_{a,n}} = \frac{(a+n)(b+n)}{(c+n)(n+1)} \xrightarrow{u_{a,n}} z(1-z)F'' + (c - (a+b+1)z)F' - abF = 0,$$

$$\frac{u_{a+1,n}}{u_{a,n}} = \frac{n}{a} + 1 \rightarrow S_a F := F(a+1, b; c; z) = \frac{z}{a} F' + F.$$

$\dim=2 \Rightarrow S_a^2 F, S_a F, F$  linearly dependent



# Creative Telescoping (Zeilberger 90)

$$F_n = \sum_k u_{n,k} = ?$$

**IF** one knows  $A(n, S_n)$  and  $B(n, k, S_n, S_k)$  such that

$$(A(n, S_n) + \Delta_k B(n, k, S_n, S_k)) \cdot u_{n,k} = 0,$$

then the sum “telescopes”, leading to  $A(n, S_n) \cdot F_n = \text{simple}$ .

## Creative Telescoping (Zeilberger 90)

$$I(x) = \int_{\Omega} u(x, y) dy = ?$$

**IF** one knows  $A(x, \partial_x)$  and  $B(x, y, \partial_x, \partial_y)$  such that

$$(A(x, \partial_x) + \partial_y B(x, y, \partial_x, \partial_y)) \cdot u(x, y) = 0,$$

then the integral “telescopes”, leading to  $A(x, \partial_x) \cdot I(x) = \text{simple}$ .

*Then I come along and try differentiating under the integral sign, and often it worked. So I got a great reputation for doing integrals.*

Richard P. Feynman 1985

Creative telescoping = “differentiation” under integral + “integration” by parts

## Creative Telescoping (Zeilberger 90)

- General case: Find annihilators of

$$l(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = \partial_n^{-1} \Big|_{\Omega} u(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

knowing generators of  $\text{Ann}_u$  in

$$\mathbb{O}_n = \mathbb{K}(x_1, \dots, x_n)[\partial_1; \sigma_1, \delta_1] \cdots [\partial_n; \sigma_n, \delta_n];$$

- Crucial step: compute  $(\underbrace{\mathbb{O}_n \text{Ann}_u}_{\text{left ideal}} + \underbrace{\partial_n \mathbb{O}_n}_{\text{right ideal}}) \cap \mathbb{O}_{n-1}$ .

**Algorithms:** Zeilberger 91 (dim=1), Chyzak 00 (gl case).

## Applications of Creative Telescoping

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \binom{n+k}{k}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+k}{k} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j}^3 \quad (\text{Strehl 92})$$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} x J_1(ax) I_1(ax) Y_0(x) K_0(x) dx = -\frac{\ln(1-a^4)}{2\pi a^2} \quad (\text{GIMo 94})$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{(1+2xy+4y^2) \exp\left(\frac{4x^2y^2}{1+4y^2}\right)}{y^{n+1}(1+4y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dy = \frac{H_n(x)}{[n/2]!} \quad (\text{Doetsch30})$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{q^{k^2}}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}} = \sum_{k=-n}^n \frac{(-1)^k q^{(5k^2-k)/2}}{(q; q)_{n-k} (q; q)_{n+k}} \quad (\text{Andrews74})$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-j} \frac{q^{(i+j)^2+j^2}}{(q; q)_{n-i-j} (q; q)_i (q; q)_j} = \sum_{k=-n}^n \frac{(-1)^k q^{7/2k^2+1/2k}}{(q; q)_{n+k} (q; q)_{n-k}} \quad (\text{Paule 85}).$$

Code

All &lt; 1min. with Frédéric Chyzak's Mgfuns (98).

## Example: Nice Bessel Integral (Glasser &amp; Montaldi 94)

$$\int_0^{\infty} x J_1(ax) I_1(ax) Y_0(x) K_0(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi a^2} \ln \frac{1}{1-a^4}.$$



```
> libname:="/Users/salvy/lib/maple/Algolib", libname:
> f:=x*BesselJ(1,a*x)*BesselI(1,a*x)*BesselY(0,x)*BesselK(0,x);
      f:=x BesselJ(1, a x) BesselI(1, a x) BesselY(0, x) BesselK(0, x)
> sys:=Mgfun:-dfinite_expr_to_sys(f,y(x)::diff,a::diff));
```

```
sys
```

$$:= \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (-4 a^4 x^4 + 4 x^4 + 3) y(x, a) + 12 x^2 a \left( \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial a} y(x, a) \right) - 4 a^3 x \left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x \partial a^3} y(x, a) \right) - 3 x \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x, a) \right) \\ & + 26 a \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial a} y(x, a) \right) - 26 a x \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial a} y(x, a) \right) + 40 a^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} y(x, a) \right) + 6 a^2 x^2 \left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^2 \partial a^2} y(x, a) \right) \\ & + x^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x, a) \right) - 24 a^2 x \left( \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x \partial a^2} y(x, a) \right) + 8 a^3 \left( \frac{\partial^3}{\partial a^3} y(x, a) \right) - 4 x^3 a \left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^3 \partial a} y(x, a) \right) + x^4 \left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} y(x, a) \right), \\ & 4 x^4 a^3 y(x, a) + a^3 \left( \frac{\partial^4}{\partial a^4} y(x, a) \right) + 3 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial a} y(x, a) \right) - 3 a \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} y(x, a) \right) + 4 a^2 \left( \frac{\partial^3}{\partial a^3} y(x, a) \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

```
> deq:=Mgfun:-int_of_sys(sys,x=0..infinity,_takayama_algo);
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$$deq := \left\{ \begin{aligned} & 32 a^3 y(a) + (16 a^6 - 4 a^2) \left( \frac{d^3}{da^3} y(a) \right) + (-a^3 + a^7) \left( \frac{d^4}{da^4} y(a) \right) + (73 a^5 + 3 a) \left( \frac{d^2}{da^2} y(a) \right) \\ & + (103 a^4 - 3) \left( \frac{d}{da} y(a) \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

```
> normal(eval(deq,y(a)=1/2/Pi/a^2*ln(1/(1-a^4))));
      {0}
```

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> sol:=subs(dsolve(deq,y(a)),y(a)) assuming a>0,a<1;
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$$sol := \frac{C1}{a^2} + \frac{C2 \ln((-1+a)(a+1)(a^2+1))}{a^2} + \frac{C3 (\ln(a+1) + \ln(-1+a) - \ln(a^2+1))}{a^2} \\ + \frac{1}{a^2} \left( -C4 (2 \operatorname{dilog}(a+1) + 2 \ln(a) \ln(a+1) - 2 \operatorname{dilog}(a) + 2 \ln(a) \ln(-1+a)) + 2 \ln(a) \ln(-1+a) \right) \\ + 2 \operatorname{dilog}(-1+a) + 2 \operatorname{dilog}(-1/(1+a)) - \ln((-1+a)(a+1)(a^2+1))$$

## V D-finiteness in Infinitely Many Variables

## D-finite Symmetric Series (Gessel 90)

Algebra of symmetric functions:  $\Lambda := \mathbb{K}[[p_1, p_2, \dots]]$

power  $p_k$   $p_3 = x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 + \dots$

homogeneous  $h_k$   $h_3 = x_1^3 + x_2^3 + \dots + x_1^2 x_2 + \dots + x_1 x_2 x_3 + \dots$

monomial  $m_\lambda$   $m_{(3,2,1)} = x_1^3 x_2^2 x_3 + x_2^3 x_1^2 x_3 + \dots$

## Definition

$F \in \Lambda[[t]]$  **D-finite** if for any  $n$ ,  $F(p_1, \dots, p_n, 0, \dots; t)$  D-finite.

## Theorem (Gessel 90)

- Closed under  $+$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\partial/\partial p_i$ , algebraic substitution.
- [Technical conds] closed under plethysm and **scalar product**.

Scalar product:  $\langle h_\lambda, m_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$ , where  $h_\lambda = h_{\lambda_1} h_{\lambda_2} \dots$

Adjoint:  $\langle \phi F, G \rangle = \langle F, \phi^\perp G \rangle$ , with  $p_k^\perp = k \frac{\partial}{\partial p_k}$ ,  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial p_k} \right)^\perp = \frac{p_k}{k}$ .

# $k$ -uniform Young Tableaux

4	4					
3	3	5				
2	2	3	4			
1	1	1	2	5	5	

**Question:** Asymptotic number of semi-standard Young tableaux filled with  $k$  1's,  $k$  2's, ...,  $k$   $n$ 's?

Result (proof for  $k = 1, 2$ , partial for  $k = 3, 4$ , conj. beyond)

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{e^{k-2}}{2\pi} \right)^{k/4} n!^{k/2-1} \left( \frac{k^{k/2}}{k!} \right)^n \frac{\exp \sqrt{kn}}{n^{k/4}}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Method:**

Combinatorics  $\rightarrow$  Symmetric functions  $\rightarrow$  LDE  $\rightarrow$  Asymptotics.

## Algorithm (Chyzak, Mishna, S. 05)

$$\left\langle \underbrace{\exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p_n^2}{2n} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{p_n}{n} \right)}_{\text{All semi-standard Young tableaux}}, \underbrace{\sum_{n \geq 0} h_k^n t^n}_{\text{Extract coeffs corresponding to } k\text{-uniform}} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{p_n^2}{2n} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}}^k \frac{p_n}{n} \right), \sum_{n \geq 0} h_k^n t^n \right\rangle =: \langle F, G \rangle$$

**Wanted:**  $(\underbrace{\text{Ann}_F^{\perp}}_{\text{right ideal}} + \underbrace{\text{Ann}_G}_{\text{left ideal}}) \cap \mathbb{K}[t, \partial_t]$ .

Code

ScalarProduct available from Marni Mishna.

## VI Conclusion

# Work in Progress

- Minimal recurrences and differential equations by removing apparent singularities (ChDuLeMaMiSa08) **code available**;
- Better/faster guessing in `gfun` (also ask M. Rubey);
- Automatic bounds and fast numerical evaluation (M. Mezzarobba) **code available**;
- Fast change of bases (orthogonal polynomials, Bessel functions,...) (A. Benoit);
- DDMF: Dynamic Dictionary of Mathematical Functions;
- Faster `Mgfun`.

Do not hesitate to ask for more, or provide code!