

Factorisation of linear differential operators in positive characteristic

–PhD Defense–

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Objective: How to factor L as a product of irreducible linear differential operators?

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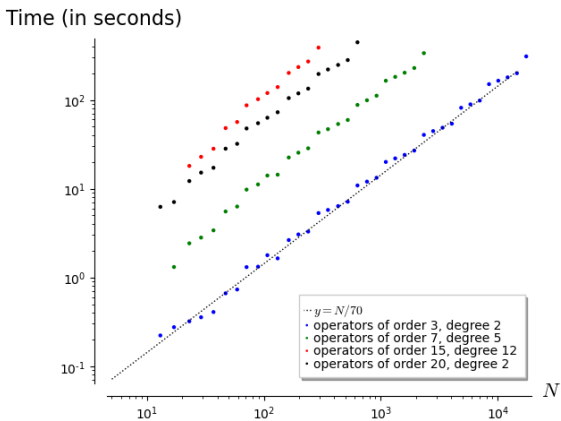
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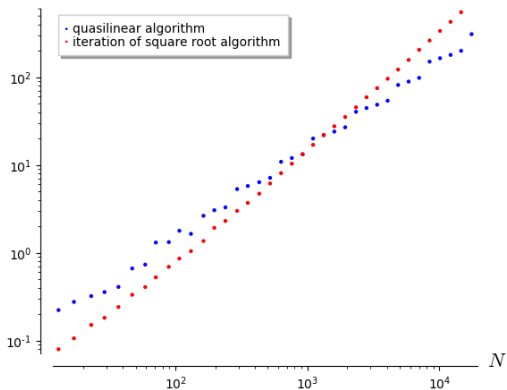
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Implementation of the algorithm in SageMath

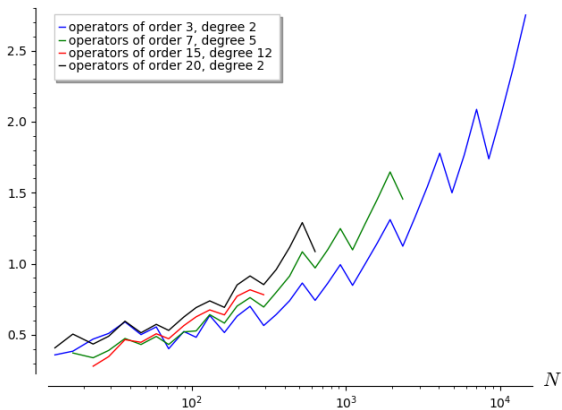


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Time (in seconds)



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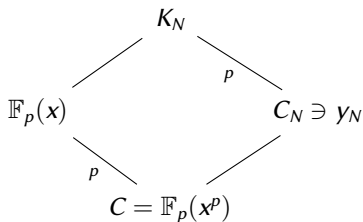
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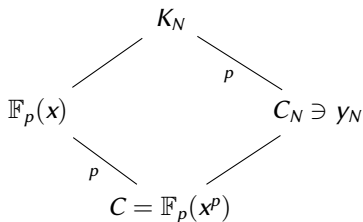
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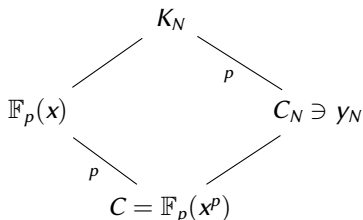
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- $f^{(p-1)} + f^p = y_N$ has a solution in K_N iff it has a local solution at the poles of y_N and x .

Theorem (P. 2023)

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Thank you for your attention

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