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1 On accelerating the regularized alternating least-squares algorithm for tensors. *Xiaofei Wang, Carmeliza Navasca, and Stefan Kindermann.*

Abstract.

In this paper, we discuss the acceleration of the regularized alternating least-squares (RALS) algorithm for tensor approximations. We propose a fast iterative method using an Aitken-Stefensen-like update for the regularized algorithm. Through numerical experiments, a faster convergence rate for the accelerated version is demonstrated in comparison to both the standard and regularized alternating least-squares algorithms. In addition, we analyze global convergence based on the Kurdyka-Łojasiewicz inequality, and we show that the RALS algorithm has a linear local convergence rate.

Key Words.

alternating least-squares, Kurdyka-Łojasiewicz inequality, tensor approximation

AMS Subject Classifications.

15A69, 65F30

15 Quadratic spline wavelets with short support satisfying homogeneous boundary conditions.

Dana Černá and Václav Finěk.

Abstract.

In this paper, we construct a new quadratic spline-wavelet basis on the interval and on the unit square satisfying homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions of the first order. The wavelets have one vanishing moment and the shortest support among quadratic spline wavelets with at least one vanishing moment adapted to the same type of boundary conditions. The stiffness matrices arising from the discretization of the second-order elliptic problems using the constructed wavelet basis have uniformly bounded condition numbers, and the condition numbers are small. We present some quantitative properties of the constructed basis. We provide numerical examples to show that the Galerkin method and the adaptive wavelet method using our wavelet basis require fewer iterations than methods with other quadratic spline wavelet bases. Moreover, due to the small support of the wavelets, when using these methods with the new wavelet basis, the system matrix is sparser, and thus one iteration requires a smaller number of floating point operations than for other quadratic spline wavelet bases.

Key Words.

wavelet, quadratic spline, homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, condition number, elliptic problem

AMS Subject Classifications. 46B15, 65N12, 65T60

40 Convergence of the multiplicative Schwarz method for singularly perturbed convection-diffusion problems discretized on a Shishkin mesh. *Carlos Echeverría, Jörg Liesen, Daniel B. Szyld, and Petr Tichý*.

Abstract.

We analyze the convergence of the multiplicative Schwarz method applied to nonsymmetric linear algebraic systems obtained from discretizations of onedimensional singularly perturbed convection-diffusion equations by upwind and central finite differences on a Shishkin mesh. Using the algebraic structure of the Schwarz iteration matrices we derive bounds on the infinity norm of the error that are valid from the first step of the iteration. Our bounds for the upwind scheme prove rapid convergence of the multiplicative Schwarz method for all relevant choices of parameters in the problem. The analysis for the central difference is more complicated, since the submatrices that occur are nonsymmetric and sometimes even fail to be M-matrices. Our bounds still prove the convergence of the method for certain parameter choices.

Key Words.

singularly perturbed problems, Shishkin mesh discretization, multiplicative Schwarz method, iterative methods, convergence analysis

AMS Subject Classifications.

15A60, 65F10, 65F35

63 Asymptotic consistent exponential-type integrators for Klein-Gordon-Schrödinger systems from relativistic to non-relativistic regimes. Simon Baumstark, Georgia Kokkala, and Katharina Schratz.

Abstract.

In this paper we propose asymptotic consistent exponential-type integrators for the Klein-Gordon-Schrödinger system. This novel class of integrators allows us to solve the system from slowly varying relativistic up to challenging highly oscillatory non-relativistic regimes without any step size restriction. In particular, our first- and second-order exponential-type integrators are asymptotically consistent in the sense of asymptotically converging to the corresponding decoupled free Schrödinger limit system.

Key Words.

highly oscillatory, Klein-Gordon-Schrödinger, asymptotic consistency, exponentialtype integrators

AMS Subject Classifications. 35C20, 65M12, 35L05

81 Eigenfunction expansion method for multiple solutions of fourth-order ordinary differential equations with cubic polynomial nonlinearity. *Abdrhaman Mahmoud, Bo Yu, and Xuping Zhang.*

Abstract.

Multiple solutions of fourth-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs) with cubic polynomial nonlinearity are presented in this paper. The ODEs are discretized by the eigenfunction expansion method. Discretization error estimates are derived. We construct an efficient polynomial homotopy to find all solutions for the system of polynomial equations on the coarse level by recursion. Two kinds of filters are suggested for removing possible spurious solutions of the discretized system of polynomial equations. Numerical experiments are included to verify the error estimates and efficiency of the proposed homotopy.

Key Words.

fourth-order ODEs, eigenfunction expansion method, system of polynomial equations, multiple solutions, homotopy continuation method

AMS Subject Classifications.

34L10, 34B15, 65H04

97 Adaptive refinement strategies for the simulation of gas flow in networks using a model hierarchy.

Pia Domschke, Aseem Dua, Jeroen J. Stolwijk, Jens Lang, and Volker Mehrmann.

Abstract.

A model hierarchy that is based on the one-dimensional isothermal Euler equations of fluid dynamics is used for the simulation and optimisation of natural gas flow through a pipeline network. Adaptive refinement strategies have the aim of bringing the simulation error below a prescribed tolerance while keeping the computational costs low. While spatial and temporal stepsize adaptivity is well studied in the literature, model adaptivity is a new field of research. The problem of finding an optimal refinement strategy that combines these three types of adaptivity is a generalisation of the unbounded knapsack problem. A refinement strategy that is currently used in gas flow simulation software is compared to two novel greedy-like strategies. Both a theoretical experiment and a realistic gas flow simulation show that the novel strategies significantly outperform the current refinement strategy with respect to the computational cost incurred.

Key Words.

gas supply networks, model hierarchy, error estimators, model adaptivity, refinement strategies

AMS Subject Classifications.

65K99, 65Z99, 65M22, 35Q31

114 Numerical analysis of a dual-mixed problem in non-standard Banach spaces. *Jessika Camaño, Cristian Muñoz, and Ricardo Oyarzúa*.

Abstract.

In this paper we analyze the numerical approximation of a saddle-point problem posed in non-standard Banach spaces $H(\operatorname{div}_p, \Omega) \times L^q(\Omega)$, where $H(\operatorname{div}_p, \Omega) :=$ $\{\tau \in [L^2(\Omega)]^n : \operatorname{div} \tau \in L^p(\Omega)\}$, with p > 1 and $q \in \mathbb{R}$ being the conjugate exponent of p and $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ $(n \in \{2, 3\})$ a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary Γ . In particular, we are interested in deriving the stability properties of the forms involved (inf-sup conditions, boundedness), which are the main ingredients to analyze mixed formulations. In fact, by using these properties we prove the well-posedness of the corresponding continuous and discrete saddle-point problems by means of the classical Babuška-Brezzi theory, where the associated Galerkin scheme is defined by Raviart-Thomas elements of order $k \ge 0$ combined with piecewise polynomials of degree k. In addition we prove optimal convergence of the numerical approximation in the associated Lebesgue norms. Next, by employing the theory developed for the saddle-point problem, we analyze a mixed finite element method for a convection-diffusion problem, providing well-posedness of the continuous and discrete problems and optimal convergence under a smallness assumption on the convective vector field. Finally, we corroborate the theoretical results with suitable numerical results in two and three dimensions.

Key Words.

mixed finite element method, Raviart-Thomas, Lebesgue spaces, Lp data, convection-diffusion

AMS Subject Classifications.

65N15, 65N12, 65N30, 74S05

131 Runge-Kutta methods revisited for a class of structured strangeness-free differentialalgebraic equations.

Vu Hoang Linh and Nguyen Duy Truong.

Abstract.

Numerical methods for a class of nonlinear differential-algebraic equations (DAEs) of the strangeness-free form are investigated. Half-explicit and implicit Runge-Kutta methods are revisited as they are applied to a reformulated form of the original DAEs. It is shown that the methods preserve the same convergence order and the same stability properties as if they were applied to ordinary differential equations (ODEs). Thus, a wide range of explicit Runge-Kutta methods and implicit ones, which are not necessarily stiffly accurate, can efficiently solve the class of DAEs under consideration. Implementation issues and a perturbation analysis are also discussed. Numerical experiments are presented to illustrate the theoretical results.

Key Words.

differential-algebraic equation, strangeness-free form, Runge-Kutta method, halfexplicit method, convergence, stability

AMS Subject Classifications.

65L80, 65L05, 65L06, 65L20

156 Multiscale Coarse Spaces for Overlapping Schwarz Methods Based on the ACMS Space in 2D.

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Abstract.

Two-level overlapping Schwarz domain decomposition methods for second-order elliptic problems in two dimensions are proposed using coarse spaces constructed from the Approximate Component Mode Synthesis (ACMS) multiscale discretization approach. These coarse spaces are based on eigenvalue problems using Schur complements on subdomain edges. It is then shown that the convergence of the resulting preconditioned Krylov method can be controlled by a user-specified tolerance and thus can be made independent of heterogeneities in the coefficient of the partial differential equation. The relations of this new approach to other known adaptive coarse space approaches for overlapping Schwarz methods are also discussed. Compared to one of the competing adaptive approaches, the new coarse space can be significantly smaller. Compared to other competing approaches, the eigenvalue problems are significantly cheaper to solve, i.e., the dimension of the eigenvalue problems is minimal among the competing adaptive approaches under consideration. Our local eigenvalue problems can be solved using one iteration of LobPCG for essentially the same cost as a Cholesky-decomposition of a Schur complement on a subdomain edge.

Key Words.

domain decomposition, multiscale, approximate component mode synthesis (ACMS), scientific software, parallel, overlapping Schwarz

AMS Subject Classifications.

65F08, 65F10, 65N55, 68W10, 74S30

183 Convergence of integration-based methods for the solution of standard and generalized Hermitian eigenvalue problems. *Lukas Krämer and Bruno Lang.*

Abstract.

Recently, methods based on spectral projection and numerical integration have been proposed in the literature as candidates for reliable high-performance eigenvalue solvers. The key ingredients of this type of eigenvalue solver are a Rayleigh-Ritz process and a routine to compute an approximation to the desired eigenspace. The latter computation can be performed by numerical integration of the resolvent. In this article we investigate the progress of the Rayleigh-Ritz process and the achievable quality of the computed eigenpairs for the case that an upper bound for the normwise difference between the currently used subspace and the desired eigenspace is available. Then, such bounds are derived for the Gauß-Legendre rule and the trapezoidal rule.

Key Words.

eigenvalue solver, FEAST, spectral projection method, Rayleigh-Ritz, Gauß-Legendre rule, trapezoidal rule

AMS Subject Classifications. 65F15, 65D30, 30B10

202 Parameter-robust stability of classical three-field formulation of Biot's consolidation model.

Qingguo Hong and Johannes Kraus.

Abstract.

This paper is devoted to the stability analysis of a classical three-field formulation of Biot's consolidation model where the unknown variables are the displacements, fluid flux (Darcy velocity), and pore pressure. Specific parameter-dependent norms provide the key in establishing the full parameter-robust inf-sup stability of the continuous problem. Therefore, the stability results presented here are uniform not only with respect to the Lamé parameter λ , but also with respect to all the other model parameters. This allows for the construction of a uniform block diagonal preconditioner within the framework of operator preconditioning. Stable discretizations that meet the required conditions for full robustness and guarantee mass conservation strongly, i.e., pointwise, are discussed and corresponding optimal error estimates proved.

Key Words.

Biot's consolidation model, three-field formulation, parameter-robust stability, conservative discretizations, uniform preconditioners, optimal error estimates

AMS Subject Classifications.

65F10, 65N20, 65N30

227 Approximations for von Neumann and Rényi entropies of graphs using the Euler-Maclaurin formula.

Natália Bebiano, Susana Furtado, João da Providência, Wei-Ru Xu, and João P. da Providência.

Abstract.

There have been many attempts of understanding graph structures by investigating graph entropies. In this article we investigate approximations for von Neumann and Rényi- α entropies of paths and rings, using the Euler-Maclaurin summation formula. For α an integer, the approximations become exact, and, in general, the obtained estimates have a remarkable degree of accuracy.

Key Words.

entropy, graphs, Laplacian matrix, Euler-Maclaurin formula

AMS Subject Classifications. 05C50, 81P45, 91A17

243 Convergence analysis of an explicit splitting method for laser plasma interaction simulations.

Georg Jansing and Achim Schädle.

Abstract.

The convergence of a triple splitting method originally proposed by Tückmantel, Pukhov, Liljo, and Hochbruck for the solution of a simple model that describes laser plasma interactions with overdense plasmas is analyzed. For classical explicit integrators it is the large density parameter that imposes a restriction on the time step size to make the integration stable. The triple splitting method contains an exponential integrator in its central component and was specifically designed for systems that describe laser plasma interactions and overcomes this restriction. We rigorously analyze a slightly generalized version of the original method. This analysis enables us to identify modifications of the original scheme such that a second-order convergent scheme is obtained.

Key Words.

exponential integrators, highly oscillatory problems, trigonometric integrators, splitting methods

AMS Subject Classifications. 65P10

264 Improved convergence bounds for two-level methods with an aggressive coarsening and massive polynomial smoothing. *Radek Tezaur and Petr Vaněk*.

Abstract.

An improved convergence bound for the polynomially accelerated two-level method of Brousek et al. [Electron. Trans. Numer. Anal., 44 (2015), pp. 401–442, Section 5] is proven. This method is a reinterpretation of the smoothed aggregation method with an aggressive coarsening and massive polynomial smoothing of Vaněk,

Brezina, and Tezaur [SIAM J. Sci. Comput., 21 (1999), pp. 900–923], and its convergence rate estimate is improved here quantitatively. Next, since the symmetrization of the method requires two solutions of the coarse problem, a modification of the method is proposed that does not have this disadvantage, and a qualitatively better convergence result for the modification is established. In particular, it is shown that a bound of the convergence rate of the method with a multiply (*k*-times) smoothed prolongator is asymptotically inversely proportional to d^{2k} , where *d* is the degree of the smoothing polynomial. In earlier works, this acceleration effect is only quadratic. Finally, for another modified multiply smoothed method, it is proved that this convergence improvement is not limited only to an asymptotic regime but holds true everywhere.

Key Words.

two-level method with aggressive coarsening, coarse-space size independent convergence, smoothed aggregation, polynomial smoothing

AMS Subject Classifications.

65F10, 65N55

286 Model reduction in atmospheric tomography by optimal grouping of turbulent layers.

Günter Auzinger.

Abstract.

In wide-field applications of adaptive optics systems, the problem of atmospheric tomography has to be solved. Commonly used methods for this purpose operate on a set of two-dimensional reconstruction layers. Due to run-time restrictions and demands on stability, in general the usable number of such reconstruction layers is less than the number of atmospheric turbulence layers. Hence, model reduction has to be applied to the profile of atmosphere layers in order to achieve a smaller number of the most relevant reconstruction layers. In continuation of earlier published and purely heuristic experiments, we concentrate on the question how the choice of the heights of these reconstruction layers influences the performance of the tomographic solver, aiming for a more rigorous analysis. We derive a function representing an approximate expected value for the best-case residual error, i.e., a limitation (in a statistical sense) for what any tomographic solver is able to reach. We provide a method for the minimization of this function, which consequently yields an algorithm for the (approximately) optimal choice of the reconstruction layer heights for a given input atmosphere model, i.e., given the turbulence strength depending on the altitude. Our implementation of the optimization algorithm has acceptable runtime, and first tests of the resulting layer profiles show that the obtained quality is significantly better than for other choices of the reconstruction layer profiles.

Key Words.

model reduction, adaptive optics, atmospheric tomography, layer compression, optimization

AMS Subject Classifications.

78M34, 78A10, 85-08

310 A conditional gradient method for primal-dual total variation-based image denoising.

Abdeslem Hafid Bentbib, Abderrahman Bouhamadi, and Karim Kreit.

Abstract.

In this paper, we consider the problem of image denoising by total variation regularization. We combine the conditional gradient method with the total variation regularization in the dual formulation to derive a new method for denoising images. The convergence of this method is proved. Some numerical examples are given to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed method.

Key Words.

ill-posed problem, regularization, total variation, conditional gradient, image restoration, image denoising, convex programming

AMS Subject Classifications.

65F10, 65R30

329 High-order exponentially fitted difference schemes for singularly perturbed twopoint boundary value problems. *Miljenko Marušić*.

Abstract.

We introduce a family of exponentially fitted difference schemes of arbitrary order as numerical approximations to the solution of a singularly perturbed two-point boundary value problem: $\varepsilon y'' + by' + cy = f$. The difference schemes are derived from interpolation formulae for exponential sums. The so-defined k-point differentiation formulae are exact for functions that are a linear combination of $1, x, \ldots, x^{k-2}, \exp(-\rho x)$. The parameter ρ is chosen from the asymptotic behavior of the solution in the boundary layer. This approach allows a construction of the method with arbitrary order of consistency. Using an estimate for the interpolation error, we prove consistency of all the schemes from the family. The truncation error is bounded by Ch^{k-2} , where C is a constant independent of ε and h. Therefore, the order of consistency for the k-point scheme is k - 2 ($k \ge 3$) in case of a small perturbation parameter ε . There is no general proof of stability for the proposed schemes. Each scheme has to be considered separately. In the paper, stability, and therefore convergence, is proved for three-point schemes in the case when c < 0 and $b \ne 0$.

Key Words.

difference scheme, singular perturbation, ODE, interpolation, exponential sum

AMS Subject Classifications.

65L12, 65L11, 65L10, 65L20, 41A30, 65D25

348 Multigrid methods combined with low-rank approximation for tensor-structured Markov chains.

Matthias Bolten, Karsten Kahl, Daniel Kressner, Francisco Macedo, and Sonja Sokolović.

Abstract.

Markov chains that describe interacting subsystems suffer from state space explosion but lead to highly structured matrices. In this work, we propose a novel tensorbased algorithm to address such tensor-structured Markov chains. Our algorithm combines a tensorized multigrid method with AMEn, an optimization-based lowrank tensor solver, for addressing coarse grid problems. Numerical experiments demonstrate that this combination overcomes the limitations incurred when using each of the two methods individually. As a consequence, Markov chain models of unprecedented size from a variety of applications can be addressed.

Key Words.

Multigrid method, SVD, Tensor Train format, Markov chains, singular linear system, alternating optimization

AMS Subject Classifications. 65F10, 65F50, 60J22, 65N55

362 Non-Toeplitz decay bounds for inverses of Hermitian positive definite tridiagonal matrices.

Andreas Frommer, Claudia Schimmel, and Marcel Schweitzer.

Abstract.

It is well known that the entries of the inverse of a Hermitian positive definite, banded matrix exhibit a decay away from the main diagonal if the condition number of the matrix is not too large compared to the matrix size. There is a rich literature on bounds which predict and explain this decay behavior. However, all the widely known results on exponential decay lead to a Toeplitz matrix of bounds, i.e., they yield the same bound for all entries along a sub- or superdiagonal. In general, there is no reason to expect the inverse of A to have a Toeplitz structure so that this is an obvious shortcoming of these decay bounds. We construct an example of a tridiagonal matrix for which the difference between these decay bounds and the actual decay is especially pronounced and then show how these bounds can be adapted to better reflect the actual decay by investigating certain (modified) submatrices of A. As a by-product, we also investigate how the distribution of all eigenvalues of A rather than just the spectral interval influences the decay behavior. Here, our results hold for matrices with a general, not necessarily banded, sparsity structure.

Key Words.

matrix inverse, tridiagonal matrix, off-diagonal decay, Sherman–Morrison formula, Toeplitz matrix

AMS Subject Classifications.

15A16, 65F50, 65F60

373 The use of the generalized sinc-Gaussian sampling for numerically computing eigenvalues of periodic Dirac system.

Rashad M. Asharabi and Mohammed M. Tharwat.

Abstract.

The generalized sinc-Gaussian sampling operator is established by Asharabi (2016) to approximate two classes of analytic functions. In this paper, we use this operator to construct a new sampling method to approximate the eigenvalues of the periodic (semi-periodic) Dirac system of differential equations problem. The convergence rate of this method is of exponential type, i.e., $e^{-\alpha_r N}/\sqrt{N}$, $\alpha_r = ((r+1)\pi - \sigma h)/2$. The sinc-Gaussian and Hermite-Gauss methods are special cases of this method. We estimate the amplitude error associated to this operator, which gives us the possibility to establish the error analysis of this method. Various illustrative examples are presented and they show a good agreement with our theoretical analysis.

Key Words.

Generalized sinc-Gaussian, eigenvalues, periodic Dirac system, convergence rate.

AMS Subject Classifications.

30E10, 34L15, 47E05, 41A25, 94A20, 41A80.

387 High-order Legendre collocation method for fractional-order linear semi-explicit differential algebraic equations.

F. Ghanbari, K. Ghanbari, and P. Mokhtary.

Abstract.

This paper is devoted to a high-order Legendre collocation approximation for solving fractional-order linear semi-explicit differential algebraic equations numerically. We discuss existence, uniqueness, and regularity results and conclude that the solutions typically suffer from a singularity at the origin. Moreover, we show that the representation of the approximate solutions by a linear combination of Legendre polynomials leads to unsatisfactory convergence results. To overcome this difficulty, we develop a new regularization approach that removes the singularity of the input data and produces approximate solutions of higher accuracy. Illustrative numerical examples are presented to support the obtained theoretical results.

Key Words.

fractional-order differential algebraic equation, Legendre collocation method, regularization approach.

AMS Subject Classifications.

34A08, 65L05, 65L20, 65L60, 65L80.

407 Adaptive discontinuous Galerkin approximation of optimal control problems governed by transient convection-diffusion equations. *Hamdullah Yücel, Martin Stoll, and Peter Benner.*

Abstract.

In this paper, we investigate a posteriori error estimates of a control-constrained optimal control problem governed by a time-dependent convection diffusion equation. The control constraints are handled by using the primal-dual active set algorithm as a semi-smooth Newton method and by adding a Moreau-Yosida-type penalty function to the cost functional. Residual-based error estimators are proposed for both approaches. The derived error estimators are used as error indicators to guide the mesh refinements. A symmetric interior penalty Galerkin method in space and a backward Euler method in time are applied in order to discretize the optimization problem. Numerical results are presented, which illustrate the performance of the proposed error estimators.

Key Words.

optimal control problem, a posteriori error estimate, discontinuous Galerkin method, convection diffusion equations

AMS Subject Classifications.

65N30, 65N50, 49J20, 65K10

435 Frequency-dependent reconstruction of imbalances. Jenny Niebsch and Ronny Ramlau.

Abstract.

Imbalances in rotating machines cause vibrations of the system and may lead to an early wearout of the machine. In this paper, we consider the development of an algorithm for the detection (and subsequent correction) of imbalances from vibrational measurements at certain nodes of the system. Since, e.g., modern wind turbines operate with variable speed, the vibration data are usually collected during changing rotational speed. Based on a mathematical model that connects the measured vibrations at different rotational speeds with the imbalance distribution, we propose an algorithm for its reconstruction. The reconstruction algorithm is based on a tensor product formulation of the forward model. Test examples with artificial data are used to verify our approach.

Key Words.

integral equation, Kronecker product, inverse problem, tensor product, regularization

AMS Subject Classifications.

65N21, 47A52, 15A05

Uniform representations of the incomplete beta function in terms of elementary functions. *Chelo Ferreira, José L. López, and Ester Pérez Sinusía.*

Abstract.

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We consider the incomplete beta function $B_z(a, b)$ in the maximum domain of analyticity of its three variables: $a, b, z \in \mathbb{C}$, $-a \notin \mathbb{N}$, $z \notin [1, \infty)$. For $\Re b \leq 1$ we derive a convergent expansion of $z^{-a}B_z(a, b)$ in terms of the function $(1-z)^b$ and of rational functions of z that is uniformly valid for z in any compact set in $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty)$. When $-b \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, the expansion also contains a logarithmic term of the form $\log(1-z)$. For $\Re b \geq 1$ we derive a convergent expansion of $z^{-a}(1-z)^b B_z(a, b)$ in terms of the function $(1-z)^b$ and of rational functions of z that is uniformly valid for z in any compact set in the exterior of the circle |z-1| = r for arbitrary r > 0. The expansions are accompanied by realistic error bounds. Some numerical experiments show the accuracy of the approximations.

Key Words.

incomplete beta function, convergent expansions, uniform expansions

AMS Subject Classifications.

33B20, 41A58, 41A80

462 Conformal modulus and planar domains with strong singularities and cusps. *Harri Hakula, Antti Rasila, and Matti Vuorinen.*

Abstract.

We study the problem of computing the conformal modulus of rings and quadrilaterals with strong singularities and cusps at their boundary. We reduce this problem to the numerical solution of the associated Dirichlet and Dirichlet-Neumann-type boundary values problems for the Laplace equation. Several experimental results, with error estimates, are reported. In particular, we consider domains with dendritelike boundaries where an analytic formula for the conformal modulus can be derived. The boundary value problems are solved using an hp-finite element method.

Key Words.

conformal capacity, conformal modulus, quadrilateral modulus, $hp\mbox{-}{\rm FEM},$ numerical conformal mapping

AMS Subject Classifications.

65E05, 31A15, 30C85