# On Convergence of AAK Approximants for Cauchy Transforms with Polar Singularities 

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## "Crack" Problem



Let $u$ be the equilibrium distribution of heat or current. Then

$$
\begin{cases}\Delta u=0 & \text { in } D \backslash \gamma \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n_{\Gamma}}=\Phi & \text { on } \Gamma:=\partial D \\ \frac{\partial u^{ \pm}}{\partial n_{\gamma}^{ \pm}}=0 & \text { on } \gamma \backslash\left\{\gamma_{0}, \gamma_{1}\right\}\end{cases}
$$

where $\Delta u$ is the Laplacian of $u$.
$u$ has well-defined conjugate in $D \backslash \gamma$ and

$$
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One approximates $\mathcal{F}$ on $\Gamma$ by meromorphic in $D$ functions and observes the asymptotic behavior of their poles as the number of poles grows large.

## Cauchy Integral



ElectroEncephaloGraphy problem consists in detecting epileptic foci located in the brain from the measurements of electric potential, $U$, on the scalp.

The brain, the skull, and the scalp are modeled by three nested spheres with the same center ${ }^{1}$.

From measurements of $U$ on the outer sphere, one needs to recover $U$ on the inner sphere, inside of which it satisfies Neumann boundary value problem ${ }^{2}$.

[^0]The inner ball is sliced into parallel disks. For each disk, $d$, there exists a function, $f_{d}$, analytic in $d$ except branch points and poles such that

$$
\left.U^{2}\right|_{\partial d}=\left.f_{d}\right|_{\partial d} .
$$

The epileptic foci are recovered from the knowledge of the branch points and poles of $f_{d}$ for each disk $d$. The latter are localized using the meromorphic approximation approach.

We want to answer the following questions:
(1) What is asymptotic distribution of poles of best meromorphic approximants to $\mathcal{F}$ ?
(2) Do some of these poles converge to the polar singularities of $\mathcal{F}$ ?
(3) What can be said about the convergence of such approximants to $\mathcal{F}$ ?

## Note (Baratchart, Mandrèa, Saff, and Wielonsky ${ }^{3}$ )

In the following we set $D$ to be the unit disk, $\mathbb{D}$, and $\gamma$ to be a subset of $(-1,1)$. It was shown by Baratchart et al. that all these considerations translate to domains with piecewise $C^{1, \alpha}$ boundary without outward-pointing cusps, where $\gamma$ is supposed to be a subset of a hyperbolic geodesic of the corresponding domain.

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## Reduction Theorem



Let

- $\mu$ be a complex Borel measure, $S_{\mu}:=\operatorname{supp}(\mu) \subset(-1,1)$;
- $R$ be rational function whose set of poles $S^{\prime} \subset \mathbb{D}$;
- $\mathcal{F}(\mu ; R ; z)=\int \frac{d \mu(t)}{z-t}+R(z)$;
- $D_{\mathcal{F}}:=\overline{\mathbb{C}} \backslash\left(S_{\mu} \cup S^{\prime}\right)$ stand for the domain of analyticity of $\mathcal{F}$.

Let $h$ be a complex-valued function on the unit circle, $\mathbb{T}$. Then

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
h \in L^{2} & \text { iff } & \|h\|_{2}^{2}:=\sum\left|h_{j}\right|^{2}<\infty, h_{j}:=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \xi^{-j} h(\xi)|d \xi|, \\
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Let $p=2, \infty$. The Hardy spaces are defined by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H^{p}:=\left\{h \in L^{p}: h_{j}=0, j<0\right\}, \\
& \bar{H}_{0}^{p}:=\left\{h \in L^{p}: h_{j}=0, j>-1\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is clear that

$$
L^{2}=H^{2} \oplus \bar{H}_{0}^{2} .
$$

## Orthogonal projections:

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Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$. The $n$-th singular number of $\mathcal{H}_{f}$ :

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\begin{gathered}
\sigma_{n}\left(\mathcal{H}_{f}\right):=\inf \left\{\left\|\mathcal{H}_{f}-\mathcal{O}\right\|: \mathcal{O}: H^{2} \rightarrow \bar{H}_{0}^{2}, \quad \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{O}) \leq n\right\}, \\
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The set of meromorphic functions of degree $n$ :

$$
H_{n}^{\infty}:=H^{\infty} B_{n}^{-1}
$$

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- $w \in H^{2}$ such that

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Further, if $\sigma_{n}\left(\mathcal{H}_{f}\right)>\sigma_{\infty}\left(\mathcal{H}_{f}\right)$ then there exists a function of the unit norm $v_{n} \in H^{2}$ such that

$$
f-g_{n}=\frac{\mathcal{H}_{f}\left(v_{n}\right)}{v_{n}}
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$$
v_{n}(z)=b_{n}(z) w_{n}(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}
$$

where $b_{n}$ is a Blaschke product of exact degree $n$ and $w_{n}$ is an outer function.

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$$
\int t^{j} q_{n}(t) Q(t) \frac{w_{n}(t)}{\widetilde{q}_{n}^{2}(t)} d \mu(t)=0, \quad j=0, \ldots, n-m-1 .
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- $|\mu|([x-\delta, x+\delta]) \geq c \delta^{L}$, where $c$ and $L$ are some constants, $x \in S_{\mu}$, and $\delta \in(0,1)$.


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## Remark <br> This lemma, in fact, does not require the hypothesis $\mu \in \mathbf{B V T}$. It is sufficient for the lemma to hold to have a measure with an argument of bounded variation and infinitely many points in the support.

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## Lemma (Baratchart, Küstner, and Totik ${ }^{6}$ )

Let $S_{k}$ be a covering of $S_{\mu}$ by $k$ disjoint closed intervals. Then

$$
\sum\left(\pi-\theta\left(\xi_{j, n}\right)\right) \leq V(\Theta, \mathcal{W}, Q, k)
$$


${ }^{6}$ Zero distribution via orthogonality, Ann. Inst. Fourier, 55(5):1455-1499, 2005.

Denote by $V_{\mathbb{D}}^{\omega}$ the Green potential of a probability measure $\omega$, $\operatorname{supp}(\omega) \subset \mathbb{D}$, relative to $\mathbb{D}$, i.e.

$$
V_{\mathbb{D}}^{\omega}(z):=\int \log \left|\frac{1-\bar{t} z}{z-t}\right| d \omega(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{D} \backslash \operatorname{supp}(\omega) .
$$

It is known that there exists the unique measure $\omega^{*}=\omega_{\left(\mathcal{S}_{\mu}, \mathbb{T}\right)}$ that minimizes the Green energy functional

$$
\iint \log \left|\frac{1-\bar{t} z}{z-t}\right| d \omega(t) d \omega(z)=\int V_{\mathbb{D}}^{\omega}(z) d \omega(z)
$$

among all probability Borel measures supported on $S_{\mu}$.

It holds that

$$
V_{\mathbb{D}}^{\omega^{*}} \equiv 0 \quad \text { on } \quad \mathbb{T}
$$

by the definition of the Green potential and

$$
V_{\mathbb{D}}^{\omega^{*}} \equiv \frac{1}{\operatorname{cap}\left(S_{\mu}, \mathbb{T}\right)} \quad \text { on } \quad S_{\mu}
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by the properties of the Green equilibrium measure, where $\operatorname{cap}\left(S_{\mu}, \mathbb{T}\right)$ is the Green capacity of $S_{\mu}$ relative to $\mathbb{D}$.

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- for each $n$ large enough there exists $q_{n, m}$, divisor of $q_{n}$, such that $q_{n, m}=Q+o(1)$.

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## Conformal Map



Let $S_{\mu}=E:=[a, b]$. Then

$$
\exp \left\{-V_{\mathbb{D}}^{\omega^{*}}(z)\right\}=|\varphi(z)|
$$

and

$$
\exp \left\{\frac{-1}{\operatorname{cap}(E, \mathbb{T})}\right\}=\varphi(b)=-\varphi(a)=: \rho
$$

where

$$
\varphi(z):=\exp \left\{2 \pi \tau^{2} \int_{1}^{z} \frac{d t}{\sqrt{(t-a)(b-t)(1-a t)(1-b t)}}\right\}
$$

is the conformal map of $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \backslash\left(E \cup E^{-1}\right)$ onto annulus $\mathbb{A}_{\rho}$.

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$$
w_{n}=\frac{\tau+o(1)}{\sqrt{(1-a z)(1-b z)}}+\frac{I_{n}}{\widetilde{Q}}, \quad \widetilde{Q}(z)=z^{m} \overline{Q(1 / \bar{z})}
$$

where $o(1)$ holds locally uniformly in $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \backslash E^{-1}$ and the polynomials $I_{n}, \operatorname{deg}\left(I_{n}\right)<m$, converge to zero and are coprime with $\widetilde{Q}$.

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Further,

$$
\frac{b_{n}(z)}{\varphi^{n}(z)}=\frac{1+o(1)}{\mathcal{D}_{n}(z)} \frac{b(z)}{\varphi^{m}(z)}
$$

locally uniformly in $D_{\mathcal{F}} \cap D_{\mathcal{F}}^{*}$, where $b=Q / \widetilde{Q}$.
Each $\mathcal{D}_{n}$ is such that

- it is an outer function in $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \backslash\left(E \cup E^{-1}\right)$;
- there exist constants $m$ and $M$ independent of $n$ such that

$$
0<m<\mathcal{D}_{n}(z)<M<\infty \text { in } \overline{\mathbb{C}}
$$

- it holds that $\mathcal{D}_{n}(z) \overline{\mathcal{D}_{n}(1 / \bar{z})}=1$;
- it has winding number zero on any curve separating $E$ from $E^{-1}$.


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Moreover,
$\left(\mathcal{F}-g_{n}\right)(z)=$

$$
\left(\frac{2 \mathcal{D}}{\tau}+o(1)\right) \sqrt{\frac{(1-a z)(1-b z)}{(z-a)(z-b)}}\left(\frac{\rho}{\varphi(z)}\right)^{2(n-m)} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{n}^{2}(z)}{b^{2}(z)}
$$

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## Theorem

Finally, for each $\eta$ and all $n$ large enough, there exists an arrangement of $\eta_{1, n}, \ldots \eta_{m(\eta), n}$, the zeros of $b_{n}$ approaching $\eta$, such that

$$
\eta_{k, n}=\eta+A_{k, n}^{\eta}\left(\frac{\rho}{\varphi(\eta)}\right)^{2(n-m) / m(\eta)} \exp \left\{\frac{2 \pi k i}{m(\eta)}\right\}
$$

$k=1, \ldots, m(\eta)$, where the sequences $\left\{A_{k, n}^{\eta}\right\}$ are convergent with finite nonzero limit independent of $k$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}(z) & =7 \int_{[-6 / 7,-1 / 8]} \frac{e^{i t} d t}{z-t}-(3+i) \int_{[2 / 5,1 / 2]} \frac{1}{t-2 i} \frac{d t}{z-t} \\
& +(2-4 i) \int_{[2 / 3,7 / 8]} \frac{\ln (t) d t}{z-t}+\frac{2}{(z+3 / 7-4 i / 7)^{2}} \\
& +\frac{6}{(z-5 / 9-3 i / 4)^{3}}+\frac{24}{(z+1 / 5+6 i / 7)^{4}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

On the figures the solid lines stand for the support of the measure, diamonds depict the polar singularities of $\mathcal{F}$, and circles denote the poles of the correspondent approximants. Note that the poles of $\mathcal{F}$ seem to attract the singularities first.


Padé approximants to $\mathcal{F}$ of degree 8 and 13


AAK (left) and rational (right) approximants to $\mathcal{F}$ of degree 8


Padé (left) and AAK (right) approximants to $\mathcal{F}$ of degree 30

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}(z) & =7 \int_{[-0.7,00} \frac{e^{i t}}{z-t} \frac{d t}{\sqrt{(t+0.7)(0.4-t)}} \\
& +\int_{[0,0.4]} \frac{i t+1}{z-t} \frac{d t}{\sqrt{(t+0.7)(0.4-t)}} \\
& +\frac{1}{5!(z-0.7-0.2 i)^{6}}
\end{aligned}
$$

On the figures the solid line stands for the support of the measure and circles denote the poles of the correspondent approximants.


Poles of Padé (left) and AAK (right) approximants of degree 10 to $\mathcal{F}$.



Poles of Padé (left) and AAK (right) approximants of degree 20 to $\mathcal{F}$.



Poles of Padé (left) and AAK (right) approximants of degrees 21-33 to $\mathcal{F}$ lying in an neighborhood of the polar singularity.


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