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A POSTERIORI ANALYSIS FOR MAXWELL'S EIGENVALUE PROBLEM

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We discuss the finite element approximation of Maxwell's eigenvalue problem. A widely used tool for the analysis of this problem is a suitable mixed formulation. In this talk we show how to define an a posteriori error indicator for the mixed problem and how to implement it in the framework of the original formulation. A posteriori error analysis is performed for the proposed indicator. This is a joint work with L. Gastaldi, R. Rodríguez, and I. Šebestová.

OPTIMALITY OF ADAPTIVE FINITE ELEMENT METHODS FOR EIGENVALUE CLUSTERS

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We present recent results establishing optimality of standard adaptive finite element methods of arbitrary degree for eigenfunction computations for elliptic boundary value problems. Similar previous analyses have considered only lowest-order (piecewise linear) finite element spaces or multiple eigenvalues only. In contrast to previous results, our techniques also confirm that a critical input parameter in the adaptive FEM, the marking parameter, may be chosen independent of the target cluster being approximated.

NUMERICAL APPROXIMATION OF THE SPECTRUM OF THE CURL OPERATOR IN MULTIPLY CONNECTED DOMAINS

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The aim of this work is to analyze the numerical approximation of the eigenvalue problem for the curl operator on a multiply connected domain. In order to obtain a well-posed eigenvalue problem, additional constraints must be imposed (see [3]). A combination between two type of constraints related to the homology of the domain have been added in order that the problem has a discrete spectrum (see [2]). A mixed variational formulation of the resulting problem and a finite element discretization are introduced and shown to be well-posed. Optimal-order spectral convergence is proved, as well as a priori error estimates, by using classical spectral approximation results (see [1]). It is described how to implement this numerical method taking care of these additional constraints. Finally the results of some numerical tests are also reported.

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REDUCED BASIS APPROXIMATION AND A POSTERIORI ERROR ESTIMATES FOR PARAMETRIZED ELLIPTIC EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS

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In many applications, ranging from optics and electronics to acoustics and structural mechanics, the solution of eigenproblems plays a crucial role. Moreover, repeated solutions are required, for different physical or geometrical settings, as soon as optimal control issues or inverse problems are addressed. In this framework, the reduced basis (RB) method can represent a suitably efficient technique to contain the demanded computational effort, especially in a many-query context. Starting from the pioneering work [1], in the last fifteen years the RB method has been applied to linear and nonlinear eigenproblems, also depending on a high number of parameters [2]. Nevertheless, few results on the *a posteriori* error estimation of the reduced order solution have been published.

In [3], we develop a new RB method for the approximation of a parametrized eigenproblem for the Laplacian. This method hinges upon dual weighted residual type *a posteriori* error indicators, which give rigorous upper bounds, for any value of the parameters, of the error between the high-fidelity finite element approximation of the first eigenvalue and eigenfunction and the corresponding RB approximations. The proposed error estimators are exploited not only to certify (*online*) the RB approximation, but also to set up a greedy algorithm for the *offline* construction of the RB space. Furthermore, a computationally inexpensive approximation of the inf-sup coefficient on which the error bounds depend is provided, addressing an issue that often represents a bottleneck in the efficient application of reduced order approximations. Several numerical experiments assess the overall reliability and efficiency of the proposed RB approach, both for affine and non-affine parametrizations.

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ADAPTIVE MIXED FINITE ELEMENTS FOR EIGENVALUES

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It is shown that the h -adaptive mixed finite element method for the discretization of eigenvalue clusters of the Laplace operator produces optimal convergence rates in terms of nonlinear approximation classes. The results are valid for the typical mixed spaces of Raviart–Thomas or Brezzi–Douglas–Marini type with arbitrary fixed polynomial degree in two and three space dimensions. The talk is based on the work [1].

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**AN INTERIOR PENALTY METHOD WITH C^0
FINITE ELEMENTS FOR THE APPROXIMATION OF
THE MAXWELL EQUATIONS IN HETEROGENEOUS MEDIA:
CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS WITH MINIMAL REGULARITY**

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The present paper proposes and analyzes an interior penalty technique using C^0 -finite elements to solve the Maxwell equations in domains with heterogeneous properties. The convergence analysis for the boundary value problem and the eigenvalue problem is done assuming only minimal regularity in Lipschitz domains. The method is shown to converge for any polynomial degrees and to be spectrally correct.

A FRAMEWORK OF HIGH-PRECISION VERIFIED EIGENVALUE BOUNDS FOR SELF-ADJOINT DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

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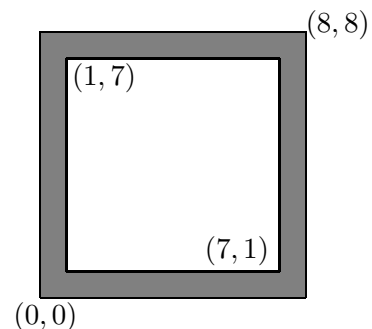
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A universal framework is proposed to give high-precision explicit lower and upper bounds for the eigenvalues of self-adjoint differential operators [1]. In the case of the Laplacian operator, by applying Crouzeix–Raviart finite elements, an efficient algorithm is developed to bound the eigenvalues for the Laplacian defined in 1D, 2D and 3D spaces. For biharmonic operators, Fujino–Morley FEM is adopted to bound the eigenvalues. To obtain high-precision eigenvalue bounds, Lehmann–Goerisch’s theorem along with high-order finite element methods is adopted[3, 2]. See Table 1 for a sample computation result for eigenvalue of Laplacian with homogeneous boundary condition over square-minus-square domain, where there exist singularities of eigenfunction around the reentrant corners.

By further adopting the interval arithmetic, the explicit eigenvalue bounds from numerical computations can be mathematically correct. As a computer-assited proof, the verified eigenvalue bounds have been used to investigate the solution existence of semi-linear elliptic differential equations; see, e.g., [4].

Bounds for the eigenvalues of Laplacian over square-minus-square domain [2]
(with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition)

λ_i	Eigenvalue bound	Relative Error
1	9.16021_{37}^{64}	2.8E-7
2	9.17008_{61}^{89}	2.9E-7
3	9.17008_{61}^{89}	2.9E-7
4	9.18056_{52}^{80}	3.0E-7
5	10.089843_{14}^{37}	2.2E-8



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A BAYESIAN APPROACH TO EIGENVALUE OPTIMIZATION

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A celebrated conjecture by Polyá and Szegő asserts that amongst all n -sided polygons of a given area, the regular n -gon is the global optimizer of the first Dirichlet eigenvalue of the Laplacian. This conjecture has been shown to hold for triangles and quadrilaterals, but is open for pentagons.

In this talk, we present a novel framework for eigenvalue optimization combining finite element computations in a validated numerics setting, with a Bayesian optimization approach. We illustrate this approach for the specific case of the Polyá-Szegő conjecture on pentagons.

HIGH-ORDER MORTAR FINITE ELEMENT DISCRETIZATION FOR PDE EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS AND ERROR ESTIMATION

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Mortar element methods use a decomposition of the computational domain and couple different discretization spaces in the subdomains weakly by a mortar condition. We use for example a high-order mortar element method for full-potential electronic structure calculations [1]. For this we use a spherical discretization in spherical elements around each nucleus, which is adapted to resolve the core singularity due to an unbounded potential term, is coupled to a finite element discretization in between the nuclei. We discuss the error of the mortar element method with uniform refinement as well as the reliability of a residual error estimator. With a series of numerical experiments we illustrate the theoretical convergence results for uniform refinement also in comparison with a conforming hp -adaptive finite element method and a p -adaptive refinement strategy based on the residual error estimator.

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GUARANTEED AND ROBUST A POSTERIORI BOUNDS FOR LAPLACE EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

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In this talk we present a posteriori error estimates for conforming numerical approximations of the Laplace eigenvalue problem with a homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition. In particular, upper and lower bounds for the first eigenvalue are given. These bounds are guaranteed, fully computable, and converge with the optimal speed to the exact eigenvalue. They are valid under an explicit, a posteriori, minimal resolution condition on the computational mesh and the approximate solution; we also need to assume that the approximate eigenvalue is smaller than a computable lower bound on the second smallest eigenvalue, which can be satisfied in most cases of practical interest by including the computational domain into a rectangular parallelepiped or a d -sphere. Guaranteed, fully computable, and polynomial-degree robust bounds for the energy error in the approximation of the first eigenvector are derived as well, under the same conditions. Remarkably, there appears no unknown (solution-, regularity-, or polynomial-degree-dependent) constant in our theory, and no convexity/regularity assumption on the computational domain/exact eigenvector(s) is needed.