

Padé approximant in complex points revisited

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Abstract

It is "well known" that the interlaced zeros and poles of Padé approximants describe the position of cuts of considered function f . More, the Padé approximants choose automatically this position, "in principal" in the direction joining the point of developpement of f and its ramification point. The "well known" property was studied by J.S.R.Chisholm and A.C.Genz et M.Pusterla forty years ago for $\ln(1-z)$ function at the complex points, but the "well known" results produced by the authors are false. A number of numerical examples show that the positions of zeros and poles deviate from the supposed "well known" position. We show also, that only N -point Padé approximants computed with pairs of points, complex and complex conjugate, leads to the traditional position of cuts.

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