

# The harmonic Faber operator and approximate solutions of Dirichlet problems

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## Abstract

We study Faber-Fourier series for harmonic functions. It is shown that, in the case of Jordan domains with piecewise Dini-smooth boundary without cusps, the corresponding series of harmonic polynomials converge uniformly for Hölder-continuous functions defined on the boundary of the domain. This results in a constructive approach for the approximate solution of Dirichlet problems by harmonic polynomials in this special situation. Numerical examples for ellipses and squares are given.

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## 1 Introduction

For a non-empty compact set  $K$  in the complex plane let  $C(K)$  denote the space of continuous complex-valued functions on  $K$ . We write  $a(K)$  for the subspace of all  $u \in C(K)$  such that  $u|_{K^\circ}$ , with  $K^\circ$  the interior of  $K$ , is harmonic, and  $A(K)$  for the subspace of all  $h \in C(K)$  such that  $h|_{K^\circ}$  is holomorphic. Moreover, let  $D$  be a bounded domain in the complex plane and let  $\omega$  denote a harmonic measure of  $D$ . If  $D$  is regular (see e.g. [15]), then for  $f \in C(\partial D)$  the unique solution of the Dirichlet problem  $\Delta u = 0$  in  $D$  and  $u|_{\partial D} = f$  is given by the Poisson integral

$$u(z) = (P_D f)(z) = \int_{\partial D} f(\zeta) d\omega(z, \zeta) \quad (z \in D)$$

and  $P_D : C(\partial D) \rightarrow a(\overline{D})$  turns out to be an isometric isomorphism (see again e.g. [15]). In the case of the unit disc  $D = \mathbb{D}$  we have

$$d\omega(z, \zeta) = \frac{1 - |z|^2}{|\zeta - z|^2} dm(\zeta) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta + z}{\zeta - z} \right) dm(\zeta),$$

where  $m$  denotes the normalised arc length measure on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$ . By expanding the Poisson kernel in a geometric series and writing  $e_k(z) := z^k$  for

$k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $e_{-k}(z) := \bar{z}^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , one obtains

$$u = Pf := P_{\mathbb{D}}f = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\nu)e_{\nu}$$

with  $\widehat{f}(k)$  the  $k$ -th Fourier coefficient of the boundary function  $f$ . So we have a series expansion in the harmonic monomials  $e_k$  that converges locally uniformly in  $\mathbb{D}$ . If the Fourier series of  $f$  converges uniformly on  $\mathbb{T}$ , the maximum principle implies that the harmonic polynomials  $\sum_{\nu=-n}^n \widehat{f}(\nu)e_{\nu}$  converge uniformly on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  to the solution of the Dirichlet problem. According to the Dini-Lipschitz theorem, this holds in particular if  $f$  is Hölder continuous. Our aim is to find similar series solutions of Dirichlet problems for more general domains  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ . A well-known approach for holomorphic functions is the expansion in a Faber series (see e.g. [2], [4], [16]). We consider, more generally, harmonic Faber series, that is, series expansions in Faber polynomials  $F_n$  and conjugate (harmonic) Faber polynomials  $\overline{F_n}$  (cf. [1], [16, pp. 280]), where we make systematic use of the extended (harmonic) Faber operator (see [12]).

## 2 Harmonic Faber series

Let  $K \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a compact continuum with a connected complement  $\mathbb{C}_{\infty} \setminus K$ . According to the Riemann mapping theorem, there is a unique conformal mapping  $\psi := \psi_K : \mathbb{C}_{\infty} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\infty} \setminus K$  with

$$\psi(w) = c \cdot w + c_0 + \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} c_{-\nu} w^{-\nu} \quad (w \in \mathbb{C}_{\infty} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}})$$

and  $c = c_K > 0$ . For the inverse function  $\varphi$  of  $\psi$  one has

$$\varphi(\xi) = d \cdot \xi + d_0 + \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} d_{-\nu} \xi^{-\nu} \quad (|\xi| > \sup\{|w| : w \in K\})$$

where  $d = 1/c$  and, more generally,

$$\varphi^n(\xi) = d^n \cdot \xi^n + \sum_{\nu=0}^{n-1} d_{\nu,n} \xi^{\nu} + \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} d_{-\nu,n} \xi^{-\nu} \quad (|\xi| > \sup\{|w| : w \in K\}).$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $n$ -th Faber polynomial with respect to  $K$  is defined by

$$F_n(z) := F_{n,K}(z) := d^n \cdot z^n + \sum_{\nu=0}^{n-1} d_{\nu,n} z^{\nu} \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}). \quad (1)$$

It is well-known that, with  $F_0 = 1$ ,

$$\frac{\psi'(w)}{\psi(w) - z} = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{F_{\nu,K}(z)}{w^{\nu+1}} \quad (z \in K, |w| > 1). \quad (2)$$

We put  $F_{-n,K} := \overline{F_{n,K}}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In the sequel, we restrict our consideration to compact sets  $K$  that are the closure of a Jordan domain  $D$ . If we fix  $a \in D$ , then there is a unique Riemann mapping  $\varphi_0 : D \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  with  $\varphi_0(a) = 0$  and  $\varphi_0'(a) > 0$ . Moreover,  $\varphi_0$  extends to a homeomorphism from  $K$  to  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ , which we also denote by  $\varphi_0$ . It is easily seen that here, with  $\psi_0$  the inverse of  $\varphi_0$ ,

$$P_D f = P(f \circ (\psi_0|_{\mathbb{T}})) \circ \varphi_0.$$

Let  $\widehat{g}(k)$  denote the  $k$ -th Fourier coefficient of  $g \in C(\mathbb{T})$ , for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $\Gamma = \partial K$  is piecewise Dini-smooth, then  $\Gamma$  is of bounded secant variation (see [5, Theorem 4]) and the Faber operator  $T_D$ , defined for harmonic polynomials  $p$  by

$$p = \sum_{\nu=-N}^N \widehat{p}(\nu) e_\nu \mapsto \sum_{\nu=-N}^N \widehat{p}(\nu) F_\nu,$$

extends to a continuous linear operator  $T = T_D : C(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow a(K)$  (see [12, Theorem 1]). Moreover, if  $g \in C(\mathbb{T})$  has a uniformly convergent Fourier series then

$$T_D g = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{g}(\nu) F_\nu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\nu=-n}^n \widehat{g}(\nu) F_\nu \quad (3)$$

with uniform convergence on  $K$  and

$$\max_K \left| T_D g - \sum_{\nu=-n}^n \widehat{g}(\nu) F_\nu \right| \leq \|T_D\| \cdot \max_{\mathbb{T}} \left| g - \sum_{\nu=-n}^n \widehat{g}(\nu) e_\nu \right|.$$

Note that  $\widehat{g}(k) = 0$  for  $k \leq 0$  if  $g \in A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ . Identifying, as usual, the functions in  $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$  with their boundary functions defined on  $\mathbb{T}$ , we recall that the classical Faber operator  $T_D|_{A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})}$  is injective and that  $u \in T_D(A(\overline{\mathbb{D}}))$  if and only if the Cauchy integral  $c = c(u \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}}))$  of  $u \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}})$  belongs to  $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$  (see e.g. [4]). In the latter case, we have  $u = T_D c$ . According to Privalov's theorem, if  $u \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}})$  is Hölder continuous on  $\mathbb{T}$ , its Cauchy integral is Hölder continuous on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  and thus belongs to  $A(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$ .

Let  $h(D)$  and  $H(D)$ , respectively, denote the spaces of harmonic functions in  $D$  and holomorphic functions in  $D$ . It is easily seen that  $h(D) = H(D) \oplus \overline{H}(D)$ , where

$$\overline{H}(D) := \{\overline{u} : u(a) = 0, u \in H(D)\}$$

is the space of anti-holomorphic functions in  $D$  vanishing at  $a$ . For  $f \in C(\Gamma)$  we write

$$P_D f = Q_D f + R_D f,$$

where  $Q_D f \in H(D)$  and  $R_D f \in \overline{H}(D)$ . Moreover, for  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  let  $a_\alpha(K)$  denote the space of functions in  $a(K)$  which satisfy a Hölder condition of order  $\alpha$  on  $\Gamma$  and, similarly, let  $A_\alpha(K)$  denote the space of functions in  $A(K)$  which satisfy a Hölder condition of order  $\alpha$  on  $\Gamma$ . Equipped with the corresponding

Hölder-norms,  $a_\alpha(K)$  and  $A_\alpha(K)$  become Banach spaces. In [17] it is shown that functions in  $A_\alpha(K)$  satisfy a Hölder condition also on  $K$ . We set  $a_+(K) := \bigcup_{\alpha>0} a_\alpha(K)$  and  $A_+(K) := \bigcup_{\alpha>0} A_\alpha(K)$ .

If  $\Gamma$  has no cusps, then it satisfies an inner and an outer wedge condition at each corner (and thus at each point). According to results of Lesley (see [10] and [11]), the conformal mappings  $\psi_0$  and  $\varphi_0$  are Hölder continuous. With

$$\overline{A_+}(K) := \{\bar{u} : u(a) = 0, u \in A_+(K)\}$$

and according to continuity properties of Cauchy integrals (Privalov's theorem) this implies (cf. [13, Prop. 2.28])

$$a_+(K) = A_+(K) \oplus \overline{A_+}(K). \quad (4)$$

We write  $C_+(\Gamma)$  for the space of functions in  $C(\Gamma)$  which are Hölder continuous of some order  $\alpha > 0$ . Then (4) implies the injectivity of  $T_D|_{C_+(\mathbb{T})}$  (cf. [13, Proposition 2.30]).

Let now  $f \in C_+(\Gamma)$ . Then  $f$  is Hölder continuous of some order  $\alpha > 0$  and thus  $P_D f \in a_\alpha(K)$ . From (4) we have  $Q_D f \in A_+(K)$  and  $R_D f \in \overline{A_+}(K)$ . Hence, with  $Q := Q_{\mathbb{D}}$ , and  $R = R_{\mathbb{D}}$  the functions  $Q(Q_D f \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}}))$  and  $R(R_D f \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}}))$  belong to  $C_+(\mathbb{T})$ , so that for

$$S_D f := Q(Q_D f \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}})) + R(R_D f \circ (\psi|_{\mathbb{T}}))$$

we have  $S_D(C_+(\Gamma)) \subset C_+(\mathbb{T})$ . From [12, Theorem 3] we obtain  $(T_D S_D f)|_{\Gamma} = f$  and hence  $T_D S_D f = P_D f$ , by uniqueness of the solution of the Dirichlet problem. The Dini-Lipschitz theorem implies that the Fourier series of  $S_D f$  converges uniformly on  $\mathbb{T}$ . Summing up, we obtain

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $D$  be a Jordan domain with piecewise Dini-smooth boundary having no cusps. If  $f \in C_+(\Gamma)$  then*

$$P_D f = T_D S_D f = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} (S_D f)^\wedge(\nu) F_\nu \quad (5)$$

*with uniform convergence on  $K$ .*

The theorem shows that, for domains  $D$  with piecewise Dini-smooth boundary having no cusps, the Dirichlet problem with boundary function  $f \in C_+(\Gamma)$  can be solved approximately by partial sums of (5), this means, by harmonic polynomials matching the boundary function up to a prescribed (absolute) error in the uniform norm, where the coefficients are given as Fourier coefficients of  $S_D f$ . Similar approaches to solve Dirichlet problems are described in [1] and [16, pp. 280], where the boundary functions are less restricted but  $\Gamma$  is required to be analytic or of sufficient smoothness. Note that Theorem 2.1 applies in particular to the case of a polygonal domain.

In view of Theorem 2.1 immediately the question arises how the Fourier transform  $(S_D f)^\wedge$  can be calculated in terms of  $f$  and  $D$  without harmonic conjugates involved.



We have

$$P_D f = P(f \circ \psi_0|_{\mathbb{T}}) \circ \varphi_0 = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f(\psi_0(\zeta)) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta + \varphi_0}{\zeta - \varphi_0} \right) dm(\zeta)$$

on  $D$ . Since

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\zeta + \varphi_0}{\zeta - \varphi_0} \right) = 1 + \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \varphi_0^\mu / \zeta^\mu + \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} \overline{\varphi_0}^\mu / \overline{\zeta}^\mu$$

with locally uniform convergence on  $D$  we obtain

$$T_D S_D f = P_D f = (f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(0) + \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} (f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(\mu) \varphi_0^\mu + \sum_{\mu=1}^{\infty} (f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(-\mu) \overline{\varphi_0}^\mu.$$

Expansion of  $\varphi_0^\mu \in A_+(K)$  into a Faber series leads to

$$\varphi_0^\mu(z) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} (\varphi_0^\mu \circ \psi)\hat{\sim}(\nu) F_\nu(z)$$

with uniform convergence on  $K$ . Since  $\varphi_0 \circ \psi$  is bounded by 1 on  $\Gamma$ , the same holds for the Fourier coefficients  $(\varphi_0^\mu \circ \psi)\hat{\sim}(\nu)$ . If  $(F_\nu(z))$  is absolutely summable for some  $z \in K$  (which is e.g. the case if  $\psi''$  belongs to the Hardy space  $H^1$ ; see [16, p. 83]), and if  $((f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(\mu))$  is absolutely summable (which is the case if  $f \circ \psi_0 \in \operatorname{Lip}(\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha > 1/2$  by Bernstein's Theorem, and if  $f \circ \psi_0$  is in  $C_+(\mathbb{T})$  and of bounded variation by a result of Zygmund; see e.g [9]), then by interchanging the order of summation and comparing the coefficients (which is allowed due to the injectivity of  $T_D|_{C_+(\mathbb{T})}$ ) we obtain

$$(S_D f)\hat{\sim}(k) = \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} (f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(\mu) \cdot (\varphi_0^\mu \circ \psi)\hat{\sim}(k)$$

with absolute convergence. The important feature is that the required information concerning the boundary function  $f$  is reduced to the Fourier coefficients  $(f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(\mu)$ . In particular, no harmonic conjugates are needed here. The Fourier transforms  $(\varphi_0^\mu \circ \psi)\hat{\sim}$  depend only on the domain  $D$ , but not on  $f$ . So, once computed, variations in the boundary function  $f$  only require the evaluation of  $(f \circ \psi_0)\hat{\sim}(\mu)$ . Since we are restricted to Fourier coefficients, Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) turns out to be a quite efficient tool.

An further approach (cf. [16, pp. 280], [13]) to calculate  $(S_D f)\hat{\sim}$  in terms of  $f \circ \psi_0$  is based on the expansion of the Schwarz-kernel

$$s(\zeta, z) := \frac{\zeta + \varphi_0(z)}{\zeta - \varphi_0(z)}$$

into a Faber series. If  $|w| > 1$  then  $s(w, \cdot) \in A_+(\overline{\mathbb{D}})$  and the Faber series

$$s(w, z) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{\infty} a_\mu(w) F_\mu(z),$$

with

$$a_k(w) := (s(w, \cdot) \circ \psi)^\wedge(k) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}_0)$$

converges uniformly on  $K$ . Moreover, the parameter integrals  $a_k$  are holomorphic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ . If the  $a_k$  have radial boundary values  $a_k(\zeta)$  at almost all  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$  and if for some  $z \in D$  we have  $s(\zeta, z) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{\infty} a_\mu(\zeta) F_\mu(z)$  with "reasonable" convergence with respect to  $\zeta$ , then the Fourier transform  $(S_D f)^\wedge$  may be deduced from

$$(T_D S_D f)(z) = \int (f \circ \psi_0) \operatorname{Re}(s(\cdot, z)) dm = \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} F_\mu(z) \int (f \circ \psi_0) b_\mu dm,$$

where  $b_0 := \operatorname{Re}(a_0)$ ,  $b_k := a_k/2$  for  $k > 0$  and  $b_k := \overline{b_{-k}}$  for  $k < 0$ , namely,

$$(S_D f)^\wedge(k) = \int (f \circ \psi_0) b_k dm \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}). \quad (6)$$

Again, it is seen that the dependence on  $f$  is only in form of  $f \circ \psi_0$  and in particular no harmonic conjugate is involved. Also, once the  $a_k$  (and then also the  $b_k$ ) are evaluated, for varying  $f$  the computation of  $(S_D f)^\wedge(k)$  can be done efficiently by numerical integration.

If  $\Gamma$  is piecewise analytic, that is, if  $\psi$  extends holomorphically beyond  $\mathbb{T}$  except for finitely many points  $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_m$ , then, due to deformation of the contour of integration  $\mathbb{T}$  underlying the Fourier coefficients  $a_k(w)$ , the functions  $a_k$  also extend holomorphically beyond  $\mathbb{T}$  except for the points  $\varphi(\psi_0(\zeta_1)), \dots, \varphi(\psi_0(\zeta_m))$ .

If  $\Gamma$  is analytic, then  $s(\zeta, z) = \sum_{\mu=0}^{\infty} a_\mu(\zeta) F_\mu(z)$  holds uniformly with respect to  $\zeta$ , for each  $z \in D$  (see [13]). Since the  $a_k$  are given as Fourier coefficients in terms of the Schwarz kernel, again FFT can be employed for efficient computation.

### 3 Example I: Ellipse

For fixed  $R > 1$  let  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (\operatorname{Re}(z)/a)^2 + (\operatorname{Im}(z)/b)^2 < 1\}$  be the domain bounded by the ellipse with semi-axes

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \left( R + \frac{1}{R} \right), \quad b = \frac{1}{2} \left( R - \frac{1}{R} \right).$$

Then  $\psi: \mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus K$  is given by

$$\psi(w) := \frac{1}{2} \left( R w + \frac{1}{R w} \right) \quad (w \in \mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}})$$

and

$$F_{n,K} = \frac{2}{R^n} T_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

where  $T_n$  denotes the Chebyshev polynomial of degree  $n$ . Since the Chebyshev polynomials can be computed efficiently, the main task for evaluating the  $n$ -partial sum of (5) is in the approximative computation of the Fourier coefficients

$$c_k(f) := (S_D f)^\wedge(k)$$

for  $|k| \leq n$ . Since the domain is analytically bounded, we can compute the  $c_k(f)$  with the aid of Equation (6). So we need to have knowledge about  $b_k$  and hence about the conformal mappings  $\varphi_0 : D \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  and  $\psi_0 : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow D$ , given here in terms of elliptic integrals. The incomplete elliptic integral of the first kind  $F$  is defined as

$$F(z, t^2) = \int_0^z \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-t^2x^2)}}. \quad (7)$$

The square root is to be regarded as  $\sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x}\sqrt{1-tx}\sqrt{1+tx}$ ; the arguments are determined such that each factor is equal to 1 for  $x = 0$ . We set  $K(t^2) := F(1, t^2)$  for  $t^2 \neq 1$ ; then  $K$  is called the complete elliptic integral of the first kind. The inverse of  $F(\cdot, t^2)$  is given by  $\operatorname{sn}(\cdot, t^2)$  for  $t^2 \neq 1$ , with  $\operatorname{sn}$  denoting the sinus amplitudinis.

As one can find in [8, p. 322] and [14, p. 296],  $\varphi_0$  has the representation

$$\varphi_0(z) = \sqrt{s} \cdot \operatorname{sn}\left(\frac{2K(s^2)}{\pi} \arcsin(z); s^2\right) \quad (z \in D). \quad (8)$$

Here,  $\arcsin(z) = -i \log(iz + \sqrt{1-z^2})$  where  $\sqrt{1-z^2}$  has to be understood as product  $\sqrt{1-z}\sqrt{1+z}$  and the branches of the square roots are taken such that each factor is equal to 1 for  $z = 0$ , and the principal value of the logarithm is taken. The modulus  $s \in (0, 1)$  can be computed via the equation

$$\frac{\pi K(1-s^2)}{2K(s^2)} = 2\operatorname{arsinh}(b).$$

Equation (8) implies

$$\psi_0(w) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2K(s^2)} F\left(\frac{w}{\sqrt{s}}, s^2\right)\right) \quad (w \in \mathbb{D}).$$

For numerical purposes, FFT provides an efficient and stable approach for the evaluation of the Fourier coefficients  $a_k(\zeta)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$  (cf. [6]).

As for example, we approximately solve several Dirichlet problems with varying the boundary function  $f$  where we fix the ellipse with semi axis  $a = 5/4$  and  $b = 3/4$ . Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively, show the 10-th partial sum of the Faber expansion (5) for  $f(z) = |\operatorname{Re}(z)|^{3/2}$  and for  $f(z) = |\operatorname{Re}(z)|$  with the exact boundary function  $f$  in red. The non-smoothness at  $\pm i3/4$  in the second case naturally causes a larger error near these points. Furthermore, we consider a boundary functions which has isolated singularities inside or outside the ellipse if considered as (rational) function in  $\mathbb{C}$ , namely  $f(z) = \operatorname{Re}(1/(1-z^4))$  having the singularities  $\pm 1$  (in the interior of the ellipse) and  $\pm i$  (in the exterior of the ellipse). In this case, the partial sum is of degree 20. The result can be seen in Figure 3.

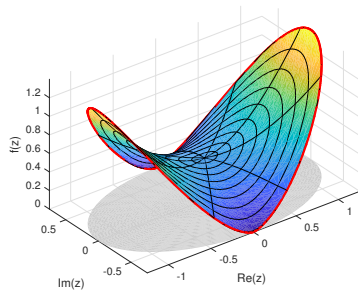


Figure 1: Plot of  $f$  in the case  $f(z) = |\operatorname{Re}(z)|^{3/2}$

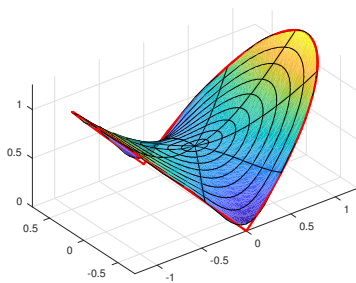


Figure 2: Approximation of  $u$  in the case  $f(z) = |\operatorname{Re}(z)|$

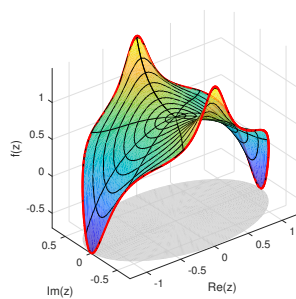


Figure 3: Approximation of  $u$  in the case  $f(z) = \operatorname{Re}(1/(1-z^4))$

## 4 Example II: Square

We consider the interior  $D$  of the square with corners in  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm i$ . Although  $D$  is not bounded by an analytic Jordan curve, we apply the above method to compute an approximate solution of a given Dirichlet problem. To do so, we have to know about the conformal mappings  $\varphi_0, \psi_0$  and  $\psi$ . Since  $D$  is a square, these functions are given by Schwarz-Christoffel mappings (see e.g. [7, p. 411ff.]): We have

$$\psi_0(w) = C \int_0^w \frac{dz}{\sqrt{1-z^4}} = CF(w, -1) \quad (w \in \mathbb{D})$$

where  $C$  is determined by

$$1 = C \int_0^1 \frac{dw}{\sqrt{1-w^4}}.$$

That leads us to

$$C = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

with  $\Gamma$  denoting the gamma function. For the inverse function  $\varphi_0$ , we obtain the representation

$$\varphi_0(z) = \operatorname{sn}(z/c, -1) \quad (z \in D).$$

Further, the function  $\phi$  defined by

$$\phi(w) = C_1 \int_{w_0}^w \frac{\sqrt{1-z^4}}{z^2} dz + C_2 \quad (w \in \mathbb{D}),$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  and  $w_0 \neq 0$  are chosen so that  $\phi(\pm 1) = \pm 1$  and  $\phi(\pm i) = \pm i$ , maps  $\mathbb{D}$  conformally onto  $\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus K$  with  $\phi(0) = \infty$ . One computes

$$\int_{w_0}^w \frac{\sqrt{1-z^4}}{z^2} dz = - \left( \frac{\sqrt{1-z^4}}{z} - 2(E(z, -1) - F(z, -1)) \right) \Big|_{w_0}^w$$

where

$$E(z, t^2) = \int_0^z \sqrt{\frac{(1-t^2x^2)}{(1-x^2)}} dx$$

denotes the incomplete elliptic integral of the second kind. Here, the root means

$$\frac{\sqrt{(1-tx)}\sqrt{(1+tx)}}{\sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x}}$$

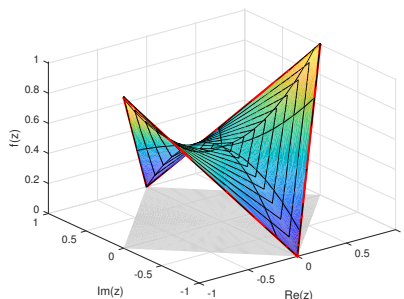


Figure 4: Approximation of  $u$  in the case  $f(z) = |\operatorname{Re}(z)|$

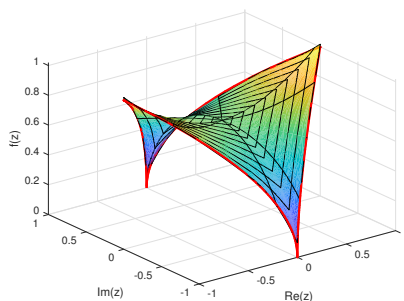


Figure 5: Approximation of  $u$  in the case  $f(z) = \sqrt{|\operatorname{Re}(z)|}$

where the branches of the roots are taken such that each factor is equal to 1 for  $x = 0$ . By  $\psi(w) = \phi(1/w)$ , we obtain the looked-for  $\psi$ .

As in the case of analytically bounded domains, the  $a_k$  do not depend on the boundary function  $f$ . However, now we are faced with the problem of having corners in  $\Gamma$ . But still  $\Gamma$  is piecewise analytic, so except for the preimages of the corners under  $\varphi \circ \psi_0$ , the functions  $a_k$  exist on  $\mathbb{T}$ . By modifying the contour of integration appropriately, we can approximately evaluate  $a_k(\zeta)$  by numerical integration (for details and corresponding MATLAB codes see [13]). Then the Fourier coefficients  $c_k(f) := (S_D f)^\wedge(k)$  can be achieved from (6) by numerical integration.

Computation of the partial sums of (5) also requires evaluation of the Faber polynomials  $F_{n,K}$ . We have calculated the  $F_{n,K}$  with the Schwarz-Christoffel toolbox for MATLAB, which is established by Driscoll and introduced in [3]. Figures 4 to 6 show examples of the 10-th partial sums for different boundary functions  $f$  as well as the exact functions in red.

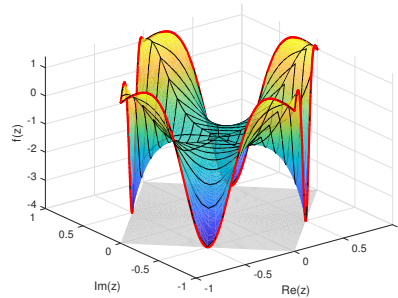


Figure 6: Approximation of  $u$  in the case  $f(z) = \operatorname{Re}(1/z^4)$

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