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# Diffusion in Multispecies Gas Mixtures

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The Maxwell-Stefan equations are often used to describe non-typical diffusion which arises as a consequence of thermodynamic non-idealities. Starting from the kinetic theory, we will show how to formally derive, in the hydrodynamic limit, the Maxwell-Stefan law for reactive and non- reactive multispecies gas mixtures.

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# Reactive transition models to biological systems

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Reactive frames have been study by Gabbay and his collaborators (see [1]) and are those frames whose structure is not fixed, *i.e.*, can vary according to the path chosen. Informally, a reactive frame can be seen as a digraph  $(V, E)$  where the set of edges can be altered whenever an edge is crossed. Some particular cases of these kind of structures have been proposed by authors like Areces and van Benthem (see [2], [3]) that proposed swap and sabotage logics.

We used this kind of model to describe biochemical events which usually are not naturally modeled or that require the consideration of additional components in order to be correctly described. In particular, we show that this approach can lead to more intuitive models for many biochemical systems. In particular, we focus our attention in biological regulatory networks.

We conclude with some ideas about how fuzziness/probability can be introduced in these models and how it can be useful to describe biological phenomena. In particular, we present some examples of how this would more detailedly describe the referred biological regulatory networks.

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# Randić index and Randić matrix: properties and some applications

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The Randić index is a spectral invariant presented in 1975 by Milan Randić and with important applications in Chemistry, Pharmacology and Medicine namely, in the study of prediction of colon and breast cancer. In 2010 the Randić matrix was defined as a nonnegative matrix built from this index. The study of the spectrum of matrices associated with graphs is one of the major goals of research in graph theory and there are already several applications in different scientific areas. This work presents a study related to spectral invariants for the Randić matrix of a graph namely the Randić spread (new concept in literature) and in addition, upper and lower bounds are presented for this spectral invariant. In chemistry, the energy of caterpillar graphs, that are associated with aromatic systems, is related with the resonance of these systems. Having this as motivation, the spectrum and the Randić spectrum of caterpillar graphs are studied and upper bounds are presented for the energy and for the Randić energy of this class of graphs.

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# Indecomposable representations of left regular bands

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Left regular bands are a family of semigroups that enjoy many surprising properties. They have received a lot of attention recently due to their link with some Markov chains (see [1]). In particular, a lot of informations about random walks on the chambers of an hyperplan arrangement can be computed using the representation theory of left regular bands.

In this talk, we will show how to compute the indecomposable projective representations of left regular bands. The first part will introduce the basic definitions and tools needed. The second part will present both a recursive construction (due to Saliola [2]) and a closed formula, used to compute complete sets of primitive orthogonal idempotents of left regular bands algebras. These sets, called eulerian families, correspond to the indecomposable projective representations of left regular bands over arbitrary fields. In the third part we will show, using a method introduced in [3], how these eulerian families can be used to study certain Markov chains.

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# On Wiener's Tauberian theorems and convolution for oscillatory integral operators

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The main aim of this talk is to present new Paley-Wiener and Wiener's Tauberian results associated with an oscillatory integral operator (which is depending on cosine and sine kernels), as well as to introduce a consequent new convolution. Additionally, a new Young-type inequality for the obtained convolution is proved, and a new Wiener type algebra is also associated with this convolution.

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# Supercloseness-Supraconvergence in Schemes for Drug Delivery Enhanced by Ultrasound

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In this presentation we study a system of a hyperbolic equation and two parabolic equations. This system can be used to describe drug transport enhanced by ultrasound. In this case, the hyperbolic equation describes the ultrasound propagation through the target tissue. The heat propagation generated by the ultrasound and the drug transport are described by the mentioned parabolic equations.

The ultrasound propagation leads to an increase in the temperature of the system. Therefore the reaction term of the equation for the temperature depends on the solution of the hyperbolic equation. The ultrasound also induces a convective transport and structural changes that increase drug transport. Then the convective and diffusion coefficients of the parabolic equation for drug concentration depend on the solution of the hyperbolic equation. The drug diffusion coefficient also depends on the temperature.

From numerical point of view, we propose a numerical method for such system that can be seen simultaneously as a FDM and a fully discrete piecewise linear FEM. We prove second order of convergence with respect to a discrete  $H^1$ -norm.

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# Epidemiological modelling and optimal control of a financial-virus spreading

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The global crisis of 2008 threatened the stability of the world economy, the negative consequences of it can be felt even today. This makes the subject an interesting field of research. The spread of an infection among a certain population is very similar to the contagion process in economy. This similarity allows us to consider the contagion in the global economy using the same mathematical models for the spread of a disease, which are used in epidemiology. Our research focuses on the dynamic behaviour of financial viruses that spread through countries' network interconnections. To avoid significant financial losses, an optimal control problem is formulated. The proposed approach describes well the reality of the world economy, the importance of countries' interconnectedness and recommendations are also made to minimize risks in the global system.

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# An epidemic model with vaccination for the worst cholera outbreak in the history

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We revisit the cholera mathematical model analysed in [1], adding a vaccination class. We show that the proposed model is epidemiologically and mathematically well posed and it only has two equilibrium points: a disease-free and an endemic. The basic reproduction number is determined and the local asymptotic stability of equilibria is studied. The worst cholera outbreak began on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and it has occurred in Yemen. Between 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 there were 2275 deaths due to this epidemic [3]. A vaccination campaign began on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and ended on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 [2]. Through numerical simulations, we show that the model fits well this outbreak and observe that if a vaccination campaign had begun earlier the number of infected individuals would have been significantly lower.

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# Singular Integers in Cyclotomic Fields

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After proving Fermat's last theorem for regular primes, Ernest Kummer tried to extend his method to include singular primes. He showed that if the first case fails for a prime  $p$ , then  $p$  must divide the  $(p - 3)$ -rd and  $(p - 5)$ -th Bernoulli numbers. For this he used the Kummer-Stickelberger theorem on annihilators of the class group of a cyclotomic field. His methods can be used to gain more information about singular integers in cyclotomic fields. An algebraic integer in the  $p$ -th cyclotomic field is called singular if the principal ideal it generates is the  $p$ -th power of some other ideal. For these singular integers one can use the same techniques as Kummer used, see for example the PhD-thesis of Andrew Granville. The case of Fermat's last theorem then corresponds to a singular integer of the form  $x + y\zeta$ , where  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $p$ -th root of unity. In this talk we shall focus on the case of a singular integer of the form  $x + y\zeta + z\zeta^2$ . First we see how much information we obtain with Kummer's method. Then we shall use a different method involving the  $p$ -adic logarithm to gain additional information. Combining both methods we obtain a 'first case' for these singular integers if  $p$  does not divide the  $(p - 3)$ -rd Bernoulli number.

# Generalized Heisenberg Algebras and their Poisson semiclassical limit

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This talk will be about the Weyl algebras and some of their important structures and also the generalized Weyl algebras, generalized Heisenberg algebras and their relations and some of their important examples and structures (their Poisson structures). At the end we will try to have a short introduction to the Dixmier and the Jacobian conjecture and their equivalence and if time allows, we will have a walk through, for to get in the Belov-Kontsevich conjecture about the automorphism group of the  $n$ -th Weyl algebra.

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# Dealing with uncertainty in the Maritime Inventory Routing Problem

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Maritime transportation is one of the most common ways to transport goods. However, this kind of transportation is characterized by high levels of uncertainty, since the weather conditions have a great impact in the sailing times.

We consider a single product maritime inventory routing problem in which the production and consumption rates are constant over the planning horizon. The problem involves a heterogeneous fleet and multiple production and consumption ports with limited storage capacity.

The impact of the uncertainty in the sailing times is analysed according to five different approaches: deterministic model, deterministic model with safety stocks, robust optimization, stochastic programming, and a stochastic model using the conditional value at risk measure. This last approach has never been used to solve this problem. The non-deterministic approaches assume two-stage decisions, where the routing as well as the quantities to load/unload are fixed before the uncertainty is revealed, while the visit time to ports and the inventory levels are adjusted to the scenario. For each approach, a mathematical formulation is proposed. An extensive computational comparison of the proposed approaches, based on several quality parameters, is carried out over a set of 21 instances. The obtained results show that substantial gains can be obtained when the uncertainty is incorporated into the model.

# Complex Hamiltonian dynamics and geodesics in the space of Kähler metrics

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Complex dynamics is an extension of the usual Hamiltonian evolution, in which the Hamiltonian function and the time parameter are considered to be complex valued. The purpose of this talk is to explore the connections between this extension and the geometry and analysis of Kähler manifolds [Don99], by studying specific examples of complex evolution.

We start by presenting a short overview of the formalism used in [MN15] to give meaning to the notion of complex dynamics on a complex manifold  $(M, J)$ . We then introduce a Kähler structure  $(\omega, J, g)$  on  $M$  and study how this structure changes with the complex flow. After that we consider the geodesic problem (for the Mabuchi metric) on the infinite-dimensional manifold of Kähler forms with fixed cohomology class on  $M$ . We show that the analytic solutions of the geodesic equation can be obtained as an imaginary time flow of a real-analytic hamiltonian vector field.

We finish by illustrating the results with two new examples. Firstly, for  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$ , we consider the hamiltonian of a harmonic oscillator, where a fraction of its kinetic energy is imaginary. Secondly, for  $M = S^2$ , we consider the imaginary time evolution for the hamiltonian that is half the square of the moment map for an  $S^1$ -action on  $S^2$ . In both cases, we study the evolution of the Kähler structure under the complex flow, and use graphical representations whenever possible.

This work is the result of a Master's dissertation, supervised by Prof. José M. Mourão.

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# Numerical continuation of solutions of neural field equations with oscillatory coupling functions

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Neural field models, formalized by integro-differential equations, describe the large-scale spatio-temporal dynamics of neuronal populations [1]. They have been used in the past as a framework for modeling a wide range of brain functions, including multi-item working memory [2]. Neural field equations support spatially localized regions of high activity (or bumps) that are initially triggered by brief sensory inputs and subsequently become self-sustained by recurrent interactions within the neural population. We apply a special class of oscillatory coupling functions and analyze how the shape and spatial extension of multi-bump solutions change as the spatial ranges of excitation and inhibition within the field are varied [3]. More precisely, we use numerical continuation to find and follow solutions of neural field equations as the parameter controlling the distance between consecutive zeros of the coupling function is varied [4]. Important for a working memory application, we investigate how changes in this parameter affect the shape of bump solutions and therefore the maximum number of bumps that may exist in a given finite interval.

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