

T-INCLUSION REGIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE TRANSPORT COEFFICIENTS OF TWO-PHASE MEDIA

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Summary By starting from power series expanded at a number of real points and infinity we derive the fundamental inclusion relations for the special T-inclusion regions estimating in the complex domain the effective transport coefficients of two-phase media. The T- inclusion regions derived are new and the best over the entire class of rational functions and the given input data. For a particular cases they reduce to the classical complex bounds derived by Bergman [1] and Milton [2], and rederived in a different manner by Tokarzewski and Telega [4]. Nontrivial numerical examples illustrating the results obtained are also provided.

FORMULATION OF THE MATCHING PROBLEM

A macroscopic modelling of microinhomogeneous media and composites requires the evaluation of effective moduli. However their exact values are available only in specific cases; for instance in the one-dimensional periodic homogenization. In the relevant literature many papers deal with estimating of the effective coefficients of two-phase media, such as dielectric constants, magnetic permeabilities, thermal and electrical conductivities.

Assume that the macroscopic response $q_{ef}(z)/q_1$, $z = h - 1$, $h = q_2/q_1$ of two-phase composite is isotropic, where q_1 and q_2 characterize the mechanical properties of two materials the composite is made of. The following problem arises: how to determine the best bounds on $q_{ef}(z)/q_1$ in terms of its power expansions at finite number of real points $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N < \infty$ and at infinity?

It is well known that the effective transport coefficient of a two-phase medium with macroscopically isotropic symmetry has a Stieltjes integral representation given by

$$f_1(z) = \frac{Q(z)-1}{z} = \int_0^1 \frac{d\gamma_1(u)}{1+zu}, \quad d\gamma_1(u) > 0, \quad z = h - 1, \quad h = \frac{q_2}{q_1}, \quad Q(z) = \frac{q_{ef}(z)}{q_1}; \quad f_1(-1) \leq 1. \quad (1)$$

Let the truncated power expansions of $f_1(z)$ at $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, \infty, -1$

$$f_1(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{p_j-1} c_{ij}(z - x_j)^i + O((z - x_j)^{p_j}), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N; \quad f_1(z) = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{i=0}^{p_{N+1}-1} c_{i(N+1)} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^i + O\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^{p_{N+1}} \quad (2)$$

$$f_1(z) = f_1(-1) + O(z + 1); \quad f_1(-1) \leq 1$$

be given, where $-1 < x_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, N + 1$. We use the following notation

$$f_1(z) = f_1|_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{p}}(z - \mathbf{x}) + O(z - \mathbf{x})^{\mathbf{p}}, \quad \mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, \infty, -1], \quad \mathbf{p} = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{\infty}, 1], \quad f_1(-1) \leq 1. \quad (3)$$

Problem *By starting from the power expansions (3), construct in a complex plane the general T-inclusion regions estimating both the Stieltjes function $f_1(z)$ and via (1) the effective coefficient $Q(z)$ of the two-phase composite.*

T-INCLUSION REGIONS

In the first step the inequality $f_1(-1) \leq 1$ is replaced by the equality $f_1(-1) = 1$, cf. (3). The input data (3) transform to

$$f_1(z) = f_1|_{x_1, \dots, \infty, -1}^{p_1, \dots, p_{\infty}, 1}(z - \mathbf{x}) + O(z - \mathbf{x})^{\mathbf{p}}, \quad f_1(-1) = 1. \quad (4)$$

Next by introducing $P_0 = 0$, $P_j = \sum_{i=1}^j p_i$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$; $P = 2P_N + 1$ and using linear fractional transformation of type T we expand the given Stieltjes function $f_1(z)$ to the new Stieltjes one $f_P(z)$:

$$f_{P_0+1}(z) = \frac{f_{P_0+1}(x_1)}{1+(z-x_1)f_{P_0+2}(z)}, = \frac{f_{P_0+1}(x_1)}{1+(z-x_1)G_{P_0+2}+(z-x_1)f_{P_0+3}(z)}, \dots, f_{P_1-1}(z) = \frac{f_{P_1-1}(x_1)}{1+(z-x_1)G_{P_1}+(z-x_1)f_{P_1+1}(z)},$$

$$f_{P_1+1}(z) = \frac{f_{P_1+1}(x_2)}{1+(z-x_2)f_{P_1+2}(z)}, = \frac{f_{P_1+1}(x_2)}{1+(z-x_2)G_{P_1+1}+(z-x_2)f_{P_1+2}(z)}, \dots, f_{P_2-2}(z) = \frac{f_{P_2-1}(x_2)}{1+(z-x_2)G_{P_2}+(z-x_2)f_{P_2+1}(z)}, \quad (5)$$

$$\dots$$

$$f_{P_{N-1}+1}(z) = \frac{f_{P_{N-1}+1}(x_{N-1})}{1+(z-x_{N-1})f_{P_{N-1}+2}(z)}, \dots, f_{P_N-1}(z) = \frac{f_{P_N-1}(x_N)}{1+(z-x_N)f_{P_N-1}(z)}, = \frac{f_{P_N-1}(x_N)}{1+(z-x_N)G_{P_N-1}+(z-x_N)f_{P_N}(z)},$$

where $G_{2i} = f_{2i}(\infty) > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p_{\infty}$ and 0 otherwise. It is convenient to rewrite (5) as follows

$$f_1(z) = f_1|_{x_1, \dots, \infty, -1}^{p_1, \dots, p_{\infty}, 1}(z, f_P(z)), \quad \text{where } f_P(z) = \int_0^1 \frac{d\gamma_P(u)}{1+zu}, \quad f_P(-1) = w_P. \quad (6)$$

The T -multipoint continued fraction expansion $f_1|_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{p}}(z, f_P(z))$ of $f_1(z)$ matches the input data (4) for any Stieltjes functions $f_P(z) = \int_0^1 \frac{d\gamma_P(u)}{1+zu}$ satisfying $\int_0^1 \frac{d\gamma_P(u)}{1-u} = w_P$. On account of that the T -inclusion region

$\Phi_P(z)$ should incorporate all admissible values of the Stieltjes functions $f_1(z)$ matching the input data (3). Hence we have

$$f_1(z) \in \Phi_P(z) = \{F_P(z, u); 0 \leq v \leq 1, -1 \leq u \leq 1\},$$

$$F_P(z, u) = f_1^{p_1, \dots, p_\infty, 1}(z, v w_p F_0(z, u)), F_0(z, u) = (1 + u \text{ if } -1 \leq u \leq 0 \text{ and } \frac{1-u}{1+zu} \text{ if } 0 \leq u \leq 1).$$

Here $F_0(z, u)$ is called the elementary bounding function. It consists of two lines, the straight line $1 + u$ if $-1 \leq u \leq 0$ and the arc of the circle $(1 - u)/(1 + zu)$ if $0 \leq u \leq 1$, see (7₂).

FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONS FOR T-INCLUSION REGIONS

Now we are prepared to formulate the main result of this contribution reading by the following theorem:

Theorem 1. Let the truncated power expansions of Stieltjes function $f_1(z)$

$$f_1(z) = f_1|_{\mathbf{x}}^{p(k)}(z - \mathbf{x}) + O(z - \mathbf{x})^{p(k)}, \quad \mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, \infty, -1], \quad \mathbf{p}(k) = [p_1(k), p_2(k), \dots, p_\infty(k), 1] \quad (8)$$

be given, where $k = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j + p_\infty + 1$. Then T -inclusion regions $\Phi_{p(k)}(z)$ generated by the truncated series (8) satisfy the following fundamental relations

$$f_1(z) \in \Phi_{P(k)}(z) \subset \Phi_{P(k-1)}(z), \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, \quad (9)$$

provided $p(k) \leq p(k + 1)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, i.e. $p_j(k + 1) - p_j(k) \geq 0$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$. These inclusion relations imply that the best $\Phi_{P(k)}(z)$ estimate of $f_1(z)$ is obtained using only the given number of power series coefficients (k is fixed) and that the use of additional coefficients (higher k) improves the estimate $\Phi_{P(k)}(z)$.

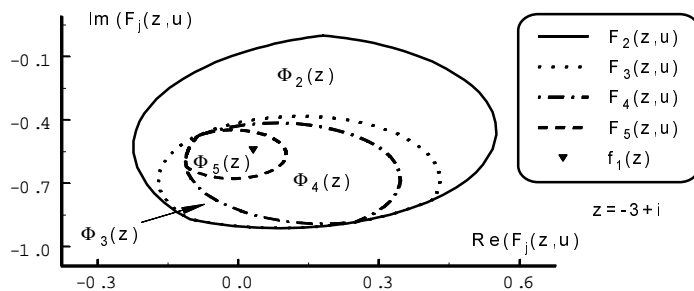


Fig. 1: Monotonic sequence of T -inclusion regions generated by the power series $f_1|_{\mathbf{x}}^p(z - \mathbf{x}) + O(z - \mathbf{x})^{p(k)}$, $\mathbf{x} = [0, 3, \infty, -1]$, $\mathbf{p}(2) = [1, 0, 0, 1]$, $\mathbf{p}(3) = [1, 0, 1, 1]$, $\mathbf{p}(4) = [1, 1, 1, 1]$, $\mathbf{p}(5) = [1, 1, 2, 1]$ representing the Stieltjes function $f_1(z) = \frac{1}{z} \left(1 + \frac{2.5}{z} \ln \frac{1.2+0.1z}{2+0.5z} \right)$, cf. (9)

For $p_\infty = 0$ we have $G_{2i} = 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, p_\infty$, see (3) and (5). For such a case the T -continued fraction expansion of $f_1(z)$ transforms to the S -continued fraction one reported in mathematical literature. Moreover, the substitution $p_1 = 1, p_2 = 1, \dots, p_\infty = 0$ reduces the matching problem (3) to the fitting one investigated by Bergman [1] and Milton [2], see also Tokarzewski *et al* [3,4].

FINAL REMARKS

By starting from the several truncated power series we derive, using special T -multipoint continued fraction technique, the general T -inclusion regions estimating in a complex domain the effective transport coefficients $Q(z)$ of two-phase media such as dielectric or diffusion constants, thermal or electrical conductivities, magnetic permeabilities. The T -inclusion regions obtained are new and furnish the best estimates of $Q(z)$. In special cases they reduce to the known complex bounds. Numerical examples exhibiting the usefulness of the results obtained are also provided.

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