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*Hyperbolic divided differences and the Nevanlinna–Pick problem*

Starting from the notion of the complex pseudo-hyperbolic distance and the hyperbolic difference quotient introduced by A. F. Beardon and D. Minda, we define hyperbolic divided differences for unimodularly bounded holomorphic functions in the unit disc. In particular, we show that they operate on Blaschke products in the same way as the ordinary divided differences act on polynomials. Using these concepts we investigate the classical interpolation problem of Pick and Nevanlinna and reformulate the Nevanlinna–Schur algorithm in terms of hyperbolic divided differences. This leads to a scheme that (formally) coincides with Newton’s algorithm for polynomial interpolation.

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