

Zeros of Faber polynomials for Joukowski airfoils

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Abstract: Let K be the closure of a bounded region in the complex plane with simply connected complement whose boundary is a piecewise analytic curve with at least one outward cusp. The asymptotics of zeros of Faber polynomials for K are not understood in this general setting. Joukowski airfoils provide a particular class of such sets. We determine the (unique) weak-* limit of the full sequence of normalized counting measures of the Faber polynomials for Joukowski airfoils. This limit is always different from the equilibrium measure of K . This implies that these airfoils admit an electrostatic skeleton and also explains an interesting class of examples of Ullman related to Chebyshev quadrature. *Joint work with Norm Levenberg.*