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Interval arithmetic: Fundamentals, History, and Applications

n this tutorial survey, we introduce the underlying motivations for interval arithmetic, along with the basic operations. We highlight notable successes in applying interval arithmetic, we give a history of interval arithmetic, and mention problems and pitfalls. We also discuss IEEE 1788-2015, the standard for interval arithmetic, and other available software.



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