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## The role of convergence methods as fitting functions in the context of the MUonE experiment

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The MUonE experiment is designed to extract the hadronic contribution to the electromagnetic coupling in the spacelike region  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$  from elastic  $e\mu$  scattering. The leading-order hadronic vacuum polarization contribution to the muon g-2,  $a^{HVP;LO}$ , can then be obtained from a weighted integral over  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$ . This, however, requires knowledge of  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$  in the whole domain of integration, which cannot be achieved by experiment. In this work, we propose to use Pade and D-Log Pade approximants as a systematic and model-independent method to fit and reliably extrapolate the future MUonE experimental data, extracting  $a^{HVP;LO}$  with a conservative but competitive uncertainty, using no or very limited external information. The method relies on fundamental analytic properties of the two-point correlator underlying  $a^{HVP;LO}$  and provides lower and upper bounds for the result for  $a^{HVP;LO}$ . We demonstrate the reliability of the method using toy datasets generated from a model for  $\Delta\alpha_{had}(t)$  reflecting the expected statistics of the MUonE experiment.

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