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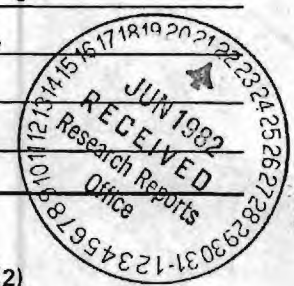
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Dr. P. A. Welsh  
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Dear Dr. Welsh:

It has recently come to my attention that the annual project report for my N.S.F. grant MCS-8202025 (Georgia Tech account number G-37-635) is due. The grant was to develop a class of non-standard finite element methods to approximate nonelliptic problems such as the equations governing transonic flow.

The project has been successful in studying these non-coercive problems from a variety of points of view. A brief description of the research to date is attached. Further, I am happy to report that I have recently had a research breakthrough on the motivating problem of approximating mixed-type equations by nonstandard least squares methods.

This research also led peripherally to investigations in the related area of the resonance/nonresonance behavior of certain nonlinear differential equations. This work is also described briefly.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a brief description of the research completed and under way, a list of the resulting publication citations, and data on my scientific collaborators in this period.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you and the N.S.F. for supporting my research projects in basic science.

Sincerely yours,

William Layton /

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Enclosures

Finite Element Methods for First Order  
Systems with Applications to Mixed Equations

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Annual Progress Report  
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## 1. Abstract

The principal investigator conducted research in numerical analysis for partial differential equations that do not satisfy the usual coercivity conditions required by the finite element method. These types of equations are motivated by problems in fluid dynamics, e.g., the mixed elliptic-hyperbolic equations governing transonic flow and the singularly perturbed equations governing flow at high Reynold's number.

Substantial progress was made in the study of the time evolution of the error in these types of problems, the study of boundary layers and the effects of degeneracies. Recently, the original problem of finding accurate numerical methods for mixed-type equations has been solved.

In addition, peripheral results in nonlinear analysis have been obtained.

## 2. Objectives of Research Programs

The objective of this research is to study the behavior of classical and nonstandard numerical methods on problems in P.D.E.'s that are not positive definite. Thus, first order systems of partial differential equations, equations of mixed type, degenerate or singular equations, etc. are studied. Using a careful description of the behavior of, e.g., finite element and finite difference methods, on these problems new "nonstandard" methods can be proposed and analyzed. These nonstandard methods promise to give more accurate, stable etc. solutions to these problems than methods borrowed from elliptic equations.

The ultimate goal is the development of highly accurate, type independent methods that can be used on mixed problems, such as the equations governing transonic flow.

## 3. Status of Research Program

The error in finite element and finite difference approximations to nonlinear hyperbolic systems was studied in detail in the sequence of papers [1]-[5]. Spectral methods were considered in [6]. A major topic studied is the asymptotic in time behavior of the error. In [1], [3] this was considered in the dissipative case and the conservative case. A notion of nonlinear dissipation was introduced in [1] under which it was shown that the accumulation of local errors is not

catastrophic. In [3] the implications of local energy decay in the continuous equation are investigated for difference approximations in the borderline case. In [4] a complete analysis is performed and the long term evolution of the error in the stable, conservative and unstable cases categorized. Note that the question of the long term behavior of the error is extremely important in many applied areas. In these areas, long term forecasts are important or the scale of the observation is large compared to the scales on which the physical interactions occur.

The trade off between accuracy and regularity in hyperbolic problems is considered in [2], [6]. This analysis is carried out on a finite time interval  $0 \leq t \leq T^* < \infty$ , where  $T^*$  is the time required for the equation to blow-up or produce shocks.

Singularly perturbed and degenerate equations are considered in [7]-[10]. The treatment of problems with severe boundary layers arising from elliptic-hyperbolic singular perturbations is considered in [8]. Such problems arise in convection-convection phenomena and high Reynold's number flow. Convergence of the F.E.M. for degenerate hyperbolic equations is addressed in [7], [9], [10]. The evolution of the error in discrete systems is studied in [10]. The effects of numerical integration on this in [9] and superconvergence for such equations investigated in [7].



The investigations in the related but peripheral area of nonlinear analysis are summarized in [11]-[14]. These papers study in detail the resonance-nonresonance possibilities of nonlinear differential equations describing phenomena with memory. The categorization of various types of solutions, e.g., almost periodic, quasiperiodic, limiting behavior at  $\pm\infty$ , causal properties, etc. is accomplished in [11]-[14].

#### 4. Ongoing Research Program

The research summarized is a part of an ongoing research program. The principal investigator is currently involved in extending the defect correction method, considered in [8], to the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations at high Reynold's number. This work is cooperative with researchers in the numerical analysis institute in the Univ. of Nijmegen, the Netherlands. The approximate solution of the Navier-Stokes equations at high Reynold's number is a tremendously important area of current research in applied mathematics.

A breakthrough has also recently been made in the use of nonstandard types of least squares methods for mixed equations modeling transonic flow. When the research is completed manuscripts will be sent to the N.S.F.

In addition to the above, a number of minor research projects are underway. These will be summarized in the next project report.

## 5. Publication Citations

### Evolution of Error in Non-Coercive Problems

1. On the behavior over long time intervals of finite difference and finite element approximations to hyperbolic equations, to appear in Comp. and Math w. Appls.
2. The accuracy of finite element approximations to semilinear, first order, hyperbolic systems, submitted for publication, currently under review.
3. Error estimates for finite difference approximations to hyperbolic equations for large time, submitted for publication, currently under review.
4. (with R. Mattheij), Estimates over infinite intervals of approximations to initial value problems, Tech. Report 8307, Univ. of Nijmegen, the Netherlands; submitted, currently under review.
5. Effects of artificial viscosity in Galerkin methods, submitted, currently under review.
6. On the convergence of spectral methods for semilinear hyperbolic equations, submitted, currently under review.

### Degenerate and Singularly Perturbed Problems

7. The F.E.M. for a degenerate hyperbolic partial differential equation, B.I.T., V. 23 (1983), pp. 231-238.
8. (with O. Axelsson), Defect correction methods for convection dominated, convection-diffusion equations, Tech. Report, Univ. of Nijmegen, the Netherlands, submitted, currently under review.
9. Some effects of numerical integration in the F.E.M. for degenerate evolution equations, to appear in Calcolo.
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11. Existence of almost periodic solutions to delay differential equations with Lipschitz nonlinearities, to appear in J. Diff. Eqns.

12. (with L. Drager), On nonlinear difference approximations to nonlinear F.D.E.'s, to appear in Libertas Math.
13. (with L. Drager), Nonresonance in F.D.E.'s with small time lag, to appear in Proc. Int. Conf. on F. D. Systems III, Banach Center Publications, 1983.
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#### Miscellaneous Remarks

In addition to the above papers, other scientific activity included numerous conferences attended, invited and contributed talks, seminars, and discussions of research interests with European and American scientists.

#### 6. Data on Scientific Collaborators

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PART I-PROJECT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

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	4. Award Period From 8/15/82 To 11/30/84	5. Cumulative Award Amount \$ 20, <del>870</del> 900
6. Project Title Finite element methods for first order systems with applications to mixed equations		

PART II-SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROJECT (FOR PUBLIC USE)

Research was conducted in numerical analysis for differential equations that do not satisfy the conditions required for most numerical methods to be successful. These types of equations are motivated by problems in transonic and supersonic aerodynamics, e.g., the mixed elliptic-hyperbolic equations governing transonic flow and the singularly perturbed equations governing flow at high Reynold's number.

Substantial progress was made in the study of the time evolution of the error in numerical methods for these types of problems, and the study of boundary layers and the effects of degeneracies. The original problem of finding accurate numerical methods for mixed-type equations has also been solved.

In addition very interesting peripheral results in nonlinear analysis have been obtained.

PART III-TECHNICAL INFORMATION (FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT USES)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the final project report for my N.S.F. grant MCS-8202025. I was notified by the office of contract administration at Georgia Tech on 8/22/85 that it was overdue. Unfortunately, I was out of the country at the time and I have just now returned. Please excuse the delay.

I am collecting copies of all the reprints that arose from the grant and I will send these to the N.S.F. by late October.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely yours

William Layton

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Enclosure

Finite Element Methods for First Order  
Systems with Applications to Mixed Equations

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Final Report  
August, 1985

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In addition, the original (motivating) problem has been resolved. In [7] a class of high accuracy, stable numerical methods has been proposed for solving symmetric, possibly nonpositive, systems of first order partial differential equations. An analysis of the resulting methods was preformed. Currently the methods are being studied for nonsymmetric systems when the "nonsymmetries" have the specific structure of the ones occuring in the primitive variable formulation of transonic flow.

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