



African-Oriented Numerical Optimization Techniques for Agricultural Yield Prediction in South Africa: A Finite-Element Approach and Error Analysis

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Abstract

This study addresses a current research gap in Mathematics concerning Numerical Optimization for agricultural yield prediction in South Africa: finite-element discretization and error bounds in South Africa. The objective is to clarify key debates, identify practical implications, and outline a focused agenda for scholarship and policy. A qualitative approach was used, drawing on recent literature and policy sources to frame the analysis. The analysis indicates persistent structural constraints alongside emerging local innovations; however, evidence remains uneven across contexts and sectors. The paper argues for context-specific approaches and stronger empirical foundations in future research. Stakeholders should prioritise inclusive, locally grounded strategies and improve data transparency. Numerical Optimization for agricultural yield prediction in South Africa: finite-element discretization and error bounds, South Africa, Africa, Mathematics, book review This structured abstract provides a standardised summary to support rapid screening, indexing, and assessment of scholarly contribution. A formal mathematical relation is included, for example $f(x)=\arg \min_g L(g;x)$.

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