

Let  $(e_n)$  be a Schauder basis for a Banach space  $X$ . For  $x \in X$  with basis expansion  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i e_i$ , let  $G_n(x) = \sum_{i \in A_n} a_i e_i$ , where  $\{a_i: i \in A_n\}$  is the set of  $n$  largest coefficients. We should like to have convergence to  $x$  of these “greedy approximants”  $G_n(x)$ . We could even ask for  $G_n(x)$  to be essentially the best  $n$ -term approximation to  $x$ . We describe some recent results concerning existence, nonexistence, uniqueness, and duality for bases like this of a ‘greedy’ type.