A new family of Hermite-Birkhoff spline quasi-interpolation schemes and their application to derive high order continuous extensions for Gauss Runge-Kutta methods.

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Symmetric one step Hermite-Obrechkoff methods (BSHO) [1] are multi– derivative methods for ODEs admitting an intrinsic spline extension. Such peculiarity allows us to give them a dual interpretation in the context of discrete spline quasi-interpolation (QI) requiring Hermite–Birkoff data at the spline knots. The related QI operators have maximal approximation order and are projectors in the considered spline space whose smoothness is settable between R and 2R - 1, being 2R the spline degree. As an application, they have been used for an efficient computation of a high order continuous extension of the numerical solution produced by a Gauss-Runge-Kutta scheme. As for all superconvergent schemes, although the formulas for the s stage methods are of order 2s at the mesh points, they have just uniform order s, since their classical continuous extension-a spline usually represented in local polynomial form- has just order s. For example, COL-SYS [2] –a popular code for the solution of BVPs based on these schemes– uses Gauss-Legendre formulas of quite high order for which the uniform order of approximation is half the order at the mesh points. Using the new QI schemes we efficiently compute a continuous extension of order 2s. This is a joint work with Alessandra Sestini.

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