

Spectral time solution of differential equations

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Abstract

In recent years, a new tool named *discrete line integral* has been successfully exploited to derive several classes of geometric integrators suitable for a wide range of conservative problems. The main instance is given by an energy conserving variant of the well-known Gauss-Legendre collocation methods (see, e.g., [2, 3]). In its simplest formulation, this technique performs a projection of the vector field onto a finite dimensional subspace [6] via a least square approach based on the use of Legendre orthogonal polynomials, leading to a finite-dimensional nonlinear system. This fact suggests their use as spectral methods in time. Indeed, recently this spectral implementation has been used to solve highly-oscillatory [7] and stiffly-oscillatory Hamiltonian problems emerging from the space semi-discretization of Hamiltonian PDEs [4]. Interestingly, the ability of working by using quite large stepsizes, due the availability of a very efficient nonlinear iteration technique to handle the nonlinear systems needed to advance the solution in time [5], makes the spectral approach competitive with standard finite order time-stepping methods, even when applied for solving generic initial value problems [1].

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