

# Introduction to Differential Algebraic Equations

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## 4.1 Definition and Properties of DAEs

A system of equations that is of the form

$$F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0$$

is called a **differential algebraic equation** (DAE) if the Jacobian matrix  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}}$  is singular (non-invertible); where, for each  $t$ ,  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$F(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) \\ F_2(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) \\ \vdots \\ F_n(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) \end{pmatrix}.$$

## 4.1 Definition and Properties of DAEs ...

**Example:** The system

$$x_1 - \dot{x}_1 + 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{x}_1 x_2 + 2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

is a DAE. To see this, determine the Jacobian  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}}$  of

$$F(t, x, \dot{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - \dot{x}_1 + 1 \\ \dot{x}_1 x_2 + 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , so that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \dot{x}_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \dot{x}_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ x_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{see that, } \det \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = 0).$$

$\Rightarrow$  the Jacobian is a singular matrix irrespective of the values of  $x_2$ .

**Observe that:** in this example the derivative  $\dot{x}_2$  does not appear.

## 4.1 Definition and Properties of DAEs ...

Solving for  $\dot{x}_1$  from the first equation  $x_1 - \dot{x}_1 + 1 = 0$  we get  $\dot{x}_1 = x_1 + 1$ . Replace this for  $\dot{x}_1$  in the second equation  $\dot{x}_1 x_2 + 2 = 0$  to wire the DAE in equations (23) & (23) equivalently as:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$(x_1 + 1)x_2 + 2 = 0 \quad (4)$$

In this DAE:

- equation (3) is a differential equation; while
- equation (4) is an algebraic equation.

⇒ There are several engineering applications that have such model equations.

## 4.1 Definition and Properties of DAEs ...

Suppose  $F(t, x, \dot{x}) = A(t)\dot{x} + B(t)x + d(t)$ .

Hence, for the system  $F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0$  the Jacobian will be  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} = A(t)$ .

► If  $A(t)$  is a non-singular (an invertible) matrix, then

$$\begin{aligned} [A(t)]^{-1} (A(t)\dot{x}(t) + B(t)x(t) + d(t)) &= [A(t)]^{-1} 0 \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) + [A(t)]^{-1} B(t)x(t) + [A(t)]^{-1} d(t) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) &= -[A(t)]^{-1} B(t)x(t) - [A(t)]^{-1} d(t). \end{aligned}$$

This is an ordinary differential equation.

### Remark

In general, if the **Jacobian matrix**  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}}$  is **non-singular (invertible)**, then the system  $F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0$  can be transformed into an ordinary differential equation (ODE) of the form  $\dot{x} = f(t, x)$ . Some numerical solution methods for ODE models have been already discussed.

► Therefore, the most interesting case is when  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}}$  is **singular**.

## 4.2. Some DAE models from engineering applications

- There are several engineering applications that lead DAE model equations.

**Examples:** process engineering, mechanical engineering and mechatronics ( multibody Systems eg. robot dynamics, car dynamics, etc), electrical engineering (eg. electrical network systems, etc), water distribution network systems, thermodynamic systems, etc.

Frequently, DAEs arise from practical applications as:

- ▶ differential equations describing the dynamics of the process, plus
- ▶ algebraic equations describing:
  - laws of conservation of energy, mass, charge, current, etc.
  - mass, molar, entropy balance equations, etc.
  - desired constraints on the dynamics of the process.

## 4.2. Some DAE models from engineering applications ... CSTR

An isothermal CSTR

$$A \rightleftharpoons B \rightarrow C.$$

Model equation:

$$\dot{V} = F_a - F \quad (5)$$

$$\dot{C}_A = \frac{F_a}{V} (C_{A_0} - C_A) - R_1 \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{C}_B = -\frac{F_a}{V} C_B + R_1 - R_2 \quad (7)$$

$$\dot{C}_C = -\frac{F_a}{V} C_C + R_2 \quad (8)$$

$$0 = C_A - \frac{C_B}{K_{eq}} \quad (9)$$

$$0 = R_2 - k_2 C_B \quad (10)$$

## 4.2. Some DAE models from practical applications ...a CSTR...

- $F_a$ -feed flow rate of  $A$
- $C_{A_0}$ -feed concentration of  $A$
- $R_1, R_2$  - rates of reactions
- $F$  - product withdrawal rate
- $C_A, C_B, C_C$  - concentration of species  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , resp., in the mixture.

Definining

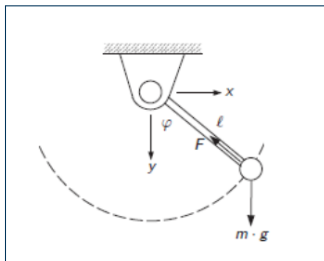
$$\begin{aligned}x &= (V, C_A, C_B, C_C)^\top \\z &= (R_1, R_2)^\top\end{aligned}$$

the CSTR model equation can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x, z) \\0 &= g(x, z).\end{aligned}$$



# Some DAE models from practical applications...a simple pendulum



Newton's Law:

$$m\ddot{x} = -\frac{F}{l}x$$

$$m\ddot{y} = mg - \frac{F}{l}y$$

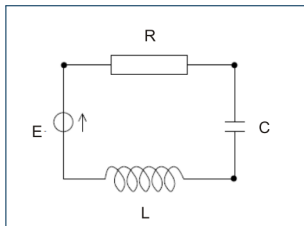
Conservation of mechanical

energy:  $x^2 + y^2 = l^2$

$$\begin{aligned} (DAE) \quad \dot{x}_1 &= x_3 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_4 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= -\frac{F}{m l}x_1 \\ \dot{x}_4 &= g - \frac{F}{l}x_2 \\ 0 &= x^2 + y^2 - l^2. \end{aligned}$$

# Some DAE models from practical applications...an RLC circuit

Kirchhoff's voltage and current laws yield:



conservation of current:

$$i_E = i_R, i_R = i_C, i_C = i_L$$

conservation of energy:

$$V_R + V_L + V_C + V_E = 0$$

Ohm's Laws:

$$C\dot{V}_C = i_C, L\dot{V}_L = i_L, V_R = Ri_R$$

# Some DAE models from practical applications...an RLC circuit...

After replacing  $i_R$  with  $i_E$  and  $i_C$  with  $i_L$  we get a reduced DAE:

$$\dot{V}_C = \frac{1}{C}i_L \quad (11)$$

$$\dot{V}_L = \frac{1}{L}i_L \quad (12)$$

$$0 = V_R + Ri_E \quad (13)$$

$$0 = V_E + V_R + V_C + V_L \quad (14)$$

$$0 = i_L - i_E \quad (15)$$

$$(16)$$

Define  $x(t) = (V_C, V_L, V_R, i_L, i_E)$

# Some DAE models from practical applications...an RLC circuit...

The RLC system can be written as:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{C} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x \quad (17)$$

$$0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & R \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} V_E \quad (18)$$

which is of the form

$$\dot{x} = Ax \quad (19)$$

$$0 = Bx + Dz. \quad (20)$$

## 4.3. Classification of DAEs

- Frequently, DAEs possess mathematical structures that are specific to a given application area.
- As a result we have non-linear DAEs, linear DAEs, etc.
- In fact, a knowledge on the mathematical structure of a DAE facilitates the selection of model-specific algorithms and appropriate software.

### Nonlinear DAEs:

In the DAE  $F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0$  if the function  $F$  is nonlinear w.r.t. any one of  $t$ ,  $x$  or  $\dot{x}$ , then it is said to be a nonlinear DAE.

**Linear DAEs:** A DAE of the form

$$A(t)\dot{x}(t) + B(t)x(t) = c(t),$$

where  $A(t)$  and  $B(t)$  are  $n \times n$  matrices, is linear. If  $A(t) \equiv A$  and  $B(t) \equiv B$ , then we have time-invariant linear DAE.

## 4.3. Classification of DAEs...

### Semi-explicit DAEs:

A DAE given in the form

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, z) \quad (21)$$

$$0 = g(t, x, z) \quad (22)$$

- Note that the derivative of the variable  $z$  doesn't appear in the DAE.
- Such a variable  $z$  is called an **algebraic variable**; while  $x$  is called a **differential variable**.
- The equation  $0 = g(t, x, z)$  called **algebraic equation** or a **constraint**.

### Examples:

- The DAE model given for the RLC circuit, the CSTR and the simple pendulum are all semi-explicit form.

## 4.3. Classification of DAEs...

### A fully-implicit DAEs:

The DAE

$$F(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0$$

is in **fully-implicit** form.

### Examples:

(i)  $F(t, x, \dot{x}) = A\dot{x} + Bx + b(t)$  is a fully-implicit DAE.

(ii) The equation (see equations (23) & (23) )

$$x_1 - \dot{x}_1 + 1 = 0$$

$$\dot{x}_1 x_2 + 2 = 0$$

is a fully-implicit DAE.

► Any fully-implicit DAE can be always transformed into a semi-explicit DAEs .

### 4.3. Classification of DAEs...

Example (transformation of a fully-implicit DAE into a semi-explicit DAE):

- Consider the linear time-invariant DAE  $A\dot{x} + Bx + b(t) = 0$ , where  $\lambda A + B$  is nonsingular, for some scalar  $\lambda$ . Then there are non-singular  $n \times n$  matrices  $G$  and  $H$  such that:

$$GAH = \begin{bmatrix} I_m & O \\ O & N \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } GBH = \begin{bmatrix} J & O \\ O & I_{n-m} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

where  $I_m$  the  $m \times m$  identity matrix (here  $m \leq n$ ),  $N$  is an  $(n-m) \times (n-m)$  **nilpotent matrix**; i.e., there is a positive integer  $p$  such that  $N^p = 0$ ,  $J \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $I_{n-m}$  is the  $(n-m) \times (n-m)$  identity matrix.

- Now, we can write  $A\dot{x} + Bx + b(t) = 0$  equivalently as

$$(GAH)(H^{-1})\dot{x} + (GBH)(H^{-1})x + Gb(t) = 0. \quad (24)$$



## 4.3. Classification of DAEs...

- Use the block decomposing given in equation (23) to write

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_m & O \\ O & N \end{bmatrix} (H^{-1})\dot{x} + \begin{bmatrix} J & O \\ O & I_{n-m} \end{bmatrix} (H^{-1})x + Gb(t) = 0. \quad (25)$$

- Use the **variable transformation**  $w(t) = H^{-1}x(t)$  to write

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_m & O \\ O & N \end{bmatrix} \dot{w} + \begin{bmatrix} J & O \\ O & I_{n-m} \end{bmatrix} w + Gb(t) = 0. \quad (26)$$

- Decompose the vector  $w(t)$  as  $w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} w_1(t) \\ w_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $w_1(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

and  $w_2(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-m}$  and correspondingly the vector  $Gb(t) = \begin{bmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$  so that:

$$\dot{w}_1(t) + Jw_1(t) + b_1(t) = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$Nw_1(t) + w_2(t) + b_2(t) = 0. \quad (28)$$

## 4.3. Classification of DAEs...

- Use now the nilpotent property of the matrix  $N$ ; i.e., multiply the second set of equation by  $N^{p-1}$  to get

$$\dot{w}_1(t) + Jw_1(t) + b_1(t) = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$N^p w_1(t) + N^{p-1} w_2(t) + N^{p-1} b_2(t) = 0. \quad (30)$$

From this it follows that (since  $N^p w_1(t) = 0$ )

$$\dot{w}_1(t) = -Jw_1(t) - b_1(t) \quad (31)$$

$$0 = -N^{p-1} w_2(t) - N^{p-1} b_2(t). \quad (32)$$

Therefore, we have transformed the fully-implicit DAE  $A\dot{x} + Bx + b(t) = 0$  into a semi-explicit form.

- Similarly, using mathematician manipulations, any nonlinear fully-implicit DAE can be transformed into a semi-explicit DAE.

## 4.4. Index of a DAE

- DAEs are usually very complex and hard to be solved **analytically**.  
⇒ DAEs are commonly solved by using **numerical methods**.

### Question:

Is it possible to use numerical methods of ODEs for the solution of DAEs?

### Idea:

Attempt to transform the DAE into an ODE.

- This can be achieved through repeated derivations of the algebraic equations  $g(t, x, z) = 0$  **with respect to time  $t$** .

### Definition

The minimum number of differentiation steps required to transform a DAE into an ODE is known as the (differential) **index** of the DAE.

## 4.4. Index of a DAE...

**Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} (DAE) \quad \dot{x}_1 &= x_1 + 1 \\ (x_1 + 1)x_2 + 2 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $x_2$  the algebraic variable (i.e.  $z = x_2$ ). Differentiate  $g(x_1, x_2) = 0$  to find a description for the time-derivative  $\dot{x}_2$  of the algebraic variable. So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} [g(x_1, x_2)] &= \frac{d}{dt} [0] \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [(x_1 + 1)x_2 + 2] = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 x_2 + (x_1 + 1)\dot{x}_2 &= 0. \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{\dot{x}_1 x_2}{(x_1 + 1)} = -\frac{(x_1 + 1)x_2}{(x_1 + 1)} = -x_2 \end{aligned}$$

► Only one differentiation step is required to describe  $\dot{x}_2$ . So, the DAE is of index 1.

## 4.4. Index of a DAE...

- The CSTR model is of index 2.
- The DAE model for the simple pendulum is of index 3.
- ▶ DAEs with index greater than 1 are commonly known as **higher index** DAEs.
- ▶ The higher the index, the more difficult will be the DAE to solve.
- ▶ Transformation of a higher index DAE into a lower index DAE (or to an ODE) is commonly known as **index reduction**. In general, index reduction for higher index DAE simplifies computational complexities.

### Two serious issues to consider when solving DAEs

- The solutions of the lower index DAE may not be a solution of the original DAE. This is known as a **drift off** effect.
- Finding initial conditions that satisfy both the differential and algebraic parts of a DAE may not be trivial, known as **consistency of initial conditions**.

## 4.4. Index of a DAE...

Therefore, computational algorithms for a DAE should:

- be cable of identifying consistent initial conditions to the DAE; as well as,
- provide automatic index reduction mechanisms to simplify the DAE.

► Modern software like Sundials, Modelica, use strategies for index-reduction coupled with methods of consistent initialization.

In the following we consider only index 1 semi-explicit DAEs:

$$(DAE) \quad \dot{x} = f(t, x, z) \quad (33)$$

$$0 = g(t, x, z). \quad (34)$$

Since  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$ . Hence, a semi-explicit DAE is of

**index 1** iff  $\left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right]^{-1}$  exists. That is, **one differentiation step** yields the differential equation:  $\frac{dz}{dt} = - \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right]^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right] (f(t, x, z)) - \left[ \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t}$ .

## 4.5. An overview of numerical Methods for DAEs

- Using mathematical principles and transformation of variables, fully-implicit DAEs can be transformed to semi-explicit DAEs.
- Note that, in the semi-explicit DAE

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, z) \quad (35)$$

$$0 = g(t, x, z). \quad (36)$$

if Jacobian matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$  singular (non-invertible), then the DAE is of higher index.

► Since many applications have model equations as semi-explicit DAEs, the discussion next is restricted to this form.

- In the DAE above, if both  $f$  and  $g$  do not explicitly depend on time  $t$ ; i.e.  $f(t, x, z) = f(x, z)$  and  $g(t, x, z) = g(x, z)$ , then the model is an **autonomous** DAE.

## 4.5. An overview of numerical Methods for DAEs..

► **BDF** and **collocation** methods are two most widely used methods for numerical solution of DAEs.

(I) **BDF** for DAEs:

Consider the initial value DAE

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, z), x(t_0) = x_0 \quad (37)$$

$$0 = g(t, x, z). \quad (38)$$

**Ideas of BDF:**

- Select a time step  $h$  so that  $t_{i+1} = t_i + h, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Given  $x_i = x(t_i)$  and  $z_i = z(t_i)$ , determine the value  $x_{i+1} = x(t_{i+1})$  by using (extrapolating) values  $x_i, x_{i-1}, \dots, x_{i-m+1}$  of the current and earlier time instants of  $x(t)$ .
- Simultaneously compute  $z_{i+1} = z(t_{i+1})$ .



## 4.5. An overview of numerical Methods for DAEs...BDF

- There is a unique  $m$ -th degree polynomial  $P$  that interpolates the  $m + 1$  points

$$(t_{i+1}, x_{i+1}), (t_i, x_i), (t_{i-1}, x_{i-1}), \dots, (t_{i+1-m}, x_{i+1-m}).$$

- This interpolating polynomials  $P$  can be written as

$$P(t) = \sum_{j=0}^m x_{i+1-j} L_j(t)$$

with the Lagrange polynomial

$$L_j(t) = \prod_{\substack{l=0 \\ l \neq j}}^m \left[ \frac{t - t_{i+1-l}}{t_{i+1-j} - t_{i+1-l}} \right], j = 0, 1, \dots, m.$$

## 4.5. ....BDF for DAEs...

- Observe that

$$P(t_{i+1-j}) = x_{i+1-j}, j = 0, 1, \dots, m.$$

In particular  $P(t_{i+1}) = x_{i+1}$ .

- Thus, replace  $\dot{x}_{i+1}$  by  $\dot{P}(t_{i+1})$  to obtain

$$\dot{P}(t_{i+1}) = f(t_{i+1}, x_{i+1}). \quad (*)$$

But

$$\dot{P}(t_{i+1}) = \sum_{j=0}^m x_{i+1-j} \dot{L}_j(t_{i+1}) = x_{i+1} \dot{L}_0(t_{i+1}) + \sum_{j=1}^m x_{i+1-j} \dot{L}_j(t_{i+1})$$

Putting this into (\*) we get:

$$x_{i+1} = - \sum_{j=1}^m x_{i+1-j} \frac{\dot{L}_j(t_{i+1})}{\dot{L}_0(t_{i+1})} + \frac{1}{\dot{L}_0(t_{i+1})} f(t_{i+1}, x_{i+1})$$

## 4.5. ....BDF for DAEs...

Define

$$a_j = \frac{\dot{L}_j(t_{i+1})}{\dot{L}_0(t_{i+1})}, \quad b_m = \frac{1}{h\dot{L}_0(t_{i+1})}.$$

- The values  $a_j, j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $b_m$  can be read from lookup tables.

An  $m$ -step BDF Algorithm (BDF  $m$ ) for a DAE:

Given  $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_m$

$$x_{i+1} = - \sum_{j=1}^m a_j x_{i+1-j} + b_m h f(t_{i+1}, x_{i+1}, z_{i+1}) \quad (39)$$

$$0 = g(t_{i+1}, x_{i+1}, z_{i+1}). \quad (40)$$

- Each iteration of the BDF requires a Newton algorithm for the solution a system of nonlinear equations. Hence, the Jacobian  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial w}$  needs to be well-conditioned, where  $w = (t, x, z)$ .

## 4.5. ....BDF for DAEs...

- Given  $x_0 = x(t_0)$ , BDF requires consistent initial conditions to be obtained by solving

$$g(t_0, x_0, z_0) = 0.$$

to determine  $z_0 = z(t_0)$ .

The  $m$ -step BDF algorithm converges if  $m \leq 6$ ; i.e.

$$x_i - x(t_i) \leq O(h^m), \quad z_i - z(t_i) \leq O(h^m)$$

for consistent initial conditions.

- BDF is commonly used to solve DAEs of index 1 or 2

### Software based on BDF for DAEs:

» **Matlab:** `ode15i`

» **Open source:** DASSL ; CVODE, CVODES, and IDA (under Sundials); ODEPACK solvers, etc.



# Orthogonal Collocation

- To collocate a function  $x(t)$  through another function  $p(t)$  = to capture the properties of  $x(t)$  by using  $p(t)$ .
  - In general, we use a simpler function  $p(t)$  to collocate  $x(t)$ ; eg.,  $p(t)$  can be a polynomial, a trigonometric function, etc.
- ⇒ polynomial and trigonometric functions are usually simpler to work with. (The discussion here is restricted to polynomials)

## Weierstraß' Theorem

If  $x(t)$  is a continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , then for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a polynomial  $p(t)$  such that

$$\max_{a \leq t \leq b} |x(t) - p(t)| < \varepsilon$$

- Hence, we use the polynomial  $p(t)$  instead of  $x(t)$ .
- However, Weierstraß' theorem does not specify how to construct the approximating polynomial  $p(t)$ .

- Suppose  $p(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_mt^m$  is the approximating polynomial to  $x(t)$  on  $[a, b]$ .

**Note:** If the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m$  are given, then the approximating polynomial is exactly known.

**Question:** How to determine  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m$ ?

**Question:** How to construct the approximating polynomial?

- There are several ways to construct  $p(t)$  to approximate  $x(t)$  according to Weierstraß' theorem.

Here we require  $p(t)$  to satisfy the following property:

- $p(t_i) = x(t_i) =: x_i, i = 1, \dots, N.$

for some *selected time instants*  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N$  from the interval  $[a, b]$ .

- This property relates  $p(t)$  and  $x(t)$  and is known as **interpolatory property**.

### Uniqueness of an interpolating polynomial

There is a unique interpolatory polynomial  $p(t)$  for the  $N$  data points  $(t_1, x_1), (t_2, x_2), \dots, (t_N, x_N)$  with degree  $\deg(p) = m = N - 1$ .

- In the following we use  $N = m + 1$ .  
Figure



According to the interpolatory property, we have

$$x_1 = p(t_1) = a_0 + a_1 t_1 + \dots + a_m t_1^m \quad (41)$$

$$x_2 = p(t_2) = a_0 + a_1 t_2 + \dots + a_m t_2^m \quad (42)$$

$$\vdots \quad (43)$$

$$x_{m+1} = p(t_{m+1}) = a_0 + a_1 t_{m+1} + \dots + a_m t_{m+1}^m. \quad (44)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots & t_1^m \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 & \dots & t_2^m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & t_{m+1} & t_{m+1}^2 & \dots & t_{m+1}^m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, if we known  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m+1}$  then we can compute  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m$  and vice-versa.

- But, since  $x(t)$  is not yet known,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m+1}$  are unknown.

Hence, both  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{m+1} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix}$  are unknowns.

- To avoid working with two unknown vectors, we can define the polynomial  $p(t)$  in a better way as:

$$p(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} x_i L_i(t) \quad (45)$$

where  $L_i(t)$  are Lagrange polynomials given by

$$\begin{aligned} L_i(t) &= \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{m+1} \frac{t - t_j}{t_i - t_j} \\ &= \frac{(t - t_1)(t - t_2) \dots (t - t_{i-1})(t - t_{i+1}) \dots (t - t_{m+1})}{(t_i - t_1)(t_i - t_2) \dots (t_i - t_{i-1})(t_i - t_{i+1}) \dots (t_i - t_{m+1})}. \end{aligned}$$

Properties:

$$L_i(t_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

★ (satisfaction of the interpolatory property)

$$p(t_i) = x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m + 1.$$

★ (approximation of  $x(t)$  by  $p(t)$ )

The polynomial  $p(t)$  in equation (45) can be made to satisfy the Weierstraß' theorem by taking sufficiently large number of time instants  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{m+1}$  from  $[a, b]$ .

**Question:** What is the best choice for  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{m+1}$ ?

# Determination of collocation Points

An idea to determine collocation points:

Select values  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  from the interval  $[0, 1]$  and define the  $t_i$ 's as follows:

$$t_i = a + \tau_i(b - a), i = 1, \dots, N.$$

- This is a good idea, since the same values  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  from  $[0, 1]$  can be used to generate collocation points on **various intervals**  $[a, b]$ .

**Example:**

- (i) If  $[a, b] = [2, 10]$ , then  $t_i = 2 + \tau_i(10 - 2), i = 1, \dots, N$ ;
- (ii) If  $[a, b] = [0, 50]$ , then  $t_i = 0 + \tau_i(50 - 0), i = 1, \dots, N$ ; etc.

**Question:** What is the best way to select the values  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  from  $[0, 1]$ ?

# Determination of collocation Points...

► Recall that: solution of a differential equation (or DAEs) is an integration process.

⇒ Numerical methods for one-dimensional integrals can give us information on how to select  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$ .

⇒ Gauss quadrature rules are one of the best numerical integration methods.

To approximate the integral

$$I[f] = \int_0^1 f(\tau) d\tau,$$

by the (iterpolatory) quadrature rule  $Q_N[f] = \sum_{k=1}^N w_k f(\tau_k)$ , where:

- the integration nodes  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N \in [0, 1]$

- weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$

are constructed based on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

## Determination of collocation points...

Thus we would like to obtain the approximation

$$I[f] = \int_0^1 f(\tau) d\tau \approx Q_N[f] = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i f(\tau_i).$$

- Once a quadrature rule  $Q_N[\cdot]$  is constructed it can be used to approximate integrals of various functions.

**Question:** How to determine the  $2N$  unknowns  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$ ,  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$ ?

We require the quadrature rule to satisfy the equality:

$$\int_a^b W(\tau) p(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i p(\tau_i)$$

for all polynomials  $p$  with degree  $\deg(p) \leq 2N$ .

That is,  $Q_N[\cdot]$  should integrate each of the polynomials

$$p(t) = 1, \tau, \tau^2, \dots, \tau^{2N}$$

exactly. This implies

$$\int_0^1 1 d\tau = \sum_{i=1} w_i \quad (46)$$

$$\int_0^1 \tau d\tau = \sum_{i=1} w_i \tau_i \quad (47)$$

$$\int_0^1 \tau^2 d\tau = \sum_{i=1} w_i \tau_i^2 \quad (48)$$

$$\vdots \quad (49)$$

$$\int_0^1 \tau^{2N} d\tau = \sum_{i=1} w_i \tau_i^{2N}. \quad (50)$$

We need to solve the system of  $2N$  nonlinear equations:

$$1 = w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_N \quad (51)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = w_1\tau_1 + w_2\tau_2 + \dots + w_N\tau_N \quad (52)$$

$$(53)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = w_1\tau_1^2 + w_2\tau_2^2 + \dots + w_N\tau_N^2 \quad (54)$$

$$\vdots \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{1}{2N} = w_1\tau_1^{2N} + w_2\tau_2^{2N} + \dots + w_N\tau_N^{2N}. \quad (56)$$

From the equation  $1 = w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_N$  we can solve for  $w_1$  and replace for it in the remaining equations.

$\Rightarrow$  It remains to determine the  $2N - 1$  unknowns  $\tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$  from the reduced set of  $2N - 1$  equations.

- Unfortunately, this system of equations is difficult to solve.



# Orthogonal polynomials

- There is a simpler way if we use **orthogonal polynomials**.
  - The concept of orthogonality requires a definition of **scalar product**.
- The **scalar product of functions**  $h$  and  $g$  with respect on the interval  $[0, 1]$  is

$$\langle h, g \rangle = \int_0^1 h(\tau)g(\tau)d\tau.$$

- Two functions  $h$  and  $g$  are **orthogonal** on the interval  $[0, 1]$  if

$$\langle h, g \rangle = \int_0^1 h(\tau)g(\tau)d\tau = 0.$$

- In this lecture, we are only interested in **set of polynomials that are orthogonal to each other**.

## Orthogonal polynomials...

- Orthogonal polynomials on  $[0, 1]$  (as defined above) are known as **shifted Legendre polynomials**.

### Theorem (Three-term recurrence relation)

Suppose  $\{p_0, p_1, \dots\}$  the set of shifted Legendre orthogonal polynomials on  $[0, 1]$  with  $\deg(p_n) = n$  and leading coefficient equal to 1. The shifted Legendre polynomials are generated by the relation

$$p_{n+1}(\tau) = (\tau - a_n)p_n(\tau) - b_n p_{n-1}(\tau)$$

with  $p_0(\tau) = 1$  and  $p_{-1}(\tau) = 0$ , where the recurrence coefficients are given as

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{n^2}{4(4n^2 - 1)}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

## Orthogonal polynomials...

The first four shifted Legendre orthogonal polynomials are

$$p_0(\tau) = 1, p_1(\tau) = 2\tau - 1, p_2(\tau) = 6\tau^2 - 6\tau + 1, p_3(\tau) = 20\tau^3 - 30\tau^2 + 12\tau - 1.$$

### Further important properties of orthogonal polynomials:

Given any set of orthogonal polynomials  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots\}$  the following hold true:

- Any finite set of orthogonal polynomials  $\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{N-1}\}$  is linearly independent.
- The polynomial  $P_N$  is orthogonal to each of  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{N-1}$ .
- Any non-zero polynomial  $q$  with degree  $\deg(q) \leq N - 1$  can be written as a linear combination:

$$q(\tau) = c_0 p_0(\tau) + c_1 p_1(\tau) + \dots, c_{N-1} p_{N-1}(\tau)$$

where at least one of the scalars  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}$  is non-zero.

## Orthogonal polynomials...

- We demand the quadrature rule is exact for polynomials up to degree  $2N - 1$ .
- Let  $P(\tau)$  be any polynomial of degree  $2N - 1$ .

Hence,

$$I[P] = Q_N[P] \Rightarrow \int_0^1 P(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i P(\tau_i).$$

- Given the  $N$ -th degree orthogonal polynomial  $p_N$ , the polynomial  $P$  can be written as

$$P(\tau) = p_N(\tau)q(\tau) + r(\tau)$$

where  $q(\tau)$  and  $r(\tau)$  are polynomials such that  $0 < \deg(r) \leq N - 1$  and

- $\deg(q) = N - 1$ , since

$$2N - 1 = \deg(P) = \deg(p_N) + \deg(q) = N + \deg(q).$$

## Orthogonal polynomials...

- Now, from the equation  $\int_0^1 P(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{k=1}^N w_k P(\tau_k)$  it follows that

$$\int_a^b (p_N(\tau)q(\tau) + r(\tau)) d\tau = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i (p_N(\tau_i)q(\tau_i) + r(\tau_i)).$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\int_a^b p_N(\tau)q(\tau) d\tau}_{=0} + \cancel{\int_a^b r(\tau) d\tau} = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i p_N(\tau_i)q(\tau_i) + \cancel{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i r(\tau_i)}.$$

Observe the following:

- Using polynomial exactness:  $\int_a^b r(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i r(\tau_i)$ .
- Orthogonality implies  $\langle p_N, p_k \rangle = 0, k = 1, \dots, N-1$ . Thus,

$$\int_a^b p_N(\tau) \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} c_i p_i(\tau) d\tau = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} c_k \underbrace{\int_a^b p_N(\tau) p_k(\tau) d\tau}_{=0} = 0.$$

# Orthogonal polynomials...

It follows that  $\sum_{k=1}^N w_k p_N(\tau_k) q(\tau_k) = 0$ . (★)

## Theorem

*If the quadrature nodes  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  are zeros of the  $N$ -th degree shifted Legendre polynomial  $p_N(\tau)$ , then*

- all the roots  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  lie inside  $(0, 1)$ ;*
- the quadrature weights are determined from*

$$w_i = \int_0^1 L_i(\tau) d\tau,$$

*where  $L_i(\tau), i = 1, \dots, N$  is the Lagrange function defined using  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  and  $w_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, N$ .*

- The quadrature rule  $Q_N[\cdot]$  integrates polynomials degree up to  $2N - 1$  exactly.*

Hence, equation (★) holds true if  $p_1(\tau_1) = p_N(\tau_2) = \dots, p(\tau_N) = 0$ .

# Orthogonal polynomials...

- Therefore, the quadrature nodes  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  are chosen as the zeros of the  $N$ -th degree shifted Legendre orthogonal polynomial.

## Question:

Is there a simple way to compute the zeros  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  of an orthogonal polynomial  $p_N$  and the quadrature weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$ ?

The answer is give by a Theorem of Welsch & Glub (see next slide).

# Orthogonal polynomials...

## Theorem (Welsch & Glub 1969)

The quadrature nodes  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  and weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$  can be computed from the spectral factorization of

$$J_N = V^\top \Lambda V; \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N), VV^\top = I_N;$$

of the symmetric tri-diagonal **Jacobi matrix**

$$J_N = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & \sqrt{b_1} & & & \\ \sqrt{b_1} & a_1 & \sqrt{b_2} & & \\ & \sqrt{b_2} & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & a_{N-2} & \sqrt{b_{N-1}} \\ & & & \sqrt{b_{N-1}} & a_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where}$$

$a_0, a_n, b_n, n = 1, \dots, N-1$  are the known coefficients from the recurrence relation. In particular ...



## Theorem ...

$$\tau_k = \lambda_k, k = 1, \dots, N; \quad (57)$$

$$w_k = \left( e^\top V e_k \right)^2, k = 1, \dots, N, \quad (58)$$

where  $e_1, e_k$  are the 1st and the  $k$ -the unit vectors of length  $N$ .

A Matlab program:

```
n = 5; format short
beta = .5./sqrt(1-(2*(1:n-1)).^(-2)); % recurr. coeffs
J = diag(beta,1) + diag(beta,-1)      % Jacobi matrix
[V,D] = eig(J);                       % Spectral decomp.
tau = diag(D); [tau,i] = sort(tau); % Quad. nodes
w = 2*V(1,i).^2;                      % Quad. weights
```

- There are standardised lookup tables for the integration nodes  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N$  and corresponding weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N$ .

The collocation points  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N \in [a, b]$  can be determined by using the quadrature points  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_N \in [0, 1]$  through the relation:

$$t_i = a + \tau_i(b - a).$$

**Example:** Suppose we would like to collocate  $x(t)$  on  $[a, b] = [0, 10]$  using a polynomial  $\hat{x}(t)$  with  $\deg(\hat{x}) = m = 3$ .

- Required number of collocation points  $= N = m + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  First, determine the zeros of the 4-th degree shifted Legendre polynomial  $p_4(\tau)$ ; i.e., find  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4$ .
- These value can be determined to be:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_1 &= 0.0694318442, & \tau_2 &= 0.3300094783, \\ \tau_3 &= 0.6699905218, & \tau_4 &= 0.9305681558.\end{aligned}$$

- Next, determine the collocation points :

$$t_1 = 0 + (10 - 0) * \tau_1 = 0.694318442, \quad t_2 = 0 + (10 - 0) * \tau_2 = 3.300094783,$$

$$t_3 = 0 + (10 - 0) * \tau_3 = 6.699905218,$$

$$t_4 = 0 + (10 - 0) * \tau_4 = 9.305681558.$$

The collocation polynomial is  $p(t) = \sum_i^4 x_i L_i(t)$ . where

$$L_1(t) = \frac{(t - t_2)(t - t_3)(t - t_4)}{(t_1 - t_2)(t_1 - t_3)(t_1 - t_4)} \quad (59)$$

$$L_2(t) = \frac{(t - t_1)(t - t_3)(t - t_4)}{(t_2 - t_1)(t_2 - t_3)(t_2 - t_4)} \quad (60)$$

$$L_3(t) = \frac{(t - t_1)(t - t_2)(t - t_4)}{(t_3 - t_1)(t_3 - t_2)(t_3 - t_4)} \quad (61)$$

$$L_4(t) = \frac{(t - t_1)(t - t_2)(t - t_3)}{(t_4 - t_1)(t_4 - t_2)(t_4 - t_3)}. \quad (62)$$

Hence, we approximate  $x(t)$  using the third degree polynomial

$$p(t) = \hat{x}(t) = x_1 L_1(t) + x_2 L_2(t) + x_3 L_3(t) + x_4 L_4(t)$$

It remains to determine the coefficients  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ .

# Discretization of DAEs using orthogonal collocation

Given the DAE:

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, z), t_0 \leq t \leq t_f \quad (63)$$

$$0 = g(t, x, z) \quad (64)$$

where  $x(t)^\top = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))$  and  $z(t)^\top = (z_1(t), z_2(t), \dots, z_m(t))$ .

- Determine the a set of collocation points  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N$ .
- corresponding to each differential and algebraic variable define collocation polynomials:

$$x_k(t) \longrightarrow p^{(k)}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^{(k)} L_i(t), k = 1, \dots, n; \quad (65)$$

$$z_j(t) \longrightarrow p^{(j)}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N z_i^{(j)} L_i(t), j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (66)$$

## ... orthogonal collocation of DAEs

- In the DAE, replace  $x_k(t)$  and  $z_j(t)$  by  $q^{(k)}(t)$  and  $p^{(j)}(t)$  so that

$$\dot{p}^{(1)}(t) = f_1(t, (p^{(1)}(t), p^{(2)}(t), \dots, p^{(n)}(t)), (q^{(1)}(t), q^{(2)}(t), \dots, q^{(m)}(t)))$$

$$\dot{p}^{(2)}(t) = f_2(t, (p^{(1)}(t), p^{(2)}(t), \dots, p^{(n)}(t)), (q^{(1)}(t), q^{(2)}(t), \dots, q^{(m)}(t)))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{p}^{(n)}(t) = f_n(t, (p^{(1)}(t), p^{(2)}(t), \dots, p^{(n)}(t)), (q^{(1)}(t), q^{(2)}(t), \dots, q^{(m)}(t)))$$

$$0 = g_1(t, (p^{(1)}(t), p^{(2)}(t), \dots, p^{(n)}(t)), (q^{(1)}(t), q^{(2)}(t), \dots, q^{(m)}(t)))$$

$$0 = g_2(t, (p^{(1)}(t), p^{(2)}(t), \dots, p^{(n)}(t)), (q^{(1)}(t), q^{(2)}(t), \dots, q^{(m)}(t)))$$

$$\vdots$$

$$0 = g_m(t, (p^{(1)}(t), p^{(2)}(t), \dots, p^{(n)}(t)), (q^{(1)}(t), q^{(2)}(t), \dots, q^{(m)}(t)))$$

## ... orthogonal collocation of DAEs

- Next discretize the system above using  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N$  to obtain:

$$\dot{p}^{(1)}(t_i) = f_1 \left( t_i, \left( x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)} \right), \left( z_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(2)}, \dots, z_i^{(m)} \right) \right)$$

$$\dot{p}^{(2)}(t_i) = f_2 \left( t_i, \left( x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)} \right), \left( z_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(2)}, \dots, z_i^{(m)} \right) \right)$$

$\vdots$

$$\dot{p}^{(n)}(t_i) = f_n \left( t_i, \left( x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)} \right), \left( z_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(2)}, \dots, z_i^{(m)} \right) \right)$$

$$0 = g_1 \left( t_i, \left( x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)} \right), \left( z_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(2)}, \dots, z_i^{(m)} \right) \right)$$

$$0 = g_2 \left( t_i, \left( x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)} \right), \left( z_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(2)}, \dots, z_i^{(m)} \right) \right)$$

$\vdots$

$$0 = g_m \left( t_i, \left( x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)} \right), \left( z_i^{(1)}, z_i^{(2)}, \dots, z_i^{(m)} \right) \right),$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

## ... orthogonal collocation of DAEs

- Solve the system of  $(n + m) \times N$  equations to determine the  $(n + m) \times N$  unknowns  $x_i^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  and  $z_i^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

**Example:** Use a four point orthogonal collocation to solve the DAE

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_1 + 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1. \\ 0 &= (x_1 + 1)x_2 + 2.\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:** we use the collocation polynomials

$$p^{(1)}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i^{(1)}(t) L_i(t) \text{ and } p^{(2)}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^4 x_i^{(2)}(t) L_i(t)$$

to collocate  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$ , respectively.



# Advantages and disadvantages collocation methods

- can be used for higher index DAEs.
- efficient for both initial value as well as boundary values DAEs.
- more accurate

## Disadvantages:

- Can be computationally expensive
- The approximating polynomials may display oscillatory properties, impacting accuracy
- computational expenses become high if  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N-1}$  are considered variables.

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### Open source software:

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<http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/cse/software.html>
- DASSL Matlab interface:  
<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/16917-dassl-mex-file-compilation-to-matlab-5-3-and-6-5>
- Sundials - <https://computation.llnl.gov/casc/sundials/main.html>
- Modelica - <https://modelica.org/>
- Odepack - <http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/kdatta/classes/lode.html>
- Scicos- <http://www.scicos.org/>