

Development of a Spectral-Element code

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Using Legendre polynomials on a Gauss-Lobatto quadrature.

$$P_n(x) = \frac{2n-1}{n}xP_{n-1}(x) - (n-1)P_{n-2}(x)$$
$$P'_n(x) = (2n-1)P_{n-1}(x) + P'_{n-2}(x)$$

where $P'_0(x) = 0$ and $P'_1(x) = 1$

Define a basis function

We need to define a basis function. We will define it as the Lagrange interpolation polynomial (Equation 5.46 in Hestaven)

$$l_j(x) = \frac{-1}{N(N+1)} \frac{1-x^2}{x-x_j} \frac{P'_N(x)}{P'_N(x_j)}.$$

This will cause a problem, $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_j} = \infty$ Have to use L'hopital.
The numerator:

$$-\frac{d}{dx}(1-x^2)P'_N(x) = -P''(x) + (x^2P''(x) + 2xP'(x))$$
$$-P''(x)(1-x^2) + 2xP'(x)$$

The denominator:

$$\frac{d}{dx}N(N+1)(x-x_j)P_N(x_j) = N(N+1)P_N(x_j)$$

Now we have:

$$l_j = \frac{-P''(x)(1-x^2) + 2xP'(x)}{N(N+1)P_N(x_j)}$$

This will become our basis,

$$\phi_n = \frac{-P''(x)(1-x^2) + 2xP'(x)}{N(N+1)P_N(x_n)}$$

I'm confused here.

Weak formulation

Referring to p.120 in Hestaven.

This will be used in our approximation with coefficients $a_n(t_i)$ as,

$$\begin{aligned} u_N(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} a_n(t) \phi_n(x_i) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_N(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} a'_n(t) \phi_n(x_i) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u_N(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} a_n(t) \phi''_n(x_i). \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_N + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u_N &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

we take use the weak, so we take the inner product with respect to a test function $\phi_m(x)$,

$$\int_{-1}^1 (a'_n(t) \phi_n(x_i) + a_n(t) \phi''_n(x_i)) \phi_m(x_i) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x_i) \phi_m(x) dx$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 a'_n(t) \phi_n(x_i) \phi_m(x_i) dx + \int_{-1}^1 a_n(t) \phi''_n(x_i) \phi_m(x_i) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x_i) \phi_m(x) dx.$$

The mass term $\int_{-1}^1 a'_n(t) \phi_n(x_i) \phi_m(x_i) dx$ will be given as

$$M_{m,n} = \begin{cases} w(x_i) & m = n \\ 0 & \neq n \end{cases}$$

where $\int_{-1}^1 a'_n(t) \phi_n(x_i) \phi_m(x_i) dx = a'_n(t) M_{m,n}$.

The symmetric stiffness term $\int_{-1}^1 a_n(t) \phi_n''(x_i) \phi_m(x_i) dx$ will be integrated by parts to get,

$$\phi_n(x_i) \phi'_m(x_i) \Big|_{-1}^1 - \int_{-1}^1 a_n(t) \phi'_n(x_i) \phi'_m(x_i) dx$$

The stiffness matrix term is

$$K_{m,n} = \begin{cases} -\sum_{i=1}^N \phi'_n(x_i) \phi'_m(x_i) w_i & 0 < n < N \\ \text{????} & n = 0 \\ \text{????} & n = N \end{cases}$$