

# Chebyshev Spectral Methods (pt 3)

Key Idea: Interpolate from values on grid and enforce differential equation at gridpts.

$\Rightarrow$  Given  $N$  distinct pts  $x_0, \dots, x_{N-1} \in [-1, 1]$ , there is a unique interpolating polynomial of degree  $N-1$ :

$$p_N(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} u(x_n) l_n(x), \quad l_n = \prod_{m \neq n} \frac{x - x_m}{x_n - x_m}$$

$\uparrow$  "Lagrange form" of  $p_N$                        $\uparrow$  Lagrange basis

$\downarrow$   $p_N$  interpolates  $u$  on grid

$\Rightarrow$  If  $x_0, \dots, x_{N-1}$  is a "good" set of pts,  $p_N$  can't be much worse than the best possible deg.  $N-1$  polynomial approximation of  $u$ .

$$\|u - p_N\| \leq (1 + \mathcal{L}_N) \|u - p_{\text{best}}\|$$

$\downarrow$  interpolant in  $\Pi^{N-1}$                        $\downarrow$  best approx in  $\Pi^{N-1}$

$\approx$  "Lebesgue const."

Cheb Points  
("Roots")

$$\mathcal{L}_N \leq 1 + \frac{2}{N} \log(N)$$



## Differentiation Matrices:

$$\partial_x u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} u(x_n) l'_n(x)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{bmatrix} u'(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ u'(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} l'_0(x_0) & \dots & l'_{N-1}(x_0) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ l'_0(x_{N-1}) & \dots & l'_{N-1}(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} \\ \underline{u'} & & D \quad \quad \quad \underline{u} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Result is exact when  $u \in \Pi^{N-1}$

## Multiplication Matrices:

$$a(x)u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a(x_n)u(x_n)l_n(x)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{bmatrix} (a \cdot u)(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ (a \cdot u)(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} a(x_0) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} \\ \underline{a \cdot u} & & M_a \quad \quad \quad \underline{u} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Even when  $u \in \Pi^{N-1}$ , result is not exact unless  $a \in \Pi^{N-1}$  due to aliasing on grid.



# Boundary Conditions

E.g.  $\partial_x u + au = f$  with  $u(1) = 0$  on  $x \in [-1, 1]$

Chebyshev pts  
"Extrema"

$$x_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{N-1}\right) \quad n = 0, \dots, N-1$$

"Boundary bracketing" = replace eqn's at endpts

evaluate  $u(1)$   $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D + M_a \\ \text{at } x_0, \dots, x_{N-2} \\ 0 \quad \dots \quad 0 \quad 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-2} \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_0 \\ \vdots \\ f_{N-2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Set} \\ u(1) = 0 \end{matrix}$$

"Rectangular Projection" = Carefully resample on smaller grid to make room for B.C.s (see Lecture 14 "Further Reading")

$\Rightarrow$  Can handle general linear auxiliary constraints accompanying ODE.



# Nonlinear Problems

Example:  $\partial_x u + u^2 = f$  s.t.  $u(1) = 0$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .  
 $\uparrow$  nonlinear in  $u$  D.B.C.

Idea 1: "Fixed point" iteration

1. Guess  $u_0$

2. Solve  $\partial_x u_{n+1} + u_n u_{n+1} = f$  s.t.  $u(1) = 0$   
for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , until convergence.  
linearization

$\Rightarrow$  In general, may not converge (need fixed pt. operator to be contractive) or may converge slowly, depending on diff. op.

Idea 2: "Newton" iteration

Find  $u$  s.t.  $F[u] = \partial_x u + u^2 - f = 0$

1. Initial guess w/  $u(1) = 0$

2. Solve  $F'_u[u_n] v_{n+1} = -F[u_n]$ ,  $v_{n+1}(1) = 0$   
 $\uparrow$  "Frechet" derivative

3. Update  $u_{n+1} = u_n + v_{n+1}$

generalizes  
Newton's Iter.  
from finite-dim.  
vector space  
to functions



## Frechet Derivative

Generalizes Jacobian from finite-dim. vector spaces to inf-dim. spaces of functions.

Directional  
"Gateaux"  
derivative

$$F_u[u_n]v = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} F[u_n + \varepsilon v]$$

Example

$$F[u] = \partial_x u + u^2 - f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} F[u_n + \varepsilon v] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} [\partial_x u_n + \varepsilon \partial_x v + (u_n + \varepsilon v)^2 - f] \\ &= \partial_x v + 2(u_n + \varepsilon v)v \end{aligned}$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  
we get

$$F_u[u_n]v = \partial_x v + 2u_n v$$

linear diff.  
operator

So, we can write Newton's iteration as

$$1. \text{ Solve } \underbrace{\partial_x v_{n+1} + 2u_n v_{n+1}}_{F_u[u_n]v} = \underbrace{f - \partial_x u_n - u_n^2}_{-F[u_n]} \quad \text{s.t. } v_{n+1}(l) = 0$$

$$2. \text{ Update } u_{n+1} = u_n + v_{n+1} \quad (\text{repeat until conv.})$$