

Summation by Parts Operators for PDEs

Assignment 2

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Problem 1

For a given function $f(x)$ on the interval $[0, L]$, find its derivative at the collocation points using the differentiation matrix D from Problem 1 in Assignment 1.

Solution:

So, given a function $f : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we need to approximate its derivative $f'(y)$ using the Legendre-Gauss-Lobatto (LGL) differentiation matrix D originally defined on $[-1, 1]$. The main steps are the following:

1. **Affine Transformation of Nodes** The LGL nodes $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^N$ on $[-1, 1]$ are mapped to $[0, L]$ via:

$$y_i = \frac{L}{2}(x_i + 1), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

This ensures $y_0 = 0$, $y_N = L$, and interior nodes y_1, \dots, y_{N-1} lie in $(0, L)$.

2. **Scaling the Differentiation Matrix** The derivative relationship between the intervals is governed by the chain rule:

$$\frac{df}{dy} = \frac{df}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{2}{L} \cdot \frac{df}{dx}.$$

Thus, the differentiation matrix D for $[0, L]$ is scaled by $\frac{2}{L}$:

$$D_{\text{scaled}} = \frac{2}{L} \cdot D.$$

3. **Approximating the Derivative** Given function values $\mathbf{f} = [f(y_0), f(y_1), \dots, f(y_N)]^T$, the approximate derivative at the nodes is:

$$\mathbf{f}' = D_{\text{scaled}} \cdot \mathbf{f}.$$

With everything stated above and using the code from Problem 1 in Assignment 1, the suggested code is as follows:

```

1  import numpy as np
2  import math
3
4  class LGL:
5      """
6      Class for computing Legendre-Gauss-Lobatto (LGL) nodes, weights, and
7      the differentiation matrix D based on the Lagrange basis polynomials.
8
9      Attributes:
10         p (int): Degree of the Legendre polynomial (the quadrature has p+1 nodes).
11         L (float): Length of the interval [0, L].
12         nodes (np.ndarray): The computed LGL nodes on the interval [-1, 1].
13         weights (np.ndarray): The computed quadrature weights.
14         D (np.ndarray): The differentiation matrix for computing derivatives.
15     """
16
17     def __init__(self, p, L=1):
18         """

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19         Initialize the LGL object with a given polynomial degree  $p$  and interval
        ↪ length  $L$ .
20
21     Parameters:
22          $p$  (int): Degree of the Legendre polynomial.
23          $L$  (float, optional): Length of the interval  $[0, L]$ . Default is 1.
24     """
25     self.p = p
26     self.L = L
27     self.nodes, self.weights = self._compute_nodes_weights()
28     self.D = self.differentiation_matrix()
29
30     @staticmethod
31     def legendre_poly_coeffs(p):
32         """
33         Compute the coefficients of the Legendre polynomial  $P_p(x)$ .
34
35     Parameters:
36          $p$  (int): Degree of the Legendre polynomial.
37
38     Returns:
39         np.ndarray: Array of coefficients in descending order (highest power
        ↪ first).
40     """
41     poly_dict = {}
42     for k in range(p // 2 + 1):
43         power = p - 2 * k
44         coeff = ((-1) ** k * math.comb(p, k) * math.comb(2 * p - 2 * k, p)) / (2
        ↪ ** p)
45         poly_dict[power] = coeff
46     coeffs = [poly_dict.get(power, 0) for power in range(p, -1, -1)]
47     return np.array(coeffs)
48
49     @classmethod
50     def legendre_poly(cls, p):
51         """
52         Construct a numpy.poly1d object representing the Legendre polynomial  $P_p(x)$ .
53
54     Parameters:
55          $p$  (int): Degree of the Legendre polynomial.
56
57     Returns:
58         np.poly1d: The Legendre polynomial.
59     """
60     coeffs = cls.legendre_poly_coeffs(p)
61     return np.poly1d(coeffs)
62
63     def _compute_nodes_weights(self):
64         """
65         Compute the LGL nodes and quadrature weights.
66
67     Returns:
68         tuple: (nodes, weights) where

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69         nodes is a numpy array of the LGL nodes, and
70         weights is a numpy array of the corresponding quadrature weights.
71     """
72     P = self.legendre_poly(self.p)
73     dP = P.deriv()
74     interior_nodes = np.sort(dP.r.real) # Zeros of P'_p(x)
75     nodes = np.concatenate([-1.0], interior_nodes, [1.0])) # Include endpoints
76     weights = 2 / (self.p * (self.p + 1) * (P(nodes) ** 2))
77     return nodes, weights
78
79 def differentiation_matrix(self):
80     """
81     Compute the differentiation matrix D.
82
83     Returns:
84         np.ndarray: The differentiation matrix D of shape (N, N), where N = p+1.
85     """
86     x = self.nodes
87     N = len(x)
88     D = np.zeros((N, N))
89     b = np.zeros(N) # Barycentric weights
90     for j in range(N):
91         b[j] = 1.0 / np.prod(x[j] - np.delete(x, j))
92     for i in range(N):
93         for j in range(N):
94             if i != j:
95                 D[i, j] = (b[j] / b[i]) / (x[i] - x[j])
96         D[i, i] = -np.sum(D[i, :]) # Ensure row sum is zero
97     return (2 / self.L) * D # Rescale for [0, L]
98
99 def transform_nodes(self):
100     """
101     Transform LGL nodes from [-1, 1] to [0, L].
102
103     Returns:
104         np.ndarray: Transformed nodes.
105     """
106     return (self.L / 2) * (self.nodes + 1)
107
108 def compute_derivative(self, f):
109     """
110     Compute the derivative of a given function f at the collocation points.
111
112     Parameters:
113         f (callable): Function to differentiate.
114
115     Returns:
116         tuple: (transformed nodes, derivative values at those nodes).
117     """
118     x_mapped = self.transform_nodes()
119     f_values = f(x_mapped)
120     return x_mapped, self.D @ f_values
121

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122 def main():
123     p = 4 # Degree of Legendre polynomial
124     L = 10 # Interval length
125
126     # Define function f(x)
127     def f(x):
128         return np.full_like(x, 5.0 * x) # Ensures valid differentiation
129
130     lgl = LGL(p, L)
131     y, f_prime = lgl.compute_derivative(f)
132
133     print("Mapped nodes y:")
134     print(y)
135
136     print("\nFunction values f(y):")
137     print(f(y))
138
139     print("\nComputed derivative df/dy:")
140     print(f_prime)
141
142 if __name__ == '__main__':
143     main()

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by running which we get the following output:

```

1 Mapped nodes y:
2 [ 0.          1.72673165  5.          8.27326835 10.          ]
3
4 Function values f(y):
5 [ 0.          8.63365823 25.          41.36634177 50.          ]
6
7 Computed derivative df/dy:
8 [5. 5. 5. 5. 5.]

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Or, by changing the function to a constant, we obtain the following output:

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1 Mapped nodes y:
2 [ 0.          1.72673165  5.          8.27326835 10.          ]
3
4 Function values f(y):
5 [5. 5. 5. 5. 5.]
6
7 Computed derivative df/dy:
8 [ 5.13478149e-16  1.87350135e-16 -1.11022302e-16 -1.94289029e-16
9   -6.66133815e-16]

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GitHub link for the codes in the folder **Assignment 2**:

https://github.com/nurmaton/SBP_KAUST/tree/main/Assignment%202