

# Galerkin Approximations of Delay Differential Equations

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## Abstract

## 1 Introduction

## 2 Koornwinder Polynomials

### 2.1 Properties and Basic Results of Koornwinder Polynomials

From [2, Eq. (2.1)], the sequence of Koornwinder polynomials  $\{K_n\}$  can be built from the Legendre polynomials  $L_n$  by

$$K_n(s) := -(1+s)\frac{d}{ds} + (n^2 + n + 1)L_n(s), \quad s \in [-1, 1], \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \quad (2.1)$$

Furthermore, we reproduce from [1, Prop. 3.1] some simple properties that  $\{K_n\}$  satisfy.

**Proposition 2.1.** *The polynomial  $K_n$  defined in (2.1) is of degree  $n$  and admits the following expansion in terms of the Legendre polynomials:*

$$K_n(s) = -\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (2j+1)L_j(s) + (n^2+1)L_n(s), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0; \quad (2.2)$$

and the following normalization property holds:

$$K_n(1) = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \quad (2.3)$$

Moreover, the sequence given by

$$\{\mathcal{K}_n := (K_n, K_n(1)) : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \quad (2.4)$$

forms an orthogonal basis of the product space

$$\mathcal{E} := L^2([-1, 1]; \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\mathcal{E}$  is endowed with the following inner product:

$$\langle (f, a), (g, b) \rangle_{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(s)g(s) \, ds + ab, \quad (f, a), (g, b) \in \mathcal{E}. \quad (2.6)$$

Moreover  $\left\{ \frac{\mathcal{K}_n}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}} \right\}$  forms a Hilbert basis of  $\mathcal{E}$  where the norm  $\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}$  of  $\mathcal{K}_n$  induced by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{E}}$  possesses the following analytic expression:

$$\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}} = \sqrt{\frac{(n^2 + 1)((n + 1)^2 + 1)}{2n + 1}}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \quad (2.7)$$

Suppose that  $\Pi_N$  is the  $N$ -dimensional standard projection into  $\text{span}\{\mathcal{K}_n : n \leq N\} \subset \mathcal{E}$ . It will be relevant to discuss when we have convergence of  $[\Pi_N u]^D$  for  $u \in \mathcal{E}$ . In particular, we will focus on uniform convergence. We define for  $f \in L^2([-1, 1], \mathbb{R})$  the following:

$$a_n(f) := \frac{2n + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) L_n(x) \, dx. \quad (2.8)$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $g \in \mathcal{C}^2([-1, 1]; \mathbb{R})$  and denote  $\psi = (f, f(0)) \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then the series*

$$[\Pi_N \psi]^D = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\langle \psi, \mathcal{K}_n \rangle_{\mathcal{E}}}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} \mathcal{K}_n \quad (2.9)$$

*converges uniformly to  $f$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to show based on (2.2) we have for  $\theta \in [-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} |K_n(\theta)| &\leq (n^2 + 1)|L_n(\theta)| + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (2j + 1)|L_j(\theta)| \\ &\leq (n^2 + 1) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (2j + 1) \\ &= 2n^2 + 1, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

i.e.,  $\|K_n\|_{\infty} \leq 2n^2 + 1$ .

By the definition of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{E}}$  and the Koornwinder polynomials, we have that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi, \mathcal{K}_n \rangle_{\mathcal{E}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) K_n(x) \, dx + f(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ - \int_{-1}^1 f(x) (1 + x) L'_n(x) \, dx + (n^2 + n + 1) \int_{-1}^1 f(x) L_n(x) \, dx \right] + f(1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

If we use integration by parts, we find that

$$-\int_{-1}^1 f(x)(1+x)L'_n(x) dx = -2f(1) + \int_{-1}^1 f'(x)(1+x)L_n(x) dx + \int_{-1}^1 f(x)L_n(x) dx. \quad (2.12)$$

Applying (2.12) to (2.11) gives that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi, \mathcal{K}_n \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f'(x)(1+x)L_n(x) dx + \frac{n^2+n+2}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x)L_n(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f'(x)(1+x)L_n(x) dx + \frac{n^2+n+2}{2n+1} a_n(f). \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

We can also note that by applying the Hölder inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{-1}^1 f'(x)(1+x)L_n(x) dx \right| &\leq \|f'\|_{\infty} \left( \int_{-1}^1 (1+x) dx \right)^{1/2} \|L_n\|_{L^2} \\ &= \frac{4\|f'\|_{\infty}}{\sqrt{6n+3}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Furthermore, from [4, Thm. 2.1] we have

$$|a_n(f)| \leq \frac{V_1}{n - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2n}}, \quad (2.15)$$

where  $V_1 := \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f''(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx < \infty$ . Thus,

$$|\langle \psi, \mathcal{K}_n \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}| \leq \frac{2\|f'\|_{\infty}}{\sqrt{6n+3}} + V_1 \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{n^2+n+2}{\sqrt{n}(4n^2+1)}, \quad (2.16)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|\langle \psi, \mathcal{K}_n \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}|}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2} \|K_n\|_{\infty} &\leq \left[ \frac{2\|f'\|_{\infty}}{\sqrt{6n+3}} + V_1 \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{n^2+n+2}{\sqrt{n}(4n^2+1)} \right] \times \left[ \frac{(2n+1)(2n^2+1)}{(n^2+1)((n+1)^2+1)} \right] \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

By the Weierstrass M-test, the series (2.9) converges uniformly.

Note also that (2.9) is simply the functional part of the Koornwinder expansion of  $\psi$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . So the series converges in  $L^2([-1, 1]; \mathbb{R})$  to  $\psi^D = f$ . Therefore, since the series converges uniformly, it must converge uniformly to  $f$ .  $\square$

It will also be necessary to prove certain properties of the series of Koornwinder polynomials

$$S_N(x) := \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{K_n}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad x \in [-1, 1]. \quad (2.18)$$

If we were to denote  $\psi = (0, 1) \in L^2([-1, 1]) \times \mathbb{R}$ , then  $S_N$  would simply be the functional part of  $\Pi_N \psi$ . The following lemma allows us to express  $S_N$  in terms of Legendre Polynomials.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The functions  $S_N$  defined in (2.18) can be expressed as*

$$S_N(x) = \frac{1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} \sum_{n=0}^N (2n+1) L_n, \quad x \in [-1, 1]. \quad (2.19)$$

*Proof.* Using (2.2), we can show that for  $m \leq N \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 S_N(x) L_m(x) dx &= \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} \int_{-1}^1 K_n(x) L_m(x) dx \\ &= \|L_m\|_{L^2([-1, 1])}^2 \left[ (m^2 + 1) \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_m\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} - (2m+1) \sum_{k=m+1}^N \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_k\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

and so

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N \left[ \frac{n^2 + 1}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} - (2n+1) \sum_{m=n+1}^N \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_m\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} \right] L_n(x). \quad (2.21)$$

It is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{2n+1}{(n^2+1)((n+1)^2+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^N \left[ \frac{1}{n^2+1} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2+1} \right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{(N+1)^2+1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=n+1}^N \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_m\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} &= \sum_{m=0}^N \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_m\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} - \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{1}{\|\mathcal{K}_m\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2+1} - \frac{1}{(N+1)^2+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Applying (2.23) to (2.21) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
S_N(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^N \left[ \frac{n^2 + 1}{\|\mathcal{K}_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2} - (2n + 1) \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} \right) \right] L_n(x) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^N \left[ \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)^2 + 1} - \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)^2 + 1} + \frac{2n+1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} \right] L_n(x) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{2n+1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} L_n(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.24}$$

□

Now that we have this expression, we can prove the properties of  $S_N$  that will be useful when showing the main result.

**Proposition 2.3.** *For the functions  $S_N$  defined in (2.18), we have that*

$$|S_N(x)| < 1, \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]. \tag{2.25}$$

Furthermore,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N(x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1). \tag{2.26}$$

*Proof.* It is known that

$$|L_n(x)| \leq 1, \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1], \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{2.27}$$

Thus for  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned}
|S_N(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} \sum_{n=0}^N (2n+1) |L_n(x)| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} \sum_{n=0}^N (2n+1) \\
&= \frac{N^2 + 1}{(N+1)^2 + 1} \\
&< 1.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

From [3, Thm. 61], we also have that for  $n \geq 1$  and  $x \in (-1, 1)$

$$|L_n(x)| < \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2n(1-x^2)}}. \tag{2.29}$$

Then for  $x \in (-1, 1)$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned}
|S_N(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{(N+1)^2+1} \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^N (2n+1) |L_n(x)| \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(N+1)^2+1} \left[ 1 + 3 \sum_{n=1}^N n \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2n(1-x^2)}} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(N+1)^2+1} \left[ 1 + 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2(1-x^2)}} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{n} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{2.30}$$

We can note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{n} &\leq \int_1^{N+1} \sqrt{x} \, dx \\
&= \frac{2}{3} (N+1)^{3/2} - \frac{2}{3}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.31}$$

So

$$|S_N(x)| \leq \frac{1}{(N+1)^2+1} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{1-x^2}} \left( (N+1)^{3/2} - 1 \right) \right], \tag{2.32}$$

where the right-hand side converges to 0 as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $x \in (-1, 1)$ . Thus  $S_N(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  for  $x \in (-1, 1)$ .  $\square$

### 3 Pointwise Convergence of Galerkin Solutions in $X$

#### 3.1 The Space $X$

We define the following inner product space with elements in

$$X := \mathcal{C}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R} \tag{3.1}$$

and the inner product defined by

$$(\Phi, \Psi)_X := \Phi^S \Psi^S + \frac{1}{\tau} (\Phi^D, \Psi^D)_{L^2([-\tau, 0])} + \Phi^D(-\tau) \Psi^D(-\tau), \quad \Phi, \Psi \in X. \tag{3.2}$$

It is relatively straight-forward to verify that  $(\cdot, \cdot)_X$  is symmetric, bilinear, and positive definite and thus is an inner product. We will also make of the norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$  induced from this inner product. Note that  $X$  is **not** a Banach space since Cauchy sequences might not converge in  $X$ .

### 3.2 Pointwise Convergence

It will be helpful to prove a lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *There is  $C > 0$  such that for any  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .*

$$\|T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_X \leq C\|u(s) - u_N(s)\|_X, \quad (3.3)$$

where  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $s \in [0, t]$ .

*Proof.* We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_X^2 &= \|T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &\quad + \left| [T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))]^D(-\tau) \right|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Note that for the first term on the right-hand side of (3.4), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_{\mathcal{H}} &\leq Me^{\omega(t-s)}\|\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\leq Me^{\omega T}\|\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= Me^{\omega T} |f([u(s)]^D(-\tau)) - f([u_N(s)]^D(-\tau))| \\ &\leq LMe^{\omega T} |[u(s)]^D(-\tau) - [u_N(s)]^D(-\tau)| \\ &\leq LMe^{\omega T}\|u(s) - u_N(s)\|_X. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

For the second term on the right-hand side of (3.4), we consider first the case when  $t-s \geq \tau$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| [T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))]^D(-\tau) \right| &\leq \|T_N(t-s-\tau)\Pi(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\leq Me^{\omega T}\|\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &\leq LMe^{\omega T}\|u(s) - u_N(s)\|_X. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Now consider the case when  $t-s < \tau$ . So we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| [T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))]^D(-\tau) \right| &= \left| [\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))]^D(t-s-\tau) \right| \\ &= |f([u(s)]^D(-\tau)) - f([u_N(s)]^D(-\tau))| \cdot |S_N^\tau(t-s-\tau)| \\ &\leq L|[u(s)]^D(-\tau) - [u_N(s)]^D(-\tau)| \\ &\leq L\|u(s) - u_N(s)\|_X. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

If we define

$$C := \max\{L, LMe^{\omega T}\} \quad (3.8)$$

and apply (3.5), (3.6), and (3.7) to (3.4), then we get that

$$\|T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_X \leq C\|u(s) - u_N(s)\|_X. \quad (3.9)$$

□

We introduce the following definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} r_N(t) &:= \|u(t) - u_N(t)\|_X, \\ \epsilon_N(t) &:= \|T(t)u_0 - T_N(t)\Pi_N u_0\|_X, \\ d_N(t, s) &:= \|(T(t-s) - T_N(t-s)\Pi_N)\mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_X. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

One can apply the variation-of-constants formula and the above definitions to get that

$$\begin{aligned} r_N(t) &\leq \epsilon_N(t) + \int_0^t d_N(t, s) \, ds + \int_0^t \|T_N(t-s)\Pi_N(\mathcal{F}(u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)))\|_X \, ds \\ &\leq \epsilon_N(t) + \int_0^t d_N(t, s) \, ds + C \int_0^t r_N(s) \, ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Applying Grönwall's inequality to (3.11) gives

$$\begin{aligned} r_N(t) &\leq \left[ \epsilon_N(t) + \int_0^t d_N(t, s) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t C e^{C(t-s)} \left[ \epsilon_N(s) + \int_0^s d_N(s, r) \, dr \right] \, ds \\ &\leq \left[ \epsilon_N(t) + \int_0^t d_N(t, s) \, ds \right] + C e^{CT} \int_0^t \left[ \epsilon_N(s) + \int_0^s d_N(s, r) \, dr \right] \, ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

We wish to show that  $r_N(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  for each fixed  $t \in [0, T]$ . To this end, we show that each term on the right-hand side of (3.12) converges to 0 as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $t \in [0, T]$  fixed. The following propositions will show this.

**Proposition 3.1.** *For fixed  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$\epsilon_N(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \int_0^t \epsilon_N(s) \, ds \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.13)$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of the  $X$  norm, we have that

$$\epsilon_N(t)^2 = \|T(t)u_0 - T_N(t)\Pi_N u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + |[T(t)u_0]^D(-\tau) - [T_N(t)\Pi_N u_0]^D(-\tau)|^2. \quad (3.14)$$

The first term on the right-hand side converges uniformly to 0 by the Trotter-Kato theorem. For the second case, we again consider the case when  $t \geq \tau$ . Here we can apply the Trotter-Kato theorem again to  $\|T(t-\tau)u_0 - T_N(t-\tau)\Pi_N u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$  to get the term converges to zero. When  $t < \tau$ , the second term becomes

$$|u_0^D(t-\tau) - [\Pi_N u_0]^D(t-\tau)|^2 \quad (3.15)$$



which converges to 0 uniformly by (2.2). This gives that  $\epsilon_N(t) \rightarrow 0$ .

To show the other convergence, note that  $\epsilon_N(s)$  converges pointwisely to 0 on  $[0, t]$ . Furthermore, we may uniformly bound  $\epsilon_N(s)$  by again observing the equality (3.14) and applying the uniform bounds on  $\|T_N(\cdot)\|_{\mathcal{H}}$  and on  $[\Pi_N u_0]^D$ . Then by the Bounded Convergence Theorem, we have  $\int_0^t \epsilon_N(s) ds \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *For fixed  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$\int_0^t d_N(t, s) ds \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \int_0^t \int_0^s d_N(s, r) dr ds \rightarrow 0, \quad (3.16)$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* We can again apply the definition of  $\|\cdot\|_X$  to get that

$$\begin{aligned} d_N^2(t, s) = & \| (T(t-s) - T_N(t-s)\Pi_N) \mathcal{F}(u(s)) \|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ & + |[T(t-s)\mathcal{F}(u(s))]^D(-\tau) - [T_N(t-s)\Pi_N\mathcal{F}(u(s))]^D(-\tau)|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

For fixed  $t$  and  $s$ , the first term of the right-hand side converges to zero. For  $t-s \geq \tau$  the second term will similarly converge to 0. For  $t-s < \tau$ , the second term will become

$$|0 - [\Pi_N \mathcal{F}(u(s))]^D(t-s-\tau)| = |f([u(s)]^D(-\tau))| \cdot |S_N(t-s-\tau)|, \quad (3.18)$$

which converges a.e. to 0 by (2.26). So for fixed  $t$ ,  $d_N(t, s)$  converges a.e. to 0 for  $s \in [0, t]$ . Furthermore, we can uniformly bound  $d_N(t, s)$  by (2.25). Thus by the Bounded Convergence Theorem, we have  $\int_0^t d_N(t, s) ds \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

The second convergence follows by the observations that  $\int_0^t d_N(\cdot, r) dr$  converges pointwisely to 0 by our earlier work and can uniformly bounded on  $[0, t]$ . This allows us to apply the Bounded Convergence Theorem to get that  $\int_0^t \int_0^s d_N(s, r) dr ds \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

We may now state our final result.

**Theorem 3.3.** *For  $t \in [0, T]$ ,*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|u(t) - u_N(t)\|_X = 0. \quad (3.19)$$

*Proof.* Apply propositions (3.1) and (3.2) to the inequality in (3.12).  $\square$

## 4 Uniform Equicontinuity of Galerkin Solutions

### 4.1 Initial Lemmas

**Lemma 4.1.** *The following convergences hold:*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [u_N(\cdot)]^D(-\tau) = [u(\cdot)]^D(-\tau) \text{ with respect to } L^2([0, T]; \mathbb{R}), \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}(u_N(\cdot)) = \mathcal{F}(u(\cdot)) \text{ with respect to } L^1([0, T]; \mathcal{H}). \quad (4.2)$$

*Proof.* Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |[u_N(s)]^D(-\tau) - [u(s)]^D(-\tau)|^2 ds &\leq \sum_{k=0}^m \int_{-\tau}^0 |[u_N(k\tau)]^D(\theta) - [u(k\tau)]^D(\theta)|^2 d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_{-\tau}^0 |[u_N(T)]^D(\theta) - [u(T)]^D(\theta)|^2 d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} \|[u_N(\cdot)]^D(-\tau) - [u(\cdot)]^D(-\tau)\|_{L^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})}^2 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^m \|[u_N(k\tau)]^D - [u(k\tau)]^D\|_{L^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})}^2 \\ &\quad + \|[u_N(T)]^D - [u(T)]^D\|_{L^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

It has been shown that  $\|[u_N(t)]^D - [u(t)]^D\|_{L^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})} \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$ . This gives that the right side of (4.4) converges to 0 as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , and thus the left side of (4.4) also converges to 0 as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . This proves (4.1).

To prove the other convergence, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} ds &= \int_0^T |f([u_N(s)]^D(-\tau)) - f([u(s)]^D(-\tau))| ds \\ &\leq L \int_0^T |[u_N(s)]^D(-\tau) - [u(s)]^D(-\tau)| ds \\ &= L \|[u_N(\cdot)]^D(-\tau) - [u(\cdot)]^D(-\tau)\|_{L^1([0,T];\mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Noting that  $L^2([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$  is continuously embedded in  $L^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$  and applying (4.1) proves that (4.2) holds.  $\square$

## 4.2 Uniform Equicontinuity

**Theorem 4.1.** *The sequence of functions  $\{u_N\}_{N=0}^\infty$ , where*

$$u_N : [0, T] \mapsto \mathcal{H}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad (4.6)$$

*is uniformly equicontinuous.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $t_0, t_1 \in [0, T]$  and  $t_0 \leq t_1$ . Denote  $\delta := t_1 - t_0$ . Applying the variation-of-

constants formula, we have that for  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_N(t_0) - u_N(t_1)\|_{\mathcal{H}} &\leq \underbrace{\|(T_N(t_0) - T_N(t_0 + \delta))\Pi_N u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}}_{\text{I}(\delta, N)} \\
&\quad + \underbrace{\left\| \int_0^{t_0} [T_N(t_0 - s) - T_N(t_0 + \delta - s)]\Pi_N \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) \, ds \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}}_{\text{II}(\delta, N)} \\
&\quad + \underbrace{\left\| \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \delta} T_N(t_0 + \delta - s)\Pi_N \mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) \, ds \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}}_{\text{III}(\delta, N)}. \tag{4.7}
\end{aligned}$$

We show that for each of these terms, the dependence on  $\delta$  and  $N$  can be separated.

**I.** We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{I}(\delta, N) &= \|T_N(t_0)(I - T_N(\delta))\Pi_N u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\
&\leq M e^{\omega t_0} \|(I - T_N(\delta))\Pi_N u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\
&= M e^{\omega t_0} \|(\Pi_N - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N)u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\
&\leq M e^{\omega t_0} \|(I - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N)u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \|(I - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N)u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} [\|(I - T(\delta))u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \|(T(\delta) - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N)u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}}] \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \left[ \|(I - T(\delta))u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|(T(t) - T_N(t)\Pi_N)u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \right]. \tag{4.8}
\end{aligned}$$

Now define the following functions:

$$\text{I}^*(\delta) := M e^{\omega T} \times \|(I - T(\delta))u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \tag{4.9}$$

and

$$\text{I}^{**}(N) := M e^{\omega T} \times \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|(T(t) - T_N(t)\Pi_N)u_0\|_{\mathcal{H}} \tag{4.10}$$

Note that  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \text{I}^*(\delta) = 0$  by the continuity of  $T(t)$  and  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{I}^{**}(N) = 0$  by the Trotter-Kato theorem.

**II.** We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi(\delta, N) &\leq \int_0^{t_0} \|(T_N(t_0 - s) - T_N(t_0 + \delta - s))\Pi_N \mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \int_0^{t_0} \|(I - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N) \mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \left[ \underbrace{\int_0^{t_0} \|(I - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds}_A \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \underbrace{\int_0^{t_0} \|(I - T_N(\delta)\Pi_N)(\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s)))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds}_B \right]. \tag{4.11}
\end{aligned}$$

From here, we can note that

$$\begin{aligned}
A &\leq \int_0^T \|(I - T(\delta)) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds + \int_0^T \|(T(\delta) + T_N(\delta)) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \\
&\leq \int_0^T \|(I - T(\delta)) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds + \int_0^T \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|(T(t) + T_N(t)) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds, \tag{4.12}
\end{aligned}$$

where both of these terms can easily be shown to converge to zero as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , respectively. Namely, we can apply the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem. Also note that

$$B \leq (1 + M e^{\omega T}) \int_0^T \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds, \tag{4.13}$$

where the right-hand side converges to zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  by (4.2). Now we set

$$\Pi^*(\delta) := M e^{\omega T} \int_0^T \|(I - T(\delta)) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \tag{4.14}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi^{**}(N) &:= M e^{\omega T} \left[ \int_0^T \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|(T(t) + T_N(t)) \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (1 + M e^{\omega T}) \int_0^T \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \right]. \tag{4.15}
\end{aligned}$$

**III.** We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{III}(\delta, N) &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\delta} \|T_N(t_0 + \delta - s) \Pi_N \mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\delta} \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\delta} \|\mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds + \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\delta} \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \right] \\
&\leq M e^{\omega T} \left[ \delta \times \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathcal{F}(u(t))\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \int_0^T \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

Note that  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathcal{F}(u(t))\|_{\mathcal{H}}$  is finite since  $\|\mathcal{F}(u(t))\|_{\mathcal{H}}$  is a continuous function. Now let

$$\text{III}^*(\delta) := M e^{\omega T} \delta \times \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\mathcal{F}(u(t))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \tag{4.17}$$

and

$$\text{III}^{**}(N) := M e^{\omega T} \int_0^T \|\mathcal{F}(u_N(s)) - \mathcal{F}(u(s))\|_{\mathcal{H}} \, ds. \tag{4.18}$$

Clearly  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \text{III}^*(\delta) = 0$ . Also from (4.2) we have that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{III}^{**}(N) = 0$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_N(t_0) - u_N(t_1)\|_{\mathcal{H}} &\leq \text{I}(\delta, N) + \text{II}(\delta, N) + \text{III}(\delta, N) \\
&\leq [\text{I}^*(\delta) + \text{II}^*(\delta) + \text{III}^*(\delta)] + [\text{I}^{**}(N) + \text{II}^{**}(N) + \text{III}^{**}(N)].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . We wish to choose  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|u_n(t) - u_n(t')\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \epsilon$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $t, t' \in [0, T]$  with  $|t - t'| < \delta$ . Choosing  $\delta^*$  small enough so that  $\text{I}^*(\delta^*) + \text{II}^*(\delta^*) + \text{III}^*(\delta^*) < \epsilon/2$  and  $N$  large enough such that  $\text{I}^{**}(N) + \text{II}^{**}(N) + \text{III}^{**}(N) < \epsilon/2$ , we get that

$$\|u_n(t) - u_n(t')\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \epsilon, \tag{4.20}$$

where  $|t - t'| < \delta^*$  and  $n \geq N$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  that are less than  $N$ , we pick  $\delta_n > 0$  such that  $\|u_n(t) - u_n(t')\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \epsilon$  for  $|t - t'| < \delta_n$ . This is possible since  $u_n$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, T]$ . Let  $\delta = \min\{\delta^*, \delta_0, \dots, \delta_{N-1}\}$ . Then  $\delta$  satisfies the challenge from  $\epsilon$ . This proves uniform equicontinuity.  $\square$

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