

### III Collocation methods

We want to solve the Volterra integral equation (VIE)

$$u(t) = y(t) + \int_0^t K(t,s) u(s) ds \quad (1)$$

on the interval  $[0, T] =: I$ . Denote

$$I_n := \{t_i : 0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T\} \text{ the mesh / grid.}$$

Then the intervals are given by

$$e_i := (t_i, t_{i+1}], \quad h_i := t_{i+1} - t_i \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-1)$$

$$\text{and } h = \max_{i=0, \dots, n-1} h_i$$

Goal: Find "good" approximation  $u_n(t)$  to the solution  $u(t)$  of (1) such that:

- $u_n(t)$  is defined for all  $t \in I$
- $u_n(t)$  can be easily computed on non-uniform meshes.

→ We approximate  $u(t)$  by a piecewise polynomial  $u_n(t)$ .

For a given mesh  $I_h$  and integer  $m \geq 0$  we define

$$S_m^h(I_h) := \{ p : p|_{e_i} \in \mathbb{P}_m, i=0, \dots, n-1 \}$$

That means  $p \in S_m^h(I_h)$  is a piecewise polynomial of degree  $m$  on each Interval  $e_i$ .

$$\text{Note } \dim(S_m^h(I_h)) = n \cdot (m+1),$$

This corresponds to the amount of unknown coefficients!

→  $m=0$  : piecewise constants

$m=1$  : piecewise linear

### 1.) Collocation points and equation

Since  $\dim(S_m^h(I_h)) = n(m+1)$ .

An element  $u_h \in S_m^h(I_h)$  contains  $n \cdot (m+1)$  unknown coefficients  $\Rightarrow$  We need  $n \cdot (m+1)$  points in  $[0, T]$

at which  $u_h(t)$  must satisfy the VIE.

These points are the collocation points.

Let  $0 < c_0 < \dots < c_m \leq 1$ ,  $c_i \in [0, 1]$   
are called the collocation parameters.

The set

$$X_h = \left\{ t_i + c_j h_i : j = 0, \dots, m; i = 0, \dots, N-1 \right\}$$

are called the collocation points. Each interval has  $m+1$  points.

Now: Find  $u_h \in S_m^h(I_h)$  so that it satisfies  
the VIE at the points  $X_h$ :

$$u_h(t) = g(t) + \int_0^t k(t,s) u_h(s) ds \quad (t \in X_h)$$

$u_h$  is called the collocation solution.

One can define the iterated solution

$$u_h^{ik}(t) := g(t) + \int_0^t k(t,s) \underline{u_h}(s) ds, \quad \underline{t \in [0,1]}.$$

## 2 Collocation for ordinary differential equations

Define for  $m \geq 1$

$$S_m^0(I_n) = \{v \in C(I) : v|_{e_i} \in P_m, i=0, \dots, n-1\}$$

the space of globally continuous piecewise polynomials

$$\dim(S_m^0(I_n)) = n \cdot m + 1$$

(Note reduction of dimension due to continuity)

We seek to compute the collocation solution

$u_n \in S_m^0(I_n)$  for the ODE:

$$(2) \quad u'(t) = f(t, u(t)), \quad t \in I, \quad u(0) = u_0$$

determined by the col. eq.

$$u_n(t) = f(t, u_n(t)), \quad t \in X_n, \quad u_n(0) = u_0.$$

$X_n$  are the collocation points, ~~as determined earlier~~,

where  ~~$|X_n| = n \cdot m$~~

$$! \quad \text{Here } X_n := \left\{ t_i + c_j h_i : 0 \leq c_1 < \dots < c_m \leq 1, \right. \\ \left. i = 0, \dots, n-1 \right\}$$

Then  $|X_n| = n \cdot m$

Computational representation

$$\text{Let } L_j(v) := \prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^m \frac{v - c_k}{c_j - c_k}, \quad v \in [0, 1] \quad (j=1, \dots, m)$$

( $m=1 \Rightarrow L_1(v) \equiv 1$ )

are the Lagrange polynomials for the collocation points <sup>parameters</sup>

$$\text{Set } Y_{i,j} := u_h'(t_i + c_j h_i) \text{ and}$$

$$u_h'(t_i + v h_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m L_j(v) Y_{i,j}, \quad v \in [0, 1]$$

~~the~~ local representation of  $u_h \in S_m^0(I_h)$  on  $e_i$ :

$$(3) \quad u_h(t_i + v h_i) = u_h(t_i) + h_i \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j(v) Y_{i,j}, \quad v \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{with } \beta_j(v) := \int_0^v L_j(s) ds.$$

$\rightarrow$  compute  $\{Y_{i,j}\}$ ,  $i=0, \dots, n-1$ :

$$(4) \quad Y_{i,k} = f\left(t_i + c_k h_i, y_i + h_i \sum_{j=1}^m a_{k,j} Y_{i,j}\right)$$

$k=1 \dots m$

$$y_i = u_h(t_i) \text{ and } a_{k,j} := \beta_j(c_k)$$

(4) is called the collocation equation

for  $t = t_i + c_k h_i$

Together (3) and (4) represent a so-called  
 "m-stage continuous implicit Runge-Kutta method"  
 for solving the ODE:

$$u'(t) = f(t, u(t)), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

Example  $\rightarrow$  P. 10

Convergence

For arbitrary  $\{c_k\}$  (and  $u \in C^d(I)$ , with  $d \geq m+1$ ):

$$\|u^{(j)} - u_h^{(j)}\|_\infty \leq C h^m \quad (j = 0, 1)$$

Higher order can be achieved for Gauss-Legendre points:  
 $O(h^{2m})$  for  $u_h$  and  $O(h^m)$  for  $u_h'$ .

### Collocation for VIE

We have  $u(t) = g(t) + \int_0^t k(t, s) u(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, T]$

Collocation equation: Find  $u_h \in S_m^h(I_h)$  such that

$$(5) \quad u_h(t) = g(t) + \int_0^t k(t, s) u_h(s) ds, \quad t \in X_h$$

Following the last section: ~~we will have~~

For  $t = t_i + v h_i \in e_i$  ( $v \in (0, 1]$ ) we have

$$(6) \quad u_h(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} L_j(v) U_{i,j}, \quad v \in (0, 1]$$

and  $U_{i,j} := u_h(t_i + c_j h_i)$  unknown.

How to compute  $u_h(t)$ ?

Insert (6) into (5) with  $t = t_i + c_j h_i$

$\Rightarrow$  system of equations:  $U_i := (U_{i,0}, U_{i,1}, \dots, U_{i,m})^T$ :

$$(7) \quad [I_m - h_i A_i] U_i = g_i + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} h_k A_{i,k} U_k$$

$A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+1) \times (m+1)}$ ,  $I_m$  identity matrix.

$\Rightarrow$  For each  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$  solve the linear system (7) for  $U_i = (U_{i,0}, \dots, U_{i,m})$  where

$U_{i,j} = u_h(t_i + c_j h_i)$  and

$g_{i,j} = \int_0^{c_j} g(t_i + c_j h_i) L_j(s) ds$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, m$ .

The matrices ~~can be computed~~ <sup>are</sup> given by

$$A_i := \left( \int_0^{c_j} k(t_i + c_j h_i, t_i + s h_i) L_k(s) ds \right)$$

$j, k = 0, \dots, m$

and for ~~all~~  $s = 0, \dots, i-1$

$$A_{i,s} := \left( \int_0^1 K(t_i + c_j h_i, t_s + \tau h_s) L_k(\tau) d\tau \right)$$

$j, k = 0, \dots, m$

If we know the solution of (7) then the collocation solution on  $e_i = [t_i, t_{i+1}]$  is given

$$\text{by } u_h(t_i + v h_i) = \sum_{j=0}^m L_j(v) u_{i,j} \quad v \in (0, 1]$$

→ We need to compute  $A_i$  and  $A_{i,s}$   
by some quadrature formula → Exercise

### Theorem 11.7 (Convergence)

(a) If  $u \in C^d(I)$  ( $d \geq m+1$ ) then for general  $\{c_j\}$

$$\|u - u_h\|_\infty \leq C h^{m+1}$$

(b) If  $u \in C^d(I)$  ( $d \geq m+2$ ) and the  $\{c_j\}$  are such that

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{j=0}^m (s - c_j) ds = 0 \quad (\text{Gauss points})$$

then  $\|u - u_h^{int}\|_\infty \leq C h^{m+2}$



Example 2 for ODEs

Let  $u_n \in S_n^b(I_n)$ ,  $(m=1)$  and  $c_1 = \theta \in [0, 1]$

$$L_1(v) \equiv 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad B_1(v) = v, \quad a_{11} = \theta$$

Then (3) is

$$u_n(t_i + v h_i) = y_i + h_i v Y_{i,1} \quad \text{and}$$

$$(4) \rightarrow Y_{i,1} = f(t_i + \theta h_i, y_i + h_i \theta Y_{i,1})$$

~~By setting  $v=1$  we can combine (4) to~~

This can be rewritten to

$$u_n(t_i + v h_i) = (1-v) y_i + v y_{i+1} \quad v \in [0, 1]$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h_i f(t_i + \theta h_i, (1-\theta) y_i + \theta y_{i+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \theta = 1 \quad \text{implicit Euler}$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{implicit midpoint rule}$$

$$\theta = 0 \quad \text{explicit Euler}$$