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Superconvergence for discontinuous Galerkin time stepping

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Abstract

We describe a characteristic error profile for discontinuous Galerkin time stepping applied to an abstract parabolic PDE. Using piecewise polynomials of degree at most $r - 1$ in time, with $r \geq 1$, it is well known that the method is unconditionally stable and achieves an optimal convergence rate of order k^r , where k denotes the maximum time step. Moreover, if $r \geq 2$ then the right-hand limit of the DG solution at each break point can be superconvergent of order up to k^{2r-1} , depending on the regularity of the solution.

The error profile implies that the DG solution is also superconvergent of order k^{r+1} at the right Radau quadrature points in each subinterval. A simple postprocessing step then yields a *continuous* piecewise polynomial of degree at most $r \geq 2$ that achieves the optimal convergence rate k^{r+1} over the whole subinterval.

In the nonlocal, subdiffusive case we conjecture that this k^{r+1} rate reduces to $k^{r+\alpha}$ with $0 < \alpha < 1$.

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