

THE CHEBYSHEV SPECTRAL METHOD FOR BURGERS-LIKE EQUATIONS*

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Abstract

The Chebyshev polynomials have good approximation properties which are not affected by boundary values. They have higher resolution near the boundary than in the interior and are suitable for problems in which the solution changes rapidly near the boundary. Also, they can be calculated by FFT. Thus they are used mostly for initial-boundary value problems for P. D. E.'s (see [1, 3-4, 6, 8-11]). Maday and Quarteroni^[8] discussed the convergence of Legendre and Chebyshev spectral approximations to the steady Burgers equation. In this paper we consider Burgers-like equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + F(u)_x - \nu u_{xx} = 0, & -1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 < t \leq T, \\ u(-1, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (0.1)$$

where $F \in C(\mathbb{R})$ and there exists a positive function $A \in C(\mathbb{R})$ and a constant $p > 1$ such that

$$|F(s+y) - F(s)| \leq A(s) (|y| + |y|^p).$$

We develop a Chebyshev spectral scheme and a pseudospectral scheme for solving (0.1) and establish their generalized stability and convergence.

§ 1. Notations and Lemmas

Let $I = (-1, 1)$, and let $L^2(I)$ be equipped with the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)$ and norm $\|\cdot\|$. Suppose $\omega(x) = (1-x^2)^{-1/2}$; set

$$L^2_\omega(I) = \{v: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid v \text{ is measurable and } (v, v)_\omega < \infty\},$$

where $(u, v)_\omega = \int_I u(x)v(x)\omega(x)dx$, $\|u\|_\omega = (u, u)_\omega^{1/2}$.

For any positive integer m , define

$$\|u\|_{m,\omega}^2 = \sum_{j=0}^m \left\| \frac{d^j u}{dx^j} \right\|_\omega^2, \quad H_\omega^m(I) = \{v \in L^2_\omega(I) \mid \|v\|_{m,\omega} < \infty\},$$

$$H_{0,\omega}^1(I) = \{v \in H_\omega^1(I) \mid v(-1) = v(1) = 0\}.$$

For any positive integer N , let S_N be the space of algebraic polynomials of degree at most N . Set

$$V_N = \{\varphi \in S_N \mid \varphi(-1) = \varphi(1) = 0\} = S_N \cap H_{0,\omega}^1(I).$$

Let $P_N: L^2_\omega(I) \rightarrow V_N$ be the L^2_ω -orthogonal projection operator, i.e.,

$$(P_N v, \varphi)_\omega = (v, \varphi)_\omega, \quad \forall \varphi \in V_N,$$

and $P_{1,N}: H_{0,\omega}^1(I) \rightarrow V_N$ be as follows:

$$((P_{1,N} v - v)_x, (\varphi \omega)_x) = 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in V_N.$$

Denote by $\{x_j, \omega_j\}$ the nodes and weights of the Gauss-Lobatto integration

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formula, where $x_j = \cos \frac{\pi}{N} j$ ($0 \leq j \leq N$), $\omega_0 = \omega_N = \frac{\pi}{2N}$ and $\omega_j = \frac{\pi}{N}$, $1 \leq j \leq N-1$. Then

$$\int_I f(x) \omega(x) dx = \sum_{j=0}^N f(x_j) \omega_j, \quad \forall f \in S_{2N-1}. \quad (1.1)$$

Let $P_c: C(\bar{I}) \rightarrow S_N$ be the interpolation operator: $P_c u(x_j) = u(x_j)$ ($0 \leq j \leq N$). Introduce the discrete inner product and norm

$$(u, v)_{N, \omega} = \sum_{j=0}^N u(x_j) v(x_j) \omega_j, \quad \|u\|_{N, \omega} = (u, u)_{N, \omega}^{1/2}.$$

The constants c in the following lemmas are independent of N and of the function v , which may be different in different cases.

Lemma 1. If $v \in H_{0, \omega}^1(I)$, then

$$\|v \omega^2\|_{\omega} \leq \|v\|_{1, \omega}. \quad (1.2)$$

Proof. Let $g(t) = t^{-1} \int_0^t f(s) ds$. We get from Theorem 4.1 in Chapter 3 of [7]

$$\int_0^\infty |g(t)|^2 t^{-1/2} dt \leq \frac{16}{9} \int_0^\infty |f(t)|^2 t^{-1/2} dt.$$

Set $t = 1+x$; then

$$\int_{-1}^0 |g(1+x)|^2 (1+x)^{-1/2} dx \leq \frac{16}{9} \int_{-1}^\infty |f(1+x)|^2 (1+x)^{-1/2} dx.$$

Now take

$$f(1+x) = \begin{cases} v_+(x), & -1 \leq x < 0, \\ 0, & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then $g(1+x) = (1+x)^{-1} \int_{-1}^x f(1+\xi) d\xi = (1+x)^{-1} v(x)$ and so

$$\int_{-1}^0 |v(x)|^2 \omega^5(x) dx \leq \frac{16}{9} \sqrt{2} \int_{-1}^0 |v_+(x)|^2 \omega(x) dx.$$

Similarly we get the result on the interval $[0, 1]$. Therefore

$$\|v \omega^2\|_{\omega}^2 \leq \frac{16}{9} \sqrt{2} \|v\|_{1, \omega}^2,$$

which leads to $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm 1} v^2(x) \omega^3(x) = 0$, and we get from integration by parts

$$\int_I v_+(v \omega)_x dx = \int_I |v_+|^2 \omega dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_I (1+2x^2) v^2 \omega^5 dx, \quad (1.3)$$

$$\int_I v_-(v \omega)_x dx = \int_I |(v \omega)_x|^2 \omega^{-1} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_I v^2 \omega^5 dx, \quad (1.4)$$

Subtracting (1.4) from (1.3) yields

$$\int_I |v_+|^2 \omega dx - \int_I (1+x^2) v^2 \omega^5 dx = \int_I |(v \omega)_x|^2 \omega^{-1} dx \geq 0,$$

and so (1.2) follows.

Lemma 2. If $v \in H_{0, \omega}^1(I)$, then

$$\int_I v_+(v \omega)_x dx \geq \frac{1}{4} \|v\|_{1, \omega}^2. \quad (1.5)$$

Proof. We get from (1.3) and (1.4)

$$\int_I v_+(v \omega)_x dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_I |v_+|^2 \omega dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_I v^2 \omega^5 dx + \frac{3}{4} \int_I |(v \omega)_x|^2 \omega^{-1} dx \geq \frac{1}{4} \|v\|_{1, \omega}^2.$$

Lemma 3. If $u \in L^2_\omega(I)$ and $v \in H^1_{0,\omega}(I)$, then

$$|(u, (v\omega)_x)| \leq 2\|u\|_\omega \|v\|_{1,\omega}. \quad (1.6)$$

Proof. We get from Lemma 1

$$\begin{aligned} |(u, (v\omega)_x)| &\leq |(u, v_x)_\omega| + |(u, xv\omega^2)_\omega| \\ &\leq \|u\|_\omega \|v\|_{1,\omega} + \|u\|_\omega \|v\omega^2\|_\omega \leq 2\|u\|_\omega \|v\|_{1,\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4^[6,9]. If $v \in H^m_\omega(I)$, then

$$\|P_N v - v\|_\omega \leq cN^{-m} \|v\|_{m,\omega}. \quad (1.7)$$

If $0 < j < m, m > 1/2$ and $v \in H^m_\omega(I)$, then

$$\|P_j v - v\|_{j,\omega} \leq cN^{2j-m} \|v\|_{m,\omega}. \quad (1.8)$$

If $m \geq 1$ and $v \in H^1_{0,\omega}(I) \cap H^m_\omega(I)$, then

$$\|P_{1,N} v - v\|_{j,\omega} \leq cN^{j-m} \|v\|_{m,\omega}, \quad j=0, 1. \quad (1.9)$$

Lemma 5. If $v \in S_N$, then

$$\|v\|_L \leq N^{1/2} \|v\|_\omega. \quad (1.10)$$

Proof. Let $T_k(x)$ be the Chebyshev polynomial of degree k and

$$v(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi c_k}} a_k T_k(x),$$

where $c_0=2, c_k=1$ ($k \geq 1$). Because $|T_k(x)| \leq 1$, we have

$$\|v\|_L^2 \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1}{c_k} \right\} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^N a_k^2 \right\} \leq N \|v\|_\omega^2.$$

Lemma 6. If $u, v \in S_N$, then

$$\|v\|_\omega \leq \|v\|_{N,\omega} \leq \sqrt{2} \|v\|_\omega, \quad (1.11)$$

$$|(u, v)_{N,\omega} - (u, v)_\omega| \leq cN^{-m} \|u\|_{m,\omega} \|v\|_\omega. \quad (1.12)$$

Proof. Let $\varphi_k(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi c_k}} T_k(x)$, $c_0=2, c_k=1$ ($k \geq 1$), $u = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \varphi_k(x)$ and $v = \sum_{k=0}^N b_k \varphi_k(x)$. We get from (1.1)

$$\|v\|_{N,\omega}^2 = \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k \varphi_k \right\|_\omega^2 + |a_N|^2 \|\varphi_N\|_{N,\omega}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |a_k|^2 + 2|a_N|^2 = \|v\|_\omega^2 + |a_N|^2.$$

Thus (1.11) holds. Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_N| &= \left| \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_{-1}^1 u(x) T_N(x) \omega(x) dx \right| = \left| \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\pi u(\cos \theta) \cos N\theta d\theta \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^\pi u(\cos \theta) e^{-iN\theta} d\theta \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} N^m} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \partial_\theta^m u(\cos \theta) e^{-iN\theta} d\theta \right| \leq cN^{-m} \|u\|_{m,\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$|(u, v)_{N,\omega} - (u, v)_\omega| = |a_N b_N| \leq cN^{-m} \|u\|_{m,\omega} \|v\|_\omega.$$

Let τ be the mesh size in variable t , and $u^k(x) = u(x, k\tau)$, which is denoted by u^k for simplicity. We define $u_i^k = \frac{1}{\tau} (u^{k+1} - u^k)$, $u_i^k = \frac{1}{\tau} (u^k - u^{k-1})$, $u_i^k = \frac{1}{2\tau} (u^{k+1} - u^{k-1})$ and $u^k = \frac{1}{2} (u^{k+1} + u^{k-1})$ and use the notations

$$\|u\|_L = \max_{k\tau < T} \|u^k\|_L, \quad \|u\|_{m,\omega} = \max_{k\tau < T} \|u^k\|_{m,\omega}$$

Lemma 7^[5]. If the following conditions hold

(i) ρ, M_1, M_2 and p are positive constants, $p > 1$ and E^k is a nonnegative function,

(ii) $E^n \leq \rho + M_1 \tau \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (E^k + M_2 (E^k)^p)$,

(iii) $E^0 \leq \rho, \rho e^{2M_1 \tau} \leq M_2^{-\frac{1}{p-1}}$.

Then for all $n\tau \leq T$,

$$E^n \leq \rho e^{2M_1 n\tau}.$$

§ 2. The Stability and Convergence of the Spectral Scheme

The spectral scheme for problem (0.1) is to find u_N^k in V_N such that

$$\begin{cases} u_{Nt}^k + P_N F(u_N^k) - \nu P_N u_{Nxx}^k = 0, & k \geq 1, \\ u_N^1 = P_N (u_0 + \tau \partial_t u(0)), \\ u_N^0 = P_N u_0. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

Now we consider the generalized stability of (2.1). Suppose that u_N^k and the right term in (2.1) have respectively the error $\tilde{u}^k$ and $\tilde{f}^k \in V_N$. Then

$$(\tilde{u}_t^k, \varphi)_\omega - (\tilde{F}^k, (\varphi\omega)_\omega) + \nu (\tilde{u}_{xx}^k, (\varphi\omega)_\omega) = (\tilde{f}^k, \varphi)_\omega, \quad \forall \varphi \in V_N, \quad (2.2)$$

where $\tilde{F}^k = F(u_N^k + \tilde{u}^k) - F(u_N^k)$. We take $\varphi = \tilde{u}^k$ in (2.2) and get from (1.5)

$$\frac{1}{2} (\|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^2)_t + \frac{\nu}{4} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2 \leq (\tilde{f}^k, \tilde{u}^k)_\omega + (\tilde{F}^k, (\tilde{u}^k\omega)_\omega). \quad (2.3)$$

Summing the formula (2.3) for all $1 \leq k \leq n-1$, we have

$$\|\tilde{u}^n\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^{n-1}\|_\omega^2 + \nu \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2 \leq \|\tilde{u}^0\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^1\|_\omega^2 + 4\tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \{(\tilde{f}^k, \tilde{u}^k)_\omega + (\tilde{F}^k, (\tilde{u}^k\omega)_\omega)\}. \quad (2.4)$$

We get from (1.6) and (1.10)

$$\begin{aligned} |4(\tilde{F}^k, (\tilde{u}^k\omega)_\omega)| &\leq 8\|\tilde{F}^k\|_\omega \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega} \leq \frac{\nu}{2} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2 + \frac{32}{\nu} \|\tilde{F}^k\|_\omega^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\nu}{2} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2 + c(A(u_N^k), \nu) (\|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^2 + N^{p-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^{2p}), \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

and also we have

$$|4(\tilde{f}^k, \tilde{u}^k)_\omega| \leq 2\|\tilde{f}^k\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^{k+1}\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^{k-1}\|_\omega^2. \quad (2.6)$$

Provided $\tau < 1/2$, it comes from (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{u}^n\|_\omega^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2 &\leq 2(\|\tilde{u}^0\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^1\|_\omega^2 + 2\tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{f}^k\|_\omega^2) \\ &\quad + \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c(\|u_N\|_{L^\infty}, \nu) (\|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^2 + N^{p-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^{2p}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Let

$$\rho^n = 2(\|\tilde{u}^0\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^1\|_\omega^2 + 2\tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{f}^k\|_\omega^2),$$

$$E^n = \|\tilde{u}^n\|_\omega^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2.$$

Then (2.7) leads to

$$E^n \leq \rho^n + \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c(\|u_N\|_{L^\infty}, \nu) (E^k + N^{p-1} (E^k)^p).$$

Finally we get the following result by Lemma 7.

Theorem 1. If τ is suitably small, then there exist positive constants c and δ depending on $\|u_N\|_{L^2}$ and ν such that when $\rho^{[T/\tau]} \leq \delta N^{-1}$, we have for all $n\tau \leq T$

$$E^n \leq \rho^n e^{cn\tau}.$$

We next consider the convergence of (2.1).

Theorem 2. If $u \in C^1(0, T; H_{0,\omega}^1(I) \cap H_\omega^m(I))$ ($m \geq 1$) and $\partial_t^2 u \in H^1(0, T; L_\omega^2(I))$, then there exist positive constants c and δ depending on u such that when τ is suitably small and $\tau^2 + N^{-m} \leq \delta N^{-1/2}$, we have for all $n\tau \leq T$

$$\|u_N^n - u^n\|_\omega \leq c\{\tau^2 + N^{-m}\}.$$

Proof. Setting $w^k = P_{1,N}u^k$ and $e^k = u_N^k - w^k$, we get from (0.1) and (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} (e_t^k, \varphi)_\omega &= (F(w^k + e^k) - F(w^k), (\varphi\omega)_s) + \nu(e_s^k, (\varphi\omega)_s) \\ &= (\partial_t u^k - w_t^k, \varphi)_\omega + \left(F(w^k) - F(u^k) - \frac{\tau^2}{2} F(u^k)_{tt}, (\varphi\omega)_s\right), \quad \forall \varphi \in V_N. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

By Taylor's formula we have

$$\tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\partial_t u^k - w_t^k\|_\omega^2 \leq 2\tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (\|\partial_t u^k - u_t^k\|_\omega^2 + \|u_t^k - P_{1,N}u_t^k\|_\omega^2)$$

$$\leq c\tau^4 \|\partial_t^3 u\|_{L^2(0,T;L_\omega^2)}^2 + cN^{-2m} \|\partial_t u\|_{L^2(0,T;H_\omega^m)}^2,$$

$$\|F(u^k)_{tt}\|_\omega \leq c(\|u\|_{W^{1,2}(0,T;L_\omega^2)})(\|\partial_t^2 u\|_{L^2(0,T;L_\omega^2)} + 1).$$

Moreover

$$\|F(w^k) - F(u^k)\|_\omega \leq c(\|u\|_{L^2(0,T;H_\omega^2)}) \|P_{1,N}u^k - u^k\|_\omega \leq cN^{-m} \|u\|_{m,\omega},$$

$$\|e^0\|_\omega \leq \|P_N u_0 - u_0\|_\omega + \|P_{1,N} u_0 - u_0\|_\omega \leq cN^{-m} \|u_0\|_{m,\omega},$$

$$\|e^1\|_\omega \leq \|e^0\|_\omega + \tau \|(P_N - P_{1,N})\partial_t u(0)\|_\omega + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2 \|P_{1,N} \partial_t^2 u\|_{L^2(0,T;L_\omega^2)}$$

$$\leq c(\|u_0\|_{m,\omega}, \|\partial_t u(0)\|_{m,\omega}, \|\partial_t^2 u\|_{L^2(0,T;L_\omega^2)}) \{\tau^2 + N^{-m}\}.$$

Finally we apply Theorem 1 to (2.8) and use the triangle inequality and (1.9) to complete the proof.

§ 3. The Stability and Convergence of the Pseudospectral Scheme

The pseudospectral scheme for problem (0.1) is to find u_0^k in V_N such that

$$\begin{cases} u_0^k(x_j) + (P_c F(u_0^k))_s(x_j) - \nu u_{0ss}^k(x_j) = 0, & 1 \leq j \leq N-1; k \geq 1, \\ u_0^1(x_j) = u_0(x_j) + \tau \partial_t u(x_j, 0), & 0 \leq j \leq N, \\ u_0^0(x_j) = u_0(x_j), & 0 \leq j \leq N. \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

Now we consider the generalized stability of (3.1). Suppose that u_0^k and the right term in (3.1) have respectively the error $\tilde{u}^k$ and $\tilde{f}^k \in V_N$. Then

$$(\tilde{u}_t^k, \varphi)_{N,\omega} - (P_c \tilde{F}^k, (\varphi\omega)_s) + \nu(\tilde{u}_{ss}^k, (\varphi\omega)_s) = (\tilde{f}^k, \varphi)_{N,\omega}, \quad \forall \varphi \in V_N, \quad (3.2)$$

where $\tilde{F}^k = F(u_0^k + \tilde{u}^k) - F(u_0^k)$. We have from Lemma 6

$$\|P_c \tilde{F}^k\|_\omega^2 \leq \|\tilde{F}^k\|_{N,\omega}^2 \leq c(A(u_0^k), \nu) (\|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^2 + N^{p-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_\omega^{2p}).$$

Let

$$\rho^n = 4 \left(\|\tilde{u}^0\|_\omega^2 + \|\tilde{u}^1\|_\omega^2 + \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{f}^k\|_{N,\omega}^2 \right),$$

$$E^n = \|\tilde{u}^n\|_\omega^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \tau \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|\tilde{u}^k\|_{1,\omega}^2.$$

By an argument similar to that of Theorem 1 we get the following result.

Theorem 3. If τ is suitably small, then there exist positive constants c and δ depending on $\|u_0\|_{L^2}$ and ν such that when $\rho^{[T/\tau]} \leq \delta N^{-1}$, we have for all $n\tau \leq T$

$$E^n \leq \rho^n e^{cn\tau}$$

Theorem 4. If the conditions of Theorem 2 are fulfilled, then there exist positive constants c and δ depending on u such that when τ is suitably small and $\tau^2 + N^{-m} \leq \delta N^{-1/2}$, we have for all $n\tau \leq T$

$$\|u^n - u^*\|_{\omega} \leq c\{\tau^2 + N^{-m}\}.$$

Proof. Setting $w^k = P_{1,N}u^k$ and $e^k = u^k - w^k$, we get from (0.1) and (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} (e_i^k, \varphi)_{N,\omega} &= (P_0(F(w^k + e^k) - F(w^k)), (\varphi\omega)_\omega) + \nu(e_x^k, (\varphi\omega)_\omega) \\ &= (\partial_t u^k, \varphi)_\omega - (w_i^k, \varphi)_{N,\omega} + (P_0 F(w^k) - F(u^k) - \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 F(u^k)_{tt}, (\varphi\omega)_\omega), \quad \forall \varphi \in V_N. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

According to (1.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\partial_t u^k, \varphi)_\omega - (w_i^k, \varphi)_{N,\omega}| &\leq |(\partial_t u^k - w_i^k, \varphi)_\omega| + |(w_i^k, \varphi)_\omega - (w_i^k, \varphi)_{N,\omega}| \\ &\leq \|\partial_t u^k - w_i^k\|_\omega^2 + cN^{-2m}\|w_i^k\|_{m,\omega}^2 + \|\varphi\|_\omega^2. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_0 F(w^k) - F(u^k)\|_\omega &\leq \|F(w^k) - F(u^k)\|_{N,\omega} + \|P_0 F(u^k) - F(u^k)\|_\omega \\ &\leq c(\|u^k\|_{1,\omega})N^{-m}\|u^k\|_{m,\omega} + cN^{-m}\|F(u^k)\|_{m,\omega} \leq c(\|u^k\|_{1,\omega})N^{-m}\|u^k\|_{m,\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

The remaining work is similar to that in the proof of Theorem 2.

Remark. If $u(-1, t) = g_{-1}(t)$ and $u(1, t) = g_1(t)$, Theorems 2 and 4 still hold.

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