

SYMMETRIC HIGH ORDER GAUTSCHI-TYPE EXPONENTIAL WAVE INTEGRATORS PSEUDOSPECTRAL METHOD FOR THE NONLINEAR KLEIN-GORDON EQUATION IN THE NONRELATIVISTIC LIMIT REGIME

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Abstract. A group of high order Gautschi-type exponential wave integrators (EWIs) Fourier pseudospectral method are proposed and analyzed for solving the nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation (KGE) in the nonrelativistic limit regime, where a parameter $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ which is inversely proportional to the speed of light, makes the solution propagate waves with wavelength $O(\varepsilon^2)$ in time and $O(1)$ in space. With the Fourier pseudospectral method to discretize the KGE in space, we propose a group of EWIs with designed Gautschi's type quadratures for the temporal integrations, which can offer any intended even order of accuracy provided that the solution is smooth enough, while all the current existing EWIs offer at most second order accuracy. The scheme is explicit, time symmetric and rigorous error estimates show the meshing strategy of the proposed method is time step $\tau = O(\varepsilon^2)$ and mesh size $h = O(1)$ as $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$, which is 'optimal' among all classical numerical methods towards solving the KGE directly in the limit regime, and which also distinguish our methods from other high order approaches such as Runge-Kutta methods which require $\tau = O(\varepsilon^3)$. Numerical experiments with comparisons are done to confirm the error bound and show the superiority of the proposed methods over existing classical numerical methods.

Key words. Nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation, nonrelativistic limit, exponential wave integrator, high order accuracy, time symmetry, error estimate, meshing strategy, spectral method.

1. Introduction

The Klein-Gordon equation (KGE) is known as the relativistic version of the Schrödinger equation for describing the dynamics of spinless particles [35]. Under proper nondimensionalization, the dimensionless nonlinear KGE in d dimensions ($d = 1, 2, 3$) reads [3, 30, 31, 29, 16, 19, 20, 33]:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \varepsilon^2 \partial_{tt} u - \Delta u + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u + f(u) = 0, & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0, \\ u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \phi_1(\mathbf{x}), \quad \partial_t u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \phi_2(\mathbf{x}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases}$$

Here t is time, \mathbf{x} is the spatial coordinate, $u := u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is a real-valued scalar field, $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ is a dimensionless parameter which is inversely proportional to the speed of light, ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two given real-valued initial data which are independent of ε , and $f(u) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given nonlinearity independent of ε . It is clear that the

KGE (1) is time symmetric and conserves the *energy* [3, 19, 20, 29]

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[\varepsilon^2 |\partial_t u(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 + |\nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |u(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 + F(u(\mathbf{x}, t)) \right] d\mathbf{x} \\ &\equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |\phi_2(\mathbf{x})|^2 + |\nabla \phi_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |\phi_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 + F(\phi_1(\mathbf{x})) \right] d\mathbf{x} = E(0), \quad t \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

with $F(u) = 2 \int_0^u f(\rho) d\rho$.

For fixed $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$, i.e. the relativistic regime, the KGE (1) has been well-studied both theoretically and numerically. We refer the readers to [3] for a detailed review on the well-posedness and existing numerical methods for the KGE in this regime. As $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, which corresponds to the speed of light goes to infinite and is known as the nonrelativistic limit in physics, recent analytical results [30, 31, 29] show that the problem (1) propagates waves with amplitude at $O(1)$, and wavelength at $O(\varepsilon^2)$ and $O(1)$ in time and space, respectively. The small wavelength makes the solution of the KGE highly oscillatory in time as $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$. Figure 1 shows an example of the profile of the solution under different ε . The high oscillations cause severe numerical burdens in practical computations of the KGE in the nonrelativistic limit regime. For example, in order to capture the solution correctly in the highly oscillatory regime, frequently used finite difference time domain (FDTD) methods, such as the energy conservative type, semi-implicit type and fully explicit type [13, 33], need the meshing strategy requirement (or ε -scalability) $h = O(1)$ but $\tau = O(\varepsilon^3)$ [3], where h and τ denote the spatial mesh size and the time step, respectively. To release the temporal meshing strategy, based on the classical exponential wave integrators (EWIs) established in [23, 26, 27, 32, 17] for solving the oscillatory ODEs arising mainly from molecular dynamics, an EWI with the Gautschi-type quadrature [17] spectral method was proposed for solving the nonlinear KGE in the nonrelativistic limit regime and was shown to improve the ε -scalability to $\tau = O(\varepsilon^2)$ in [3]. This method also finds successful applications in solving the Klein-Gordon-Zakharov (KGZ) system in a similar oscillatory situation [5]. Later on, an EWI with the Deuffhard-type quadrature [14] spectral method, which is equivalent to the time-splitting spectral method, was considered in [12] for the KGE in the nonrelativistic limit regime. It can offer a smaller temporal error bounded but the same ε -scalability. Recent studies turn to utilize multiscale analysis to first derive some sophisticate reformulations or decompositions of the KGE, then based on which one can propose some suitable numerical methods [16, 10, 6, 4] for asymptotic preserving or uniformly accurate property. These multiscale numerical methods are extremely powerful in computations of KGE in the oscillatory regime, however they either require some delicate pre-knowledge of the oscillation structures of the problem [6, 16, 4] or require introducing an extra degree-of-freedom [10]. Very recently, an iterative exponential integrator with optimally uniform accuracy has been proposed in [9]. In view of that the solution to (1) has oscillation wavelength at $O(\varepsilon^2)$ in time, the EWIs could be viewed as the optimal one among all the traditional methods towards integrating the KGE (1) directly in the nonrelativistic limit regime.

However, all the existing EWIs for either solving the oscillatory ODEs from molecular dynamics or solving the KGE offer at most second order accuracy in temporal discretization. Of course, one can apply the Runge-Kutta methods, like the one proposed in [15] for the approximations in time to get higher order temporal

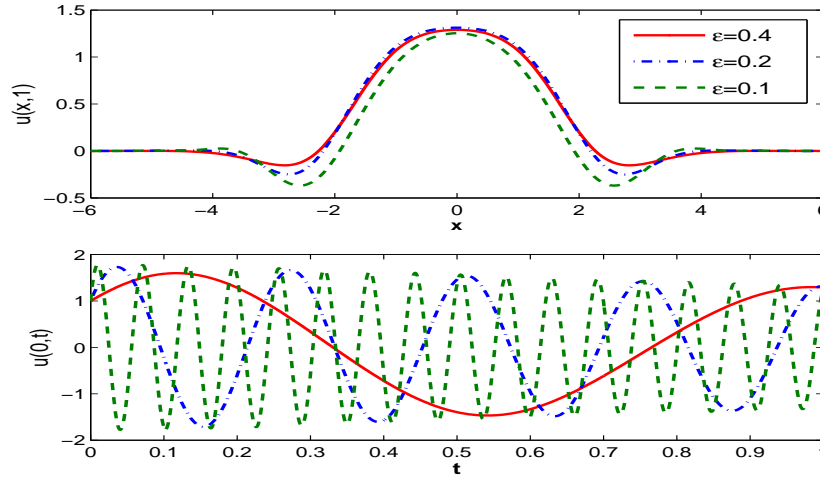


FIGURE 1. The solution of (1) with $d = 1$, $f(u) = u^3$, $\phi_1(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$ and $\phi_2(x) = \frac{3}{2}\phi_1(x)$ for different ε .

convergence rates, but that will surely lead to lost of the time symmetry property or worse ε -scalability in the nonrelativistic limit regime. The time symmetry is known as a key property to provide good long time behaviors of the numerical schemes [26, 27]. This work is devoted to propose a group of symmetric Gautschi-type EWIs with high order convergence rate in temporal approximation and with Fourier pseudospectral discretization in space for solving the KGE (1) in the non-relativistic limit regime. We are going to apply the Fourier spectral method for the spatial discretization of the KGE at first, then propose a group of symmetric Gautschi-type EWIs with even order of accuracy for integrating the oscillatory ODEs resulting from the spatial semi-discretization in the Fourier frequency space. The scheme is fully explicit, easy to implement, and in principle, one can construct the scheme to get any even order of temporal accuracy provided that the solution of the KGE (1) is smooth enough. Rigorous error estimates of the proposed methods are established in the highly oscillatory regime with particular attentions paid to the dependence of ε in the error bound, where the results show that the ε -scalability of the high order Gautschi-type EWIs spectral method is still $h = O(1)$ and $\tau = O(\varepsilon^2)$ as $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$. It is believed that the proof techniques here could also give some clues to the error estimates of a group of trigonometric integrators considered in [11]. It is also believed that the higher order EWIs could offer an way to extend the order of the uniform accuracy of the recent developed multiscale time integrators [4, 6, 2, 8]. Extensive numerical experiments will justify the theoretical error bound and comparisons with the existing classical numerical methods will show the superiority of the high order methods in accuracy and energy preserving property. The proposed high order EWIs spectral method could also find applications to solve other KG-type equations or coupled system, such as the KGZ system or the Klein-Gordon-Schrödinger system [7, 8].

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we derive the high order EWIs spectral method. The convergence theorem with rigorous proof is given in Section 3. Numerical results are reported in Section 4. Finally, some

concluding remarks are drawn in Section 5. Throughout this paper, we adopt the notation $A \lesssim B$ to represent that there exists a generic constant $C > 0$, which is independent of time step τ (or n), mesh size h and ε , such that $|A| \leq CB$.

2. Numerical methods

In this section, we shall first derive a detailed 4th order Gautschi-type EWI Fourier pseudospectral method for solving the KGE (1), and then present the general even order EWIs with spectral discretization. For the simplicity of notations, we present the numerical method in one space dimension (1D), i.e. $d = 1$ in (1). Generalizations to higher dimensions are straightforward and results remain valid without modifications. Due to fast decay of the solution of the KGE (1) at far field [30, 31, 29], similar to those in the literature for numerical computations [3, 13, 16, 25, 33], the whole space problem (1) in 1D is truncated onto a finite interval $\Omega = (a, b)$ with periodic boundary conditions (a and b are usually chosen sufficient large such that the truncation error is negligible):

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \varepsilon^2 \partial_{tt} u(x, t) - \partial_{xx} u(x, t) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u(x, t) + f(u(x, t)) = 0, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ u(a, t) = u(b, t), \quad \partial_x u(a, t) = \partial_x u(b, t), & t \geq 0, \\ u(x, 0) = \phi_1(x), \quad \partial_t u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \phi_2(x), & x \in \overline{\Omega} = [a, b]. \end{cases}$$

2.1. 4th order Gautschi-type EWI. Choose the mesh size $h := \Delta x = (b-a)/M$ with M a positive even integer and denote grid points as $x_j := a + jh$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, M$. Define

$$X_M := \text{span} \left\{ \psi_l(x) = e^{i\mu_l(x-a)} \mid \mu_l = \frac{2\pi l}{b-a}, l = -\frac{M}{2}, \dots, \frac{M}{2} - 1 \right\},$$

$$Y_M := \{ \mathbf{v} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_M) \in \mathbb{R}^{M+1} \mid v_0 = v_M \} \quad \text{with } \|\mathbf{v}\|_{l^2}^2 = h \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} |v_j|^2.$$

For a periodic function $v(x)$ on $\overline{\Omega}$ and a vector $\mathbf{v} \in Y_M$, let $P_M : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow X_M$ be the standard L^2 -projection operator, and $I_M : C(\Omega) \rightarrow X_M$ or $Y_M \rightarrow X_M$ be the trigonometric interpolation operator [34, 21, 22], i.e.

$$(4) \quad (P_M v)(x) = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} \widehat{v}_l \psi_l(x), \quad (I_M \mathbf{v})(x) = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} \widetilde{v}_l \psi_l(x), \quad a \leq x \leq b,$$

where \widehat{v}_l and \widetilde{v}_l are the Fourier and discrete Fourier transform coefficients of the periodic function $v(x)$ and vector \mathbf{v} , respectively, defined as

$$(5) \quad \widehat{v}_l = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b v(x) e^{-i\mu_l(x-a)} dx, \quad \widetilde{v}_l = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} v_j e^{-i\mu_l(x_j-a)}.$$

Let $\tau = \Delta t > 0$ be the step size, and denote time steps by $t_n = n\tau$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots$. Then a Fourier spectral method for discretizing (3) with $t = t_n + s$ ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) reads: Find $u_M(x, t_n + s) \in X_M$, i.e.

$$(6) \quad u_M(x, t_n + s) = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n + s) \psi_l(x), \quad x \in \Omega, s \in \mathbb{R},$$

such that

$$(7) \quad \varepsilon^2 \partial_{ss} u_M(x, t_n + s) - \partial_{xx} u_M(x, t_n + s) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u_M(x, t_n + s) + P_M f(u_M(x, t_n + s)) = 0.$$

Plugging (6) into (7), and noticing the orthogonality of $\psi_l(x)$ for $l = -\frac{M}{2}, \dots, \frac{M}{2} - 1$, we get for $n = 0, 1, \dots$,

$$(8) \quad \varepsilon^2 (\widehat{u_M})_l''(t_n + s) + \left(\mu_l^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n + s) + (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(s) = 0, \quad s \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $f_M^n(x, s) := P_M f(u_M(x, t_n + s))$. By using the variation-of-constant formula to (8), we get for $n = 0, 1, \dots$,

$$(9) \quad (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n + s) = \cos(\omega_l s) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n) + \frac{\sin(\omega_l s)}{\omega_l} (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_n) - \int_0^s \frac{\sin(\omega_l(s-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(w) dw, \quad l = -\frac{M}{2}, \dots, \frac{M}{2} - 1,$$

with $\omega_l := \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 \mu_l^2 + 1}}{\varepsilon^2}$. Differentiating (9) with respect to s on both sides, we get

$$(10) \quad (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_n + s) = -\omega_l \sin(\omega_l s) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n) + \cos(\omega_l s) (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_n) - \int_0^s \frac{\cos(\omega_l(s-w))}{\varepsilon^2} (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(w) dw, \quad l = -\frac{M}{2}, \dots, \frac{M}{2} - 1.$$

For $n \geq 1$, changing s to $-s$ in (9) and (10), we get

$$(11a) \quad (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n - s) = \cos(\omega_l s) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n) - \frac{\sin(\omega_l s)}{\omega_l} (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_n) - \int_0^s \frac{\sin(\omega_l(s-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(-w) dw,$$

$$(11b) \quad (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_n - s) = \omega_l \sin(\omega_l s) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n) + \cos(\omega_l s) (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_n) + \int_0^s \frac{\cos(\omega_l(s-w))}{\varepsilon^2} (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(-w) dw, \quad l = -\frac{M}{2}, \dots, \frac{M}{2} - 1.$$

Adding (11a) to (9) and subtracting (11b) from (10) for $n \geq 1$, and then let $s = \tau$, we get

$$(12a) \quad (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_{n+1}) = -(\widehat{u_M})_l(t_{n-1}) + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n) - \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \left[(\widehat{f_M^n})_l(w) + (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(-w) \right] dw,$$

$$(12b) \quad (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_{n+1}) = (\widehat{u_M})_l'(t_{n-1}) - 2\omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{u_M})_l(t_n) - \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} \left[(\widehat{f_M^n})_l(w) + (\widehat{f_M^n})_l(-w) \right] dw.$$

Similar to the quadrature proposed by W. Gaustchi in [17] and used in [3], but in order to construct a fourth order accuracy method, we approximate the unknown integrals in (12) by using the Taylor's expansion of the nonlinearity up to the second

order terms as

$$(13a) \quad \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \left[\widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(w) + \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(-w) \right] dw \\ \approx \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \left[2\widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) + w^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) \right] dw,$$

$$(13b) \quad \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2} \left[\widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(w) + \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(-w) \right] dw \\ \approx \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2} \left[2\widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) + w^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) \right] dw, \quad n \geq 1,$$

and then carry out the rest trigonometric integrations exactly, where

$$(14) \quad \begin{cases} \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} dw = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} [1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)], \\ \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} w^2 dw = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} [\omega_l^2 \tau^2 + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - 2], \\ \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2} dw = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \sin(\omega_l \tau), \\ \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2} w^2 dw = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} [2\omega_l \tau - 2 \sin(\omega_l \tau)]. \end{cases}$$

For the second order derivatives involved in the above approximations (13), i.e.

$$\frac{d^2}{ds^2} \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) = (\partial_{ss} f(u_M(x, t_n + s)))_l \Big|_{s=0}, \quad n \geq 1,$$

it can be found out from the equation (7), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{ss} f(u_M(x, t_n + s)) \Big|_{s=0} \\ &= f'(u_M(x, t_n)) \partial_{ss} u_M(x, t_n) + f''(u_M(x, t_n)) (\partial_s u_M(x, t_n))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f'(u_M(x, t_n)) \left[\partial_{xx} u_M(x, t_n) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u_M(x, t_n) - P_M f(u_M(x, t_n)) \right] \\ & \quad + f''(u_M(x, t_n)) (\partial_s u_M(x, t_n))^2, \quad n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since the numerical integrator based on (12) proceeds in a three-level format, we need to find approximations of $u_M(x, t_1)$ and $\partial_s u_M(x, t_1)$ to start the scheme. Taking $n = 0$ and $s = \tau$ in (9) and (10), we get

$$(15a) \quad \widehat{(u_M)}_l(t_1) = \cos(\omega_l \tau) \widehat{(u_M)}_l(0) + \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\omega_l} \widehat{(u_M)}_l'(0) \\ - \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \widehat{(f_M^0)}_l(w) dw,$$

$$(15b) \quad \widehat{(u_M)}_l'(t_1) = -\omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) \widehat{(u_M)}_l(0) + \cos(\omega_l \tau) \widehat{(u_M)}_l'(0) \\ - \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau - w))}{\varepsilon^2} \widehat{(f_M^0)}_l(w) dw, \quad l = -\frac{M}{2}, \dots, \frac{M}{2} - 1.$$

Applying the quadrature similar as (13) to the unknown integrals in (15), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(w) dw \\ & \approx \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \left[(\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) + w \frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) + \frac{w^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) \right] dw, \\ & \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(w) dw \\ & \approx \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} \left[(\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) + w \frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) + \frac{w^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) \right] dw, \end{aligned}$$

where we have $\frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f_M^0})_l(0) = (\partial_s f(\widehat{u_M}(x, s)))_l|_{s=0}$, and in addition to (14),

$$(17) \quad \begin{cases} \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} w dw = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} [\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)], \\ \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} w dw = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} [1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)]. \end{cases}$$

The above temporal approximations for both (12) and (15) offer naturally fourth order truncation error bounds and clearly become exact when the nonlinearity $f(\cdot)$ reduces to a constant function.

In details, a 4th order Gautschi-type EWI Fourier spectral method (4th-GIFS) reads as follows. Denote $u_M^n(x)$ and $\dot{u}_M^n(x)$ ($n = 0, 1, \dots$) be the approximations to $u(x, t_n)$ and $\partial_t u(x, t_n)$, respectively. Choose $u_M^0(x) = \phi_1(x)$ and $\dot{u}_M^0(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \phi_2(x)$, then for $n \geq 0$,

$$(18) \quad u_M^{n+1}(x) = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} (\widehat{u_M^{n+1}})_l \psi_l(x), \quad \dot{u}_M^{n+1}(x) = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} (\widehat{\dot{u}_M^{n+1}})_l \psi_l(x), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

where

$$(19a) \quad \begin{aligned} (\widehat{u_M^{n+1}})_l &= -(\widehat{u_M^{n-1}})_l + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{u_M^n})_l - \frac{2 - 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \widehat{f_l^n} \\ &\quad - \frac{\omega_l^2 \tau^2 + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - 2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} \widehat{\dot{f}_l^n}, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

$$(19b) \quad \begin{aligned} (\widehat{\dot{u}_M^{n+1}})_l &= (\widehat{\dot{u}_M^{n-1}})_l - 2 \omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{\dot{u}_M^n})_l - \frac{2 \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \widehat{f_l^n} \\ &\quad - \frac{2 \omega_l \tau - 2 \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \widehat{\dot{f}_l^n}, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(20a) \quad \begin{aligned} (\widehat{u_M^1})_l &= \cos(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{\phi_1})_l + \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{\phi_2})_l - \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \widehat{f_l^0} \\ &\quad - \frac{\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \widehat{\dot{f}_l^0} - \frac{\omega_l^2 \tau^2 + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - 2}{2 \varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} \widehat{\dot{f}_l^0}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(20b) \quad \begin{aligned} (\widehat{\dot{u}_M^1})_l &= -\omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{\phi_1})_l + \frac{\cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2} (\widehat{\phi_2})_l - \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \widehat{f_l^0} \\ &\quad - \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \widehat{\dot{f}_l^0} - \frac{\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \widehat{\dot{f}_l^0}, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$f^n(x) = f(u_M^n(x)), \quad \dot{f}^0(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f'(\phi_1(x)) \cdot \phi_2(x), \quad n \geq 0,$$

$$\ddot{f}^n(x) = f''(u_M^n(x)) \cdot (\dot{u}_M^n(x))^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f'(u_M^n(x)) \cdot \left[\partial_{xx} u_M^n(x) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u_M^n(x) - f^n(x) \right].$$

In practice, the integrals defined in (5) for computing the Fourier transform coefficients in (18)-(20) are not suitable, and they are usually replaced by the interpolations as defined in (5) [34, 3, 18]. Thus, a 4th order Gautschi-type EWI Fourier pseudospectral method (4th-GIFP) reads as follows. Let u_j^n and \dot{u}_j^n ($n = 0, 1, \dots, j = 0, \dots, M$) be the approximations to $u(x_j, t_n)$ and $\partial_t u(x_j, t_n)$, respectively. Choose $u_j^0 = \phi_1(x_j)$ and $\dot{u}_j^0 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \phi_2(x_j)$, then for $n \geq 0$,

$$(21) \quad u_j^{n+1} = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} \widetilde{u}_l^{n+1} \psi_l(x_j), \quad \dot{u}_j^{n+1} = \sum_{l=-M/2}^{M/2-1} \widetilde{\dot{u}}_l^{n+1} \psi_l(x_j), \quad j = 0, \dots, M,$$

where

$$(22a) \quad \widetilde{u}_l^{n+1} = -\widetilde{u}_l^{n-1} + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) \widetilde{u}_l^n - \frac{2 - 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \widetilde{f}_l^n + \frac{2 - 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - \omega_l^2 \tau^2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} \widetilde{f}_l^n,$$

$$(22b) \quad \widetilde{\dot{u}}_l^{n+1} = \widetilde{\dot{u}}_l^{n-1} - 2\omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) \widetilde{\dot{u}}_l^n - \frac{2 \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \widetilde{f}_l^n + \frac{2 \sin(\omega_l \tau) - 2\omega_l \tau}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \widetilde{f}_l^n, \quad n \geq 1,$$

and

$$(23a) \quad \widetilde{u}_l^1 = \cos(\omega_l \tau) (\widetilde{\phi}_1)_l + \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widetilde{\phi}_2)_l - \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \widetilde{f}_l^0$$

$$- \frac{\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \widetilde{f}_l^0 - \frac{\omega_l^2 \tau^2 + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - 2}{2\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} \widetilde{f}_l^0,$$

$$(23b) \quad \widetilde{\dot{u}}_l^1 = -\omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) (\widetilde{\phi}_1)_l + \frac{\cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2} (\widetilde{\phi}_2)_l - \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \widetilde{f}_l^0$$

$$- \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \widetilde{f}_l^0 - \frac{\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \widetilde{f}_l^0,$$

with

$$f_j^n = f(u_j^n), \quad \dot{f}_j^0 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f'(\phi_1(x_j)) \cdot \phi_2(x_j), \quad n \geq 0,$$

$$\ddot{f}_j^n = f''(u_j^n) \cdot (\dot{u}_j^n)^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f'(u_j^n) \cdot \left[\partial_{xx} I_M(u^n)(x_j) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u_j^n - f_j^n \right].$$

Clearly, the proposed 4th-GIFS (18)-(20) or 4th-GIFP (21)-(23) is fully explicit and easy to implement. It is very efficient due to the fast Fourier transform (FFT), and its memory cost is $O(M)$ and the computational cost per time step is $O(M \log M)$. The scheme is also clearly time symmetric, i.e. exchanging $n+1$ with $n-1$ and changing τ to $-\tau$ in (19) or (22), it remains the same.

2.2. Higher order Gautschi-type EWIs spectral method. As a natural generalization, one can approximate the nonlinearity in (12) by using its Taylor's expansion up to some higher order like 6th, 8th...terms, provided that the nonlinearity and the solution to (1) are smooth enough. In this case, we can get an arbitrary

2Nth order accurate Gautschi-type EWI Fourier spectral/pseudospectral method (2Nth-GIFS/2Nth-GIFP) for some integer $N \geq 2$ by using

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(w) + \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(-w) = & 2\widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \frac{w^{2m}}{(2m)!} \frac{d^{2m}}{dw^{2m}} \widehat{(f_M^n)}_l(0) \\ & + \mathcal{O}(w^{2N}), \quad 0 \leq w \leq \tau, \quad n \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

and then similar as before, carrying out the trigonometric integrations left in (12) exactly. Also, for the starting values (15), take the Taylor’s expansion

$$\widehat{(f_M^0)}_l(w) = \sum_{m=0}^{2N-2} \frac{w^m}{m!} \frac{d^m}{dw^m} \widehat{(f_M^0)}_l(0) + \mathcal{O}(w^{2N-1}), \quad 0 \leq w \leq \tau,$$

for the nonlinearity in (15) in order to get a 2Nth order approximation and then evaluate the integrals. Consequently, we will need the higher order time derivatives of $u(x, t)$. This can be obtained from the original problem (1) with lower order derivatives in hands, i.e.

$$\partial_t^m u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \partial_t^{m-2} \left(\partial_{xx} u(x, t) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} u(x, t) - f(u(x, t)) \right), \quad m \geq 2.$$

Then the scheme of 2Nth-GIFS or 2Nth-GIFP can be written down similarly as (18)-(18) or (21)-(21). We omit the details here for brevity.

Again, the proposed high order GIFS/GIFP methods are fully explicit, time symmetric, efficient due to the FFT and become exact when $f(\cdot)$ is a constant.

To close this chapter, we make some remarks on the proposed method. The 4th order or higher order symmetric Gautschi-type EWIs Fourier spectral/pseudospectral method can be easily applied and extended to solve other KG-type equations or coupled system, such as the Klein-Gordon-Zakharov system in the high-plasma-frequency and subsonic limit regime [5] where similar oscillations occur. Similar numerical schemes with similar expected numerical performance can be derived. We also remark that if the periodic boundary condition for the KGE (3) is replaced by the homogeneous Dirichlet or Neumann boundary condition which is also suitable here for domain truncations, the GIFS/GIFP method and its following error estimates are still valid with the Fourier basis is replaced by sine or cosine basis. For some inhomogeneous general boundary conditions, one can turn to the compact finite difference discretization in order to get high order spatial accuracy and then construct similar high order Gautschi-type EWIs to the resulting ODEs from corresponding semidiscretizations.

3. Convergence result

In this section, we present the rigorous error estimate results of the proposed 4th order Gautschi-type EWI Fourier spectral/pseudospectral method for solving the KGE (3). Generalizations of the results to higher order EWIs spectral/pseudospectral method can be obtained similarly with stronger regularity assumptions on the solution.

3.1. Main result. To get the optimal error estimates for the 4th order scheme, we make assumptions on the solution of the KGE (3) motivated from [30, 31, 29]

as:

(A)

$$f(\cdot) \in C^2(\mathbb{R}), \quad u \in C^1([0, T]; H_p^{m_0+1}(\Omega)) \cap C^4([0, T]; H^1(\Omega)),$$

$$\|\partial_t^k u\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; H^{m_0+1})} \lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2k}}, \quad k = 0, 1; \quad \|\partial_t^k u\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; H^1)} \lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2k}}, \quad k = 3, 4,$$

where $m_0 \geq 2$, $0 < T \leq T^*$ with T^* the maximum existence time of the solution and

$$H_p^{m_0+1}(\Omega) := \{v \in H^{m_0+1}(\Omega) : \partial_x^m v(a) = \partial_x^m v(b), \quad m = 0, \dots, m_0\}.$$

Under assumption (A), denote

$$C_0 = \max_{0 < \varepsilon \leq 1} \left\{ \|u\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; H^1 \cap L^\infty)}, \varepsilon^2 \|\partial_t u\|_{L^\infty([0, T]; H^1 \cap L^\infty)} \right\},$$

and with u_M^n, \dot{u}_M^n obtained from the 4th-GIFS (18)-(20), define the error functions as

(24)

$$e^n(x) := u(x, t_n) - u_M^n(x), \quad \dot{e}^n(x) := \partial_t u(x, t_n) - \dot{u}_M^n(x), \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau},$$

then we have

Theorem 3.1 (Error bound of 4th-GIFS). *Under the assumption (A), there exist two constants $0 < h_0 \leq 1$ and $0 < \tau_0 \leq 1$ sufficiently small and independent of ε , such that when $0 < \tau \leq \tau_0 \cdot \min\{\varepsilon^2, h\varepsilon\}$ and $0 < h \leq h_0$, we have*

$$(25) \quad \|e^n\|_{H^1} + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}^n\|_{H^1} \lesssim h^{m_0} + \frac{\tau^4}{\varepsilon^8},$$

$$(26) \quad \|u_M^n\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_0 + 1, \quad \|\dot{u}_M^n\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{C_0 + 1}{\varepsilon^2}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau}.$$

With u_j^n, \dot{u}_j^n obtained from the 4th-GIFP (21)-(23), define the error functions as

$$e^n(x) := u(x, t_n) - I_M(u^n)(x), \quad \dot{e}^n(x) := \partial_t u(x, t_n) - I_M(\dot{u}^n)(x), \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau},$$

then similarly we have

Theorem 3.2 (Error bound of 4th-GIFP). *Under the assumption (A), there exist two constants $0 < h_0 \leq 1$ and $0 < \tau_0 \leq 1$ sufficiently small and independent of ε , such that when $0 < \tau \leq \tau_0 \cdot \min\{\varepsilon^2, h\varepsilon\}$ and $0 < h \leq h_0$, we have*

$$(27) \quad \|e^n\|_{H^1} + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}^n\|_{H^1} \lesssim h^{m_0} + \frac{\tau^4}{\varepsilon^8},$$

$$(28) \quad \|u^n\|_{l^\infty} \leq C_0 + 1, \quad \|\dot{u}^n\|_{l^\infty} \leq \frac{C_0 + 1}{\varepsilon^2}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau}.$$

Remark 3.1. *In Theorem 3.1 and 3.2, the requirement $0 < \tau \leq \tau_0 \min\{\varepsilon^2, h\varepsilon\}$ implies that for $\varepsilon = O(1)$, the CFL condition or stability condition is just $\tau \lesssim h$, while for $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$, it is $\tau \lesssim \varepsilon^2$ due to essential wave length.*

3.2. Proof of main result. For the 4th order Gautschi-type EW spectral method, in fact, the 4th-GIFS (18)-(20) is a semi-discretization to the KGE, while the 4th-GIFP (21)-(23) is a full-discretization. For simplicity, we prove the error estimate of the 4th-GIFS, and omit that of the 4th-GIFP which can be done in the same spirit with additional help of interpolation techniques [1, 4].

To proceed to the proof of the main result Theorem 3.1, we first define the projected error

$$e_M^n(x) := P_M u(x, t_n) - u_M^n(x), \quad \dot{e}_M^n(x) := P_M(\partial_t u(x, t_n)) - \dot{u}_M^n(x), \quad 0 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau}.$$

Then by triangle inequality and estimates on projection error in [21, 34] under assumption (A), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^n\|_{H^1} + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}^n\|_{H^1} &\lesssim \|e_M^n\|_{H^1} + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1} + \|u(\cdot, t_n) - P_M u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{H^1} \\ &\quad + \varepsilon^2 \|\partial_t u(\cdot, t_n) - P_M(\partial_t u(\cdot, t_n))\|_{H^1} \\ (29) \quad &\lesssim \|e_M^n\|_{H^1} + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1} + h^{m_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus to prove (25) in Theorem 3.1, it is sufficient to work out the corresponding estimate for e_M^n and \dot{e}_M^n . The main proof is by the energy method and carried out in the framework of mathematical induction in order to guarantee the boundedness of the numerical solutions [3, 6, 5, 1, 12]. Then the proof is done by the following steps.

Proof of Theorem 3.1: For $n = 0$, from the choice of initial data in the scheme, we have

$$e^0 = 0, \quad \dot{e}^0 = 0,$$

and results (25) and (26) are obviously true.

For $n \geq 1$, define local truncation errors ξ_l^n and $\dot{\xi}_l^n$ ($1 \leq n \leq T/\tau$, $l = -M/2, \dots, M/2 - 1$) according to (19) as

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1} &:= \widehat{u}_l(t_{n+1}) + \widehat{u}_l(t_{n-1}) - 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) \widehat{u}_l(t_n) + \frac{2 - 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n) \\ (30a) \quad &+ \frac{\omega_l^2 \tau^2 + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - 2}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n), \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\dot{\xi}}_l^{n+1} &:= \widehat{u}_l'(t_{n+1}) - \widehat{u}_l'(t_{n-1}) + 2\omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) \widehat{u}_l(t_n) + \frac{2 \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n) \\ (30b) \quad &+ \frac{2\omega_l \tau - 2 \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n), \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (31a) \quad \widehat{\xi}_l^1 &:= \widehat{u}_l(t_1) - \cos(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{\phi_1})_l - \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{\phi_2})_l + \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) \\ &+ \frac{\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) + \frac{\omega_l^2 \tau^2 + 2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) - 2}{2\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^4} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (31b) \quad \widehat{\dot{\xi}}_l^1 &:= \widehat{u}_l'(t_1) + \omega_l \sin(\omega_l \tau) (\widehat{\phi_1})_l - \frac{\cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2} (\widehat{\phi_2})_l + \frac{\sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) \\ &+ \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^2} \frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) + \frac{\omega_l \tau - \sin(\omega_l \tau)}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l^3} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0). \end{aligned}$$

Step 1: Estimates on local errors ξ_l^n and $\dot{\xi}_l^n$.

For the solution of the KGE (3), $u(x, t_n + s) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{u}_l(t_n + s) \phi_l(x)$. So in the

Fourier frequency space, we have

$$\varepsilon^2 \widehat{u}_l''(t_n + s) + \left(\mu_l^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \right) \widehat{u}_l(t_n + s) + (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n + s) = 0, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Then by using the variation-of-constant formula similarly as (9)-(12), and noticing (14) and (17), we find

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1} &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \left[(\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n+w) + (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n-w) - 2(\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - w^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n) \right] dw, \\ \dot{\widehat{\xi}}_l^{n+1} &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} \left[(\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n+w) + (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n-w) - 2(\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - w^2 \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n) \right] dw, \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1; \\ \widehat{\xi}_l^1 &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \left[(\widehat{f(u)})_l(w) - (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) - w \frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{w^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) \right] dw, \\ \dot{\widehat{\xi}}_l^1 &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} \left[(\widehat{f(u)})_l(w) - (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) - w \frac{d}{ds} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{w^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(0) \right] dw.\end{aligned}$$

Applying the Taylor's expansion with integral form of the remainder, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1} &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \frac{w^4}{6} \left[\int_0^1 (1-\rho) \left(\frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n+\rho w) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n-\rho w) \right) d\rho \right] dw, \\ \dot{\widehat{\xi}}_l^{n+1} &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} \frac{w^4}{6} \left[\int_0^1 (1-\rho) \left(\frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n+\rho w) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n-\rho w) \right) d\rho \right] dw, \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1; \\ \widehat{\xi}_l^1 &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2 \omega_l} \frac{w^3}{2} \left[\int_0^1 (1-\rho) \frac{d^3}{ds^3} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(\rho w) d\rho \right] dw, \\ \dot{\widehat{\xi}}_l^1 &= - \int_0^\tau \frac{\cos(\omega_l(\tau-w))}{\varepsilon^2} \frac{w^3}{2} \left[\int_0^1 (1-\rho) \frac{d^3}{ds^3} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(\rho w) d\rho \right] dw.\end{aligned}$$

Then we have the estimates on the local errors as

$$(34) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| \widehat{\xi}_l^1 \right| \lesssim \frac{\tau^3}{\sqrt{1+\varepsilon^2 \mu_l^2}} \int_0^\tau |\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))| \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d^3}{ds^3} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(\rho w) \right| d\rho dw, \\ \left| \widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1} \right| \lesssim \frac{\tau^4}{\sqrt{1+\varepsilon^2 \mu_l^2}} \int_0^\tau |\sin(\omega_l(\tau-w))| \int_0^1 \left[\left| \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n+\rho w) \right| \right. \\ \left. + \left| \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n-\rho w) \right| \right] d\rho dw, \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1, \end{array} \right.$$

and

$$(35) \quad \begin{cases} \left| \widehat{\xi}_l^1 \right| \lesssim \frac{\tau^3}{\varepsilon^2} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d^3}{ds^3} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(\rho w) \right| d\rho dw, & 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1, \\ \left| \widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1} \right| \lesssim \frac{\tau^4}{\varepsilon^2} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \left[\left| \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n + \rho w) \right| \right. \\ \quad \left. + \left| \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n - \rho w) \right| \right] d\rho dw. \end{cases}$$

Under condition $\tau \leq \frac{\pi h \varepsilon}{2\sqrt{h^2 + 4\pi^2 \varepsilon^2}}$, which is provided by $\tau \lesssim \min\{\varepsilon^2, h\varepsilon\}$, we have $|\omega_l| \tau \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all $l = -M/2, \dots, M/2 - 1$. Then from (34) we further have

$$(36) \quad \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\widehat{\xi}_l^1}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right| \lesssim \frac{\tau^3}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon^2 \mu_l^2}} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d^3}{ds^3} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(\rho w) \right| d\rho dw, \\ \left| \frac{\widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1}}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right| \lesssim \frac{\tau^4}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon^2 \mu_l^2}} \left[\int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n + \rho w) \right| d\rho dw \right. \\ \quad \left. + \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d^4}{ds^4} (\widehat{f(u)})_l(t_n - \rho w) \right| d\rho dw \right], & 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1. \end{cases}$$

With estimates (35) and (36), defining local truncation error functions as

$$\xi^n(x) = \sum_{l=-N/2}^{N/2-1} \frac{\widehat{\xi}_l^n}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} e^{i\mu_l(x-a)}, \quad \dot{\xi}^n(x) = \sum_{l=-N/2}^{N/2-1} \widehat{\xi}_l^n e^{i\mu_l(x-a)}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau},$$

then combining with Paserval's identity and Schwarz's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial_x \xi^1\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\xi^1\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \frac{\tau^7}{\varepsilon^2} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \|\partial_s^3 f(u)(\cdot, \rho w)\|_{H^1}^2 d\rho dw, \\ \|\partial_x \xi^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\xi^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \frac{\tau^9}{\varepsilon^2} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \|\partial_s^4 f(u)(\cdot, t_n + \rho w)\|_{H^1}^2 d\rho dw, \\ \|\dot{\xi}^1\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \frac{\tau^7}{\varepsilon^4} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \|\partial_s^3 f(u)(\cdot, \rho w)\|_{H^1}^2 d\rho dw, \\ \|\dot{\xi}^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \frac{\tau^9}{\varepsilon^4} \int_0^\tau \int_0^1 \|\partial_s^4 f(u)(\cdot, t_n + \rho w)\|_{H^1}^2 d\rho dw, \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus under assumption (A), we have for

$$(37a) \quad \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{\xi}^1\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\partial_x \xi^1\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\xi^1\|_{H^1}^2 \lesssim \frac{\tau^8}{\varepsilon^{14}},$$

$$(37b) \quad \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{\xi}^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\partial_x \xi^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\xi^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 \lesssim \frac{\tau^{10}}{\varepsilon^{18}}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq \frac{T}{\tau} - 1.$$

Subtracting the scheme (20) from (31), we get

$$\widehat{e}_l^1 = \widehat{\xi}_l^1, \quad \widehat{e}_l^1 = \widehat{\xi}_l^1,$$

which together with (37) and (29) imply

$$\|e^1\|_{H^1} + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}^1\|_{H^1} \lesssim \frac{\tau^4}{\varepsilon^6} + h^{m_0}.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \ddot{f}^n - \partial_s^2 f(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} &\lesssim \left\| f''(u_M^n) \cdot (\dot{u}_M^n)^2 - f''(u(\cdot, t_n)) \cdot (\partial_s u(\cdot, t_n))^2 \right\|_{H^1} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| f'(u_M^n) \partial_{xx} u_M^n - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) \partial_{xx} u(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4} \left\| f'(u_M^n) u_M^n - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) u(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} \\
 (44) \quad &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| f'(u_M^n) f(u_M^n) - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) f(u(\cdot, t_n)) \right\|_{H^1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By triangle inequality and Sobolev's inequality, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| f'(u_M^n) u_M^n - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) u(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} \\
 &\leq \left\| f'(u_M^n) (u_M^n - u(\cdot, t_n)) \right\|_{H^1} + \left\| (f'(u_M^n) - f'(u(\cdot, t_n))) u(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} \\
 (45) \quad &\lesssim \|u_M^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{H^1} \lesssim \|e_M^n\|_{H^1} + h^{m_0}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| f''(u_M^n) \cdot (\dot{u}_M^n)^2 - f''(u(\cdot, t_n)) \cdot (\partial_s u(\cdot, t_n))^2 \right\|_{H^1} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| (\dot{u}_M^n)^2 - (\partial_s u(\cdot, t_n))^2 \right\|_{H^1} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4} \|u(\cdot, t_n) - u_M^n\|_{H^1} \\
 (46a) \quad &\lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4} \|e_M^n\|_{H^1} + \frac{h^{m_0}}{\varepsilon^4},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| f'(u_M^n) f(u_M^n) - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) f(u(\cdot, t_n)) \right\|_{H^1} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| f'(u_M^n) - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) \right\|_{H^1} + \|u_M^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{H^1} \\
 (46b) \quad &\lesssim \|e_M^n\|_{H^1} + h^{m_0},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| f'(u_M^n) \partial_{xx} u_M^n - f'(u(\cdot, t_n)) \partial_{xx} u(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| \partial_{xx} u_M^n - \partial_{xx} u(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} + \|u_M^n - u(\cdot, t_n)\|_{H^1} \\
 (46c) \quad &\lesssim \|e_M^n\|_{H^3} + h^{m_0-2}, \quad 1 \leq n \leq m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Plugging (45)&(46) back to (44), under conditions $\tau \lesssim h\varepsilon$ and $\tau \lesssim \varepsilon^2$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \ddot{f}^n - \partial_s^2 f(\cdot, t_n) \right\|_{H^1} &\lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1} + \frac{h^{m_0}}{\varepsilon^2} \right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (\|e_M^n\|_{H^3} + h^{m_0-2}) \\
 (47) \quad &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4} (\|e_M^n\|_{H^1} + h^{m_0}), \quad 1 \leq n \leq m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Plugging (47) together with (43) into (42), under conditions $\tau \lesssim h\varepsilon$ and $\tau \lesssim \varepsilon^2$ we have

$$(48a) \quad \left\| \partial_x \eta^{n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\eta^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 \lesssim \tau^2 \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|e_M^n\|_{H^1}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{h^{2m_0}}{\varepsilon^2} \right),$$

$$(48b) \quad \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{\eta}^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 \lesssim \tau^2 \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|e_M^n\|_{H^1}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{h^{2m_0}}{\varepsilon^2} \right), \quad 1 \leq n \leq m.$$

Step 3: Error equations on e_l^n and \dot{e}_l^n .

Denote function

$$\mathcal{T}_l^n := \sin(\omega_l(n+1)\tau), \quad n \geq -1.$$

Multiplying both sides of (38a) by \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} and then summing up for $1 \leq n \leq m$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^m \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} (\widehat{e}_l^{n+1} + \widehat{e}_l^{n-1}) &= \sum_{n=1}^m \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} (2 \cos(\omega_l \tau) \widehat{e}_l^n + u_l^{n+1}) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^m [(\mathcal{T}_l^{m+1-n} + \mathcal{T}_l^{m-1-n}) \widehat{e}_l^n + \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} u_l^{n+1}] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} \widehat{e}_l^{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{m+1} \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} \widehat{e}_l^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^m \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} u_l^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

which consequently shows

$$(49) \quad \mathcal{T}_l^0 \widehat{e}_l^{m+1} = -\mathcal{T}_l^{m-1} \widehat{e}_l^0 + \mathcal{T}_l^m \widehat{e}_l^1 + \sum_{n=1}^m \mathcal{T}_l^{m-n} u_l^{n+1}.$$

Noting $e_l^0 = 0$ and by Cauchy's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{e}_l^{m+1}|^2 &\leq 2 \left[|\mathcal{T}_l^m|^2 \left| \frac{\widehat{e}_l^1}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right|^2 + m \sum_{n=1}^m |\mathcal{T}_l^{m-n}|^2 \left| \frac{u_l^{n+1}}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right|^2 \right] \\ &\leq 2 \left[\left| \frac{\widehat{\xi}_l^1}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right|^2 + 2m \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\left| \frac{\widehat{\xi}_l^{n+1}}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\widehat{\eta}_l^{n+1}}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} \right|^2 \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(1 + \mu_l^2)^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}}$, and then summing up for $l = -M/2, \dots, M/2 - 1$, by (37) and (48), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|e_M^{m+1}\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|\xi^1\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{m}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{n=1}^m (\|\xi^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2 + \|\eta^{n+1}\|_{H^1}^2) \\ (50) \quad &\lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\frac{\tau^8}{\varepsilon^{16}} + h^{2m_0} \right) + \tau \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \|e_M^n\|_{H^1}^2 + \varepsilon^2 \|\dot{e}_M^n\|_{H^1}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Plugging (49) into (38b), we get

$$\widehat{\dot{e}}_l^{m+1} - \widehat{\dot{e}}_l^{m-1} = -2\omega_l \left(\mathcal{T}_l^{m-1} \widehat{e}_l^1 + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} \mathcal{T}_l^{m-1-n} \chi_l^{n+1} \right) + \dot{\chi}_l^{m+1}.$$

Using the recurrence equation, for some odd $m = 2p - 1 (p \geq 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\widehat{\dot{e}}_l^{2p} - \widehat{\dot{e}}_l^0 \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^p \dot{\chi}_l^{2n} - 2\omega_l \sum_{n=1}^p \sin(\omega_l(2n-1)\tau) \widehat{e}_l^1 - 2\omega_l \sum_{q=2}^p \sum_{n=1}^{2q-2} \sin(\omega_l(2q-1-n)\tau) \chi_l^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^p \dot{\chi}_l^{2n} - 2\omega_l \sin^2(\omega_l p \tau) \frac{\widehat{\xi}_l^1}{\sin(\omega_l \tau)} - 2\omega_l \sum_{n=1}^{2p-2} \chi_l^{n+1} \sum_{q=q_n}^p \sin(\omega_l(2q-1-n)\tau), \end{aligned}$$

with $q_n := \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1$, where $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ denotes the ceiling function. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^{2p} \right\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \varepsilon^2 p \sum_{n=1}^p \left\| \dot{\chi}^{2n} \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \left\| \partial_x \xi^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| \xi^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 + p \sum_{n=1}^{2p-2} \left\| \partial_x \chi^{n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 \\ &\quad + p \sum_{n=1}^{2p-2} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| \chi^{n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can get an estimate for the case $m = 2p(p \geq 1)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^{2p+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \varepsilon^2 p \sum_{n=1}^p \left\| \dot{\chi}^{2n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \left\| \partial_x \xi^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| \xi^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 \\ &\quad + p \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} \left\| \partial_x \chi^{n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 + p \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| \chi^{n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

All together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^{m+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 &\lesssim \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 + m \sum_{n=1}^m \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{\chi}^{n+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \left\| \partial_x \xi^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| \xi^1 \right\|_{H^1}^2 \\ &\quad + m \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\left\| \partial_x \chi^n \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| \chi^n \right\|_{H^1}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then by (37) and (48), we have

$$(51) \quad \varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^{m+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\frac{\tau^8}{\varepsilon^{16}} + h^{2m_0} \right) + \tau \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^n \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| e_M^n \right\|_{H^1}^2 \right).$$

Adding up (50) and (51), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^{m+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| e_M^{m+1} \right\|_{H^1}^2 \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\frac{\tau^8}{\varepsilon^{16}} + h^{2m_0} \right) + \tau \sum_{n=1}^m \left(\varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^n \right\|_{H^1}^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left\| e_M^n \right\|_{H^1}^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

and then by discrete Gronwall's inequality, we get

$$\varepsilon^2 \left\| \dot{e}_M^{m+1} \right\|_{H^1} + \left\| e_M^{m+1} \right\|_{H^1} \lesssim \frac{\tau^4}{\varepsilon^8} + h^{m_0}.$$

Then by triangle inequality and Sobolev's inequality together with (29), when $\tau \leq \tau_2 \cdot \varepsilon^2$ and $h \leq h_2$,

$$\left\| u_M^{m+1} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq \left\| e^{m+1} \right\|_{L^\infty} + C_0 \leq 1 + C_0, \quad \left\| \dot{u}_M^{m+1} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq \left\| \dot{e}^{m+1} \right\|_{L^\infty} + \frac{C_0}{\varepsilon^2} \leq \frac{1 + C_0}{\varepsilon^2},$$

for some constants $\tau_2 > 0$ and $h_2 > 0$ independent of ε . Thus (25) and (26) are true for $n = m + 1$, and the proof is completed by choosing $\tau_0 = \min\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$, $h_0 = \min\{h_1, h_2\}$. \square

Remark 3.2. *The proof technique here is different from that in [3, 5]. The proof used in [3, 5] can hardly get the rigorous error estimates for the group of trigonometric integrators proposed in [11], while it is believed that the proof established here could offer some clues to that which will be our future work.*

TABLE 1. Temporal error and convergence rate test of the 4th-GIFP&6th-GIFP with a fixed $\varepsilon = 0.5$ in normal regime: $\|e(\cdot, T)\|_{H^1}$ at $T = 2$ for different τ with $h = 1/16$.

4th-GIFP	$\tau_0 = 0.1$	$\tau_0/2$	$\tau_0/4$	$\tau_0/8$
$\ e(\cdot, T)\ _{H^1}$	4.55E-02	1.60E-03	9.52E-05	5.90E-06
rate	–	4.84	4.07	4.01
6th-GIFP	$\tau_0 = 0.1$	$\tau_0/2$	$\tau_0/4$	$\tau_0/8$
$\ e(\cdot, T)\ _{H^1}$	4.50E-03	2.43E-05	3.74E-07	5.74E-09
rate	–	7.53	6.07	6.02

To close this chapter, we make an important remark on another potential application of the proposed method. The recent developed multiscale time integrators (MTIs) in [4, 6, 8, 2] only achieved the first order uniform accuracy for solving the highly-oscillatory equations. All of them are using the second order EWIs as the key integration tools. Now with the higher order EWIs and using higher order multiscale expansion in corresponding context, MTIs with higher order of uniform accuracy could be proposed, which is going to appear in our future work.

4. Numerical results

In this section, we present the numerical results of the 4th-GIFP (21)-(23) and a 6th order GIFP (shorted as 6th-GIFP) proposed in Section 2.2. As comparisons, we also present the numerical results of the GIFP method proposed in [3] (shorted as GIFP) and the classical 4th order Runger-Kutta method [24, 28] with Fourier spectral discretization (shorted as RK4FP). Throughout the section, we consider the KGE (3) with cubic nonlinearity, i.e.

$$f(u) = \lambda u^3, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R},$$

which occurs in the most application cases and physical situations [3, 16, 4, 6, 29, 30, 31, 13]. Choose

$$\lambda = 1, \quad \phi_1 = 2e^{-x^2}, \quad \phi_2 = 3e^{-x^2}, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

in (3), where the ‘exact’ solution of the problem is obtained via the 6th-GIFP method with very small time step and mesh size, e.g. $\tau = 1E - 5$, $h = 1/16$. We choose the bounded interval $\Omega = [-32, 32]$, i.e. $b = -a = 32$, which is large enough to guarantee that the periodic boundary condition does not introduce a significant aliasing error relative to the original problem. To measure the error, we compute the H^1 -norm of the error

$$e(x, T) = u(x, T) - I_M u^N(x), \quad \text{where } N = \frac{T}{\tau},$$

for some fixed time $T > 0$.

Firstly, we shall test the temporal convergence rate of the proposed 4th-GIFP and 6th-GIFP for a fixed $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ in the normal (relativistic) regime, i.e. $\varepsilon = O(1)$. The numerical results at $T = 2$ under different τ are given in Table 1. As ε becomes small, we understand the necessity of condition $\tau \lesssim \varepsilon^2$ from either stability or accuracy point of view. However for fixed $\varepsilon = O(1)$ in the normal regime, the stability constraint $\tau \lesssim h$ imposed in Theorem 3.1 and Remark 3.1 is mainly used for the rigorous mathematical proof. Thus, in addition we test the error of the

TABLE 2. Stability test of the 4th-GIFP&6th-GIFP with a fixed $\varepsilon = 0.5$ in normal regime: $\|e(\cdot, T)\|_{H^1}$ at $T = 2$ for different h with $\tau = 0.1$.

4th-GIFP	$h = 1/8$	$h = 1/16$	$h = 1/32$
$\ e(\cdot, T)\ _{H^1}$	4.55E-02	4.55E-02	4.55E-02
6th-GIFP	$h = 1/8$	$h = 1/16$	$h = 1/32$
$\ e(\cdot, T)\ _{H^1}$	4.50E-03	4.50E-03	5.85E-02

TABLE 3. Spatial error of the 4th-GIFP&6th-GIFP in nonrelativistic limit regime: $\|e(\cdot, T)\|_{H^1}$ at $T = 2$ for different ε and h with $\tau = 10^{-5}$.

4th-GIFP	$h_0 = 1$	$h_0/2$	$h_0/4$	$h_0/8$
$\varepsilon_0 = 0.1$	6.89E+00	7.28E-01	4.18E-04	6.18E-08
$\varepsilon_0/2$	6.94E+00	1.06E+00	5.58E-04	1.71E-08
$\varepsilon_0/4$	7.34E+00	1.09E+00	6.16E-04	5.15E-09
$\varepsilon_0/8$	7.21E+00	1.12E+00	5.38E-04	6.62E-07
6th-GIFP	$h_0 = 1$	$h_0/2$	$h_0/4$	$h_0/8$
$\varepsilon_0 = 0.1$	6.89E+00	7.28E-01	4.18E-04	6.19E-08
$\varepsilon_0/2$	6.94E+00	1.06E+00	5.58E-04	1.72E-08
$\varepsilon_0/4$	7.34E+00	1.09E+00	6.16E-04	4.54E-09
$\varepsilon_0/8$	7.21E+00	1.12E+00	5.38E-04	1.32E-09

methods for solving the KGE with $\varepsilon = 0.5$ and a fixed large $\tau = 0.1$ but under different small mesh size h . The results are shown in Table 2.

Then we study the errors and meshing strategy of the 4th-GIFP and 6th-GIFP in the nonrelativistic limit regime, i.e. $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$. We test and study the temporal and spatial error separately. Table 3 shows the spatial error of numerical methods at $T = 2$ under different ε and h with a very small time step $\tau = 10^{-5}$ such that the discretization error in time is negligible. Table. 4 shows the temporal error of numerical methods at $T = 2$ under different ε and τ with a small mesh size $h = 1/16$ such that the discretization error in space is negligible.

At last, we test the energy conservation property of the schemes. The energy errors of 4th-GIFP and 6th-GIFP during the computation, i.e. the error between the exact energy $E(t) = E(0)$ and the numerical energy

$$E^n := \int_a^b \left[\varepsilon^2 |I_M \dot{u}^n(x)|^2 + |\partial_x I_M u^n(x)|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |I_M u^n(x)|^2 + F(I_M u^n(x)) \right] dx,$$

under a small mesh size $h = 1/8$, are plotted in Figure 2 together with comparisons with results of the RK4FP.

Based on results from Tables 1-4 and Figure 2, we can draw the following observations:

(i) The 4th-GIFP and 6th-GIFP have 4th and 6th temporal accuracy order, respectively, and both of them have the spectral accuracy in spatial discretization. Our theoretical error bound is optimal. The theoretical stability constrain $\tau \lesssim h$ when $\varepsilon = O(1)$ does not seem to be essential in computing.

(ii) As ε decreases to zero in the nonrelativistic limit regime, the meshing strategy of the 4th-GIFP and 6th-GIFP is $\tau = O(\varepsilon^2)$ and $h = O(1)$. Under the same meshing

TABLE 4. Temporal error and meshing strategy of the 4th-GIFP&6th-GIFP with convergence rate and comparisons with GIFP and RK4FP in nonrelativistic limit regime: $\|e(\cdot, T)\|_{H^1}$ at $T = 2$ for different ε and τ under $\tau = O(\varepsilon^2)$ with $h = 1/16$.

4th-GIFP	$\tau_0 = 1.25 * 10^{-3}$	$\tau_0/2$	$\tau_0/4$
$\varepsilon_0 = 0.05, \tau_0$	3.47E-03	2.04E-04	1.26E-05
rate	-	4.09	4.02
$\varepsilon_0/2, \tau_0/2^2$	2.80E-03	1.69E-04	1.05E-05
rate	-	4.05	4.01
$\varepsilon_0/4, \tau_0/4^2$	2.56E-03	1.55E-04	9.65E-06
rate	-	4.04	4.01
6th-GIFP	$\tau_0 = 1.25 * 10^{-3}$	$\tau_0/2$	$\tau_0/4$
$\varepsilon_0 = 0.05, \tau_0$	4.70E-05	6.27E-07	9.67E-09
rate	-	6.23	6.02
$\varepsilon_0/2, \tau_0/2^2$	2.05E-05	2.89E-07	4.76E-09
rate	-	6.14	5.93
$\varepsilon_0/4, \tau_0/4^2$	1.34E-05	1.98E-07	3.10E-09
rate	-	6.07	6.00
GIFP	$\tau_0 = 1.25 * 10^{-3}$	$\tau_0/2$	$\tau_0/4$
$\varepsilon_0 = 0.05, \tau_0$	3.25E-01	7.94E-02	1.97E-02
rate	-	2.03	2.01
$\varepsilon_0/2, \tau_0/2^2$	3.12E-01	7.60E-02	1.86E-02
rate	-	2.04	2.03
$\varepsilon_0/4, \tau_0/4^2$	3.38E-01	7.31E-02	1.80E-02
rate	-	2.20	2.02
RK4FP	$\tau_0 = 1.25 * 10^{-3}$	$\tau_0/2$	$\tau_0/4$
$\varepsilon_0 = 0.05, \tau_0$	3.53E+00	2.21E-01	1.25E-02
rate	-	4.00	4.13
$\varepsilon_0/2, \tau_0/2^2$	8.06E+00	8.32E-01	4.78E-02
rate	-	3.28	4.12
$\varepsilon_0/4, \tau_0/4^2$	6.38E+00	3.03E+00	1.83E-01
rate	-	1.08	4.04

strategy, the computational error of them is much smaller than that of the GIFP proposed in [3] and the classical RK4FP method.

(iii) The 4th-GIFP and 6th-GIFP conserve the energy very well. The energy obtained from the numerical solution is just a small fluctuation from the exact energy during the computation, while in contrast, the energy error of the RK4FP keeps growing. As time step τ decreases to zero, the energy error converges to zero.

5. Conclusions

A group of high order Gautschi-type exponential wave integrators (EWIs) Fourier pseudospectral method were proposed and analyzed for solving the Klein-Gordon equation (KGE) in the nonrelativistic limit regime with a dimensionless parameter $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$, where the small ε makes the solution of the problem propagates waves with wavelength $O(\varepsilon^2)$ in time axis, i.e. high oscillations occur in time. The scheme is fully explicit and time symmetric. In fact, we proposed a way to construct an EWI spectral method with temporal accuracy at any even order and spectral spatial

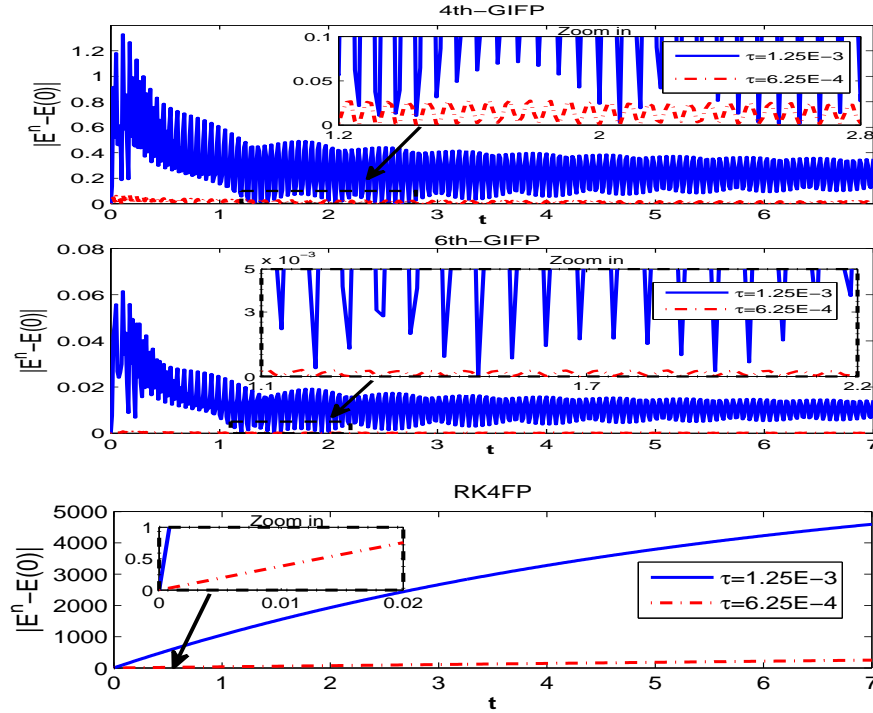


FIGURE 2. Energy error of the 4th-GIFP&6th-GIFP and comparisons with RK4FP for solving the KGE with $\epsilon = 0.05$ under $h = 1/8$ and different τ .

accuracy, provided the solution of the problem is smooth enough. Rigorous error estimates were established to show the meshing strategy of the proposed methods is $\tau = O(\epsilon^2)$ and $h = O(1)$, as $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ in the nonrelativistic limit regime, where τ and h denote the time step and mesh size respectively. In view of the essential wave length propagating in time, the proposed EWIs Fourier pseudospectral method offer the high order convergence rate with the ‘optimal’ meshing strategy among all classical numerical methods for directly solving the KGE in the limit regime. The proposed method also implies a promising way to construct multiscale time integrators [4, 6] with higher order uniform accuracy in future. Extensive numerical experiments were done to confirm the theoretical accuracy order and the meshing strategy. Comparisons with existing classical methods were carried out to show the superiority of the proposed methods. It is also believed that the proposed methods can find wide applications in effectively solving other KG-type oscillatory equations or coupled systems in future work.

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