

# Convergence of Time-Stepping Deep Gradient Flow Methods

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Theorem (Akrivis and Crouzeix 2004)

*There exists a constant  $C$  independent of  $h$  and  $k$  such that*

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