

## Explicit solution of heat equation

$$u_t = u_{xx},$$

with

$$u(-1) = u(1) = 0.$$

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clear; close all;

% Grid and initial data:
h = .025; % space step
k = .4*h^2; % time step (try .4 -> .51!)
x = (-1+h:h:1-h)';
t = [0:k:1];
u = abs(x)<.3; % initial data: square wave

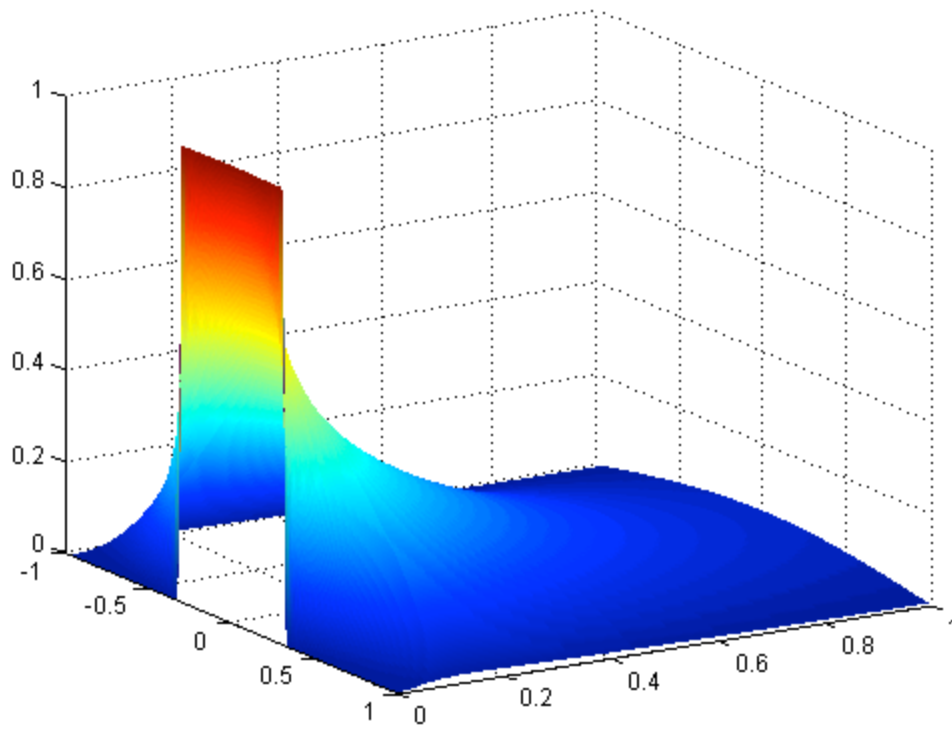
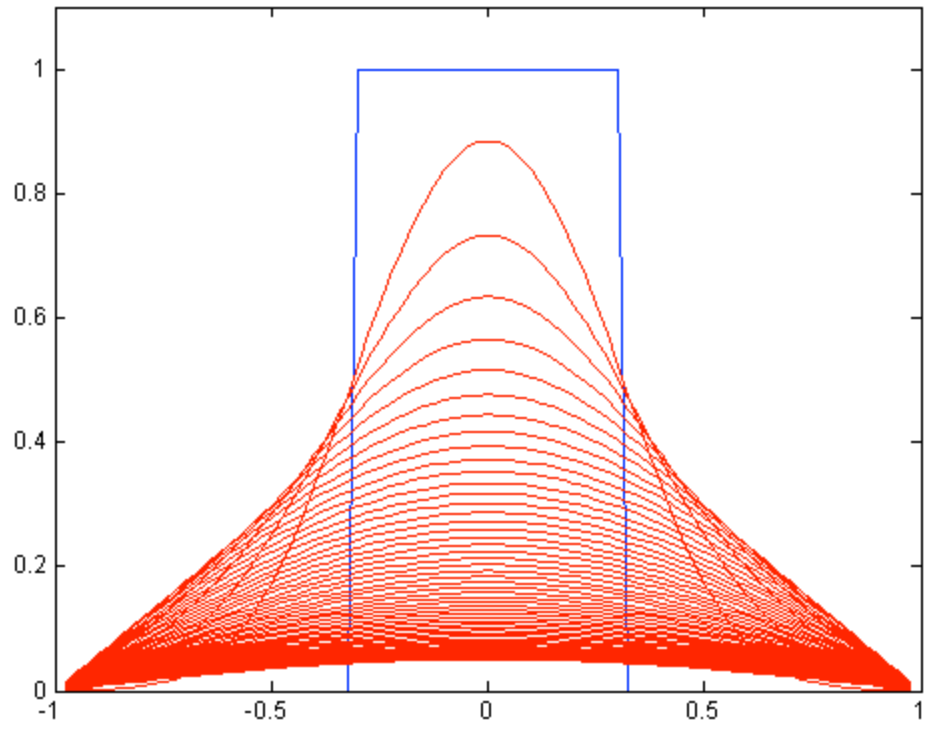
% Matrix to execute finite difference operation:
L = length(x);
a = (1-2*k/h^2);
b = k/h^2;
main = a*ones(L,1);
off = b*ones(L-1,1);
A = diag(main) + diag(off,1) + diag(off,-1);
% A(1,end) = b; A(end,1) = b; % comment this in for periodic BCs

% Time-stepping:
U = zeros(length(t), length(x));
U(1,:) = u;

figure
plot(x, u, 'b');
hold on;
for j = 2:length(t)
    u = A*u;

    U(j,:) = u;
    if mod(j,80) == 0
        plot(x, u, 'r');
    end
end
hold off;
ylim([0 1.1]);

figure
s = surf(x, t, U);
view([58 20]);
set(s, 'EdgeColor', 'none', 'FaceColor', 'interp');
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## Explicit solution of 4th-order diffusion equation:

$$u_t = -u_{xxxx},$$

with

$$u(-1) = u(1) = u'(-1) = u'(1) = 0.$$

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% Grid, initial data, and plotting setup:
h = .025;
x = (-1+h:h:1-h)';
u = abs(x)<.3;
hold off, shg
plt = plot(x,u,'linewidth',4);
axis([-1 1 -.1 1.15]), grid
k = input('k? (e.g. 1e-8, 4e-8, 5e-8, 4.88e-8, 4.89e-8) ');

% Matrix for finite differencing:
L = length(x);
a = (1-6*k/h^4);
b = 4*k/h^4;
c = -k/h^4;
main = a*ones(L,1);
off = b*ones(L-1,1);
off2 = c*ones(L-2,1);
A = diag(main) + diag(off,1) + diag(off,-1) ...
    + diag(off2,2) + diag(off2,-2);

% Time-stepping:
t = 0;
while 1
    u = A*u;
    t = t+k;
    set(plt,'ydata',u)
    title(['t = ' num2str(t)],'fontsize',20)
    drawnow
    pause;
end
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with

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clear; close all;

% Grid, initial data, and plotting setup:
h = .025;
x = (-1+h:h:1-h)';
u = abs(x)<.3;
k = 0.01;
t = [0:k:0.2];

% Matrix for finite differencing:
L = length(x);
a = (1+6*k/h^4);           % note that the signs have changed
b = -4*k/h^4;
c = k/h^4;
main = a*ones(L,1);
off = b*ones(L-1,1);
off2 = c*ones(L-2,1);
B = diag(main) + diag(off,1) + diag(off,-1) ...
    + diag(off2,2) + diag(off2,-2);

% Time-stepping:
U = zeros(length(t), length(x));
U(1,:) = u;

figure
plot(x, u, 'b');
hold on;
for j = 2:length(t)
    u = B\u;           % note B\u, not A*u
    U(j,:) = u;
    plot(x, u, 'r');
end
hold off;
ylim([0 1.1]);

figure
s = surf(x, t, U);
view([58 20]);
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