



A domain decomposition approach to exponential methods for PDEs

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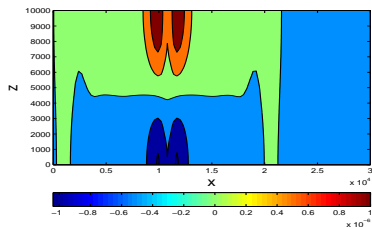
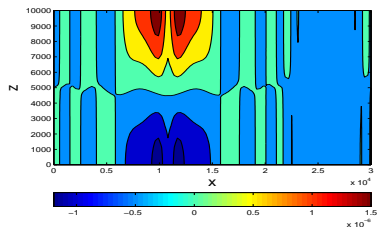
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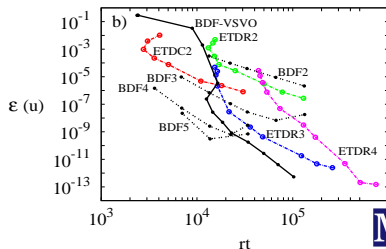
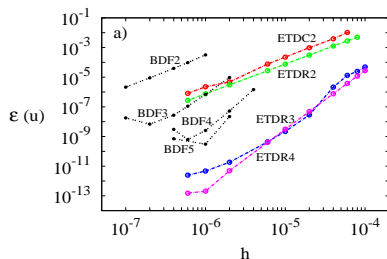
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$$\begin{aligned} |e_{i,j}| &\leq \left(\frac{\rho s}{|i-j|} \right)^{\frac{|i-j|}{s}} \left[e^{\frac{|i-j|}{s}} - \sum_{k=0}^{|i-j|-1} \frac{(|i-j/s|)^k}{k!} \right] \\ &\approx \left(\frac{\rho s}{|i-j|} \right)^{\frac{|i-j|}{s}} \frac{(|i-j/s|)^{|i-j|}}{|i-j|!} \end{aligned}$$

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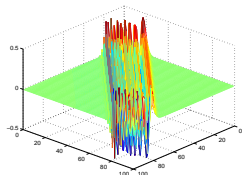
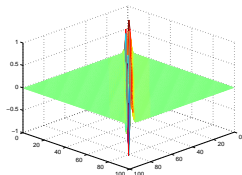
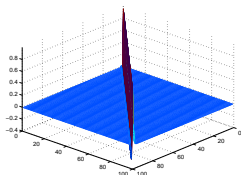
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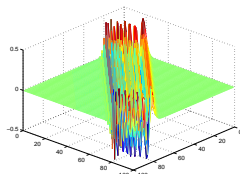
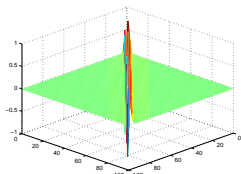
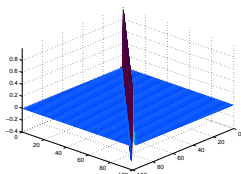


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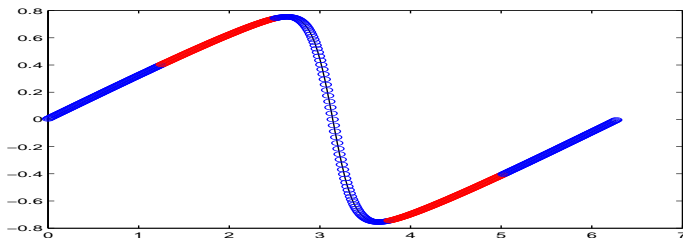
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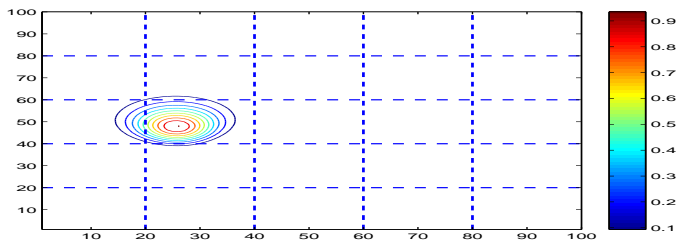
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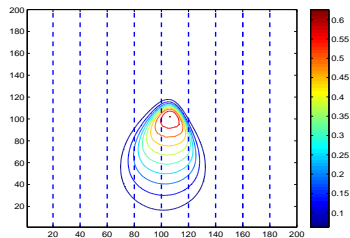
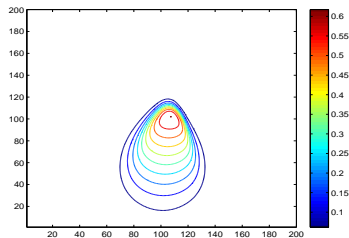
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