



Matrix equations. Application to PDEs

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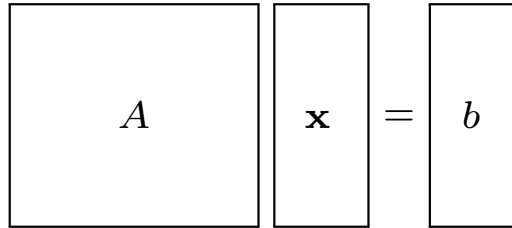
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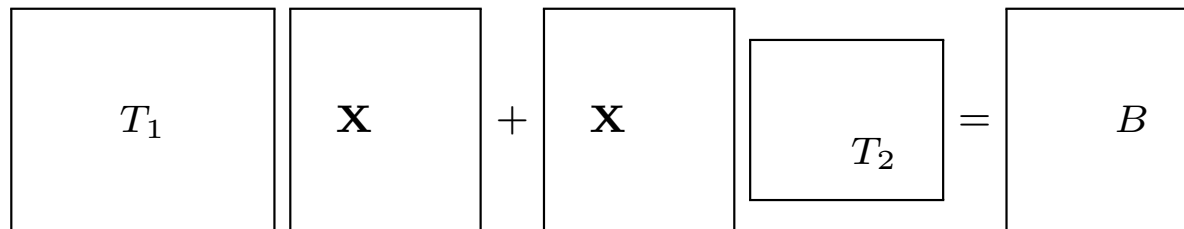
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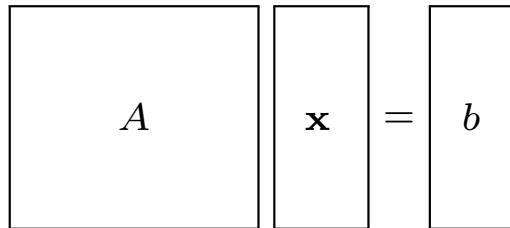


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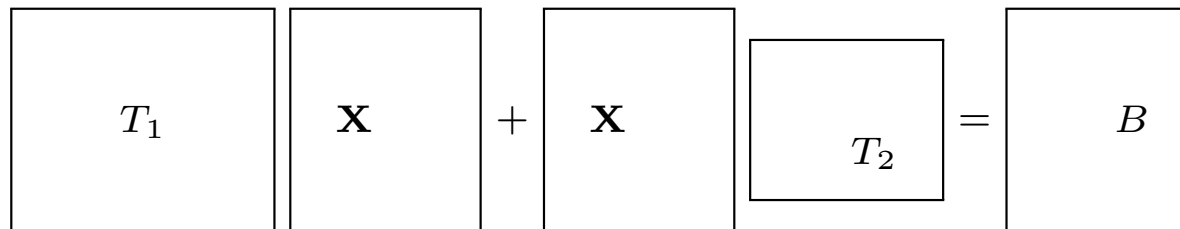
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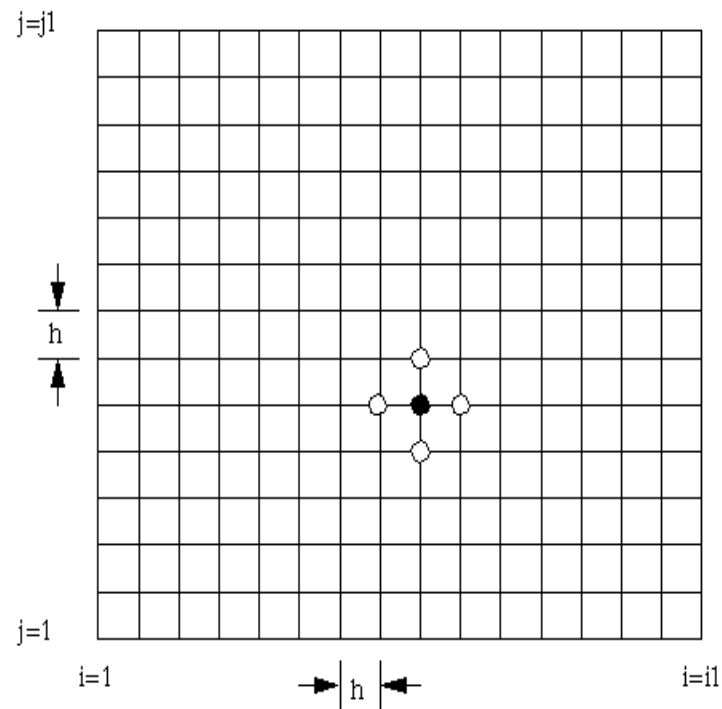
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Remark: In discretizing PDEs with tensor bases, the two problems may be mathematically equivalent !

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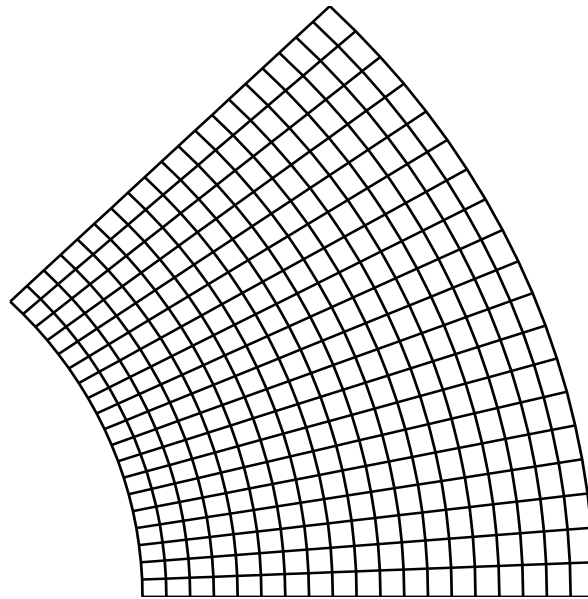
Lexicographic ordering:

$$(M \otimes N) = (M_{i,j} N)_{k,\ell}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = f \quad \mathbf{A} = I \otimes T_1 + T_1 \otimes I, \quad f = \text{vec}(F)$$

A more general domain, with an explicit mapping

$$-u_{xx} - u_{yy} = f, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega$$



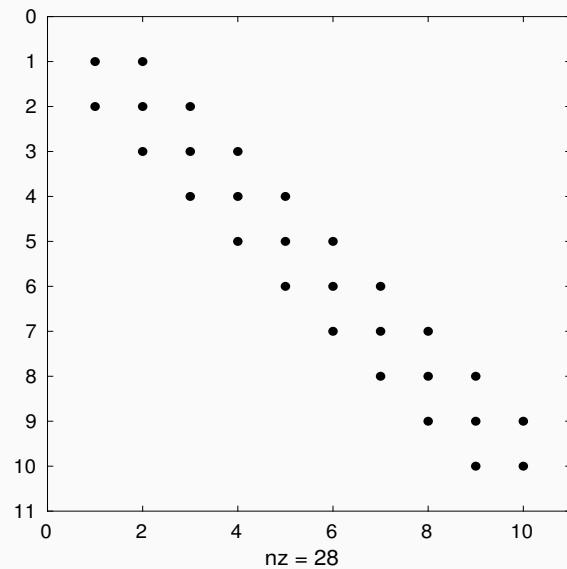
In polar coordinates (r, θ) :
$$-u_{rr} - \frac{1}{r}u_r - u_{\theta\theta} = \tilde{f}$$

\Rightarrow
$$A_1 \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X} A_2 = F$$

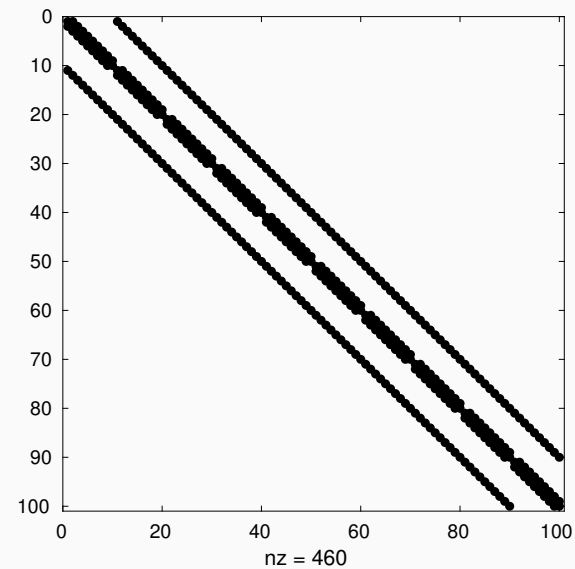
Numerical considerations

$$T_1 \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{U} T_2 = F, \quad T_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times n_i}$$

$$A \mathbf{u} = f \quad A = I \otimes T_1 + T_2 \otimes I \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 n_2 \times n_1 n_2}$$



T_1



A

Two applications

- Time stepping systems of *Reaction-diffusion PDEs*:

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- All-at-once *Heat equation*:

$$u_t + \Delta u = f, \quad u = u(x, y, z, t) \in \Omega \times \mathcal{I},$$

with $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathcal{I} = (0, \tau)$ and zero Dirichlet b.c.

Systems of Reaction-diffusion PDEs

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with $u(x, y, 0) = u_0(x, y)$, $v(x, y, 0) = v_0(x, y)$, and appropriate b.c. on Ω

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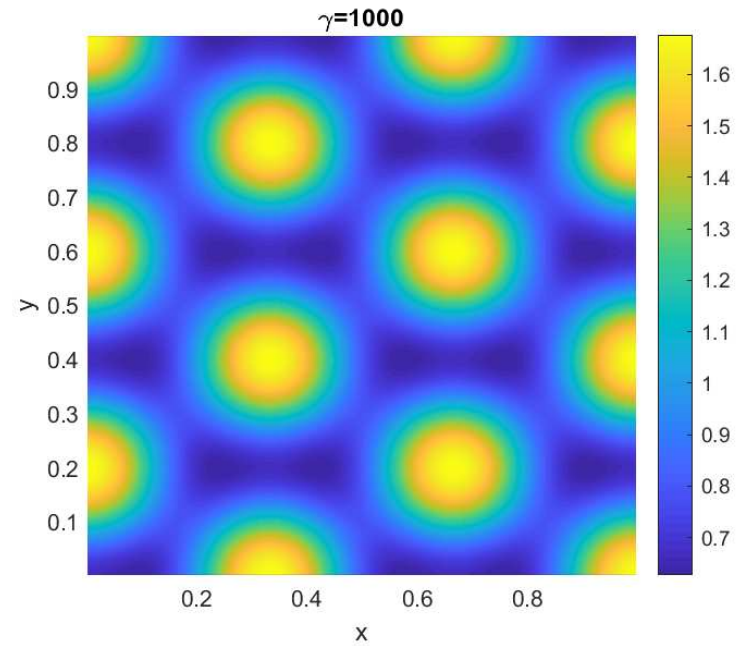
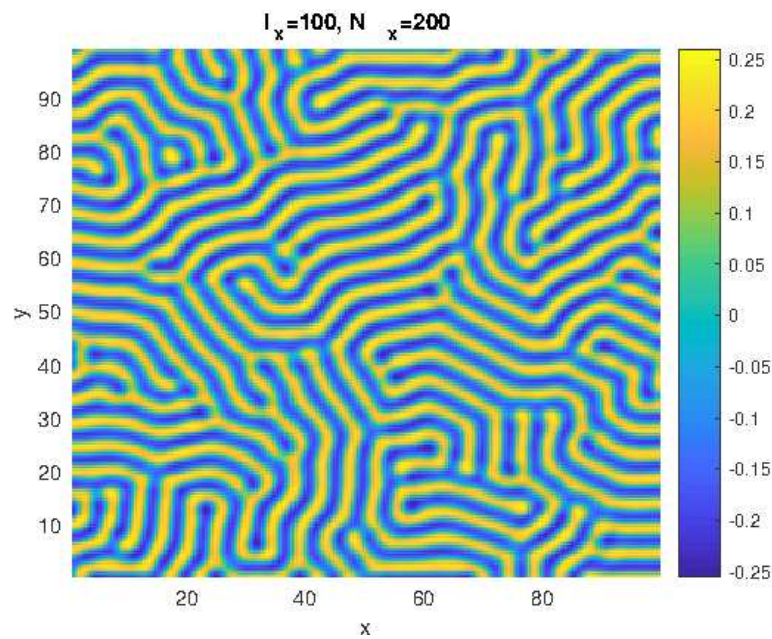
Applications:

chemistry, biology, ecology, and more recently in metal growth by electrodeposition, tumor growth, biomedicine and cell motility

\Rightarrow spatial patterns such as labyrinths, spots, stripes

Joint work with M.C. D'Autilia & I. Sgura, Università di Lecce

Long term spatial patterns



Labyrinths, spots, stripes, etc.

Numerical modelling issues

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \ell_1(u) + f_1(u, v), \\ v_t = \ell_2(v) + f_2(u, v), \end{cases} \quad \text{with } (x, y) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \quad t \in]0, T]$$

- Problem is **stiff**
 - Use appropriate time discretizations
 - Time stepping constraints
- Pattern visible only after long time period
(transient unstable phase)
- Pattern visible only if domain is well represented

Space discretization of the reaction-diffusion PDE

ℓ_i : elliptic operator $\Rightarrow \ell_i(u) \approx A_i \mathbf{u}$, so that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{u}} = A_1 \mathbf{u} + f_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}), & \mathbf{u}(0) = \mathbf{u}_0, \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}} = A_2 \mathbf{v} + f_2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}), & \mathbf{v}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0 \end{cases}$$

Key fact: Ω simple domain, e.g., $\Omega = [0, \ell_x] \times [0, \ell_y]$. Therefore

$$A_i = I_y \otimes T_{1i} + T_{2i}^\top \otimes I_x \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x N_y \times N_x N_y}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow A\mathbf{u} = \text{vec}(T_1 U + U T_2)$$

Matrix-oriented formulation of reaction-diffusion PDEs

$$\begin{cases} \dot{U} = T_{11}U + UT_{12} + F_1(U, V), & U(0) = U_0, \\ \dot{V} = T_{21}V + VT_{22} + F_2(U, V), & V(0) = V_0 \end{cases}$$

$F_i(U, V)$ nonlinear vector function $f(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ evaluated componentwise

$\text{vec}(U_0) = \mathbf{u}_0$, $\text{vec}(V_0) = \mathbf{v}_0$, initial conditions

Remark: Computational strategies for time stepping can exploit this setting

For simplicity of exposition, we consider $\dot{\mathbf{u}} = A\mathbf{u} + f(\mathbf{u})$, that is

$$\dot{U} = T_1U + UT_2 + F(U), \quad (x, y) \in \Omega, \quad t \in]0, T]$$

Time stepping Matrix-oriented methods

IMEX methods

1. *First order Euler:* $\mathbf{u}_{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_n = h_t(A\mathbf{u}_{n+1} + f(\mathbf{u}_n))$ so that

$$(I - h_t A)\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_n + h_t f(\mathbf{u}_n), \quad n = 0, \dots, N_t - 1$$

Matrix-oriented form: $U_{n+1} - U_n = h_t(T_1 U_{n+1} + U_{n+1} T_2) + h_t F(U_n)$,

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2. *Second order SBDF*, known as IMEX 2-SBDF method

$$3\mathbf{u}_{n+2} - 4\mathbf{u}_{n+1} + \mathbf{u}_n = 2h_t\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_{n+2} + 2h_t(2f(\mathbf{u}_{n+1}) - f(\mathbf{u}_n)), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N_t$$

Matrix-oriented form: for $n = 0, \dots, N_t - 2$,

$$(3I - 2h_t T_1) \mathbf{U}_{n+2} + \mathbf{U}_{n+2} (-2h_t T_2) = 4U_{n+1} - U_n + 2h_t(2F(U_{n+1}) - F(U_n))$$

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Exponential integrator

Exponential first order Euler method:

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = e^{h_t A} \mathbf{u}_n + h_t \varphi_1(h_t A) f(\mathbf{u}_n)$$

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Matrix-oriented form: since $e^{h_t A} \mathbf{u} = \left(e^{h_t T_2^T} \otimes e^{h_t T_1} \right) \mathbf{u} = \text{vec}(e^{h_t T_1} U e^{h_t T_2})$

1. Compute $E_1 = e^{h_t T_1}$, $E_2 = e^{h_t T_2^T}$
2. For each n

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve} \quad & T_1 \mathbf{V}_n + \mathbf{V}_n T_2 = E_1 F(U_n) E_2^T - F(U_n) \\ \text{Compute} \quad & U_{n+1} = E_1 U_n E_2^T + h_t V_n \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

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Computational issues:

- Dimensions of T_1, T_2 very modest
- T_1, T_2 quasi-symmetric (non-symmetry due to b.c.)
- T_1, T_2 do not depend on time step

♣ Matrix-oriented form all in spectral space (after eigenvector transformation)

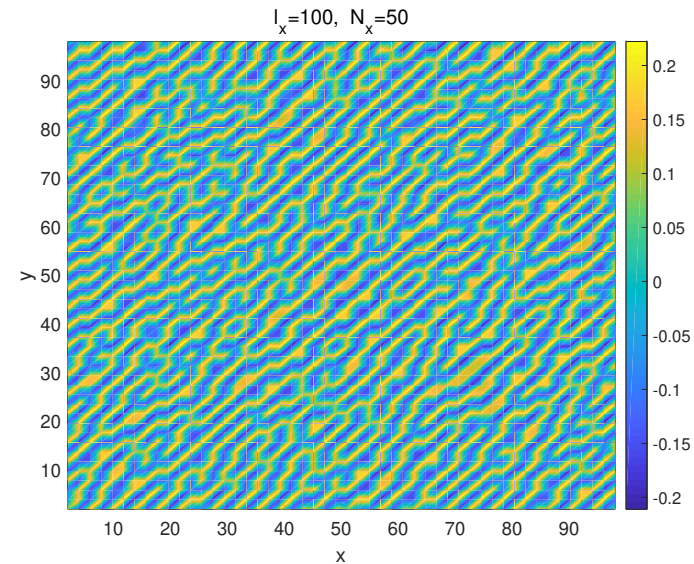
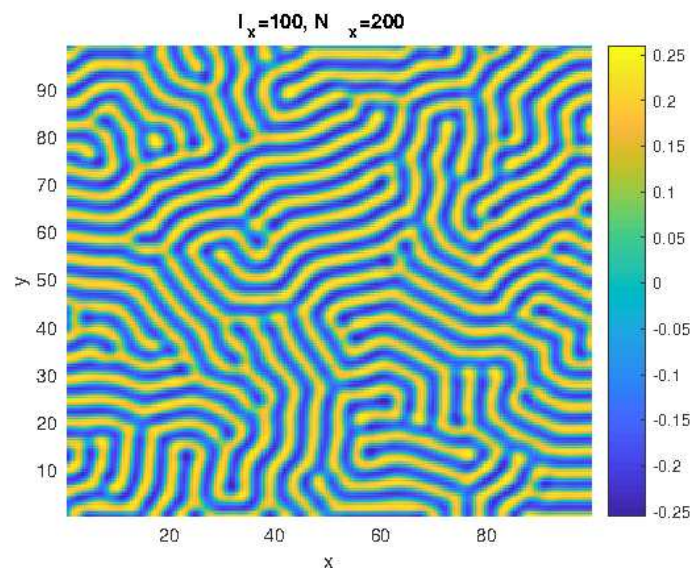
A numerical example of system of RD-PDEs

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Turing pattern



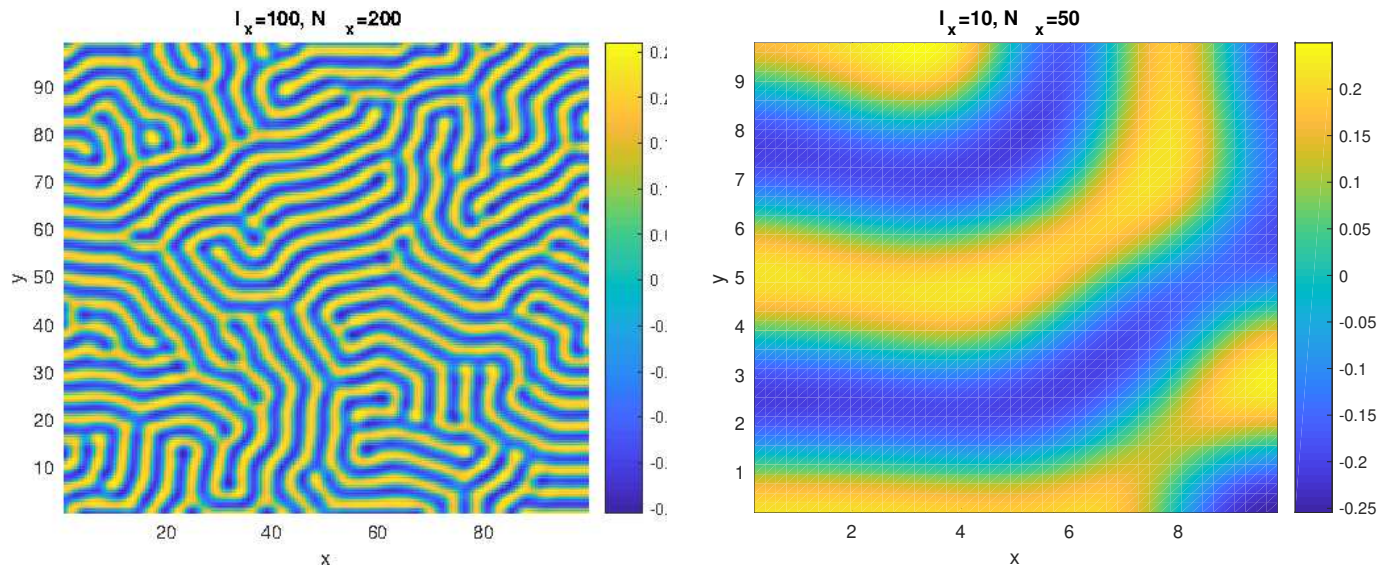
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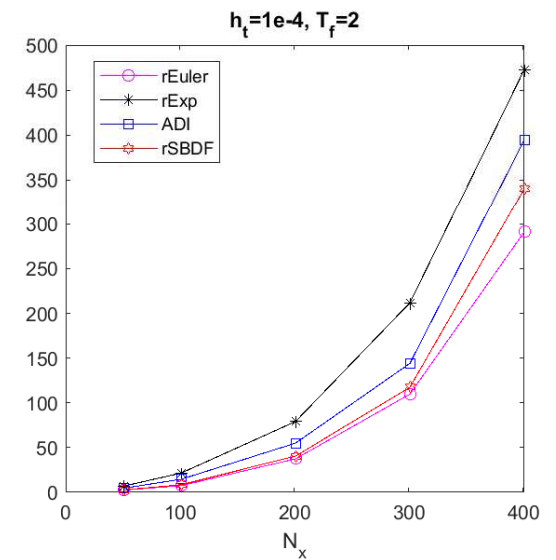
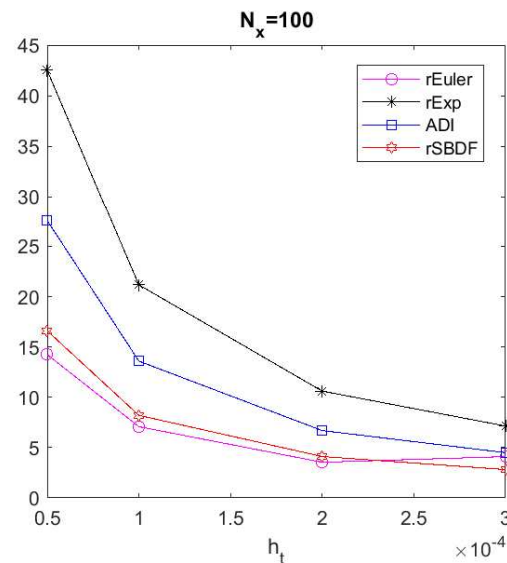
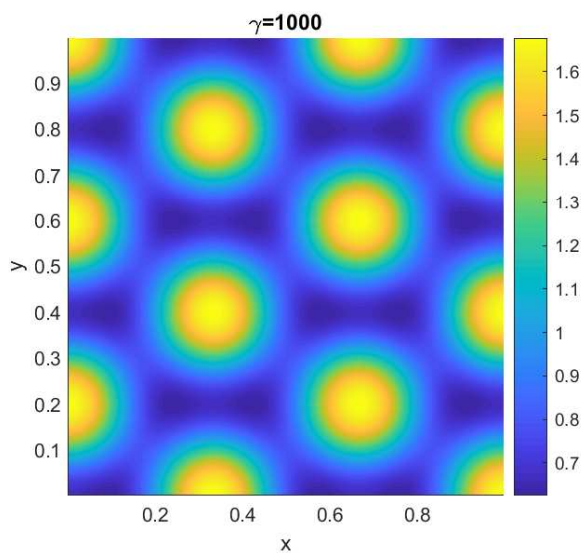
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Schnackenberg model

$$f_1(u, v) = \gamma(a - u + u^2v), \quad f_2(u, v) = \gamma(b - u^2v)$$



Left plot: Turing pattern solution for $\gamma = 1000$ ($N_x = 400$)

Center plot: CPU times (sec), $N_x = 100$ variation of h_t

Right plot: CPU times (sec), $h_t = 10^{-4}$, increasing values of $N_x = 50, 100, 200, 300, 400$

All-at-once heat equation

$$u_t + Ku = f \quad u(0) = 0 \quad (\text{for convenience})$$

Variational formulation

$$\text{find } u \in U : \quad b(u, v) = \langle f, v \rangle \quad \text{for all } v \in V$$

where

$$V := L_2(\mathcal{I}; H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$b(u, v) := \int_0^\mathcal{T} \int_\Omega u_t(t, x) v(t, x) dx dt + \int_0^\mathcal{T} a(u(t), v(t)) dt$$

$$\langle f, v \rangle := \int_0^\mathcal{T} \int_\Omega f(t, x) v(t, x) dx dt.$$

♣ It can be shown that this formulation is well-posed

Joint work with J. Henning, D. Palitta and K. Urban

All-at-once heat equation. Discretized problem

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Remark: This discretization coincides with Crank–Nicolson scheme if trapezoidal approximation of the rhs temporal integration is used

The final linear system

$$B_\delta^\top u_\delta = f_\delta$$

where

$$[B_\delta]_{(k,i),(l,j)} = (\dot{\sigma}^k, \tau^\ell)_{L_2(\mathcal{I})} (\phi_i, \phi_j)_{L_2(\Omega)} + (\sigma^k, \tau^\ell)_{L_2(\mathcal{I})} a(\phi_i, \phi_j),$$

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This yields the generalized Sylvester equation:

$$M_h \mathbf{U}_\delta D_{\Delta t} + K_h \mathbf{U}_\delta C_{\Delta t} = F_\delta, \quad \text{with } F_\delta = [g_1, \dots, g_P][h_1, \dots, h_P]^\top$$

F_δ matrix of low rank \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}_δ approx by low rank matrix $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_\delta$

A simple example

$\Omega = (-1, 1)^3$, with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions

$\mathcal{I} = (0, 10)$ and initial conditions $u(0, x, y, z) \equiv 0$

$f(t, x, y, z) := 10 \sin(t)t \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}x) \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}y) \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}z)$ (F_δ is thus low rank)

N_h	N_t	RKSM				CN
		Its	μ_{mem}	$\text{rank}(\tilde{U}_\delta)$	Time (s)	Time (s)
41 300	100	18	19	11	101.32	296.16
	300	18	19	10	100.19	871.38
	500	18	19	10	101.92	1 468.40
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	300	20	21	9	4289.21	41 701.10
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Conclusions and Outlook

Large-scale linear matrix equations are a new computational tool

- Matrix-oriented versions lead to computational and numerical advantages
- Matrix equation challenges rely on strength of linear system solvers

Outlook:

- Large scale Nonlinear time-dependent problems with DEIM
- Matrix-oriented 3D time-dependent problems require tensors
- Low-rank tensor equations require new thinking

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