

Tikhonov Regularisation for (Large) Inverse Problems

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In finite dimensions existence and uniqueness can be imposed, but

- discrete problem of underlying ill-posed problem becomes **ill-conditioned**
- **singular values of A decay to zero**

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Discretisation

- use a piecewise smooth source $\mathbf{f}$
- determine $\mathbf{A}$ using standard numerical quadrature;

$$(\mathbf{A})_{ij} = hC \exp\left(-\frac{((i-j)h)^2}{2\gamma^2}\right), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad h = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\gamma = 0.05, \quad C = \frac{1}{\gamma\sqrt{2\pi}}.$$

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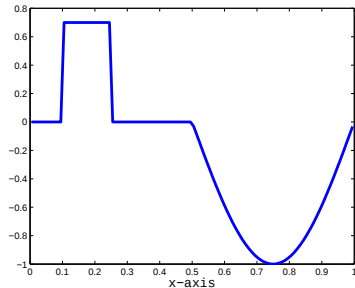


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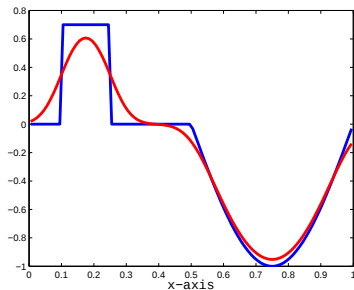


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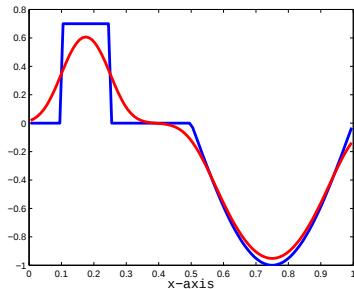


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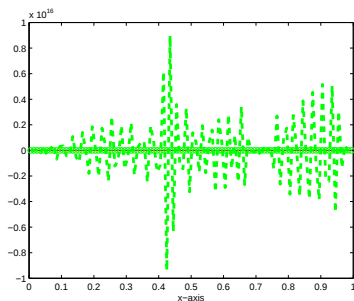


Figure: Naive Solution

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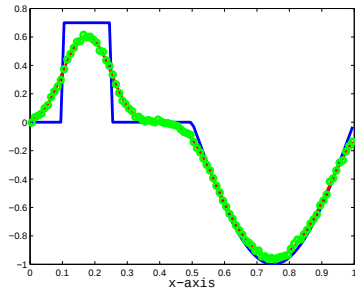


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Singular Value Decomposition

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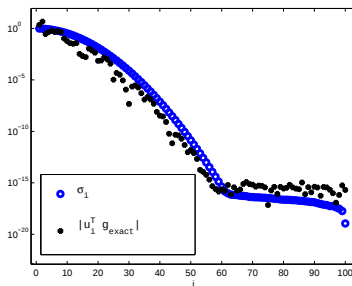
where

- $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$ and $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$
- $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$

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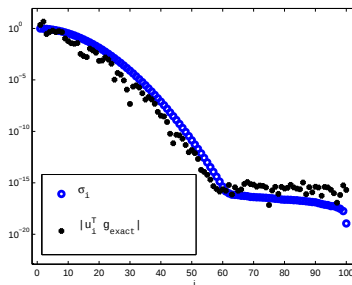
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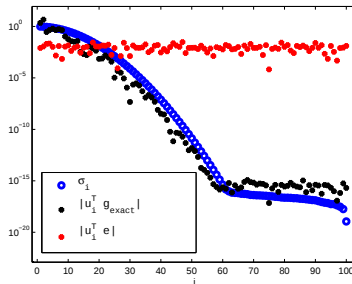
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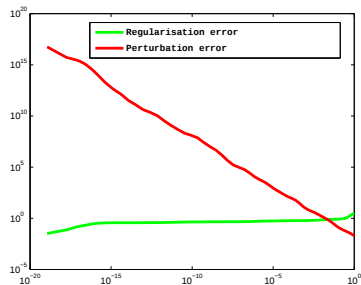


Figure: Regularisation and perturbation error

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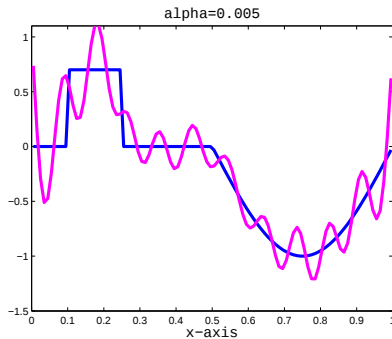


Figure: α too small

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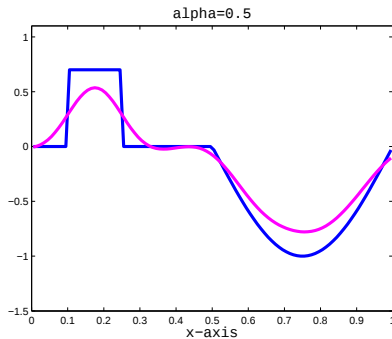


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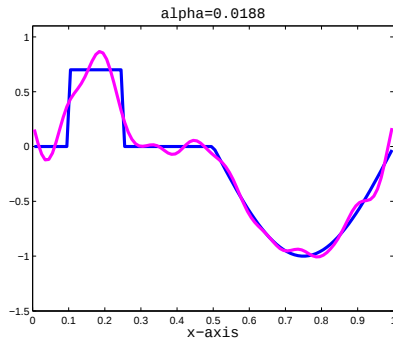


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Assimilation algorithms

- find an (approximate) state of the atmosphere $\mathbf{x}_i$ at times i (usually $i = 0$)
- $\mathbf{x}_i^A$: Analysis (estimation of the true state after the DA)
- forecast future states of the atmosphere

Schematics of Data Assimilation

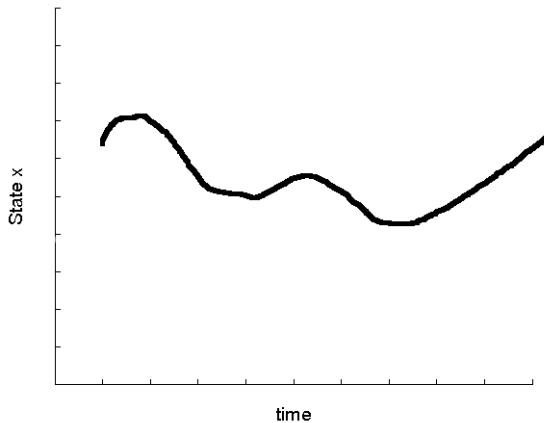


Figure: Background state x^B

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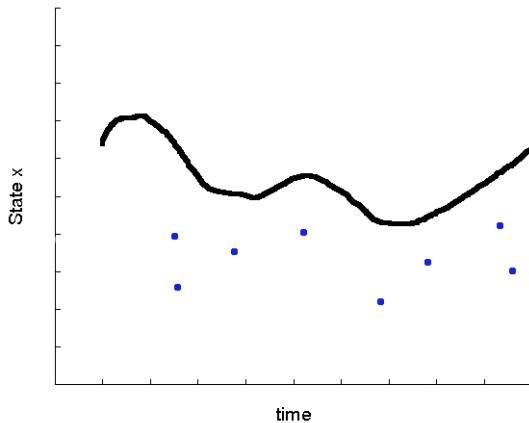


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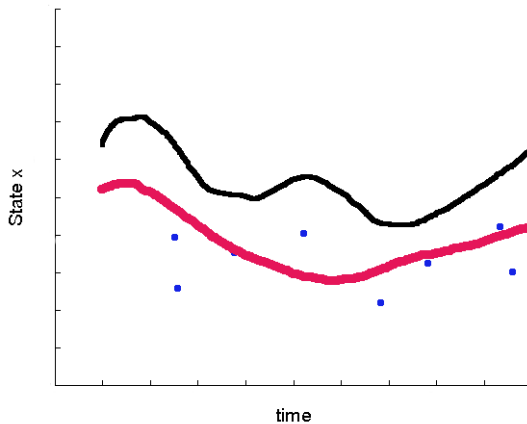
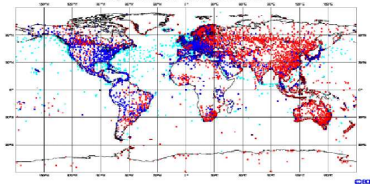


Figure: Analysis $\mathbf{x}^A$ (consistent with observations and model dynamics)

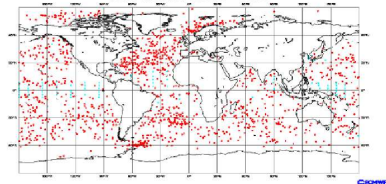
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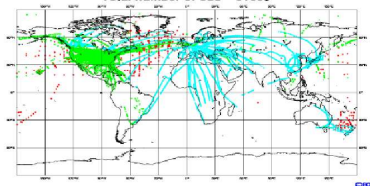
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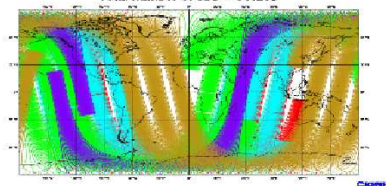
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- observation error $\varepsilon^O = \mathbf{y} - H(\mathbf{x}^{\text{Truth}})$ and covariance matrix $\mathbf{R} = \overline{(\varepsilon^O - \bar{\varepsilon}^O)(\varepsilon^O - \bar{\varepsilon}^O)^T}$
- Non-trivial errors: $\mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{R}$ are positive definite
- **Uncorrelated errors:** $\overline{(\mathbf{x}^B - \mathbf{x}^{\text{Truth}})(\mathbf{y} - H(\mathbf{x}^{\text{Truth}}))^T} = 0$

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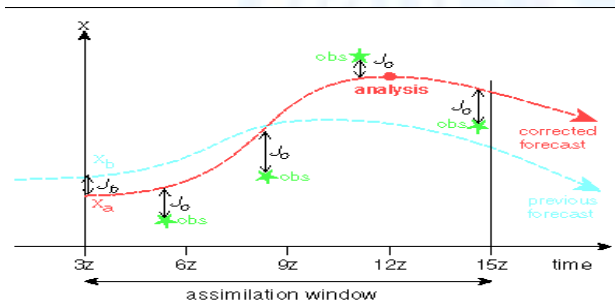


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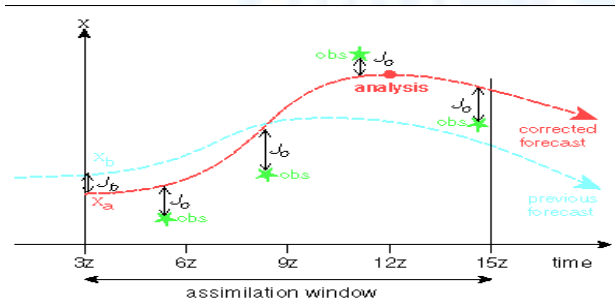


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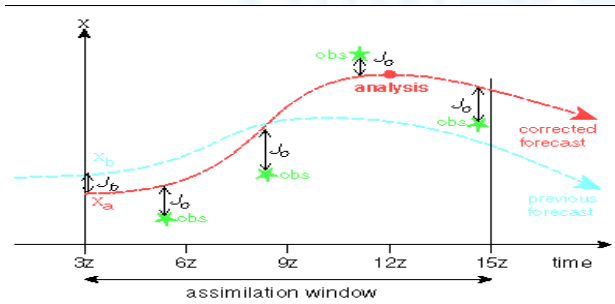


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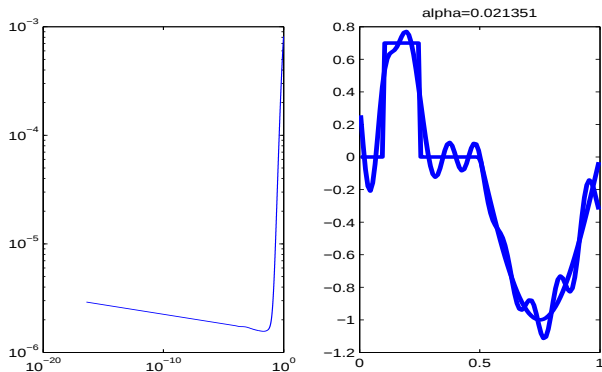


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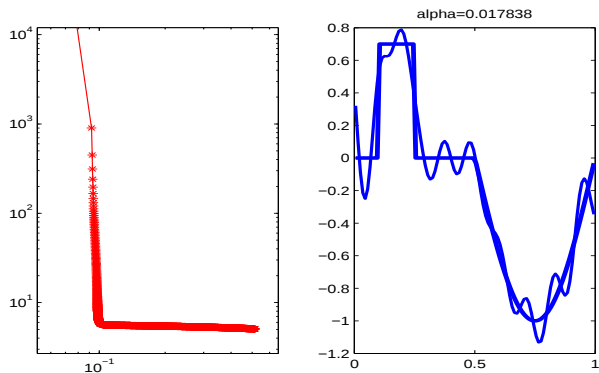


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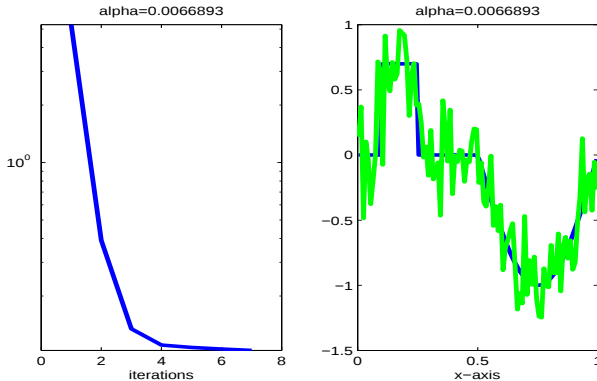


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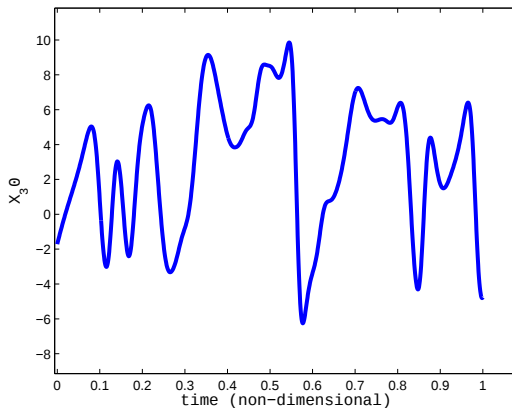
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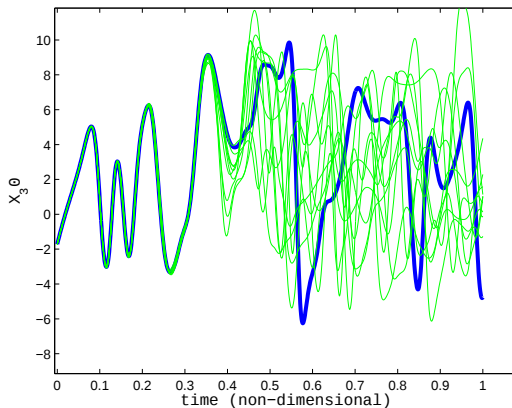


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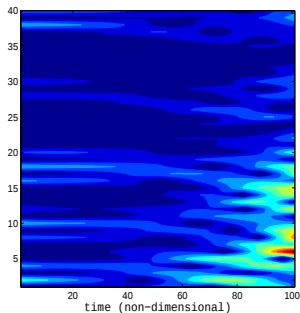


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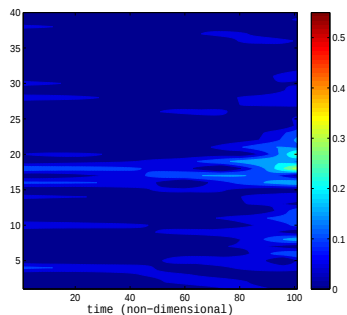


Figure: Generalised Cross-Validation

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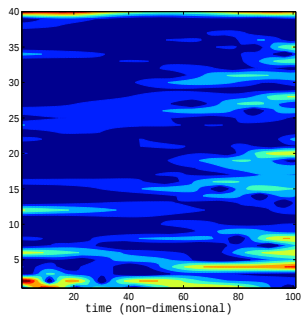


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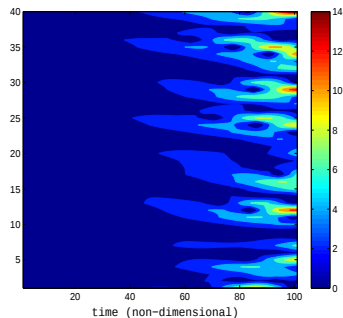


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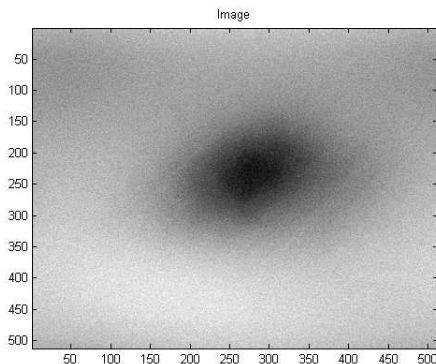


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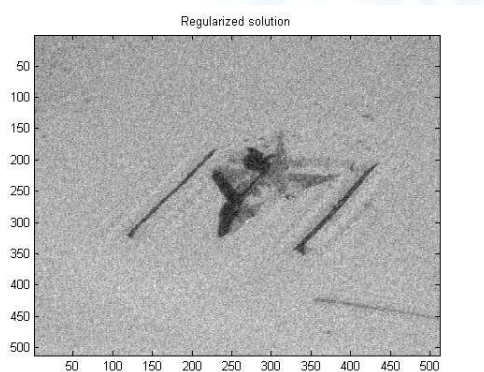


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2 Regularisation Methods

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and split $\mathbf{v}$ into its positive and negative part:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}^+ - \mathbf{v}^-$$

where

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subject to

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or

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{l}^T \mathbf{w} \right\}$$

subject to

$$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F}\mathbf{w} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

where

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} & & \\ & \mathbf{0} & \\ & & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{l} = \begin{bmatrix} -2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & & \\ & -\mathbf{I} & \\ & & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example 1 - Linear advection equation

$$u_t + u_z = 0,$$

on the interval $z \in [0, 1]$, with periodic boundary conditions. The initial solution is a square wave defined by

$$u(z, 0) = \begin{cases} 0.5 & 0.25 < z < 0.5 \\ -0.5 & z < 0.25 \text{ or } z > 0.5. \end{cases}$$

This wave moves through the time interval, the model equations are defined by the upwind scheme

$$\begin{aligned} U_j^{n+1} &= U_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta z} (U_j^n - U_{j-1}^n), \\ U_0^{n+1} &= U_N^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $j = 1, \dots, N$, $\Delta z = \frac{1}{N}$ and n is the number of time steps. We take $N = 100$, $\Delta t = 0.005$.

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Setup

- length of the assimilation window: 40 time steps
- perfect observations, noisy and sparse observations
- $\mathbf{R} = 0.01$.
- $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{B} = 0.1e^{-\frac{|i-j|}{2L^2}}$, where $L = 5$

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4DVar - perfect and full observations, $B = I$

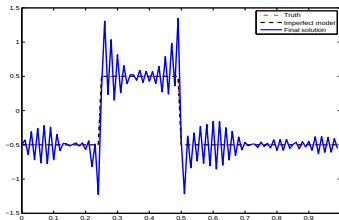


Figure: $t = 0$

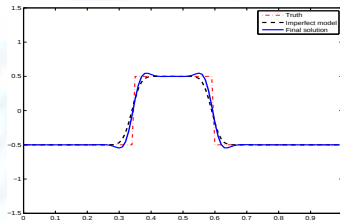


Figure: $t = 20$

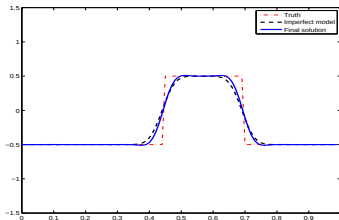


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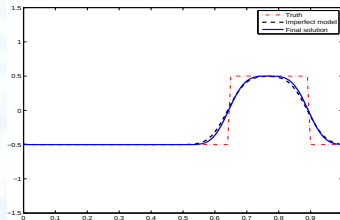


Figure: $t = 80$

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L1 - perfect and full observations, $B = I$

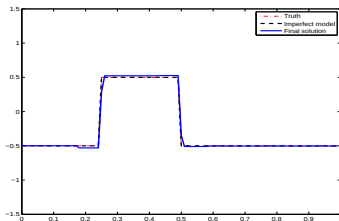


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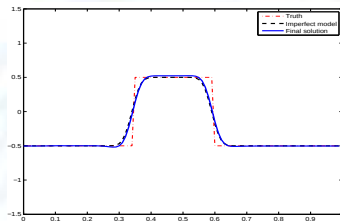


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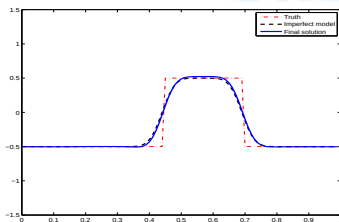


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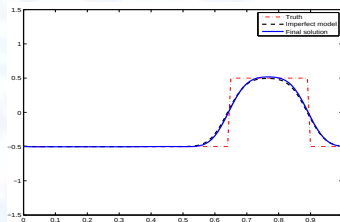
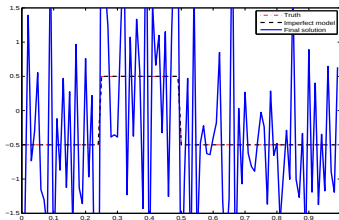
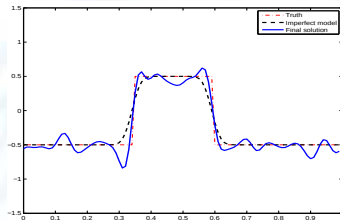
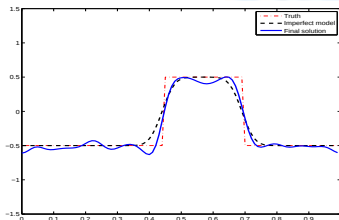
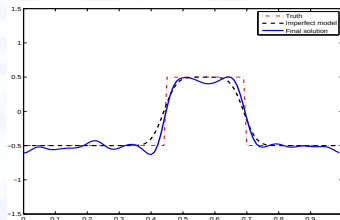


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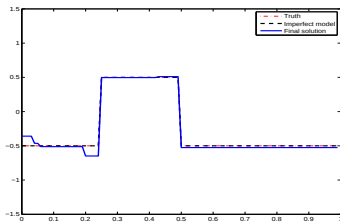


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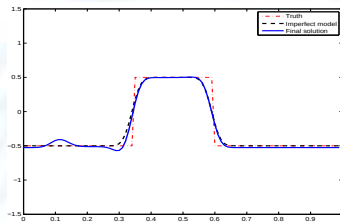


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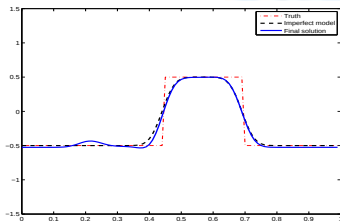


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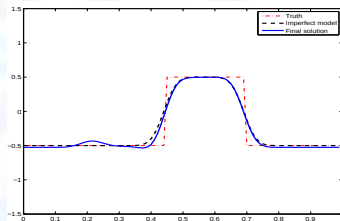


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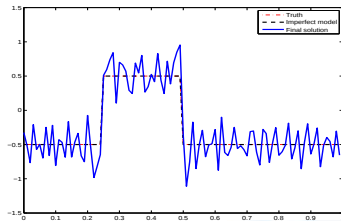


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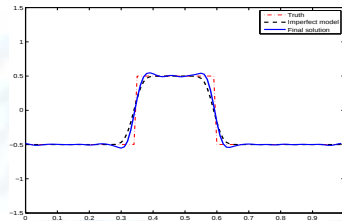


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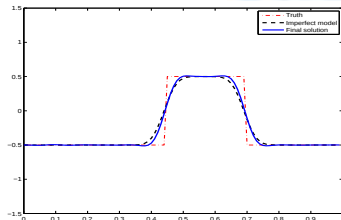


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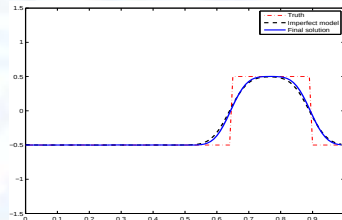
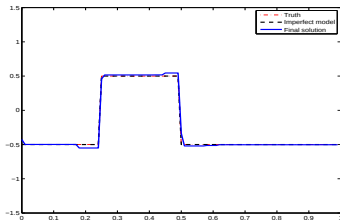
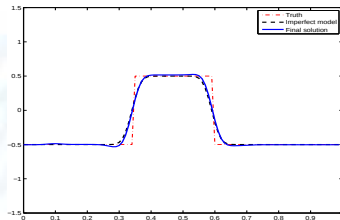
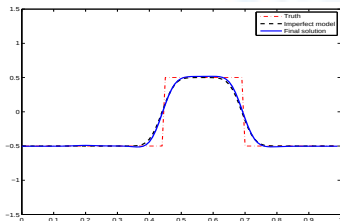
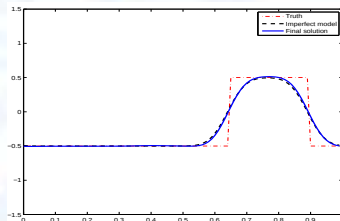


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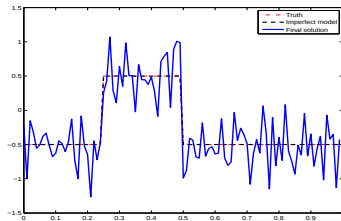


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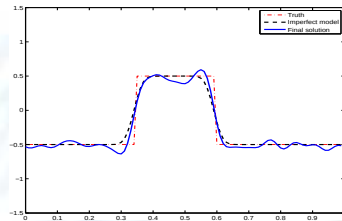


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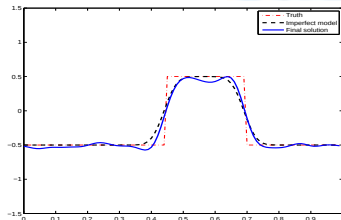


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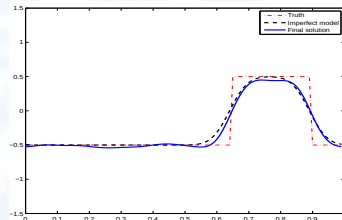


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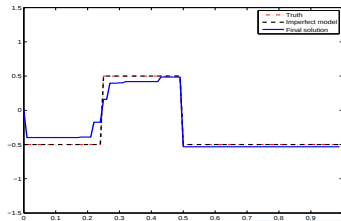


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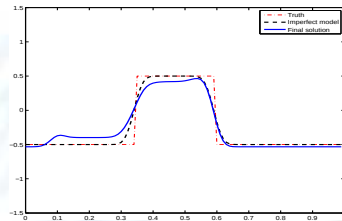


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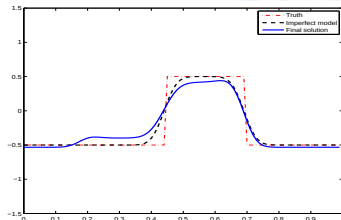


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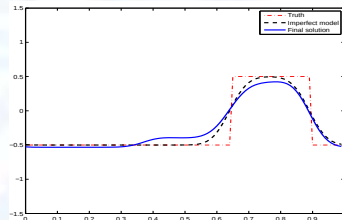


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Example 2 - Burgers' equation

$$u_t + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = u + f(u)_x = 0, \quad f(u) = \frac{1}{2}u^2$$

with initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq x < 2.5 \\ 0.5 & 2.5 \leq x \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

Discretising

$$x(j) = 10(j - 1/2)\Delta x; \quad U^0(x(j)) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq x(j) < 2.5 \\ 0.5 & 2.5 \leq x(j) \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

where $j = 1, \dots, N$, $\Delta x = \frac{1}{N}$ and n is the number of time steps. We take $N = 100$, $\Delta t = 0.001$.

Exact solution and model error

Exact solution - method of characteristics

Riemann problem

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq x < 2.5 + st \\ 0.5 & 2.5 + st \leq x \leq 10, \end{cases}$$

where $s = 1.25$

Numerical solution - model error

- the Lax-Friedrichs method (smearing out the shock)

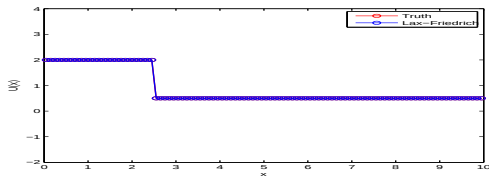
$$U_j^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(U_{j-1}^n + U_{j+1}^n) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x}(f(U_{j+1}^n) - f(U_{j-1}^n)).$$

- the Lax-Wendroff method (oscillations near the shock).

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x}(f(U_{j+1}^n) - f(U_{j-1}^n)) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2\Delta x^2} \left(A_{j+\frac{1}{2}}(f(U_{j+1}^n) - f(U_j^n)) - A_{j-\frac{1}{2}}(f(U_j^n) - f(U_{j-1}^n)) \right)$$

Visualisation - Truth trajectory and numerical solution

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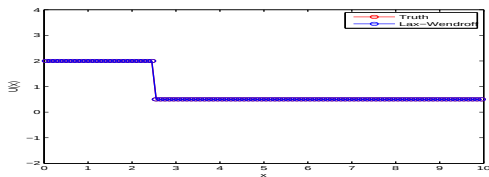
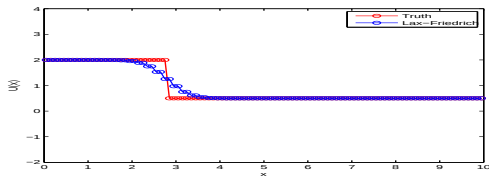


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Figure: $t = 25$

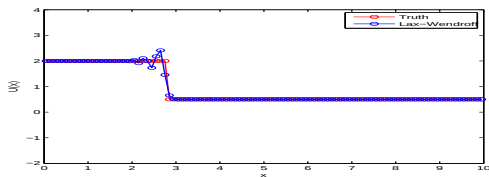
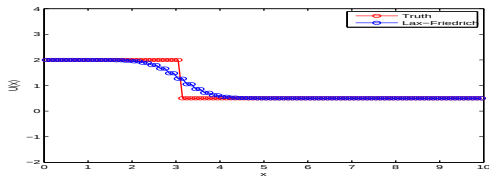


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Lax-Wendroff method

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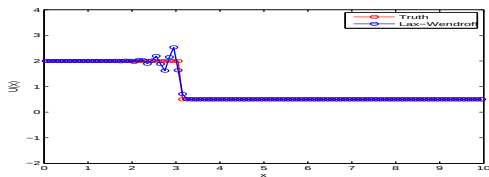
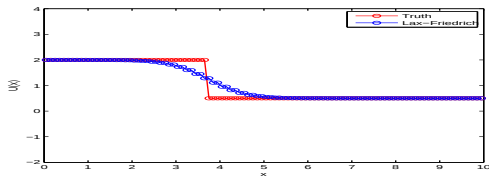


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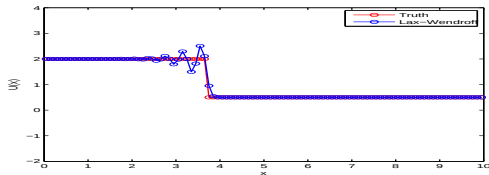
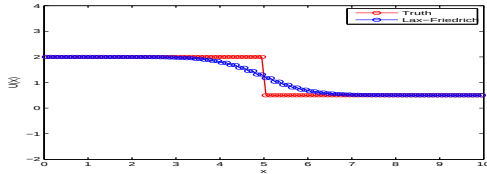


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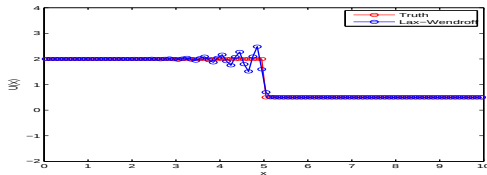


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Setup

- length of the assimilation window: 100 time steps
- noisy and sparse observations
- $\mathbf{R} = 0.01$.
- $\mathbf{B} = 0.1e^{-\frac{|i-j|}{2L^2}}$, where $L = 5$

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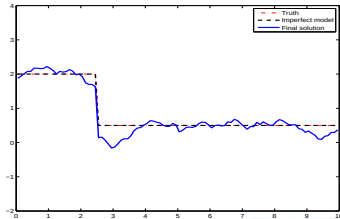


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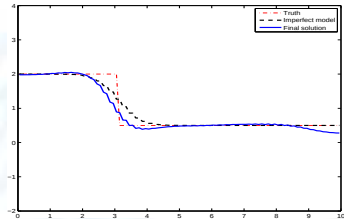


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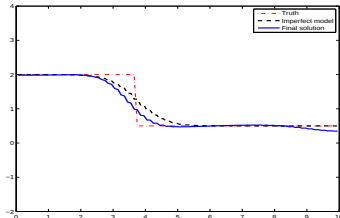


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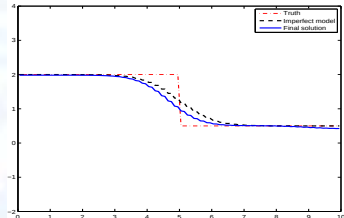


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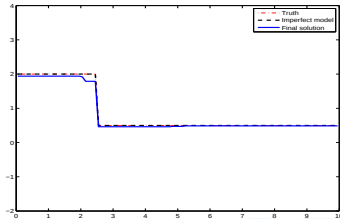


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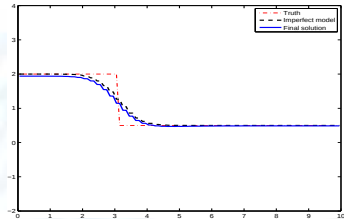


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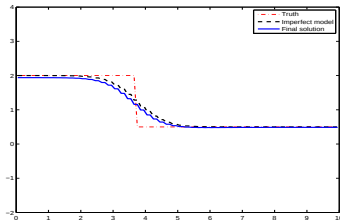


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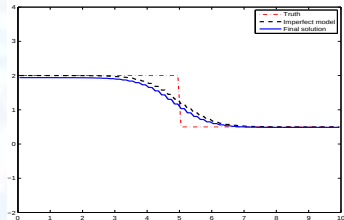


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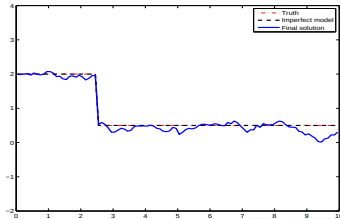


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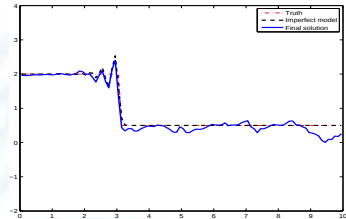


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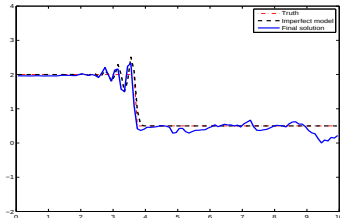


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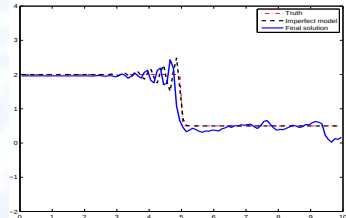


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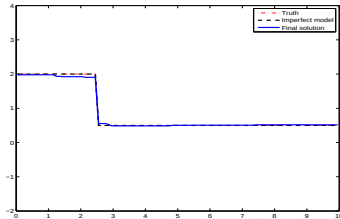


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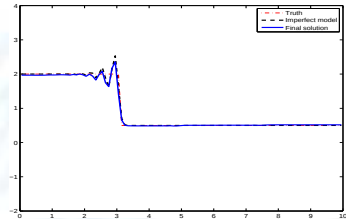


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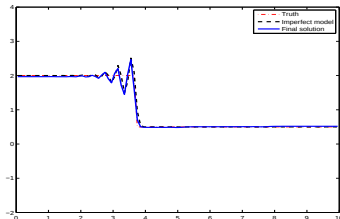


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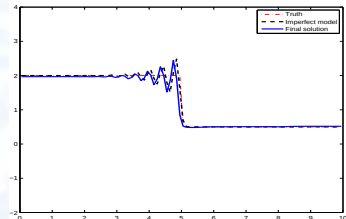


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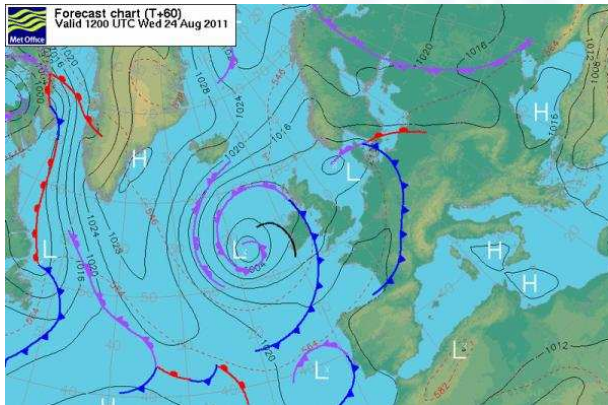


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