

5, Nonlinear Equations and Nonlinear PDE

Nonlinear equation:

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 = 5,$$

- Iterative method
- Newton-Raphson method
- Secant Method

Nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$i \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + |U|^2 U = 0$$

- Crank-Nicholson method
- Split-Step Fast Fourier Transform
- Pseudospectral method

Newton-Raphson method

- ➔ Newton-Raphson method for root finding,

$$\text{Given } F_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{J} \cdot \delta\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{O}(\delta\mathbf{x}^2) = 0,$$

where the Jacobian matrix \mathbf{J} :

$$J_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}.$$

and the new solution $\mathbf{x}_{new} = \mathbf{x}_{old} + \delta\mathbf{x}$, with

$$\mathbf{J} \cdot \delta\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{F}.$$

- ➔ For the boundary condition at x_2 , we have a correction term for \mathbf{V}

$$\mathbf{J} \cdot \delta\mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{F}.$$

- ➔ Then adding the correction back until it converges,

$$\mathbf{v}^{new} = \mathbf{v}^{old} + \delta\mathbf{V}.$$

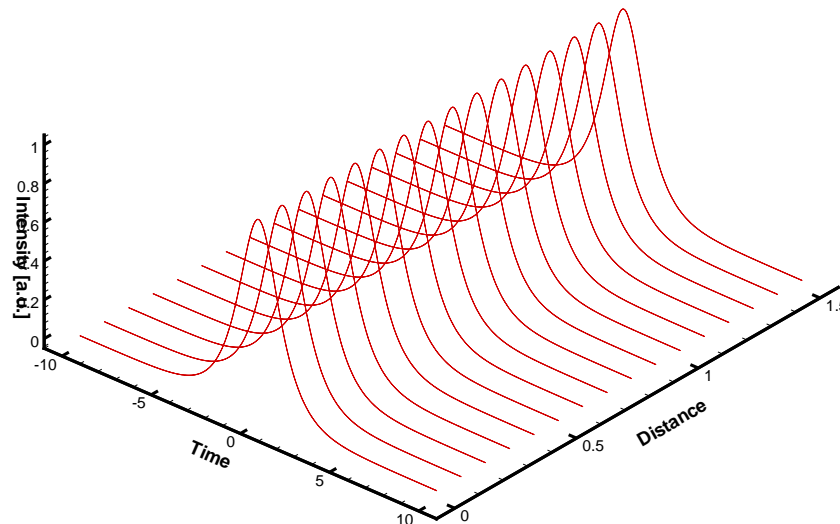
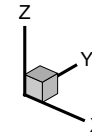
Solitons in optical fibers

Nonlinear Schrödinger Equations: Hermitian System

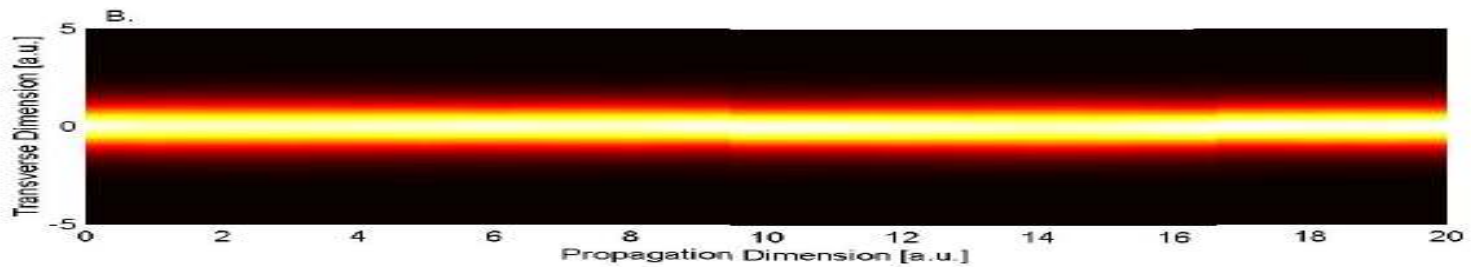
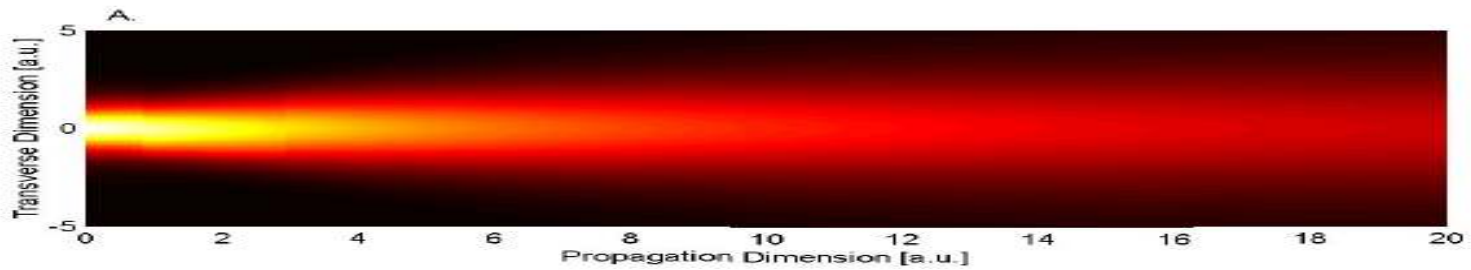
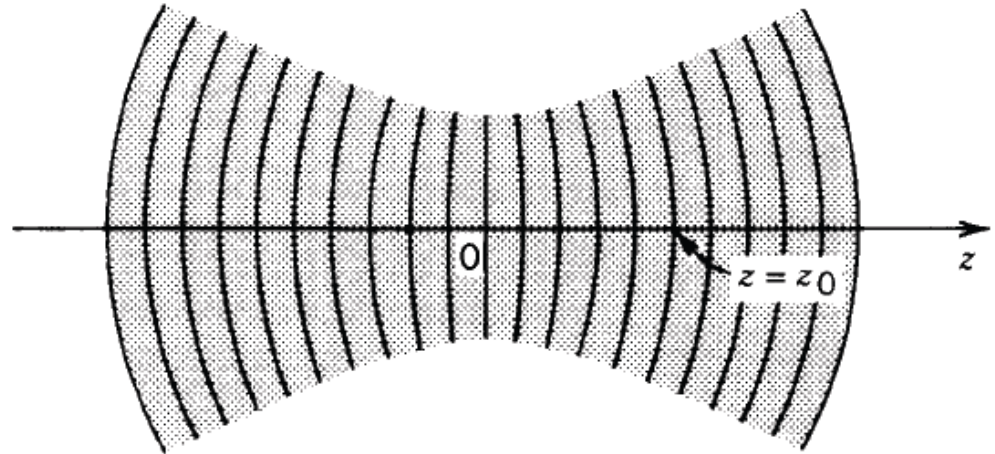
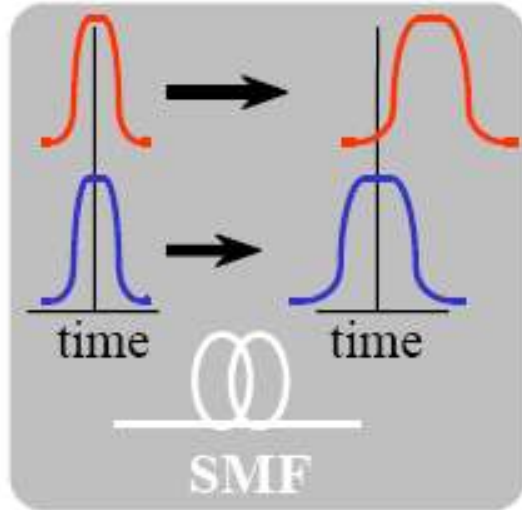
$$iU_z = -\frac{D}{2}U_{tt} - |U|^2U \quad , \text{i.e.}$$

$$i\hbar\Psi_t = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi + \mathcal{V}\Psi = \mathcal{H}\Psi$$

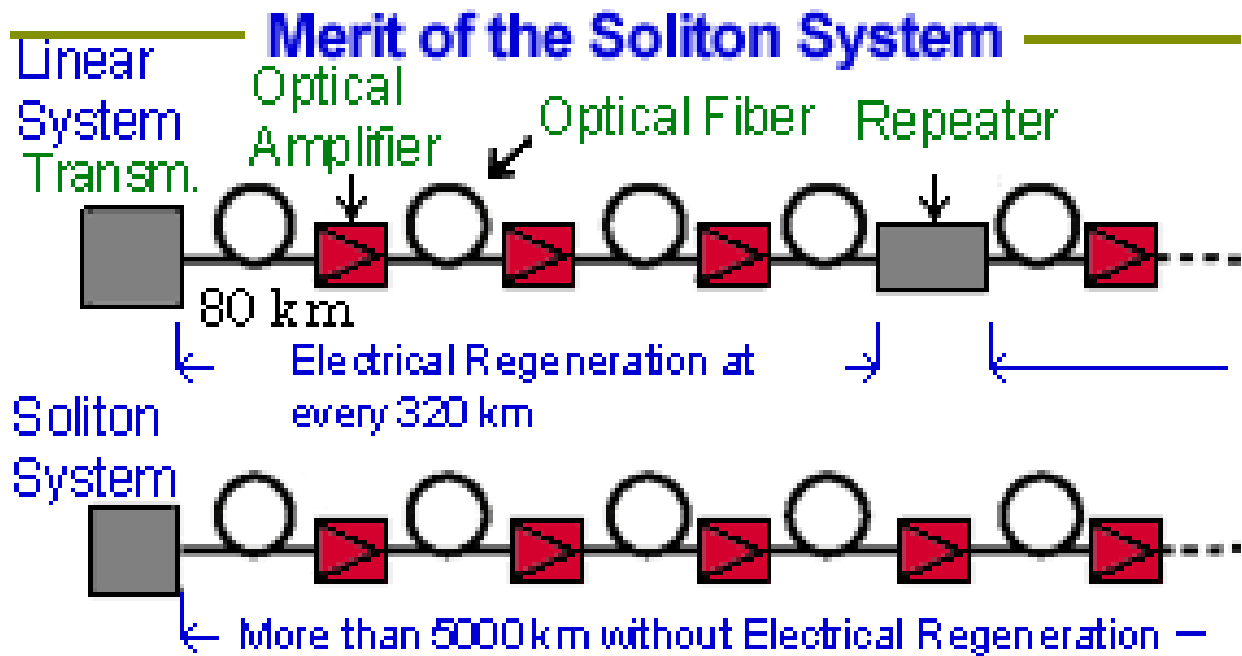
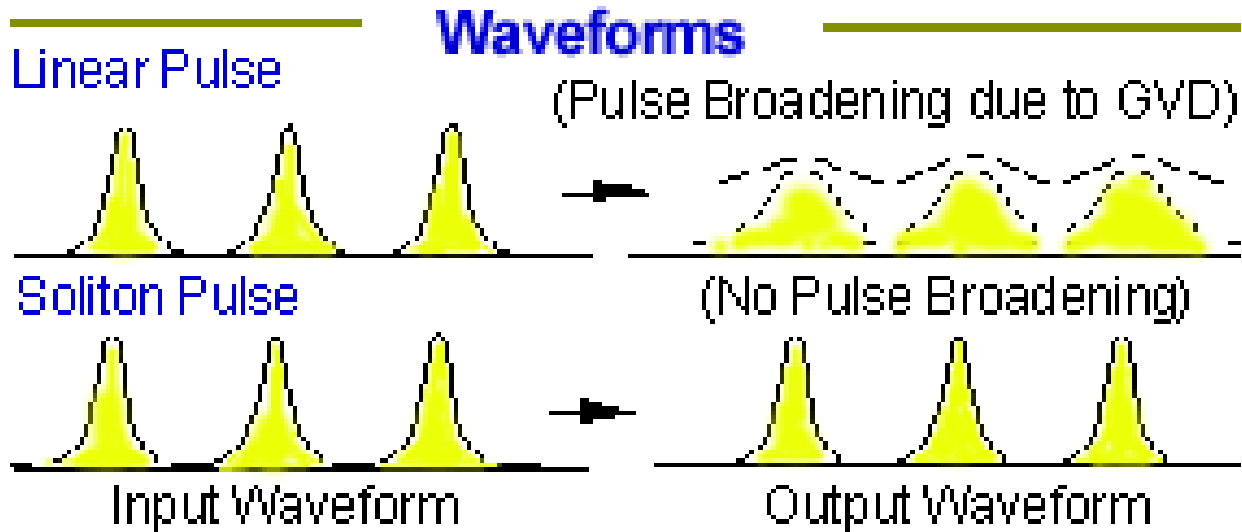
N = 1



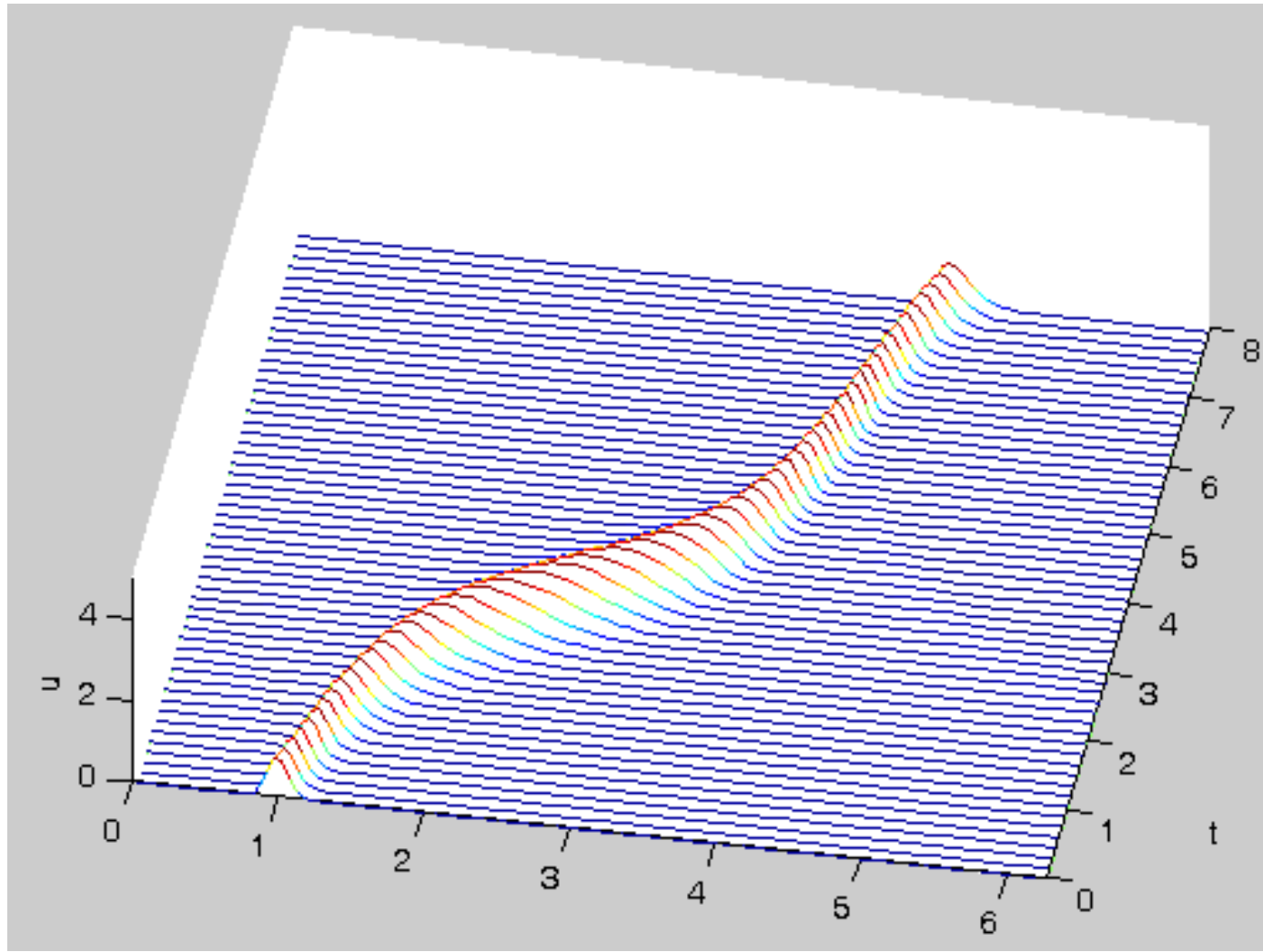
Dispersion/Diffraction effect



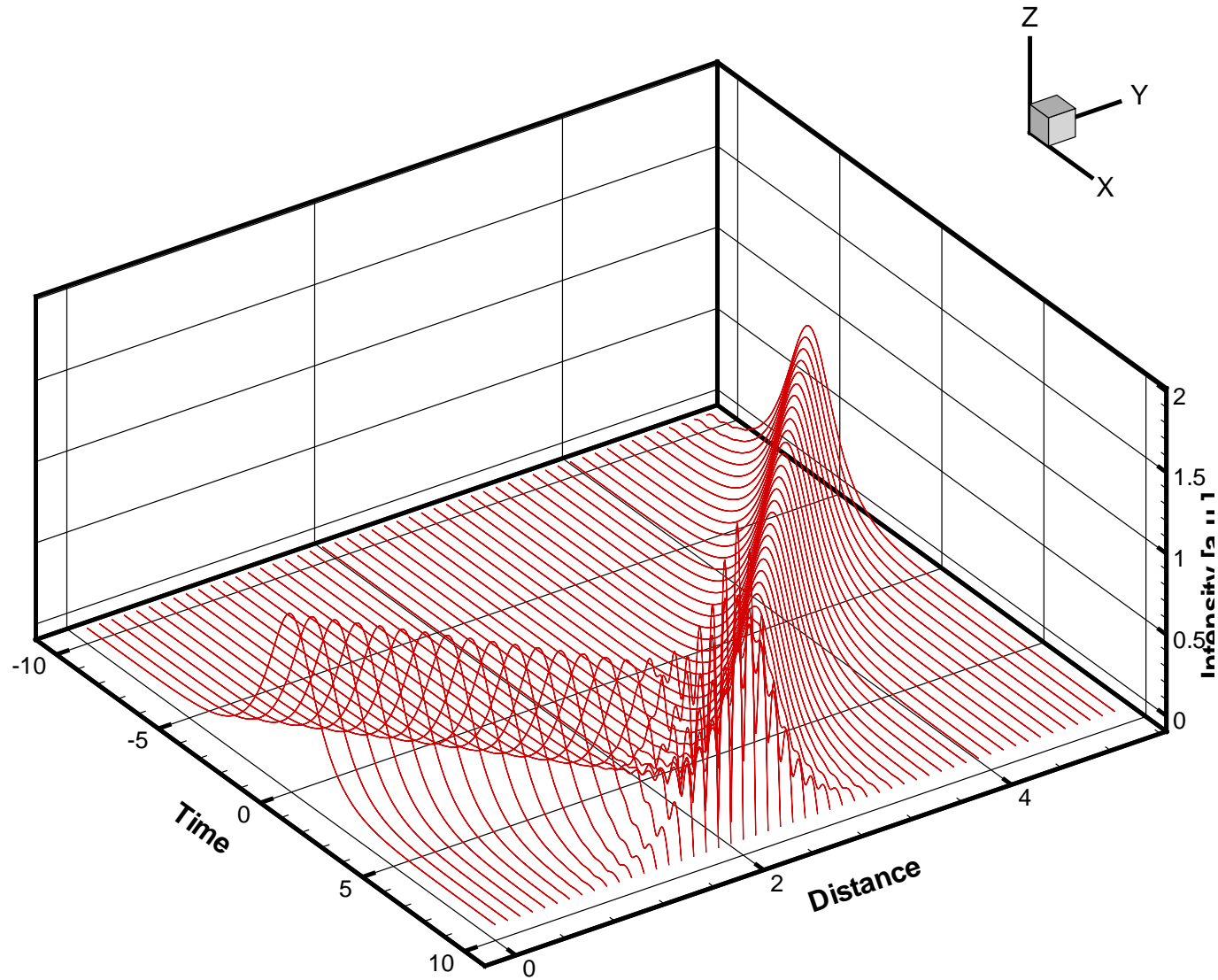
Soliton communication system



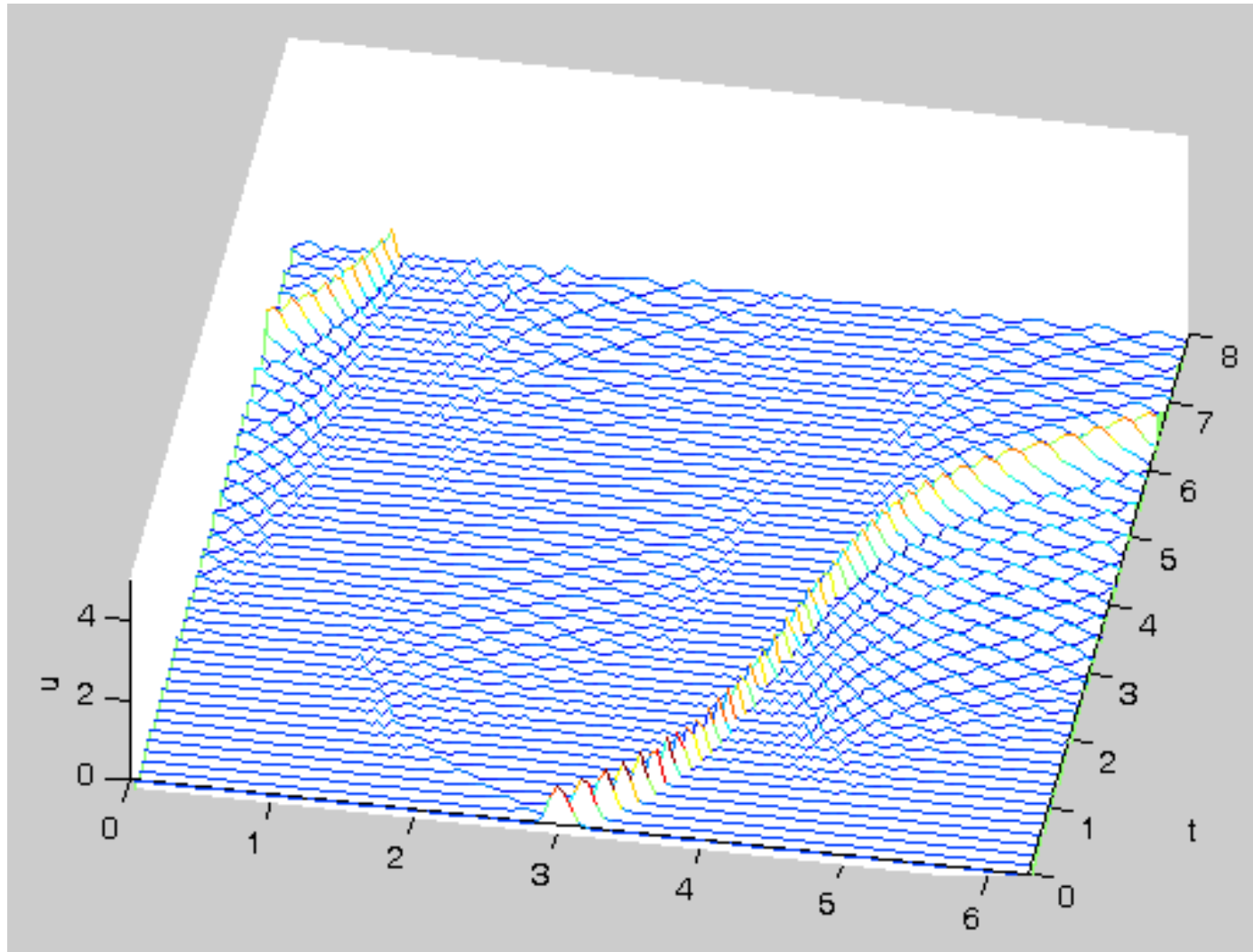
Wave propagation



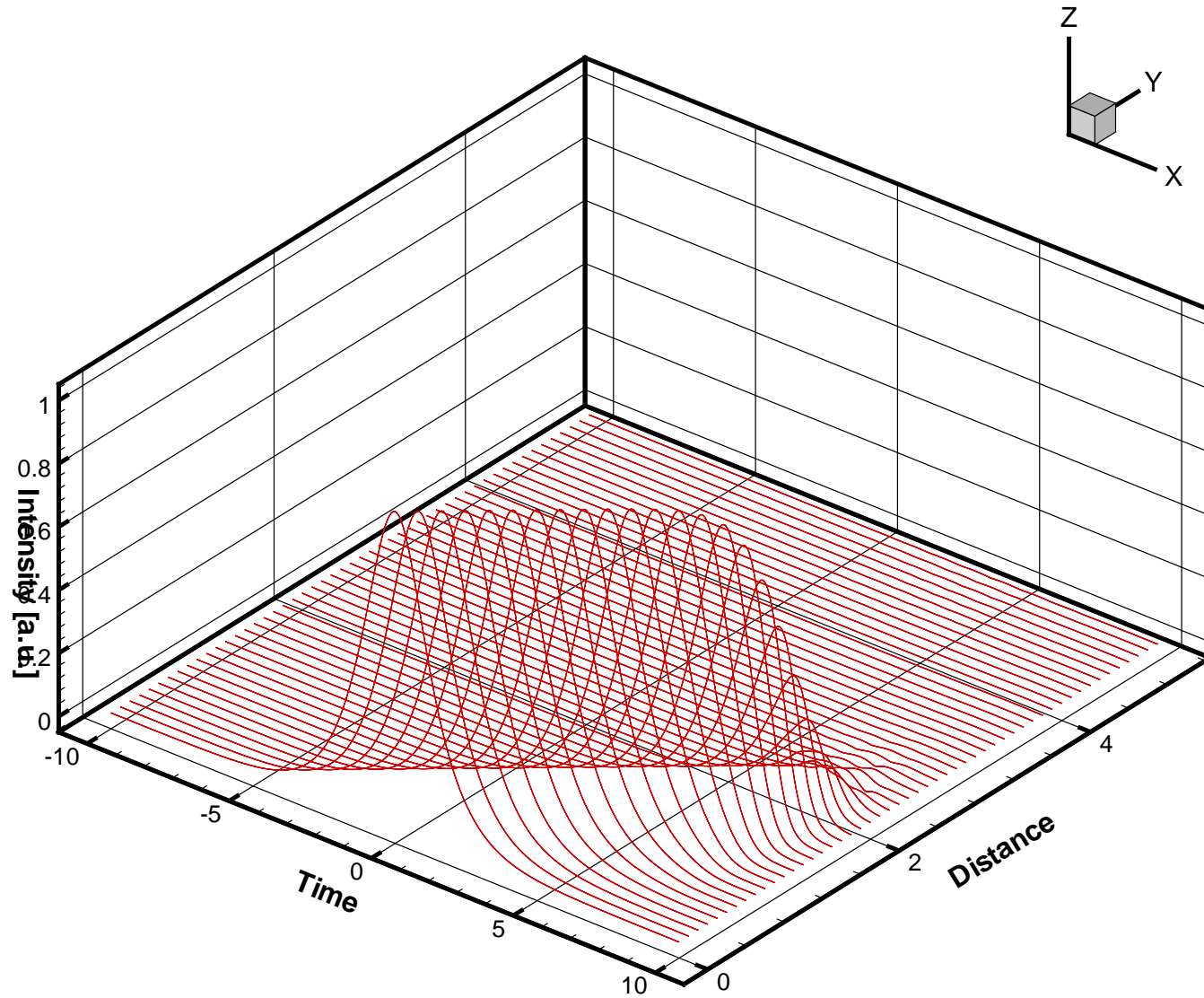
without Periodic Boundary Condition



with Periodic Boundary Condition



with Absorption Boundary Condition



Perfect Matching Layers

For the linear Schrödinger equation

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(x, t) = -\frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \Psi(x, t)$$

which can be written as

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(x, t) = -\frac{1}{2n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Psi(x, t)$$

where m , the mass, has been split into two spatially dependent functions n .

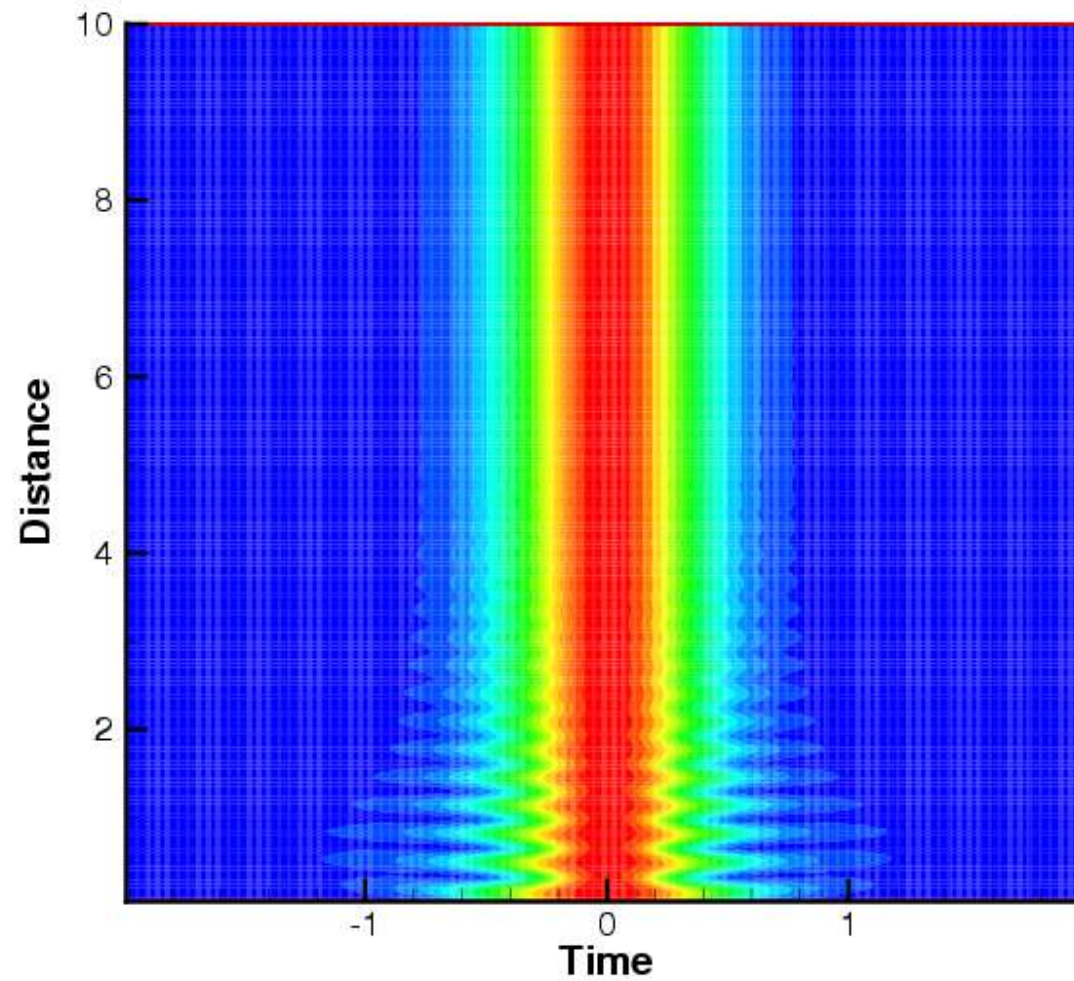
$$\Psi = \int_0^\infty A(\omega) \exp(\pm i \int k dx - i\omega t) d\omega,$$

where $k = \pm n \sqrt{2\omega}$ with the term inside the exponential is positive for waves moving to the left and negative for waves moving to the right. We can choose n to be, for example,

$$n = \exp\left[\pm i \frac{\pi}{4} \left(1 - \tanh \frac{x - x_0}{a}\right)\right]$$

where x_0 is the position where the PML starts and a is a parameter which determines the sharpness of the transition between 1 and i .

Radiation wave



Fourier method

For the equation

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = (\hat{D} + \hat{N})U,$$

where \hat{D} is a differential operator and \hat{N} is a nonlinear operator, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{D} &= i \frac{D}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}, \\ \hat{N} &= i|U|^2 U.\end{aligned}$$

The split-step Fourier method approximates the differential and nonlinear operators independently,

$$U(z + h, t) \approx \exp(h\hat{D})\exp(h\hat{N})U(z, t).$$

The execution of the exponential operator $\exp(h\hat{D})$ is carried out in the Fourier domain,

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(h\hat{D})A(z, t) &= \{\mathbf{F}^{-1} \exp[h\hat{D}(i\omega)] \mathbf{F}\} A(z, t), \\ &= \{\mathbf{F}^{-1} \exp[-i \frac{D}{2} \omega^2 h] \mathbf{F}\} A(z, t),\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{F} denotes the Fourier-transform operation.

We replace the differential operator $\partial/\partial t$ by $i\omega$.

Split-Step Fourier method

The accuracy of the split-step Fourier method can be improved by adopting a different procedure to propagate the optical pulse over one segment from z to $z + h$,

$$U(z + h, t) \approx \exp\left(\frac{h}{2}\hat{D}\right)\exp\left[\int_z^{z+h}\hat{N}(z')dz'\right]\exp\left(\frac{h}{2}\hat{D}\right)U(z, t),$$

1. Fourier transform for z to $z + \frac{h}{2}$:

$$U_1(t) = \{\mathbf{F}^{-1}\exp[-i\frac{D}{2}\omega^2\frac{h}{2}]\mathbf{F}\}U(z, t),$$

2. nonlinear integration:

$$U_2(t) = \frac{h}{2}[\hat{N}(z) + \hat{N}(z + h)]U_1(t),$$

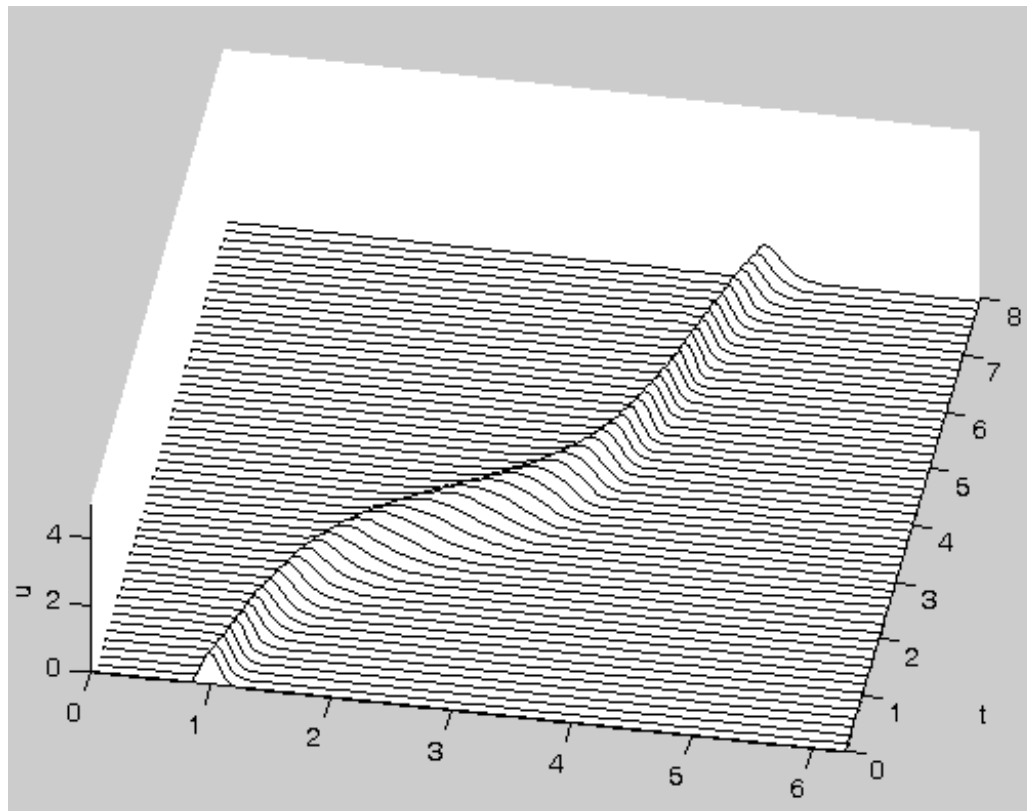
3. Fourier transform for $z + \frac{h}{2}$ to $z + h$:

$$U(z + h, t) = \{\mathbf{F}^{-1}\exp[-i\frac{D}{2}\omega^2\frac{h}{2}]\mathbf{F}\}U_2(t),$$

FFT method for wave equation

$$u_t + c(x) u_x = 0, \quad c(x) = \frac{1}{5} + \sin^2(x - 1),$$

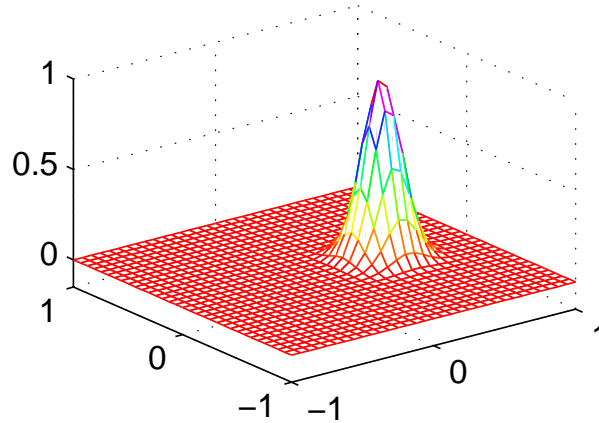
- ➔ Given $u(x)$, compute $\tilde{U}(k)$,
- ➔ Define $\tilde{U}_k = (ik)^\mu \tilde{U}(k)$,
- ➔ Compute $D_x u$ from \tilde{U}_k .



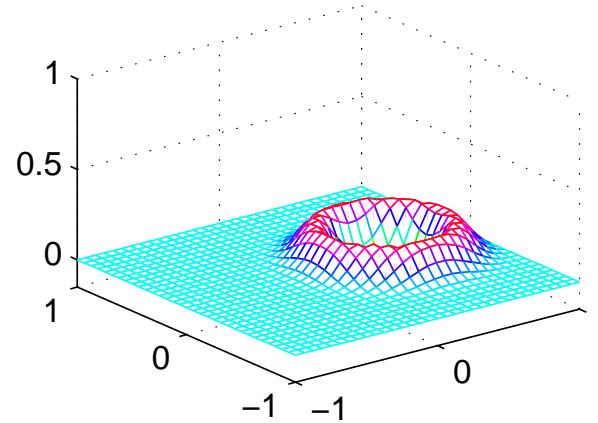
FFT method for wave equation

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy}, \quad -1 < x, y < 1, \quad t > 0, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on the boundary}$$

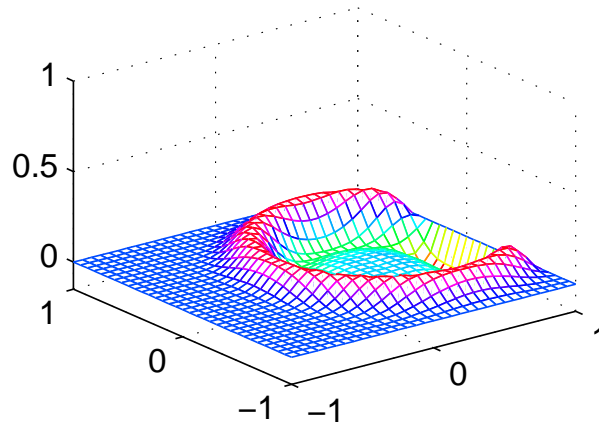
t = 0



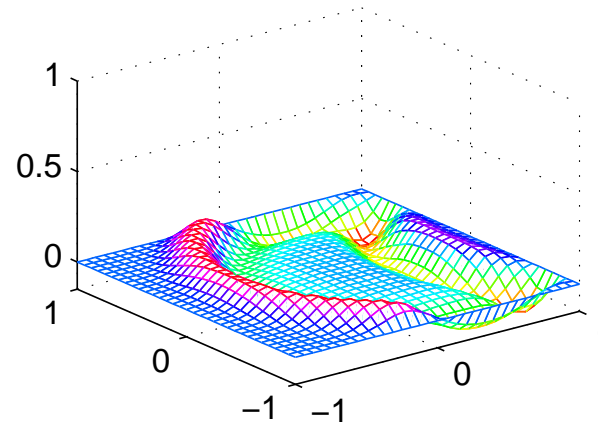
t = 0.33333



t = 0.66667



t = 1



Spectral method for Nonlinear Schrödinger equation

- Take the solutions of linear Schrödinger equation as basis, Hermite polynomials,

$$p_{N-1}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{\exp(-x^2/2)}{\exp(-x_j^2/2)} f_j(x) \phi(x)_j,$$

where $f_j(x)$ are taken as

$$f_j(x) = \frac{H_{N-1}(x)}{H'_{N-1}(x_j)(x - x_j)},$$

and the weight functions are taken as

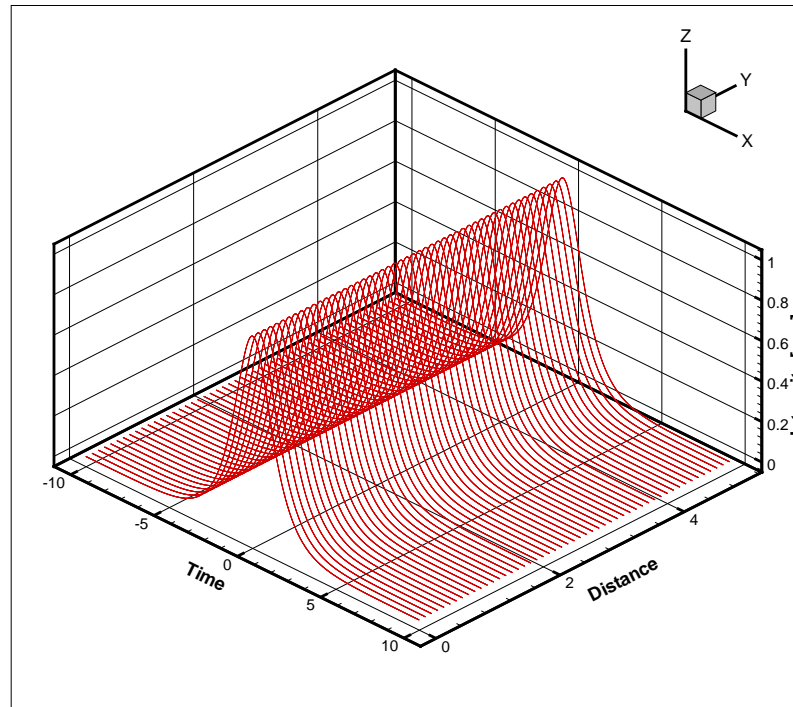
$$\alpha(x) = \exp(-x^2/2).$$

Propagation of solitons

Nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$i\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + |U|^2 U = 0$$

supports soliton solutions, $U(t = 0, x) = \text{sech}(x)$.

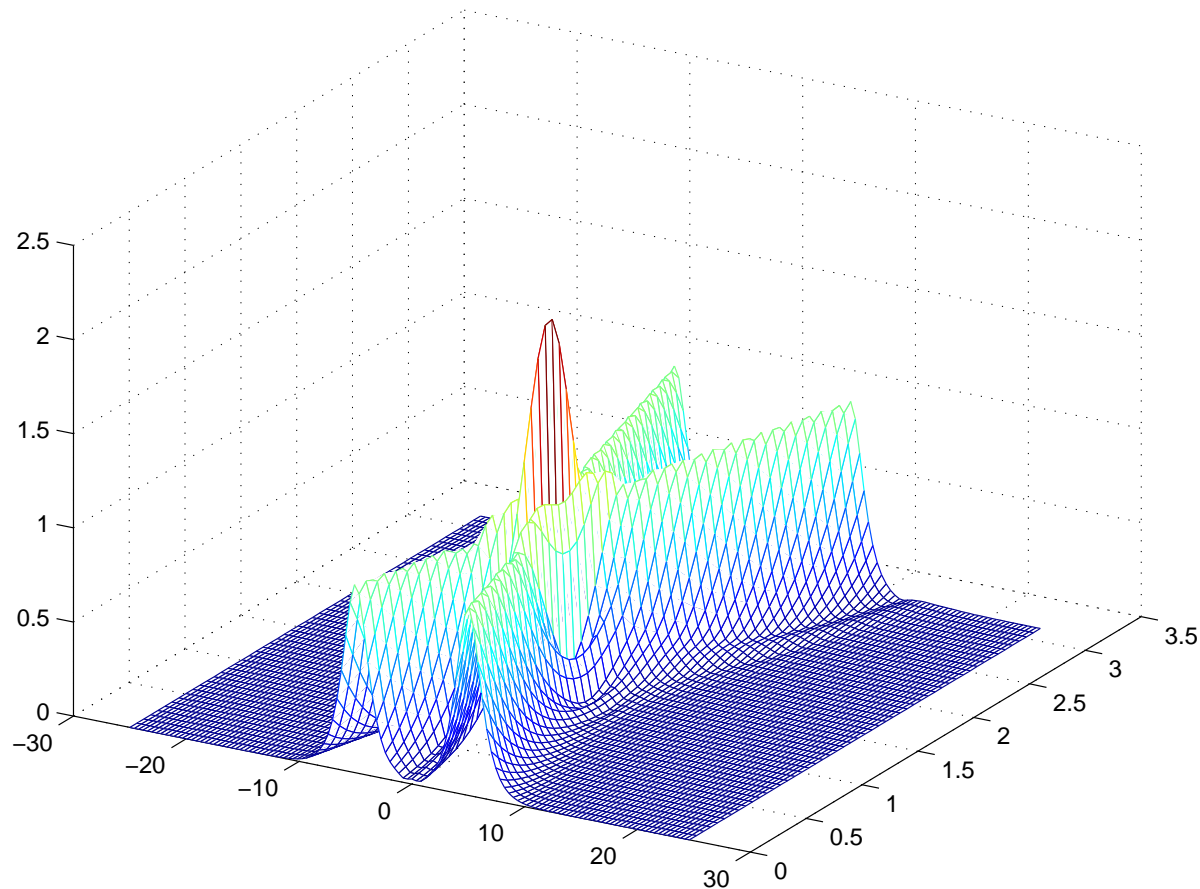


simulated by Fourier spectral + 4th-order explicit Runge-Kutta methods,

$N_x = 128, N_t = 50, \text{error} = 10^{-6}, \text{indep. of } N_t; \text{nlse.m.}$

Soliton collisions

$$U(t = 0, x) = \operatorname{sech}(x + x_0) + \operatorname{sech}(x - x_0)$$

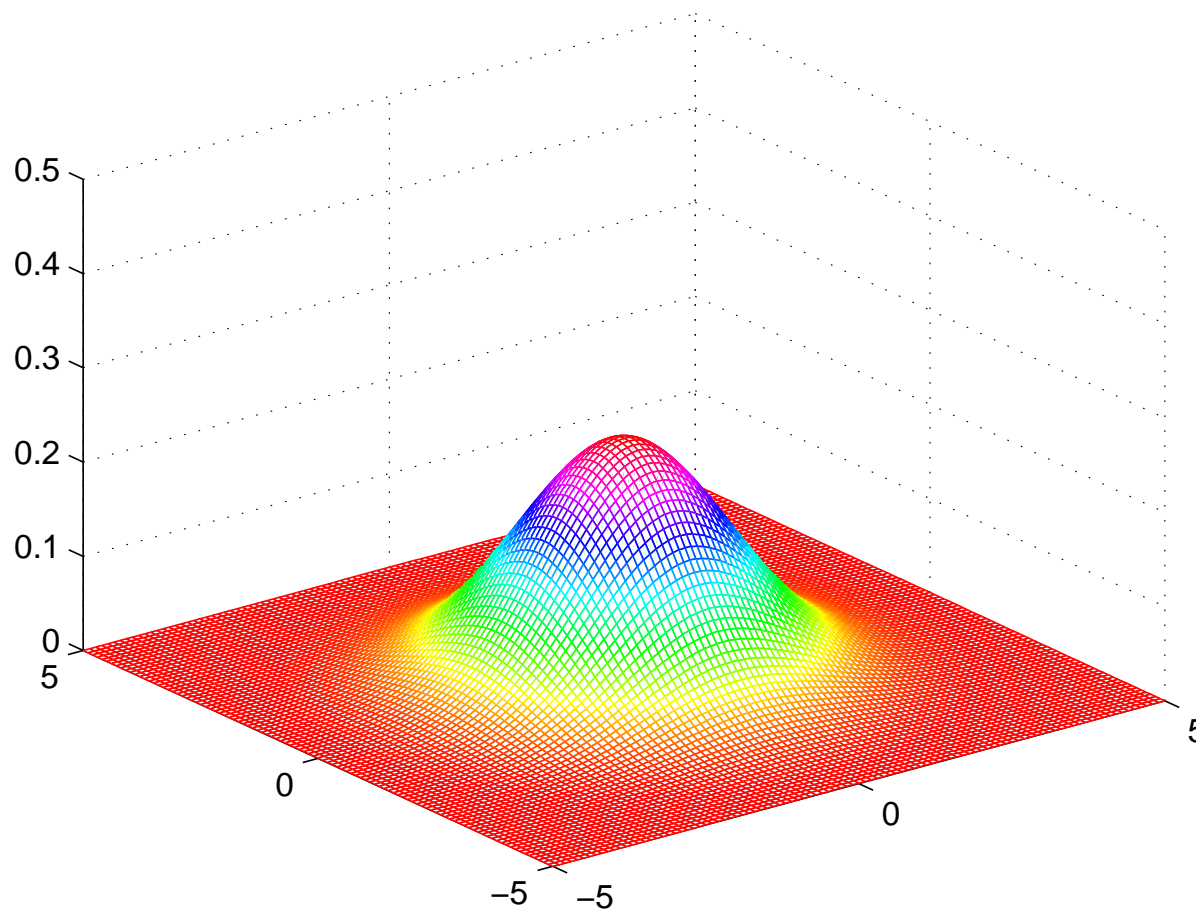


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Spectral method for Gross-Pitaevskii equation

$$\left[-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + \frac{x^2 + \kappa^2 y^2 + \nu^2 z^2}{4} + N|\phi(x, y, z, t)|^2 - i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right] \phi(x, y, z, t) = 0,$$



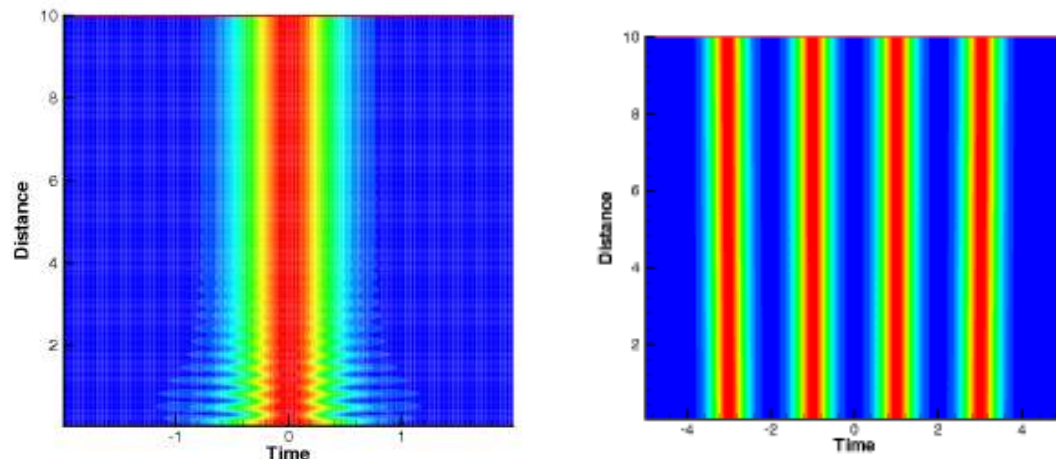
Bound solitons in CGLE

Complex Ginzburg-Landau Equation:

$$iU_z + \frac{D}{2}U_{tt} + |U|^2U = i\delta U + i\epsilon|U|^2U + i\beta U_{tt} \\ + i\mu|U|^4U - \nu|U|^4U,$$

seek for bound-state solutions by **propagation** method.

$$U(z, t) = \sum^N U_0(z, t + \rho_j) e^{i\theta_j}$$

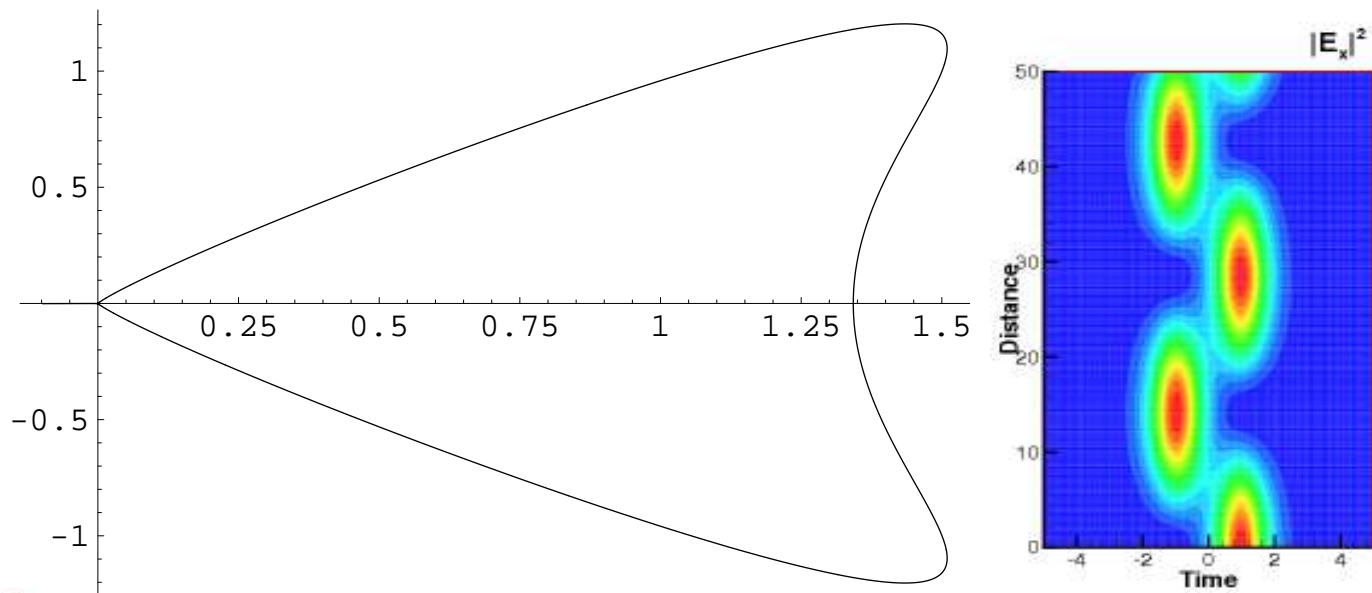


R.-K. Lee, Y. Lai, and B. A. Malomed, *Phys. Rev. A* **70**, 063817 (2004).

Coupled Nonlinear Schrödinger Equations

$$i\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} + A|U|^2U + B|V|^2U = 0,$$
$$i\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} + A|V|^2V + B|U|^2V = 0,$$

seek for bound-state solutions by **separatrix** method.



Numerical methods for solving Nonlinear PDEs

- 1950s: finite difference methods
- 1960s: finite element methods
- 1970s: spectral methods

Newton iteration method

1. To solve

$$f(x) = 0,$$

2. Start with a guess $x^{(i)}$, then we can Taylor expand $f(x)$,

$$f(x) = f(x^{(i)}) + f_x(x^{(i)})[x - x^{(i)}] + O([x - x^{(i)}]^2).$$

3. If the guess is sufficiently good, we can ignore the quadratic terms and solve the *linear* equation for x ,

$$x^{(i+1)} = x^{(i)} - \frac{f(x^{(i)})}{f_x(x^{(i)})}.$$

4. Iterate $x^{(i+1)}$ by *Step 3* until converge.

Newton-Kantorovich iteration method

1. Given a general nonlinear operator, $\mathcal{N}(u) = 0$.
2. We can expand it by a generalized Taylor expansion:

$$\mathcal{N}(u + \Delta) = \mathcal{N}(u) + \mathcal{N}_u(u)\Delta + O(\Delta^2),$$

where \mathcal{N}_u is called the **Frechet differential**,

$$\mathcal{N}_u\Delta \equiv \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{N}(u + \epsilon\Delta)}{\partial \epsilon} \right|_{\epsilon=0},$$

and is a *linear* operator.

3. Iterate u^{i+1} by $u^i + \Delta$ until $\Delta = 0$, where Δ satisfies

$$\mathcal{N}_u(u)\Delta = -\mathcal{N}(u).$$

NLSE

1. For time-independent NLSE, $U(t, x) = e^{-i\mu t}\Psi(x)$

$$\mu\Psi(x) + \frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial x^2} + |\Psi|^2\Psi = 0$$

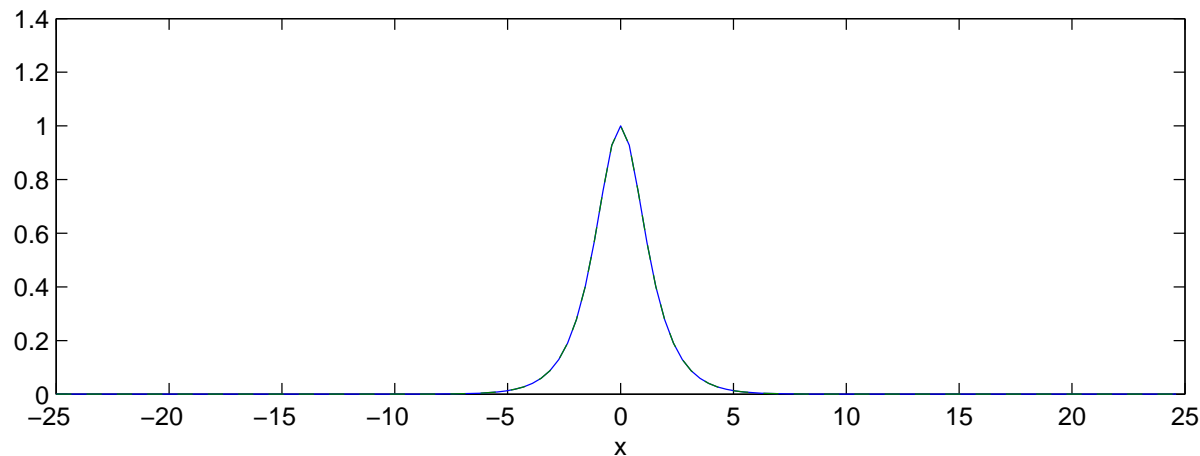
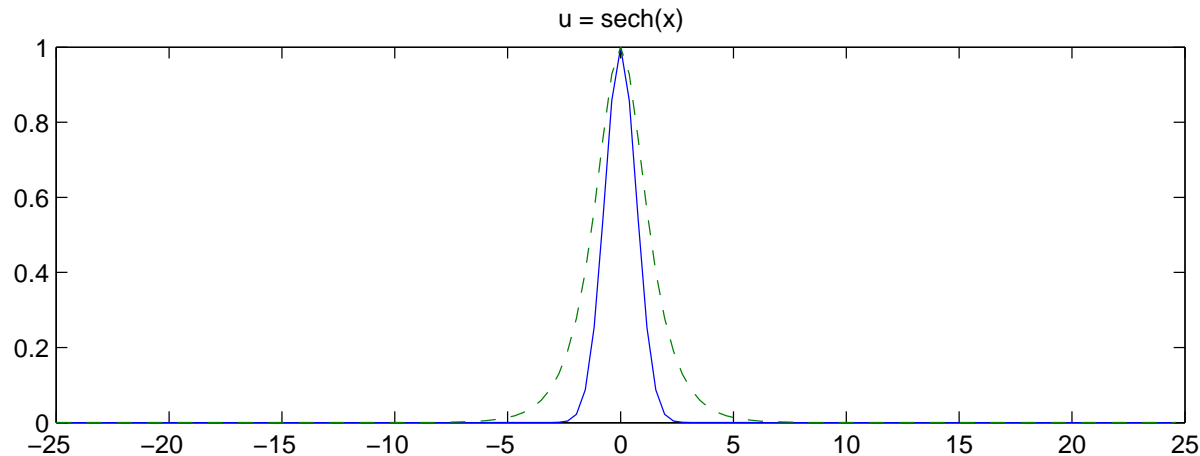
2. Expand $\Psi^{i+1}(x) = \Psi^i(x) + \Delta$, and Δ satisfies

$$\left(\mu + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + 2|\Psi^i|^2\right)\Delta + \Psi^{i2}\Delta^* = -\left(\mu\Psi^i(x) + \frac{\partial^2\Psi^i}{\partial x^2} + |\Psi^i|^2\Psi^i\right).$$

3. Start with a **good** initial guess, $\Psi^0(x)$, then iterate Ψ^{i+1} by *Step 2* until $\Delta = 0$.
4. In spectral method, $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ is approximated by a differential matrix D_2 .

N=1 solitons in NLSE

Initial guess, $\Psi(x) = Ae^{-x^2/x_c^2}$, ($A = x_c = 1$, $\mu = 1.0$).

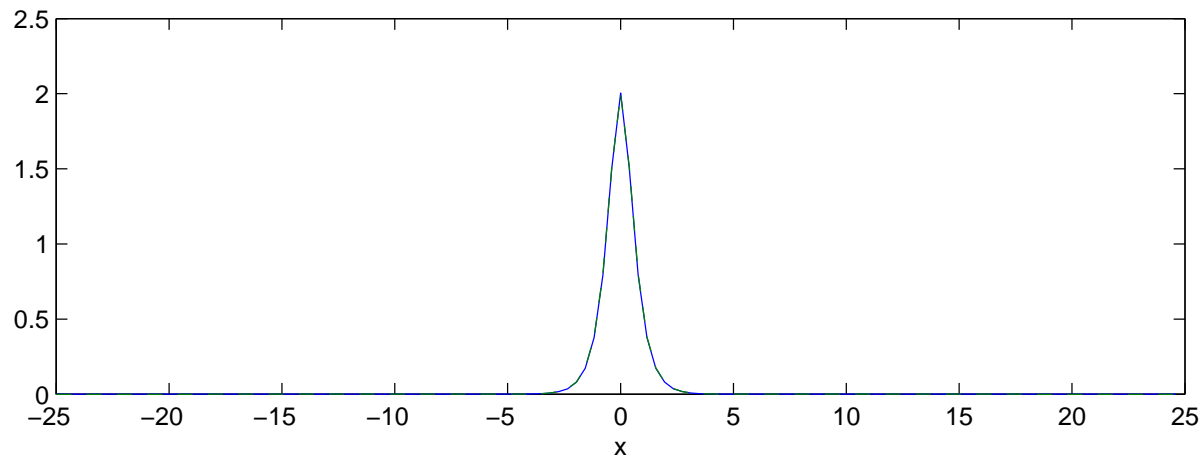
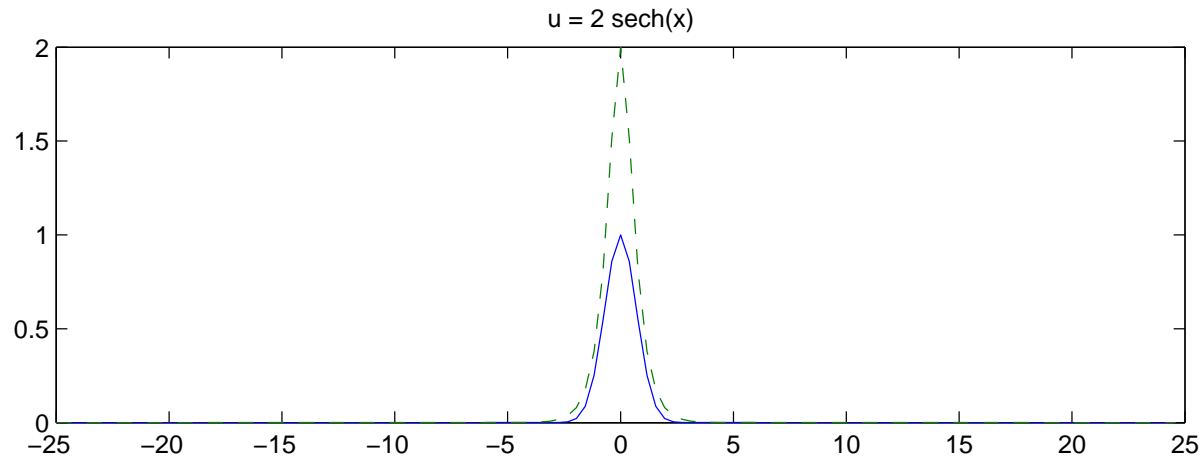


simulated by FS (Fourier spectral)+ NK (Newton-Kantorovich) methods,

$N_x = 128$, no. of iterations = 5; [nlseground.m](#).

N=2 solitons in NLSE

Initial guess, $\Psi(x) = Ae^{-x^2/x_c^2}$, ($A = x_c = 1$, $\mu = 4.0$).



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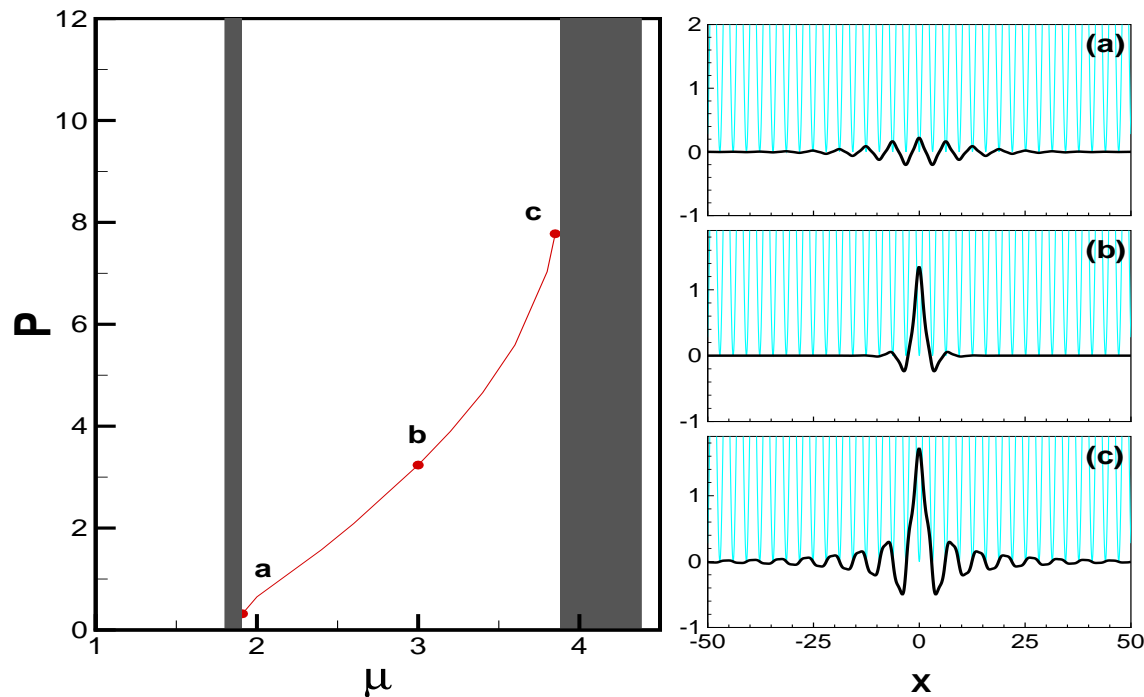
$N_x = 128$, no. of iterations = 9; [nlse2.m](#).

Gap solitons in optical lattices

1-D Gross-Pitaevskii equation with periodic potentials, $V(x) = V_0 \sin^2(k_0 x)$,

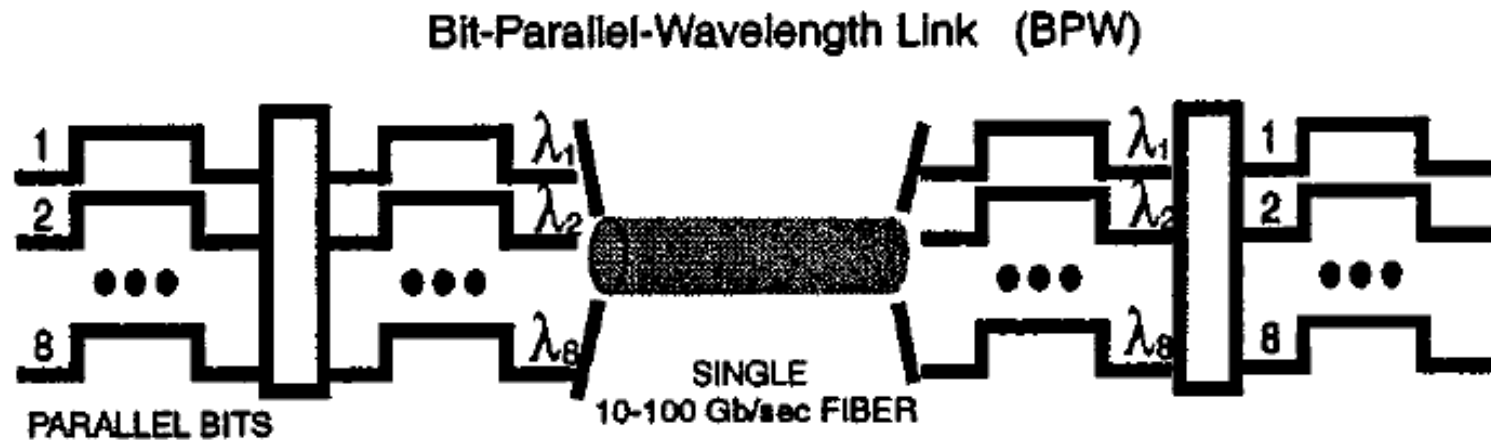
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_0(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \Phi_0(t, x) + V(x) \Phi_0(t, x) + g_{1D} |\phi_0(t, x)|^2 \phi_0(t, x)$$

which has gap soliton solutions.



by FS + NK methods, $N_x = 512$, no. of iterations < 10 ; gpeol.m.

Multichannel solitons in Bit-Parallel-Wavelength links



N incoherently coupled NLSE,

$$i\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \delta_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)A_j = \frac{\alpha_j}{2} \frac{\partial^2 A_j}{\partial t^2} - \gamma_j(|A_j|^2 + S_{mj})A_j$$

where

$$S_{mj} = 2 \sum_{m \neq j}^{N-1} (\gamma_m / \gamma_j) |A_m|^2$$

Stationary soliton solutions

By the transformation:

$$A_j(t, z) = u_j(t) \exp(i2\delta_j \alpha_j^{-1} t + i\lambda_j z),$$

BPW system becomes a coupled NLS equations:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 u_0}{dt^2} + (u_0^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |\gamma_n| u_n^2) u_0 = \frac{1}{2} u_0,$$

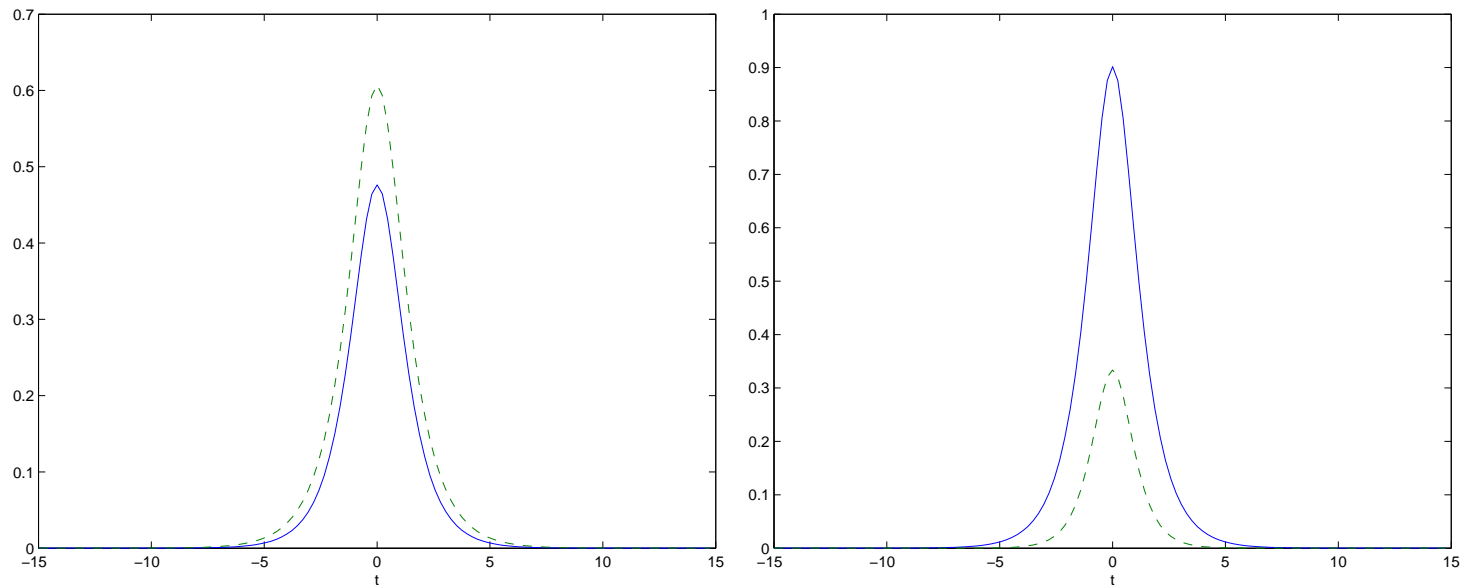
$$\frac{\alpha_n}{2} \frac{d^2 u_n}{dt^2} + \gamma_n (u_n^2 + 2 \sum_{m \neq n}^{N-1} \frac{\gamma_m}{\gamma_n} |u_m|^2) u_n = \lambda_n u_n.$$

Two-channel BPW solitons

For $N = 2$ (u_0 and u_1),

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 u_0}{dt^2} + (u_0^2 + 2\gamma_1 u_1^2) u_0 = \frac{1}{2} u_0,$$

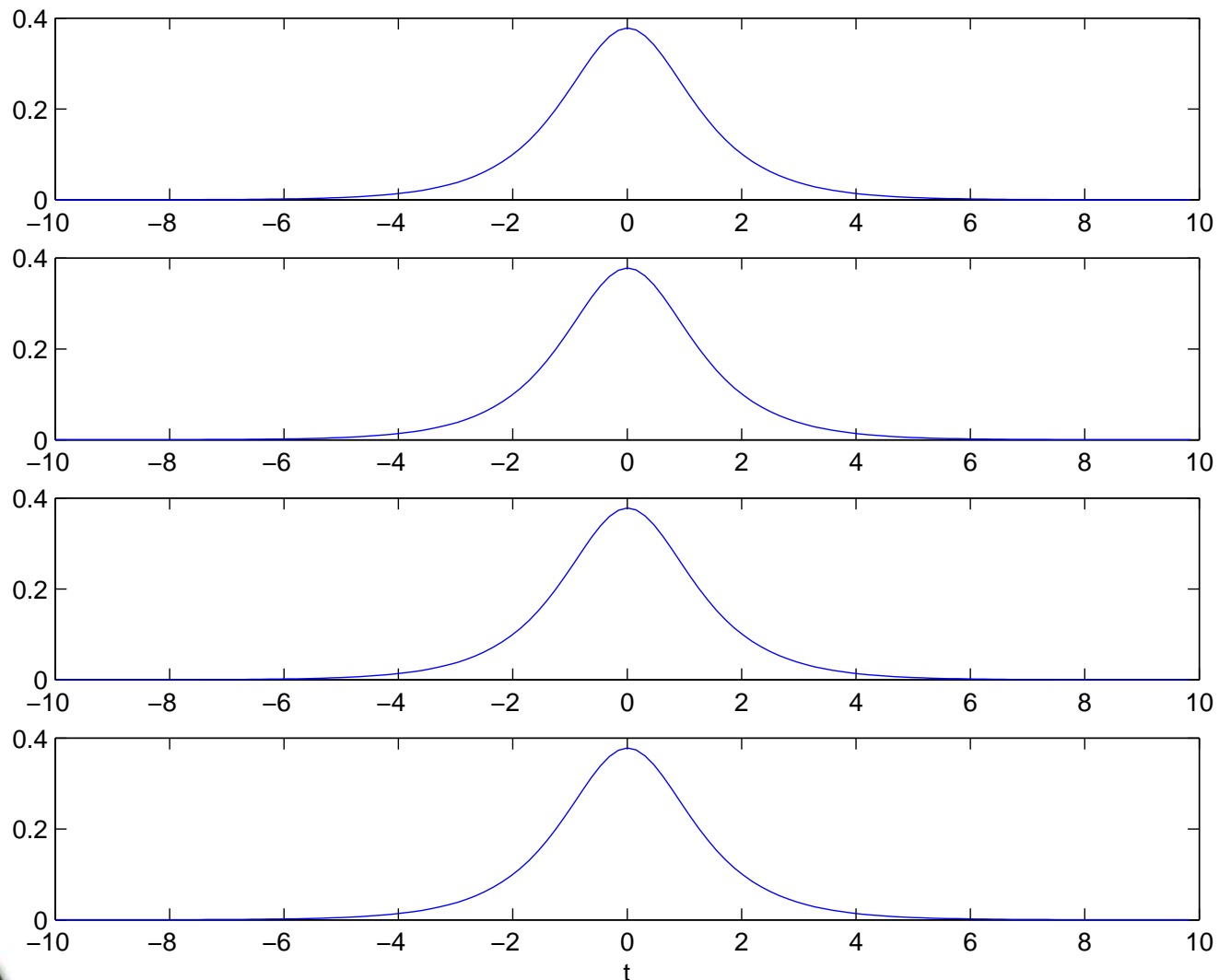
$$\frac{\alpha_1}{2} \frac{d^2 u_1}{dt^2} + (\gamma_1 |u_1|^2 + 2\gamma_0 |u_0|^2) u_1 = \lambda u_1.$$



Left: $\lambda = 0.4$, Right $\lambda = 1.0$; solid-line: u_0 , dashed-line: u_1 ;

Four-channel BPW solitons: the same profiles

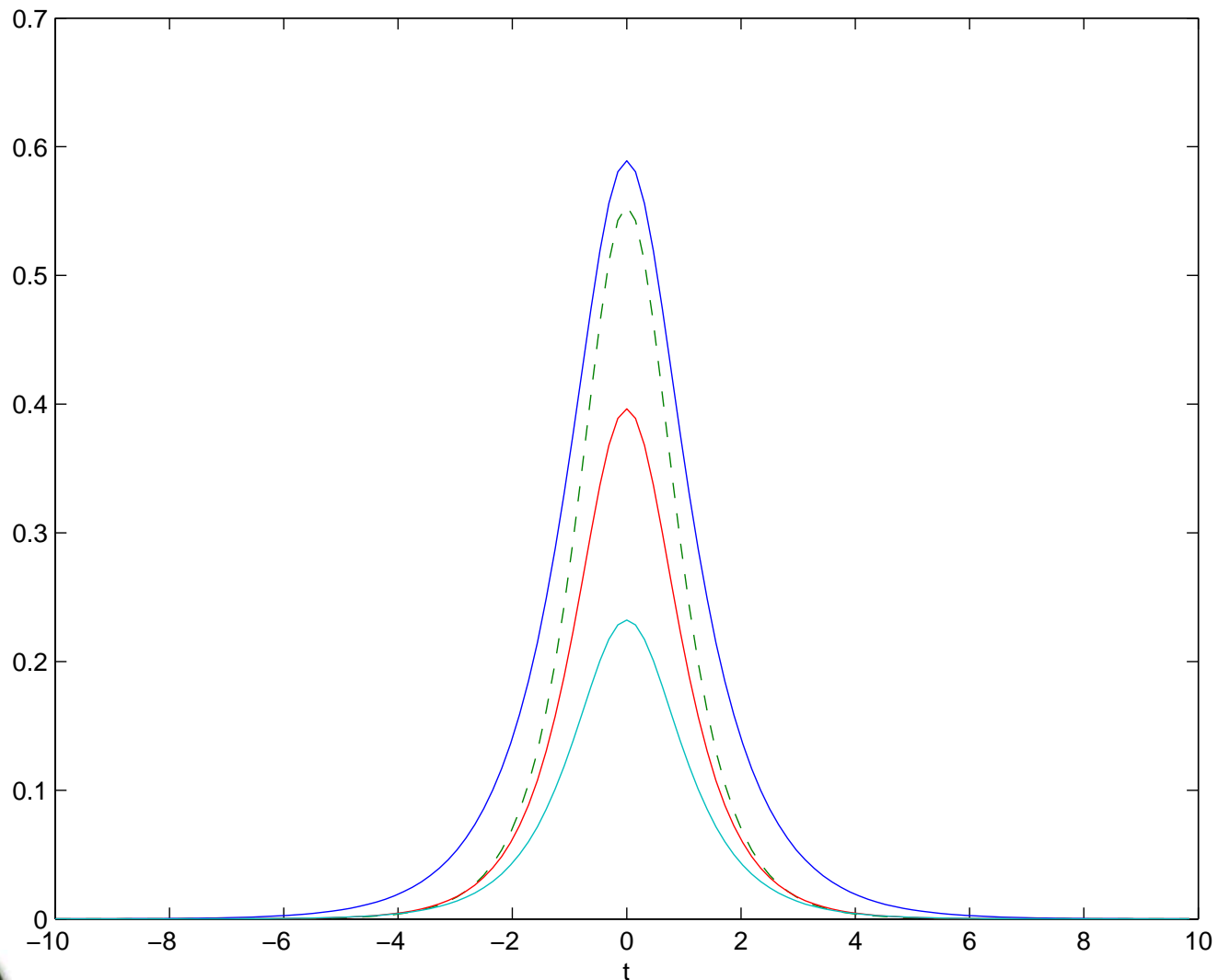
For $N = 4$ ($u_0, u_1, u_2,$ and u_3),



$$\lambda_i = 0.5, \alpha_i = \gamma_i = 1.0; \text{shc4t2.m.}$$

Four-channel BPW solitons: the different profiles

For $N = 4$ (u_0, u_1, u_2 , and u_3),



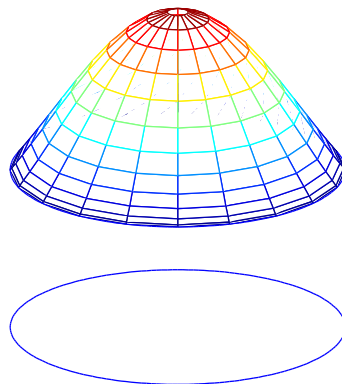
$0.7, \gamma_0 = \alpha_3 = \gamma_3 = 1.0, \alpha_1 = \gamma_1 = 0.65, \alpha_2 = \gamma_2 = 0.81; \text{shec4v4.m.}$



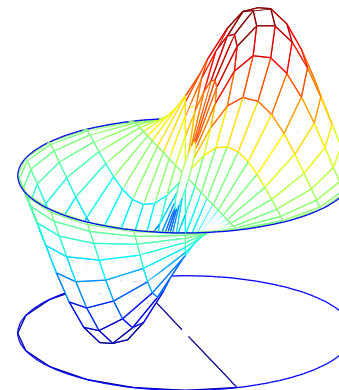
Laplacian eq. in a disk

Eigenmodes of Laplacian equations, $[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}]u(x, y) = f(x, y)$.

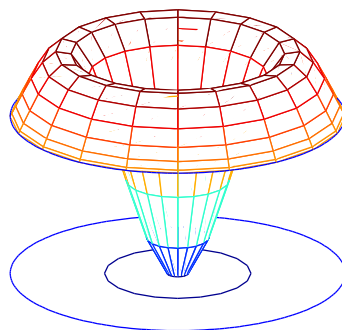
Mode 1
 $\lambda = 1.0000000000$



Mode 3
 $\lambda = 1.5933405057$



Mode 6
 $\lambda = 2.2954172674$



Mode 10
 $\lambda = 2.9172954551$

