

# Local space-time efficiency for the heat and wave equations

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## Setting

- $T$ : final time
- $\Omega$ : space domain
- $Q := \Omega \times (0, T)$ : space-time domain
- $f$  piecewise polynomial for simplicity

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### Nonsymmetry

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- induced by the weak formulation (problem-dependent  $\times$  fixed space & norm)
- sometimes the only choice (sign-changing coefficients, implicit const. laws)

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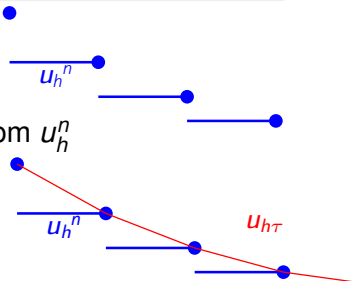
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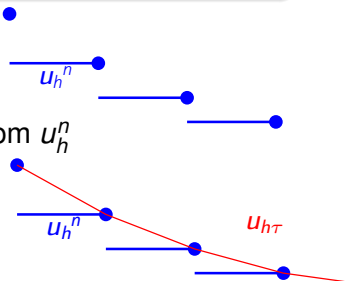
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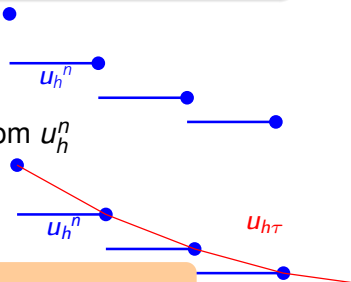
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- norm equivalence in finite-dimensional spaces:

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- **inverse inequality** separately in **space** and in **time**:

$$h_K \|\nabla(\psi_{K,n} v_{K,n})\|_{K \times I_n} \lesssim \|\psi_{K,n} v_{K,n}\|_{K \times I_n},$$

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- congruently, in  $|v|_{H^1(Q)}^2 = \|\partial_t v\|_Q^2 + \|\nabla v\|_Q^2$ , the physical units are different
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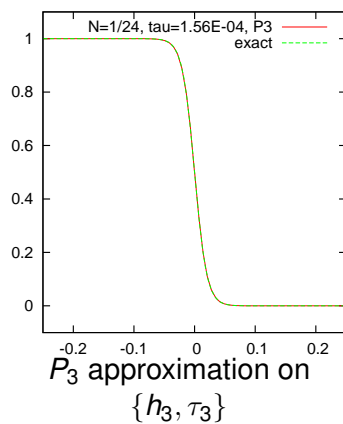
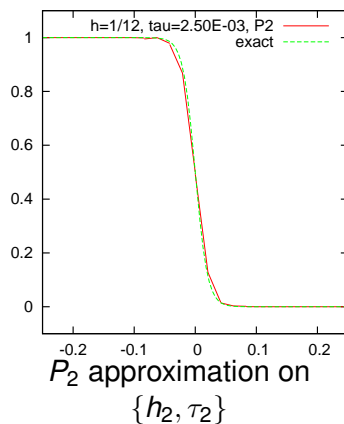
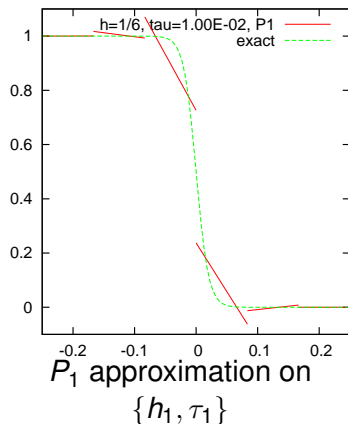
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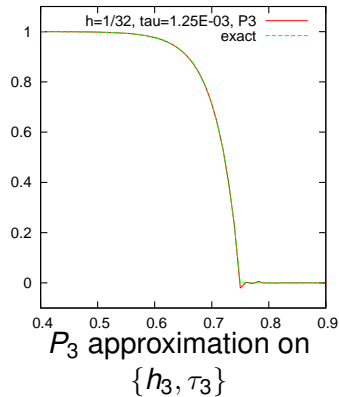
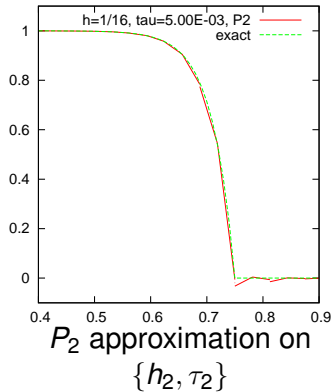
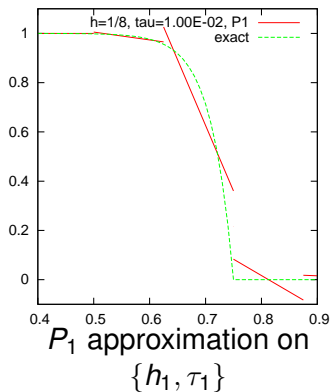
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1	1	9.91E-03	1.00E-02	6.02E-03	2.77E-02	2.31E-02	2.17E-03	6.62E-02	1.76	0.97
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3	1	4.58E-03 ( 0.69)	4.52E-03 ( 0.77)	4.95E-03 ( 0.20)	8.33E-03 ( 0.96)	1.86E-03 ( 2.05)	5.22E-04 ( 1.23)	1.89E-02 ( 0.95)	1.47	1.16
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1	3	6.48E-04	8.83E-04	1.03E-03	3.57E-03	1.19E-03	2.31E-04	6.47E-03	1.53	0.36
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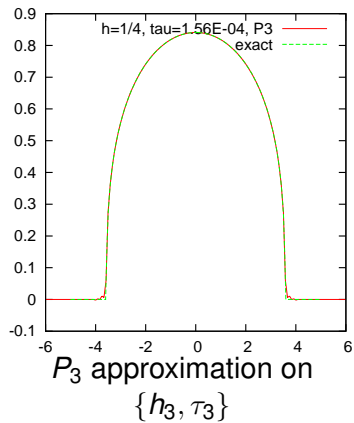
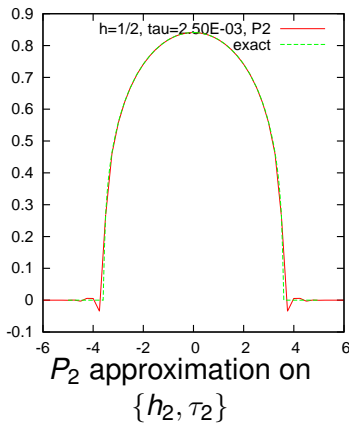
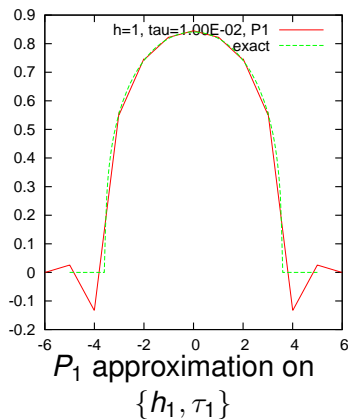
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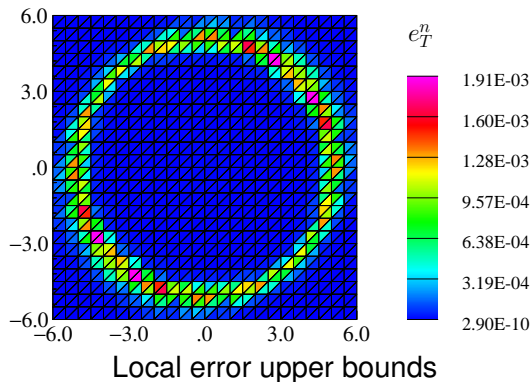
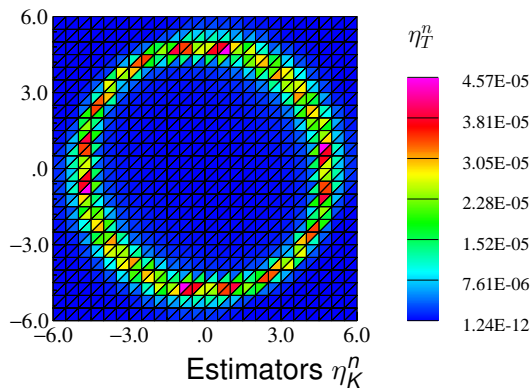
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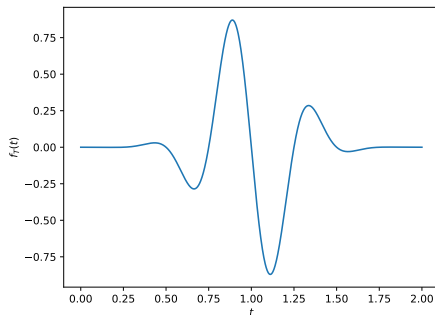
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# Data and solution

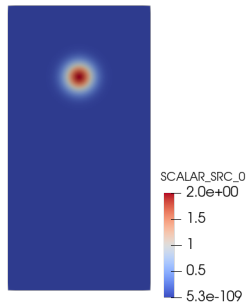
$$\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 2)$$

$$f_T(t) = -\sin(4\pi(t-1)) \times e^{-\left(\frac{t-1}{0.1}\right)^2}$$

$$f_X(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x-0.5)^2 + (y-1.5)^2}{0.1^2}\right)$$



$f_T$



$f_X$

# Error and estimators

## Remarks:

- cumulated local errors,  
for  $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$  and  
 $1 \leq n \leq N$ :

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n (\eta_K^i(u_{h\tau}))^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

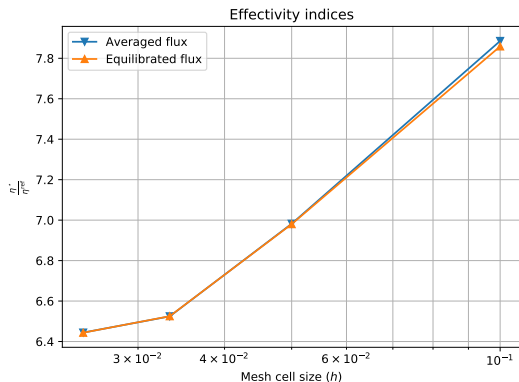
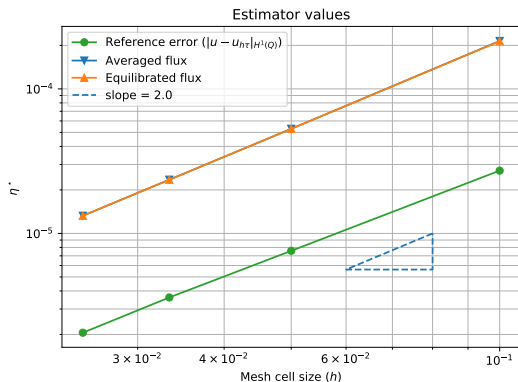
- local  $H^1$  norms in place  
of the dual norm:

$$|||\mathcal{R}(u_{h\tau})|||_{(H_0^1(\omega_K \times I_n))'} \leq |v|_{H^1(\omega_K \times I_n)}^2$$

- quadrature err. ignored

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# Convergence rates and effectivity indices



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