

# CCM, Part III

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Complexity and its Interdisciplinary Applications

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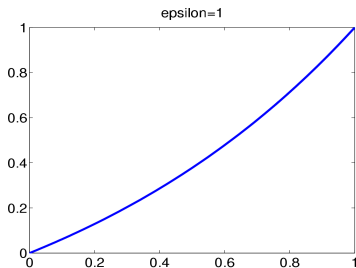
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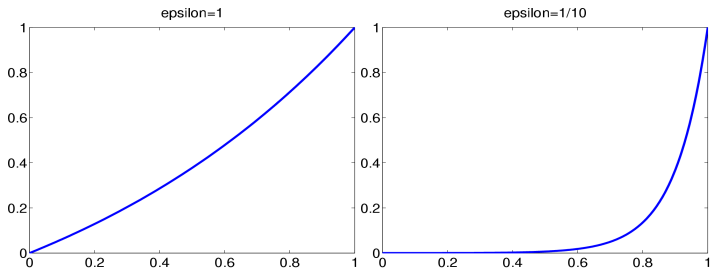


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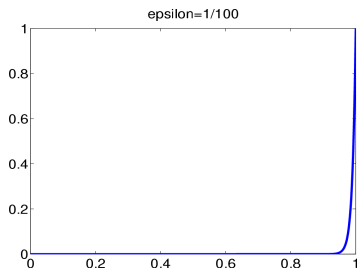
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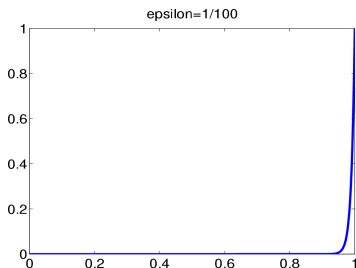


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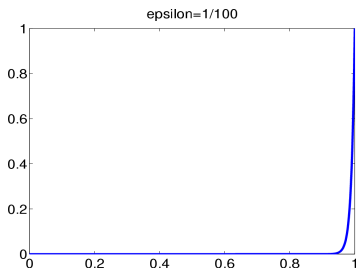
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Local (discrete) Péclet number is  $\mathcal{P}(h) = |b|h/(2\varepsilon)$ , so that our system has the structure

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If  $\mathcal{P}(h) > 1$  solution oscillates!

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Indeed,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_j = - ((au)(x_{j+1/2}) - (au)(x_{j-1/2}))$$

with

$$U_j = \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} u, dx$$

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Space semidiscretization. Take  $V_h \subset V$  and, for each  $t$ , look for  $u_h(t) \in V_h$  such that

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In one space dimension (finite differences, and  $f = 0$ )

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