

**Aspects of Numerical Time Integration — Exercise Sheet 07**

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We consider the nonlinear Schrödinger equation (NLS) in  $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{T}^d$ , i.e.

$$\text{for } t \in (0, T]: \quad \partial_t u = i\Delta u - i\alpha|u|^2 u, \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{T}^d, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (\text{NLS})$$

With the NLS the Hamiltonian (energy)  $H$  is associated. It is given by

$$H(u, \bar{u}) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} |\nabla u(x)|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} |u(x)|^4 dx. \quad (1)$$

**Exercise 12:**

- a) Show that for the solution  $u$  of (NLS) the  $L^2$  norm is conserved for all times  $t \in [0, T]$ , i.e. show that

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^2} = \|u(0)\|_{L^2}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

- b) Show that the Hamiltonian energy associated to the solution  $u$  of (NLS) is conserved for all times  $t \in [0, T]$ , i.e. show that

$$H(u(t), \bar{u}(t)) = H(u(0), \bar{u}(0)), \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

Now we want to check in how far these conservation properties also hold numerically.

**Exercise 13:**

Set  $d = 1, T = 1000, L = 0.11, \alpha = -1$  and let  $\mathbb{T} := [-\pi/L, \pi/L]$ .

Furthermore we choose the initial data

$$u_0(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\cosh(x)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{T}.$$

Implement the Strang splitting method applied to the NLS with the pseudospectral space discretization with  $N = 256$  grid points.

Choose time step sizes  $\tau_1 = 0.01, \tau_2 = 0.05, \tau_3 = 0.1$ .

- a) Plot the evolution of the  $L^2$  norm error of the solution over all times  $t_n = n\tau \in [0, T], n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  for  $\tau = \tau_j, j = 1, 2, 3$ , i.e. plot

$$|\|u(t_n)\|_{L^2} - \|u(0)\|_{L^2}|, \quad \forall t_n \in [0, T].$$

- b) Plot the evolution of the energy error of the solution over all times  $t_n = n\tau \in [0, T], n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  for  $\tau = \tau_j, j = 1, 2, 3$ , i.e. plot

$$|H(u(t_n), \bar{u}(t_n)) - H(u(0), \bar{u}(0))|, \quad \forall t_n \in [0, T].$$

Can you explain the behaviour of the energy for the different time step sizes?

Now we want to consider the NLS for  $d = 2$ . We set  $\alpha = 0.12$ .

**Exercise 14:**

Implement the Strang splitting method applied to the NLS for the with the pseudospectral space discretization with on  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{T}^2 = [-\pi, \pi]^2$  with  $N = 128$  grid points in the  $x_1$ - and  $x_2$ - direction.

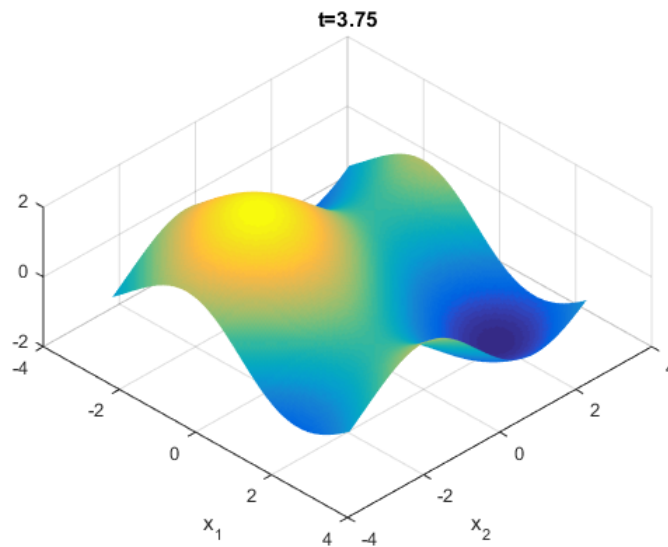
For the implementation use the `meshgrid` command in MATLAB .

Use the time step size  $\tau = 0.01$ .

We choose the initial value

$$u_0(x) = (\cos(x_1) + \cos(x_2)) + i(\sin(x_1) + \sin(x_2)).$$

- a) Plot the numerical Strang splitting solution with time step size  $\tau = 0.01$  using the `surf` command in MATLAB in the time interval  $t \in [0, T]$  for  $T = 10$ .



- b) Repeat the steps of exercise 13 for the time step sizes  $\tau_1 = 0.01, \tau_2 = 0.05, \tau_3 = 0.1, \tau_4 = 0.25, \tau_5 = 0.4, \tau_6 = 0.5$  and plot for each time step size  $\tau = \tau_j, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  the evolution of the norm and energy error over all times  $t \in [0, T]$  for  $T = 100$ .

Can you see the norm and energy conservation also in this 2D example?

What can you observe?