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Stabilized Time Schemes for nonlinear parabolic equations

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Considered independently by A. Cohen-Averbuch-Israeli ('98, unpublished) and by Costa ('98), then Costa-Dettori-Gottlieb-Temam ('01) (Fourier point of view) ; Studied by Ribot ('03) then Ribot-Schatzman('11); C-Costa ('02,'03, '04) applied the method with hierarchical pre conditioners in Finite Differences

Natural questions and outline

- Give a general approach for nonlinear parabolic equations
- Give conditions on B and τ to guarantee enhanced stability conditions (as compared to Forward and Backward Euler's)
- Accuracy of the schemes
- Situations in which the approach is interesting (two different levels of discretization)
- Applications: simulations of nonlinear parabolic PDE

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The efficiency of this stabilized scheme is closely related to the cost of the computation of the pre-conditioner of the jacobian matrix which changes at each iteration: use technique of updating factorizations (Calgaro-C-Saad, Bellavia et al)

Semi Nonlinear RSS

if $F(u)$ can be expressed as $F(u) = Au + f(u)$, we define the scheme

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \underbrace{\tau B(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)})}_{\text{Stabilization of the linear part}} + F(u^{(k)}) = 0, \quad (6)$$

where B is a pre-conditioner of A .

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Theorem

Under hypothesis \mathcal{H} , we have the following stability conditions:

- If $\tau \geq \frac{\beta}{2}$, the scheme is unconditionally stable (i.e. stable $\forall \Delta t > 0$)
- If $\tau < \frac{\beta}{2}$, then the scheme is stable for $0 < \Delta t < \frac{2}{\left(1 - \frac{2\tau}{\beta}\right) \rho(A)}$.

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We consider the two sequences

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau B(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) = f - Au^{(k)},$$

and

$$\frac{v^{(k+1)} - v^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + Av^{(k+1)} = f,$$

with $u^{(0)} = v^{(0)}$. We let $M = Id - \Delta t(Id + \tau \Delta t B)^{-1}A$ and we assume that $\|M\| < 1$, then, there exists $\gamma \in [0, 1[$ such that

$$\|u^{(k)} - v^{(k)}\| \leq \Delta t^2 \| \tau B - A \| \frac{1}{1 - \gamma} \| f - Av^{(0)} \|, \forall k \geq 0.$$

As a consequence RSS is first order accurate in time

Consider the reaction-diffusion equation (of Allen-Cahn's type):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} f(u) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \partial\Omega, t > 0, \quad (8)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (9)$$

where $\epsilon > 0$ is a given parameter. The (semi nonlinear) RSS scheme applied to the discretized scheme writes as

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau B(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) = -Au^{(k)} - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} f(u^{(k)}). \quad (10)$$

We set $E(u) = \frac{1}{2} \langle Au, u \rangle + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \langle F(u), \mathbf{1} \rangle$, where F is a primitive of f .
 The scheme is energy decreasing if

$$E(u^{(k+1)}) < E(u^{(k)}).$$

If $F \geq 0$ (this will be the case in the applications) then $E \geq 0$ so the stability is obtained.

Theorem

Assume that f is C^1 and $\|f'\|_\infty \leq L$. We have the following stability conditions (energy diminishing conditions)

- If $\tau \geq \frac{\beta}{2}$ then
 - if $\left(\frac{\tau}{\beta} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda_{\min} - \frac{L}{2\epsilon^2} \geq 0$ then the scheme is unconditionally stable,
 - if $\left(\frac{\tau}{\beta} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda_{\min} - \frac{L}{2\epsilon^2} < 0$ then the scheme is stable for

$$0 < \Delta t < \frac{1}{\frac{L}{2\epsilon^2} - \left(\frac{\tau}{\beta} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda_{\min}},$$

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RSS-scheme is first order accurate a classical way to improve the accuracy is to use Richardson extrapolation, as follows (see A. Cohen *et al*):

$$\frac{du}{dt} = F(u),$$

by the forward Euler scheme defines the iterations

$$u^{k+1} = u^k + \Delta t F(u^k) = G_{\Delta t}(u^k).$$

The smoothed sequence is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= G_{\Delta t}(u^k), \\v_{2,0} &= G_{\Delta t/2}(u^k), \\v_{2,1} &= G_{\Delta t/2}(v_{2,0}), \\u^{k+1} &= 2v_{2,1} - v_1.\end{aligned}$$

It is second order accurate in time.

Below the Extrapolated RSS scheme

Algorithm 1 : Extrapolated RSS Scheme

- 1: $u^{(0)}$ given
 - 2: **for** ($k; =$)0,1, \dots until convergence
 - 3: **Solve** $(Id + \tau \frac{\Delta t}{2} B)v_1 = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} F(u^{(k)})$,
 - 4: **Set** $u_1 = u^{(n)} + v_1$,
 - 5: **Solve** $(Id + \tau \frac{\Delta t}{2} B)v_2 = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} F(u_1)$,
 - 6: **Set** $u_2 = u_1 + v_2$,
 - 7: **Solve** $(Id + \tau \Delta t B)v_3 = -\Delta t F(u^{(k)})$,
 - 8: **Set** $u_3 = u^{(n)} + v_3$,
 - 9: **Set** $u^{(k+1)} = 2u_2 - u_3$.
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Ribot and Schatzman ('11) have studied the general Richardson extrapolation in the infinite dimensional case (A and B are operators).

Gear's Scheme $\frac{3u^{(k+1)} - 4u^{(k)} + u^{(k-1)}}{2\Delta t} + Au^{(k+1)} = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta t}(3u^{(k+1)} - 4u^{(k)} + u^{(k-1)}) + \tau B(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) + Au^k = 0$$

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Crank Nicolson's Scheme $\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2}(Au^{(k+1)} + Au^{(k)}) = 0$

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Lie (or Strang) Splitting

$$\frac{u^{(k+1/2)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau_1 B_1(u^{(k+1/2)} - u^{(k)}) = -A_1 u^{(k)}, \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k+1/2)}}{\Delta t} + \tau_2 B_2(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k+1/2)}) = -A_2 u^{(k+1/2)}, \quad (12)$$

and the Strang's Splitting

$$\frac{u^{(k+1/3)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t/2} + \tau_1 B_1(u^{(k+1/3)} - u^{(k)}) = -A_1 u^{(k)}, \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{u^{(k+2/3)} - u^{(k+1/3)}}{\Delta t} + \tau_2 B_2(u^{(k+2/3)} - u^{(k+1/3)}) = -A_2 u^{(k+1/3)}, \quad (14)$$

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We have the same type of stability conditions as for RSS Euler's scheme.

Compact Scheme (Lele's approach, '92)

- A way to obtain a high level of accuracy with a finite difference scheme (spectral-like resolution)
- Approaching a linear operator (differentiation, interpolation) by a rational (instead of polynomial-like) finite differences scheme
- Let $U = (U_1, \dots, U_n)^T$ denotes a vector whose the components are the approximations of a regular function u at (regularly spaced) grid points $x_i = ih, i = 1, \dots, n$. We compute approximations of $V_i = \mathcal{L}(u)(x_i)$ as solution of a system

$$P.V = QU,$$

so the approximation matrix is formally $B = P^{-1}Q$.

Passage to higher dimension by tensorial product: if A_{xx}^N denotes the discretization matrix on $[0, 1]$ associated to Dirichlet Boundary conditions, using N internal discretization points, then

$$Id \otimes A_{xx}^N$$

We denote by A_2 the laplacian matrix associated to the usual Second order FD scheme (3 pts in 1D, 5 pts in 2D, 7 points in 3D) and by A_4 the one associated to 4th order CS

$$\text{2D laplacian matrix : } Id \otimes A_{xx}^N + A_{yy}^N \otimes Id$$

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Application to the Heat equation

The RSS scheme writes as

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau A_2(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) + A_4 u^{(k)} = f. \quad (16)$$

The numerical treatment of non homogeneous (possibly time depending) Dirichlet boundary conditions can be realized with the RSS approach.

Let $A_m(u, n)$, $m = 2, 4$, be the m th order finite difference discretization of $-\Delta$ of u with Dirichlet conditions at time $n\Delta t$, note that this operator is affine.

The stabilized scheme writes formally as

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau(A_2(u^{(k+1)}, k+1) - A_2(u^{(k)}, k)) + A_4(u^{(k)}, k) = f, \quad (17)$$

Making the approximation $A_2(u^{(k+1)}, k+1) \simeq A_2(u^{(k+1)}, k)$, we obtain

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau A_2(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) + A_4(u^{(k)}, k) = f. \quad (18)$$

Theorem

Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}^N)$. We assume that A is positive definite and B a symmetric definite positive preconditioning matrix of A satisfy hypothesis \mathcal{H} . We set $\delta = \|A - A^T\|$ and $\Phi(\xi) = (\beta^2 - 2\alpha\tau)\xi + \frac{1}{4\xi}\delta^2$. Assume that

$\frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha} - \frac{\delta^2}{8\alpha\lambda_{\min}(B)^2} \geq 0$. Then the RSS scheme has the following stability conditions

- i. if $\tau \geq \frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha} + \frac{\delta^2}{8\alpha\lambda_{\min}^2(B)} \geq \frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha}$, then the scheme is unconditionally stable.
- ii. If $\tau \leq \frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha} - \frac{\delta^2}{8\alpha\lambda_{\max}(B)^2}$ then the scheme is stable under condition

$$0 < \Delta t < \frac{2\alpha}{\Phi(\lambda_{\max}(B))}$$

- iii. If $\frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha} - \frac{\delta^2}{8\alpha\lambda_{\max}(B)^2} \leq \tau < \frac{\beta^2}{2\alpha} + \frac{\delta^2}{8\alpha\lambda_{\min}(B)^2}$ then the scheme is stable under condition

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Avantages

- Use fast solvers:
 - For Poisson problems with Dirichlet BC:

$$A_4 u = f$$

use sin- FFT or Multigrid as preconditioner for solving preconditioning systems $A_2 z = r$

- For the Heat equation

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau A_2 (u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) + A_4(u^{(k)}, k) = f.$$

use sin-FFT

- More generally, use the sparse linear algebra preconditioning techniques for the fast solution of the implicit part

RSS for solving 2D incompressible Navier-Stokes equations (NSE)

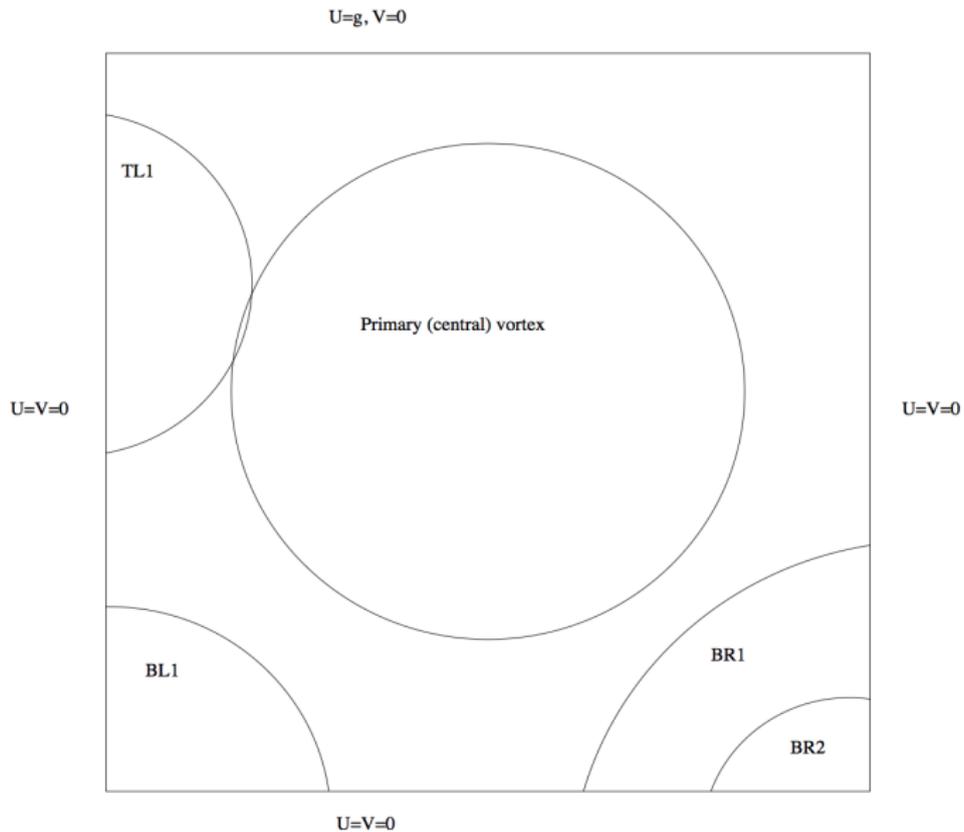
Consider the stream function-vorticity formulation $(\omega - \psi)$ of NSE

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \omega + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (19)$$

$$\Delta \psi = \omega, \quad \text{in } \Omega. \quad (20)$$

$$\omega(x, y, 0) = \omega_0(x, y), \quad (21)$$

that we supplement with proper boundary conditions. We denote by Γ_i $i = 1, \dots, 4$ the sides of the unit square Ω as follows: Γ_1 is the lower horizontal side, Γ_3 is the upper horizontal side, Γ_2 is the left vertical side, and Γ_4 is the right vertical side.



Basic NSE semi implicit Scheme

The Equations are discretized in space with Fourth order CS.

Algorithm 2 Navier-Stokes

- 1: (ω^0, ψ^0) given as solution of the Stokes problem
- 2: **for** $(; k; =)0,1, \dots$ until convergence
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$$\frac{\omega^{(k+1)} - \omega^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{Re} A_4 \omega^{(*)} + D_4^y \psi^{(k)} .* D_4^x \omega^{(k)} - D_4^x \psi^{(k)} .* D_4^y \omega^{(k)} = 0$$

- 5: **Compute** ψ^{n+1} as solution of the Poisson equation

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Here $\star = k$ or $\star = k + 1$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\omega^{(k+1)} - \omega^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau \frac{1}{Re} A_2(\omega^{(k+1)} - \omega^{(k)}) \\ & + D_4^y \psi^{(k)} \cdot * D_4^x \omega^{(k)} - D_4^x \psi^{(k)} \cdot * D_4^y \omega^{(k)} \end{aligned} = -\frac{1}{Re} A_4 \omega^{(k)}$$

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Numerical results

Implementation

Systems in ω solved using sin-FFT, those in ψ using sin-FFT preconditioning

Benchmark

We distinguish two different driven flows, according to the choice of the boundary conditions on the velocity. More precisely we have

- $g(x) = 1$: Cavity A (lid driven cavity)
- $g(x) = (1 - (1 - 2x)^2)^2$: Cavity B (regularized lid driven cavity)

These are the considered geometries

- Lid Driven cavity on a square domain All the results have been compared with those of Ghia & Ghia (JCP '82), Bruneau & Jouron ('90) Goyon ('96), Ben Artzi-Croisille-Fishelov (2005)
- Lid Driven cavity on a rectangular model (or double cavity) All the results have been compared with those of Bruneau & Jouron ('90) Goyon ('96)

A double check has been run, varying the spatial discretization

The effect of the stabilization

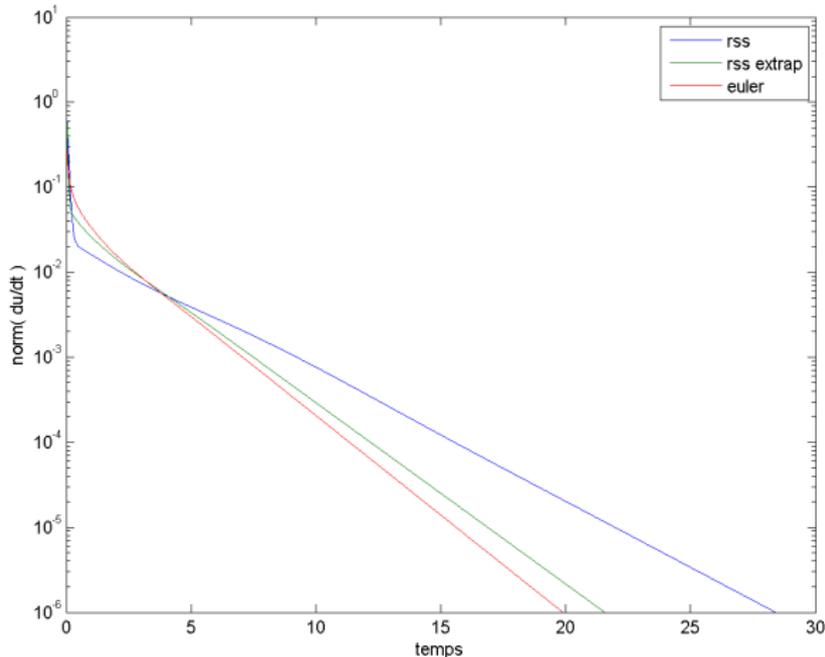


Figure : Convergence to NSE steady state (19) - $\tau = 100$ - $N = 63$ - $Re = 100$ - $\Delta t = 0.01$

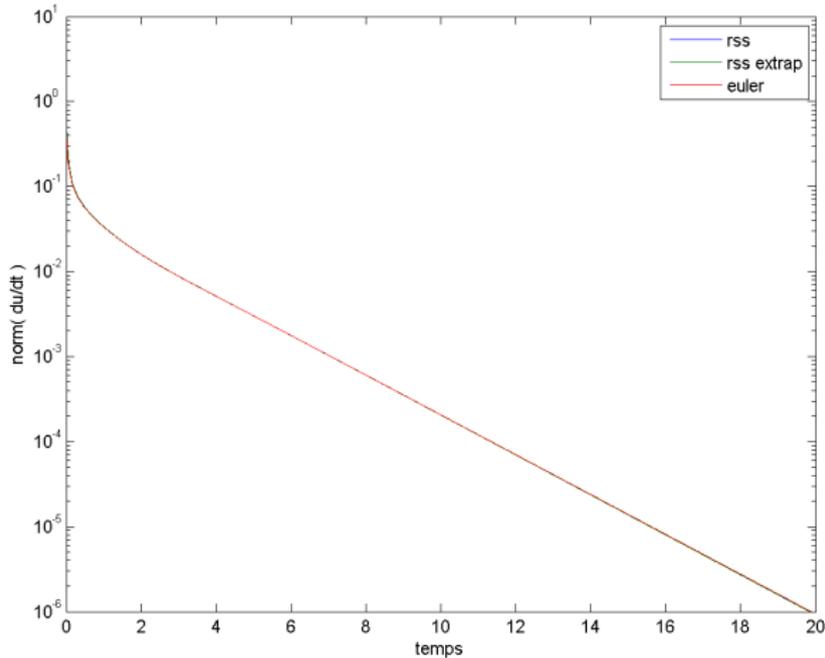


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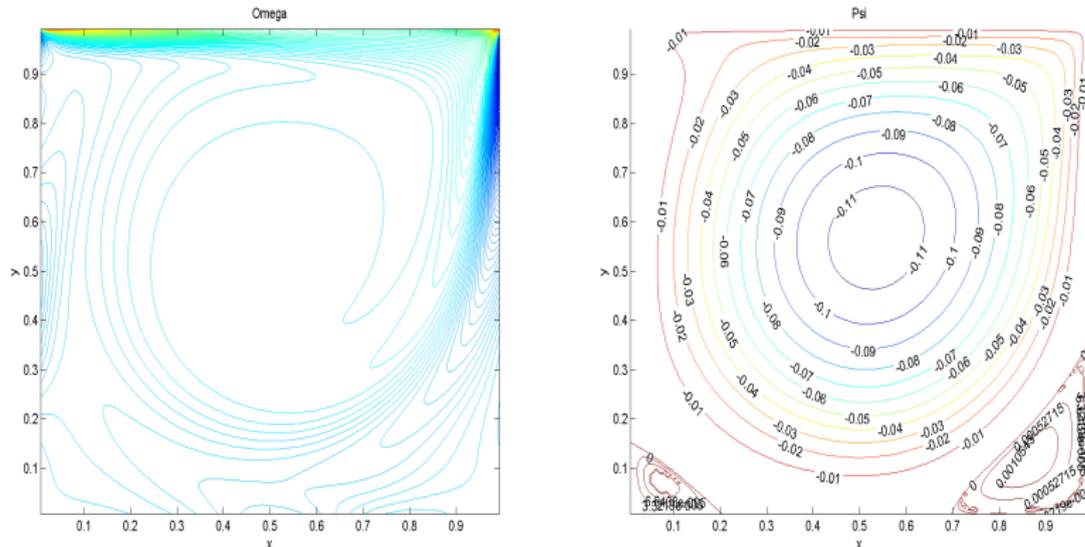


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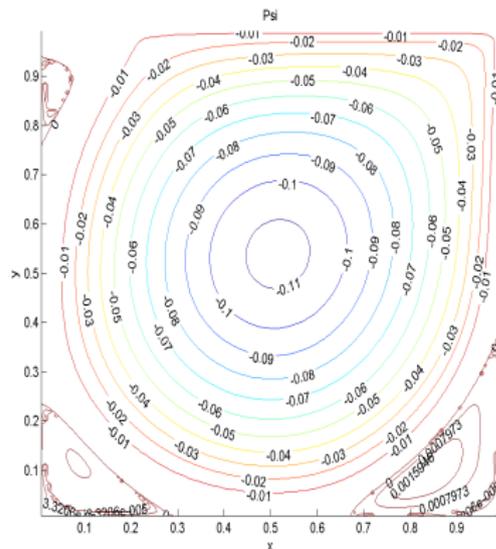
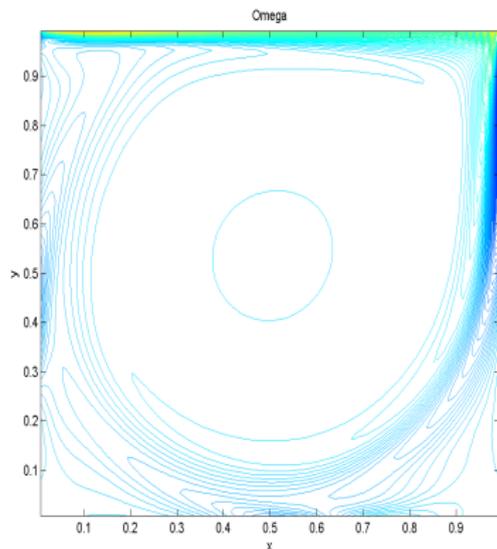
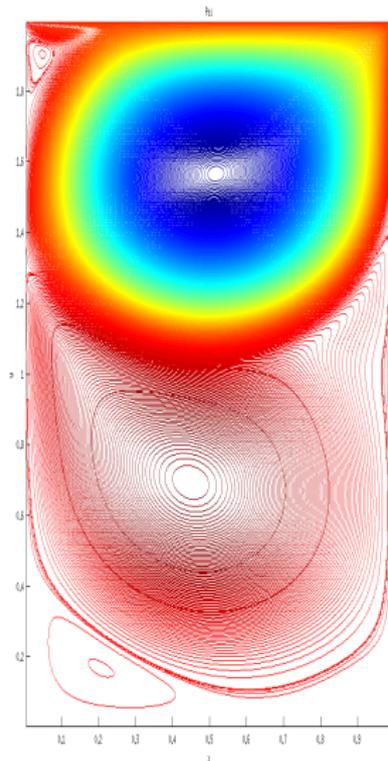
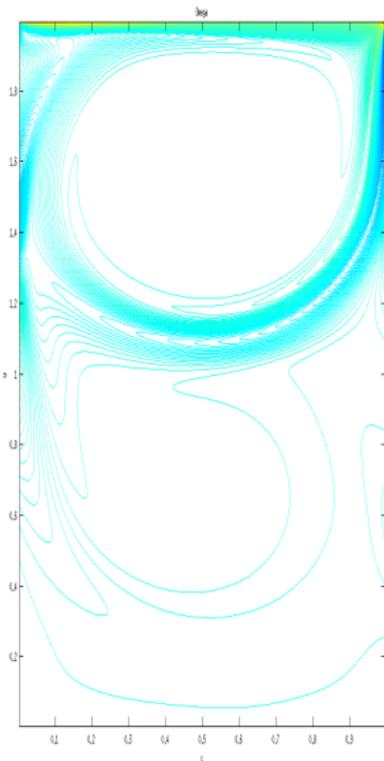


Figure : Solution of NSE (19) - $g \equiv 1$ - $\tau = 1$ - $N = 127$ - $Re = 3200$ - $\Delta t = 0.0005$

NSE

Phase Fields: Allen-Cahn equation for the Phase separation

Phase Fields: Cahn-Hilliard for inpainting



Nonlinear RSS Scheme

The (semi linear) RRS-scheme becomes less interesting as Re increases. Idea use Nonlinear RSS version.

$$\left(\frac{1}{\Delta t} Id + \tau \left(\frac{1}{Re} A_2 + \text{diag}(D_y \psi^{(k)}) D_x - \text{diag}(D_x \psi^{(k)}) D_y \right) \right) \delta^{(k)} = -F(\psi^{(k)}, \omega^{(k)}) \quad (22)$$

with $\delta^{(k)} = \omega^{(k+1)} - \omega^{(k)}$, where A_2 is the second order laplacian matrix, $\text{diag}(D_y \psi^{(k)})$ (resp. $\text{diag}(D_x \psi^{(k)})$) is the diagonal matrix with the discrete (second order accurate) approximation of $\frac{\partial \psi^{(k)}}{\partial x}$ (resp. $\frac{\partial \psi^{(k)}}{\partial y}$) at grid points as entries; D_x (resp. D_y) denote the (second order accurate) first derivative matrix in x (resp. in y) on the cartesian grid.

$-F(\psi^{(k)}, \omega^{(k)})$ is the high order compact scheme discretisation of

$$-\frac{1}{Re} \Delta \omega + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y}.$$

Method τ Extrap.	RSS Δt no	RSS Δt_{max} no	RSS T_c no	RSS Δt yes	RSS Δt_{max} yes	RSS T_c yes	NLRSS Δt yes	NLRSS Δt_{max} yes	NLRSS T_c yes
$\tau = 1$	0.005	0.005	56.21	0.005	0.01	56.81			
	0.01		***	0.01		56.79	0.01	0.02	56.86
	0.02		***	0.02	***		0.02		56.96
$\tau = 30$	0.05	0.04	NC	0.05	0.08	47.95	0.05	0.7	65.05
	0.1		***	0.1		***	0.1		62.5
	0.7		***	0.7		***	0.7		321.3

RSS (left) RSS with Extrapolation (center) and extrapolated NLRSS (right) $Re = 1000$,
 $n = 127$, $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$

Allen Cahn equation writes as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + M(-\Delta u + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} f(u)) = 0 \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \quad (24)$$

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x) \quad (25)$$

- It describes the process of phase separation in iron alloys [Allen-Cahn, 1972, 1973], including order-disorder transitions: M is the **mobility** (taken to be 1 for simplicity), $F = \int_{-\infty}^u f(v) dv$ is the free energy, u is the (non-conserved) **order parameter**, ϵ is the **interface length**.
- The homogenous Neumann boundary condition implies that there is not a loss of mass outside the domain Ω
- There is a competition between the potential term and the diffusion term: regularization in phase transition
- Maximum principle: if $|u_0(x)| \leq \beta$ then $|u(x, t)| \leq \beta$, where β is the magnitude of largest zero of f .

It is a gradient flow $E(u) = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \int_{\Omega} F(u) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx$

When $F(u) = \frac{1}{4}(1 - u^2)^2$ is considered, one can split the AC equation as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} F'(u) &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

This last equation can be integrated exactly (Li-Jeong-Choi-Lee-Kim '15). So the a first RSS-scheme is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{u^{(*)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau B(u^{(*)} - u^{(k)}) &= -Au^{(k)}, \\ u^{(k+1)} &= \frac{u^*}{\sqrt{e^{-2\frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon^2}} + (u^*)^2(1 - e^{-2\frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon^2}})}}\end{aligned}$$

The first (RRS) step can be splitted in ADI sub steps.

Method	N	ϵ	Δt	τ	$[0, T]$	$\ error\ _{\infty}$	CPU factor
RSS	$N = 32$	0.5	10^{-3}	5	$[0, 1]$	$5.960 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1
RSS	$N = 32$	0.5	10^{-3}	2	$[0, 1]$	$3.03 \cdot 10^{-2}$	1
Classic	$N = 32$	0.5	10^{-3}		$[0, 1]$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	2.22
RSS	$N = 32$	0.5	10^{-2}	2	$[0, 1]$	0.3123	1
RSS	$N = 32$	0.5	10^{-2}	1.9	$[0, 1]$	0.3066	1
Classic	$N = 32$	0.5	10^{-2}		$[0, 1]$	0.2586	2.22

Table : 3D Allen-Cahn equation: simulation of patterns - RSS-Lie splitting scheme vs classic Lie -splitting scheme, exact solution is $u(x, y, z, t) = \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \cos(\pi z) \exp(\sin(3\pi t))$, $\Omega = [0, 1]^3$

Cahn-Hilliard equations allow here to inpaint a tagged picture. Let g be the original image and $D \subset \Omega$ the region of Ω in which the image is deteriorated. The idea is to add a penalty term that forces the image to remain unchanged in $\Omega \setminus D$ and to reconnect the fields of g inside D . Let $\lambda \gg 1$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta(-\epsilon \Delta u + \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u)) + \lambda \chi_{\Omega \setminus D}(x)(u - g) = 0, \quad (26)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta(-\epsilon \Delta u + \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u))}_{\text{Cahn-Hilliard equation}} + \underbrace{\lambda \chi_{\Omega \setminus D}(x)(u - g)}_{\text{Fidelity term}} = 0, \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\Delta u - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} f(u) \right) = 0, \quad (28)$$

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x) \quad (29)$$

Here $\chi_{\Omega \setminus D}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \Omega \setminus D, \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

- The presence of the penalization term $\lambda \chi_{\Omega \setminus D}(x)(u - g)$ forces the solution to be close to g in $\Omega \setminus D$ when $\lambda \gg 1$
- The Cahn-Hilliard flow has as effect to connect the fields inside D
- here ϵ will play the role of the "contrast". A post-processing is possible using a thresholding procedure.

The Reference scheme

$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + Au^{(k+1)} + \lambda D(u^{(k+1)} - g) = 0, \quad (30)$$

$$\mu^{(k+1)} = \epsilon Au^{(k+1)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u^{(k)}) \quad (31)$$

say in the matricial form

$$\begin{pmatrix} Id + \Delta t \lambda D & \Delta t A \\ -\epsilon A & Id \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{(k+1)} \\ \mu^{(k+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u^{(k)} + \Delta t \lambda Dg \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u^{(k)}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The RSS scheme

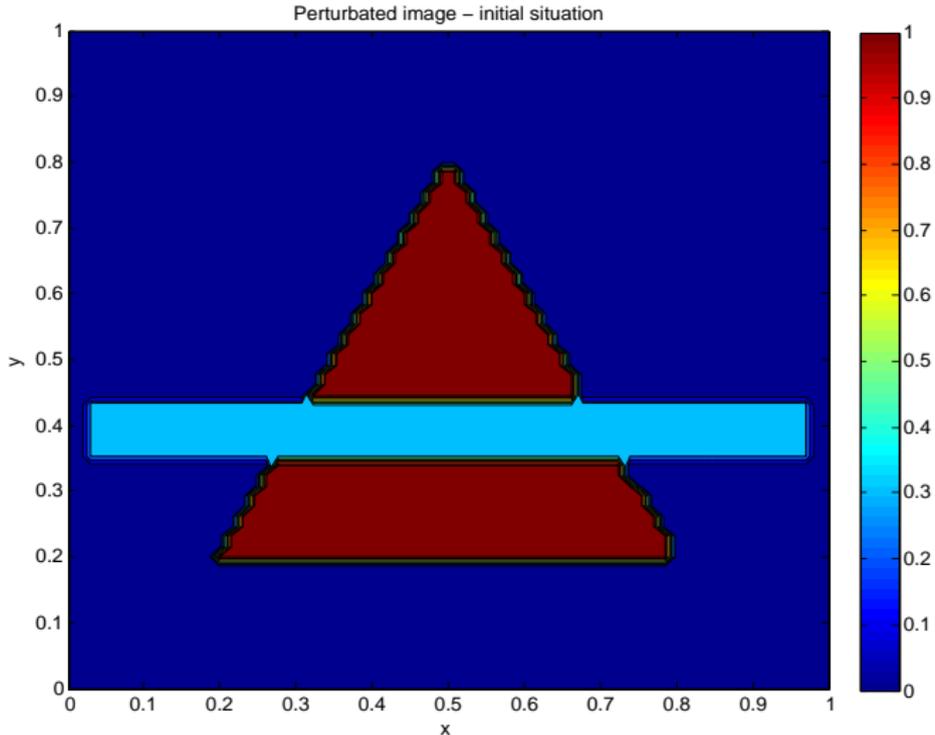
$$\frac{u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}}{\Delta t} + \tau B(\mu^{(k+1)} - \mu^{(k)}) + A\mu^{(k)} + \lambda D(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) = \lambda_0 D(g - u^{(k)}), \quad (32)$$

$$\mu^{(k+1)} - \mu^{(k)} = \epsilon \tau B(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) + \epsilon A u^{(k)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u^{(k)}) - \mu^{(k)}. \quad (33)$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} Id + \Delta t \lambda D & \tau \Delta t B \\ -\epsilon \tau B & Id \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)} \\ \mu^{(k+1)} - \mu^{(k)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta t (\lambda D(g - u^{(k)}) - A u^{(k)}) \\ \epsilon A u^{(k)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} f(u^{(k)}) - \mu^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}$$

The linear system can be solved by using a (incomplete) LU block decomposition; technique of approximation of Schur's complement can be applied for the optimization (Bosh-Kay-Stoll-Wathen '13)



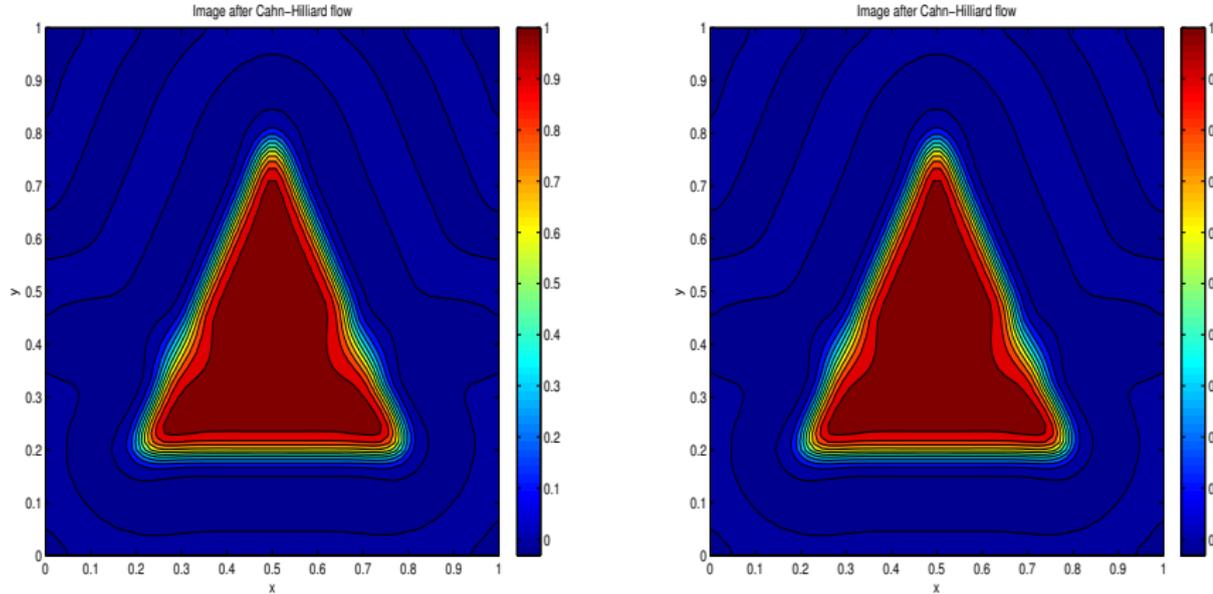


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 64$ - Restored triangle at $T = 0.1$, classical (left) RSS method (right)

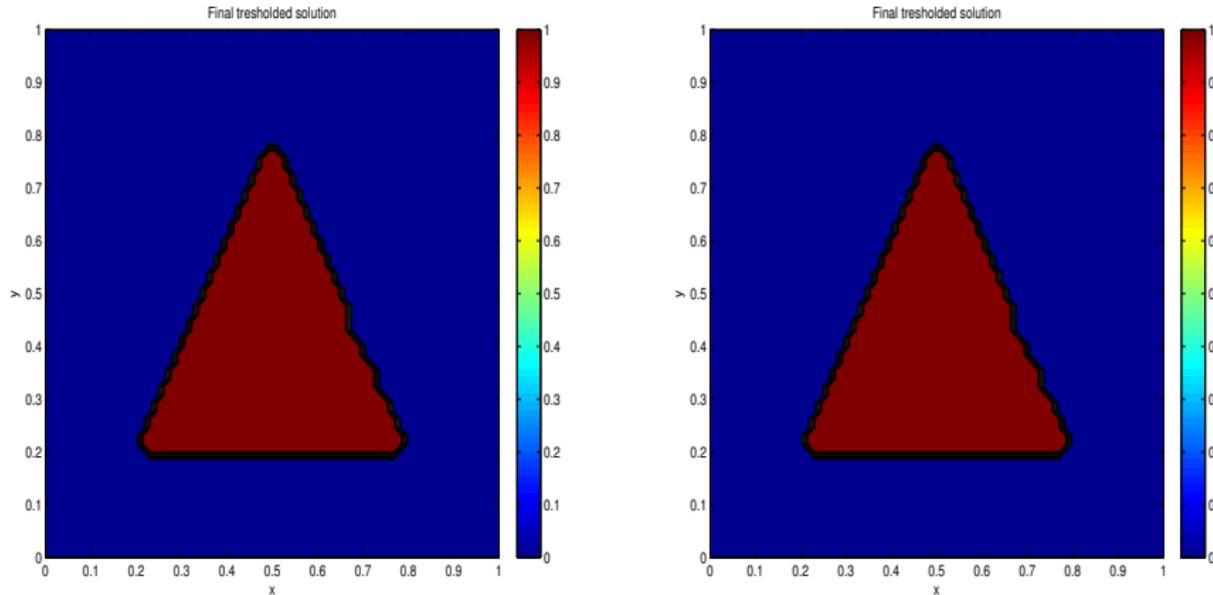


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 64$ - Restored triangle with thresholding at $T = 0.1$, classical (left) RSS method (right)

Method	N	ϵ	Δt	τ	$[0, T]$	quality	CPU factor (iterations)
RSS	$N = 64$	0.05	10^{-3}	1.4	$[0, 0.1]$	EX	1
Classic	$N = 64$	0.05	10^{-3}		$[0, 0.1]$	EX	>10
RSS	$N = 64$	0.05	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1.5	$[0, 0.1]$	EX	1
Classic	$N = 64$	0.05	$5 \cdot 10^{-3}$		$[0, 0.1]$	EX	>10
RSS	$N = 64$	0.05	10^{-2}	2.8	$[0, 0.1]$	middle	1
Classic	$N = 64$	0.5	10^{-2}		$[0, 0.1]$	middle	>10

Table 1: 2D Cahn-Hilliard Inpainting equation, the triangle example: $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$, $\lambda = 90000$

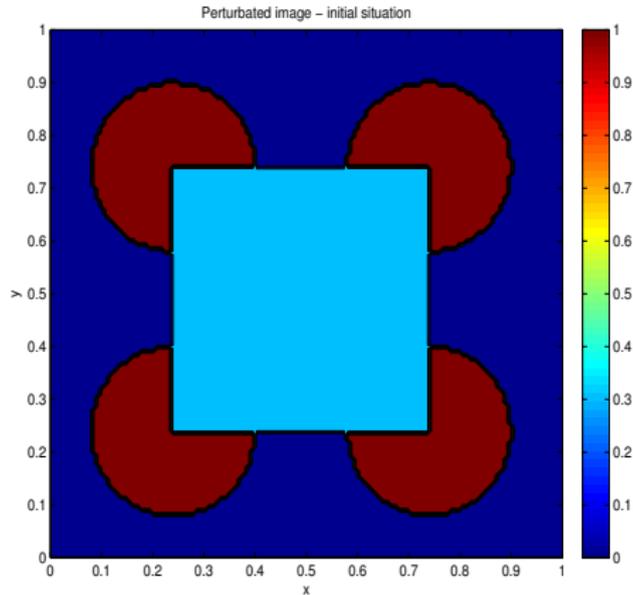


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - Initial inpainted image

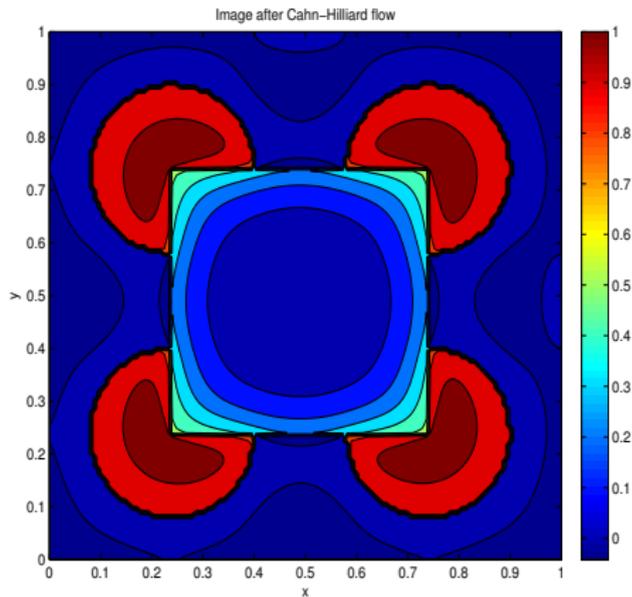


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - image at $t = 0.005$

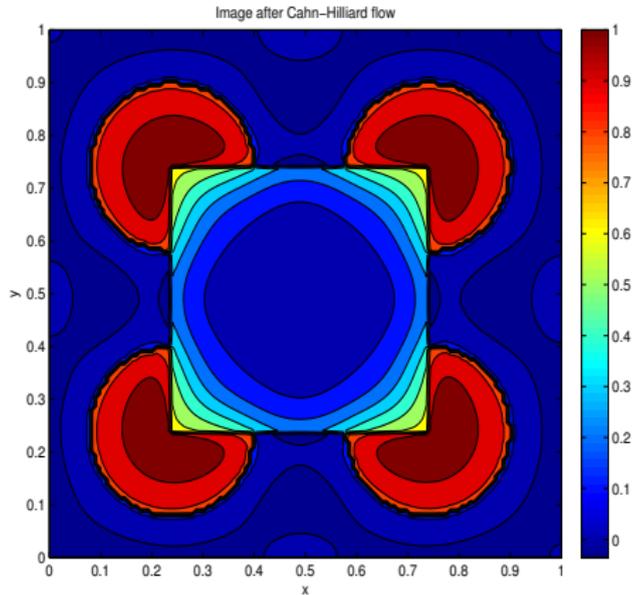


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - image at $t = 0.008$

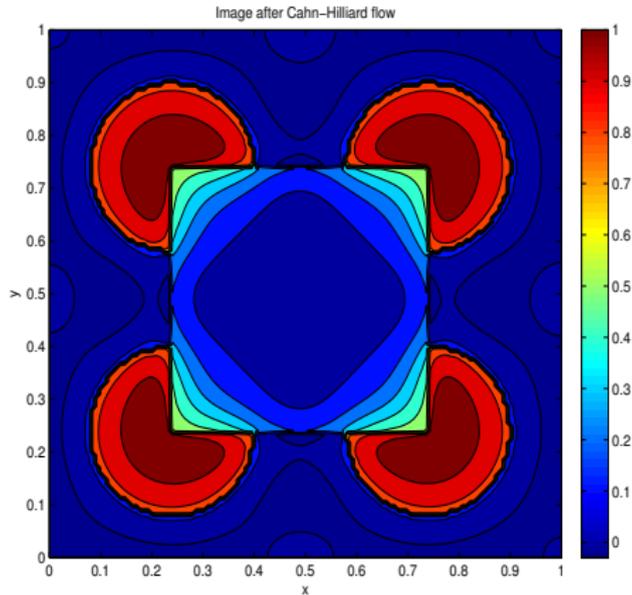


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - image at $t = 0.01$

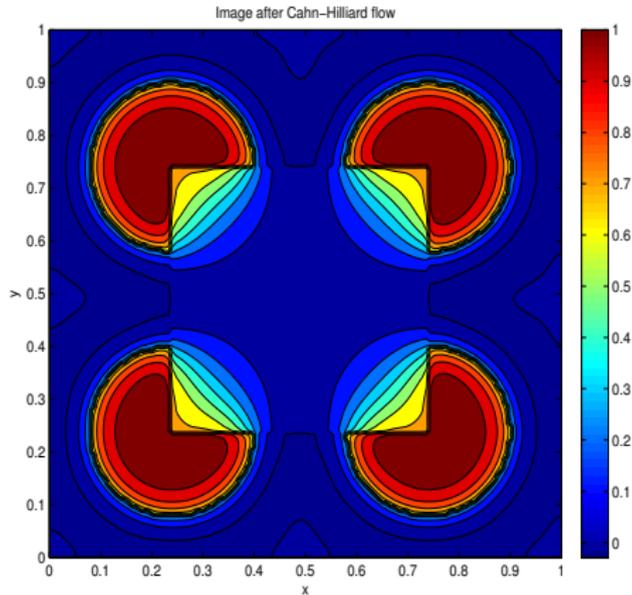


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - image at $t = 0.02$

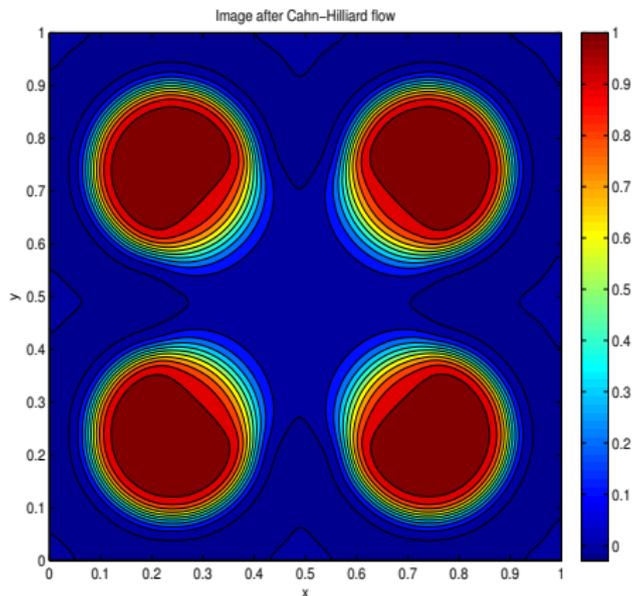


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - image at $t = 0.1$

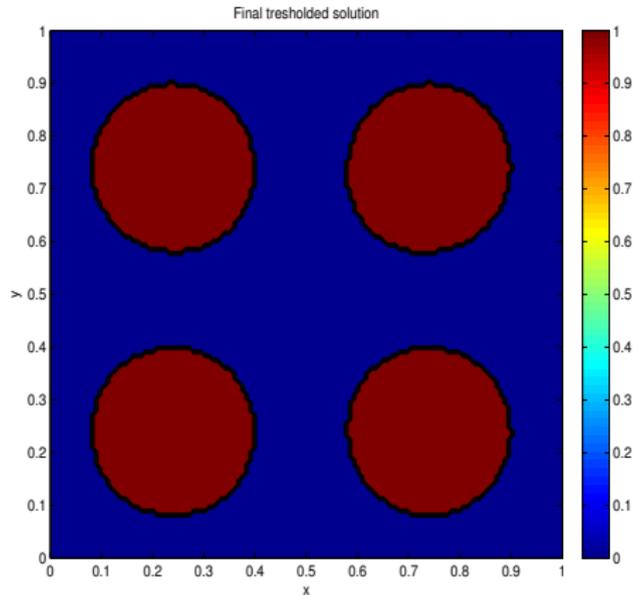


Figure : Inpainting with C-H. $\Delta t = 0.001$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $N = 128$ - thresholded image at $t = 0.1$

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- Limitation to parabolic equations: RSS does not apply interestingly, e.g., to Airy equation then not to KdV.



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