



Fast solution of stiff PDEs in 1D, 2D and 3D

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Introduction



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Each scheme is characterized by its coefficients $A_{i,j}$, B_i and C_i which are functions of \mathbf{L}





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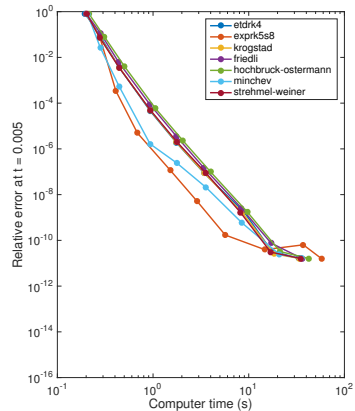
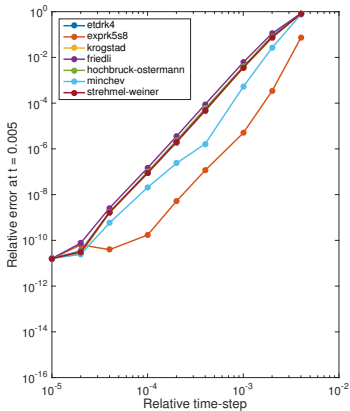
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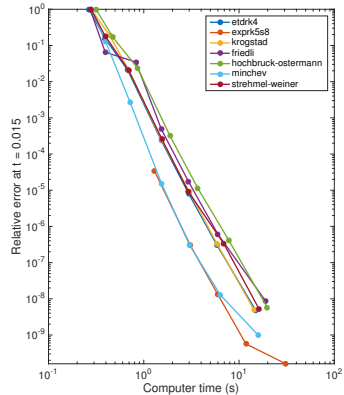
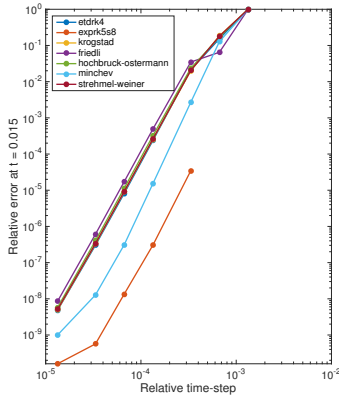




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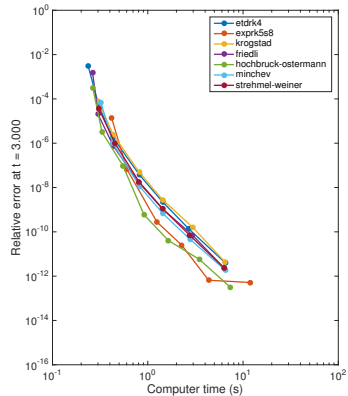
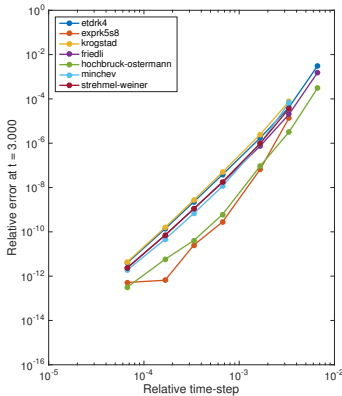




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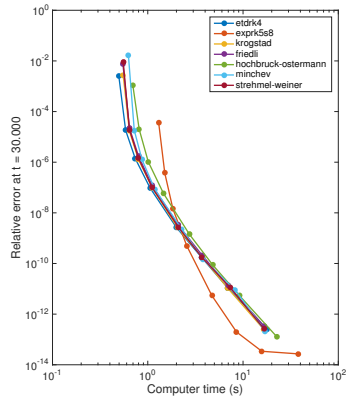
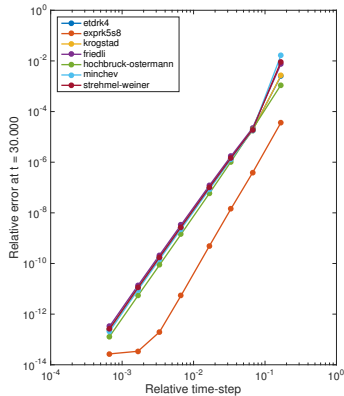




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```

```
S = spinop(dom, tspan);
```

```
S.linearPart = @(u) -diff(u,2)-diff(u,4);
```

```
S.nonlinearPart = @(u) -.5*diff(u.^2);
```

```
S.init = chebfun(@(x) cos(x/16).*(1 + sin(x/16)), dom, 'trig');
```

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