

# Report on FEM Programming Homework 4

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## 1 Problem

$$\begin{cases} -\epsilon u''(x) + u'(x) = x, & x \in (0, 1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$V_h = \{v \in H_0^1([0, 1]), v|_{I_j} \in P^1(I_j)\}$$

Test your code with  $\epsilon = 10^{-1}, \epsilon = 10^{-7}$  and the following two grids.

1. Grid1: uniform mesh (N cells in  $[0, 1]$ )
2. Grid2: Shishkin mesh with  $\tau = 1 - 2\epsilon \ln(N)$  (N cells in  $[0, \tau]$ , and N cells in  $[\tau, 1]$ )

## 2 Algorithm

### 2.1 Variations of PDE and FEM

The exact solution of the problem is

$$u(x) = -\frac{-e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}}x^2 + e^{\frac{x}{\epsilon}} + 2\epsilon(-e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}}x + e^{\frac{x}{\epsilon}} + x - 1) + x^2 - 1}{2(e^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} - 1)}$$

We note that when  $\epsilon$  is very small,  $u(x)$  is not computable, so we change the solution to

$$u(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \epsilon x + \frac{(1 + 2\epsilon)(e^{x/\epsilon+b} - e^b)}{2(e^{1/\epsilon+b} - e^b)}$$

where  $b = -\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ .

The solution space is

$$V = H_0^1([0, 1])$$

and the weak form is

$$\begin{cases} \text{Find } u \in V \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = F(v), \forall v \in V \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $a(u, v) = \int_0^1 \epsilon u'(x)v'(x) + u'(x)v(x)dx$ ,  $F(v) = \int_0^1 xv(x)dx$

The finite element variation problem is

$$\begin{cases} \text{Find } u_h \in V_h (\subset V) \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = F(v), \forall v \in V_h \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

## 2.2 The basis of $V_h$

The basis of  $P^1$  space is

$$\phi_j(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-x_{j-1}}{x_j-x_{j-1}}, & [x_{j-1}, x_j] \\ \frac{x_{j+1}-x}{x_{j+1}-x_j}, & [x_j, x_{j+1}] \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases} \quad j = 1, \dots, N-1$$

## 2.3 Stiffness Matrix

The stiffness matrix is  $K = (k_{ij})_{(N-1) \times (N-1)}$ , where  $k_{ij} = a(\phi'_j, \phi'_i) = \int_0^1 \epsilon \phi'_j(x) \phi'_i(x) + \phi'_j(x) \phi_i(x) dx$ . To calculate  $k_{ij}$ , we need to know derivatives of the basis function.

$$\phi'_j(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x_j-x_{j-1}}, & [x_{j-1}, x_j] \\ \frac{-1}{x_{j+1}-x_j}, & [x_j, x_{j+1}] \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases} \quad j = 1, \dots, N-1$$

## 2.4 Numerical Integration Method and Linear Equations Solution Method

We use Gauss integration method to compute all the integrations that we need.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f\left(\frac{(b-a)t+a+b}{2}\right) \frac{b-a}{2} dt = \frac{b-a}{2} \sum_1^n A_k f\left(\frac{(b-a)x_k+a+b}{2}\right)$$

In this program, we take  $n = 3$ , thus  $x_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}, x_2 = 0, x_3 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$  and  $A_1 = A_3 = \frac{5}{9}, A_2 = \frac{8}{9}$ . To solve linear equations, we just use  $A \setminus b$ .

## 2.5 Error Calculation of Different Norms

For each unit of uniform mesh, we take its Gauss node as sampling points.

For  $\|u - u_h\|_{L^1}$

$$\int_0^1 |u - u_h| dx = \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{-1}^1 |u - u_h| \left(\frac{ht + jh + (j-1)h}{2}\right) \frac{h}{2} dt = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_1^n A_k |u - u_h| \left(\frac{hx_k + jh + (j-1)h}{2}\right)$$

where  $n, x_k, A_k$  are the same as above. For  $\|u - u_h\|_{L^\infty}$ , we take the maximum of the function value of all the sampling points. As for Shinshkin mesh, we just separate the integration into two parts with different  $h$  and sum them up after integration calculation when computing  $L^1$  norm.

## 2.6 The Structure of Our Code

pg4\_1 is a program of uniform mesh and pg4\_2 is a program of Shinshkin mesh. Gauss3 is a function for computation of Gauss integration. ComputeUh\_1 is a function for computation of the function value of FEM solution on uniform mesh and ComputeUh\_Shinshkin the same function on Shinshkin mesh.

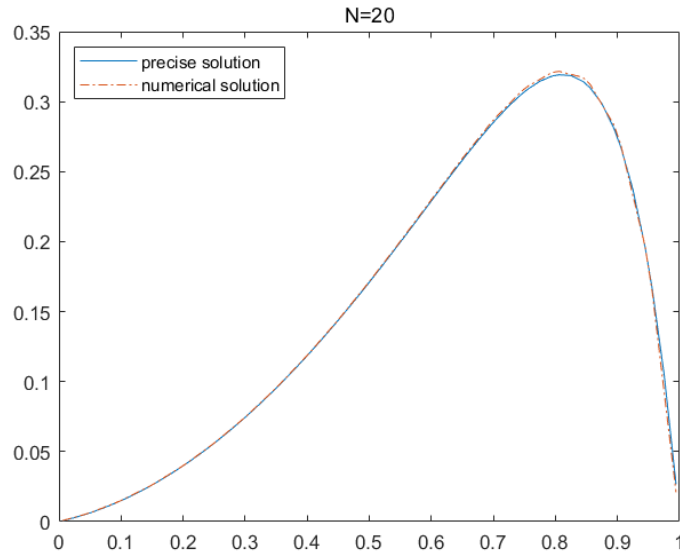
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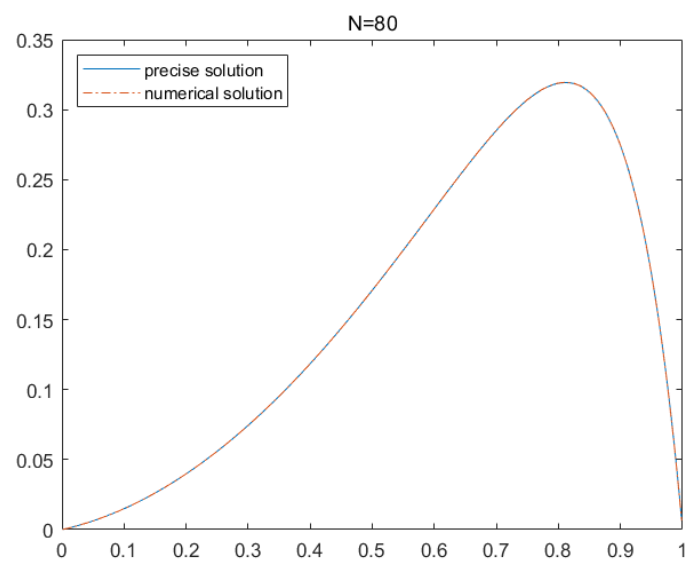
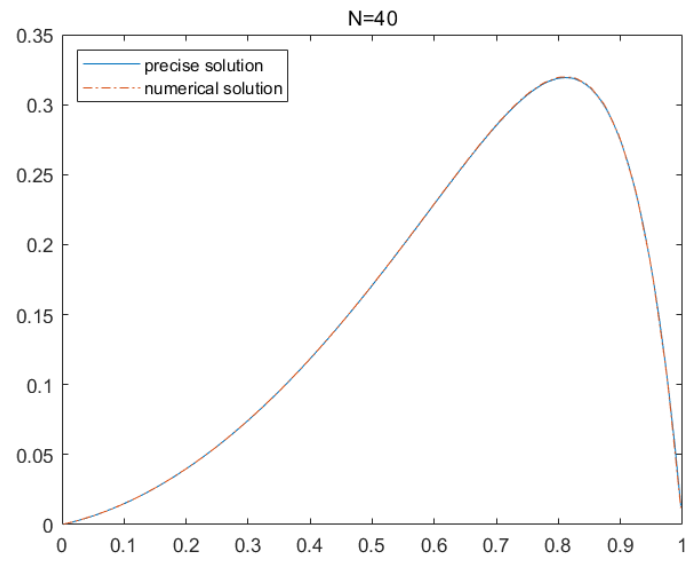
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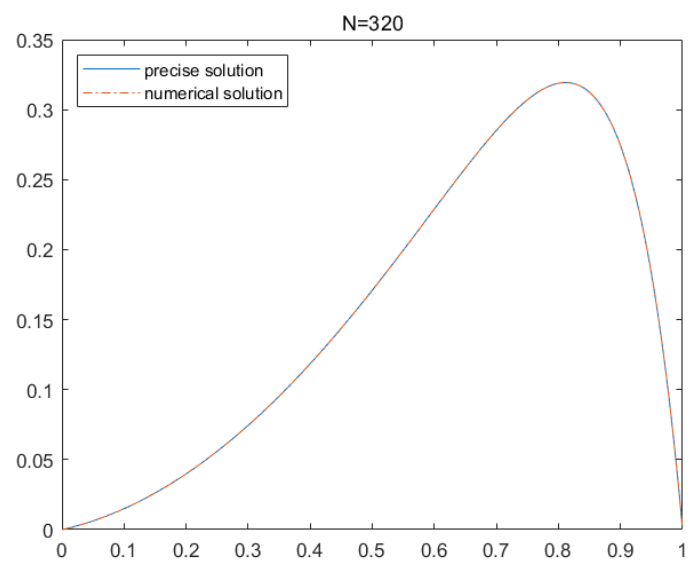
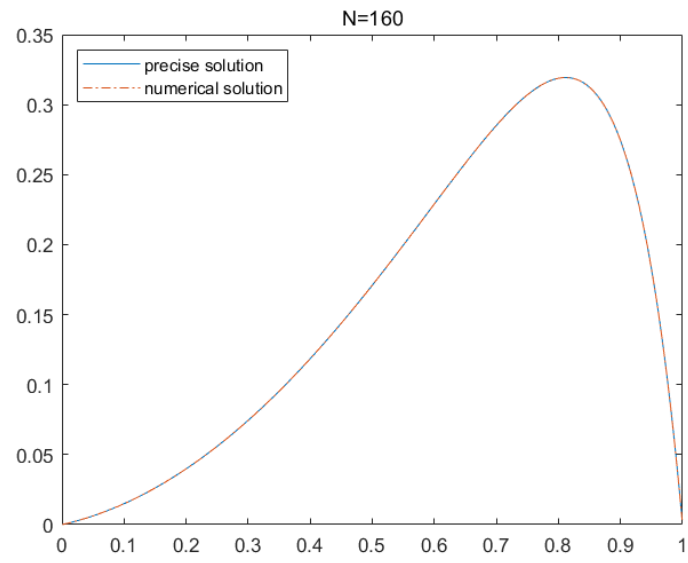
### 3.1 Uniform mesh $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$

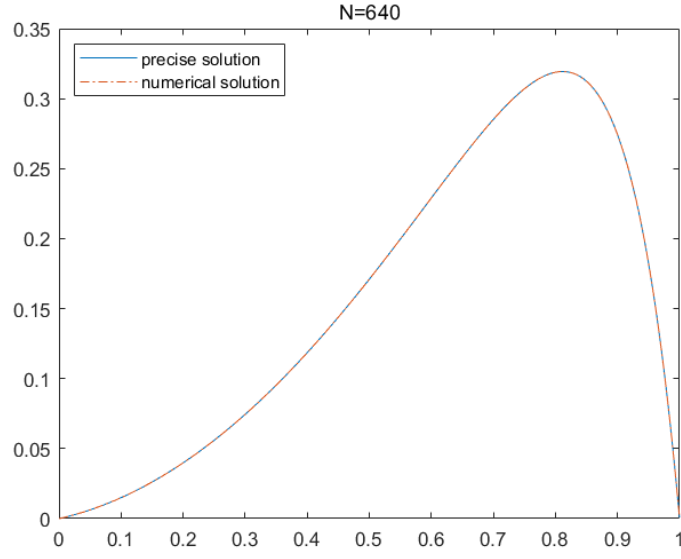
Table 1: Accuracy test for function error in  $P^1$  space, uniform mesh,  $\epsilon = 10^{-1}$

N	$\ u - u_h\ _{L^1}$ error	order	$\ u - u_h\ _{L^\infty}$ error	order
N=20	1.181971619503e-03	—	1.240866833753e-02	—
N=40	2.919203095731e-04	2.017548904080	3.757395943819e-03	1.723543241658
N=80	7.286918309486e-05	2.002193863509	1.038582231160e-03	1.855117703091
N=160	1.820367452490e-05	2.001079120566	2.733736370442e-04	1.925669420470
N=320	4.550484002071e-06	2.000137789163	7.015144412327e-05	1.962329414175
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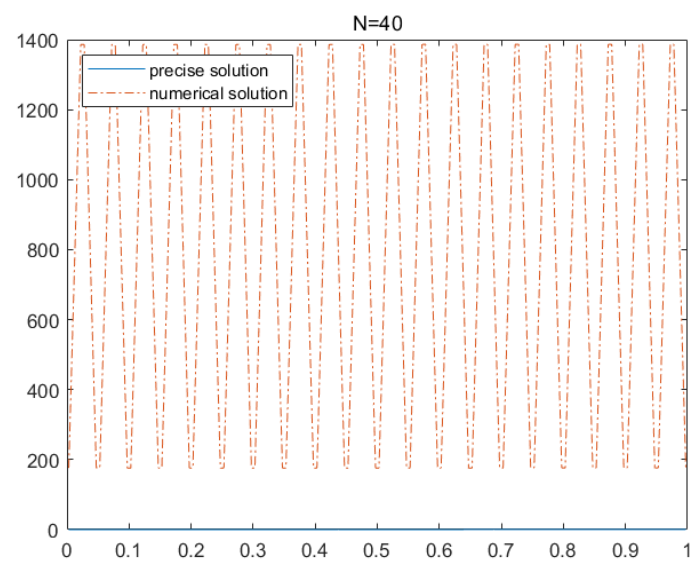
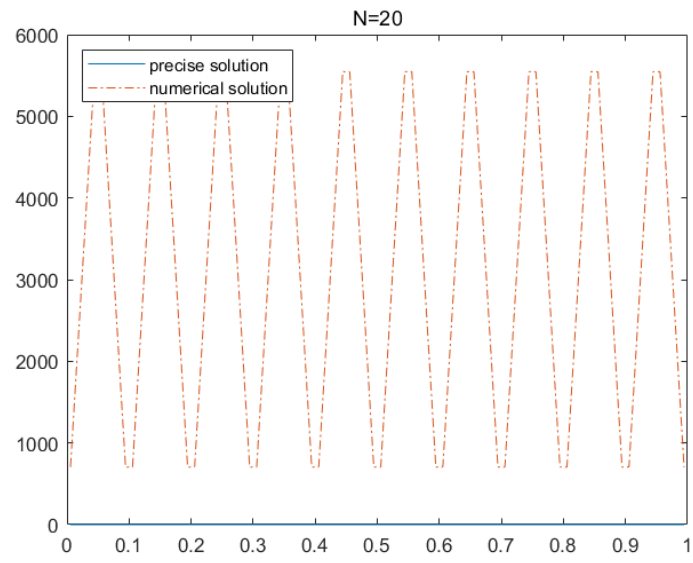


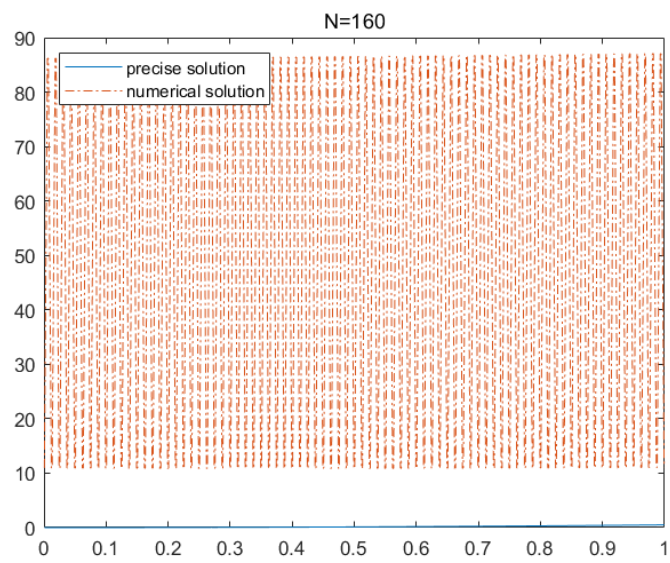
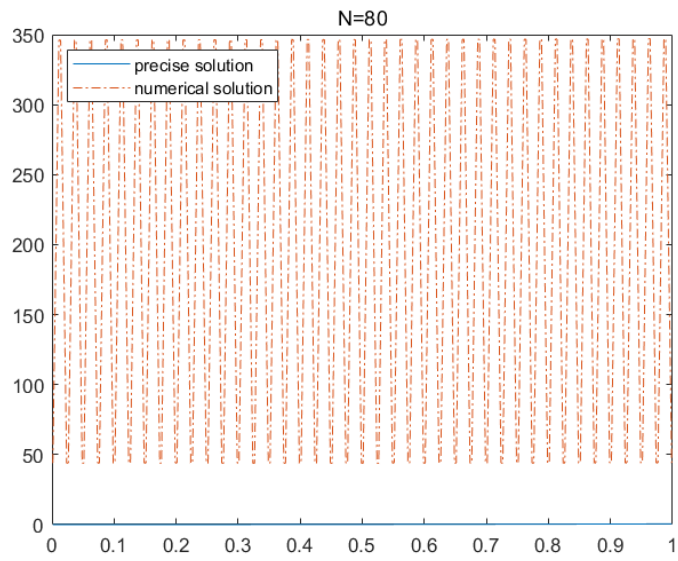


### 3.2 Uniform mesh $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$

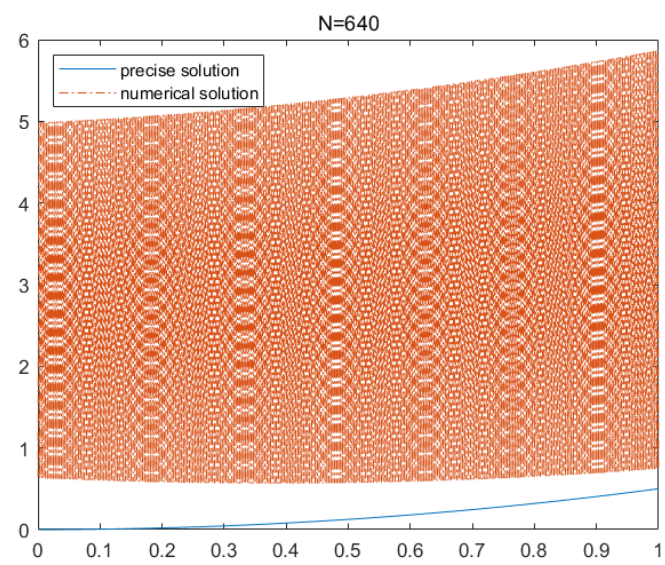
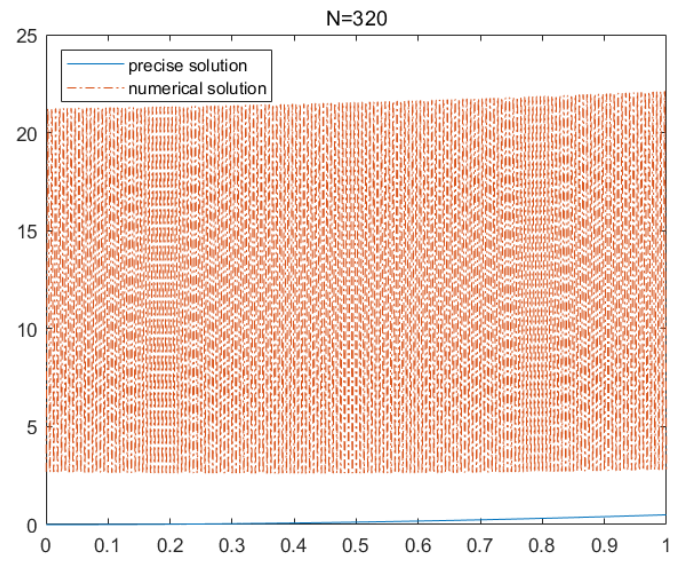
Table 2: Accuracy test for function error in  $P^1$  space, uniform mesh,  $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$

N	$\ u - u_h\ _{L^1}$ error	order	$\ u - u_h\ _{L^\infty}$ error	order
N=20	3.124750839902e+03	—	5.545542937834e+03	—
N=40	7.810002348926e+02	2.000346269954	1.386339376548e+03	2.000048241586
N=80	1.950626586392e+02	2.001385356820	3.465406854229e+02	2.000183826898
N=160	4.857856457119e+01	2.005545859360	8.659257457502e+01	2.000709518734
N=320	1.195874100790e+01	2.022254347468	2.160818401402e+01	2.002665486377
N=640	2.808582125459e+00	2.090151619168	5.370838171199e+00	2.008358673521





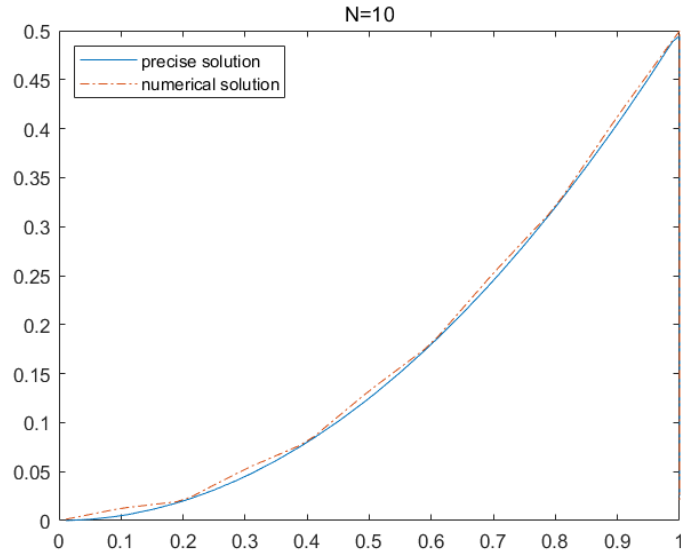


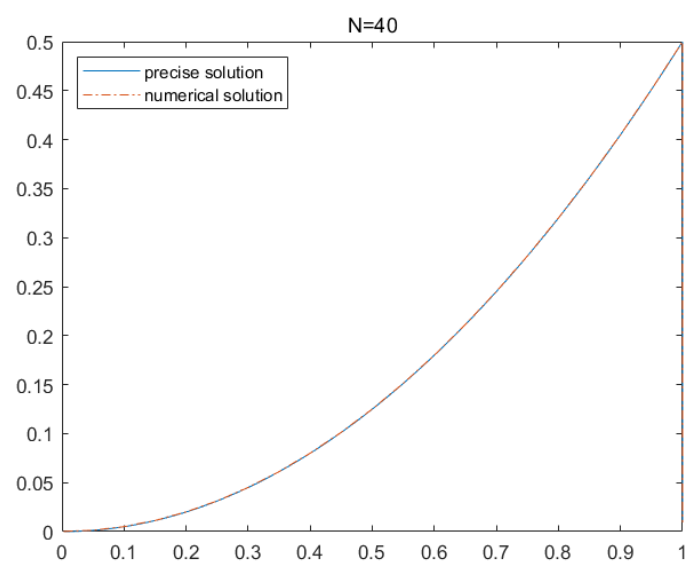
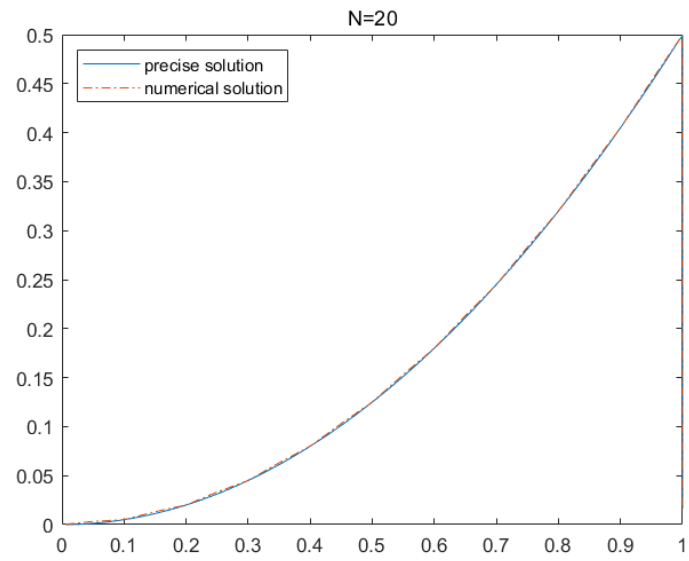


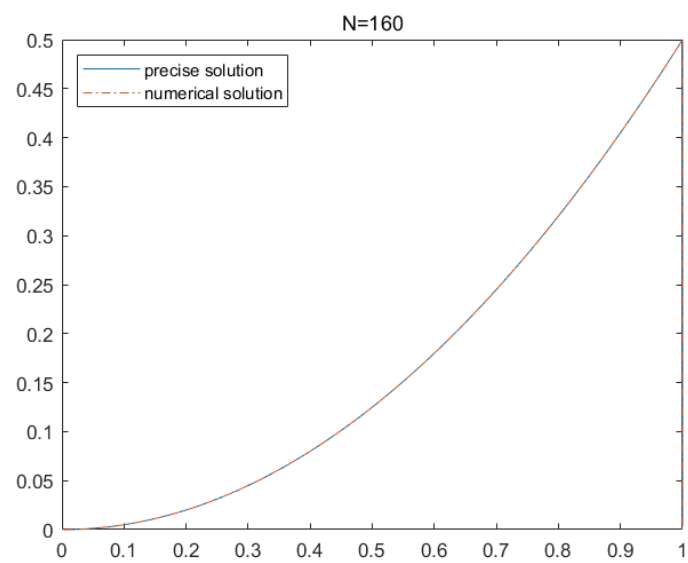
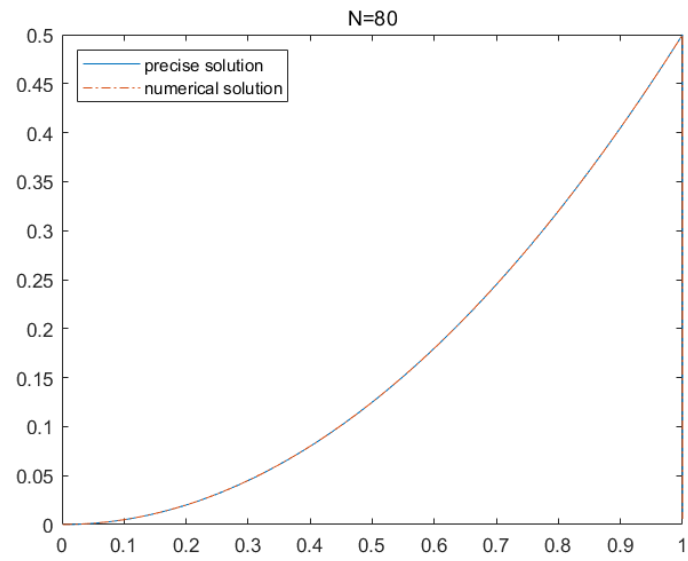
### 3.3 Shinshkin mesh $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$

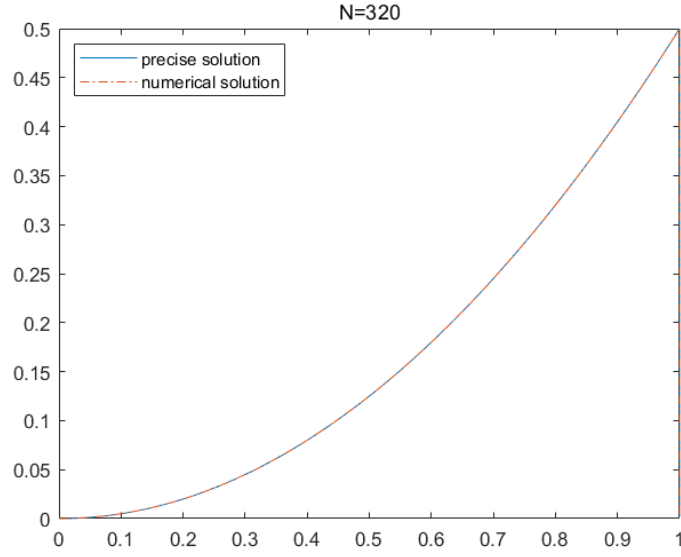
Table 3: Accuracy test for function error in  $P^1$  space, Shinshkin mesh,  $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$

N	$\ u - u_h\ _{L^1}$ error	order	$\ u - u_h\ _{L^\infty}$ error	order
N=10	4.639296088719e-03	—	8.386228834696e-03	—
N=20	1.197195767135e-03	1.954246841580	4.261507328685e-03	0.976658384173
N=40	3.060237043336e-04	1.967943770814	1.805210401082e-03	1.239196817248
N=80	7.728927487654e-05	1.985303271034	6.816756726444e-04	1.405009593285
N=160	1.930045173885e-05	2.001633615974	2.381147755147e-04	1.517428352066
N=320	4.713707366070e-06	2.033700513209	7.875919711751e-05	1.596136836212
N=640	1.066522338885e-06	2.143948012705	2.504767516724e-05	1.652771700270
N=1280	1.856037670493e-07	2.522616286932	7.737266597965e-06	1.694780814183
N=2560	2.156629925750e-08	3.105375453290	2.337274631050e-06	1.726996723171
N=5120	3.541126177174e-09	2.606498477801	6.931914377659e-07	1.753501521848
N=10240	8.136989525150e-10	2.121641212047	2.025022952354e-07	1.775315574452









## 4 Conclusions

The orders of uniform mesh are both 2 w.r.t different  $\epsilon$ , but we can see from the pictures and the errors that when  $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$  the FEM solution does not approximate precise solution.

However, the FEM solution is a good approximation of the original function on Shinshkin mesh when  $\epsilon = 10^{-7}$ , and the order is around 2.

The reason for the better behavior of Shinshkin mesh is that Shinshkin mesh can be seen as a adaptive mesh in this case, which inspires us to adjust the length of units according to the properties of the original function.