

An adaptive spectral method for oscillatory second-order linear ODEs with frequency-independent cost

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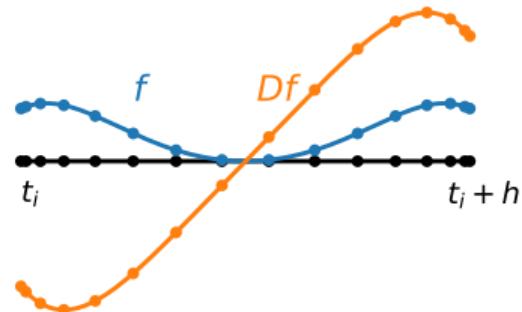
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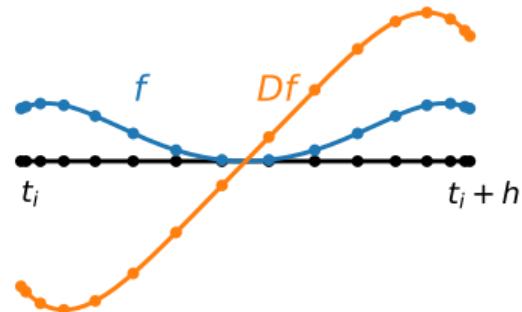


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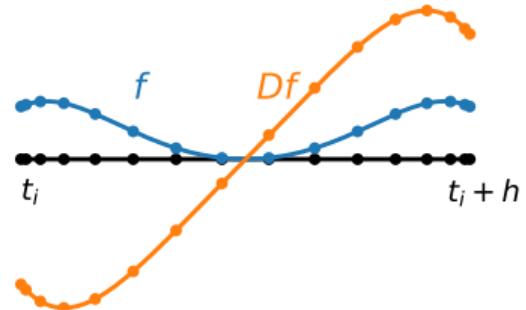
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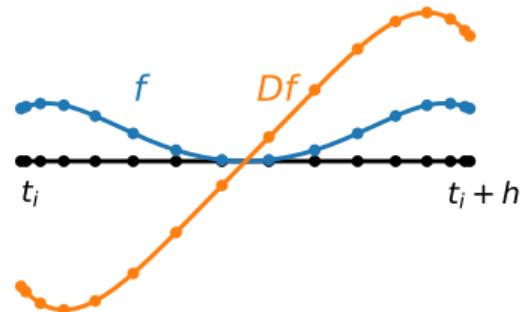
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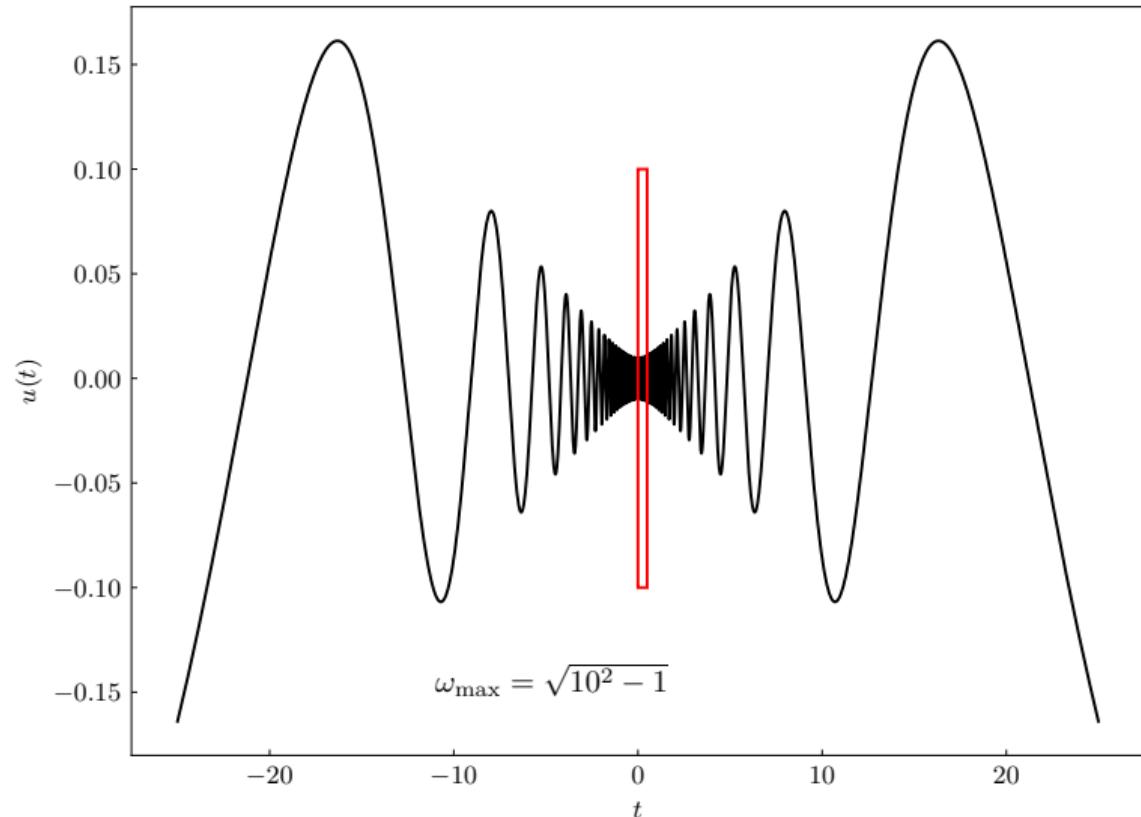
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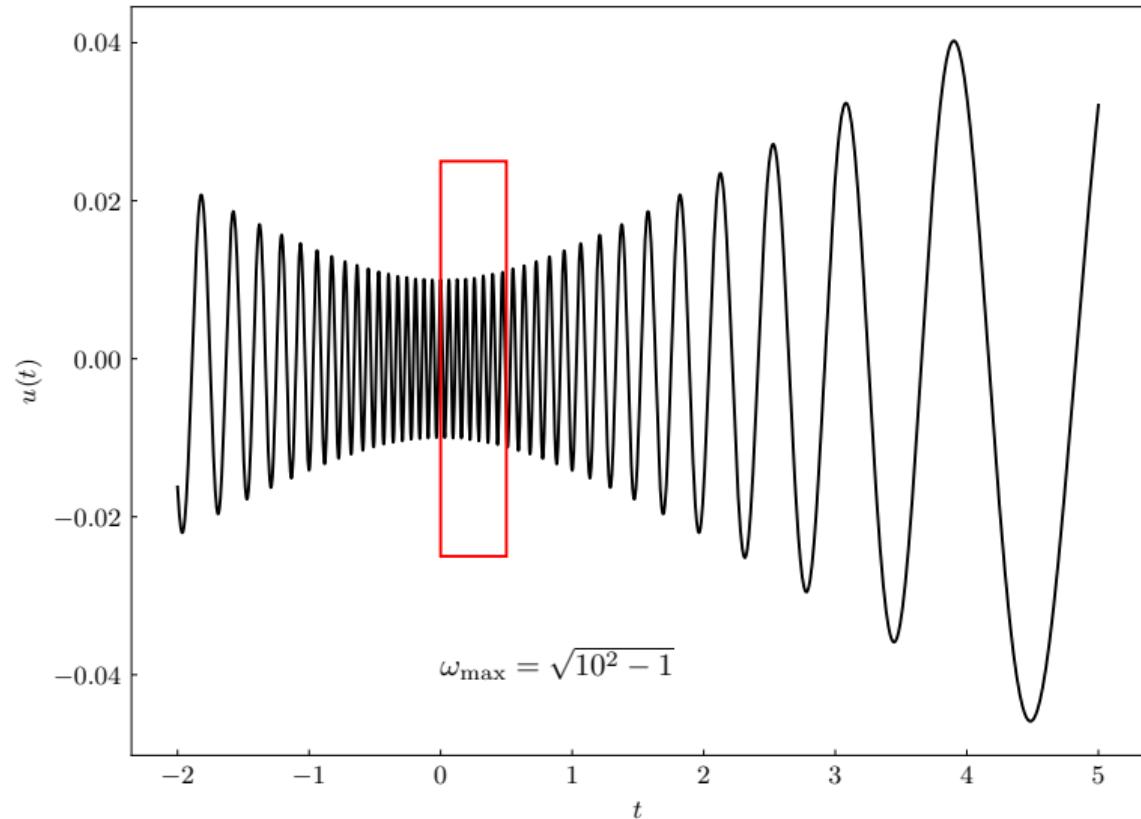
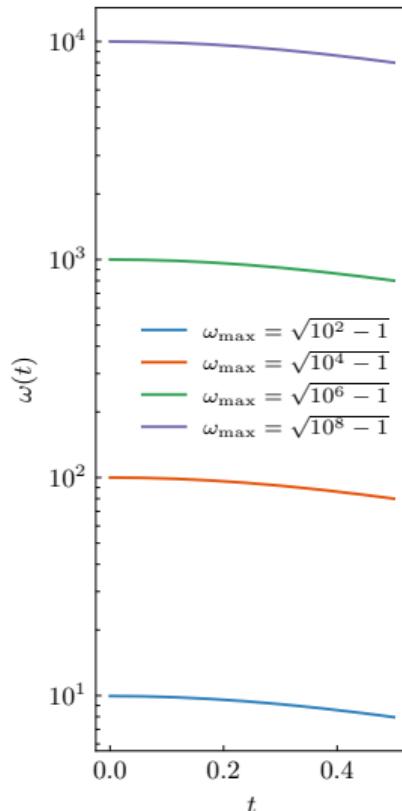
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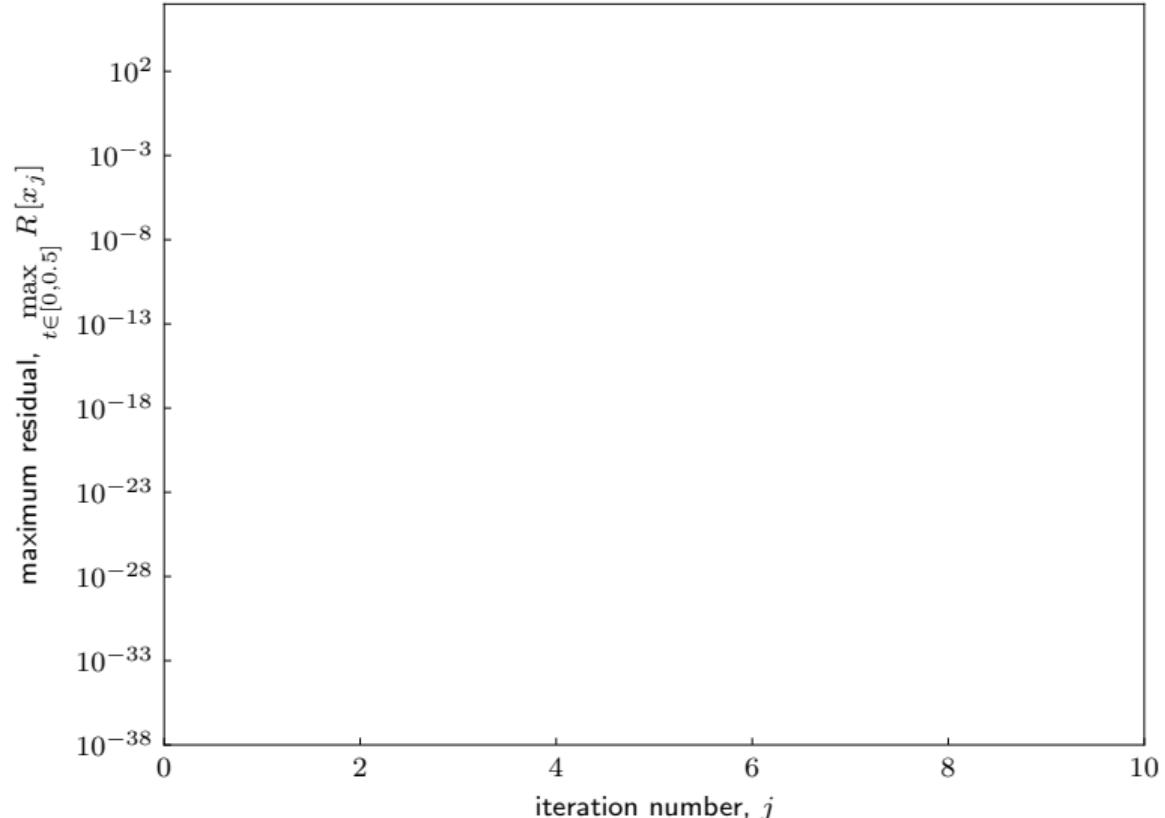
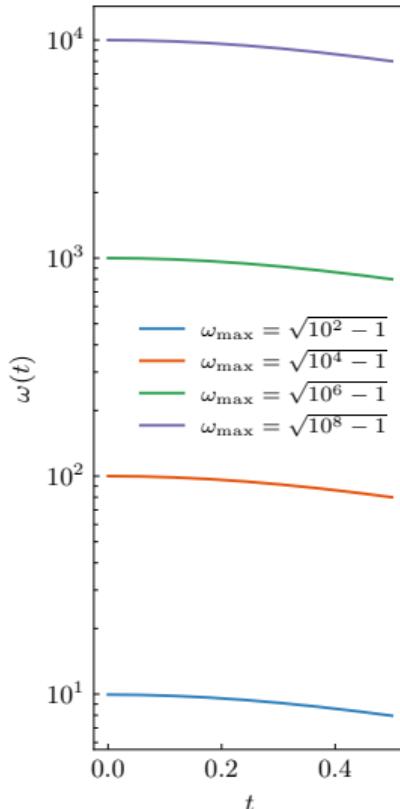
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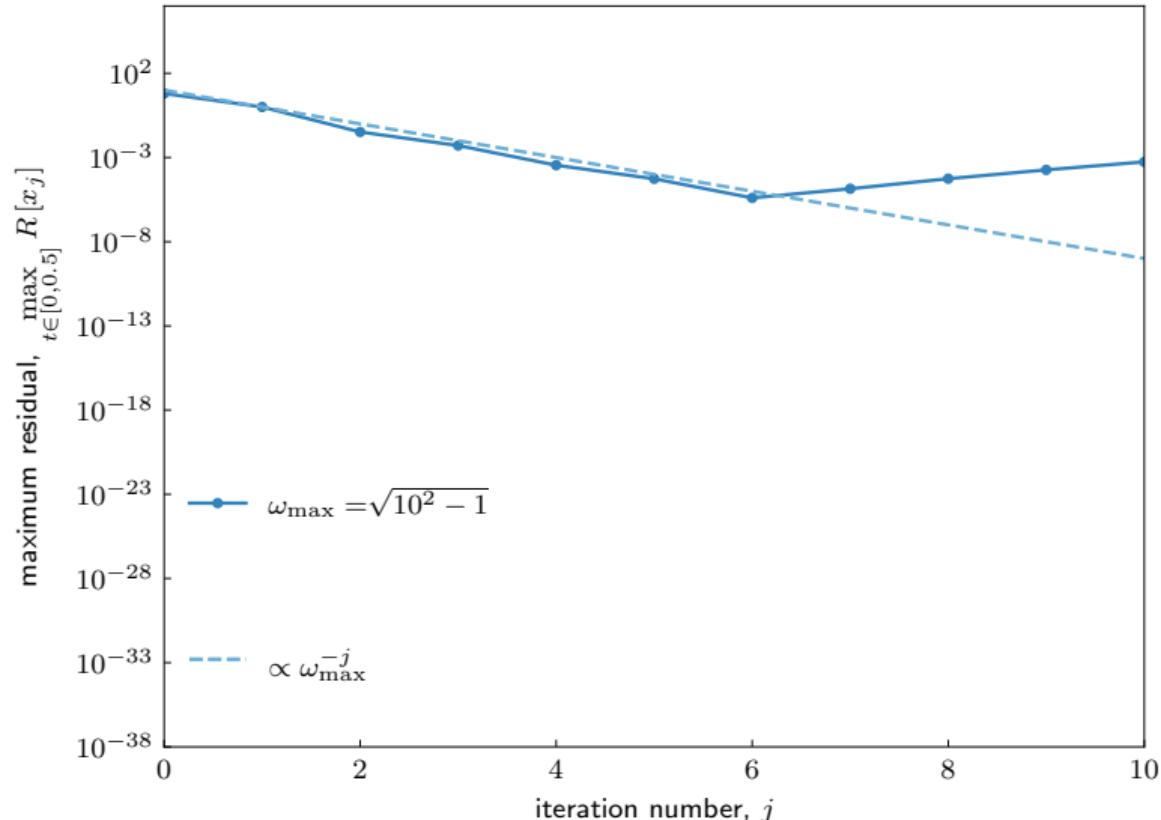
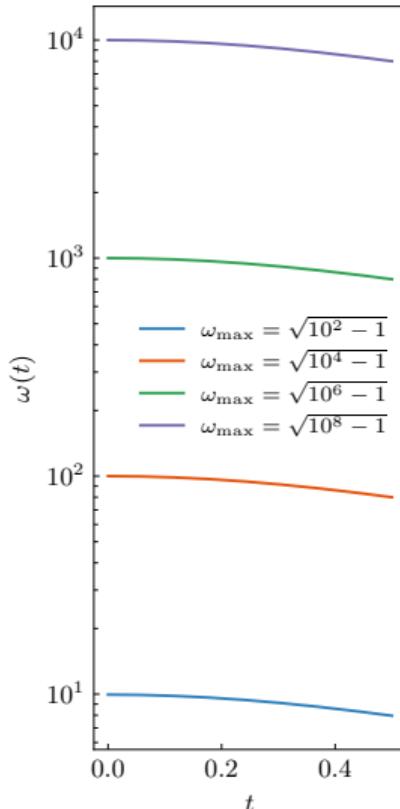
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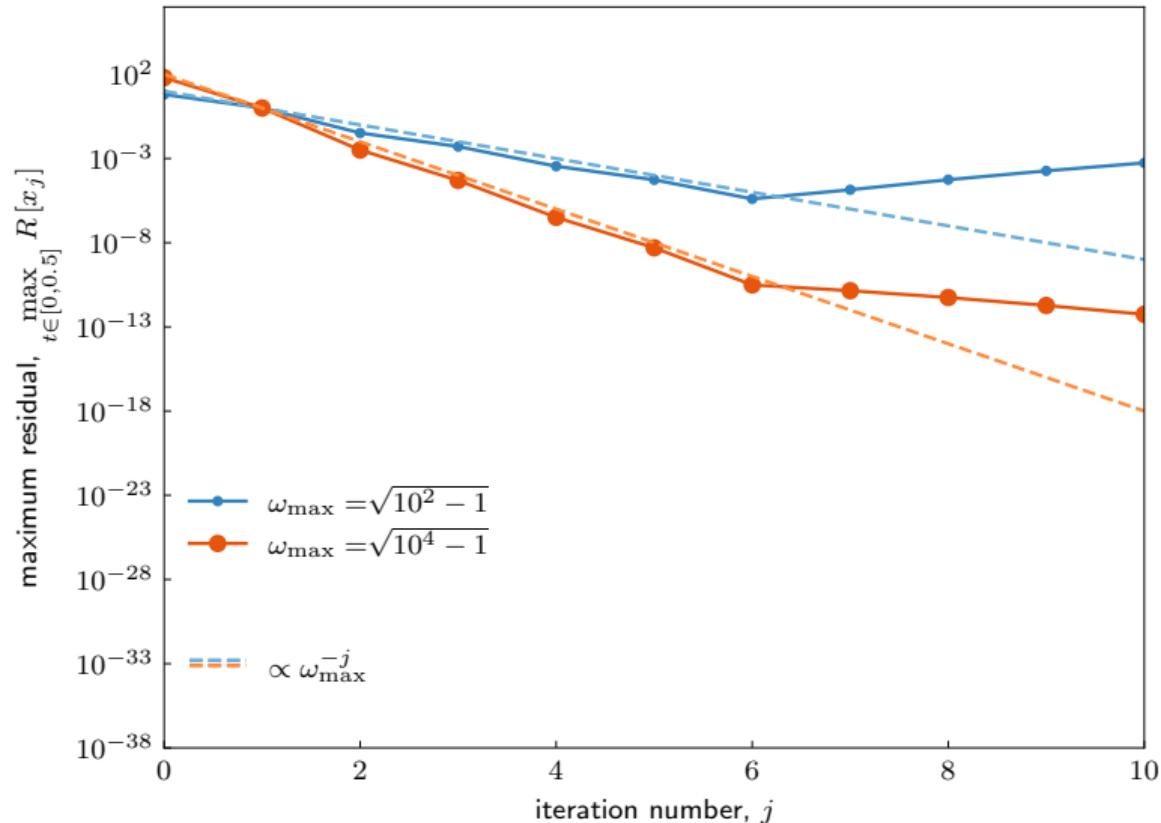
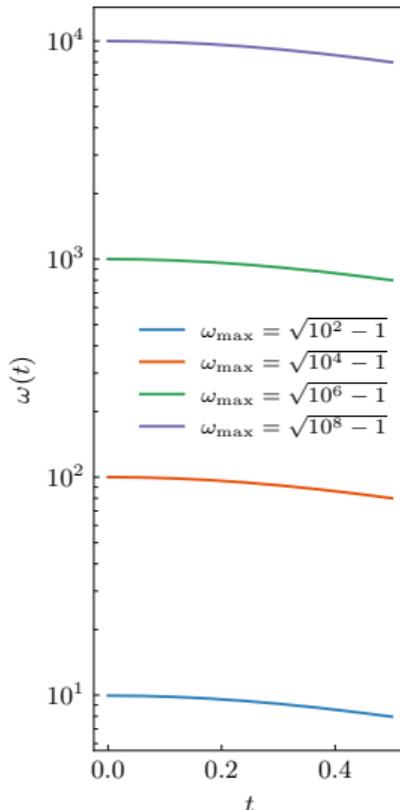
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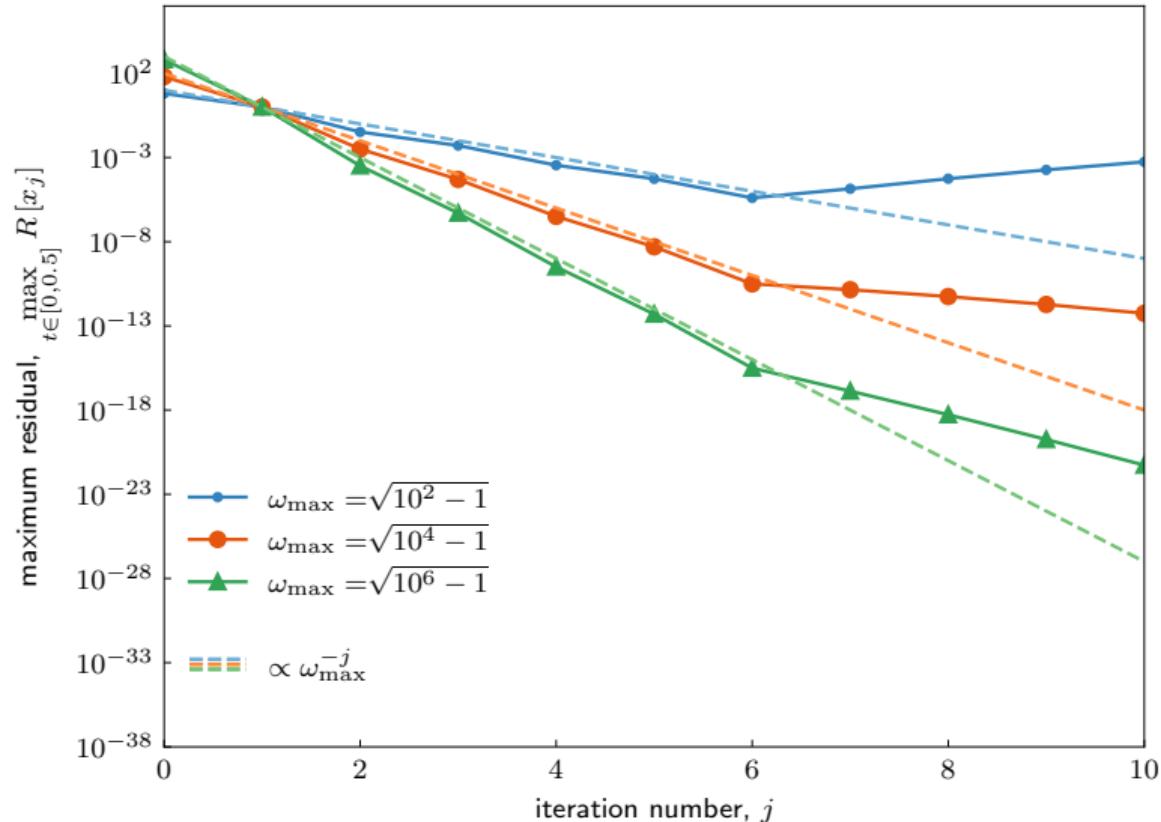
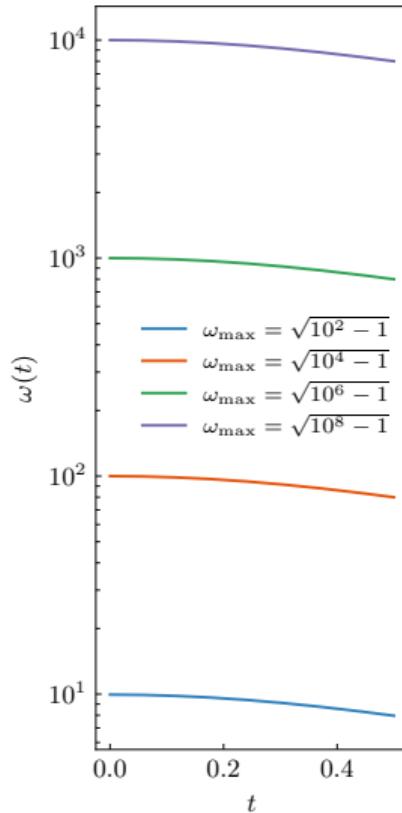
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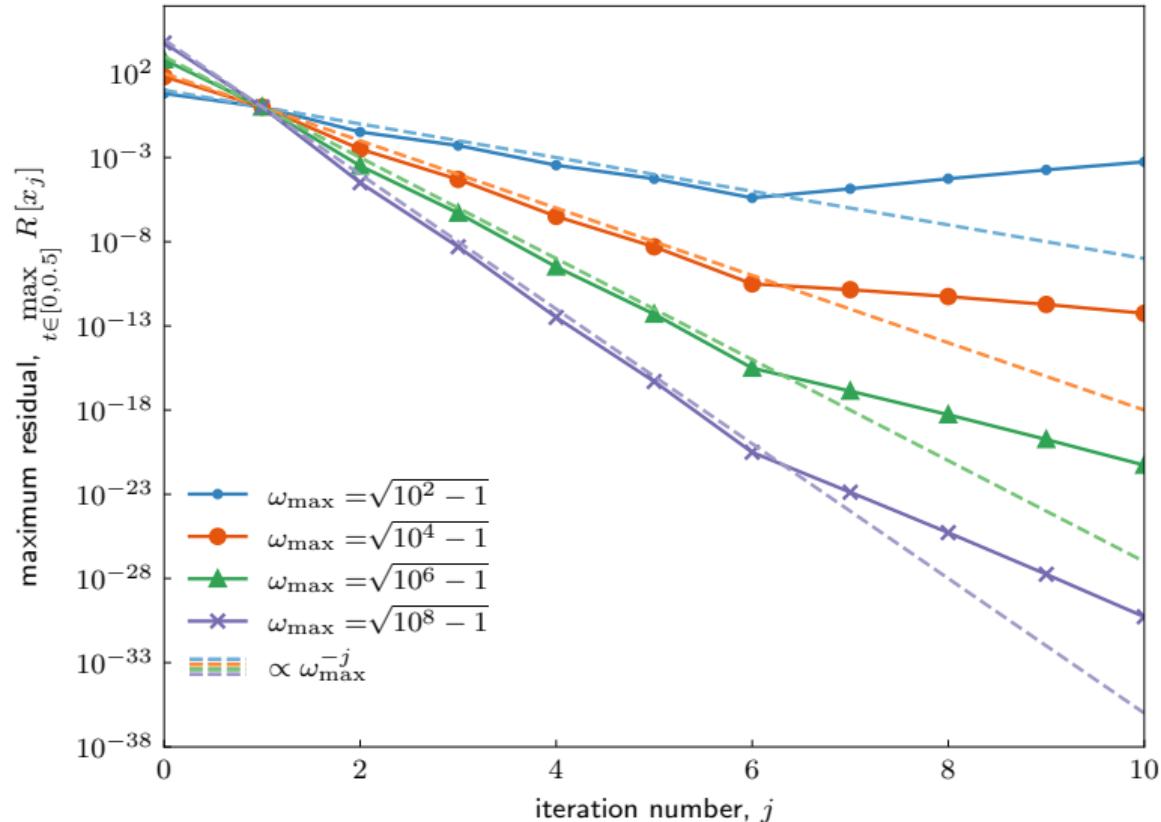
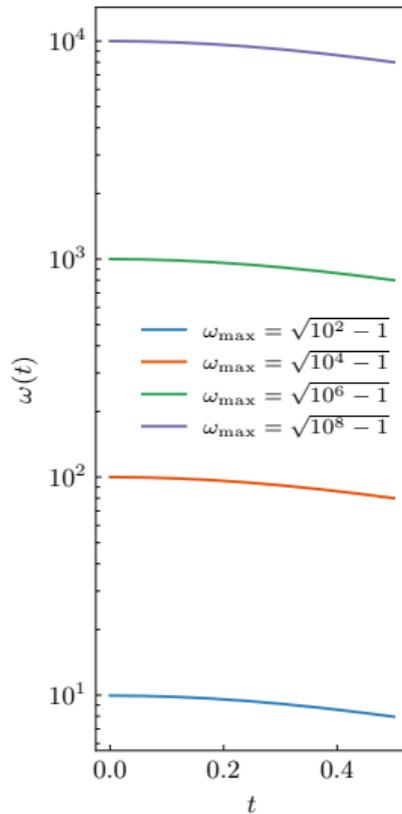
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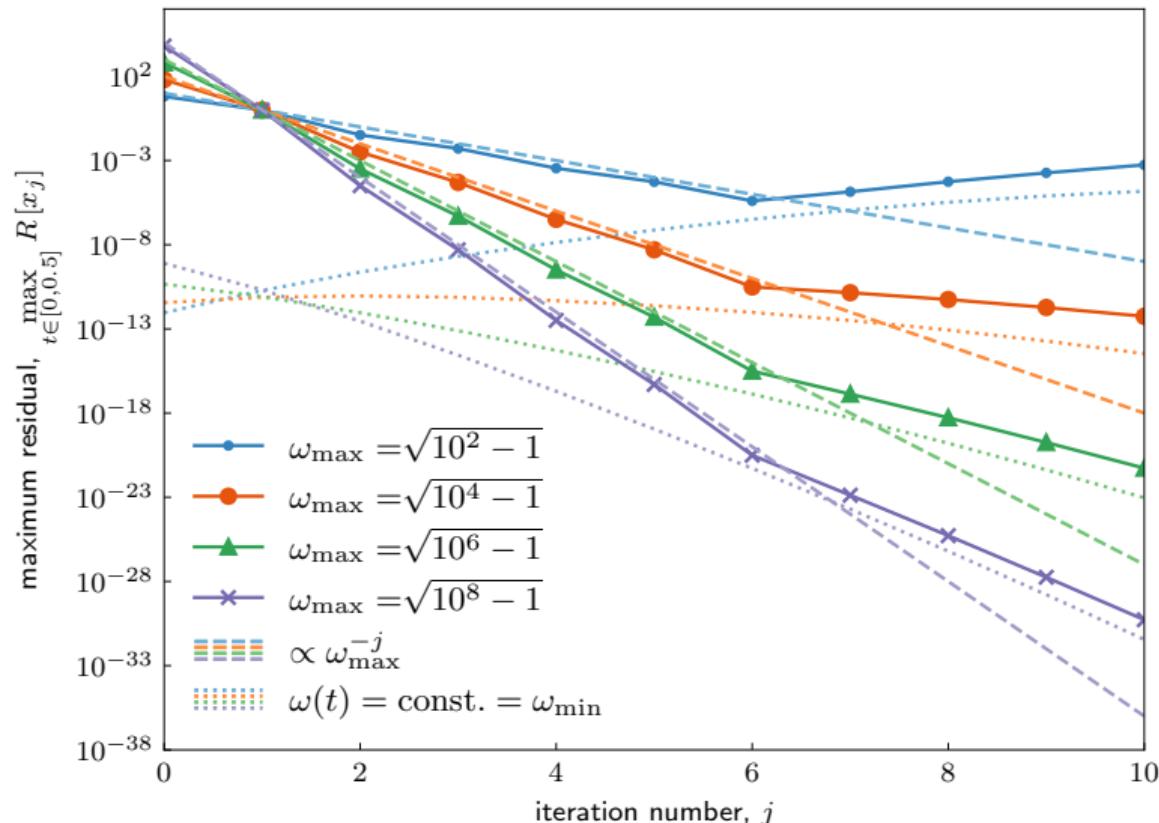
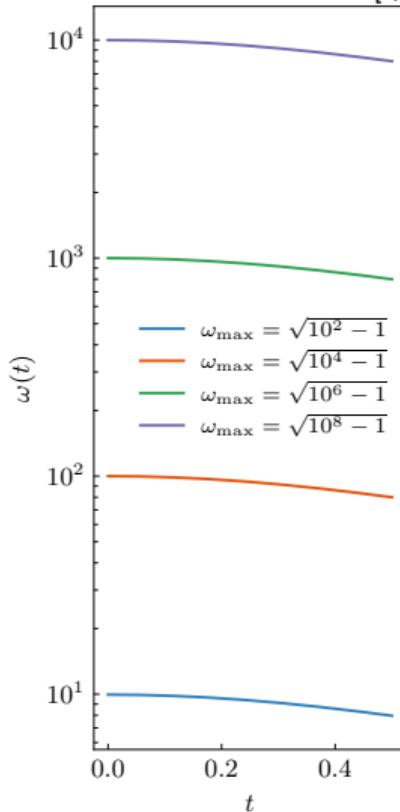
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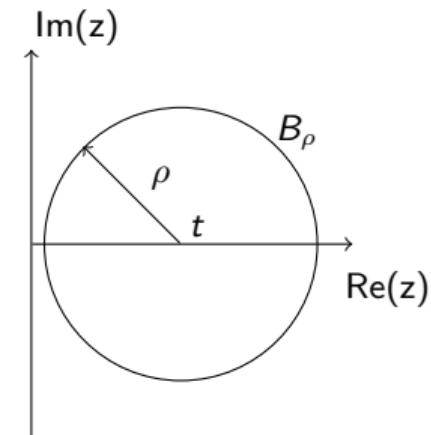
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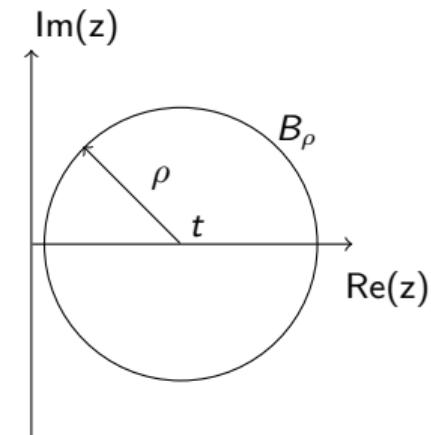
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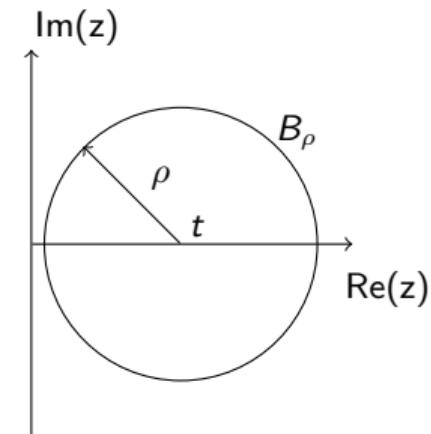
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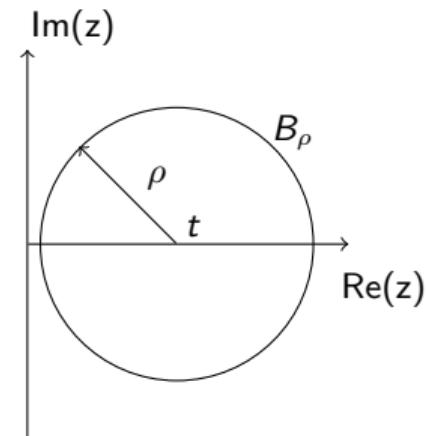
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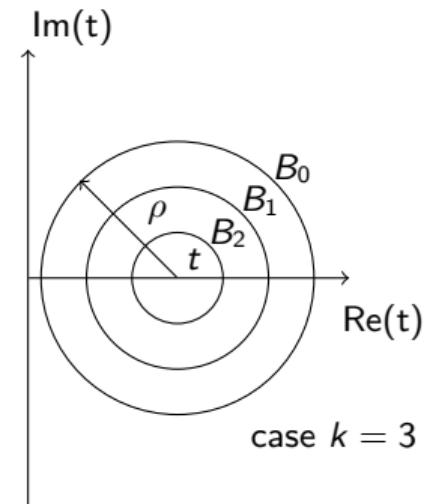
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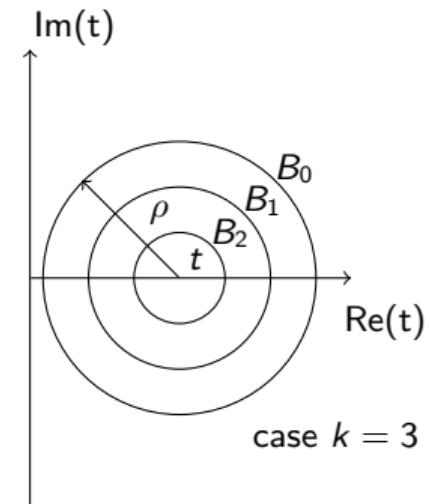
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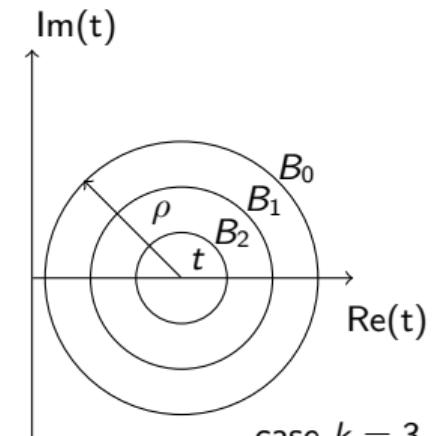
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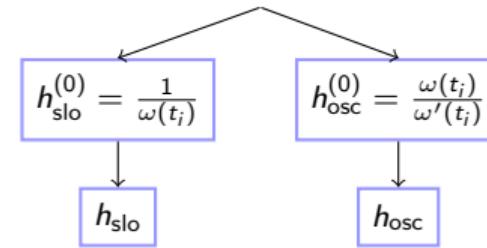
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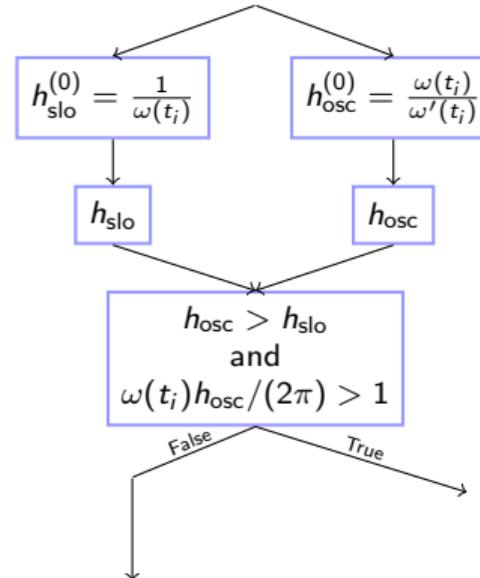
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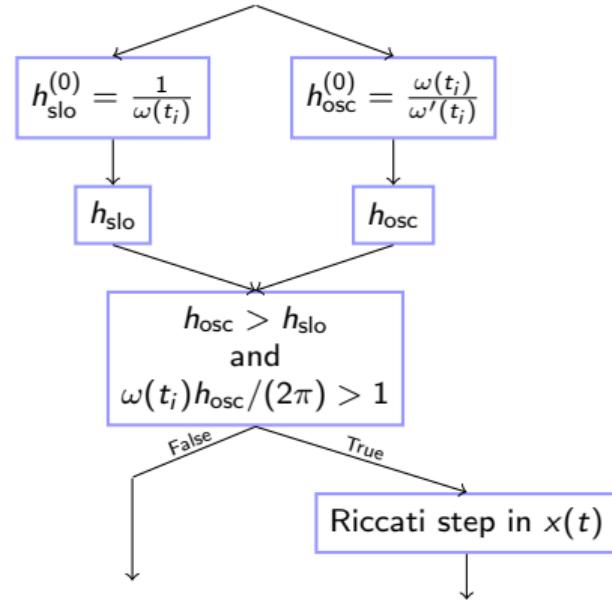
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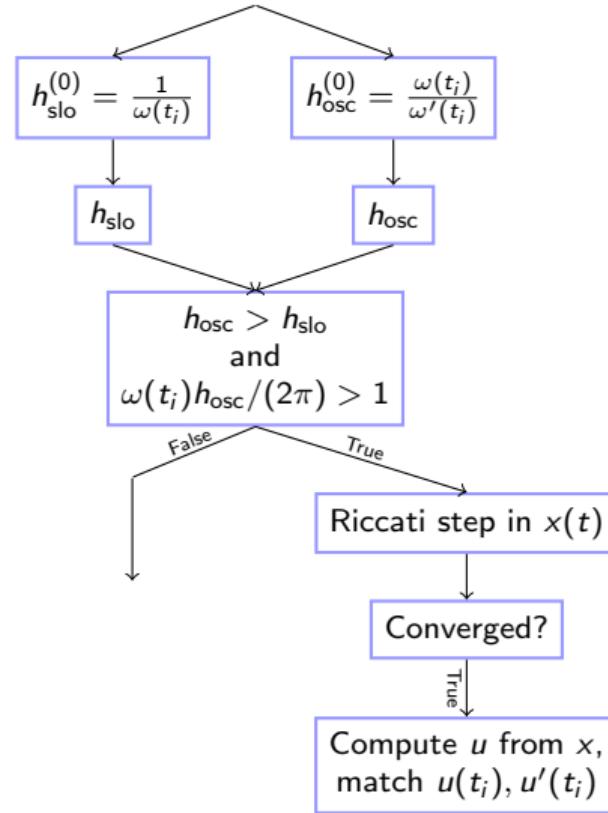
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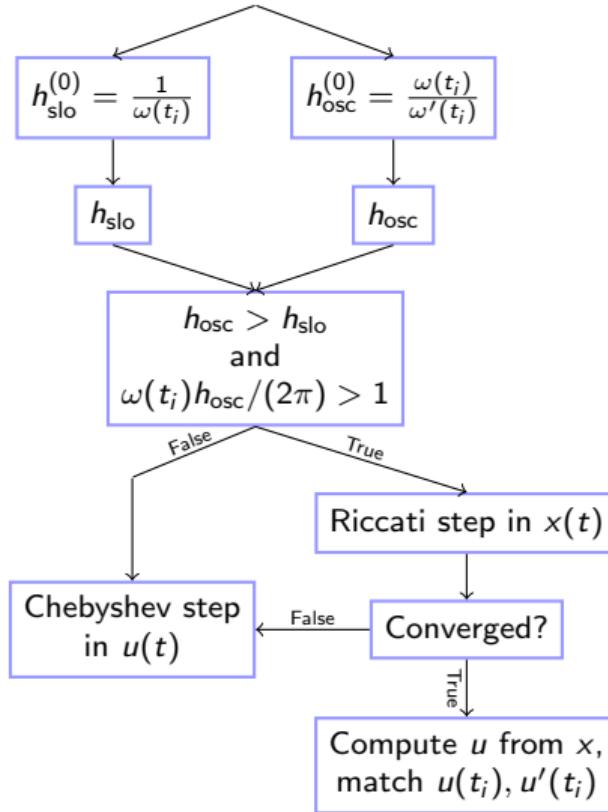
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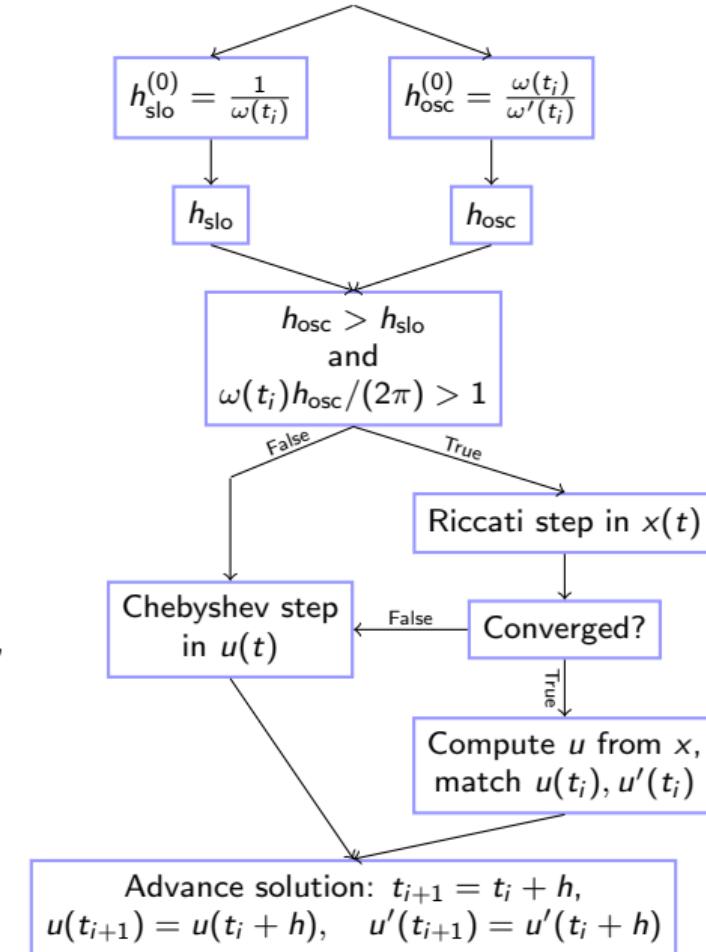
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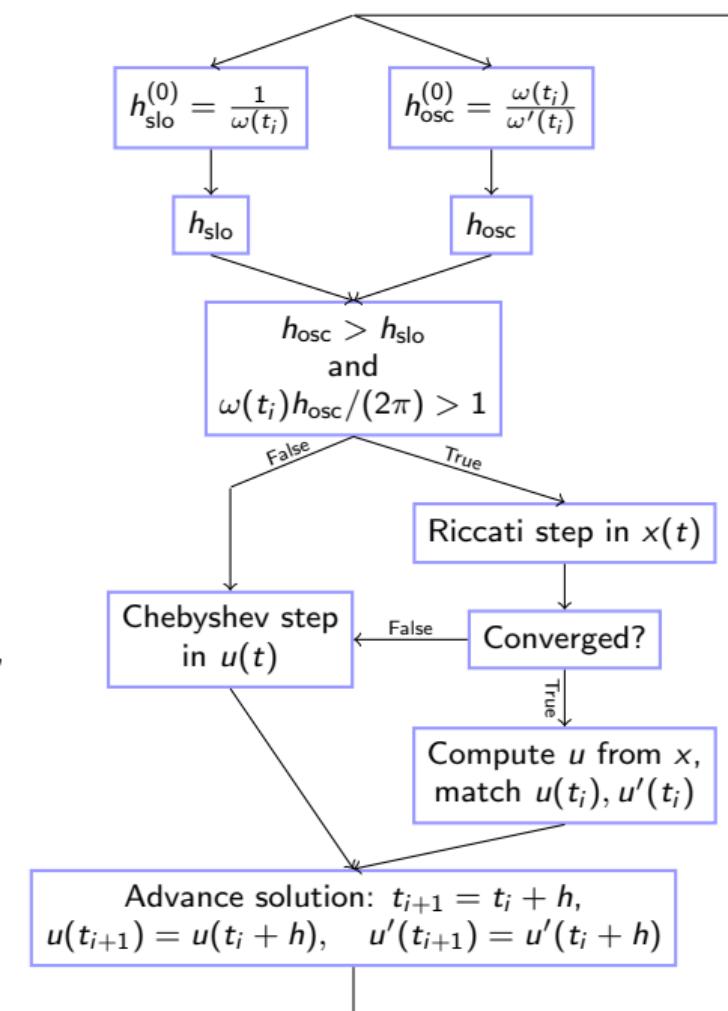
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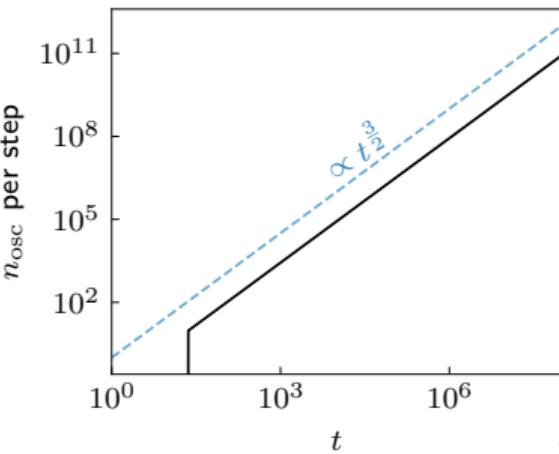
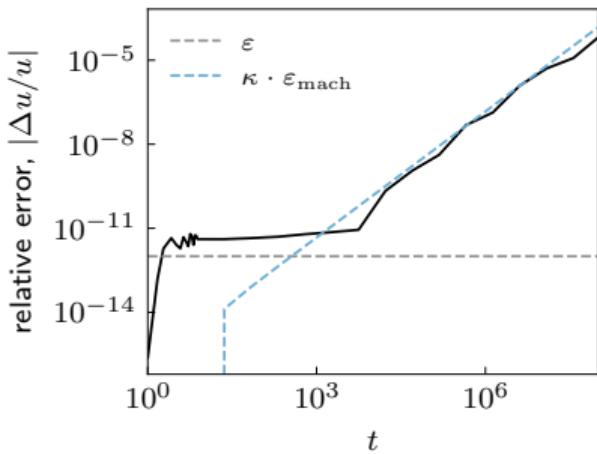
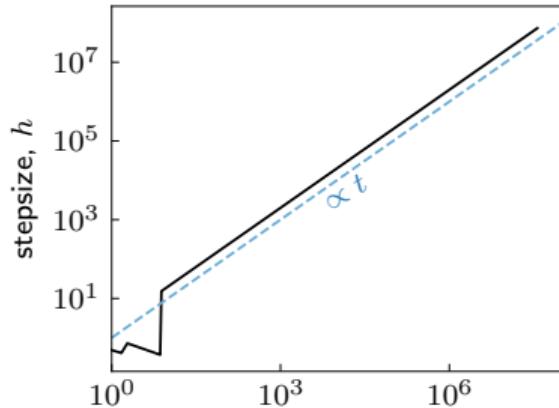
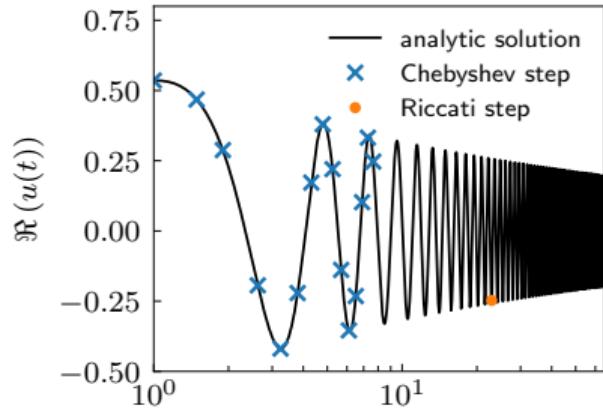
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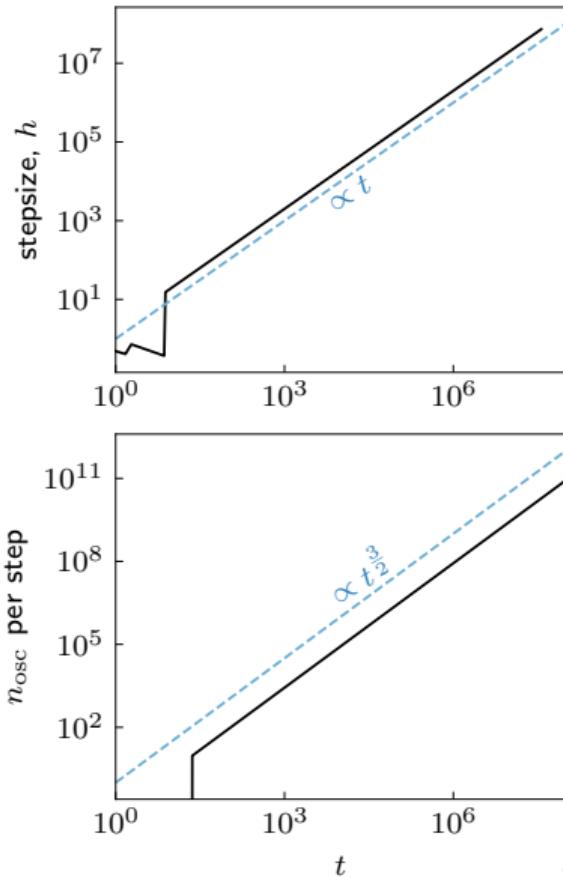
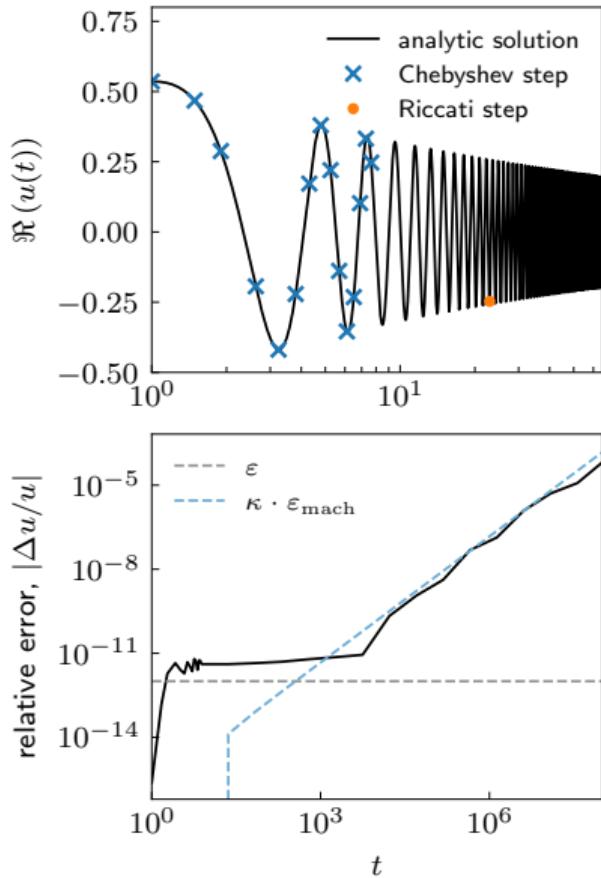
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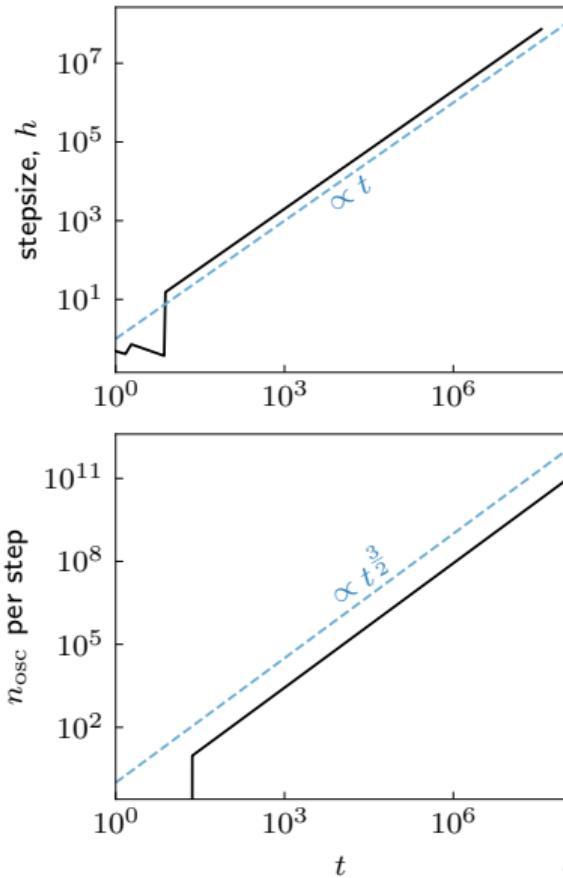
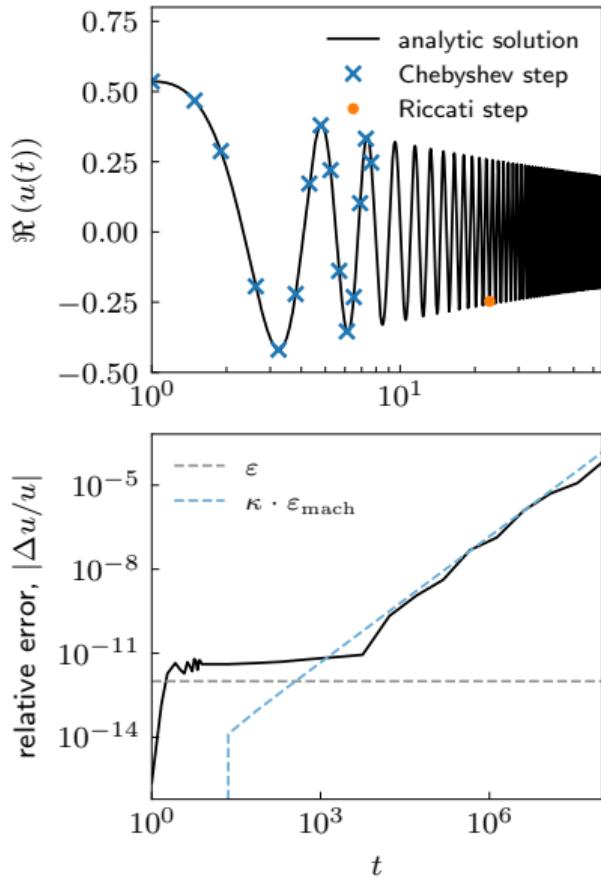
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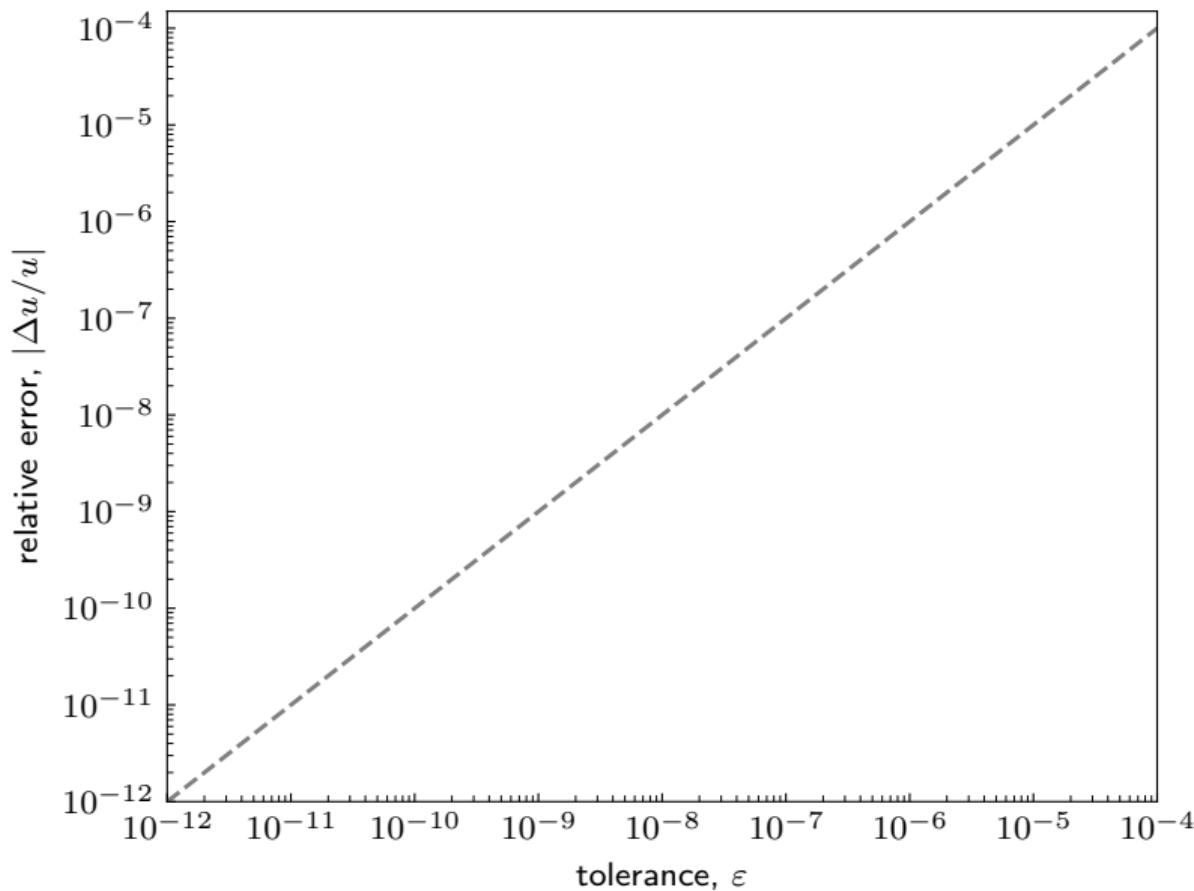
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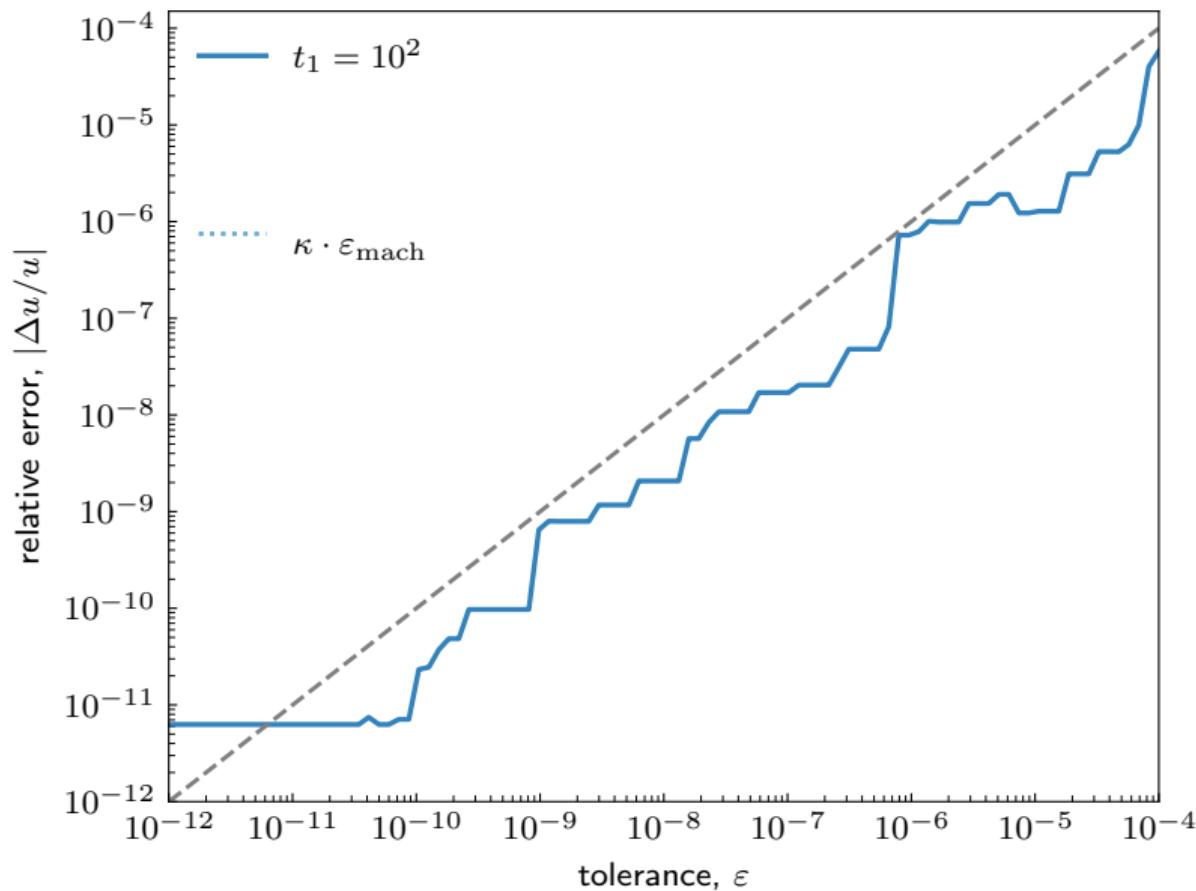


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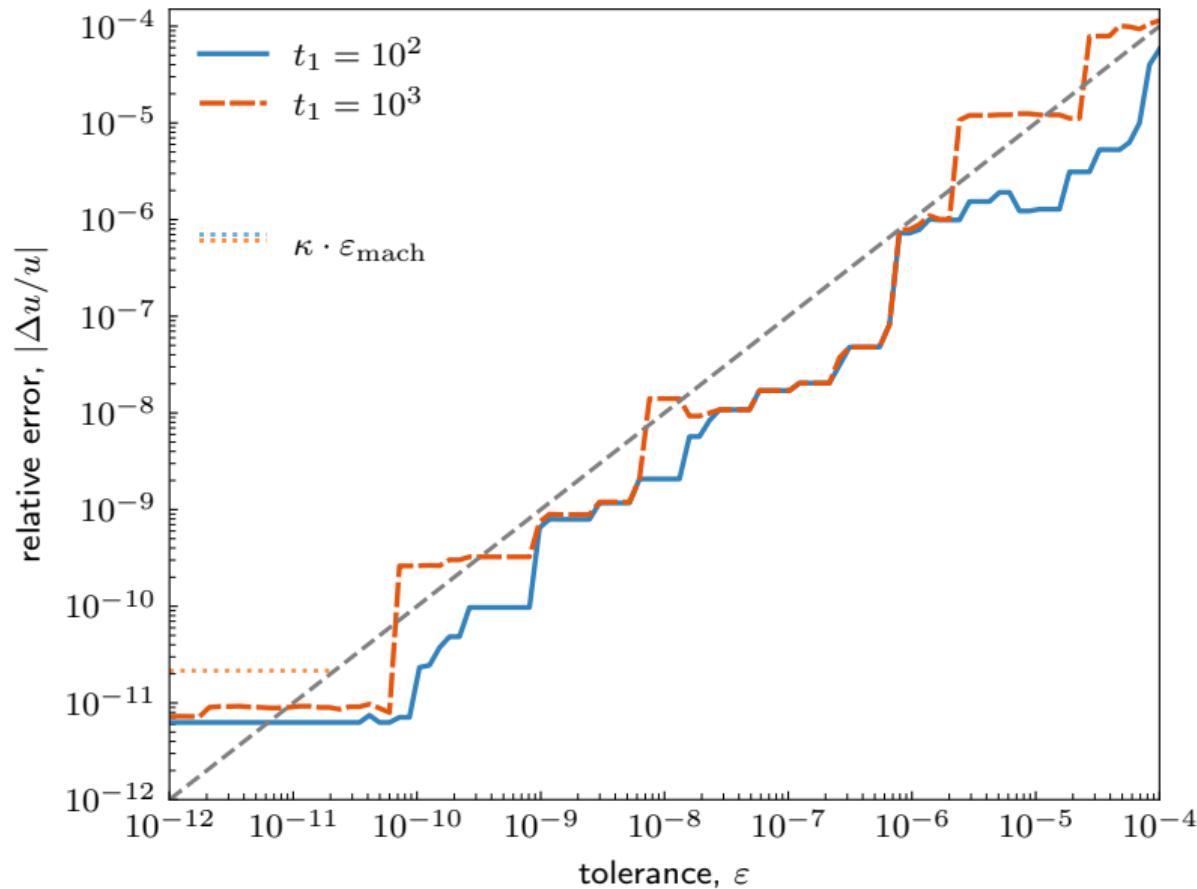
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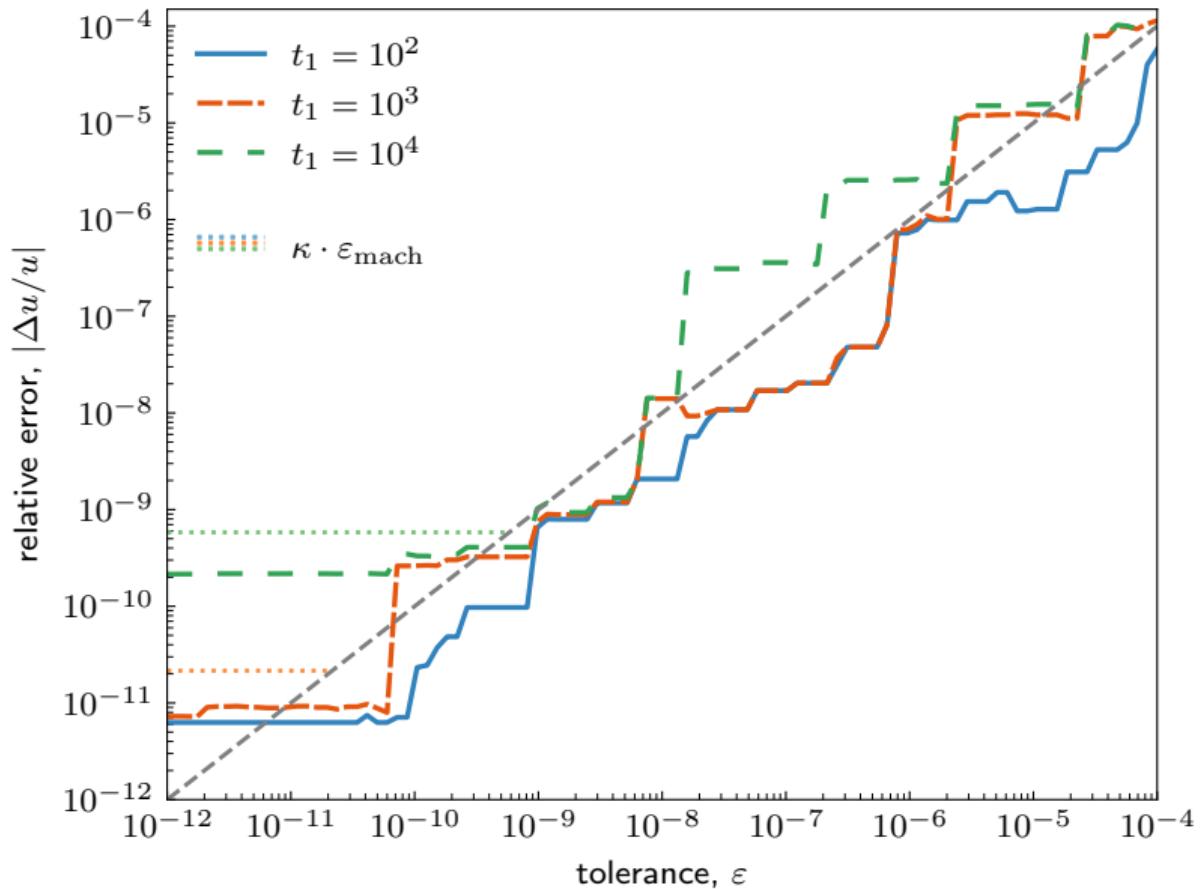
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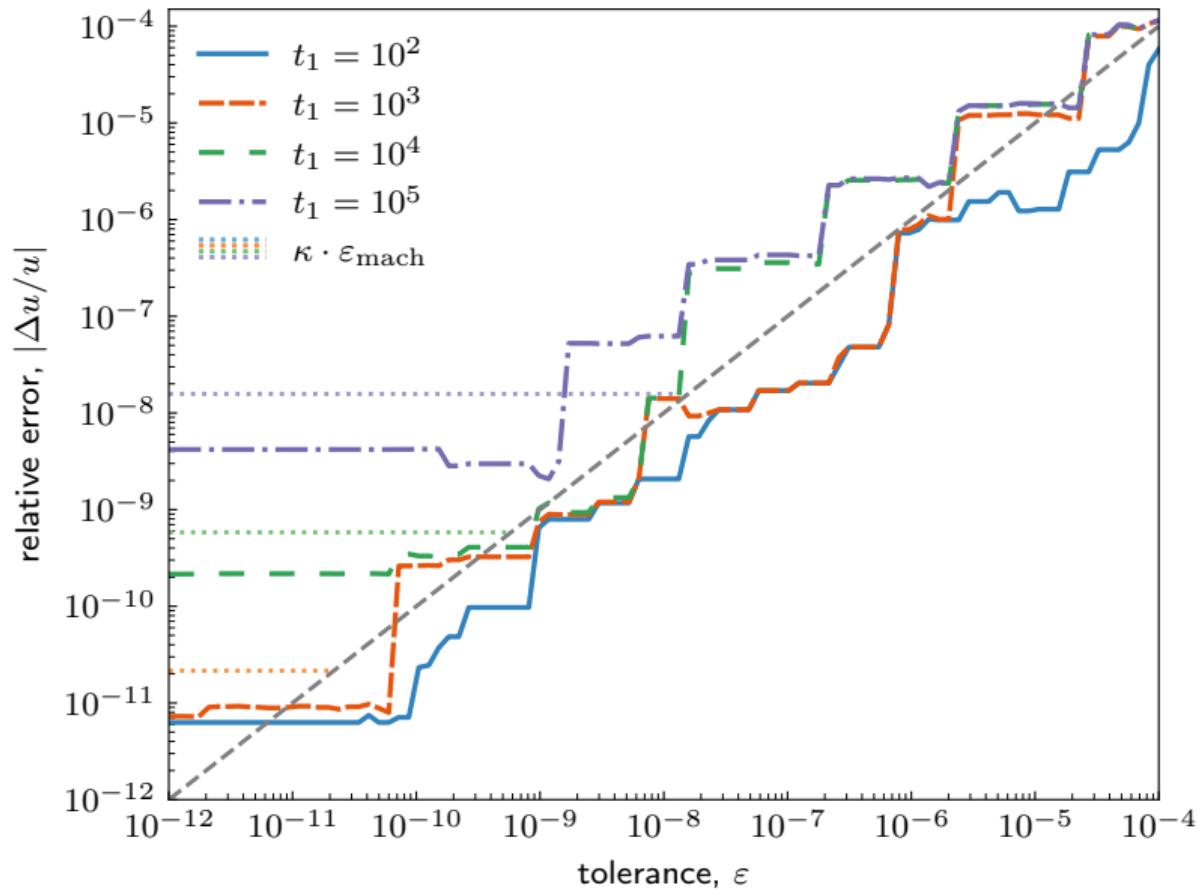
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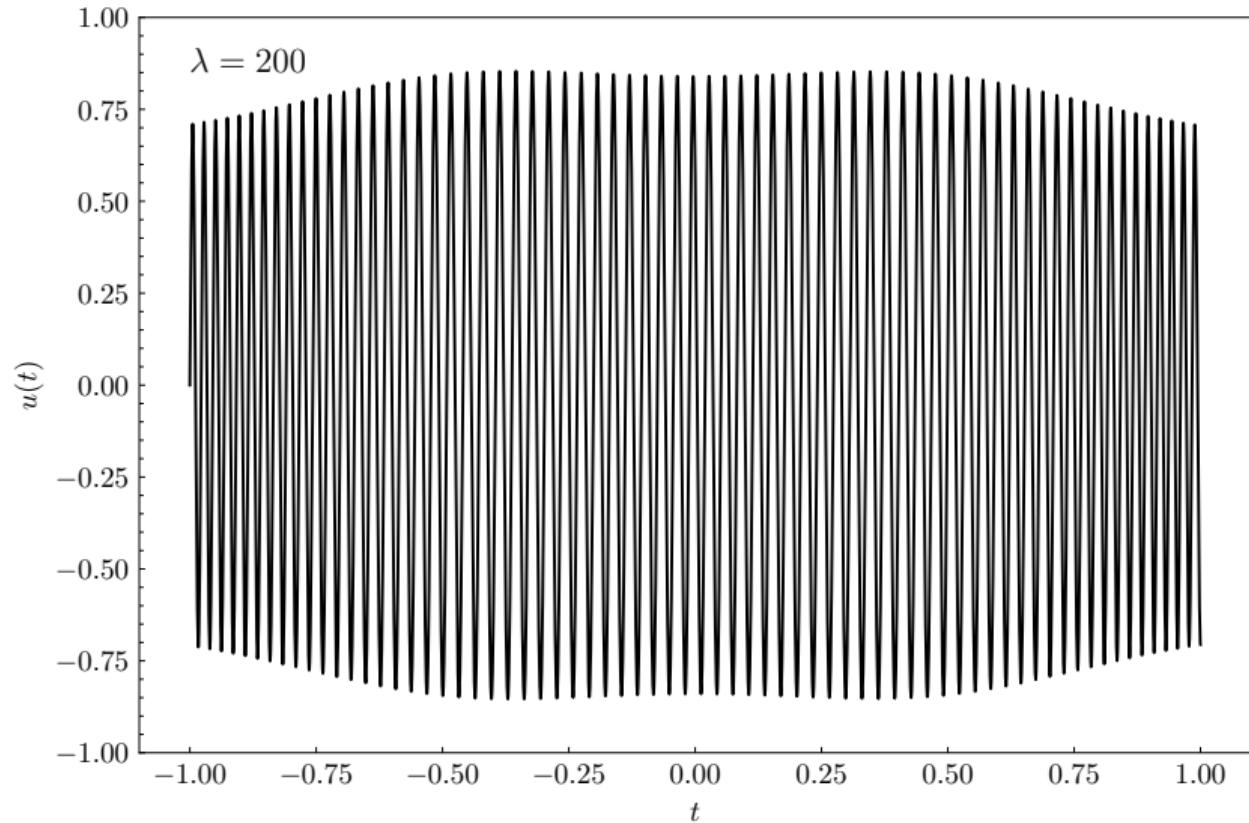
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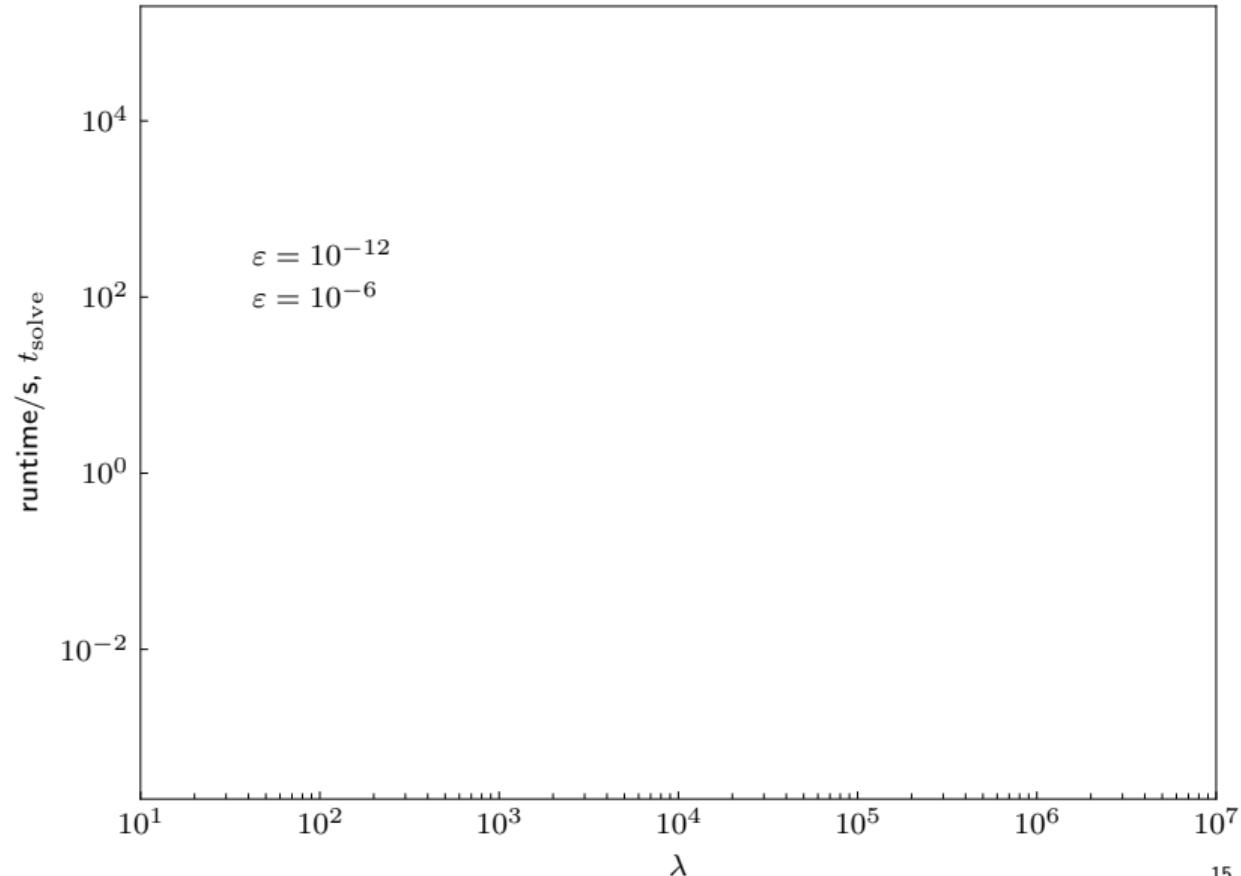
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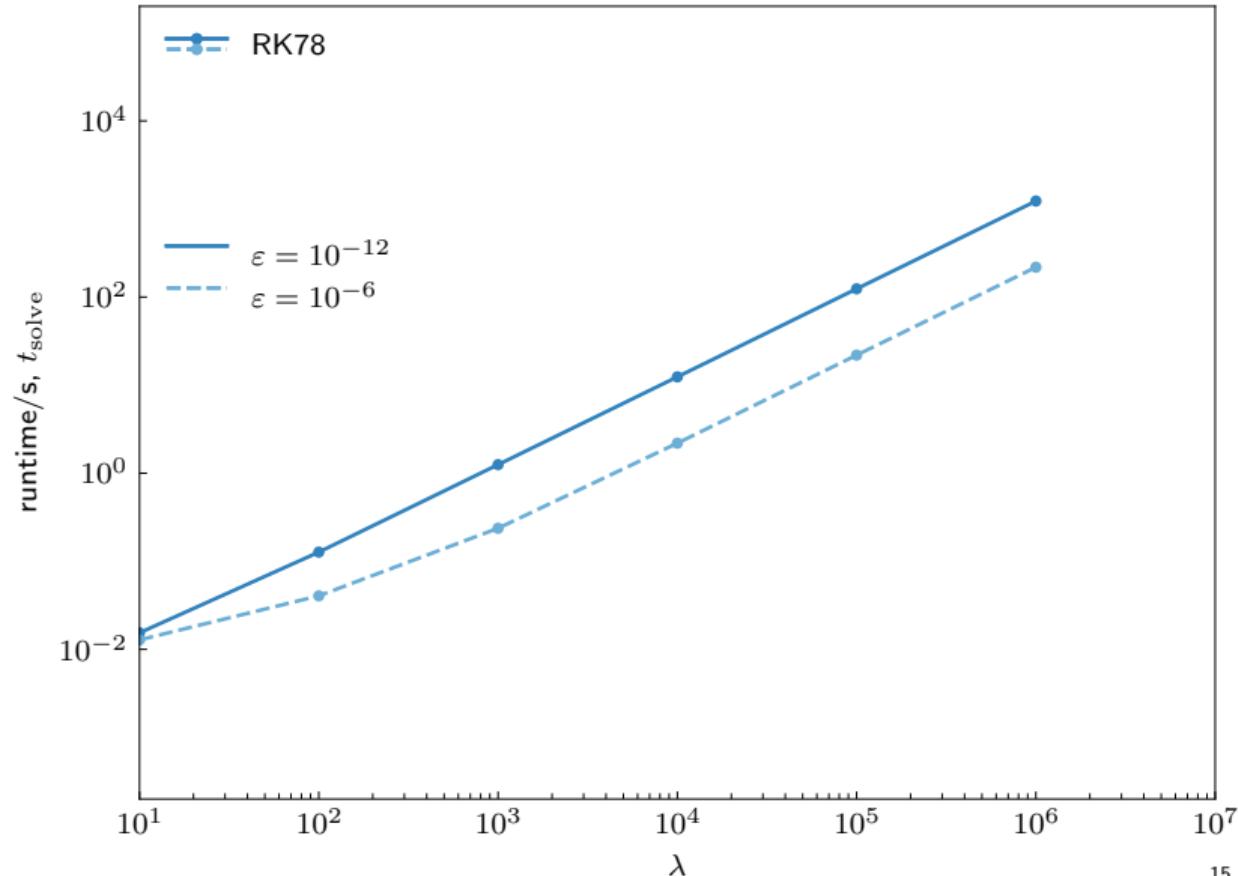
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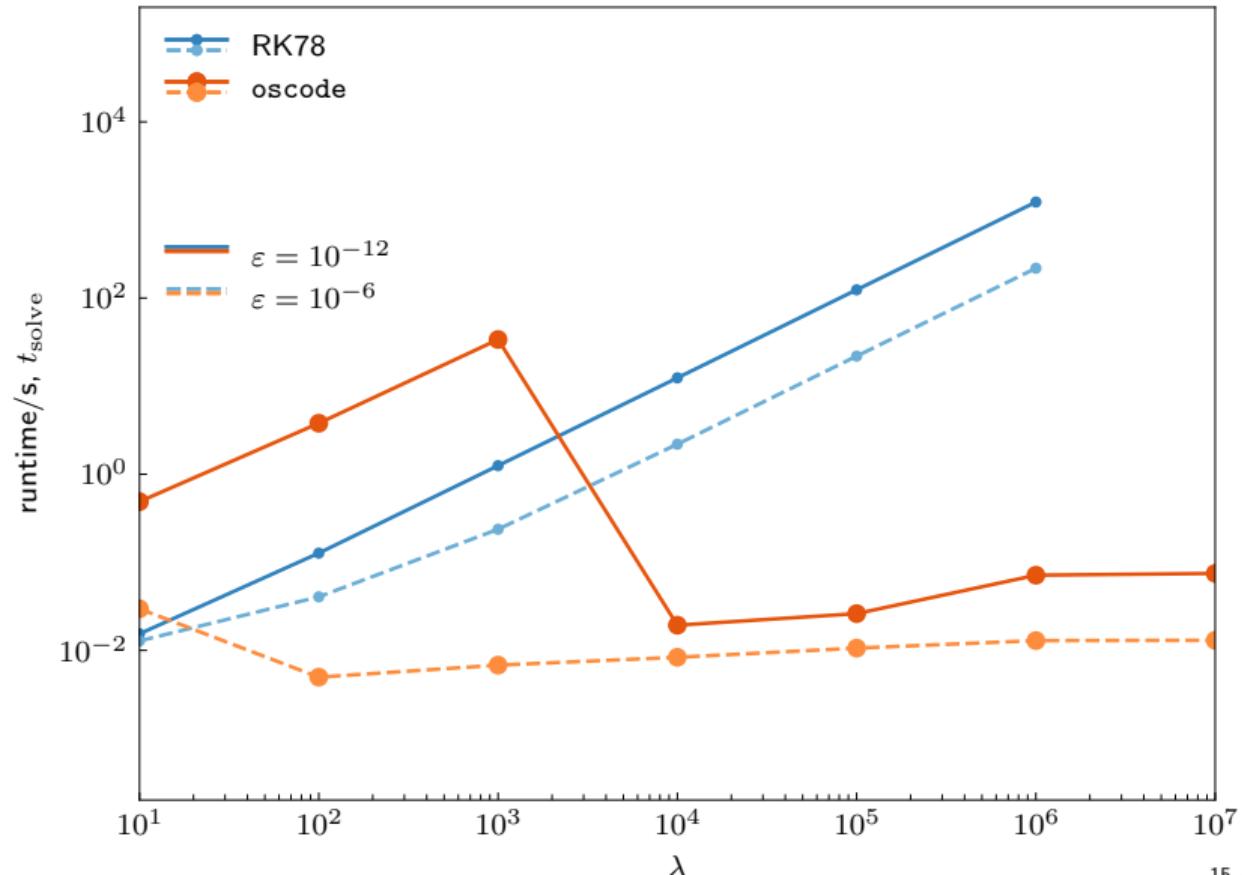
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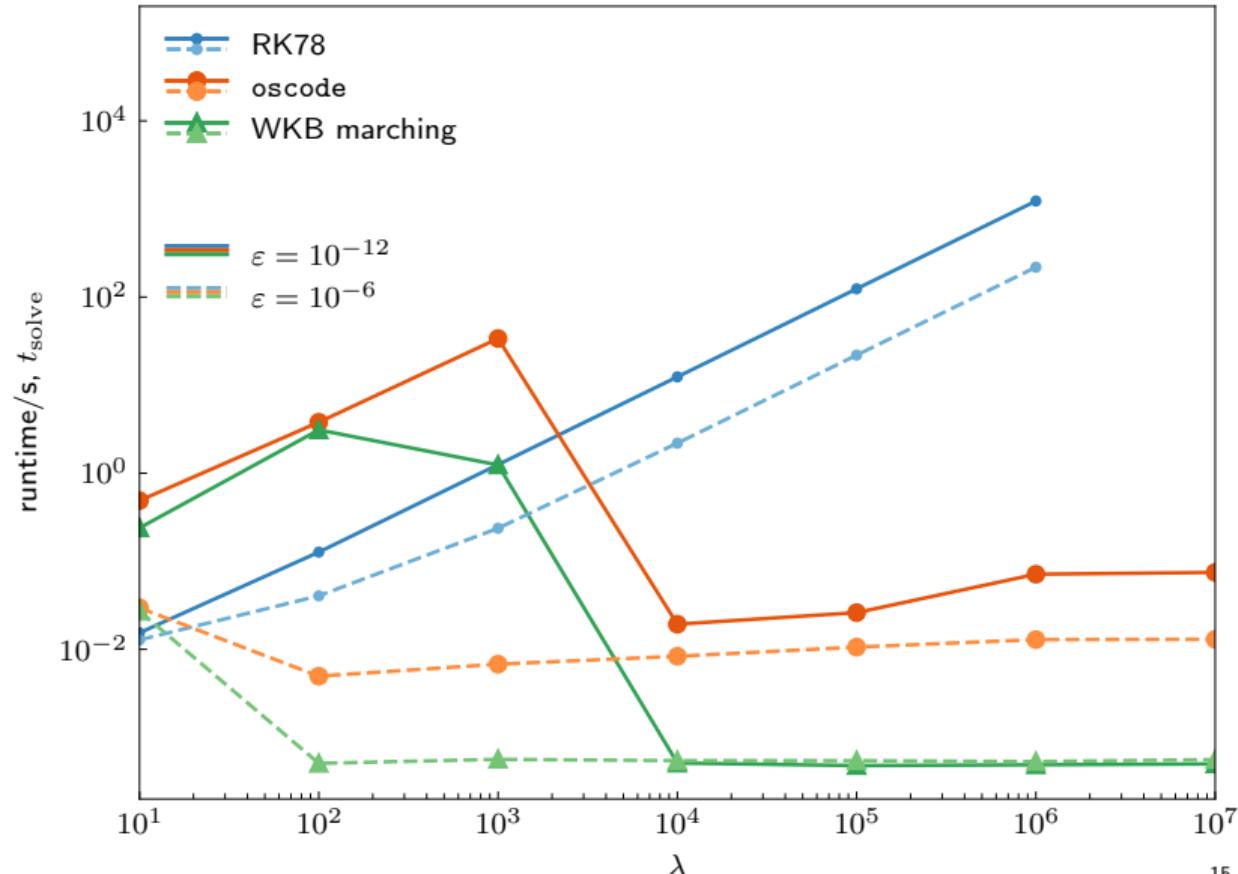
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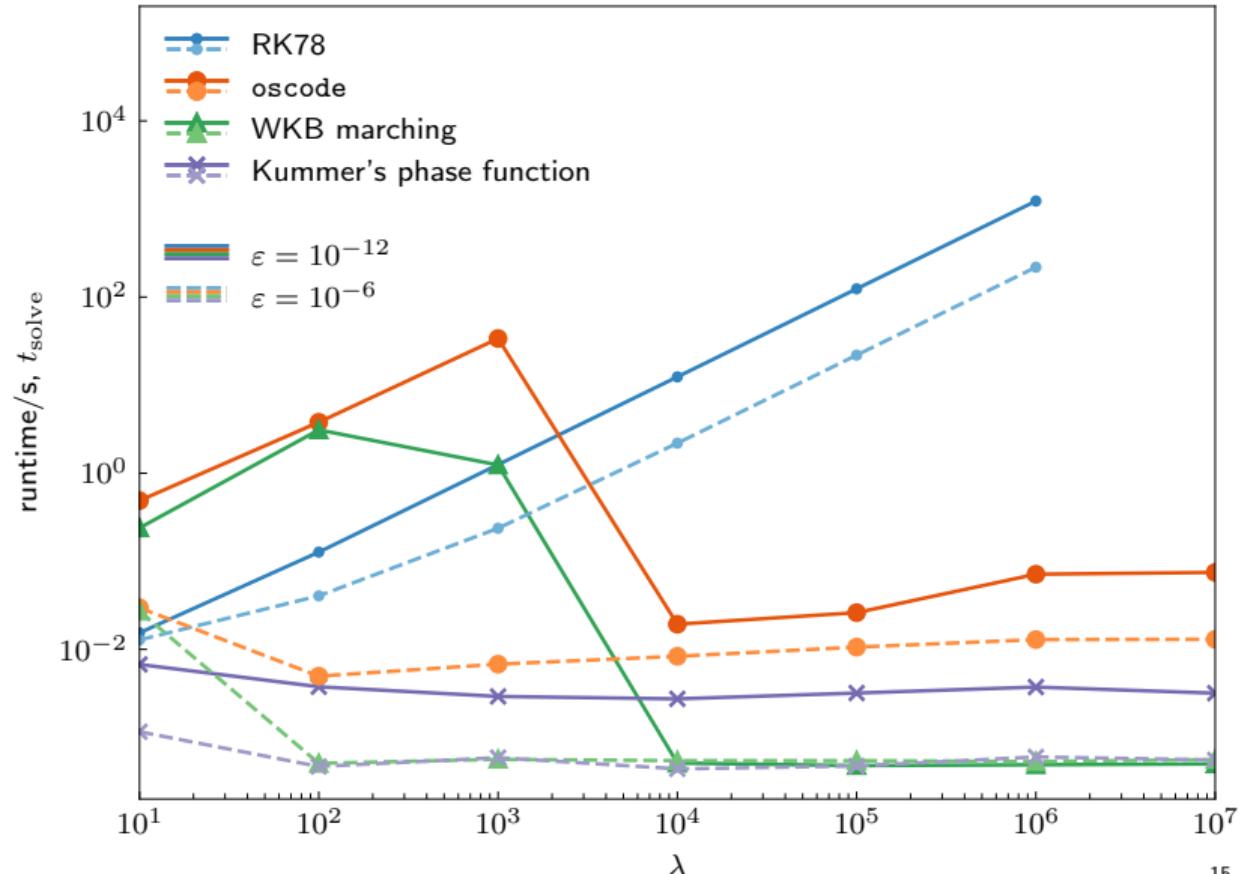
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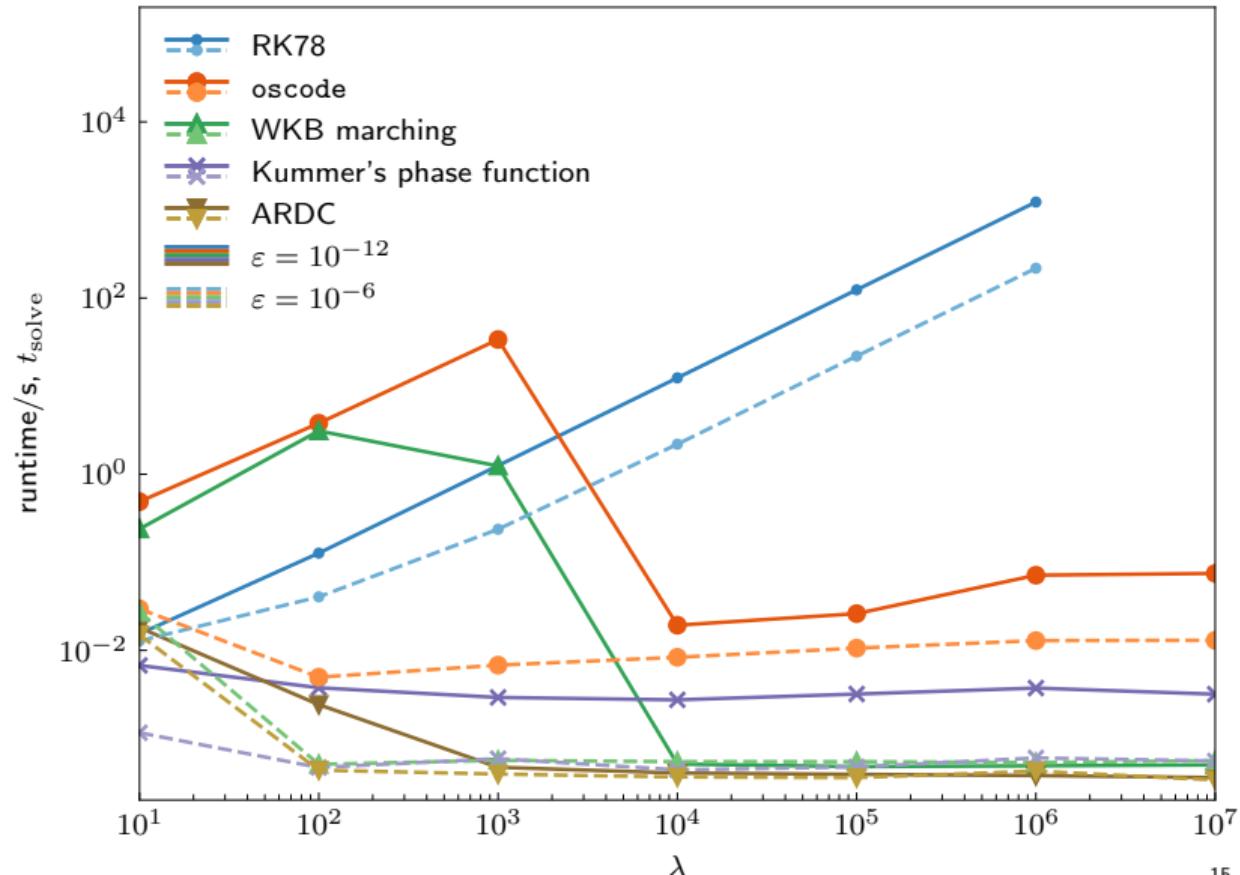
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- Could we generalise the method to ODE systems? PDEs?

Thank you!

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- Alternatively, build nonoscillatory (approx) solution: WKB/Riccati defect correction
 - Wentzel–Kramers–Brillouin (WKB) expansion:
Extract a small parameter $1/\omega_0$: let $\omega(t) = \omega_0\Omega(t)$, $\omega_0 \gg 1$, $\Omega(t)$ unit size,

$$u''(t) + \omega_0^2\Omega(t)^2 u(t) = 0$$

for both real and imag ω , u has exp behavior, so transform as $z(t) = e^{\omega_0 z(t)}$, $z'(t) = x(t)$,

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then expand as power series in small param,

$$x_j(t) = \sum_{l=0}^j \omega_0^{-l} s_l(t)$$

match powers of ω_0 , then "reabsorb": set $\omega_0 = 1$. Get

$$s_0 = \pm i\omega, \quad s_{l+1} = -\frac{1}{2s_0} \left(s'_l + \sum_{k=1}^l s_k s_{l+1-k} \right),$$

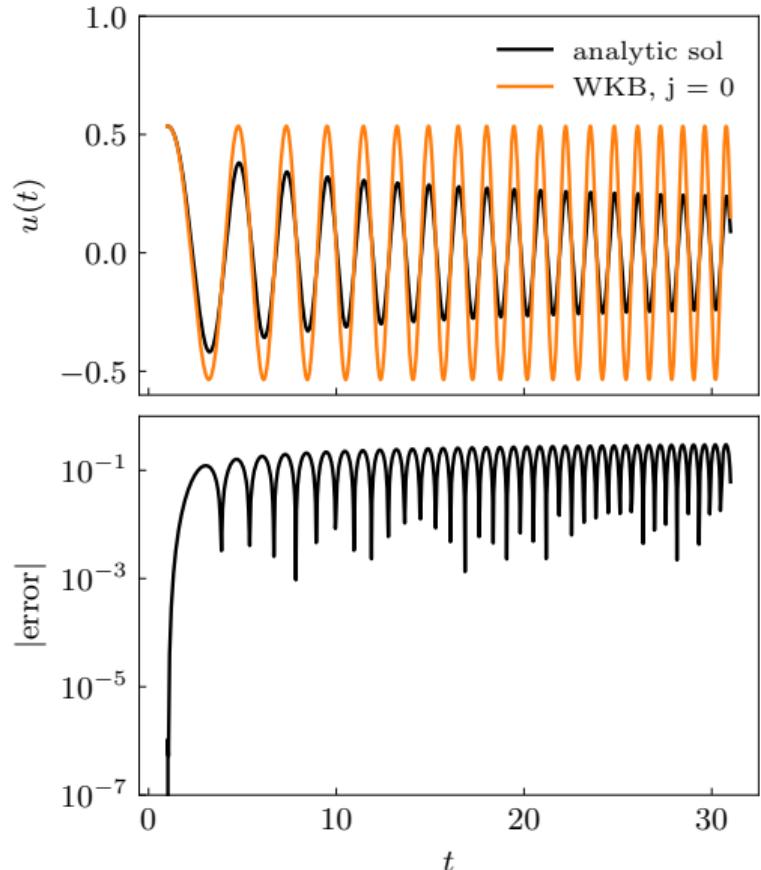
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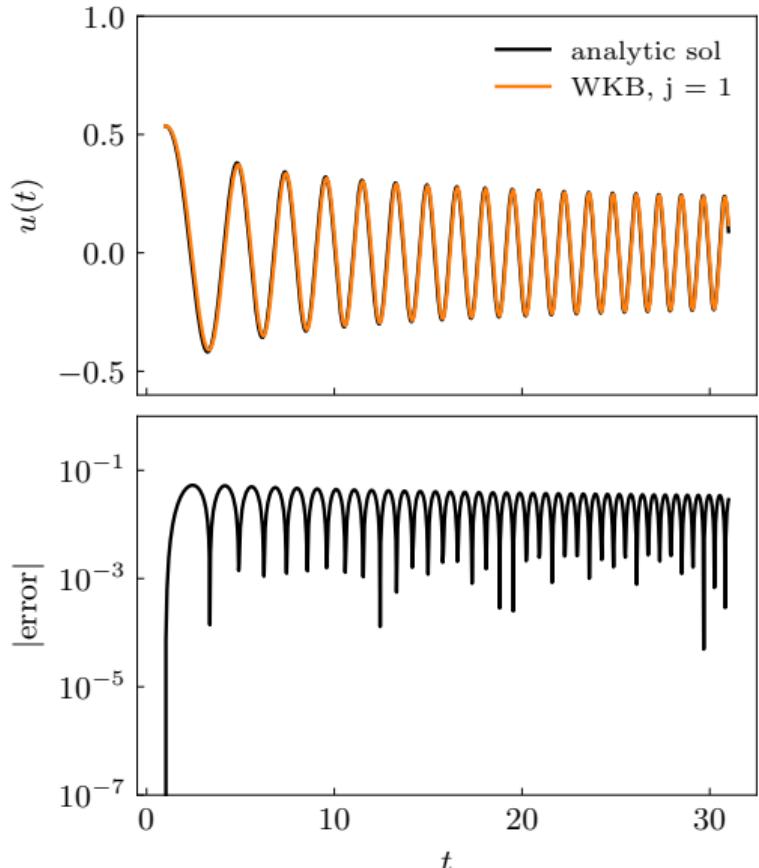
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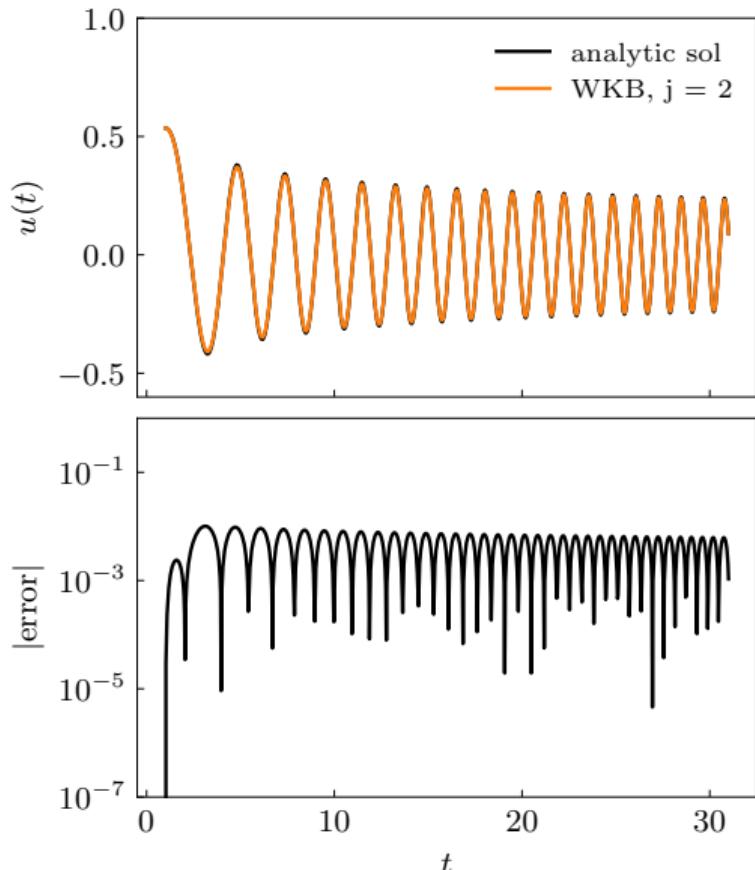
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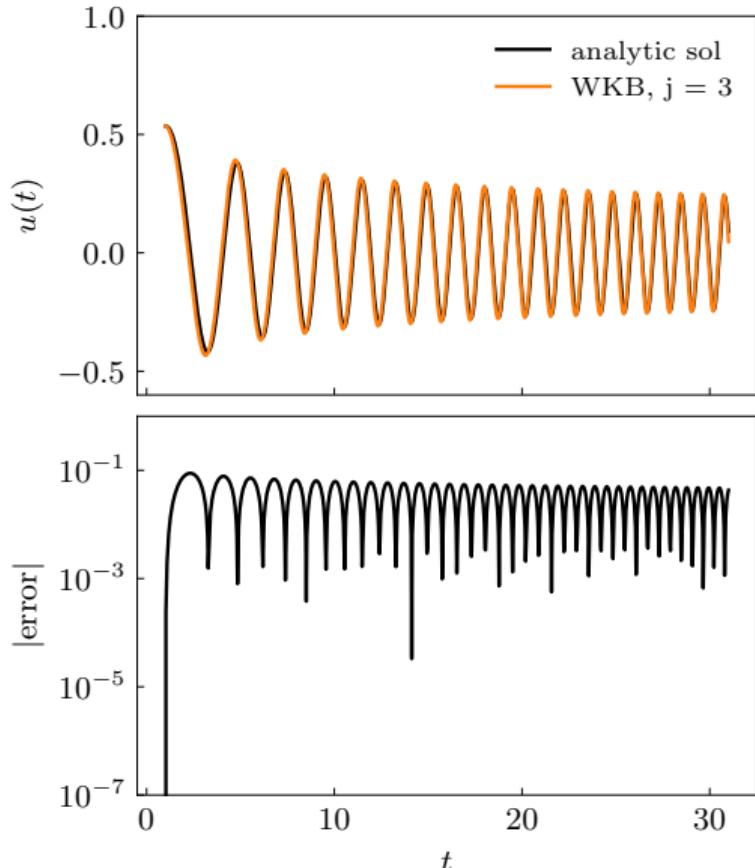
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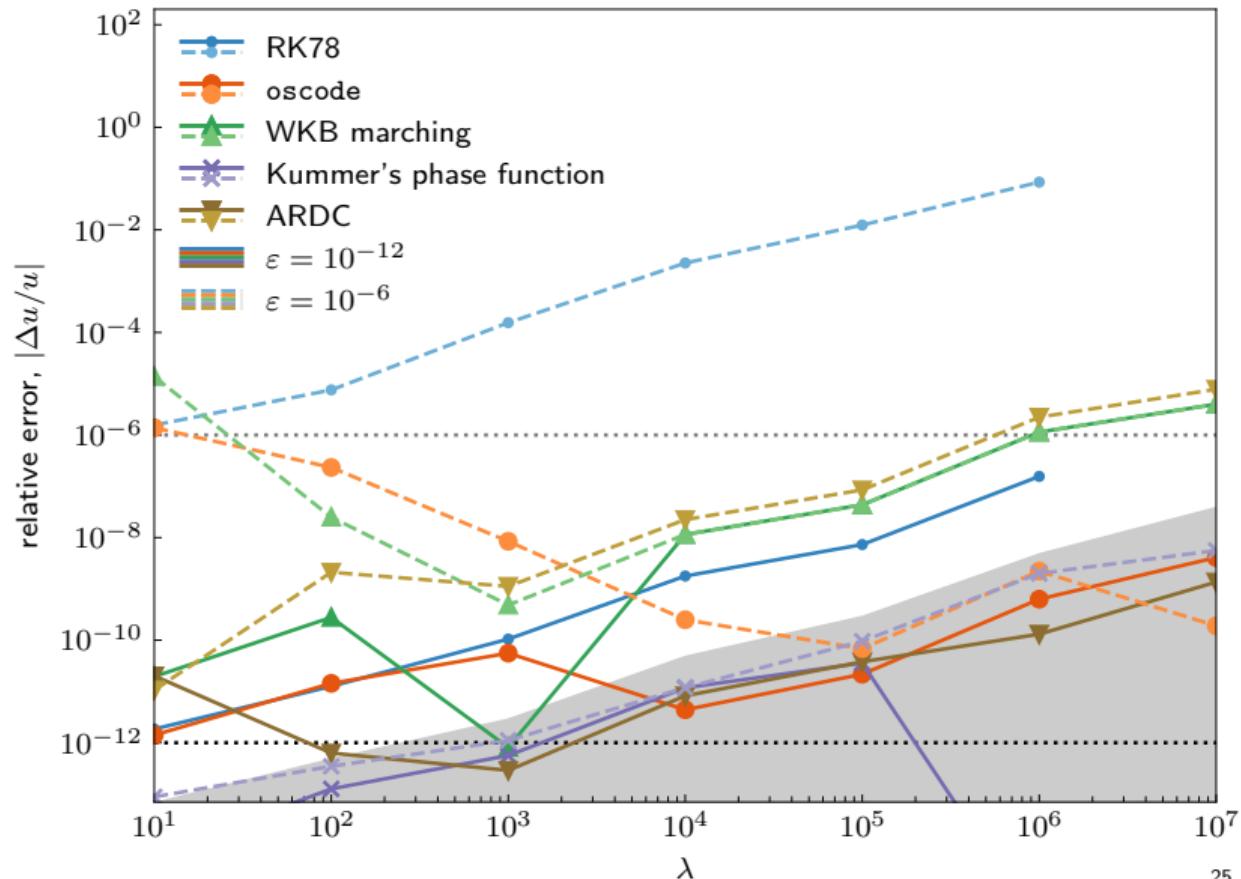
Some state-of-the-art oscillatory solvers

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high-order?	✓	✓	✗	✗
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code?	Python	Fortran 90	Python/C++	MATLAB
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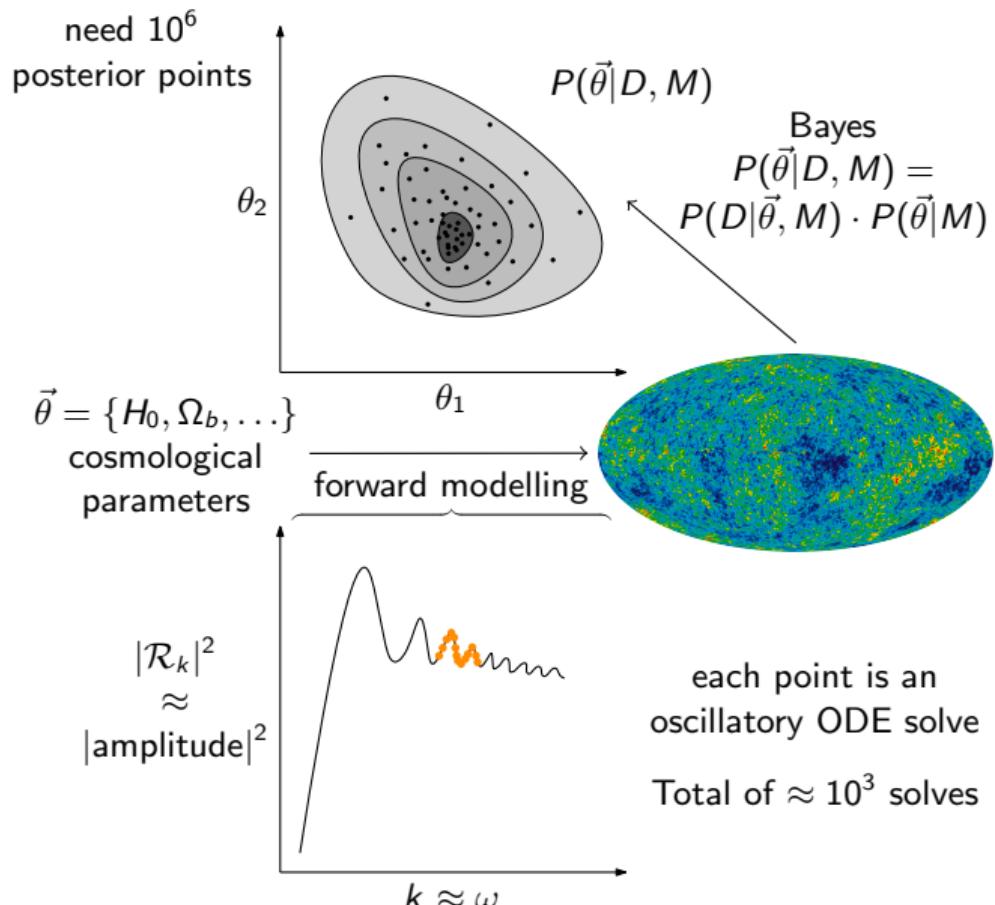
Comparison with standard & state-of-the-art solvers, convergence

- We used the Kummer's phase function method to compute a reference solution, therefore its reported accuracy (relative to spectral deferred correction), in **grey shading**, is an **upper limit** on the error



Motivation

- This ODE is extremely common in physics and math
 - **inflationary cosmology**
 - $\approx 10^9$ oscillatory ODE solves
 - 1D quantum mechanics
 - plasma physics, Hamiltonian dynamics, particle accelerators, electric circuits, acoustic and gravitational waves, ...
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