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## **FDM: Practical Assignment 1**

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## Problem

Let  $\Omega = (0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ .

$$-u_{xx} = f(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad (1)$$

1. Dirichlet boundary condition

a. Solve equation (1) with uniform mesh subject to a Dirichlet boundary condition:

$$u(0) = 1, \quad u(1) = 2.$$

b. Solve equation (1) subject to a Dirichlet boundary condition:

$$u(0) = 0, u(1) = 0$$

with non uniform mesh  $x_i = 1 - \cos \frac{\pi i}{2N}$  for  $i = 0, \dots, N$ .

2. Dirichlet - Neumann boundary condition

Solve equation (1) with uniform mesh subject to a Dirichlet Neumann boundary condition:

$$u'(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 3.$$

3. Neumann boundary condition

Solve equation (1) with uniform mesh subject to a Neumann boundary condition:

$$u'(0) = 0, \quad u'(1) = 0.$$

with condition  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0$ .

## Solution

1. Discrete similar problem for the case of the homogeneous dirichlet boundary, we have:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{\Delta^2 x} = f_i & \forall i \in \overline{1, N-1} \\ u(0) = 1, u(1) = 2 \end{cases}$$

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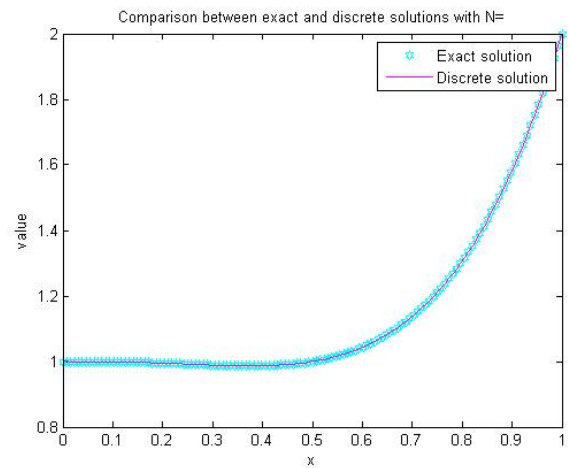
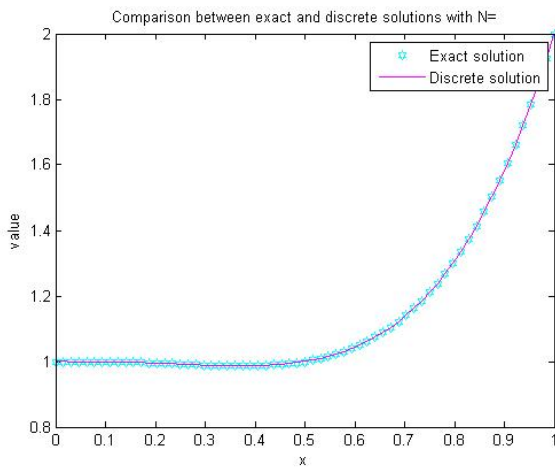
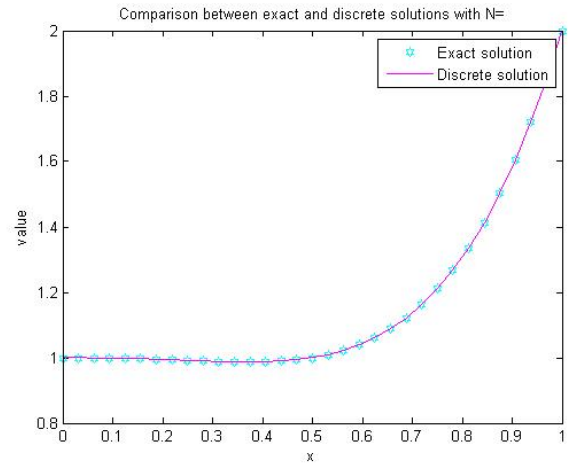
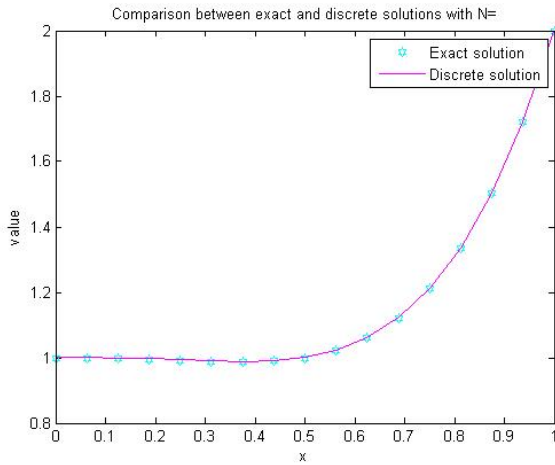
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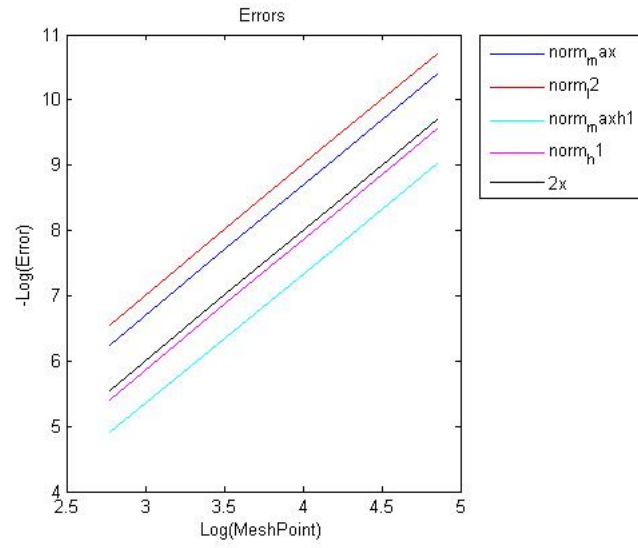
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$$U = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-2} \\ u_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \vdots \\ f_{N-2} \\ f_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

a. We set up with the following exact solution  $u$  and function  $f$

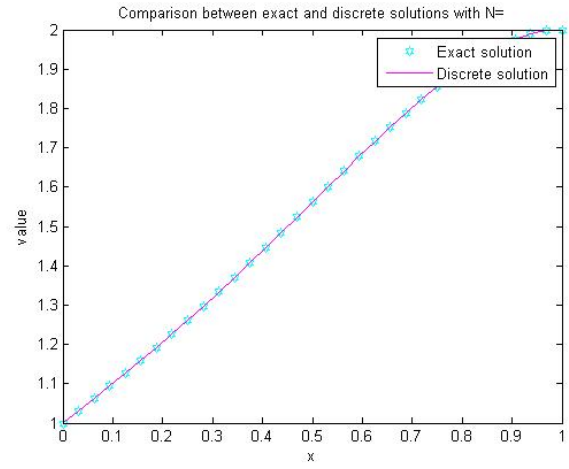
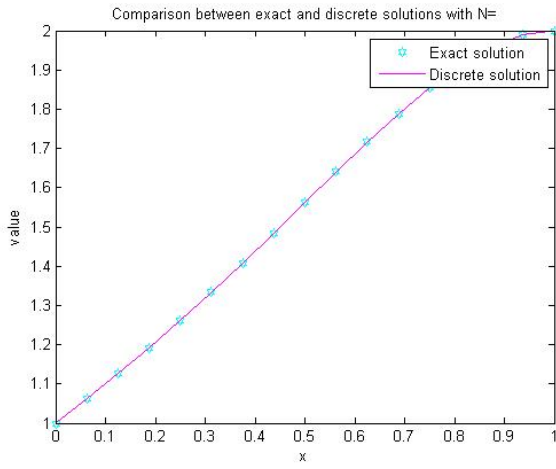
$$\begin{cases} u(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 1 \\ f(x) = 6x - 24x^2 \\ u(0) = 1, u(1) = 2 \end{cases}$$

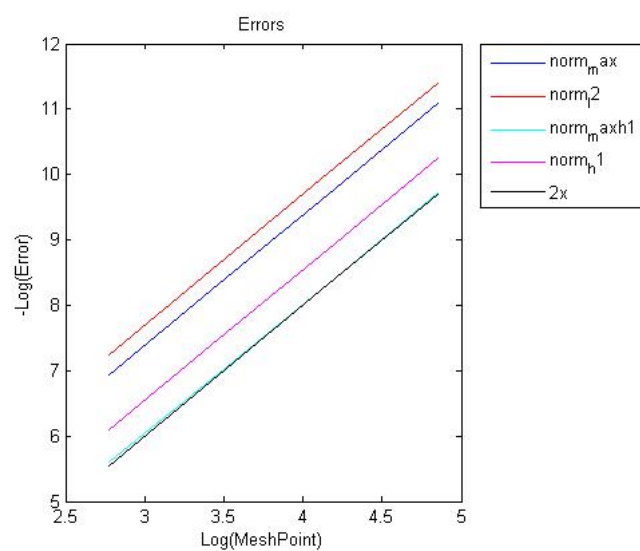
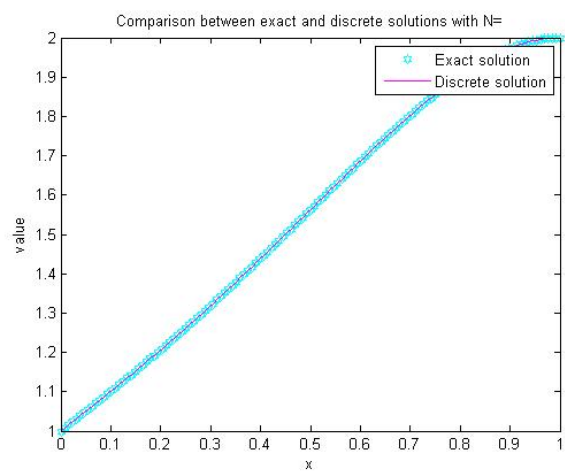
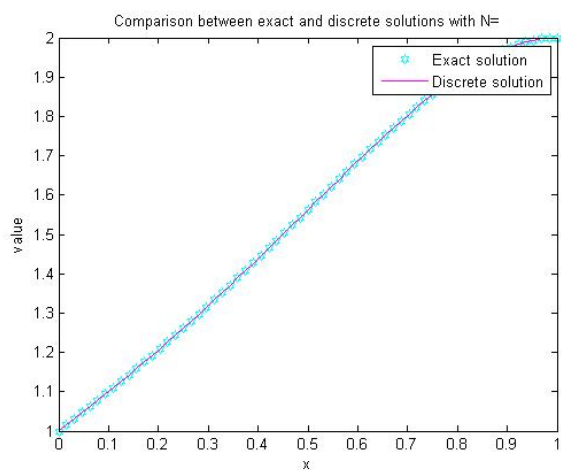




With the following exact solution  $u$  and function  $f$

$$\begin{cases} u(x) = -x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 \\ f(x) = -6x + 12x^2 \\ u(0) = 1, u(1) = 2 \end{cases}$$





b. We use the Taylor series expansion, there holds

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i)(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 + O[(x_{i+1} - x_i)^3]$$

and

$$u_{i-1} = u_i + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_i)(x_{i-1} - x_i) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i)(x_{i-1} - x_i)^2 + O[(x_{i-1} - x_i)^3].$$

Let  $\Delta_i^{(1)}x = x_{i+1} - x_i$  and  $\Delta_i^{(2)}x = x_i - x_{i-1}$ , we have

$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_i)\Delta_i^{(1)}x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i)(\Delta_i^{(1)}x)^2 + O[(\Delta_i^{(1)}x)^3]$$

and

$$u_{i-1} = u_i - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_i)\Delta_i^{(2)}x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i)(\Delta_i^{(2)}x)^2 + O[(\Delta_i^{(2)}x)^3]. \quad (2)$$

We have:

$$\frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x}u_{i+1} = \frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x}u_i + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_i)\Delta_i^{(2)}x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i)\Delta_i^{(1)}x\Delta_i^{(2)}x \quad (3)$$

Let (2) + (3), we have:

$$\frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x}u_{i+1} + u_{i-1} = \left(\frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x} + 1\right)u_i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i) \left[\Delta_i^{(1)}x\Delta_i^{(2)}x + (\Delta_i^{(1)}x)^2\right]$$

So,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x_i) = 2 \frac{\frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x}u_{i+1} + u_{i-1} - \left(\frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x} + 1\right)u_i}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x\Delta_i^{(2)}x + (\Delta_i^{(2)}x)^2}$$

Combined with (1), we obtain:

$$-\frac{2}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x\Delta_i^{(2)}x + (\Delta_i^{(2)}x)^2} \left[ \frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x}u_{i+1} + u_{i-1} - \left(\frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x} + 1\right)u_i \right] = f_i \quad \forall i \in \overline{1, N-1}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{2}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x\Delta_i^{(2)}x + (\Delta_i^{(2)}x)^2}, \\ \beta &= \frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x}, \\ \gamma &= \frac{\Delta_i^{(2)}x}{\Delta_i^{(1)}x} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$-\alpha(\beta u_{i+1} - \gamma u_i + u_{i-1}) = f_i \quad \forall i \in \overline{1, N-1}$$

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Using the Dirichlet boundary condition, we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} i = 1, -\alpha(-\gamma u_1 + \beta u_2) & = f_1 \\ i = 2, & -\alpha(u_1 - \gamma u_2 + \beta u_3) & = f_2 \\ i = 3, & -\alpha(u_2 - \gamma u_3 + \beta u_4) & = f_3 \\ & \dots & \\ i = N-2, & -\alpha(u_{N-3} - \gamma u_{N-2} + \beta u_{N-1}) & = f_{N-2} \\ i = N-1, & -\alpha(u_{N-2} - \gamma u_{N-1}) & = f_{N-1} \end{cases}$$

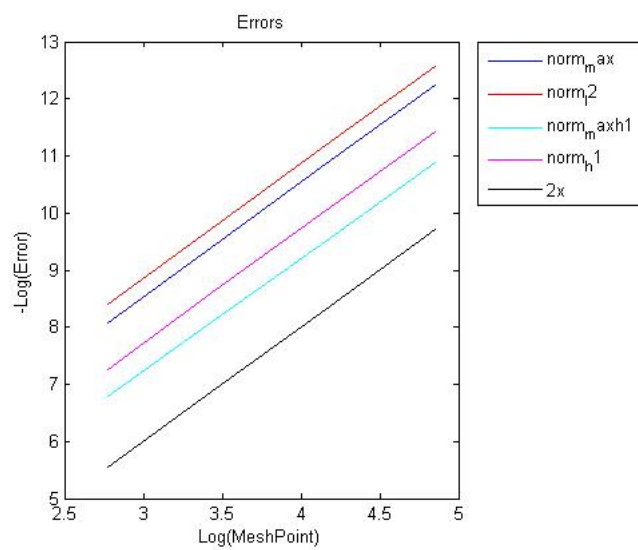
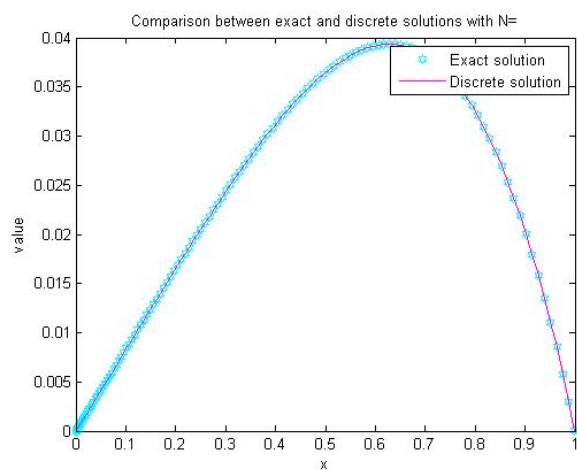
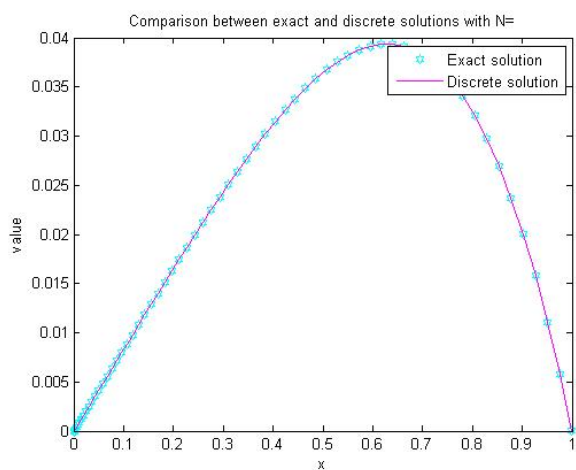
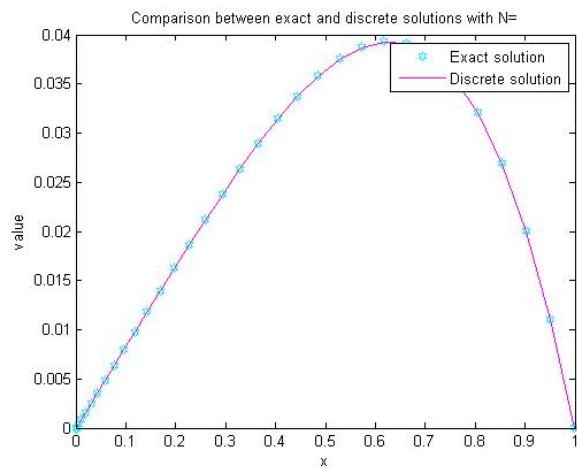
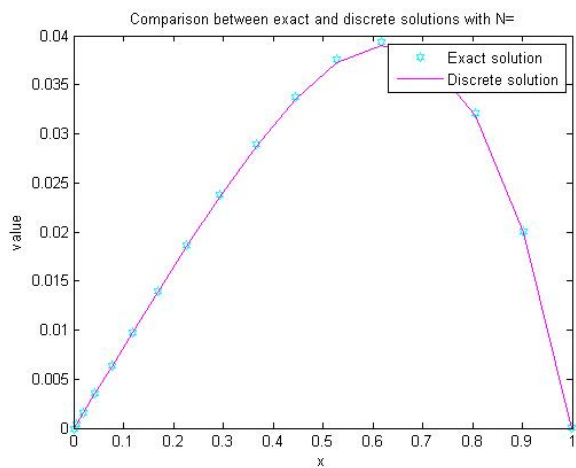
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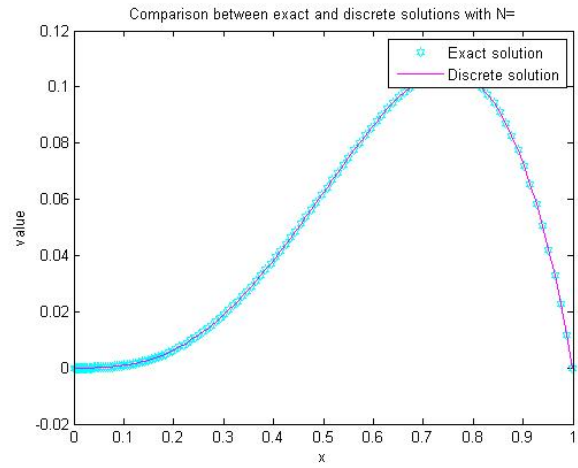
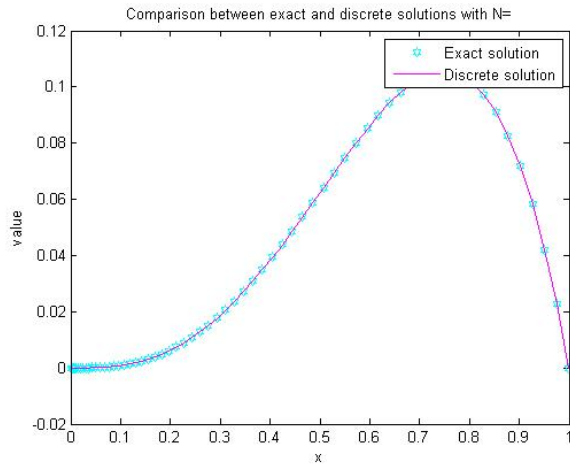
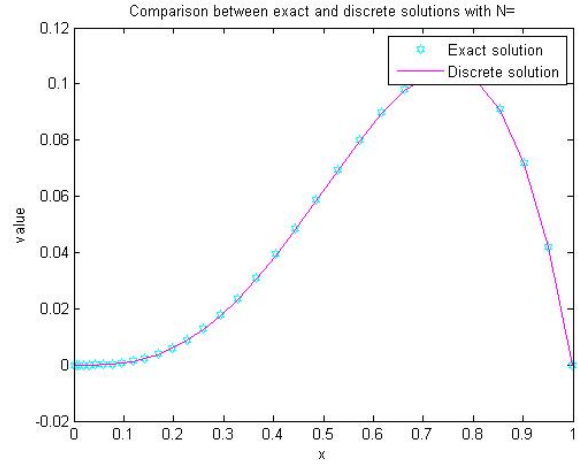
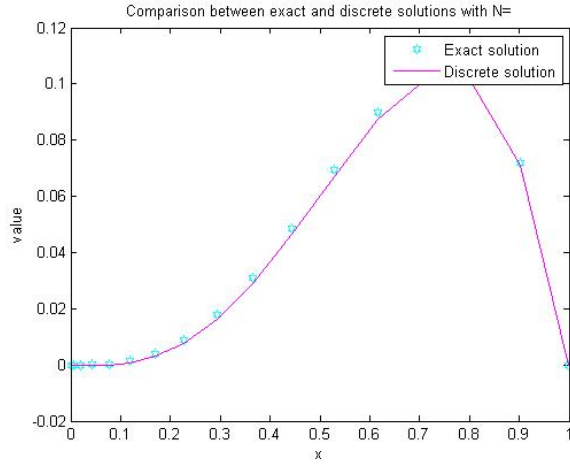
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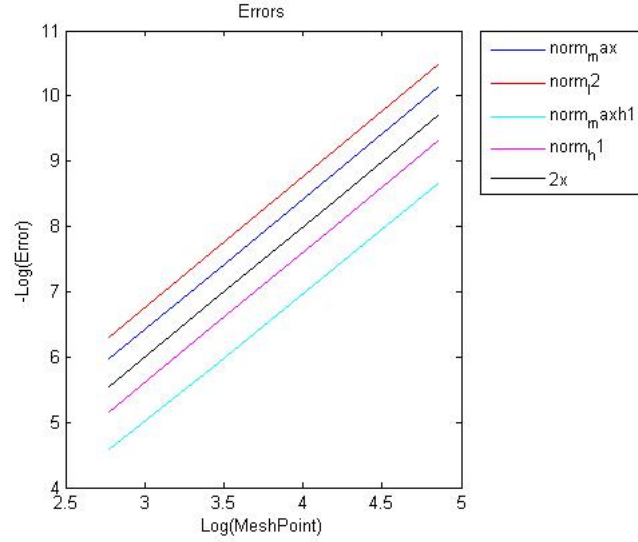




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2. Similar to the Problem 1, we have:

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Using the forward difference at 0, it means that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0) &= \frac{u_1 - u_0}{\Delta x} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow u_1 &= u_0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Moreover, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u(1) &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow u_N &= 3 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

From (4), (5) and (6), we have:

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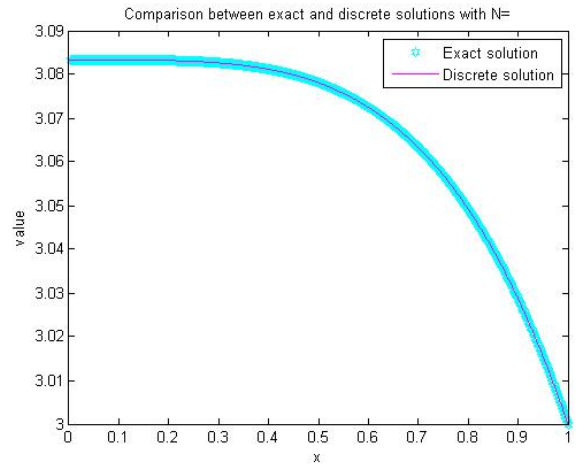
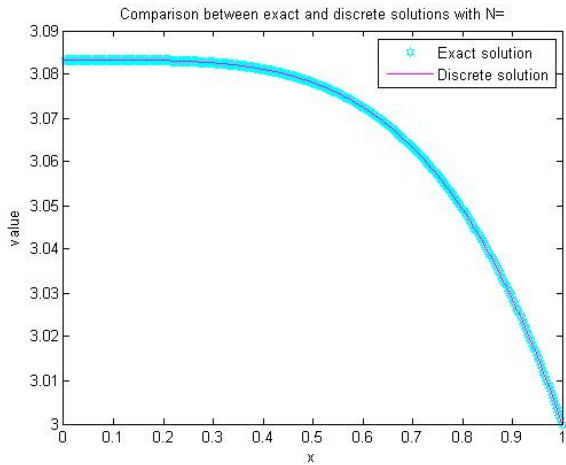
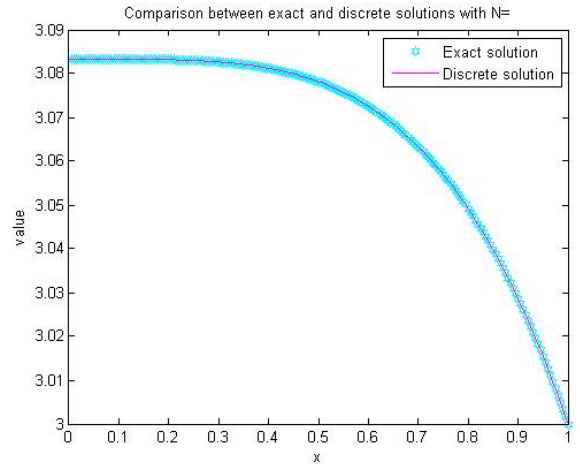
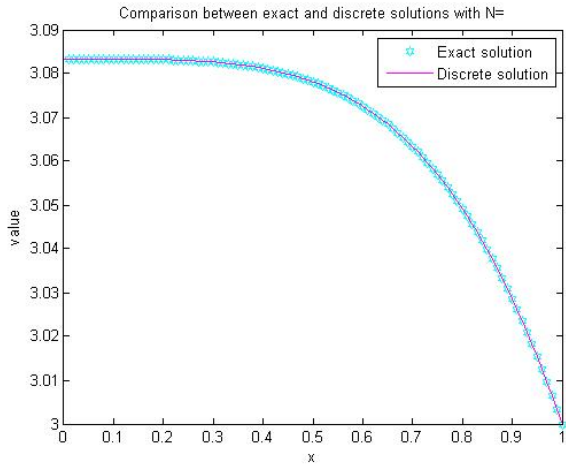
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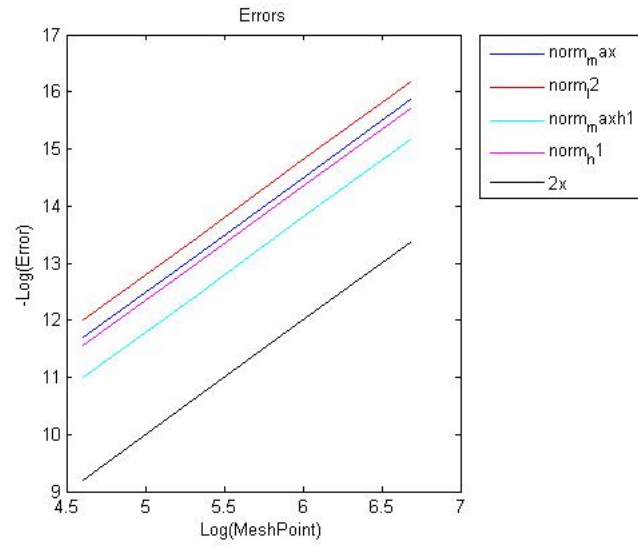
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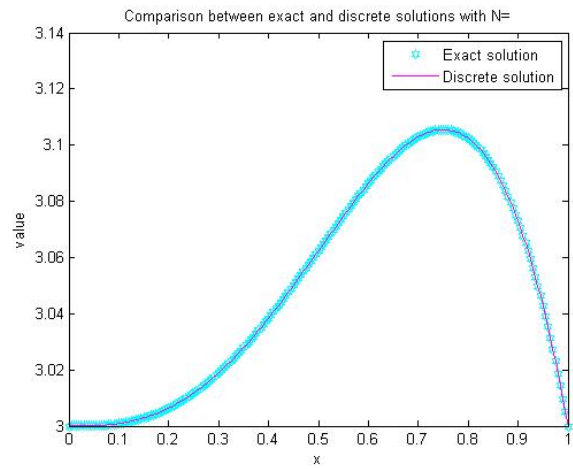
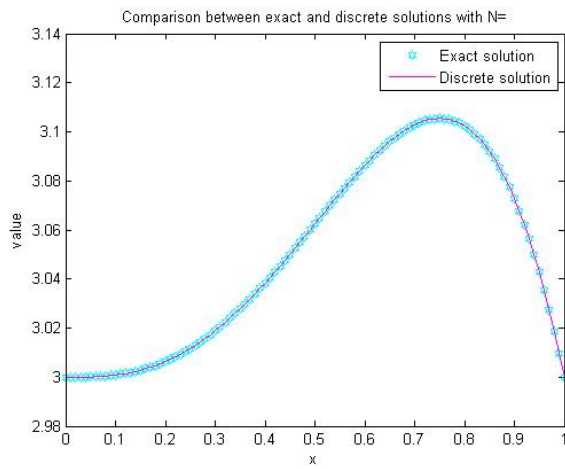
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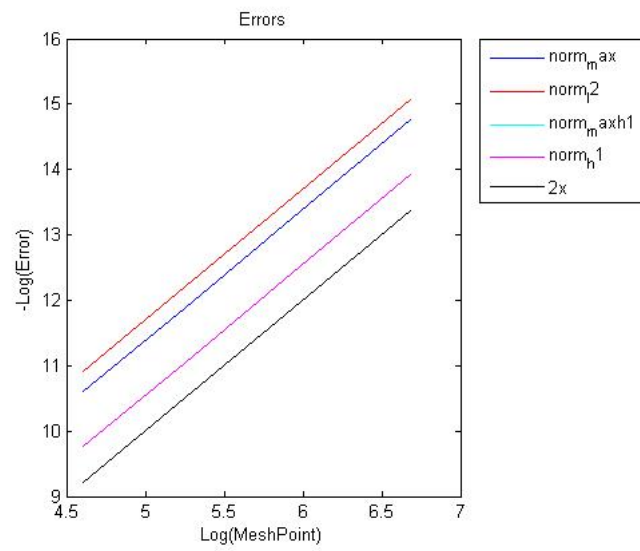
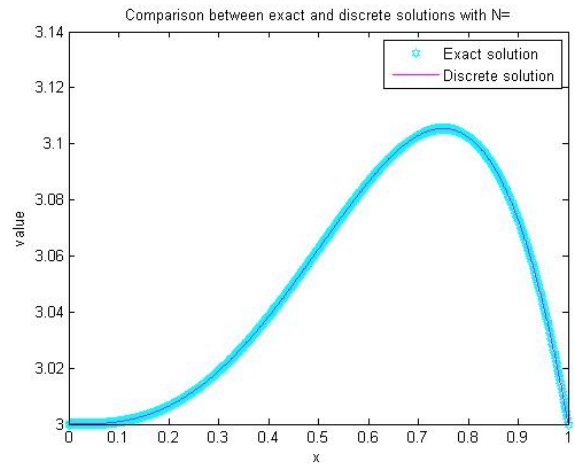
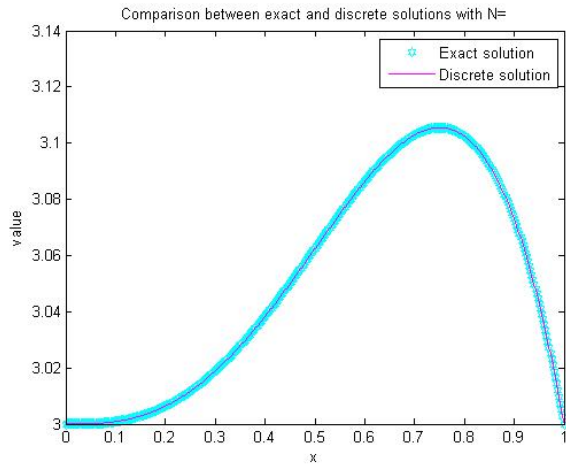




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3. We see that if we solve this problem analytically by integrating twice and trying to determine the constants of integration from the boundary conditions, there are infinitely many solutions.