

MA5251 Project 2

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1 Numerical Method Discussion

We are given the burgers equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{u^2}{2} \right) &= 0.02 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ u(-1, t) &= 1, u(1, t) = -1 \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) = -\sin \left(\frac{5}{2} \pi x \right)\end{aligned}$$

First, we take the approximation

$$u_N(x, t) = \sum_{k=0}^N \hat{u}_k(t) T_k(x)$$

As there is a nonlinear term in the equation, choose the right collocation points first and use interpolation to approximate the result. We use Gauss-Lobatto nodes:

$$x_j = \cos \left(\frac{j\pi}{n} \right), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

After approximating the nonlinear term $\frac{u^2}{2}$, we deal with the approximation after taking derivative with respect to x . By lecture 19, we have the following recursion for approximation:

$$u'_N(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N \hat{u}_k^{(1)} T_k(x)$$

where $u_N^{(1)} = 0$, $u_{N-1}^{(1)} = 2N\hat{u}_N$, $\hat{u}_{k-1}^{(1)} = \frac{\hat{u}_{k+1}^{(1)} + 2k\hat{u}_k}{c_{k-1}}$.

For the term $0.02 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, the differentiation is done twice.

Next, we use semi-discretisation with the following:

$$\frac{\partial u_N}{\partial t}(x_j, t) = \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial x}(x_j, t), \quad j = 1, \dots, N-1$$

where

$$f_N = I_N \left(-\frac{u_N^2}{2} \right) + 0.02 \frac{\partial u_N}{\partial x}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}u_N(-1, t) &= 1 \\ u_N(1, t) &= -1 \\ u_N(x, 0) &= I_N u_0(x) \\ u_0(x) &= -\sin \left(\frac{5}{2} \pi x \right)\end{aligned}$$

We then apply the third-order RK method to get the results.

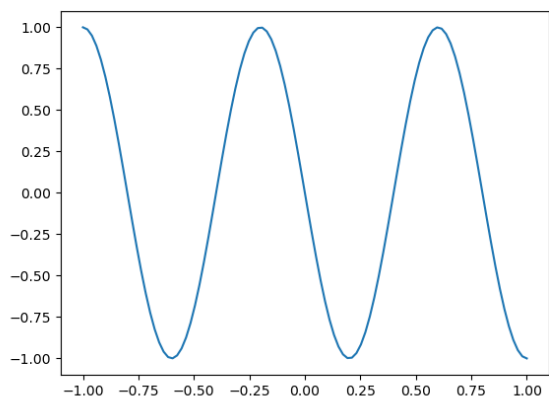
2 Numerical Results and Discussion

The code is written in Python, adapted off Prof Cai Zhenning's Matlab code in Lecture 19.

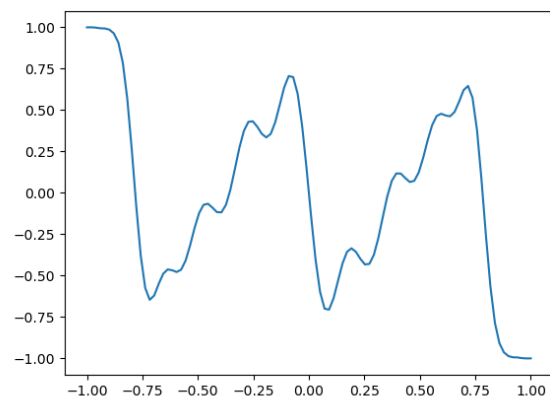
We run the code with the following parameters:

1. $N = 32$
2. $T = 5$
3. $\Delta t = 0.001$
4. $\Delta t_p = 0.3$ (timestep for print, used to print outputs)

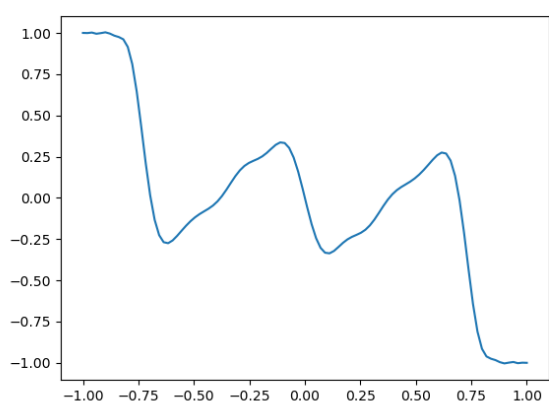
As seen from the figures (next page), the curve reaches steady state by $t = 3.3$.



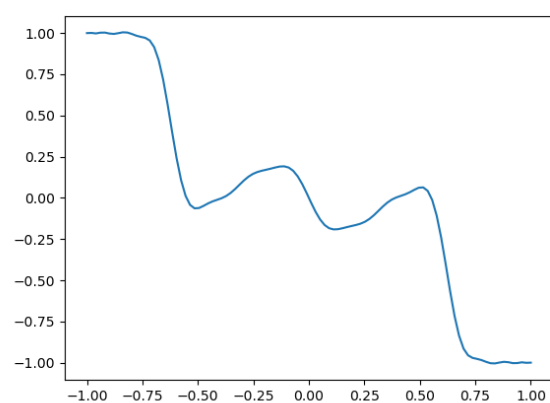
State at $t = 0.0$



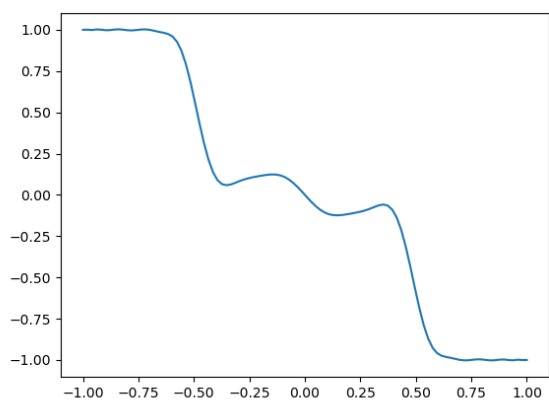
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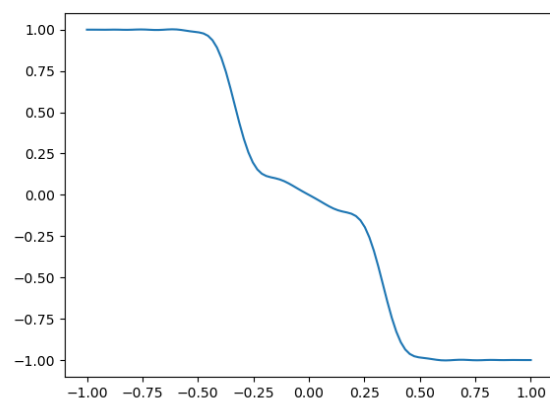
State at $t = 0.6$



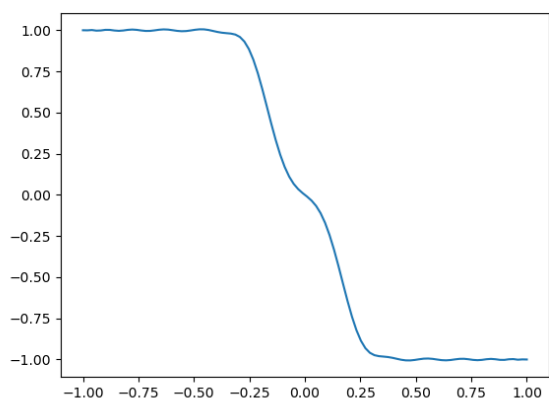
State at $t = 0.9$



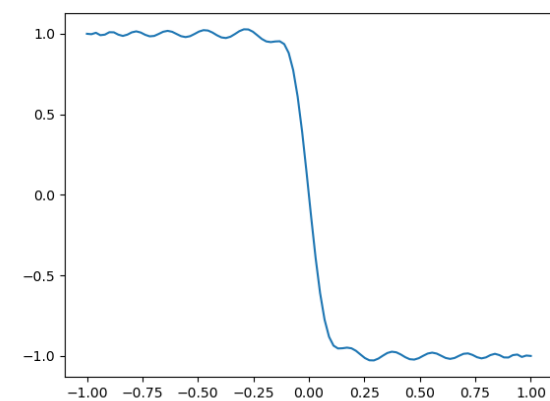
State at $t = 1.2$



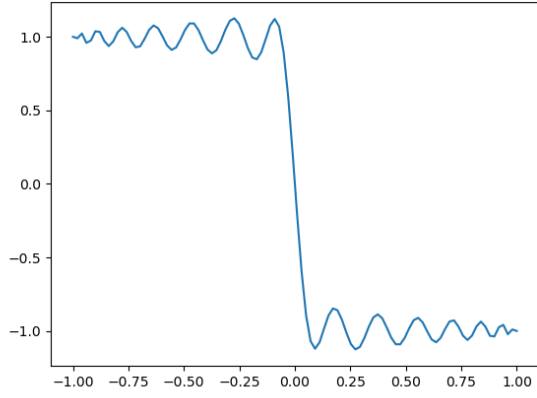
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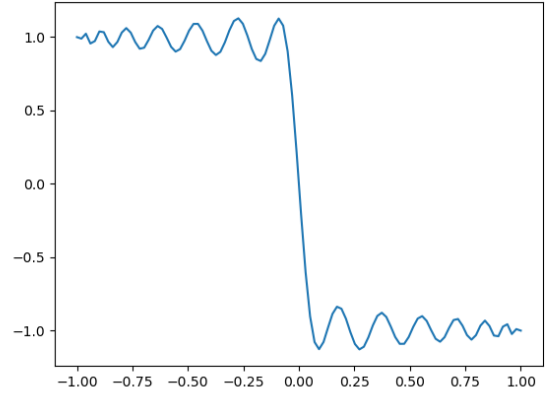
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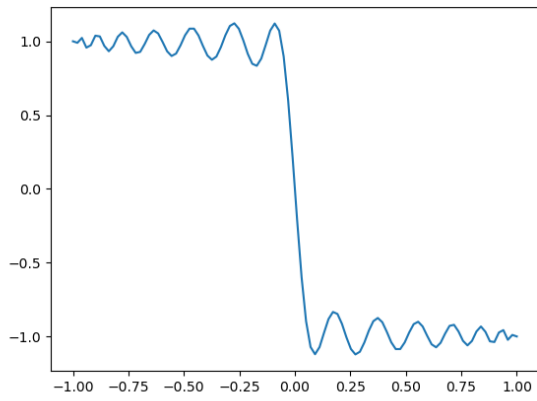
State at $t = 2.1$



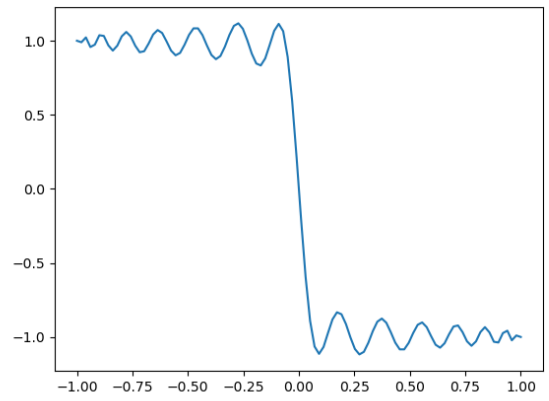
State at $t = 2.4$



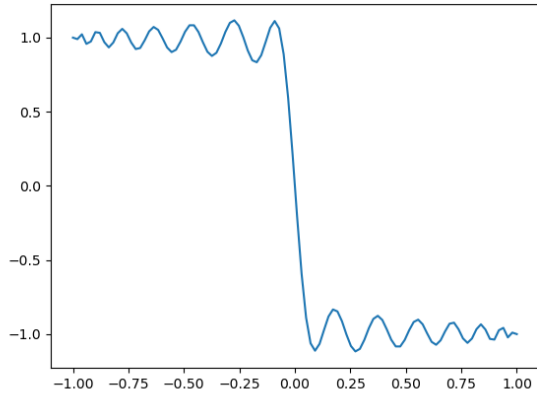
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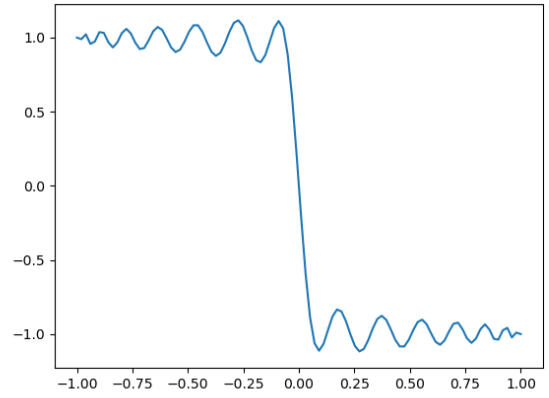
State at $t = 3.0$



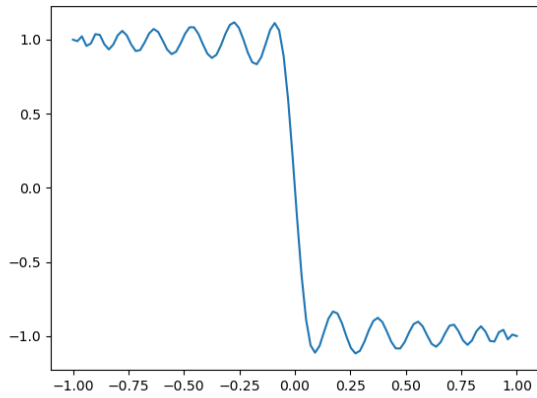
State at $t = 3.3$



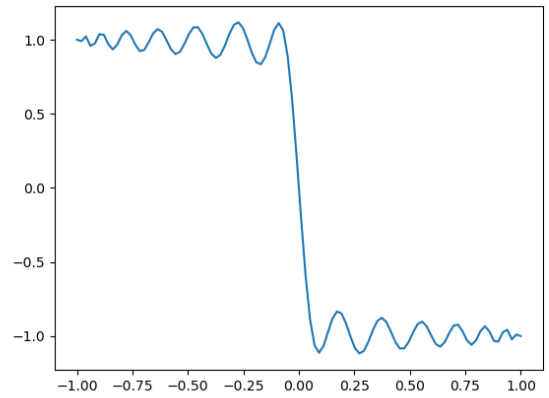
State at $t = 3.6$



State at $t = 3.9$



State at $t = 4.2$



State at $t = 4.5$