

**An Operator Splitting Based Stochastic
Galerkin Method for Nonlinear Systems of
Hyperbolic Conservation Laws with
Uncertainty**

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Conservation/Balance Laws with Uncertainties

$$U_t + \mathbf{F}(U, x, z)_x = \mathbf{R}(U, x, z), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \quad z \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

$U = U(x, t, z)$ is the unknown vector function

x : spatial variable

t : time variable

z : random variable

\mathbf{F} : flux vector function

\mathbf{R} : source term

Uncertainties can appear in the source terms, equations of state, initial or boundary data due to empirical approximations or measuring errors

Quantifying Uncertainties – gPC Approach

Polynomial chaos or **generalized polynomial chaos (gPC)** approach:

- **Non-intrusive gPC method** – solves the original problem at selected sampling points, thus one can use the deterministic code, and then use interpolation and quadrature rules to numerically evaluate the statistical moments

[Xiu, Hesthaven; 2005]

[Mishra, Schwab, Sukys; 2012]

- **Intrusive gPC method** – uses the Galerkin approximation, which results in a system of deterministic equations, solving which will give the stochastic moments of the solution of the original uncertain problem

– **Pros:** lower computational cost; theoretical advantages;

[Elman, Miller, Phipps, Tuminaro; 2011]

– **Cons:** extra efforts are needed in order to obtain well-behaved discrete systems

[Xui; 2010]

[Tryoen, Le Maitre, Ndjinga, Ern; 2010]

[Després, Poëtte, Lucor; 2013]

[Pettersson, Iaccarino, Nordström; 2014, 2015]

[Hu, Jin, Xiu; 2015]

The gPC-SG Method – An Overview

$$U_t + F(U, x, z)_x = R(U, x, z), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \quad z \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

The solution is sought in terms of an orthogonal polynomial series in z

$$U(x, t, z) \approx U_N(x, t, z) = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \hat{U}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(z), \quad M = \binom{d+N}{d}$$

- $\{\Phi_i(z)\}$ are multidimensional polynomials of degree up to N of z :

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi_i(z) \Phi_\ell(z) \mu(z) dz = \delta_{i\ell}, \quad 0 \leq i, \ell \leq M-1 \quad M = \dim(\mathbb{P}_N^d)$$

- $\mu(z)$: probability density function of z
- $\delta_{i\ell}$: Kronecker symbol
- The choice of the orthogonal polynomials depends on the distribution function of z . For example:
 - a Gaussian distribution defines the Hermite polynomials
 - a uniform distribution defines the Legendre polynomials

The gPC-SG method seeks to satisfy the system in a weak form by ensuring that the residual is orthogonal to the gPC polynomial space.

Substituting

$$U_N(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \hat{U}_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z})$$

into the governing system

$$U_t + \mathbf{F}(U, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})_x = \mathbf{R}(U, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$$

and using the Galerkin projection yield

$$(\hat{U}_i)_t + (\hat{\mathbf{F}}_i)_x = \hat{\mathbf{R}}_i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq M - 1$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_i = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{F} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{M-1} \hat{U}_j(\mathbf{x}, t) \Phi_j(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \right) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}) \mu(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_i = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{R} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{M-1} \hat{U}_j(\mathbf{x}, t) \Phi_j(\mathbf{z}), \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \right) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}) \mu(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$

The gPC-SG Method – Challenges

$$U_t + F(U, x, z)_x = R(U, x, z)$$

Linear Hyperbolic

Nonlinear Symmetric

Nonlinear Nonsymmetric

$$(\hat{U}_i)_t + (\hat{F}_i)_x = \hat{R}_i \quad 0 \leq i \leq M - 1$$

Hyperbolic

Hyperbolic

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- **Our goal:** *Introduce an operator splitting for the original hyperbolic system, which will guarantee that the gPC-SG discretization of each of the split subsystems always results in a globally hyperbolic system*
- **Our strategy:** generic, but the splitting is problem specific
- **Our examples:** the compressible Euler equations and the shallow water equations

1-D Compressible Euler Equations

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_x = 0 \\ m_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x = 0 \\ E_t + (u(E + p))_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

- ρ : density
- u : velocity, $m = \rho u$: momentum
- E : total energy
- p : pressure with the equation of state $p = (\gamma - 1) \left(E - \frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 \right)$
- γ : specific heat ratio

We assume here that the data may depend on random variable z , i.e.,

$$\rho(x, 0, z) = \rho_0(x, z), \quad u(x, 0, z) = u_0(x, z), \quad p(x, 0, z) = p_0(x, z), \quad \gamma = \gamma(z)$$

Uncertainty may also arise from boundary data and other terms

1-D Euler Equations – Numerical Challenges

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_x = 0 \\ m_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x = 0 \\ E_t + (u(E + p))_x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \lambda = u, u \pm c, \quad c = \sqrt{\gamma p / \rho}$$

A direct application of the gPC-SG method to the system may fail due to the loss of hyperbolicity after the gPC-SG discretization

Operator Splitting:

- Linear hyperbolic system
- Two degenerate nonlinear hyperbolic systems which are effectively scalar equations

The gPC-SG approximation is guaranteed to maintain the hyperbolicity for each of the subsystems

1-D Euler Equations – Operator Splitting

$$(I) \quad \begin{cases} \rho_t + m_x = 0 \\ m_t + ((\gamma - 1)E + am)_x = 0 \\ E_t - (aE)_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(II) \quad \begin{cases} \rho_t = 0 \\ m_t + \left(\frac{3 - \gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{\rho} - am \right)_x = 0 \\ E_t = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(III) \quad \begin{cases} \rho_t = 0 \\ m_t = 0 \\ E_t + \left(\frac{m}{\rho} \left[\gamma E - \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{\rho} \right] + aE \right)_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

- We choose:

$-|a| \leq u - c < u + c \leq |a|$: subcharacteristic condition

$a = \pm \sup(\max\{|u| + c, \gamma u, (3 - \gamma)u\})$: convection coefficient
should not change sign

Strang Splitting

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_t + \mathbf{F}_I(\mathbf{U})_x &= \mathbf{0} && \rightarrow && \mathcal{S}_I \\
 U_t + \mathbf{F}_{II}(\mathbf{U})_x &= \mathbf{0} && \rightarrow && \mathcal{S}_{II} \\
 U_t + \mathbf{F}_{III}(\mathbf{U})_x &= \mathbf{0} && \rightarrow && \mathcal{S}_{III}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ m \\ E \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}_I = \begin{pmatrix} m \\ (\gamma - 1)E + am \\ -aE \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}_{II} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3-\gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{\rho} - am \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{III} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{m}{\rho} \left[\gamma E - \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{\rho} \right] + aE \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assume that the solution of the original system is available at time t
- Introduce a (small) time step Δt
- One time step of the second-order Strang splitting method:

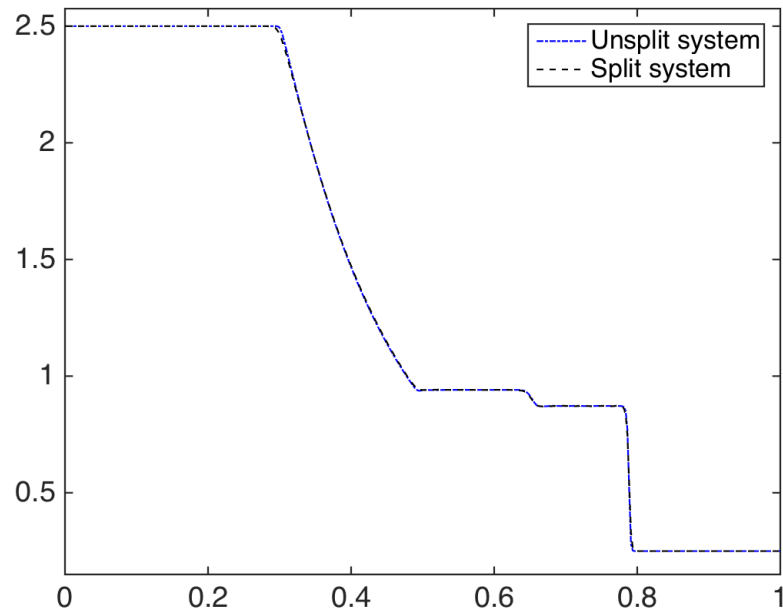
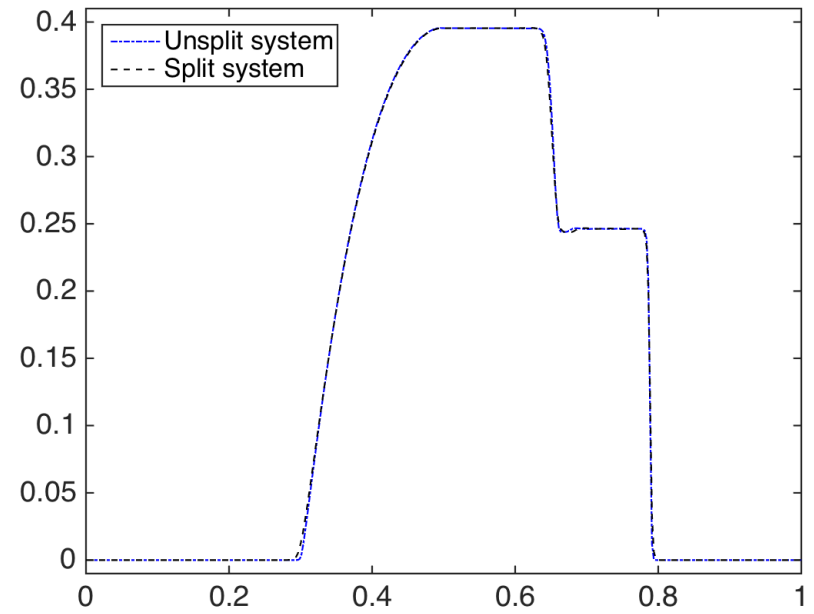
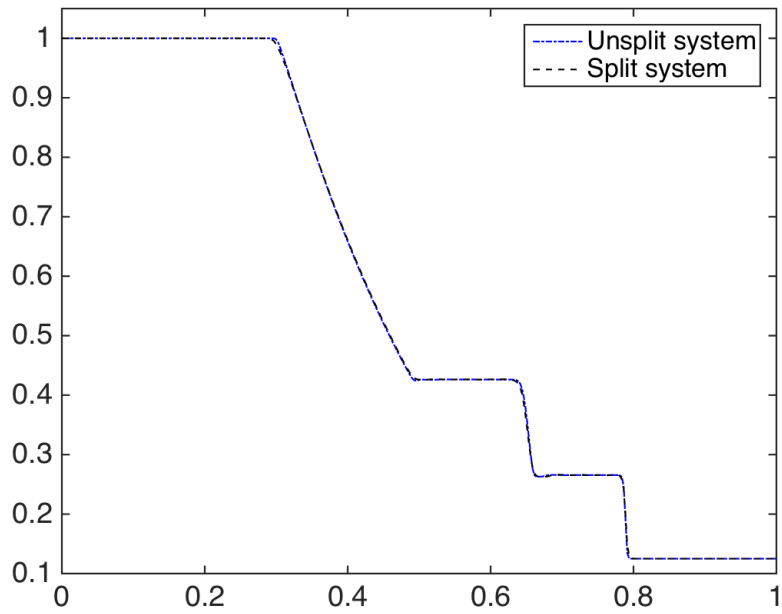
$$\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}, t + \Delta t, \mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{S}_I(\Delta t/2) \mathcal{S}_{II}(\Delta t/2) \mathcal{S}_{III}(\Delta t) \mathcal{S}_{II}(\Delta t/2) \mathcal{S}_I(\Delta t/2) \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{z})$$

Operator Splitting – Numerical Validation

- We consider the Sod shock tube problem – pure deterministic problem:

$$\rho_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x < 0.5, \\ 0.125, & x > 0.5, \end{cases} \quad u_0(x) \equiv 0, \quad p_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x < 0.5 \\ 0.1, & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

- We run numerical simulations for both the unsplit and split systems
- We compare the results computed by the central-upwind scheme
 - computational domain $[0,1]$
 - non-reflecting boundary conditions
 - uniform grid with $\Delta x = 1/400$
 - final time $t = 0.1644$



ρ (top left), m (top right) and E (bottom)

1-D Euler Equations – The gPC-SG Approximation

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t + m_x = 0 \\ m_t + ((\gamma - 1)E + am)_x = 0 \\ E_t - (aE)_x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \rho_t = 0 \\ m_t + \left(\frac{3 - \gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{\rho} - am \right)_x = 0 \\ E_t = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t = 0 \\ m_t = 0 \\ E_t + \left(\frac{m}{\rho} \left[\gamma E - \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \cdot \frac{m^2}{\rho} \right] + aE \right)_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

We define the gPC expansions of ρ , m , E and γ in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_N(x, t, \mathbf{z}) &= \sum_{i=0}^N \hat{\rho}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}), & m_N(x, t, \mathbf{z}) &= \sum_{i=0}^N \hat{m}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}), \\ E_N(x, t, \mathbf{z}) &= \sum_{i=0}^N \hat{E}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}), & \gamma_N(\mathbf{z}) &= \sum_{i=0}^N \hat{\gamma}_i \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

substitute them into the systems and derive the gPC-SG approximation

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We define ...

$$\gamma_N(\mathbf{z}) - 1 = \sum_{i=0}^N \widehat{\gamma}_i \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}), \quad \frac{3 - \gamma_N(\mathbf{z})}{2} = \sum_{i=0}^N \widehat{\widehat{\gamma}}_i \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}),$$

$$\left(\frac{m^2}{\rho}\right)_N(x, t, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\psi}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}),$$

$$\left(\frac{\gamma m}{\rho}\right)_N(x, t, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\widehat{\psi}}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}),$$

$$\left(\frac{(\gamma - 1)m}{\rho}\right)_N(x, t, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\widehat{\widehat{\psi}}}_i(x, t) \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}).$$

For example, $\widehat{\psi}_i$ can be computed by using $\rho\psi = m^2$, namely,

$$\sum_{k, \ell=0}^N \widehat{\psi}_k \widehat{\rho}_\ell S_{ikl} = \sum_{k, \ell=0}^N \widehat{m}_k \widehat{m}_\ell S_{ikl}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N$$

$$S_{ikl} = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_i(\mathbf{z}) \Phi_k(\mathbf{z}) \Phi_\ell(\mathbf{z}) \mu(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \quad \text{is computed once}$$

... after implementing the Galerkin projection we obtain the corresponding three systems for the gPC coefficients $i = 0, \dots, N$:

$$(I) \quad \begin{cases} (\hat{\rho}_i)_t + (\hat{m}_i)_x = 0 \\ (\hat{m}_i)_t + \sum_{k,l=0}^N \hat{\gamma}_k (\hat{E}_l)_x S_{kli} + (a\hat{m}_i)_x = 0 \\ (\hat{E}_i)_t - (a\hat{E}_i)_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(II) \quad \begin{cases} (\hat{\rho}_i)_t = 0 \\ (\hat{m}_i)_t + \sum_{k,l=0}^N \hat{\hat{\gamma}}_k (\hat{\psi}_l)_x S_{kli} - (a\hat{m}_i)_x = 0 \\ (\hat{E}_i)_t = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(III) \quad \begin{cases} (\hat{\rho}_i)_t = 0 \\ (\hat{m}_i)_t = 0 \\ (\hat{E}_i)_t + \sum_{k,l=0}^N (\hat{\psi}_k \hat{E}_l)_x S_{kli} - \sum_{k,l=0}^N (\hat{\hat{\psi}}_k \hat{\psi}_l)_x S_{kli} + (a\hat{E}_i)_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Strang Splitting + Spatial Discretization

For each $i = 0, \dots, N$:

$$\begin{aligned}(\hat{U}_i)_t + (\hat{F}_I)(\hat{U}_i)_x = 0 &\quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}_I \quad \text{solution operator (CU scheme)} \\(\hat{U}_i)_t + \hat{F}_{II}(\hat{U}_i)_x = 0 &\quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}_{II} \quad \text{solution operator (CU scheme)} \\(\hat{U}_i)_t + \hat{F}_{III}(\hat{U}_i)_x = 0 &\quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}_{III} \quad \text{solution operator (CU scheme)}\end{aligned}$$

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Central-Upwind Schemes

- Godunov-type finite-volume methods
- **Central:** Riemann-problem-solver-free methods designed without tracking complicated nonlinear waves
- **Upwind:** Use some information on wave propagation to reduce numerical dissipation and thus enhance the resolution of nonsmooth waves
- Can be applied as a “black-box” solver to (multidimensional) hyperbolic systems of PDEs
- Robust, efficient and highly accurate

[Kurganov, Tadmor; 2000]

[Kurganov, Petrova; 2001]

[Kurganov, Noelle, Petrova; 2001]

[Kurganov, Tadmor; 2002]

[Kurganov, Petrova; 2005]

[Kurganov, Lin; 2007]

[Kurganov, Prugger, Wu; preprint]

Numerical Examples

- Three examples for the Sod problem
 - Example 1 - Perturbed the initial conditions
 - Example 2 - Perturbed γ
 - Example 3 - Perturbed interface
- We always assume a 1-D random variable z obeying the uniform distribution on $[-1, 1]$, thus the **Legendre polynomials** are used as the gPC basis
- The mean and standard deviation of the computed solution U , which are shown in the Figures below, are given by

$$\mathbb{E}[U] = \hat{U}_0, \quad \sigma[U] = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{U}_i)^2},$$

where \hat{U}_i , $i = 0, \dots, N$ are the computed gPC coefficients of U .

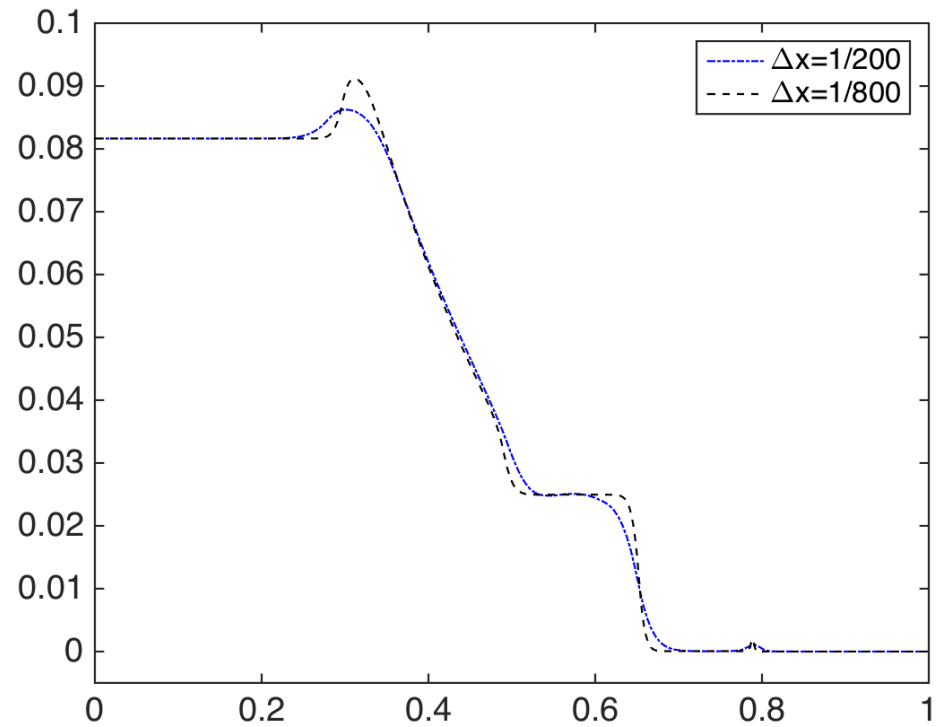
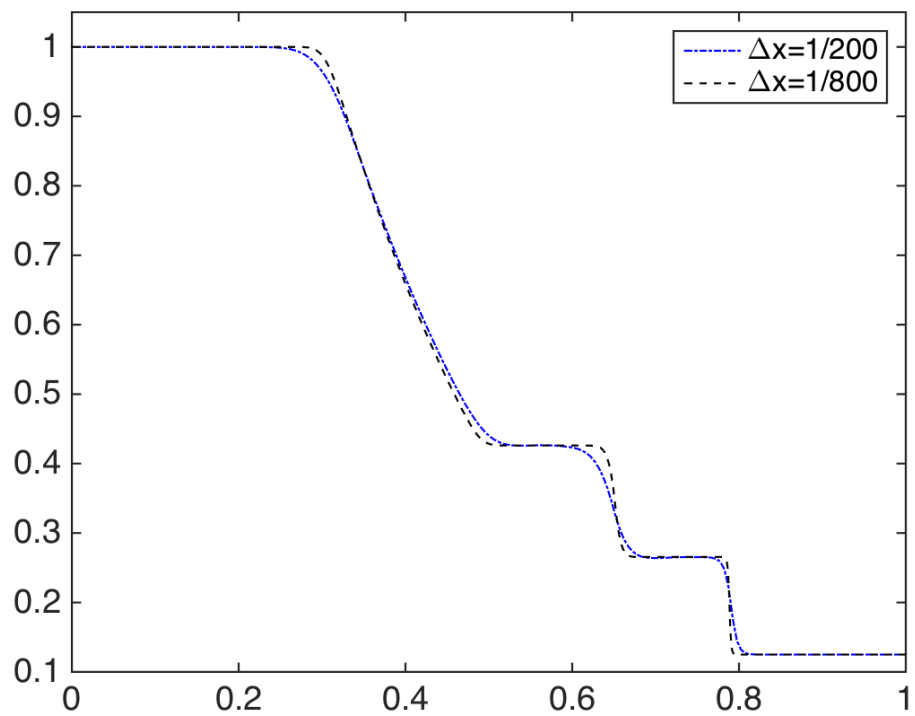
- In all the examples: Strang splitting + second-order semi-discrete central-upwind scheme was implemented for the spatial discretization

Example 1 – Perturbed Initial Data

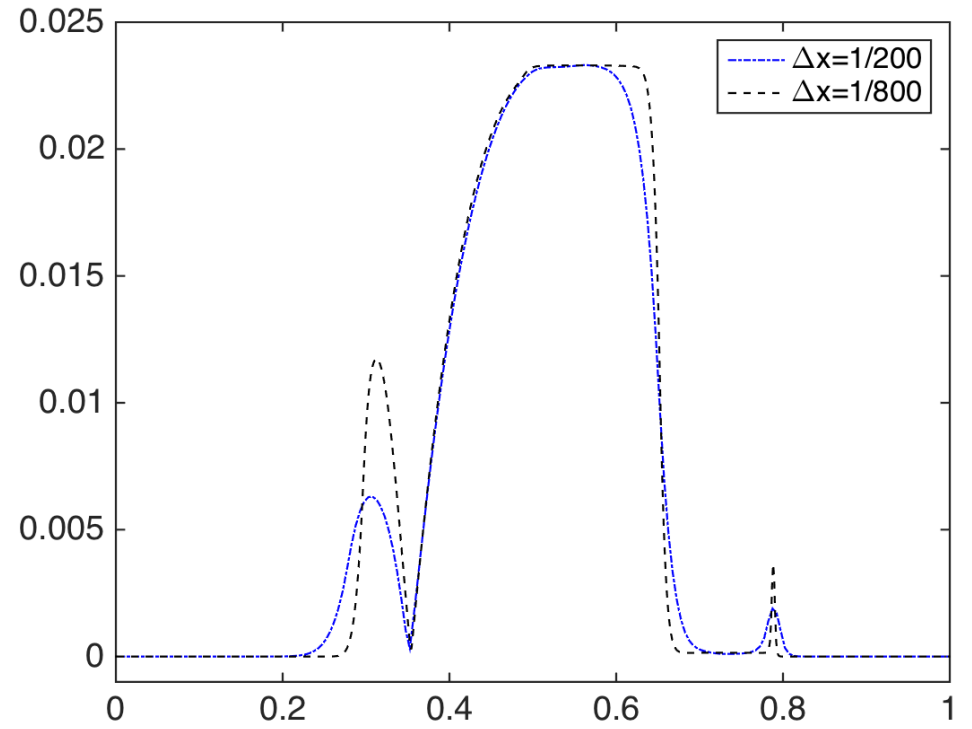
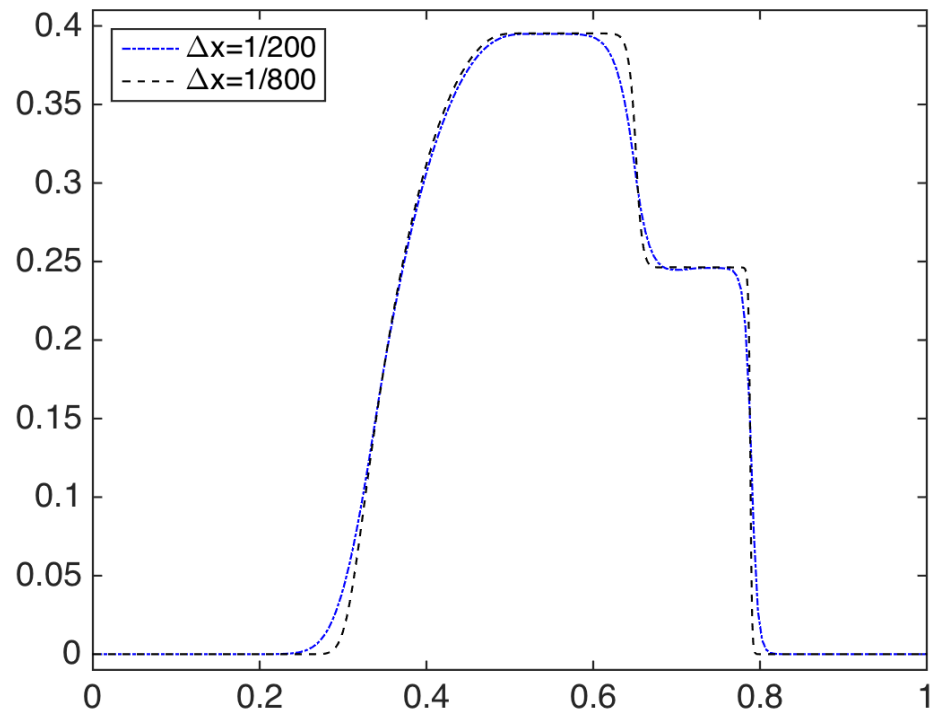
We consider the Sod shock tube problem with $\gamma = 1.4$ and subject to the following initial condition:

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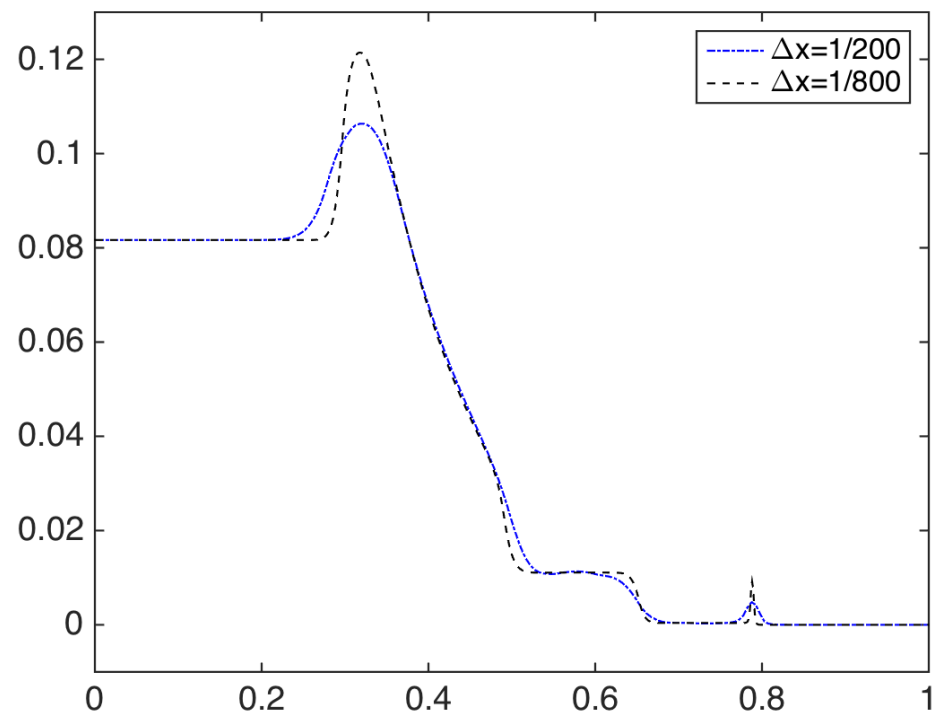
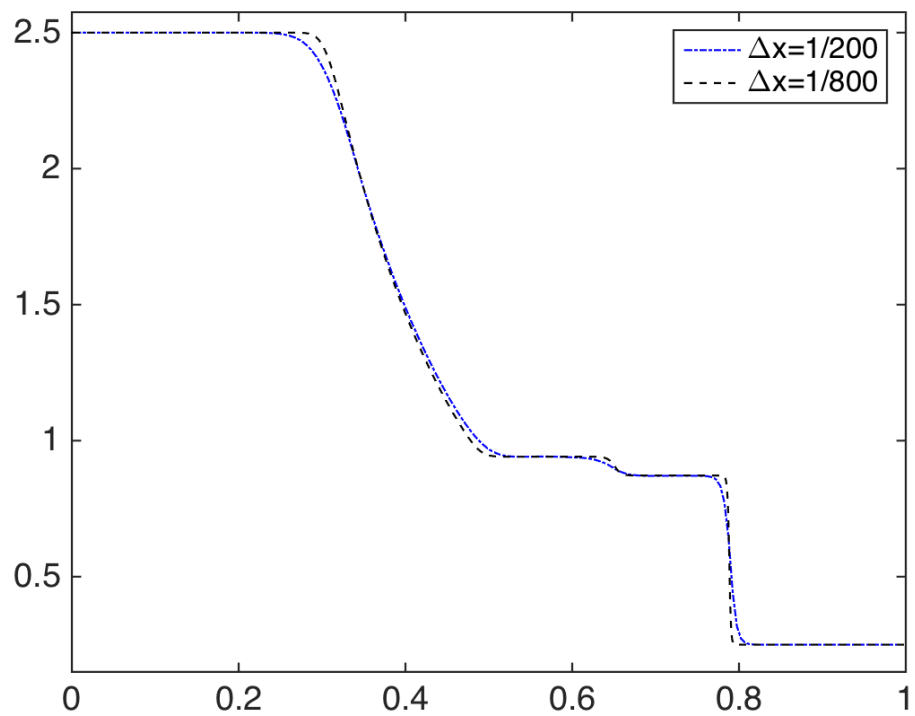
- Computational domain $[0, 1]$
- Non-reflecting boundary conditions
- $N = 8$ – highest degree of the Legendre polynomials
- $\Delta x = 1/200$ and $\Delta x = 1/800$
- final time $t = 0.1644$



Mean (left) and standard deviation (right) of ρ



Mean (left) and standard deviation (right) of m



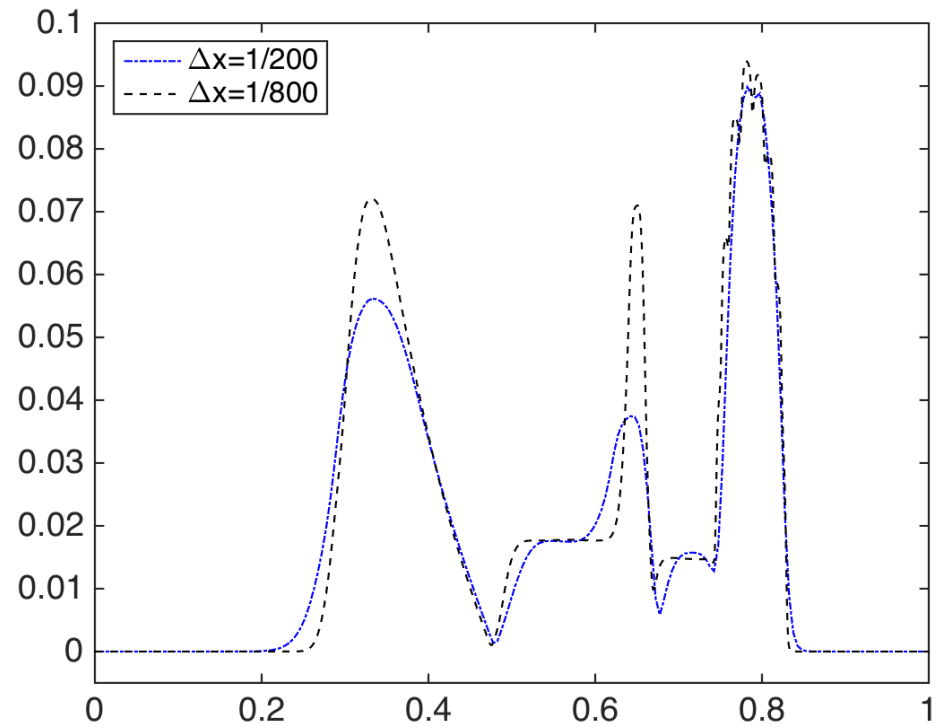
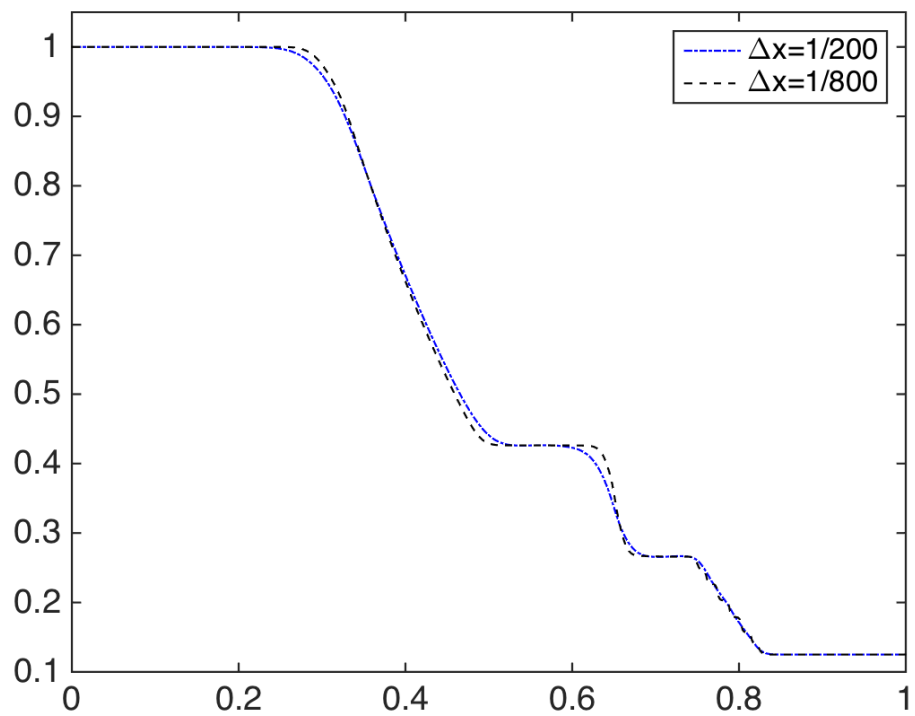
Mean (left) and standard deviation (right) of E

Example 2 – Perturbed γ

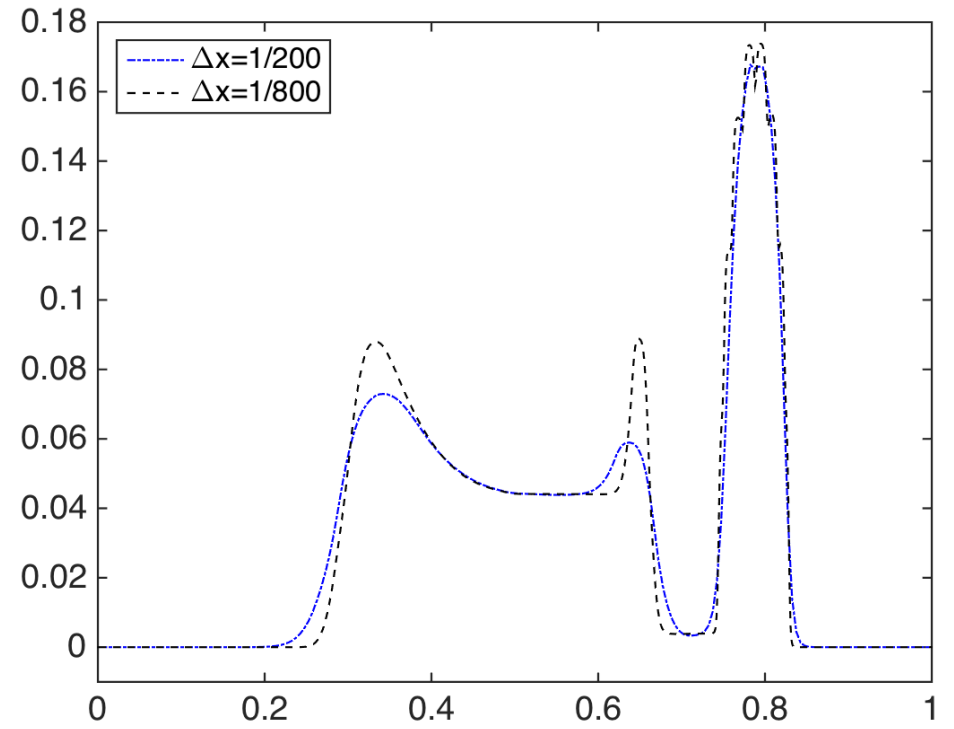
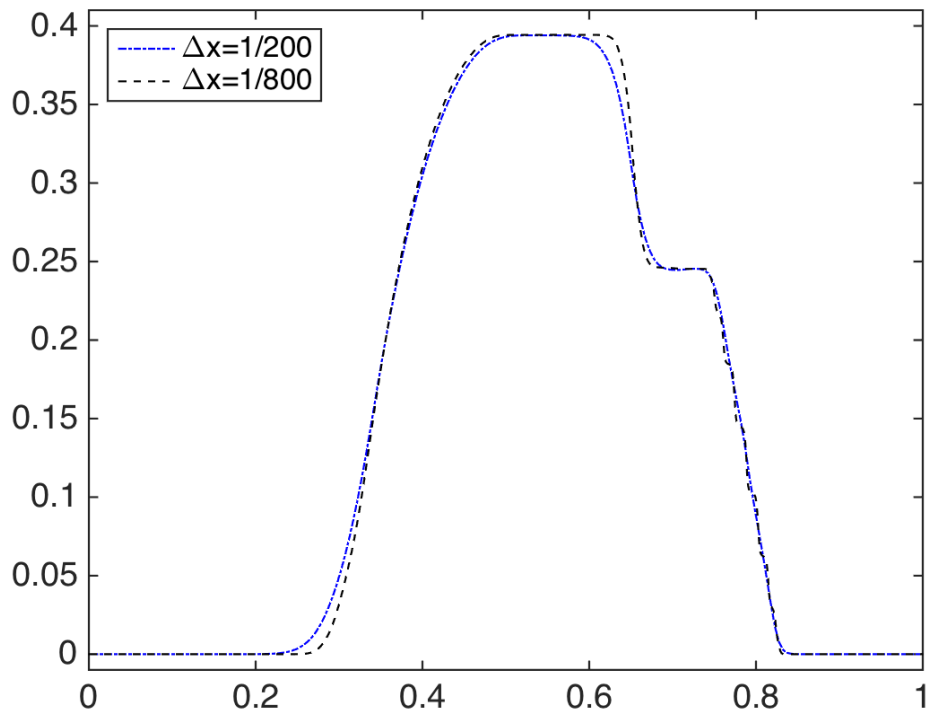
We consider the Sod shock tube problem with $\gamma(z) = 1.4 + 0.1z$ and subject to the following initial condition:

$$\rho_0(x, z) = \begin{cases} 1, & x < 0.5, \\ 0.125, & x > 0.5, \end{cases} \quad u_0(x) \equiv 0, \quad p_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x < 0.5 \\ 0.1, & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

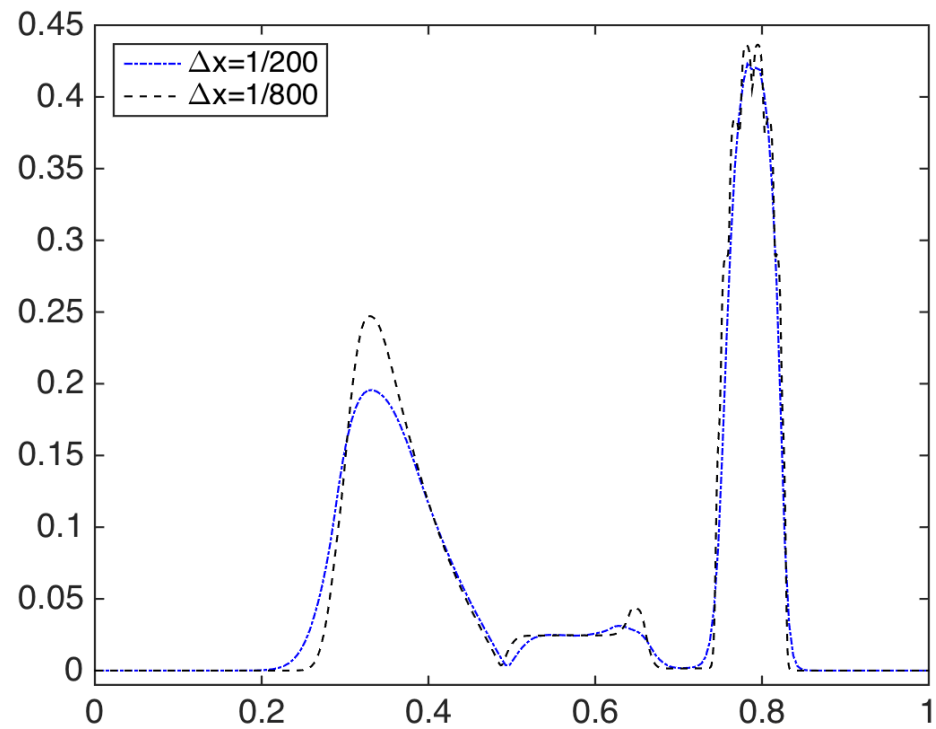
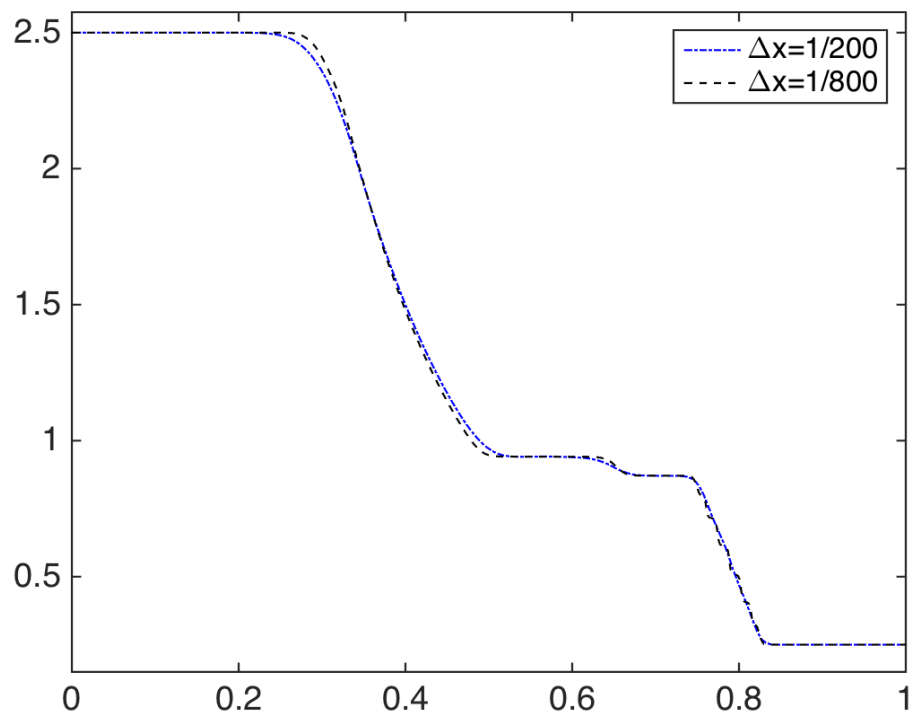
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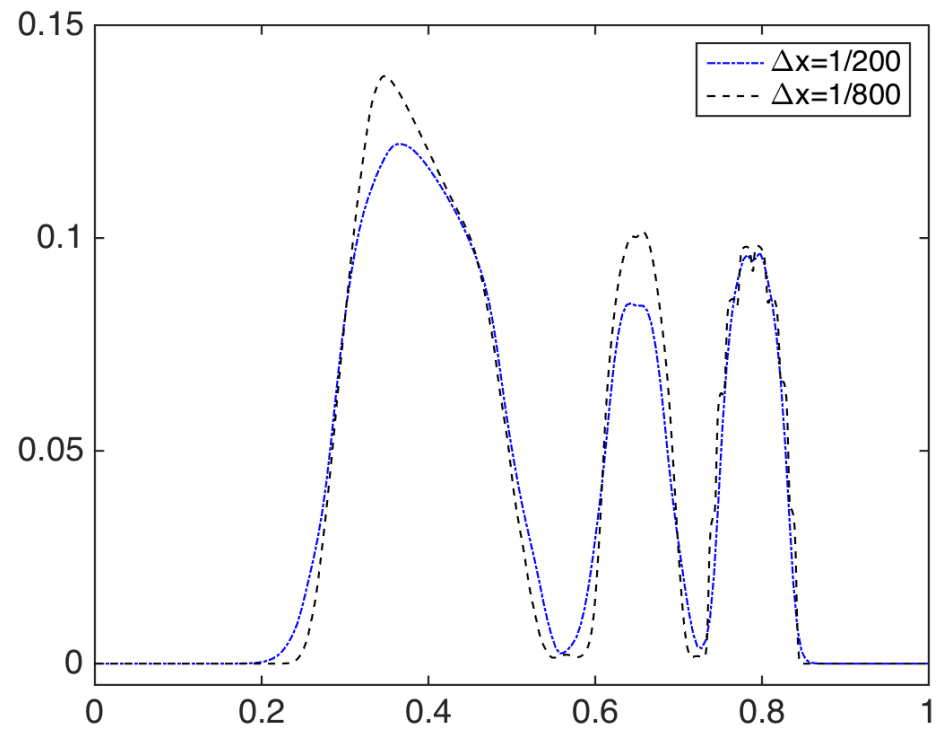
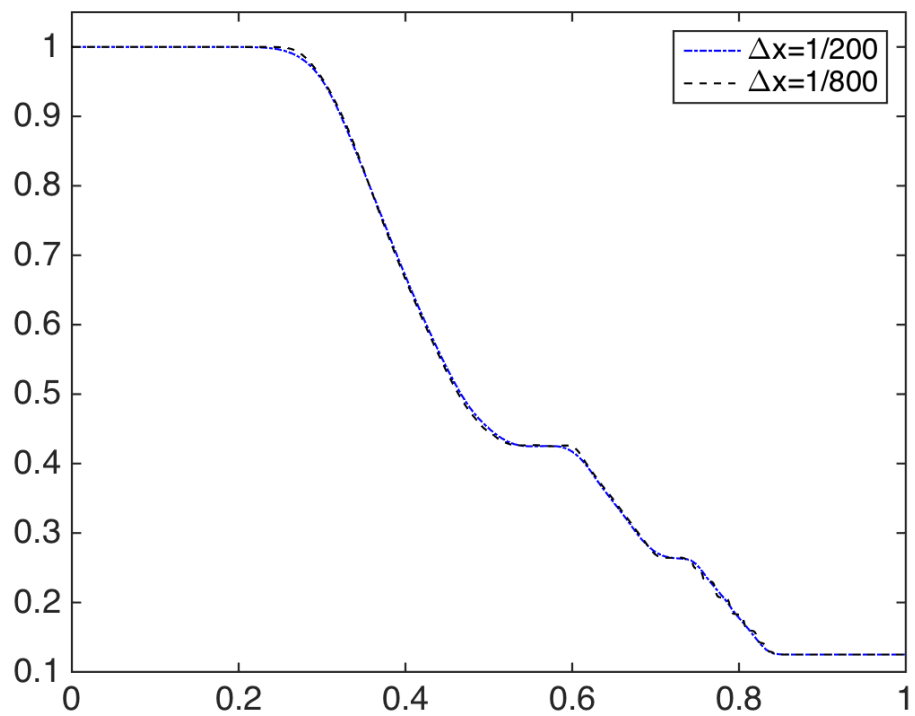
Example 3 – Perturbed Interface

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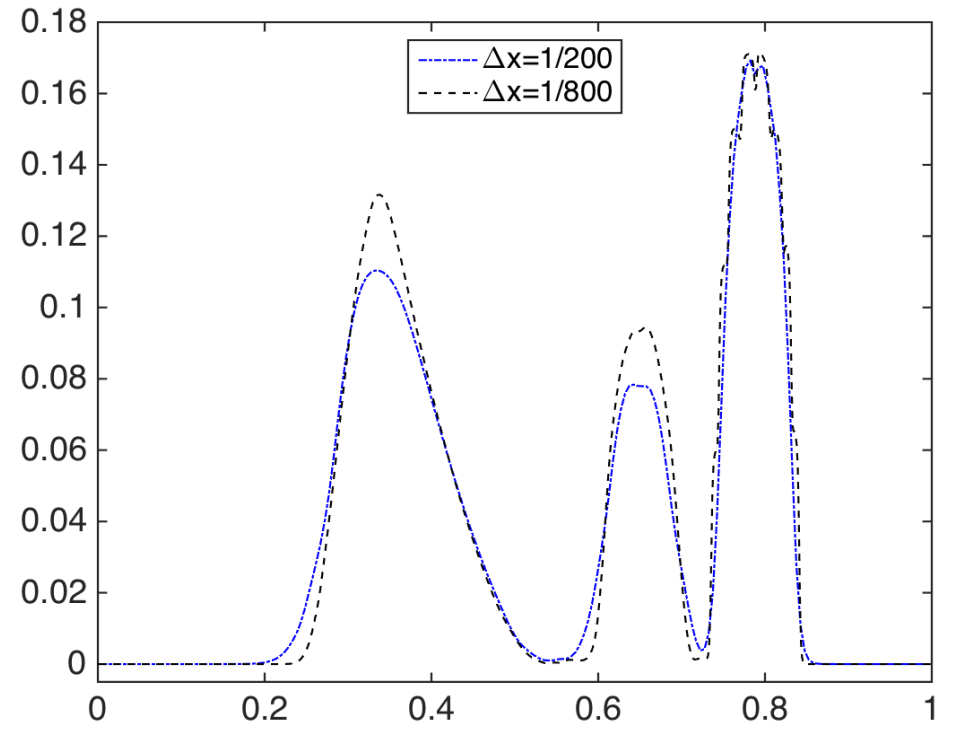
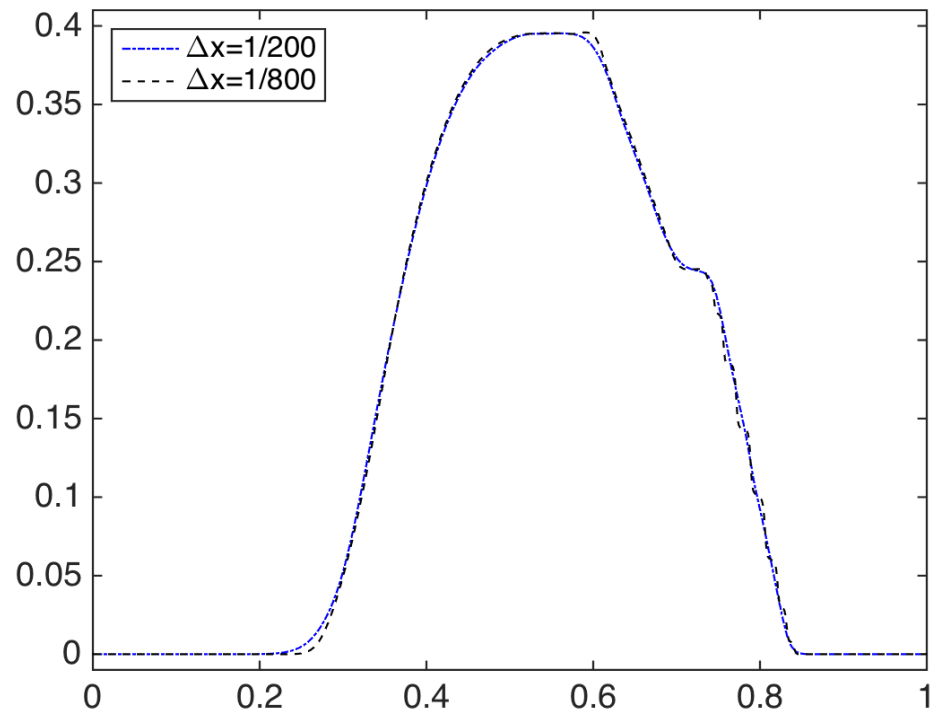
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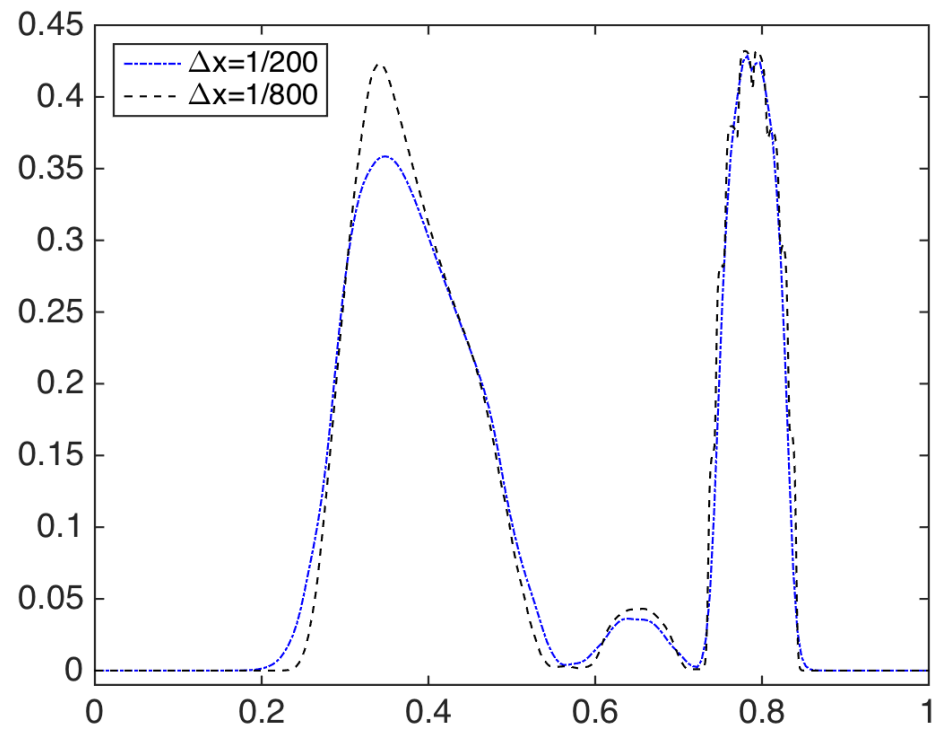
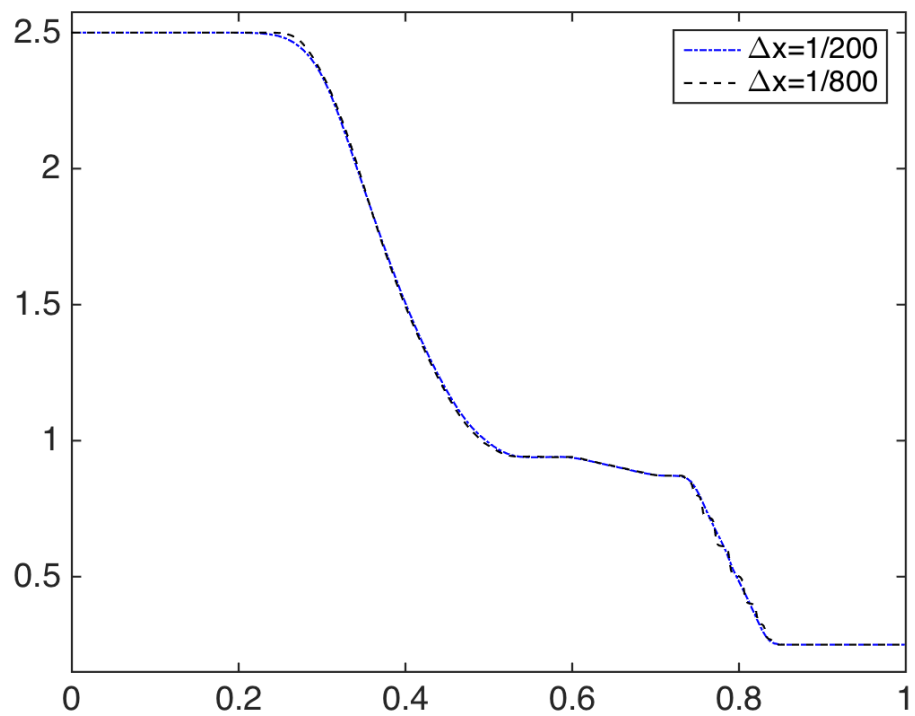
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