

# High order FEM vs. IgA

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# Introduction

- Spectral approximation properties of FE and B-splines
- Investigation of eigenvalue approximation in former papers
  - Good approximation quality of B-spline
  - FE approximation diverged with  $p$

What are the effects of this results to BVP and IVP?

- This question will be answered throughout this presentation

- Need approximations from a global perspective
- "Pythagorean eigenvalue error theorem" pertains to all modes

- Only the Laplace operator is considered
- Domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is bounded and connected
- $\partial\Omega$  is Lipschitz
- $H^m(\Omega) := \{f \in L^2 \mid D^\alpha f \in L^2, \forall |\alpha| \leq m\}$
- $V \subseteq (H^m(\Omega))^n$  closed
- Functions in  $V$  satisfy appropriate boundary conditions
- $d, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

- $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  are symmetric, bilinear with

①  $a(v, w) \leq \|v\|_E \|w\|_E$

②  $\|w\|_E^2 = a(w, w)$

③  $(v, w) \leq \|v\| \|w\|$

④  $\|w\|^2 = (w, w)$

where  $\|\cdot\|_E$  is the energy norm which is equivalent to the  $(H^m(\Omega))^n$  norm on  $V$ ,  $\|\cdot\|$  is the  $L^2(\Omega)^n$  norm,  $v, w \in V$

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## Continuous eigenvalue problem formulation

Find eigenvalues  $\lambda_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and eigenfunctions  $u_\ell \in V$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t., for all  $w \in V$

$$\lambda_\ell(w, u_\ell) = a(w, u_\ell)$$

$\rightarrow 0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$  and  $(u_k, u_\ell) = \delta_{k\ell}$

$$\Rightarrow \|u_\ell\|_E^2 = a(u_\ell, u_\ell) = \lambda_\ell \text{ and } a(u_k, u_\ell) = 0, \ell \neq k$$

## Discrete eigenvalue problem formulation

Find eigenvalues  $\lambda_\ell^h \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and eigenfunctions  $u_\ell^h \in V^h$ , s.t., for all  $w^h \in V^h$

$$\lambda_\ell^h(w^h, u_\ell^h) = a(w^h, u_\ell^h)$$

$\rightarrow 0 < \lambda_1^h \leq \lambda_2^h \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N^h$  where  $\dim(V^h) = N$  and  $(u_k^h, u_\ell^h) = \delta_{k\ell}$

$$\Rightarrow \|u_\ell^h\|_E^2 = a(u_\ell^h, u_\ell^h) = \lambda_\ell^h \text{ and } a(u_k^h, u_\ell^h) = 0, \ell \neq k$$

# The Elliptic eigenvalue problem

- Comparison of  $\{\lambda_\ell^h, u_\ell^h\}$  to  $\{\lambda_\ell, u_\ell\}$  for  $\ell = 1, \dots, N$  is important
- Based on "Pythagorean eigenvalue error theorem" as introduced by G. Strang and G. Fix

$$\frac{\lambda_\ell^h - \lambda_\ell}{\lambda_\ell} + \|u_\ell^h - u_\ell\|^2 = \frac{\|u_\ell^h - u_\ell\|_E^2}{\lambda_\ell}, \quad \forall \ell = 1, \dots, N$$

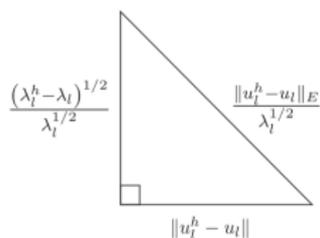


Figure: Graphical representation of the Pythagorean eigenvalue error theorem

## Variational model problem

$$\lambda_\ell(w, u_\ell) = a(w, u_\ell)$$

where

$$a(w, u_\ell) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u_\ell}{\partial x} dx$$

$$(w, u_\ell) = \int_0^1 w u_\ell dx$$

and with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions and  $\Omega = (0, 1)$

# The Elliptic eigenvalue problem

For  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

- Eigenvalues are  $\lambda_l = \pi^2 l^2$
- Eigenfunctions are  $u_l = \sqrt{2} \sin(l\pi x)$

# The Elliptic eigenvalue problem

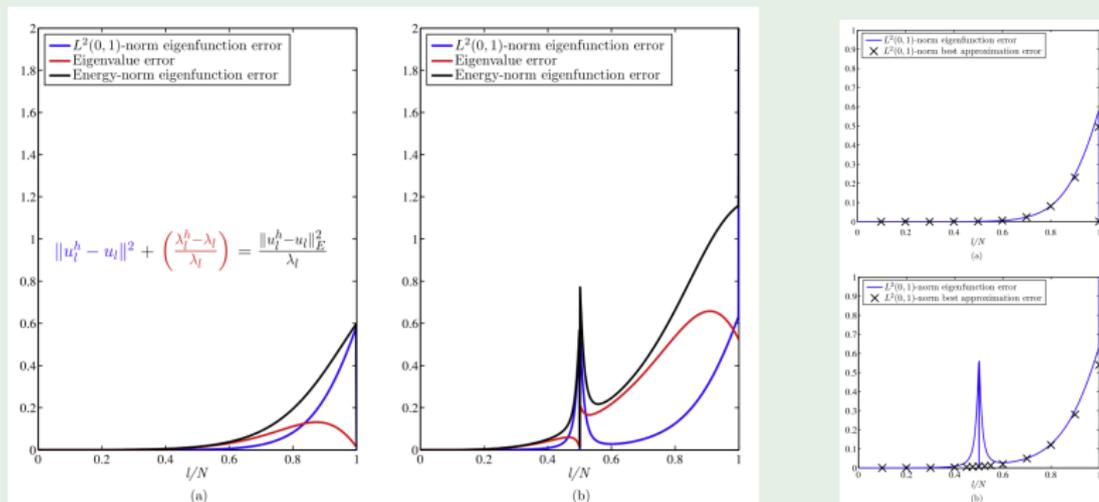


Figure: Pythagorean eigenvalue error theorem budget and  $L^2$ -eigenfunction error for quadratic elements. (a)  $C^1$ -continuous B-splines; (b)  $C^0$  continuous finite elements,  $N = 99$

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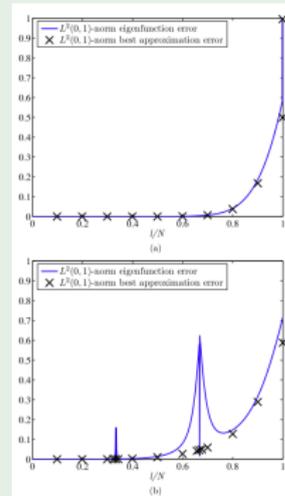
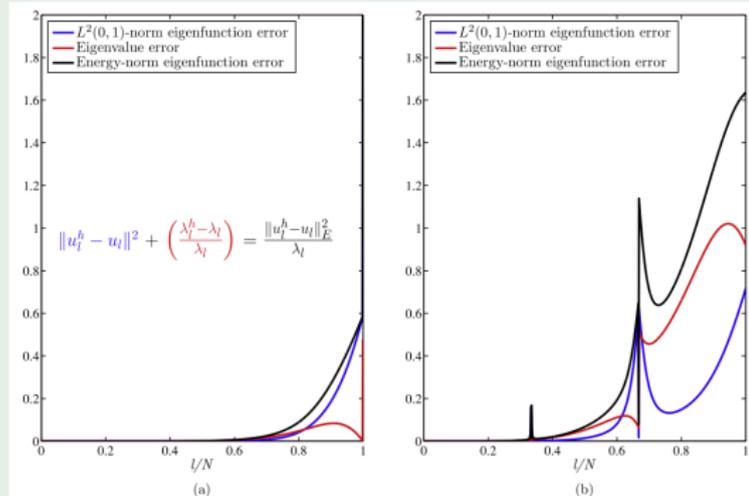


Figure: Pythagorean eigenvalue error theorem budget and  $L^2$ -eigenfunction error for cubic elements. (a)  $C^2$ -continuous B-splines; (b)  $C^0$  continuous finite elements,  $N = 99$

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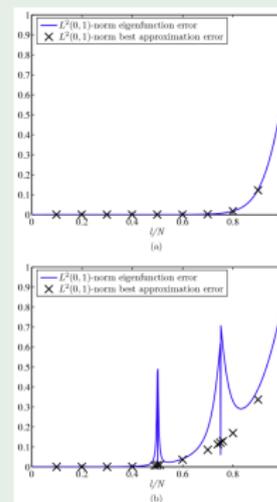
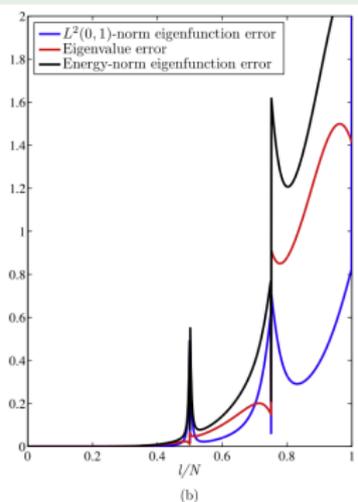
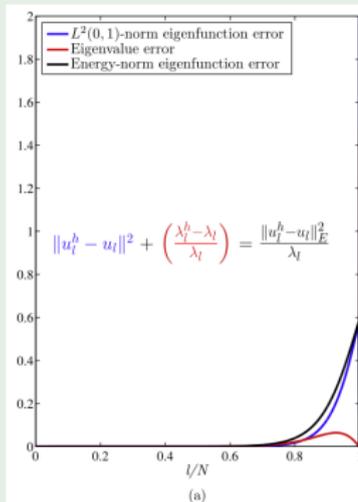


Figure: Pythagorean eigenvalue error theorem budget for quartic elements. (a)  $C^3$ -continuous B-splines; (b)  $C^0$  continuous finite elements,  $N = 99$

## Results of this section

- An accurate eigenvalue does not imply an accurate eigenfunction
- The higher the eigenvalue the greater the eigenfunction error is false
- B-splines yield better approximations
- "outlier" modes at the end of the spectrum
- "outlier" modes do not spoil the accuracy in the interior

# The Elliptic boundary value problem

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- Let  $f \in (L^2(\Omega))^n$

## Continuous variational problem

Find  $u \in V$  such that for all  $w \in V$

$$a(w, u) = (w, f)$$

## Discrete variational problem

Find  $u^h \in V^h$  such that for all  $w^h \in V^h$

$$a(w^h, u^h) = (w^h, f)$$

# The Elliptic boundary value problem

- Approximation of the continuous problem by the discrete one
- Eigenfunction expansion

$$u = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} d_{\ell} u_{\ell} \text{ and } u^h = \sum_{\ell=1}^N d_{\ell}^h u_{\ell}^h$$

where  $d_{\ell}$  and  $d_{\ell}^h$  denote the Fourier-coefficients of the continuous and the discrete solutions, respectively

# The Elliptic boundary value problem

- $\lambda_\ell d_\ell = f_\ell \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (u_\ell, f)$

- $\lambda_\ell^h d_\ell^h = f_\ell^h \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (u_\ell^h, f)$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_\ell}{\lambda_\ell} u_\ell(x) \text{ and } u^h(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{f_\ell^h}{\lambda_\ell^h} u_\ell^h(x)$$

# The Elliptic boundary value problem

- The error in the solution is

$$e(x) = u^h(x) - u(x) = \bar{e}(x) + e'(x)$$

with

$$\bar{e}(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \bar{e}_{\ell}(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \left( \frac{f_{\ell}^h}{\lambda_{\ell}^h} u_{\ell}^h(x) - \frac{f_{\ell}}{\lambda_{\ell}} u_{\ell}(x) \right)$$
$$e'(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N e'_{\ell}(x) = \sum_{\ell=N+1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{f_{\ell}}{\lambda_{\ell}} u_{\ell}(x) \right)$$

# The Elliptic boundary value problem

- For a specific  $\ell \in 1, \dots, N$

$$\|\bar{e}_\ell\| \leq 2 \frac{\|f\|}{\lambda_\ell} \left( \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E}{\lambda_\ell^{1/2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E}{\lambda_\ell^{1/2}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E^2}{\lambda_\ell} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E^2}{\lambda_\ell} \right)$$
$$\|\bar{e}_\ell\|_E \leq 2 \frac{\|f\| \|e_\ell\|_E}{\lambda_\ell} \left( 1 + \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E}{\lambda_\ell^{1/2}} \left( 1 + \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E}{\lambda_\ell^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|e_\ell\|_E^2}{\lambda_\ell} \right) \right)$$

where  $e_\ell = u_\ell^h - u_\ell$

# The Elliptic boundary value problem

- Discrete solution can be large in error
- Elliptic boundary-value problems are usually forgiving

# The Parabolic initial-value problem

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- Let  $f \in L^2((0, T); (L^2(\Omega))^n)$  and  $U \in (L^2(\Omega))^n$  and  $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$

## Continuous variational problem

Find  $u \in V_T$  such that for all  $w \in V$  and almost all  $t \in (0, T)$

$$\left\langle w, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t) \right\rangle + a(w, u(t)) = (w, f(t))$$

$$(w, u(0)) = (w, U)$$

where  $V_T := \{v \in L^2((0, T); V) : \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \in L^2((0, T); V^*)\}$   
and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the duality pairing

# The Parabolic initial-value problem

## Semi-discrete variational problem

Find  $u^h \in V_T^h$  such that for all  $w^h \in V^h$  and almost all  $t \in (0, T)$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle w^h, \frac{\partial u^h}{\partial t}(t) \rangle + a(w^h, u^h(t)) &= (w^h, f(t)) \\ (w^h, u^h(0)) &= (w^h, U)\end{aligned}$$

where  $V_T^h := \{v \in L^2((0, T); V^h) : \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \in L^2((0, T); V^{h*})\}$   
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# The Parabolic initial-value problem

$$u(t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} d_{\ell}(t)u_{\ell} \text{ and } u^h(t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N d_{\ell}^h(t)u_{\ell}^h$$

yield

$$\begin{aligned}d'_{\ell}(t) + \lambda_{\ell}d_{\ell}(t) &= f_{\ell}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_{\ell}, f(t)) \\d_{\ell}(0) &= U_{\ell} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_{\ell}, U)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}d_{\ell}^{\prime h}(t) + \lambda_{\ell}^h d_{\ell}^h(t) &= f_{\ell}^h(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_{\ell}^h, f(t)) \\d_{\ell}^h(0) &= U_{\ell}^h \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_{\ell}^h, U)\end{aligned}$$

# The Parabolic initial-value problem

- Solving the ordinary differential equations yield

$$d_\ell(t) = U_\ell \exp(-\lambda_\ell t) + \int_0^t \exp(-\lambda_\ell(t - \tau)) f_\ell(\tau) d\tau$$

and

$$d_\ell^h(t) = U_\ell^h \exp(-\lambda_\ell^h t) + \int_0^t \exp(-\lambda_\ell^h(t - \tau)) f_\ell^h(\tau) d\tau$$

# The Parabolic initial-value problem

- From the Fourier-coefficients, we obtain

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left( U_{\ell} \exp(-\lambda_{\ell} t) + \int_0^t \exp(-\lambda_{\ell}(t - \tau)) f_{\ell}(\tau) d\tau \right) u_{\ell}(x)$$

and

$$u^h(x, t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \left( U_{\ell}^h \exp(-\lambda_{\ell}^h t) + \int_0^t \exp(-\lambda_{\ell}^h(t - \tau)) f_{\ell}^h(\tau) d\tau \right) u_{\ell}^h(x)$$

- The error is  $e(x, t) = u^h(x, t) - u(x, t) = \bar{e}(x, t) + e'(x, t)$

# The Parabolic initial-value problem

- $\bar{e}(x, t)$  is caused by eigenvalue and eigenfunction errors
- Errors in decay rates are only due to eigenvalue errors
- Initial error is due to projection error
- Important are times up to  $t = \mathcal{O}(\lambda_\ell^{-1})$
- Similar for  $f$
- $\|\bar{e}_\ell\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $-\lambda_\ell t \rightarrow -\infty$
- $\|\bar{e}_\ell\|_E \rightarrow 0$  as  $-\lambda_\ell t \rightarrow -\infty$

# The Hyperbolic initial-value problem

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- Let  $f \in L^2((0, T); (L^2(\Omega))^n)$ ,  $U_0 \in (L^2(\Omega))^n$ ,  $U_1 \in V^*$  and  $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$

## Continuous variational problem

Find  $u \in V_T$  such that for all  $w \in V$  and almost all  $t \in (0, T)$

$$\langle w, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(t) \rangle + a(w, u(t)) = (w, f(t))$$

$$(w, u(0)) = (w, U_0)$$

$$\langle w, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0) \rangle = \langle w, U_1 \rangle$$

where  $V_T := \{v \in L^2((0, T); V) : \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \in L^2((0, T); (L^2(\Omega))^n) \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} \in L^2((0, T); V^*)\}$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the duality pairing

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$$\langle w^h, \frac{\partial^2 u^h}{\partial t^2}(t) \rangle + a(w^h, u^h(t)) = (w^h, f(t))$$

$$(w^h, u^h(0)) = (w^h, U_0)$$

$$\langle w^h, \frac{\partial u^h}{\partial t}(0) \rangle = \langle w^h, U_1 \rangle$$

where  $V_T^h := \{v \in L^2((0, T); V^h) : \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \in L^2((0, T); V^h) \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} \in L^2((0, T); V^{h*})\}$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the duality pairing

# The Hyperbolic initial-value problem

- Proceeding as in the previous chapter yield

$$d_\ell''(t) + \lambda_\ell d_\ell(t) = f_\ell(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_\ell, f(t))$$

$$d_\ell(0) = U_{0\ell} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_\ell, U_0)$$

$$d_\ell'(0) = U_{1\ell} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle u_\ell, U_1 \rangle$$

and

$$d_\ell''^h(t) + \lambda_\ell^h d_\ell^h(t) = f_\ell^h(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_\ell^h, f(t))$$

$$d_\ell^h(0) = U_{0\ell}^h \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (u_\ell^h, U_0)$$

$$d_\ell^h'(0) = U_{1\ell}^h \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle u_\ell^h, U_1 \rangle$$

# The Hyperbolic initial-value problem

- The solutions of these ordinary differential equations are

$$d_\ell(t) = U_{0\ell} \cos(\omega_\ell t) + \frac{U_{1\ell}}{\omega_\ell} \sin(\omega_\ell t) + \frac{1}{\omega_\ell} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_\ell(t - \tau)) f_\ell(\tau) d\tau$$

and

$$d_\ell^h(t) = U_{0\ell}^h \cos(\omega_\ell^h t) + \frac{U_{1\ell}^h}{\omega_\ell^h} \sin(\omega_\ell^h t) + \frac{1}{\omega_\ell^h} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_\ell^h(t - \tau)) f_\ell^h(\tau) d\tau$$

with  $\omega_\ell = (\lambda_\ell)^{1/2}$  and  $\omega_\ell^h = (\lambda_\ell^h)^{1/2}$

# The Hyperbolic initial-value problem

- Plug the Fourier-coefficients into eigenfunction expansion
- $e(x, t) = u^h(x, t) - u(x, t) = \bar{e}(x, t) + e'(x, t)$
- Modal error can be bounded by eigenfunctions and eigenvalue errors
- Modal errors oscillate in time

## Numerical investigation of hyperbolic approximations

For  $U_0 = \sin(51\pi x)$ ,  $U_1 = 0$  and  $f = 0$  the exact solution to the hyperbolic initial-value problem is

$$u(x, t) = \sin(51\pi x)\cos(51\pi t)$$

with solution coefficients

$$U_{0\ell} = \begin{cases} 1/\sqrt{2} & \text{if } \ell = 51 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, U_{1\ell} = 0 \text{ and } f_{\ell} = 0$$

on  $\Omega = (0, 1)$

# The Hyperbolic initial-value problem

- Approximation is given by

$$u^h(x, t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \left\{ U_{0\ell}^h \cos(\omega_\ell^h t) + \frac{U_{1\ell}^h}{\omega_\ell^h} \sin(\omega_\ell^h t) + \frac{1}{\omega_\ell^h} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_\ell^h(t - \tau)) f_\ell^h(\tau) d\tau \right\} u_\ell^h(x)$$

- $C^3$ -continuous quartic B-splines and  $C^0$ -continuous quartic finite elements

# The Hyperbolic initial-value problem

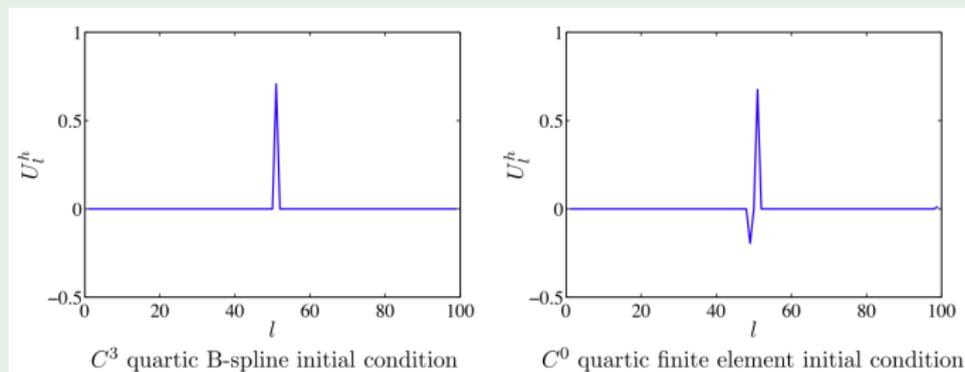


Figure: Initial condition coefficients  $U_{0\ell}^h$  for  $C^3$ -cont. quartic B-splines(left) and  $C^0$ -cont. quartic FE-solutions(right),  $N = 99$

- Single wave and composition of two different waves

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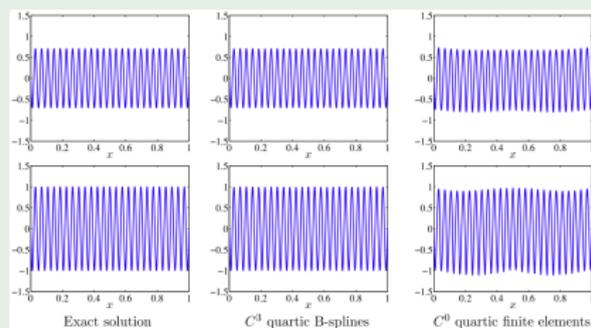
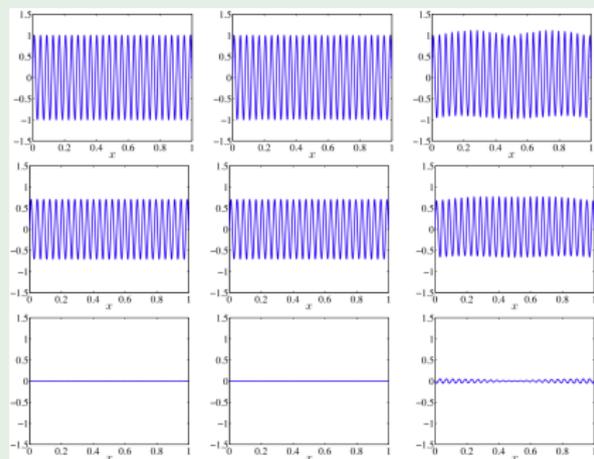


Figure: Exact and numerical solutions for  $t = 0, 0.25/51, 0.5/51, 0.75/51, 1/51$ ,  $N = 99$

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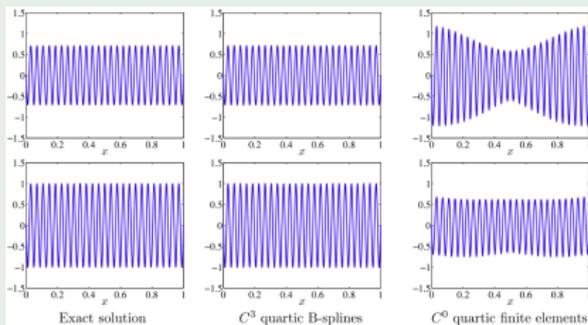
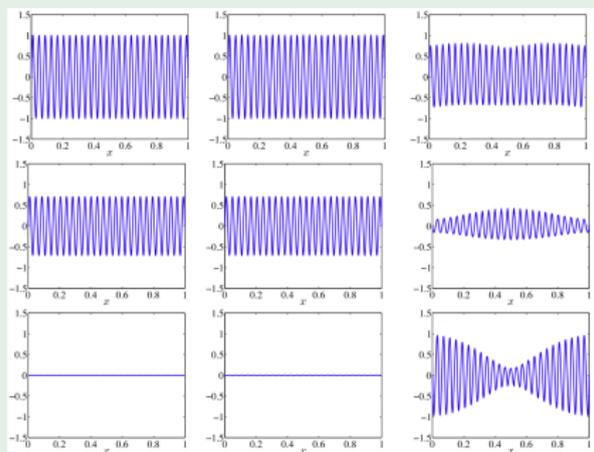


Figure: Exact and numerical solutions for  $t = 10, 10.25/51, 10.5/51, 10.75/51, 11/51$ ,  $N = 99$

# Own results

- Own tests with Laplace-eigenvalue problem

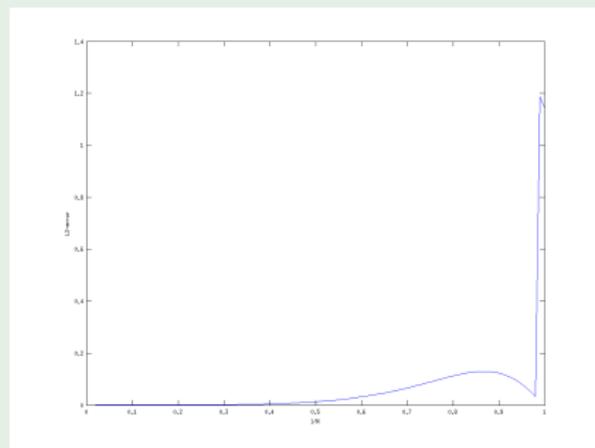
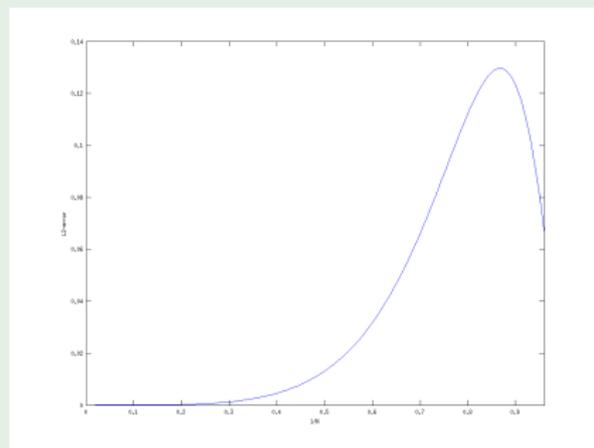


Figure: Eigenvalue error for polynomial degree 2 and with  $C^1$ -continuity,  $N = 100$

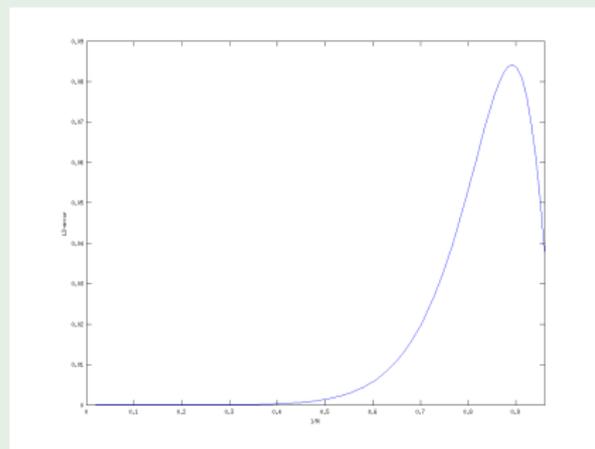
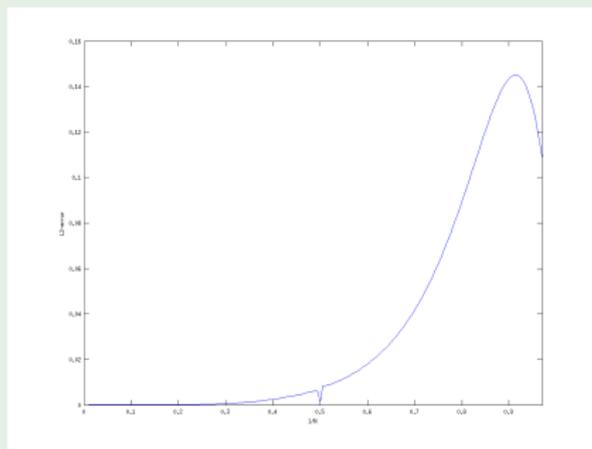


Figure: Eigenvalue error for polynomial degree 3 and with  $C^1$  and  $C^2$ -continuity, respectively,  $N = 100$

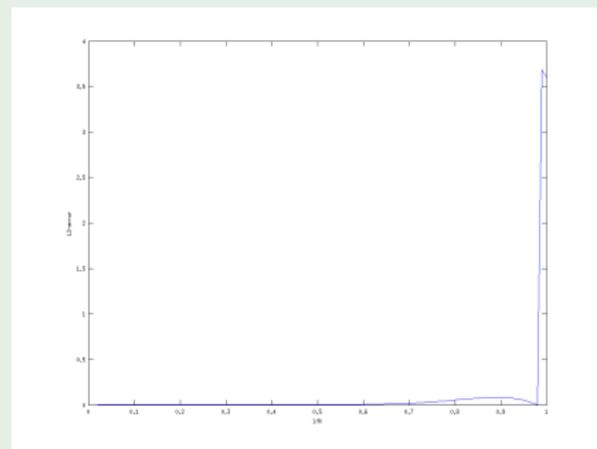
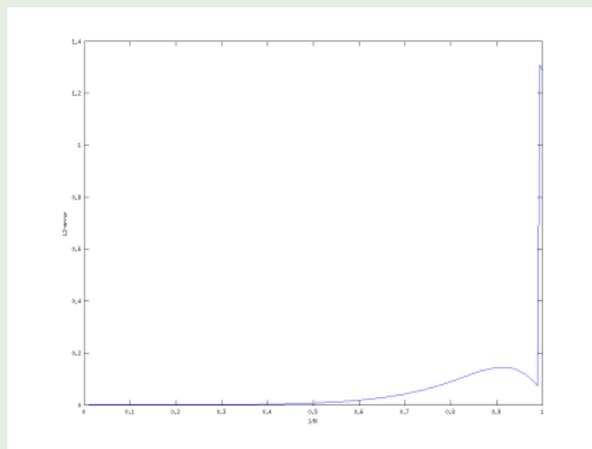


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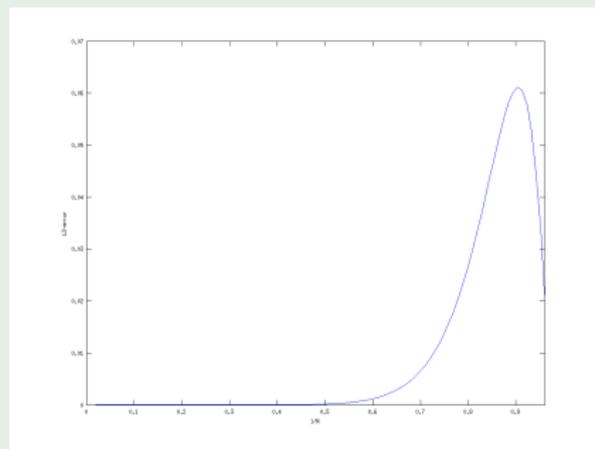
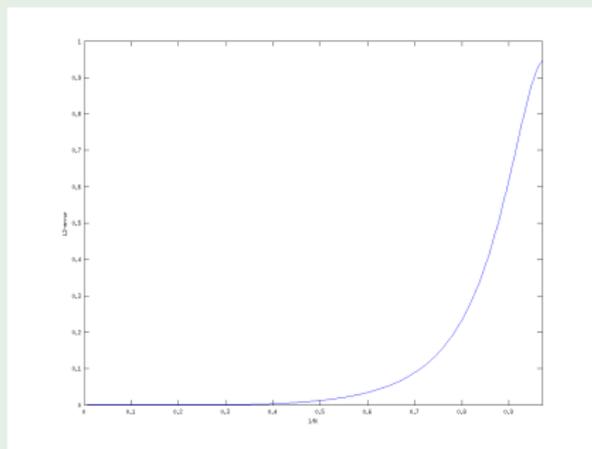


Figure: Eigenvalue error for polynomial degree 4 and with  $C^1$  and  $C^3$ -continuity, respectively,  $N = 100$

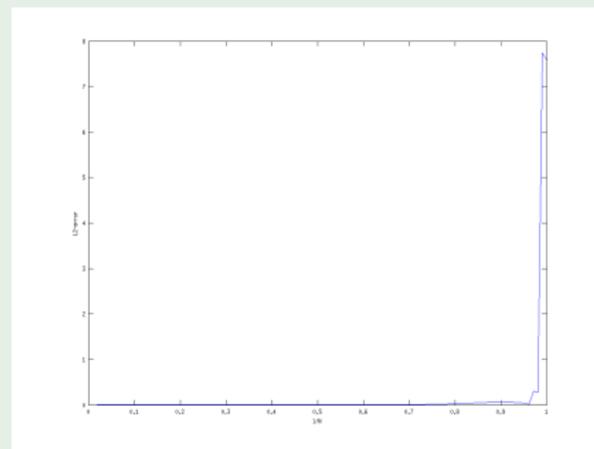
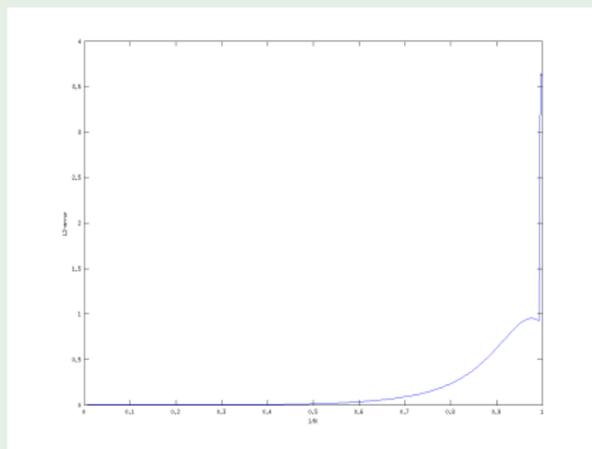


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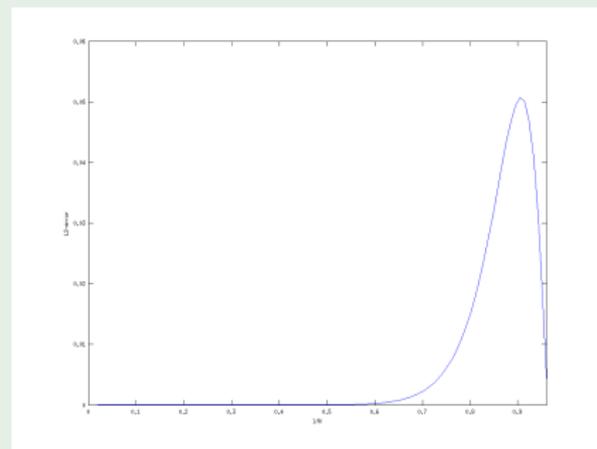
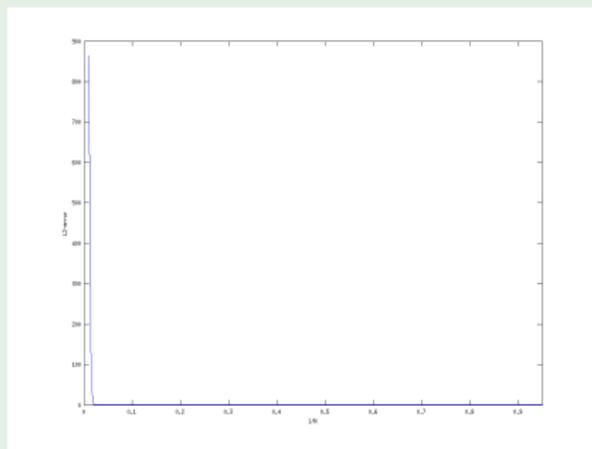


Figure: Eigenvalue error for polynomial degree 5 and with  $C^1$  and  $C^4$ -continuity, respectively  $N = 50, 100$

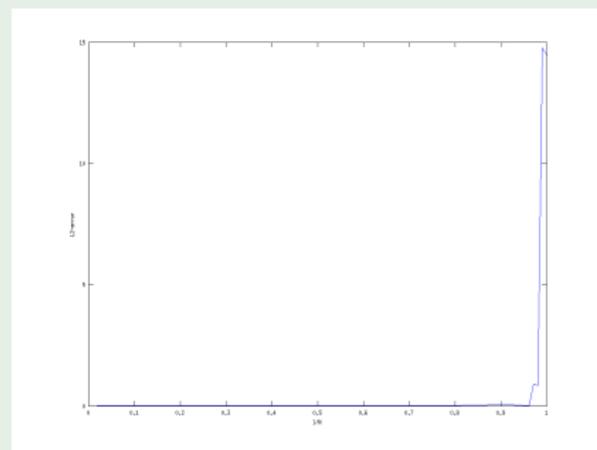
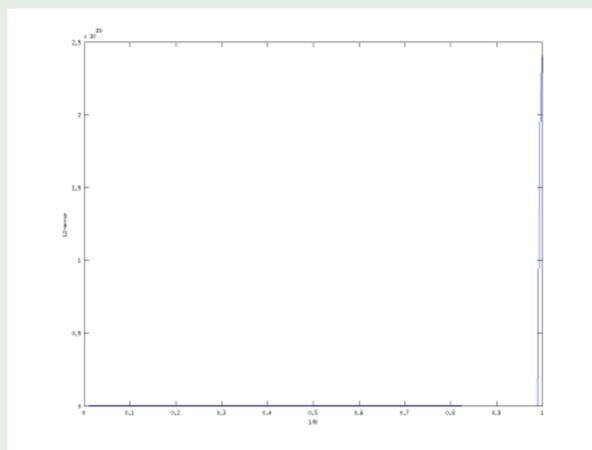


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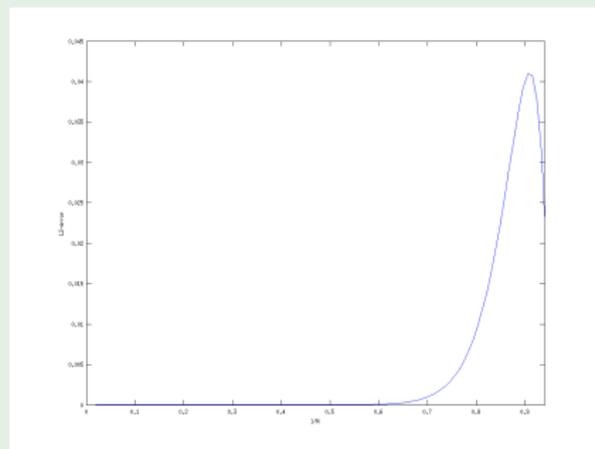
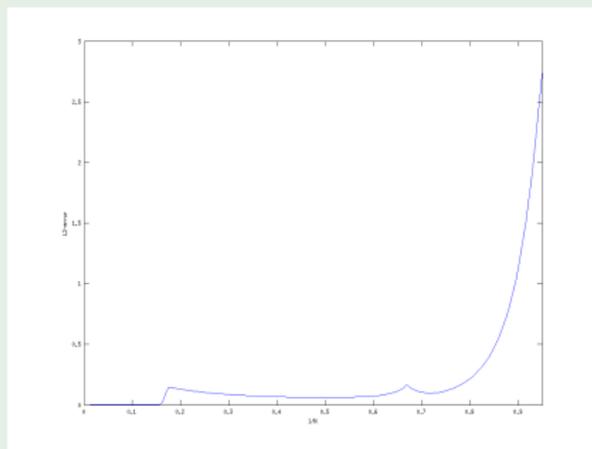


Figure: Eigenvalue error for polynomial degree 6 and with  $C^3$  and  $C^5$ -continuity, respectively  $N = 50, 100$

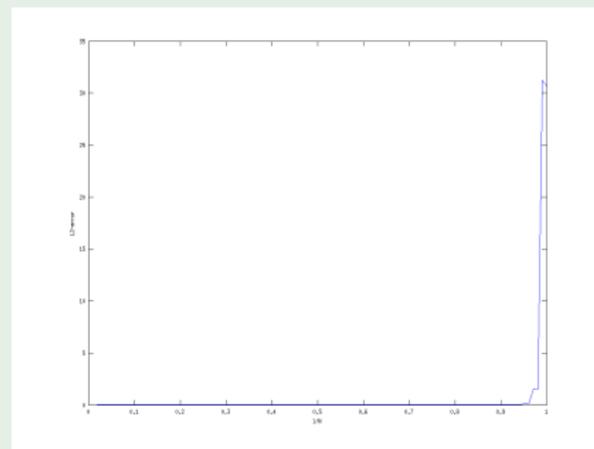
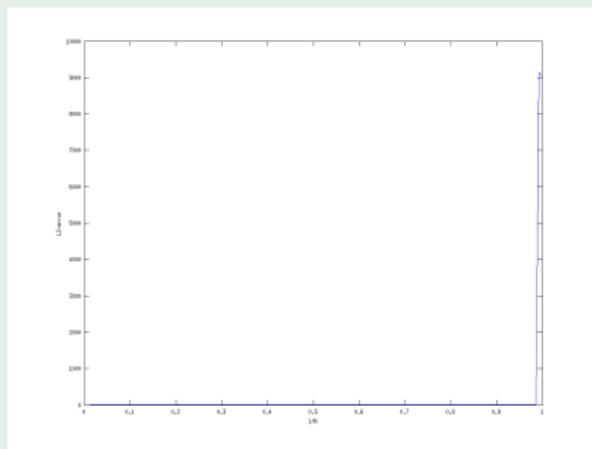


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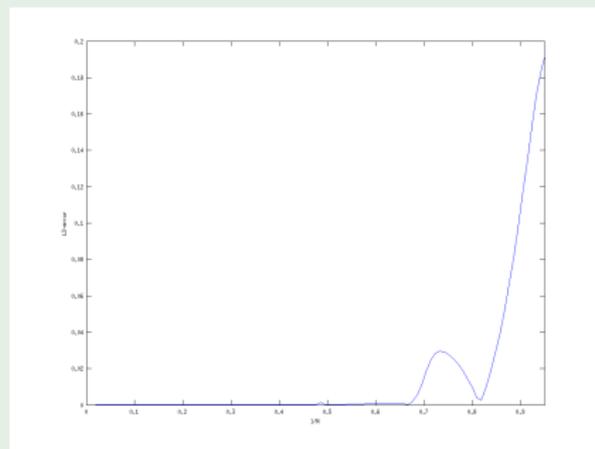
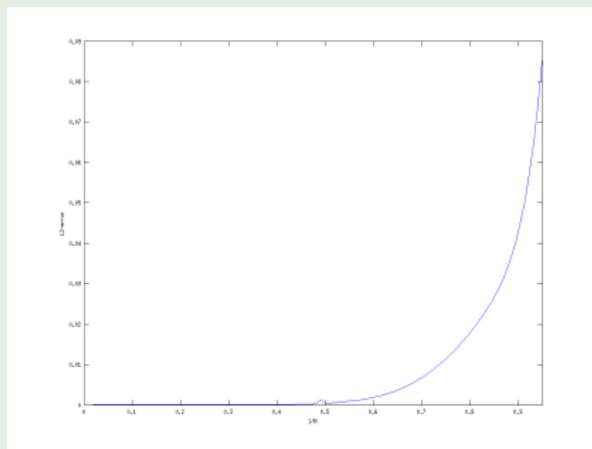


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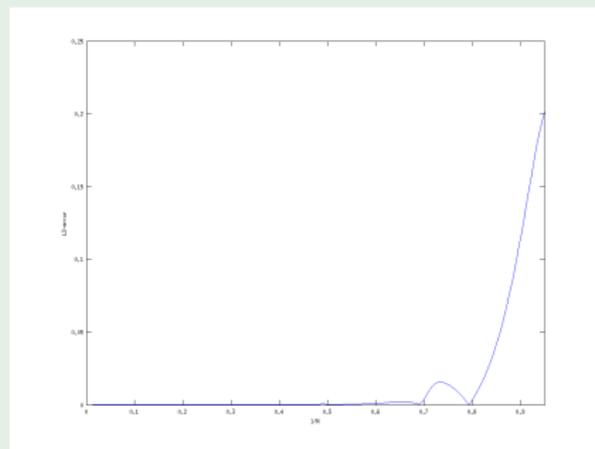
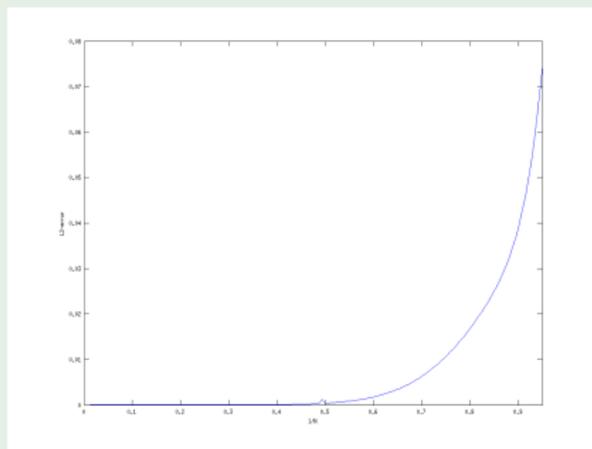


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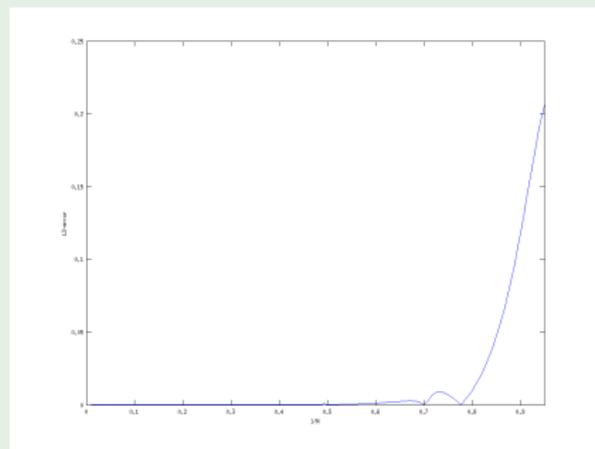
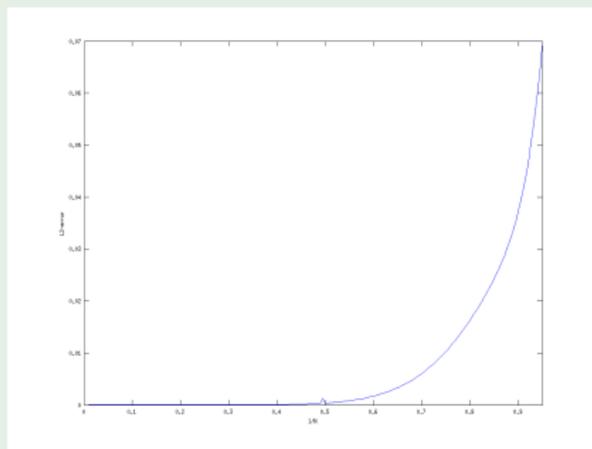


Figure: Eigenvalue error for polynomial degree 5 and 6 with  $C^3$  and  $C^4$ -continuity,  $N = 100$

- First considered the elliptic eigenvalue problem
- Then looked at corresponding BVP, parabolic IVP and hyperbolic IVP
- Solution errors can be expressed in terms of eigenvalue and eigenfunction errors
- B-spline eigenvalue spectrum does not have optical branches
- B-spline eigenfunction error is indistinguishable in  $L^2$ -norm
- B-spline approximations are much more accurate
- Own results for eigenvalue error for different  $p$  and  $r$

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