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# Numerical Solution of the Burgers' Equation Based on Sinc Method

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## Abstract

In this paper, numerical solution of Burgers'equation is considered by applying Sinc method. For this purpose, we apply Sinc method in cooperative with a classic finite difference formula to Burgers'equation. Numerical examples are provided to verify the validity of proposed method.

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#### 1 Introduction

For a given velocity u and viscosity coefficient v the general form of Burgers' equation (also known as viscous Burgers' equation) is [4]:

$$u_t + uu_x = vu_{xx}, \quad a < x < b, \ t > 0 \tag{1.1}$$

subject to the initial boundary conditions:

$$u(x,0) = f(x), \quad a \le x \le b, u(a,t) = g_a(t), \quad t \ge 0, u(b,t) = g_b(t), \quad t \ge 0,$$
(1.2)

When v = 0 the Burgers' equation becomes the inviscid Burgers' equation. Eq.(1.1) arises in various areas of applied mathematics, such as modeling of dynamics, heat conduction, and acoustic waves. Also, this equation has a large variety of applications in the modeling of water in unsaturated soil, dynamics of soil water, models of traffic, turbulence and fluid flow, mixing and turbulent diffusion [4,11].

Many researchers tried to find analytic and numerical solutions of Eq.(1.1) by using appropriate transformation to other known problems such as the Bäcklund transformation [9], Darboux transformation [10], sine - cosine methods [16], modified extended tanh-function method [12], the Hopf-Cole transformation [5].

Various numerical techniques specially based on variational iteration method, Adomian decomposition method, a finite-difference approach, mixed finite-difference and boundary element methods have been applied to solve Eq.(1.1). For further information see [1,3,10,15].

In [7], Kutluay et al. have obtained an approximate solution of the equation by the least-squares quadratic B-spline finite element method.

Sinc method is a powerful numerical tool for finding fast and accurate

solution in various areas of problems. References [8,14], contain full discussion about sinc approximation.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the application of the sinc method for solving Burgers'equation by considering stability analysis of the method.

In this paper, we propose Sinc method for solving the Burgers' equation. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present some required preliminaries for Sinc method. The proposed method is drawn in section 3. In section 4, stability analysis of the method is considered. Numerical examples are given in section 5.

#### 2 Sinc definitions and preliminaries

Let f be a function defined on  $\mathbb R$  and h>0 is step size then the Whittaker cardinal defined by the series

$$C(f,h)(x) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f(jh)S(j,h)(x), \qquad (2.1)$$

whenever this series convergence, and

$$S(j,h)(x) = \frac{\sin[\pi(x-jh)/h]}{\pi(x-jh)/h}, \quad j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$
(2.2)

where S(j,h)(x) is known as j - th Sinc function evaluated at x.

Throughout of this paper, let d > 0, and  $D_d$  denote the region  $\{z = x + iy |y| < d\}$  in the complex plan C and  $\phi$  the conformal map of a simply connected domain D in the complex domain onto  $D_d$ , such that  $\phi(a) = -\infty, \phi(b) = \infty$ , where a, b are boundary points of D with  $a, b \in \partial D$ . Let  $\psi$  denote the inverse map of  $\phi$ , and let the arc  $\Gamma$ , with end points a, b  $(a, b \in \Gamma)$ , given by  $\Gamma = \psi(-\infty, \infty)$ . For h > 0, let the points  $x_k$  on  $\Gamma$  given by  $x_k = \psi(kh), k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

To construct Sinc approximation on the interval (a, b), which apply in

this paper, the eye-shaped :

$$D_E = \{ z = x + iy : |arg(\frac{z-a}{b-z})| < d \le \frac{\pi}{2} \},\$$

is mapped onto infinite strip  $D_d$  by  $\phi(z) = \ln(\frac{z-a}{b-z})$ . So, the basis Sinc function on (a, b) is given by :

$$S(j,h)o\phi(x) = Sinc(\frac{\phi(x) - jh}{h}).$$

where

$$Sinc(x) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } x = 0\\ \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x} \text{ if } x \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

and,

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$$x_k = \phi^{-1}(kh) = \frac{a + b \exp(kh)}{1 + \exp(kh)}, \quad k = -N..N.$$

**Definition 1.** [8] Let  $B(D_E)$  be the class of functions F which are analytical in  $D_E$ , satisfy

$$\int_{\psi(s+L)} |F(z)dz| \to 0, \quad s \to \pm \infty,$$

where  $L = iv : |v| < d \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and

$$N(F) = \int_{\partial D_E} |F(z)dz| < \infty.$$

**Theorem 1.** [8] If  $|F(x)| \leq Ce^{-\alpha |\phi(x)|}$ ,  $x \in \Gamma$ , for positive constants  $C, \alpha$  be selecting  $h = \sqrt{\frac{\pi d}{\alpha N}}$ , we have the following interpolation relation:

$$|F(x) - \sum_{j=-N}^{N} F(x_j) S(j,h) o\phi(x)| \le C\sqrt{N} e^{-\sqrt{\pi d\alpha N}}, \quad x \in \Gamma.$$

### 3 The Method

By discretizing time derivative of Eq.(1.1) with a classic finite difference formula and space derivative by the  $\theta$ -weighted ( $0 \le \theta \le 1$ ) scheme, between successive two time levels n and n + 1 we have:

$$\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\delta t} + \theta((uu_x)^{n+1} - v(u_{xx})^{n+1}) + (1 - \theta)((uu_x)^{n+1} - v(u_{xx})^{n+1}) = 0,$$
(3.1)

where  $u^{n+1} = u(x, t^{n+1}), t^{n+1} = t^n + \delta t$  and  $\delta t$  is a time step size with  $n\delta t < T$  and  $t \in (0, T)$ . Also we have :

$$u^{n+1} = u(x, t^{n+1}) = \sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_j^{n+1} S(j, h) o\phi(x).$$
(3.2)

To have a better formula, we simplify terms  $(uu_x)^{n+1}$  in (3.1), so

$$(uu_x)^{n+1} = (uu_x)^n + \delta t (\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\delta t} u_x^n + u^n \frac{(u_x)^{n+1} - (u_x)^n}{\delta t}) + O(\delta t^2)$$
  
=  $u^{n+1} u_x^n + u^n (u_x)^{n+1} - u^n u_x^n + O(\delta t^2).$  (3.3)

By substituting (3.3) in (3.1) we obtain

$$u^{n+1} - u^n + \theta \delta t \{ u^{n+1} u^n_x + u^n (u_x)^{n+1} - u^n (u_x)^n - v (u_{xx})^{n+1} \} + (1 - \theta) \delta t \{ (uu_x)^n - v (u_{xx})^n \} = 0.$$
(3.4)

or

$$u^{n+1} + \theta \delta t \{ u^{n+1} u_x^n + u^n (u_x)^{n+1} - v (u_{xx})^{n+1} \}$$
  
=  $u^n + (uu_x)^n (2\theta \delta t - \delta t) + (1 - \theta) \delta t v u_{xx})^n.$  (3.5)

To apply collocation method in order to get unknowns  $u_j^n$  in (3.5) we use

2N + 1 Sinc grid points as

$$x_{-N} = a,$$
  

$$x_{k} = \phi^{-1}(kh) = \frac{a + b \exp(kh)}{1 + \exp(kh)}, \quad k = -N + 1..N - 1,$$
 (3.6)  

$$x_{N} = b.$$

Furthermore, we have  $\left[8,\!14\right]$ 

$$u^{n+1}(x_k) = \sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_j^{n+1} S(j,h) o\phi(x)|_{x=x_k} = u_k^{n+1}.$$
 (3.7)

and

$$u_x^{n+1}(x_k) = \sum_{j=-N}^N u_j^{n+1} \frac{d}{dx} S(j,h) o\phi(x)|_{x=x_k} = \frac{1}{h} \delta_{jk}^{(1)} \phi'(x_k).$$
(3.8)

also,

$$u_{xx}^{n+1}(x_k) = \sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_j^{n+1} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} S(j,h) o\phi(x)|_{x=x_k}$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{h^2} \delta_{jk}^{(2)} (\phi'(x_k))^2 + \frac{1}{h} \delta_{jk}^{(1)} \phi''(x_k).$  (3.9)

so by replacing (3.9) in (3.5) we get:

$$\begin{split} &(\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) + \theta \delta t \{ (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) \\ &(\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \frac{d}{dx} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) \\ &+ (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \frac{d}{dx} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) \\ &- v (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \frac{d^{2}}{dx^{2}} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) \} \\ &= (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) + (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) \\ &(\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \frac{d}{dx} S(j,h) o\phi(x)) (2\theta \delta t - \delta t) \\ &+ (1-\theta) \delta t v \sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \frac{d^{2}}{dx^{2}} S(j,h) o\phi(x), \quad k = -N + 1..N - 1. \end{split}$$

so we have the following system of equations at sinc pints

$$\begin{split} &(\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \delta_{jk}^{(0)}) + \theta \delta t \{ (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \delta_{jk}^{(0)}) (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \frac{1}{h} \delta_{jk}^{(1)} \phi'(x_{k})) \\ &+ (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \delta_{jk}^{(0)}) (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \frac{1}{h} \delta_{jk}^{(1)} \phi'(x_{k})) \\ &- v (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} \frac{1}{h^{2}} \delta_{ik}^{(2)} (\phi'(x_{k}))^{2} + \frac{1}{h} \delta_{ik}^{(1)} \phi''(x_{k})) \} \\ &= (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \delta_{jk}^{(0)}) + (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \delta_{jk}^{(0)}) (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \frac{1}{h} \delta_{jk}^{(1)} \phi'(x_{k})) (2\theta \delta t - \delta t) \\ &+ (1 - \theta) \delta t v (\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} \frac{1}{h^{2}} \delta_{ik}^{(2)} (\phi'(x_{k}))^{2} + \frac{1}{h} \delta_{ik}^{(1)} \phi''(x_{k})), \quad k = -N + 1..N - 1. \\ &\qquad (3.11) \end{split}$$

Also for initial conditions we get:

$$\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} S(j,h) o\phi(x)|_{x=x_{-N}} = u_{1}^{n+1}(x_{-N}) = g_{a}(t^{n+1}),$$

$$\sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n+1} S(j,h) o\phi(x)|_{x=x_{N}} = u_{1}^{n+1}(x_{N}) = g_{b}(t^{n+1}).$$
(3.12)

Numerical solution of Eq.(1.1), in the sinc points, can be approximated by

$$u^{n}(x_{i}) = \sum_{j=-N}^{N} u_{j}^{n} S(j,h) o\phi(x_{i}), \quad i = -N, ..N.$$
(3.13)

Eq.(3.13) can be written in a matrix form as:

$$u^n = \mathbf{A}p^n, \tag{3.14}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = [A_{i,j} = S(j,h)o\phi(x_i)], \quad p^n = [u_{-N}^n, ..., u_N^n]^t.$$
(3.15)

The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  can be written in the following form [13]:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}},\tag{3.16}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A_d} = \begin{cases} -N+1 \le i \le N-1, \\ A_{i,j} = S(j,h)o\phi(x_i) : -N \le j \le N \\ and \ 0 \ elsewhere \end{cases}$$
$$\mathbf{A_b} = \{A_{i,j} = S(j,h)o\phi(x_i) : i = -N, N, -N \le j \le N \ and \ 0 \ elsewhere \}$$
(3.17)

For interior points  $x_i \in (a, b)$  and boundary points  $x_{-N} = a, x_N = b$  equations (3.11) and (3.12) can be written as:

$$[\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}} + \theta \delta t(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{E}) - \theta \delta t v \mathbf{C}] p^{n+1}$$
  
= 
$$[\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}} + \delta t(2\theta - 1)\mathbf{E} + (1 - \theta)\delta t v \mathbf{C}] p^{n} + \mathbf{F}^{n+1}, \quad (3.18)$$

where **B** and **C** are (2N + 1)(2N + 1) matrices such that:

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{cases} -N+1 \le i \le N-1, \\ S'(j,h)o\phi(x_i) : -N \le j \le N \\ and \ 0 \ elsewhere \end{cases}$$
$$\mathbf{C} = \{S''(j,h)o\phi(x_i) : i = -N, N, -N \le j \le N \ and \ 0 \ elsewhere \}$$
(3.19)

and

$$u_x^n = \mathbf{B}p^n,$$
  

$$\mathbf{D} = u_x^n * \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}},$$
  

$$\mathbf{E} = u^n * \mathbf{B},$$
  

$$\mathbf{F}^{n+1} = [g_a(x_{-N}), ..., g_b(x_N)]^t.$$
(3.20)

The symbol \* means that i - th component of the vector  $u^n$  is multiplied to every element of i - th row of matrix **B**. Finally system (3.18) cab be shown in the following form

$$\mathbf{L}p^{n+1} = \mathbf{R}p^n + \mathbf{F}^{n+1},\tag{3.21}$$

where

$$\mathbf{L} = [\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}} + \theta \delta t (\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{E}) - \theta \delta t v \mathbf{C}],$$
  

$$\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}} + \delta t (2\theta - 1) \mathbf{E} + (1 - \theta) \delta t v \mathbf{C}].$$
(3.22)

#### 4 Stability analysis

In this section, stability analysis of the method is considered. Following [13], Eq.(3.18) can be linearized by assuming u in the nonlinear term  $uu_x$  as locally constant. Suppose the error at n - th time level between exact and approximate solution is given by:

$$e^n = u^n_{Exact} - u^n_{Approximate} \tag{4.1}$$

The error equation for the linearized Eq.(3.18) can be written as:

$$[H + \delta t\theta K]e^{n+1} = [H - \delta t(1 - \theta t)K]e^n, \qquad (4.2)$$

where

$$H = [\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{d}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{b}}]\mathbf{A}^{-1} = I, \quad K = [\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{E} - v\mathbf{C}]\mathbf{A}^{-1}.$$
(4.3)

So we have

$$e^{n+1} = We^n, \quad W = [I + \delta t \theta K]^{-1} [I - \delta t (1 - \theta) K].$$
 (4.4)

To numerical method be stable we must have  $||W||_2 \leq 1$ , consequently,  $\rho(W)$ , spectral radius of the matrix W, must be  $\rho(W) \leq 1$ . It results that :

$$\left|\frac{1-\delta t(1-\theta)\lambda_K}{1+\delta\theta\lambda_K}\right| \le 1,\tag{4.5}$$

where  $\lambda_K$  is are eigenvalue of the matrix K. For  $\theta = 0.5$ , the inequality (4.5) becomes

$$\left|\frac{1-0.5\delta t\lambda_K}{1+0.5\delta t\lambda_K}\right| \le 1,\tag{4.6}$$

In the case of complex eigenvalue  $\lambda_K = a_k + ib_k$ , where  $a_k, b_k$  are real numbers, inequality (4.6) results

$$\left|\frac{(1-0.5\delta ta_k) - i(0.5\delta tb_k)}{(1+0.5\delta ta_k) + i(0.5\delta tb_k)}\right| \le 1, \quad \Rightarrow a_k \ge 0.$$
(4.7)

In the case of real eigenvalue of  $\lambda_K$ , inequality (4.6) holds. For  $\theta = 0$ , the inequality (4.5) becomes

$$|1 - \delta t \lambda_K| \le 1, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta t \le \frac{2}{\lambda_K}, \quad \lambda_K \ge 0.$$
 (4.8)

Thus for  $\theta = 0$  the scheme is conditionally stable. The stability of scheme for the other values can be investigate in a similar manner. The stability of the scheme and conditioning of the component matrices H, K of the matrix W depend on the weight parameter and the minimum distance between any two collocation points h in the domain set [a, b].

#### 5 Numerical Examples

At first, we give the following algorithm to compute numerical solution of Eq.(1.1):

Algorithm1: Step1: Input  $a, b, \delta t, N, \theta, \alpha, f(x), g_a(t), g_b(t), \phi(t)$ Step2: Set n := 0 calculate  $p^0$  and n := 1. Step3: While  $n\delta t < T$  do the following statements Calculate Matrices  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{F}$ Solve system (3.21) and obtain  $p^n$ , which is approximated solution at time level n. n := n + 1. end while

In this section, based on algorithm 1, two examples are presented to illustrate the effectiveness and importance of proposed method. All programs have been provided by Maple 13.

**Example .1** We consider the following Burgers' equation [6,7]

$$u_t + uu_x = vu_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \ t > 0$$
  

$$u(x,0) = \sin(\pi x), \quad 0 \le x \le 1,$$
  

$$u(0,t) = 0, \quad t \ge 0,$$
  

$$u(1,t) = 0, \quad t \ge 0,$$
  
(5.1)

The exact Fourier series solution of this problem given by Cole [7] is:

$$u(x,t) = 2\pi v \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp(-n^2 \pi^2 v t) n \sin(n\pi x)}{a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp(-n^2 \pi^2 v t) \cos(n\pi x)}$$
(5.2)

where the Fourier coefficients are :

$$a_0 = \int_0^1 \exp\{-(2\pi v)^{-1}(1 - \cos(\pi x))\} dx,$$
  
$$a_n = 2\int_0^1 \exp\{-(2\pi v)^{-1}(1 - \cos(\pi x))\} \cos(n\pi x) dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
  
(5.3)

To obtain results, we use Maple 13 package and take x = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8with  $\delta = 0.01, v = 10$  by N = 7. The results are shown in Table 1.

x	Approximate	Exact
0.2	0.21742	0.21816
0.4	0.35387	0.35390
0.6	0.35503	0.35502
0.8	0.219867	0.21997

**Table 1:** Results of example 1 by Sinc method with N = 7 and  $\delta = 0.01, v = 10$ .

From these results, we conclude that the proposed method, to calculate the approximate numerical solution of the Burgers'equation, gives remarkable accuracy in comparison with the exact solution for some values of x.

In order to show relation between x and  $\delta t$ , we take different value  $\delta t = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$  and obtain approximate solution at x = 0.25, 0.50, 0.75. Based on result in table 2, the approximate solution is in good agreement with the exact solution. Also, the solutions are more accurate than the results in [6].

x	$\delta t$	Approximate(Present Method)	Ref.[6]	Exact
e	0.4	0.01358	0.01303	0.01357
0.25	0.6	0.00188	0.00178	0.00189
	0.8	0.00026		0.00026
	0.4	0.01927	0.01853	0.01924
0.50	0.6	0.00266	0.00252	0.00267
	0.8	0.00033		0.00037
	0.4	0.01356	0.01308	0.01363
0.75	0.6	0.00187	0.00178	0.00189
	0.8	0.00027		0.00026

Table 2: Results of example 1 by Sinc collocation method with  $v = 1, \delta t = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8.$ 

Table 3, shows numerical results of example 1 by Sinc collocation method for different values  $v = 1, 0.1, 0.01, \delta = 0.6$ .

x	v = 1	v = 0.1	v = 0.01
0.25	0.00188	0.24357	0.27537
0.50	0.00267	0.45087	0.53532
0.75	0.00187	0.49267	0.77147

**Table 3:** Numerical results of example 1 by Sinc collocation method with  $v = 1, 0.1, 0.01, \delta = 0.6$ .

**Example 2** We consider the following Burgers' equation [6,7]

$$u_t + uu_x = vu_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \ t > 0$$
  

$$u(x,0) = 4x(1-x), \quad 0 \le x \le 1,$$
  

$$u(0,t) = 0, \quad t \ge 0,$$
  

$$u(1,t) = 0, \quad t \ge 0,$$
  
(5.4)

The exact solution of this problem is given by [7] where

$$a_{0} = \int_{0}^{1} \exp\{-x^{2}(3v)^{-1}(3-2x)\}dx,$$
  

$$a_{n} = 2\int_{0}^{1} \exp\{-x^{2}(3v)^{-1}(3-2x)\}\cos(n\pi x)dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, ...$$
(5.5)

Table 4, shows numerical solution for x = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8 between exact and approximate solution.

x	Approximate	Exact
0.2	0.22514	0.22514
0.4	0.36524	0.36522
0.6	0.36648	0.36641
0.8	0.22741	0.22706

Table 4: Results of example 1 by Sinc method with N = 7 and

$$\delta = 0.01, v = 10.$$

Table 5 displays numerical solutions of example 2 for different values of  $\delta t$ . It is observed that the numerical solutions are seen to be satisfactorily in agreement with the exact ones.

Figure 1, shows approximate solutions with  $\delta t = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, v = 0.01$  for example 2.

Figure 2, shows approximate solutions with v = 0.1, 0.01, 0.001.

x	$\delta t$	Approximate	Exact
0.25	0.4	0.01402	0.01400
	0.6	0.00183	0.00195
	0.8	0.00023	0.00027
0.50	0.4	0.01978	0.01985
	0.6	0.00267	0.00276
	0.8	0.00034	0.00038
0.75	0.4	0.01421	0.01407
	0.6	0.00197	0.00195
	0.8	0.00023	0.00027

**Table 5:** Results of example 2 by Sinc collocation method with N = 7 and  $\delta = 0.01, v = 10$ .

## 6 Conclusion

In this paper, we applied the Sinc collocation method on the Burgers' equations. The results show that the Sinc method is a powerful mathematical tool to solve Burgers' equation. It is also a promising method to solve other nonlinear equations. The solutions obtained are shown graphically. In addition this method is portable to other area of problems and easy to programming.



Fig. 1. Approximate solutions with v = 0.1, 0.01, 0.001 for example 2.



Fig. 2. Approximate solutions with t = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, v = 0.01 for example 2.

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