

# **Solving parabolic Wick-stochastic boundary value problems using a finite element method**

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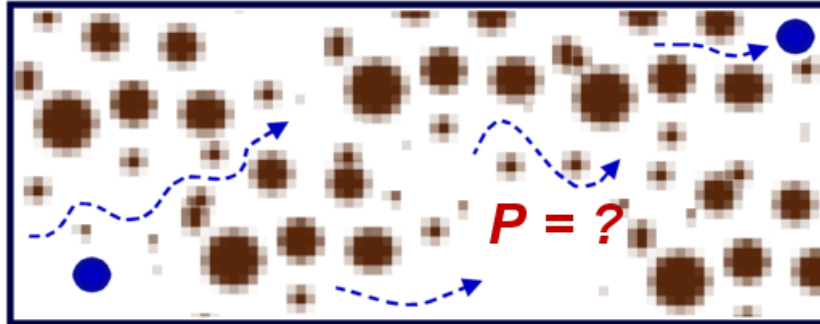
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# Overview

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# Example

Flow in a porous medium ..



$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla(K(x) \cdot \nabla p(x)) &= f(x), \\ p|_{\partial\mathcal{D}}(x) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

.. with random permeability [ Holden et al.]

**Model:**  $K =$  "exponential" of white noise

## Remarks

- Singular solution and noise.
- Multiplicative singular noise.
- What does  $K(x) \cdot \nabla p(x)$  mean?

# Generalized stochastic variables

**Example** Kondratiev spaces

$$(\mathcal{S})^1 \subset L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, d\mu) \subset (\mathcal{S})^{-1}$$

**Assume:** Solution  $p$  is a *generalized* stochastic process

$$x \mapsto p(x, \cdot) \in (\mathcal{S})^{-1}$$

## Advantages

- Stochastic analog to Schwarz distributions

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{F}, dx) \subset \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

- May define a product (Wick product  $\diamond$ )
- Powerful tools for solution  
(Hermite transform, Characterization theorem)
- Allows for strong solutions (e.g.,  $C^{1,2}(0, T; (\mathcal{S})^{-1})$ )

## Problem formulation

$$\begin{aligned} D_t u + L^\diamond u &= f, \text{ on } (0, T) \times \mathcal{D} \times \Omega \\ u|_{\partial\mathcal{D}} &= 0, \\ u|_{t=0} &= u_0, \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

were

$$L^\diamond u = -D_i(a^{ij} \diamond D_j u) + b^i \diamond D_i u + c \diamond u \tag{3}$$

- $a^{ij}, b^i, c$  and  $f$  are generalized stochastic processes.
- Products understood as Wick products ( $\diamond$ ).
- $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  open and bounded,  $\partial\mathcal{D}$  smooth, and  $T < \infty$ .

## Some notation and results

Probability space:  $(\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d), \mathcal{B}, \mu)$

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}'} e^{i\langle \omega, \phi \rangle} d\mu(\omega) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\|\phi\|_0^2} \quad (\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d))$$

Hermite polynomials:

$$H_\alpha(\omega) := \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} h_{\alpha_j}(\langle \omega, \eta_j \rangle),$$
$$(\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) \in \mathcal{I} := (\mathbb{N}_0)_c^\infty)$$

Chaos expansion: If  $f \in L^2(\mu)$  then

$$f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} f_\alpha H_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} f_\alpha^2 \alpha!$$

Wick product:  $f = \sum_\alpha f_\alpha H_\alpha$ ,  $g = \sum_\beta g_\beta H_\beta$ ,

$$f \diamond g = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{\alpha + \beta = \gamma} f_\alpha g_\beta H_\gamma$$

## A class of spaces

**Definition**  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $X$  separable Hilbert space

$$(\mathcal{S})^{\rho, k, X} := \left\{ f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} f_{\alpha} H_{\alpha} : f_{\alpha} \in X, \right. \\ \left. \|f\|_{\rho, k, X} < \infty \right\}$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\rho, k, X}^2 := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} \|f_{\alpha}\|_X^2 (\alpha!)^{1+\rho} (2N)^{k\alpha}, \quad (2N)^{k\alpha} := \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (2j)^{k\alpha_j}$$

[ Vågø (1994) ]

**Remark**

$$(\mathcal{S})^1 = \bigcap_k (\mathcal{S})^{1, k, \mathbb{R}} \quad (\text{projective limit}) \\ (\mathcal{S})^{-1} = \bigcup_k (\mathcal{S})^{-1, k, \mathbb{R}} \quad (\text{inductive limit})$$

**Notation**

$$(\mathcal{S})^{-1, k, m} := (\mathcal{S})^{-1, k, X} \quad \text{with } X = H^m(\mathcal{D}) \\ (\mathcal{S})_0^{-1, k, 1} := (\mathcal{S})^{-1, k, Y} \quad \text{with } Y = H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$$

# The Wick product

Recall 
$$f \diamond g = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{\alpha + \beta = \gamma} f_\alpha g_\beta H_\gamma$$

**A Banach space:** For  $l \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}_l := \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} f_\alpha(x) H_\alpha : f_\alpha \text{ measurable,} \right. \\ \left. \|f\|_{l,*} < \infty \right\}$$

where 
$$\|f\|_{l,*} := \sup_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \left( \sum_{\alpha} |f_\alpha(x)| (2N)^{l\alpha} \right).$$

**Proposition 1** [ Våge (1994) ]

Given  $k, l \in \mathbb{R}, k \leq 2l$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{F}_l$  it holds

$$\|f \diamond g\|_{-1,k,0} \leq \|f\|_{l,*} \|g\|_{-1,k,0},$$

for all  $g \in H$ .

**Note:** For  $f \in \mathcal{F}_l$ , the map  $g \mapsto f \diamond g$  is linear and continuous on  $(\mathcal{S})^{-1,k,0}$  ( $k \leq 2l$ )

The variational formulation of (2)

Recall (2)

$$\begin{aligned} D_t u + L^\diamond u &= f, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \mathcal{D} \times \Omega \\ u|_{\partial \mathcal{D}} &= 0, & u|_{t=0} = u_0, \end{aligned}$$

**Notation** For  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V &:= (\mathcal{S})_0^{-1, k, 1}, & \text{and } \|\cdot\| &:= \|\cdot\|_V \\ H &:= (\mathcal{S})^{-1, k, 0}, & \text{and } (\cdot, \cdot) &:= (\cdot, \cdot)_H \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**  $V \hookrightarrow H \hookrightarrow V'$  (dense injection)

**Idea:** Take  $H$ -inner product with  $v \in V$  in (2).

**Assume**

$$\begin{aligned} (A_1) \quad & a^{ij}, b^i, c \in F_l(\mathcal{D}), \quad (k \leq 2l) \\ (A_2) \quad & f \in L^2(0, T; V'), \end{aligned}$$

and let  $u \in W(0, T; V)$  where

$$W(0, T; V) := \{g \in L^2(0, T; V) : D_t g \in L^2(0, T; V')\}.$$

## Variational formulation

Find  $u \in W(0, T; V)$  s.t.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(u(\cdot), v) + \mathcal{A}(u(\cdot), v) = (f(\cdot), v), \quad (4)$$

$$u(0) = u_0$$

$$(v \in V)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}(u, v) = (a^{ij} \diamond D_j u, D_i v) + (b^i \diamond D_i u, v) + (c \diamond u, v).$$

### Remarks

- $u(0)$  has sense  $(W(0, T; V) \subset C^0(0, T; H) )$
- (A)  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a continuous bilinear form on  $V$ .
- Equation understood in  $\mathcal{D}'(0, T)$ .

# Existence and uniqueness

**Define:** Bilinear form on  $H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$

$$\mathcal{B}_\beta(g, h) := (a_\beta^{ij} D_j g, D_i h)_0 + (b_\beta^i D_i g, h)_0 + (c_\beta g, h)_0$$

$(g, h \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}))$

**Theorem 2** [ Theting (2001) ]

Assume **(A)** and

**(B)** There exists  $\theta_0 > 0$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{B}_0(g, g) \geq \theta_0 \|g\|_1^2 \quad (g, h \in H_0^1(\mathcal{D}))$$

Then for  $k$  small enough, there exists a unique solution to the variational problem (4).

## Example

Find  $p \in W(0, T; V)$  s.t.  $p(0) = p_0$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt}(p(\cdot), v) + (K \diamond \nabla p(\cdot), \nabla v) = (f(\cdot), v), \quad (v \in V)$$

(5)

Easy to show:

$$K(\cdot) := \exp^\diamond(W) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} W^{\diamond n} \in \mathcal{F}_l \text{ for } l < -1 \Rightarrow \text{(A) ok}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_0(g, h) = (\nabla g, \nabla h)_0 \Rightarrow \text{(B) ok}$$

# Numerical approximation

**Idea 1** Approximate  $V$  by a finite-dimensional subspace  $V_m$ .

## Semi-discrete problem

Find  $u_m \in W(0, T; V_m)$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} (D_t u_m(t), v) + \mathcal{A}(u_m(t), v) &= (f(t), v), \\ u_m(0) &= P_m u_0 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$(v \in V_m)$

( $P_m$  is a projection onto  $V_m$ ).

**Idea 2** Approximate  $D_t u_m$  using a finite difference method (e.g., Backward Euler).

## Fully discrete problem

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{\Delta t}(U^{n+1} - U^n), v\right) + \mathcal{A}(U^{n+1}, v) &= (f(t_{n+1}), v), \\ U^0 &= P_m u_0 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$(v \in V_m)$

( $U^n \approx u_m(t_n)$ ,  $t_n := n \cdot \Delta t$ ).

## Construction of $V_m$

**(a)** Cut off chaos expansion

$$\mathcal{I}_{N,K} := \{0\} \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^N \bigcup_{k=1}^K \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^k : |\alpha| = n, \alpha_k \neq 0\}$$

**(b)** Approximate  $H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$  using a FE-space

$$X_M := \{v \in C^0(\bar{\mathcal{D}}) : v|_K \text{ linear, } v|_{\partial\mathcal{D}} = 0\}$$

$$(K \in \mathcal{T}_h, M := \dim(X_M) < \infty, h := \max(\text{diam}(K)))$$

**Define**

$$V_m := \left\{ f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_{N,K}} f_\alpha^M H_\alpha : \|f\| < \infty \right\}$$

$m = \min(M, N, K)$

**Lemma 3** [ Theting (2001) ]

$\{V_m : (N, K, M) \in \mathbb{N}^3\}$  is a Galerkin approximation of  $V$

## Error in approximation

### Theorem 4 [ Theting (2001) ]

Assume

- (C<sub>1</sub>)  $k \leq 0, \quad |k| = q + r, \quad q \geq 0, \quad r > 1.55$
- (C<sub>2</sub>)  $u \in C^1(0, T; V)$
- (C<sub>3</sub>)  $D_t u \in L^2(0, T; V \cap (\mathcal{S})^{-1, -|k|, 2})$
- (C<sub>4</sub>)  $D_t f \in L^2(0, T, V')$

and  $U^0 = u_m(0) = Ru_0$  ( $R : V \rightarrow V_m$  elliptic projection).

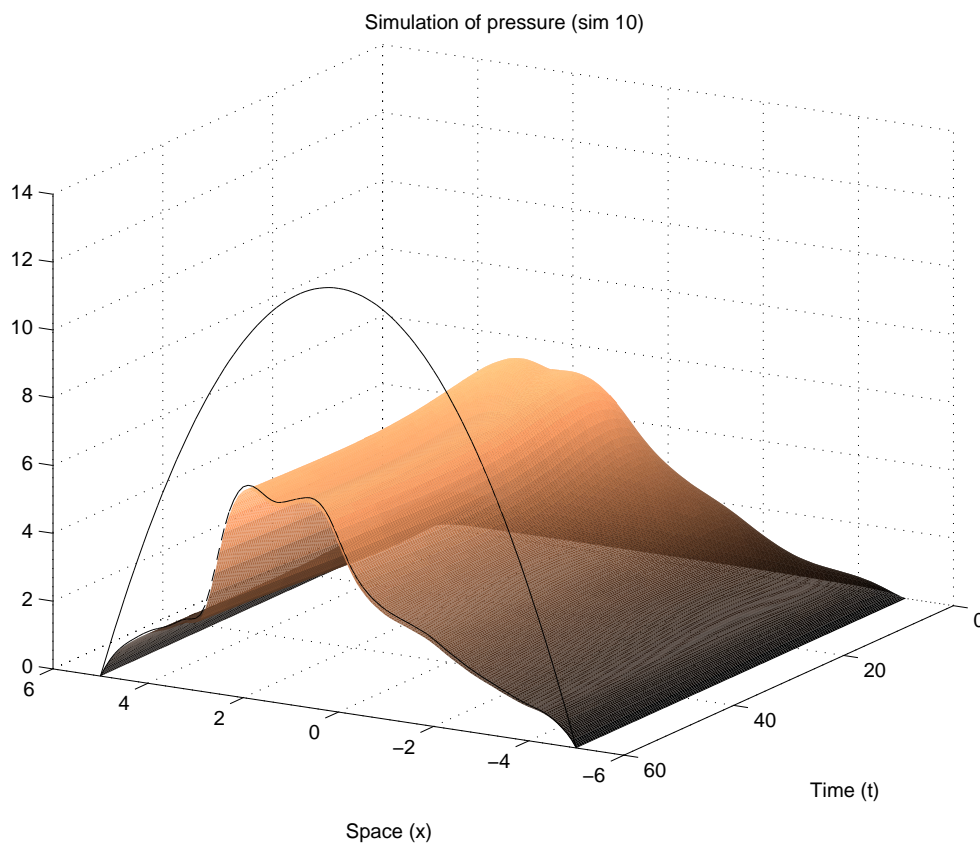
Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u(t_n) - U^n\|_{-1, -|k|, 0}^2 \\ & \leq c(K^{1-r} + 2^{-rN}) \left[ \|u(t_n)\|_{-1, -q, 1}^2 + \int_0^{t_n} \|D_s u(s)\|_{-1, -q, 1}^2 ds \right] \\ & \quad + ch^2 \left[ \|u(t_n)\|_{-1, -|k|, 2}^2 + \int_0^{t_n} \|D_s u(s)\|_{-1, -|k|, 2}^2 ds \right] \\ & \quad + c\Delta t^2 \left[ \int_0^{t_n} (\|D_s u(s)\|_V^2 + \|D_s f(s)\|_{V'}^2) ds \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Example

The time-dependent pressure equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } p \in W(0, T; V) \text{ s.t. } p(0) &= p_0, \\ \frac{d}{dt}(p(\cdot), v) + (K \diamond \nabla p(\cdot), \nabla v) &= (f, v), \quad (v \in V) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$



**Figure 1** Typical time development of a simulation.

$$\begin{aligned} f &:= 1, \quad K(x) := \exp^\diamond(W_x), \\ \mathcal{D} &= [-5, 5], \quad (N, K, M) = (3, 15, 100), \quad \Delta t = 0.2. \end{aligned}$$

# The Pressure equation

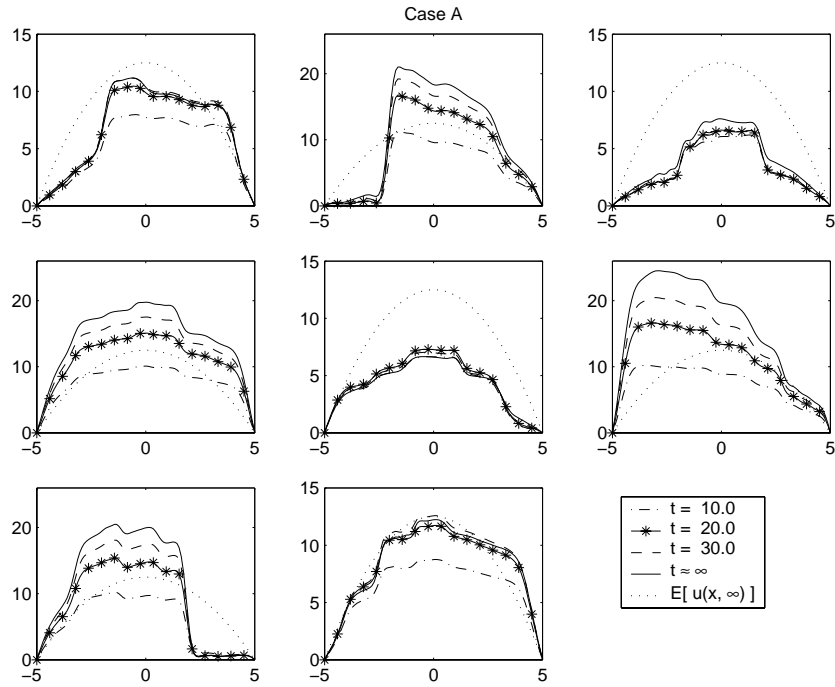


Figure 2 *Eight different simulations of the pressure.*

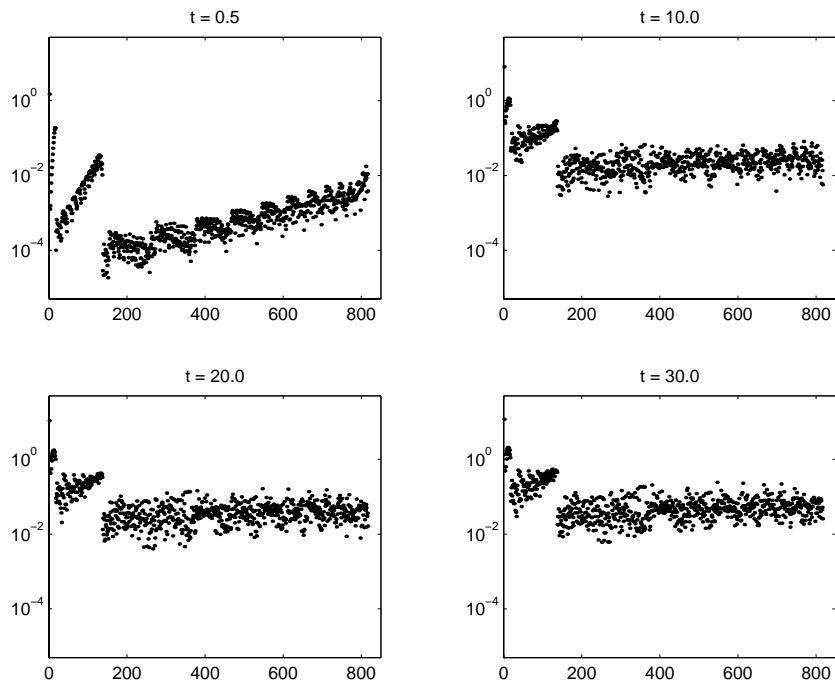


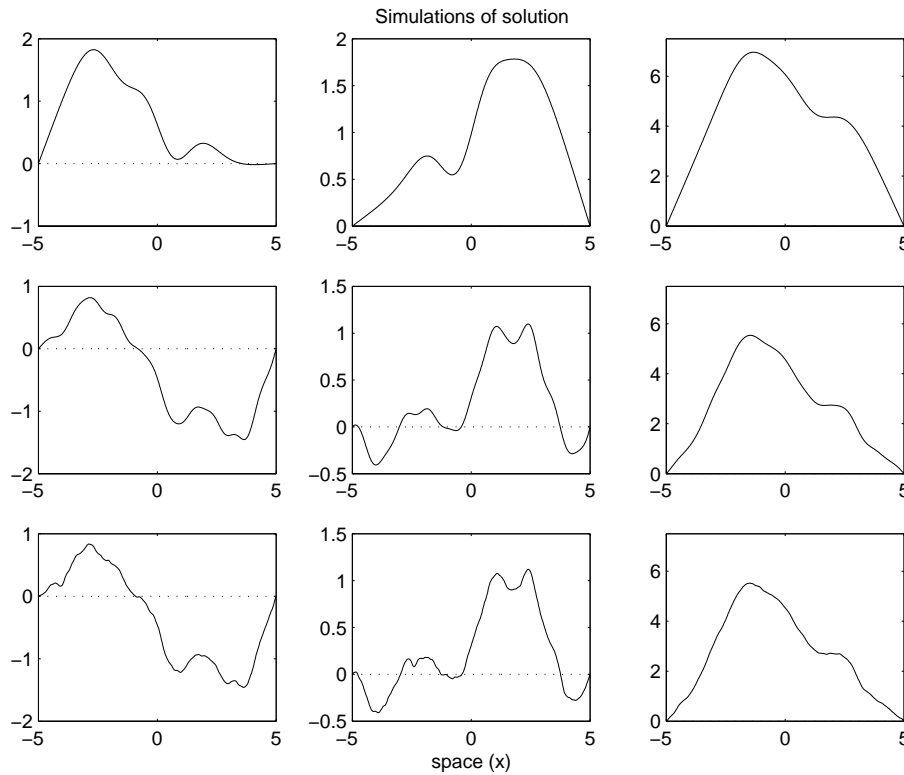
Figure 3 *The sup-norm of the chaos coefficients.*

# Example

The Poisson equation with white noise

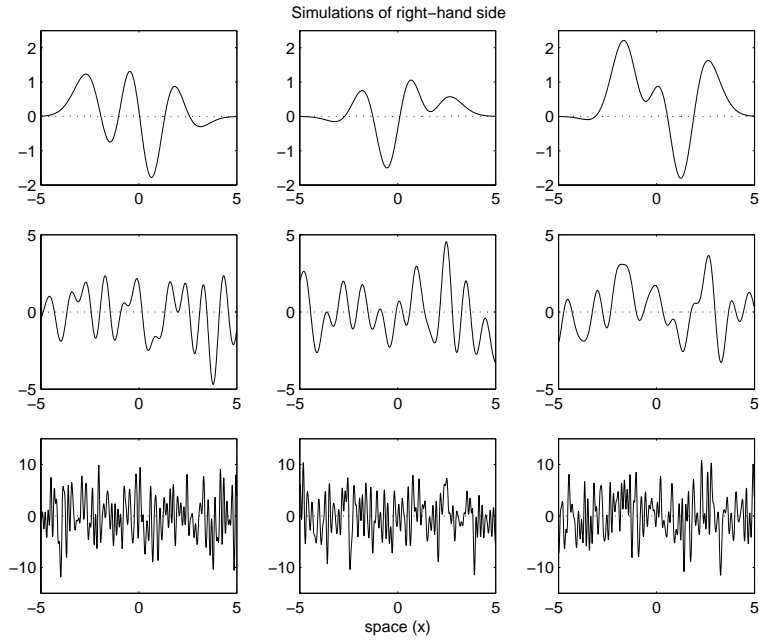
$$\Delta u(x) = W_x \quad (\text{on } \mathcal{D}), \quad u|_{\partial\mathcal{D}} = 0$$

- Stationary problem.
- Set  $\mathcal{D} = [-5, 5]$  and  $(N, K, M) = (1, 1000, 800)$ .

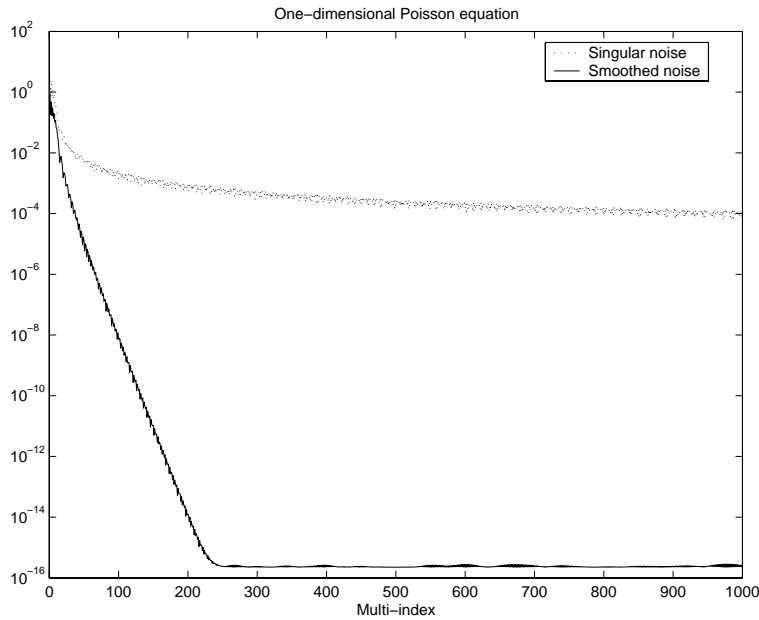


**Figure 4** Three different simulations of solution. Each row corresponds to  $K = 6, 35$  and  $1000$ , respectively.

# The Poisson equation



**Figure 5** *The corresponding simulations of right-hand side. Each row corresponds to  $K = 6, 35$  and  $1000$ , respectively.*



**Figure 6** *Sup-norm of chaos coefficients when right-hand side is singular- and smoother white noise*

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