

# Solving Differential Equations in R (book) - PDE examples

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## Abstract

This vignette contains the R-examples of chapter 10 from the book:  
Soetaert, K., Cash, J.R. and Mazzia, F. (2012). Solving Differential Equations in R.  
UseR series, Springer, 248 pp.  
[www.springer.com/statistics/computational+statistics/book/978-3-642-28069-6](http://www.springer.com/statistics/computational+statistics/book/978-3-642-28069-6).  
Chapter 10. Solving Partial Differential Equations in R.  
Here the code is given without documentation. Of course, much more information  
about each problem can be found in the book.

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## 1. The heat Equation

```
N      <- 100
xgrid  <- setup.grid.1D(x.up = 0, x.down = 1, N = N)
x      <- xgrid$x.mid
D.coeff <- 0.01
Diffusion <- function (t, Y, parms){
  tran <- tran.1D(C = Y, C.up = 0, C.down = 1,
                    D = D.coeff, dx = xgrid)
  list(dY = tran$dC, flux.up = tran$flux.up,
       flux.down = tran$flux.down)
}
Yini <- sin(pi*x)
times <- seq(from = 0, to = 5, by = 0.01)
print(system.time(
  out <- ode.1D(y = Yini, times = times, func = Diffusion,
                 parms = NULL, dimens = N)))
user  system elapsed
0.228  0.000  0.229

par (mfrow=c(1, 2))
plot(out[1, 2:(N+1)], x, type = "l", lwd = 2,
```

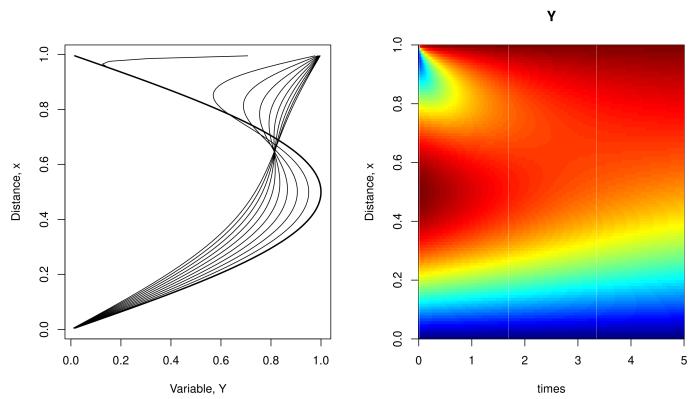


Figure 1: The solution of the heat equation. See book for more information.

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xlab = "Variable, Y", ylab = "Distance, x")
for (i in seq(2, length(times), by = 50))
  lines(out[i, 2:(N+1)], x)
image(out, grid = x, mfrow = NULL, ylab = "Distance, x",
      main = "Y")

```

## 2. The Wave Equation

```

dx      <- 0.2
xgrid <- setup.grid.1D(x.up = -100, x.down = 100, dx.1 = dx)
x      <- xgrid$x.mid
N      <- xgrid$N
lam   <- 0.05
uini  <- exp(-lam*x^2)
vini  <- rep(0, N)
yini  <- c(uini, vini)
times <- seq (from = 0, to = 50, by = 1)
wave <- function (t, y, parms) {
  u <- y[1:N]
  v <- y[(N+1):(2*N)]

  du <- v
  dv <- tran.1D(C = u, C.up = 0, C.down = 0, D = 1,
                  dx = xgrid)$dC

  return(list(c(du, dv)))
}
out <- ode.1D(func = wave, y = yini, times = times,
               parms = NULL, method = "adams",
               dimens = N, names = c("u", "v"))
u <- subset(out, which = "u")
analytic <- function (t, x)
  0.5 * (exp(-lam * (x+1*t)^2) +exp(-lam * (x-1*t)^2) )
OutAna <- outer(times, x, FUN = analytic)
max(abs(u - OutAna))

[1] 0.002222087

outtime <- seq(from = 0, to = 50, by = 10)
matplot.1D(out, which = "u", subset = time %in% outtime,
            grid = x, xlab = "x", ylab = "u", type = "l",
            lwd = 2, xlim = c(-50, 50),
            col = c("black", rep("darkgrey", 5)))
legend("topright", lty = 1:6, lwd = 2,
       col = c("black", rep("darkgrey", 5)),
       title = "t = ", legend = outtime)

```

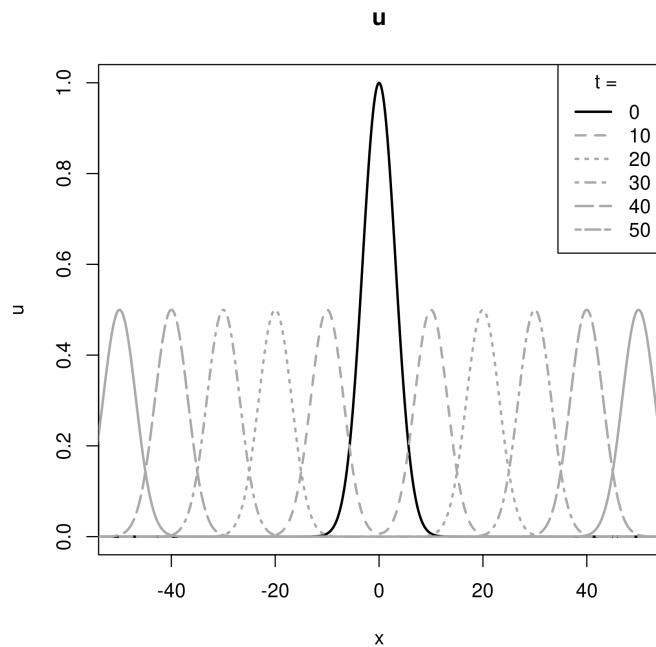


Figure 2: The 1-D wave equation. See book for explanation.

### 3. Laplace Equation

```

Nx <- 100
Ny <- 100
xgrid <- setup.grid.1D (x.up = 0, x.down = 1, N = Nx)
ygrid <- setup.grid.1D (x.up = 0, x.down = 1, N = Ny)
x     <- xgrid$x.mid
y     <- ygrid$x.mid
laplace <- function(t, U, parms) {
  w <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny, data = U)
  dw <- tran.2D(C = w, C.x.up = 0, C.x.down = 0,
                  flux.y.up = 0,
                  flux.y.down = -1 * sin(pi*x)*pi*sinh(pi),
                  D.x = 1, D.y = 1,
                  dx = xgrid, dy = ygrid)$dC
  list(dw)
}
print(system.time(
  out <- steady.2D(y = runif(Nx*Ny), func = laplace,
                     parms = NULL, nspec = 1,
                     dimens = c(Nx, Ny), lrw = 1e7)
))
user  system elapsed
0.305   0.132   0.437

w <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny, data = out$y)
analytic <- function (x, y) sin(pi*x) * cosh(pi*y)
OutAna <- outer(x, y, FUN = analytic)
max(abs(w - OutAna))

[1] 0.0006024049

image(out, grid = list(x, y), main = "elliptic Laplace",
      add.contour = TRUE)

```

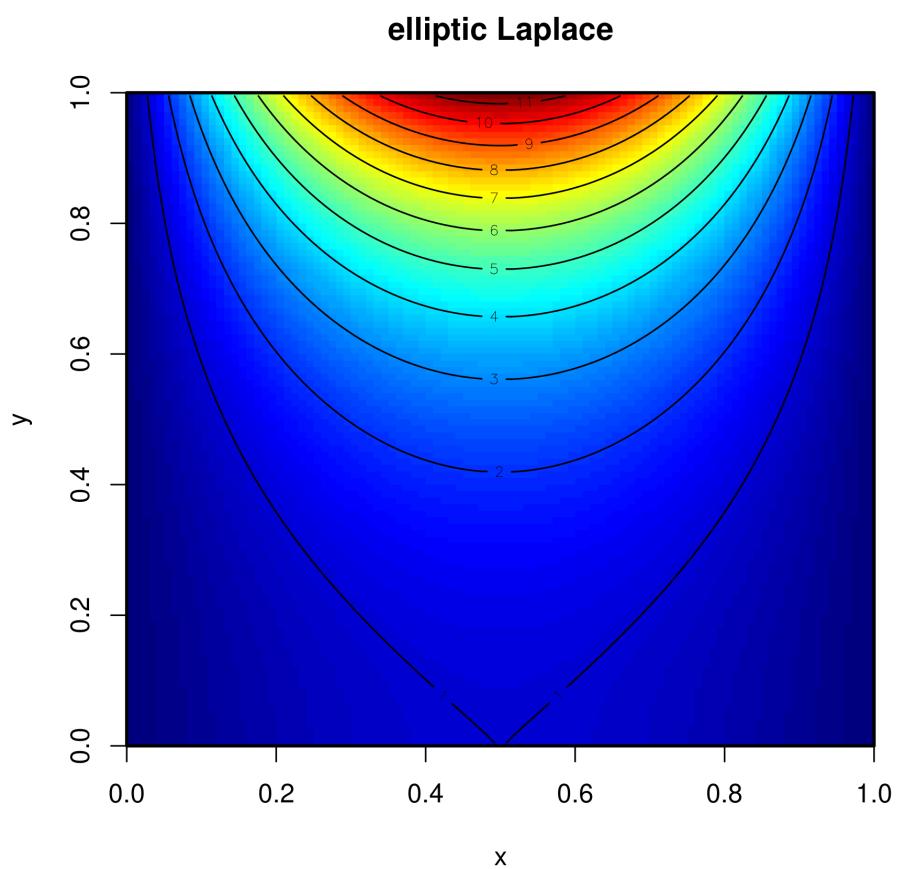


Figure 3: The laplace equation. See book for explanation.

## 4. The Advection Equation

```
adv.func <- function(t, y, p, adv.method)
  list(advection.1D(C = y, C.up = y[N], C.down = y[1],
    v = 0.1, adv.method = adv.method,
    dx = xgrid)$dC)
xgrid <- setup.grid.1D(0.3, 1.3, N = 50)
x      <- xgrid$x.mid
N      <- length(x)
yini   <- sin(pi * x)^50
times  <- seq(0, 20, 0.01)
out1 <- ode.1D(y = yini, func = adv.func, times = times,
  parms = NULL, method = "euler", dimens = N,
  adv.method = "muscl")
out2 <- ode.1D(y = yini, func = adv.func, times = times,
  parms = NULL, method = "euler", dimens = N,
  adv.method = "super")
```

## 5. The Busselator in One Dimension

```

N      <- 50
Grid <- setup.grid.1D(x.up = 0, x.down = 1, N = N)
x1ini <- 1 + sin(2 * pi * Grid$x.mid)
x2ini <- rep(x = 3, times = N)
yini <- c(x1ini, x2ini)
brusselator1D <- function(t, y, parms) {

  X1 <- y[1:N]
  X2 <- y[(N+1):(2*N)]

  dX1 <- 1 + X1^2*X2 - 4*X1 +
    tran.1D (C = X1, C.up = 1, C.down = 1,
              D = 0.02, dx = Grid)$dC
  dX2 <- 3*X1 - X1^2*X2 +
    tran.1D (C = X2, C.up = 3, C.down = 3,
              D = 0.02, dx = Grid)$dC

  list(c(dX1, dX2))
}

times <- seq(from = 0, to = 10, by = 0.1)
print(system.time(
  out <- ode.1D(y = yini, func = brusselator1D,
                  times = times, parms = NULL, nspec = 2,
                  names = c("X1", "X2"), dimens = N)
))

user  system elapsed
0.185  0.000  0.185

par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
image(out, mfrow = NULL, grid = Grid$x.mid,
      which = "X1", method = "contour")
image(out, mfrow = NULL, grid = Grid$x.mid,
      which = "X1")
par(mar = c(1, 1, 1, 1))
image(out, mfrow = NULL, grid = Grid$x.mid,
      which = "X1", method = "persp", col = NA)
image(out, mfrow = NULL, grid = Grid$x.mid,
      which = "X1", method = "persp", border = NA,
      shade = 0.3 )

```

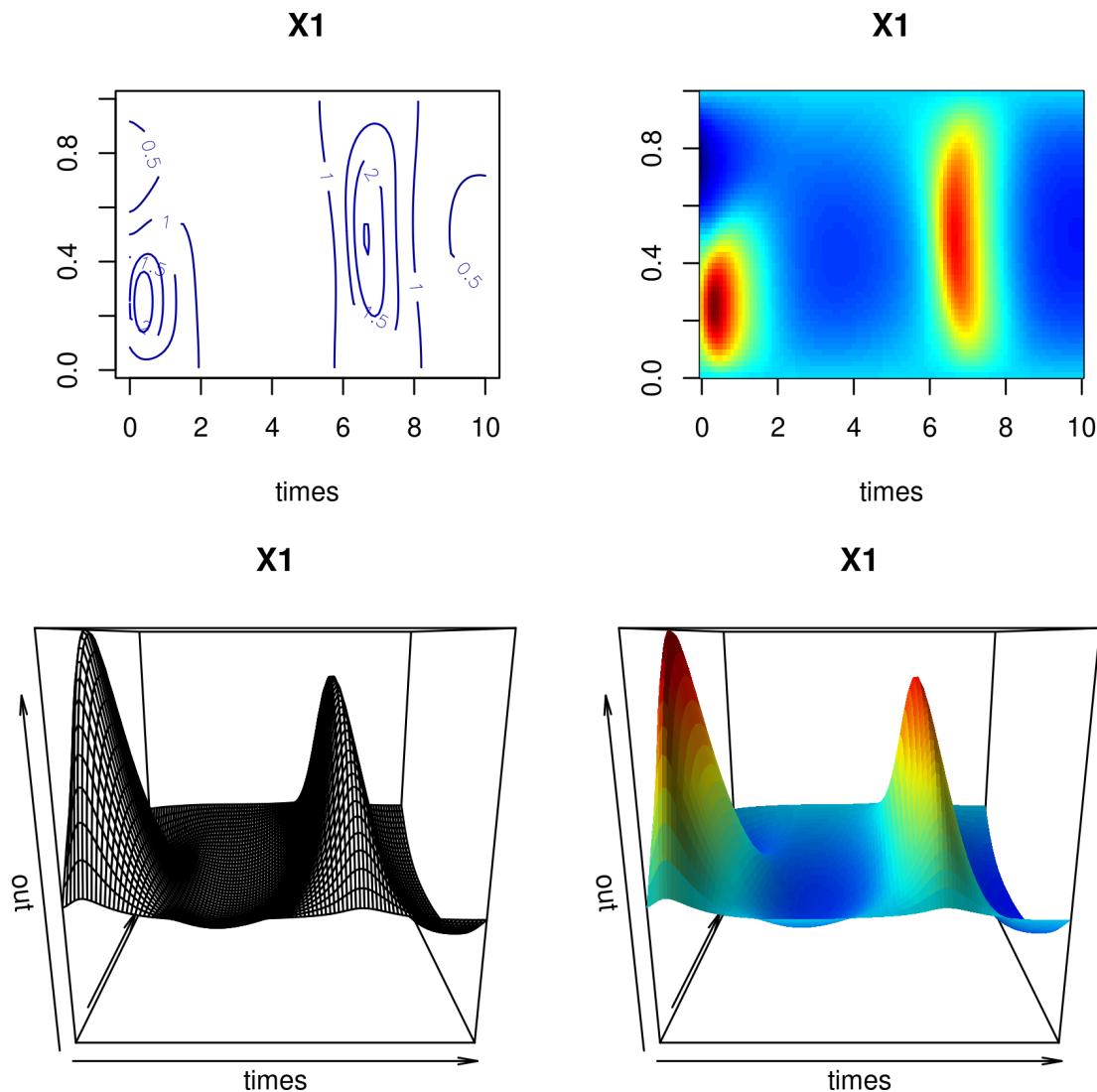


Figure 4: The 1-D Brusselator model. See book for explanation.

## 6. The Brusselator in 2-D

```

brusselator2D <- function(t, y, parms) {

  X1 <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny,
                data = y[1:(Nx*Ny)])
  X2 <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny,
                data = y[(Nx*Ny+1) : (2*Nx*Ny)])

  dX1 <- 1 + X1^2*X2 - 4*X1 +
    tran.2D (C = X1, D.x = D_X1, D.y = D_X1,
              dx = Gridx, dy = Gridy)$dC
  dX2 <- 3*X1 - X1^2*X2 +
    tran.2D (C = X2, D.x = D_X2, D.y = D_X2,
              dx = Gridx, dy = Gridy)$dC

  list(c(dX1, dX2))
}

Nx   <- 50
Ny   <- 50
Gridx <- setup.grid.1D(x.up = 0, x.down = 1, N = Nx)
Gridy <- setup.grid.1D(x.up = 0, x.down = 1, N = Ny)
D_X1 <- 2
D_X2 <- 8*D_X1
X1ini <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny, data = runif(Nx*Ny))
X2ini <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny, data = runif(Nx*Ny))
yini <- c(X1ini, X2ini)
times <- 0:8
print(system.time(
  out <- ode.2D(y = yini, parms = NULL, func = brusselator2D,
                 nspec = 2, dimens = c(Nx, Ny), times = times,
                 lrw = 2000000, names=c("X1", "X2")))
))

  user  system elapsed
2.178   0.056   2.234

par(oma = c(0,0,1,0))
image(out, which = "X1", xlab = "x", ylab = "y",
      mfrrow = c(3, 3), ask = FALSE,
      main = paste("t = ", times),
      grid = list(x = Gridx$x.mid, y = Gridy$x.mid))
mtext(side = 3, outer = TRUE, cex = 1.25, line = -1,
      "2-D Brusselator, species X1")

```

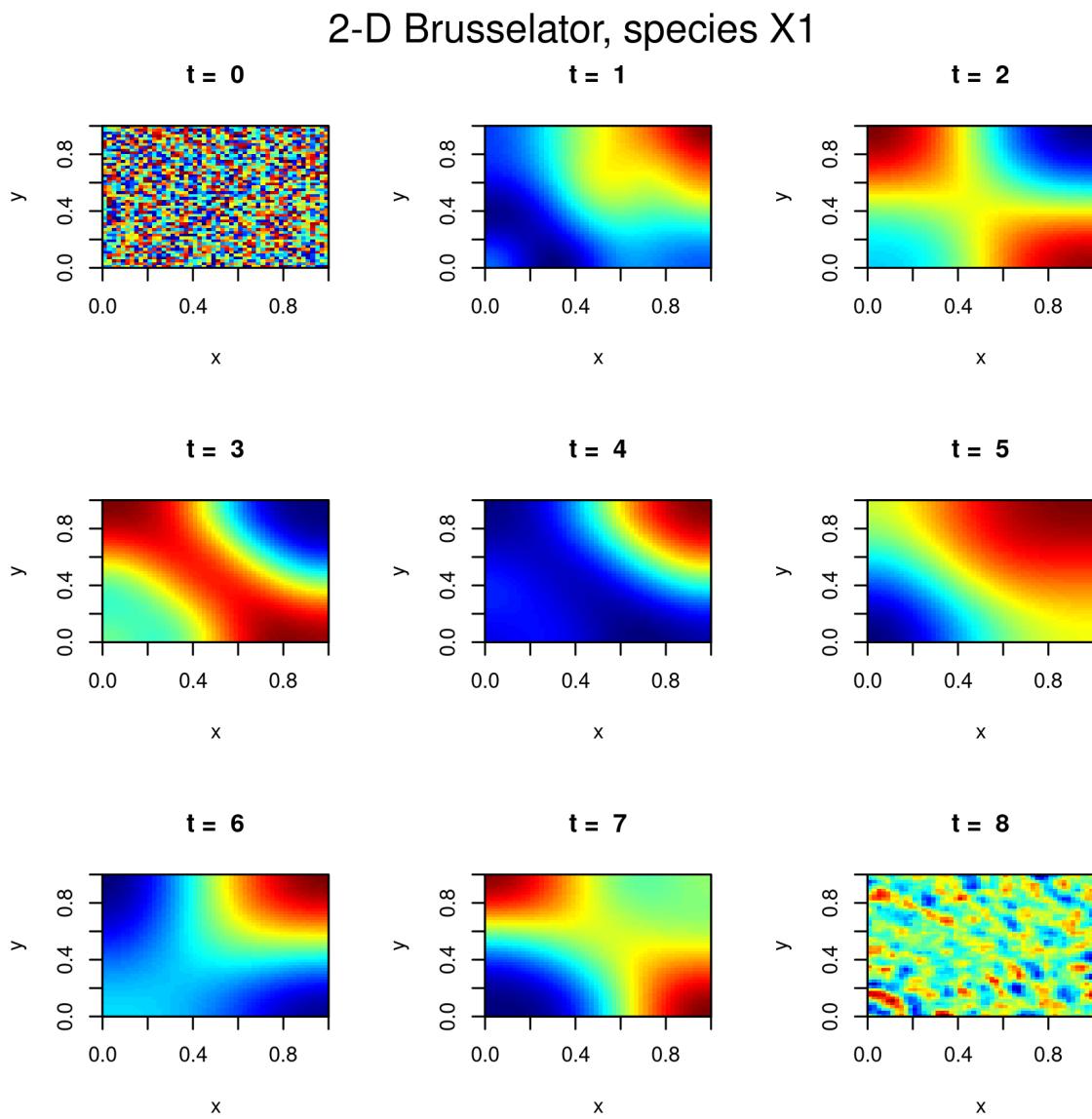


Figure 5: Solution of the 2-D Brusselator. See book for explanation.

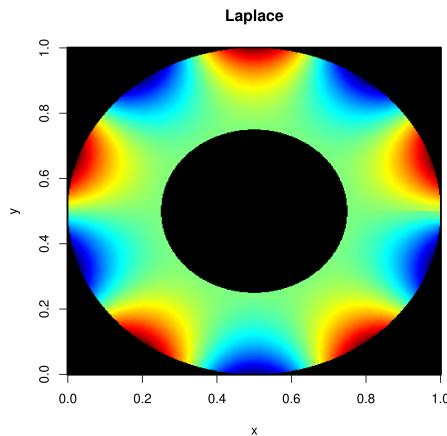


Figure 6: The Laplace equation in polar coordinates. See book for explanation.

## 7. The Laplace Equation in Polar Coordinates

```

Nr <- 100
Np <- 100
r           <- seq(2, 4, len = Nr+1)
theta       <- seq(0, 2*pi, len = Np+1)
theta.mid <- 0.5*(theta[-1] + theta[-Np])
Model <- function(t, C, p) {
  y = matrix(nrow = Nr, ncol = Np, data = C)
  tran <- tran.polar (y, D.r = 1, r = r, theta = theta,
                       C.r.up = 0, C.r.down = 4 * sin(5*theta.mid),
                       cyclicBnd = 2)
  list(tran$dC)
}
STD <- steady.2D(y = runif(Nr*Np), parms = NULL,
                   func = Model, dimens = c(Nr, Np),
                   lrw = 1e6, cyclicBnd = 2)
OUT <- polar2cart (STD, r = r, theta = theta,
                    x = seq(-4, 4, len = 400),
                    y = seq(-4, 4, len = 400))

image(OUT, main = "Laplace")

```

## 8. The Time-dependent 2-D Sine-Gordon Equation

```

Nx <- 80
Ny <- 80
xgrid <- setup.grid.1D(-7, 7, N=Nx)
ygrid <- setup.grid.1D(-7, 7, N=Ny)
x <- xgrid$x.mid
y <- ygrid$x.mid
sinegordon2D <- function(t, C, parms) {

  u <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny,
               data = C[1 : (Nx*Ny)])
  v <- matrix(nrow = Nx, ncol = Ny,
               data = C[(Nx*Ny+1) : (2*Nx*Ny)])

  dv <- tran.2D (C = u, C.x.up = 0, C.x.down = 0,
                  C.y.up = 0, C.y.down = 0,
                  D.x = 1, D.y = 1,
                  dx = xgrid, dy = ygrid)$dC - sin(u)
  list(c(v, dv))
}

peak <- function (x, y, x0 = 0, y0 = 0)
  exp(-((x-x0)^2 + (y-y0)^2))
uini <- outer(x, y,
  FUN = function(x, y) peak(x, y, 2,2) + peak(x, y,-2,-2)
  + peak(x, y,-2,2) + peak(x, y, 2,-2))
vini <- rep(0, Nx*Ny)
times <- 0:3
print(system.time(
  out <- ode.2D (y = c(uini, vini), times = times,
                  parms = NULL, func = sinegordon2D,
                  names = c("u", "v"),
                  dimens = c(Nx, Ny), method = "ode45")
))

  user  system elapsed
0.347   0.004   0.352

mr <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 1, 0))
image(out, main = paste("time =", times), which = "u",
      grid = list(x = x, y = y), method = "persp",
      border = NA, col = "grey", box = FALSE,
      shade = 0.5, theta = 30, phi = 60, mfrow = c(2, 2),
      ask = FALSE)
par(mar = mr)

```

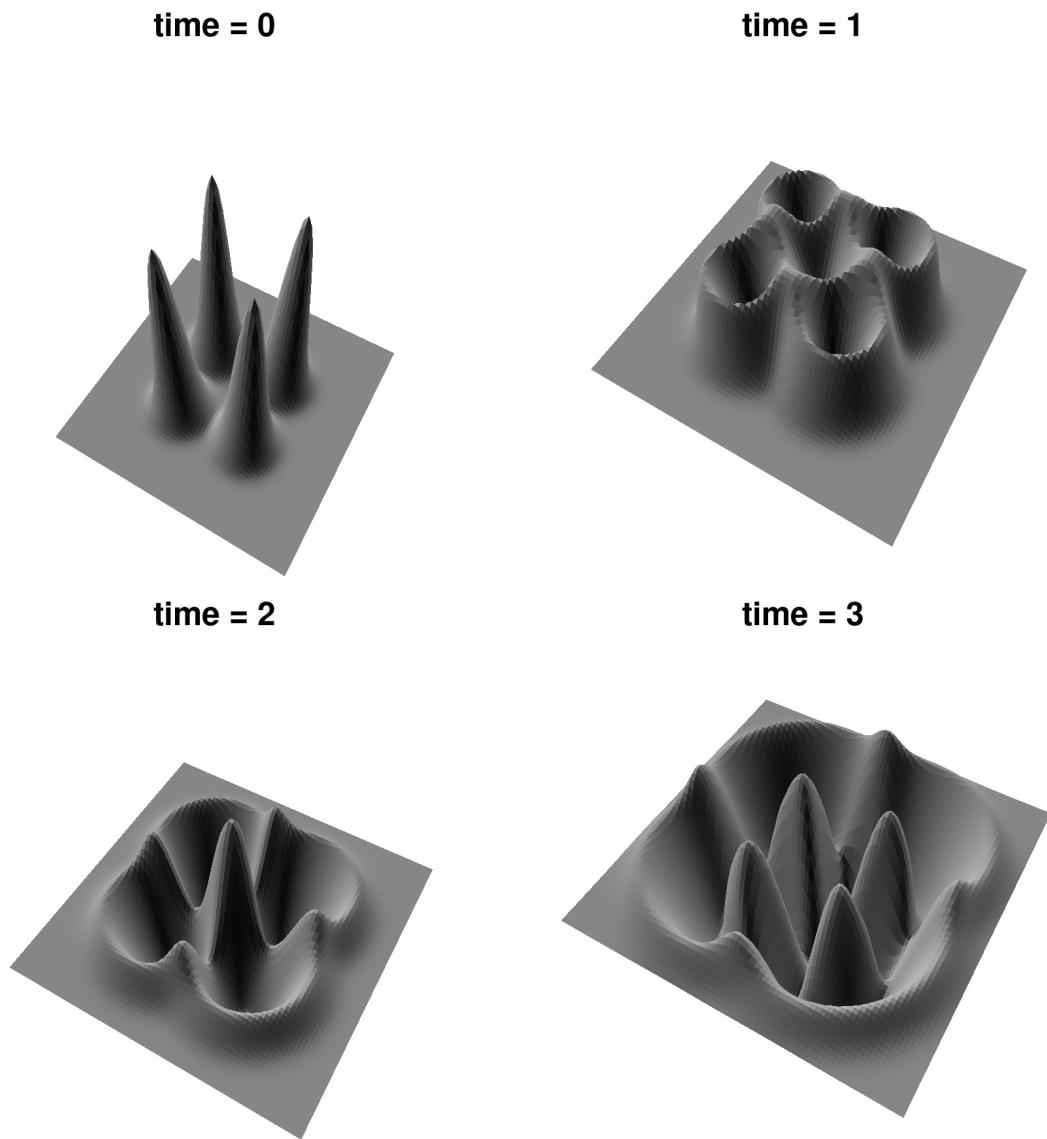


Figure 7: The 2-D sine-gordon equation. See book for explanation.

## 9. The Nonlinear Schrodinger Equation

```

alf <- 0.5
gam <- 1
Schrodinger <- function(t, u, parms) {
  du <- 1i * tran.1D (C = u, D = 1, dx = xgrid)$dC +
    1i * gam * abs(u)^2 * u
  list(du)
}
N      <- 300
xgrid <- setup.grid.1D(-20, 80, N = N)
x      <- xgrid$x.mid
c1    <- 1
c2    <- 0.1
sech   <- function(x) 2/(exp(x) + exp(-x))
soliton <- function (x, c1)
  sqrt(2*alf/gam) * exp(0.5*1i*c1*x) * sech(sqrt(alf)*x)
yini <- soliton(x, c1) + soliton(x-25, c2)
times <- seq(0, 40, by = 0.1)
print(system.time(
  out <- ode.1D(y = yini, parms = NULL, func = Schrodinger,
                 times = times, dimens = 300, method = "adams")
))
user  system elapsed
1.58    0.00    1.58

image(abs(out), grid = x, ylab = "x", main = "two solitons")

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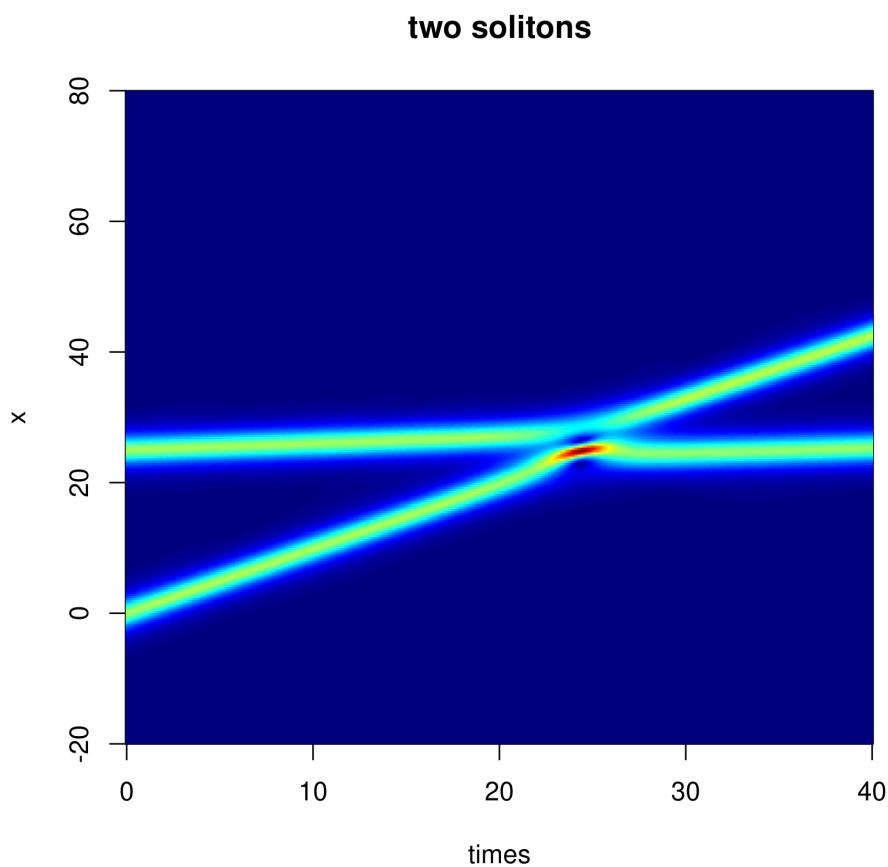


Figure 8: Solution of the Schrödinger equation. See book for explanation.