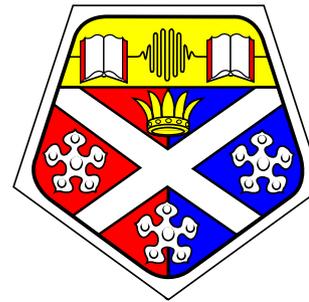


# Multigrid Solution of Discrete Convection-Diffusion Equations

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# Convection-Diffusion in 2D

$$\begin{aligned} -\epsilon \nabla^2 u(x, y) + \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla u(x, y) &= f(x, y) \quad \text{in } \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ u(x, y) &= g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

divergence-free convective velocity ('wind')  $\mathbf{w}$

diffusion parameter  $\epsilon \ll 1$

discretisation parameter  $h$

mesh Péclet number  $P_h = \frac{\|\mathbf{w}\| h}{2\epsilon}$

# Boundary Layers and Oscillations

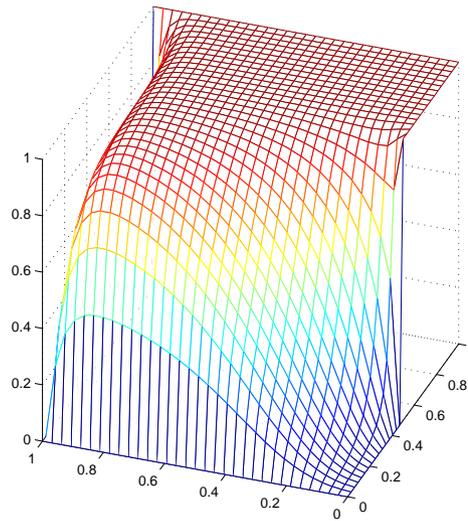
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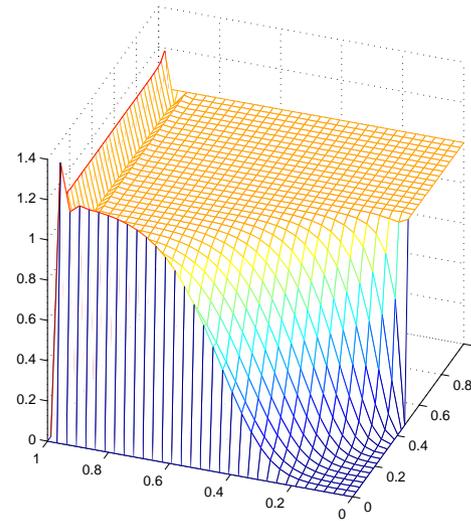
- solution features:

**exponential** and **characteristic** boundary layers

- **oscillations** observed in discrete solutions for  $P_h > 1$



$$P_h = 0.5$$



$$P_h = 2$$

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- $P_h \leq 1$  :  $\delta = 0$

**Galerkin FEM**

- $P_h > 1$  :  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{h}$

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  - **perturbation arguments**  
Bank (1981), Bramble, Pasciak and Xu (1988), Mandel (1986), Wang (1993)
  - **matrix-based methods**  
Reusken (2002), Olshanskii and Reusken (2002)

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**direct discretisation on coarse grid**

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- smoothing: line Gauss-Seidel  $S_A$
- $\nu$  steps of pre-smoothing, no post-smoothing

# Multigrid Convergence

- algebraic error  $\mathbf{e}_k = \hat{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}_k$
- two-grid iteration matrix  $\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_c^{-1}\mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{A}_f)\mathbf{S}_A^\nu$
- error equation  $\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}_{k-1} = \mathbf{M}^k\mathbf{e}_0$
- convergence?

$$\|\mathbf{e}_k\| \leq \|\mathbf{M}\|^k \|\mathbf{e}_0\|$$

**convergence if  $\|\mathbf{M}\| < 1$**

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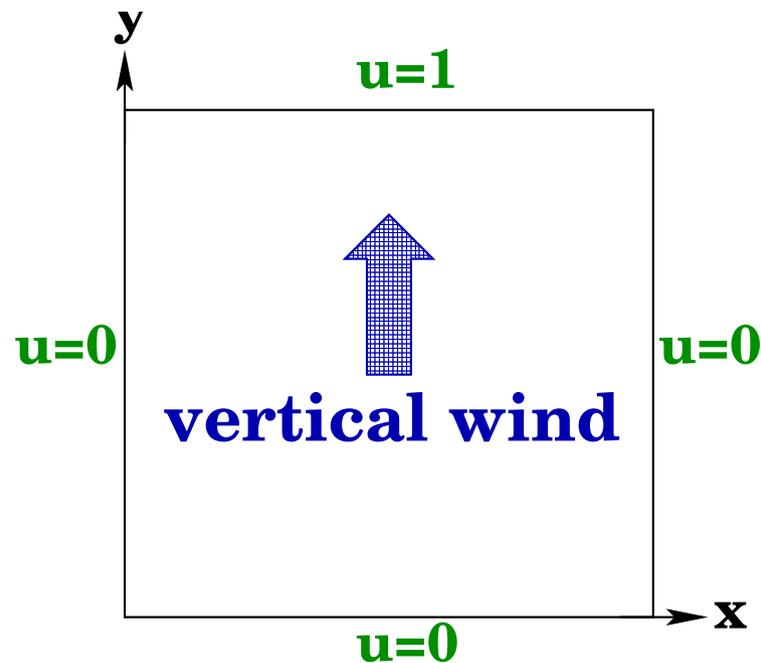
# Model Problem

grid-aligned flow with vertical wind and  $f = 0$

$$-\epsilon \nabla^2 u(x, y) + (0, 1) \cdot \nabla u(x, y) = 0$$

Dirichlet boundary conditions

square bilinear elements



# Computational Molecule

parameters  $h, \epsilon, \delta$

$$M_2 : \quad -\frac{1}{12}[(2\delta-1)h+4\epsilon] \quad -\frac{1}{3}[(2\delta-1)h+\epsilon] \quad -\frac{1}{12}[(2\delta-1)h+4\epsilon]$$



$$M_1 : \quad \frac{1}{3}(\delta h - \epsilon) \quad \frac{4}{3}(\delta h + 2\epsilon) \quad \frac{1}{3}(\delta h - \epsilon)$$



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**symmetric stencil**

# Coefficient Matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 & & & 0 \\ M_3 & M_1 & M_2 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & M_3 & M_1 & M_2 \\ 0 & & & M_3 & M_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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eigenvectors and eigenvalues:

$$M_1 v_j = \lambda_j v_j, \quad \lambda_j = m_{1c} + 2m_{1r} \cos \frac{j\pi}{N_f}$$

$$M_2 v_j = \sigma_j v_j, \quad \sigma_j = m_{2c} + 2m_{2r} \cos \frac{j\pi}{N_f}$$

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$$v_j = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N_f}} \left[ \sin \frac{j\pi}{N_f}, \quad \sin \frac{2j\pi}{N_f}, \quad \dots, \quad \sin \frac{(N_f - 1)j\pi}{N_f} \right]^T$$

# Transformation: Coefficient Matrix (1)

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where  $S_T = I - (D_T - L_T)^{-1}T_f$  is block-diagonal





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$$\begin{aligned} M &= (I - PA_c^{-1}P^T A_f)S_A^\nu \\ &= (I - PQ_c T_c^{-1}Q_c^T P^T Q_f T_f Q_f^T)S_A^\nu \\ &= Q_f(I - \bar{P}T_c^{-1}\bar{P}^T T_f)Q_f^T(Q_f S_T Q_f^T)^\nu \\ &= Q_f \left( I - \bar{P}T_c^{-1}\bar{P}^T T_f \right) S_T^\nu Q_f^T \end{aligned}$$

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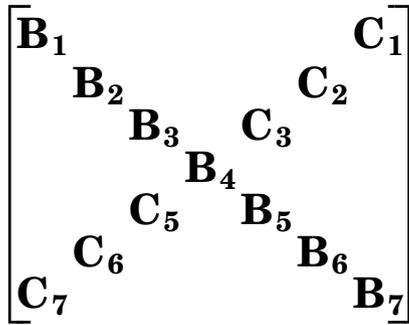
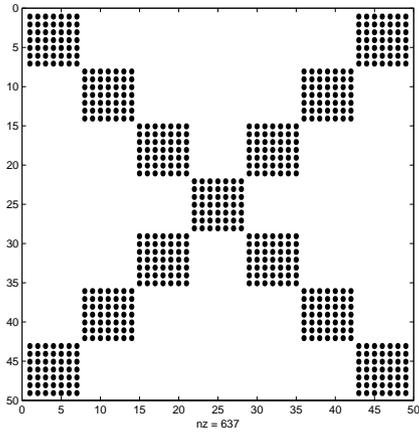
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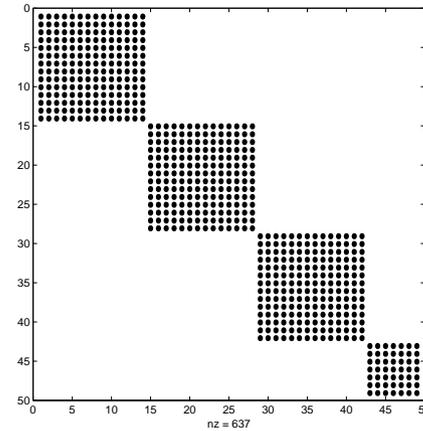
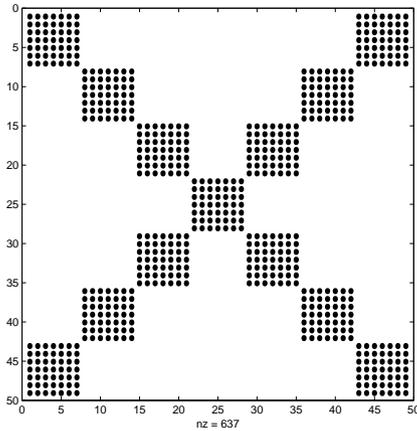
$Q_f$  is orthogonal:

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$$\|\bar{M}\|_2 = \max \left\{ \max_{j=1, \dots, n_c} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_j & \mathbf{C}_j \\ \mathbf{C}_k & \mathbf{B}_k \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2, \|\mathbf{B}_{N_c}\|_2 \right\},$$

$$k = N_f - j$$

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- gain insight into Dirichlet problem behaviour?

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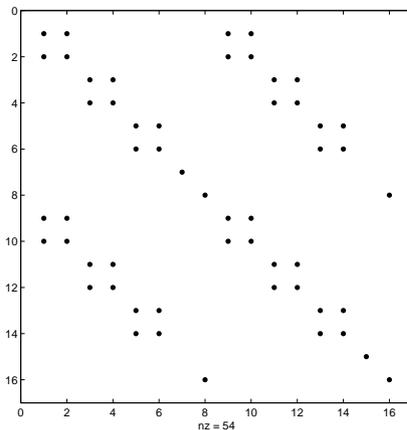
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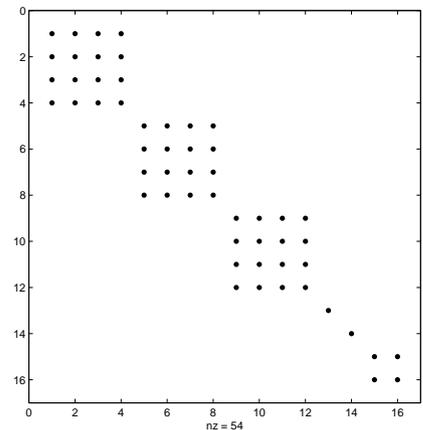
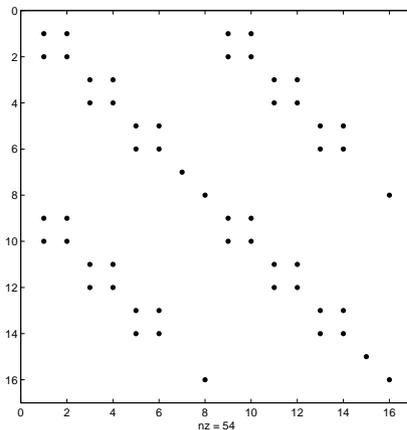


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- 2-norm given by maximum 2-norm of the  $4 \times 4$  blocks

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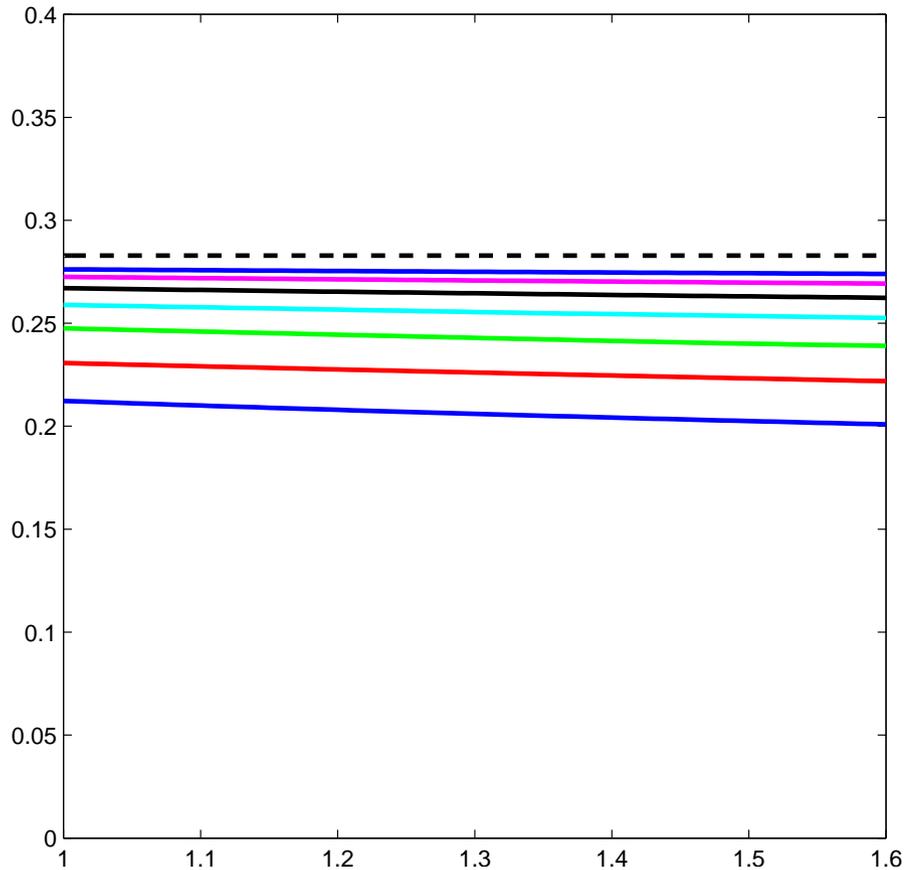
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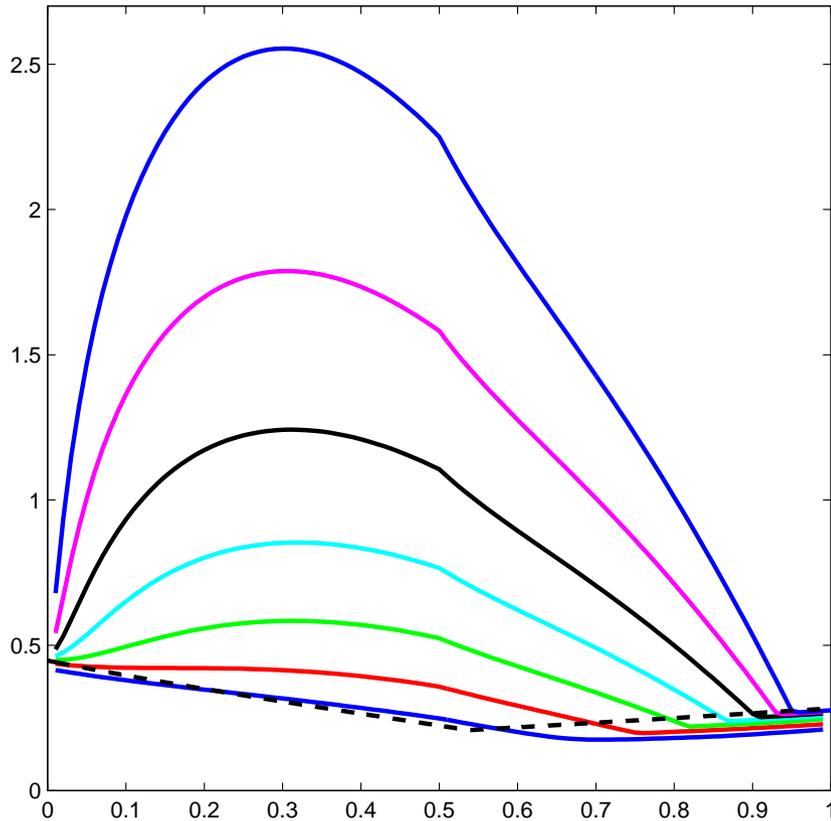
**Question:** Does this **semiperiodic** analysis correctly predict **Dirichlet** problem behaviour?

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- Dirichlet: solid lines
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- $\nu = 1$
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- Dirichlet  $\rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$

# Model Problem Results (2)



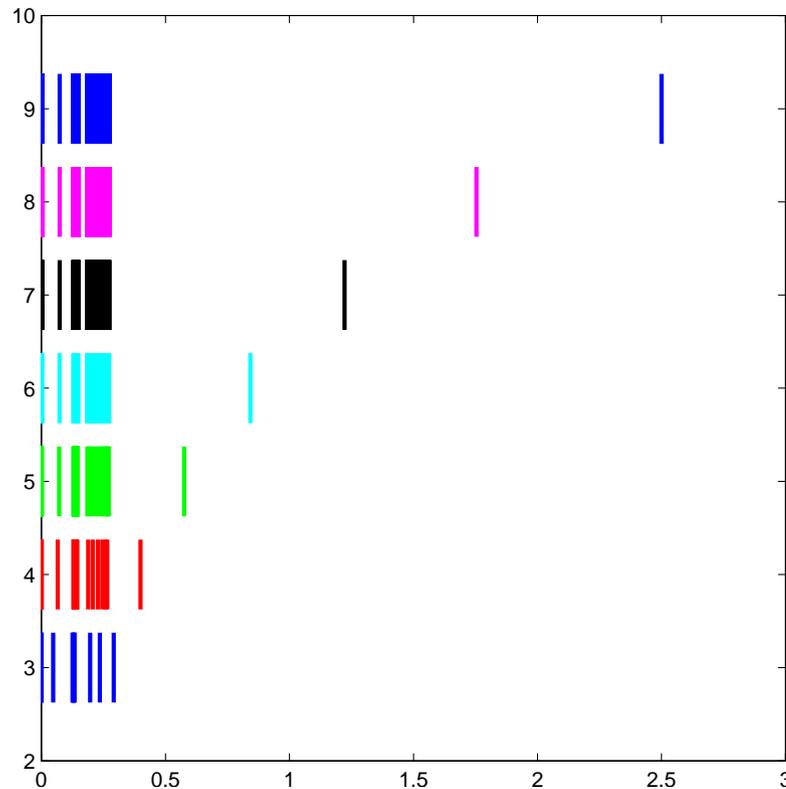
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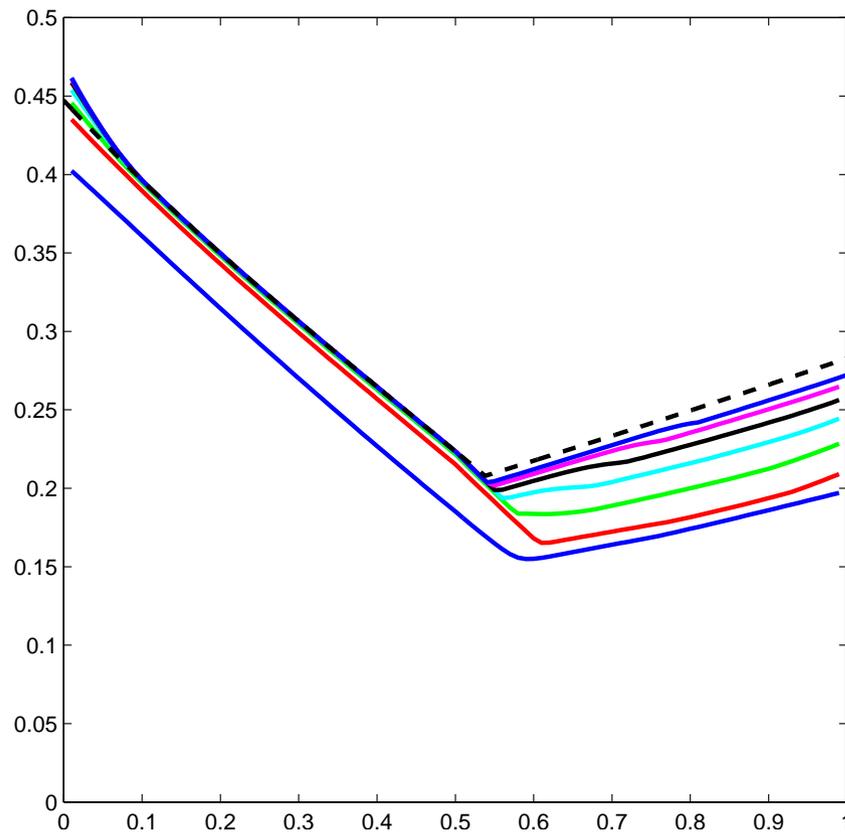
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# MG Iteration Counts

- MG-like convergence for any value of  $P_h$

|                 | $\epsilon$    |               |               |                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| $h$             | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{32}$ | $\frac{1}{64}$ | $\frac{1}{128}$ | $\frac{1}{256}$ | $\frac{1}{512}$ | $\frac{1}{1024}$ | $\frac{1}{2048}$ |
| $\frac{1}{4}$   | 5             | 5             | 5             | 5              | 5              | 4              | 4               | 3               | 2               | 2                | 2                |
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| $\frac{1}{16}$  | 7             | 7             | 7             | 6              | 5              | 5              | 5               | 4               | 4               | 3                | 2                |
| $\frac{1}{32}$  | 7             | 7             | 7             | 7              | 6              | 5              | 5               | 4               | 4               | 3                | 3                |
| $\frac{1}{64}$  | 7             | 7             | 7             | 7              | 6              | 5              | 5               | 4               | 4               | 4                | 3                |
| $\frac{1}{128}$ | 7             | 6             | 6             | 6              | 6              | 6              | 5               | 4               | 4               | 4                | 3                |

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# Conclusions

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- We have obtained bounds on the multigrid convergence factor for a problem with semiperiodic boundary conditions.
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