

# Stochastic Burgers-Type Equations

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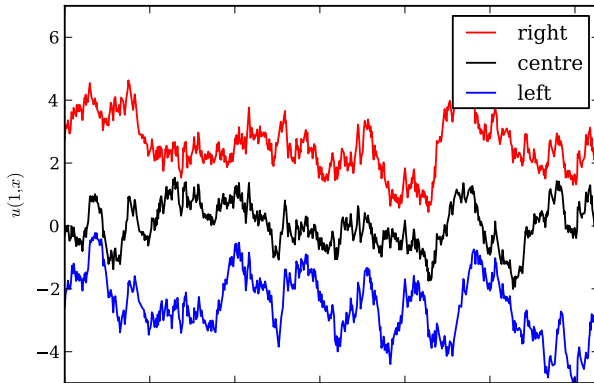
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Numerical solution of stochastic Burgers at time 1 with three discretisations for the nonlinear term  $u \partial_x u$ . The **centred** discretisation converges to the “correct” solution.

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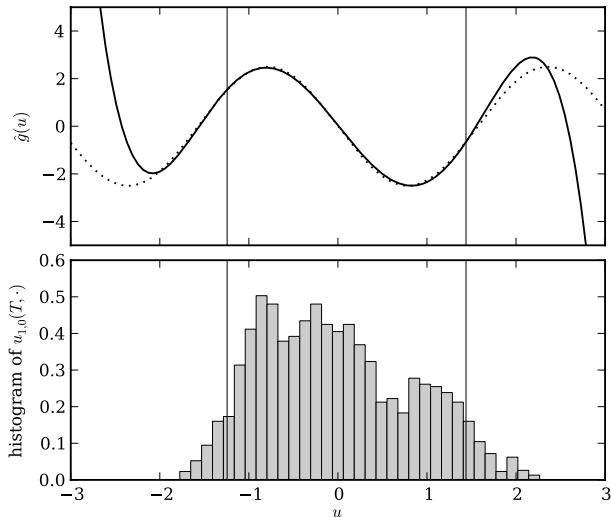
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## Multiplicative noise (With H. Weber)

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Key observation: For  $\theta$  an adapted process, set

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