

# Analytical approximations to discrete soliton profiles in DNLS models

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- The aim of this talk is to show

**how can  $\phi_n$  be approximated for discrete solitons**



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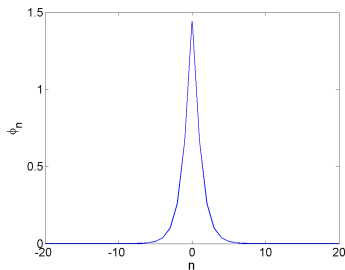


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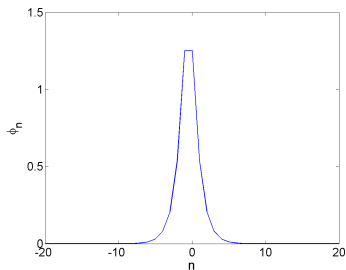
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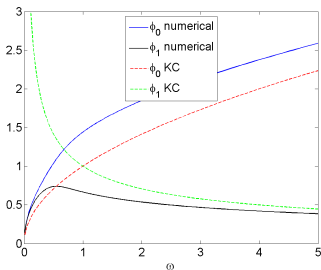


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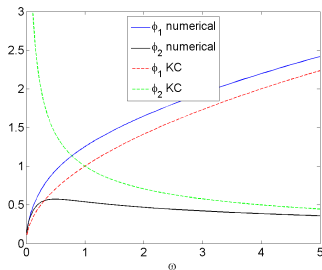
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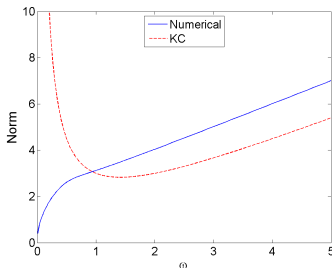


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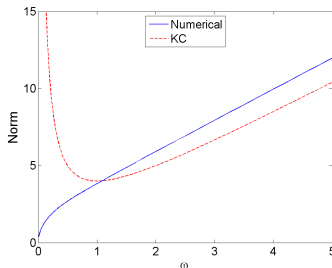
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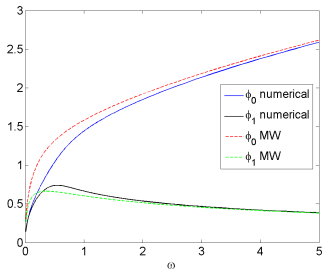
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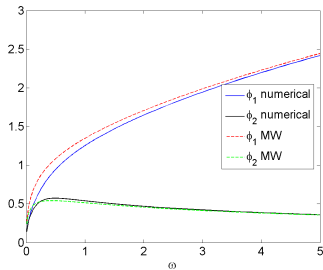
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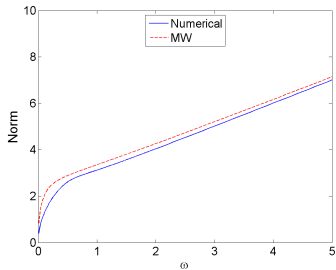
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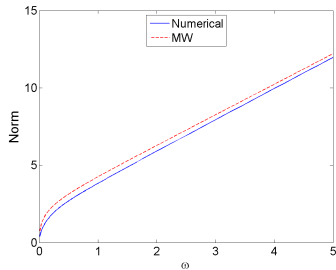
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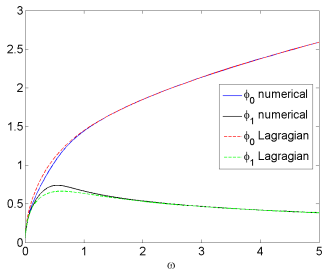
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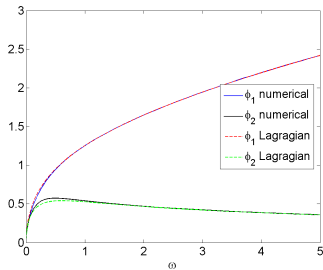
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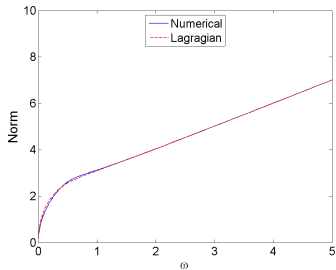
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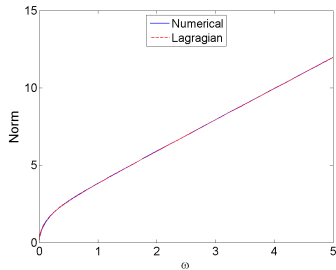
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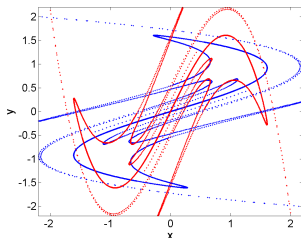
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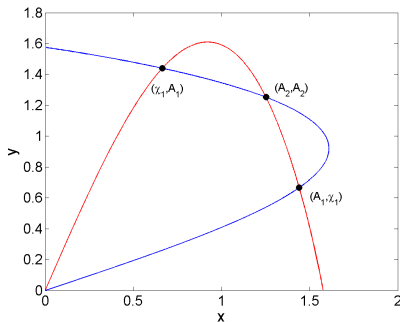
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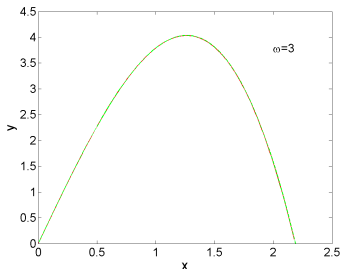
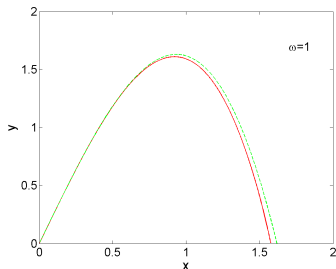
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- Solving this equation, we are able to find  $A_1, \chi_1$  and  $A_2$ .  $\chi_2$  is found by application of the map.



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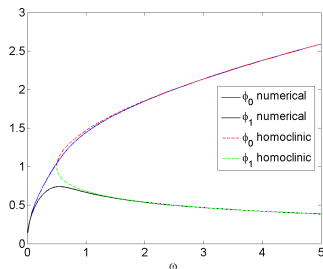
$$A_2 = \sqrt{\lambda - 1}$$

$$\chi_2 = (\lambda + \omega - 2)\sqrt{\lambda - 1}$$

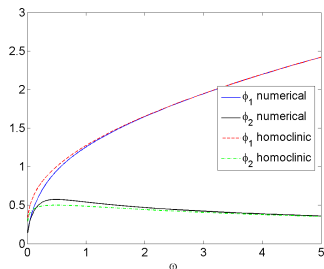
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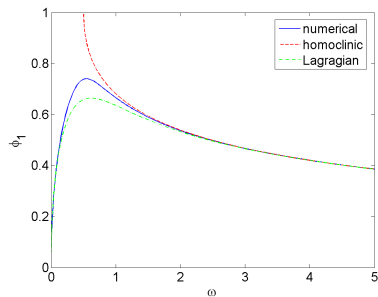
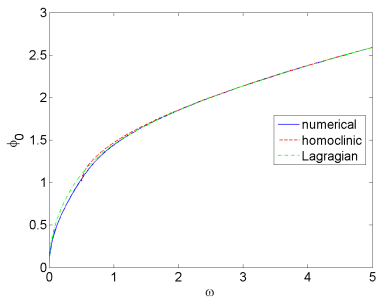
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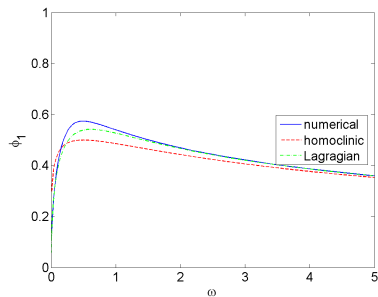
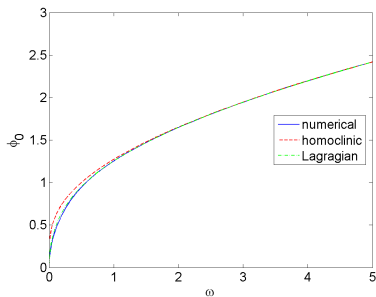
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