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Summary: We consider the modified Cahn-Hilliard equation for phase separation suggested to account for spinodal decomposition in deeply supercooled binary alloy systems or glasses. This equation contains, as additional term, the second-order time derivative of the concentration multiplied by a positive coefficient τ_d (time for relaxation). We consider a numerical approximation scheme based on Fourier spectral method and perform numerical analysis of the scheme. We present results of numerical simulations for three spatial dimensions, and examine the stability and convergence of the scheme.

MSC:

- [65M70](#) Spectral, collocation and related methods for initial value and initial-boundary value problems involving PDEs
- [65M12](#) Stability and convergence of numerical methods for initial value and initial-boundary value problems involving PDEs
- [65M22](#) Numerical solution of discretized equations for initial value and initial-boundary value problems involving PDEs
- [80A22](#) Stefan problems, phase changes, etc.

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