

PDE Model Finite Difference Derivation for a plane

Let the diffusion be fixed by a scalar $d \in \mathbb{R}^+$. The original model is then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad & \frac{\partial \rho G}{\partial t} + \nabla(-\rho d \nabla G) = -\rho \alpha A G \\
 (2) \quad & \frac{\partial \rho A}{\partial t} + \nabla(-\rho d \nabla A) = \rho(\alpha A G - \tau^{-1} A) \\
 (3) \quad & \frac{\partial \rho K}{\partial t} = \rho(\kappa \tau^{-1} A - \sigma^{-1} K) \\
 (4) \quad & \frac{\partial \rho R}{\partial t} + \nabla(-\rho d \nabla A) = \rho((1 - \kappa) \tau^{-1} A + \sigma^{-1} (1 - \theta) K) \\
 (5) \quad & \frac{\partial \rho D}{\partial t} = \sigma^{-1} \rho \theta K
 \end{aligned}$$

Let the mass term be set with $\rho = 1$.

The geometry is assumed to be a plane with dimensions $plane_x, plane_y \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Assume a discretization step size of h . There are then $N_x = \frac{plane_x}{h} + 1$ grid points in the x direction of each row and $N_y = \frac{plane_y}{h} + 1$ rows overall. Representing grid points by

$$G_{i,j}(t) = G(t; x_i, y_j), A_{i,j}(t) = A(t; x_i, y_j), K_{i,j}(t) = K(t; x_i, y_j), R_{i,j}(t) = R(t; x_i, y_j), D_{i,j}(t) = D(t; x_i, y_j)$$

the following finite differences approximation can be made:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dG_{i,j}}{dt} &= d \underbrace{\left(\frac{G_{i-1,j} - 2G_{i,j} + G_{i+1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{G_{i,j-1} - 2G_{i,j} + G_{i,j+1}}{h^2} \right)}_{FS \text{ formulation of } \nabla(\rho d \nabla G)} - \alpha A_{i,j} G_{i,j} \\
 \frac{dA_{i,j}}{dt} &= d \left(\frac{A_{i-1,j} - 2A_{i,j} + A_{i+1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{A_{i,j-1} - 2A_{i,j} + A_{i,j+1}}{h^2} \right) + \alpha A_{i,j} G_{i,j} - \tau^{-1} A_{i,j} \\
 \frac{dK_{i,j}}{dt} &= (\kappa \tau^{-1} A_{i,j} - \sigma^{-1} K_{i,j}) \\
 \frac{dR_{i,j}}{dt} &= -d \left(\frac{A_{i-1,j} - 2A_{i,j} + A_{i+1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{A_{i,j-1} - 2A_{i,j} + A_{i,j+1}}{h^2} \right) + \alpha (1 - \kappa) \tau^{-1} A_{i,j} + \sigma^{-1} (1 - \theta) K_{i,j} \\
 \frac{dD}{dt} &= \sigma^{-1} \theta K_{i,j}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a system of $N = N_x \cdot N_y \cdot 5$ ordinary differential equations.