

Example 2.

Sensitivity of hydraulic head at a point to **spatially uniform recharge** under steady state flow conditions

0. Forward model

Governing equation:

$$K\,b\,\frac{d^2h}{dx^2}+R=0\tag{1}$$

$$\tag{2}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$-K\,b\,\frac{dh(x)}{dx}=0,\qquad x=0=\Gamma_2\tag{3}$$

$$h(x)=h_{\Gamma_1},\qquad x=L=\Gamma_1\tag{4}$$

$$\tag{5}$$

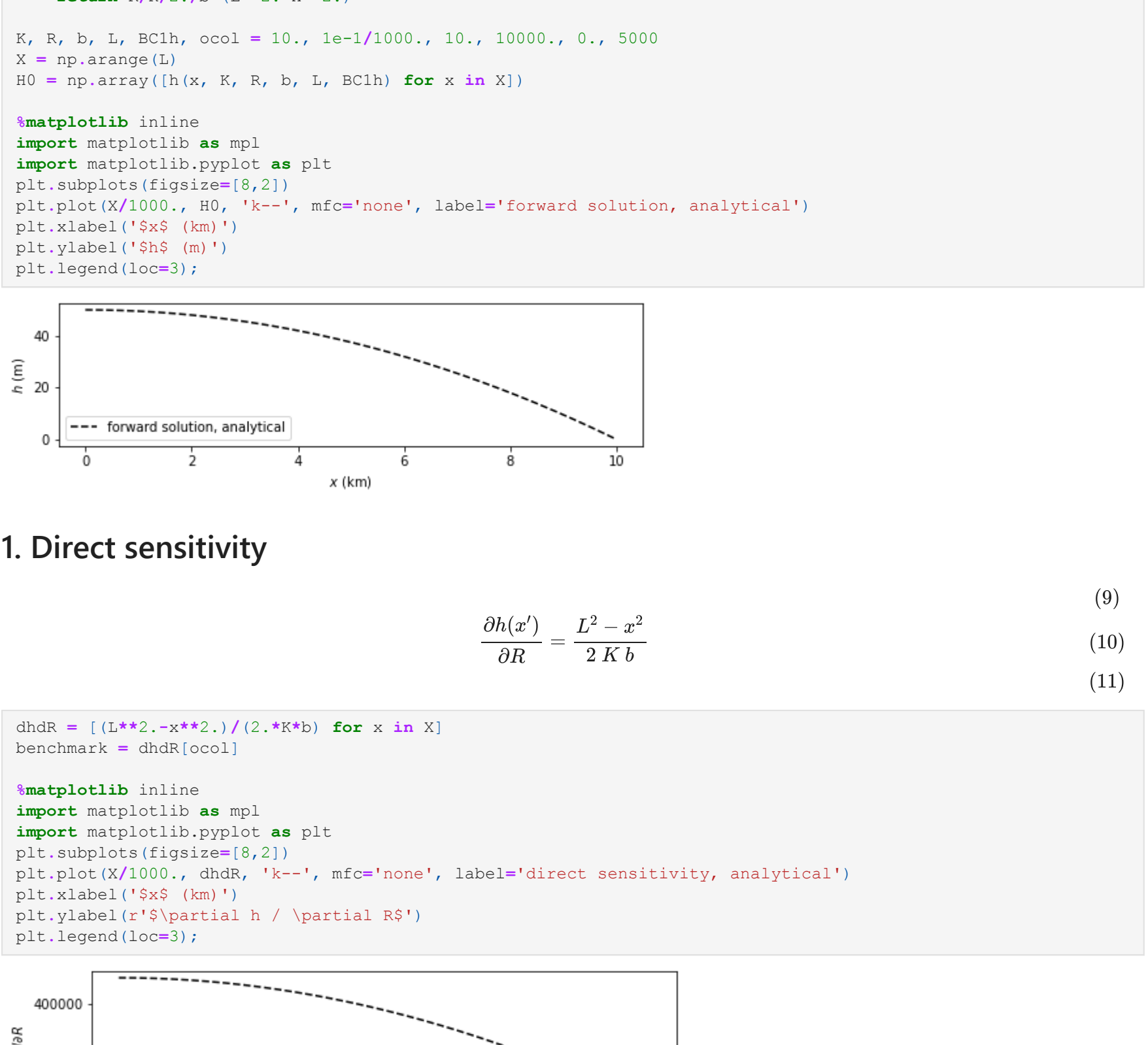
Closed-form solution:

$$h(x)=h_L+\frac{R(L^2-x^2)}{2\,K\,b}\tag{6}$$

$$\tag{7}$$

Spatial derivatives from differentiation:

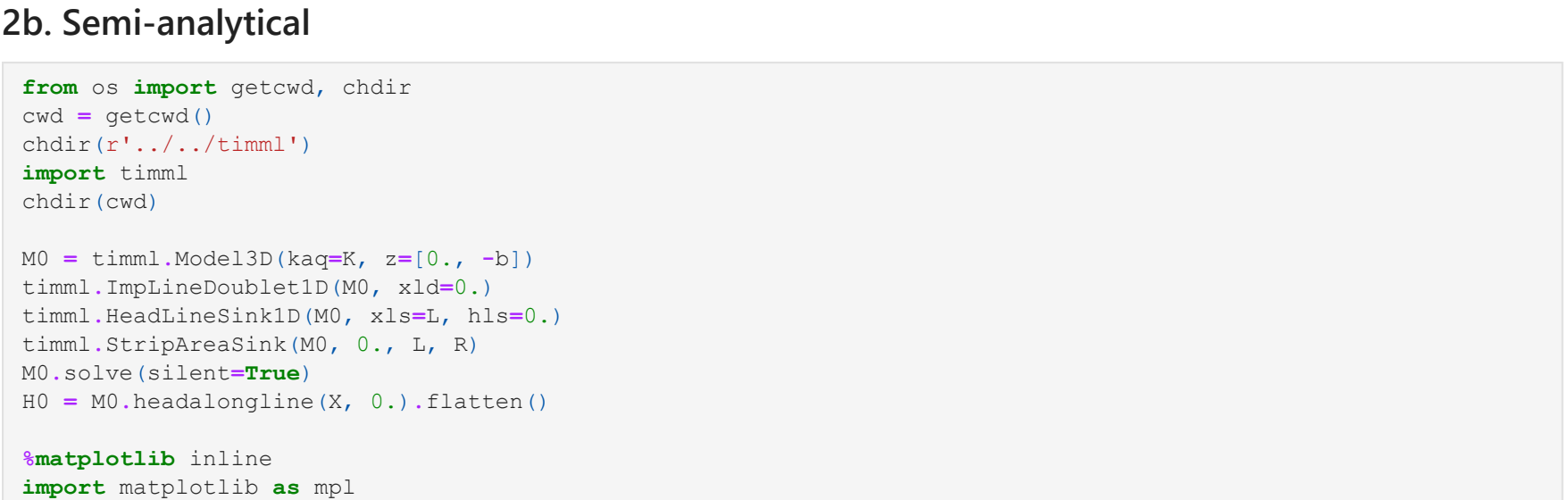
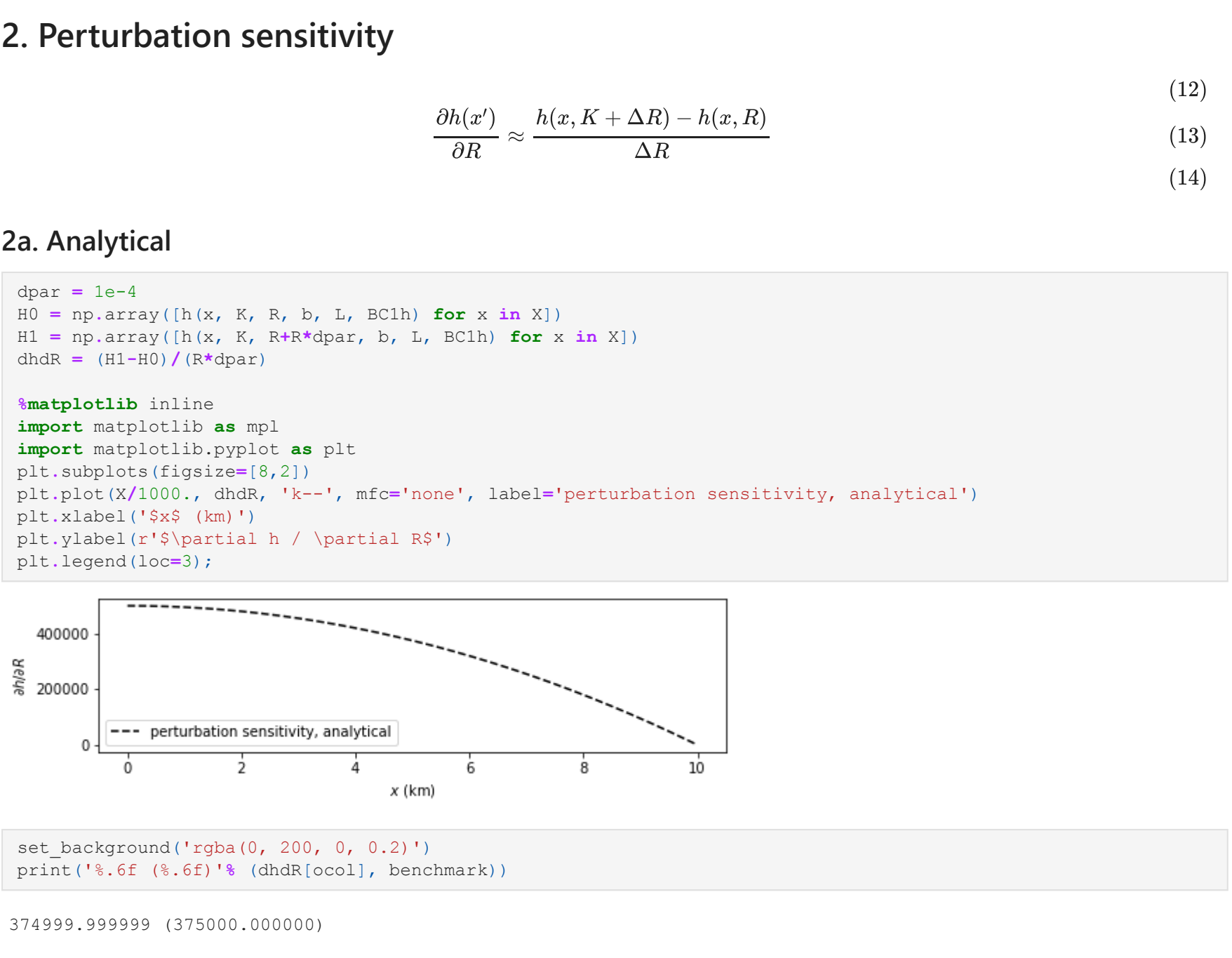
$$\frac{dh}{dx}=\frac{R\,x}{K\,b},\qquad \frac{d^2h}{dx^2}=-\frac{R}{K\,b}\tag{8}$$



1. Direct sensitivity

$$\frac{\partial h(x')}{\partial R}=\frac{L^2-x^2}{2\,K\,b}\tag{9}$$

$$\tag{10}$$



2. Perturbation sensitivity

$$\frac{\partial h(x')}{\partial R}\approx\frac{h(x,K+\Delta R)-h(x,R)}{\Delta R}\tag{12}$$

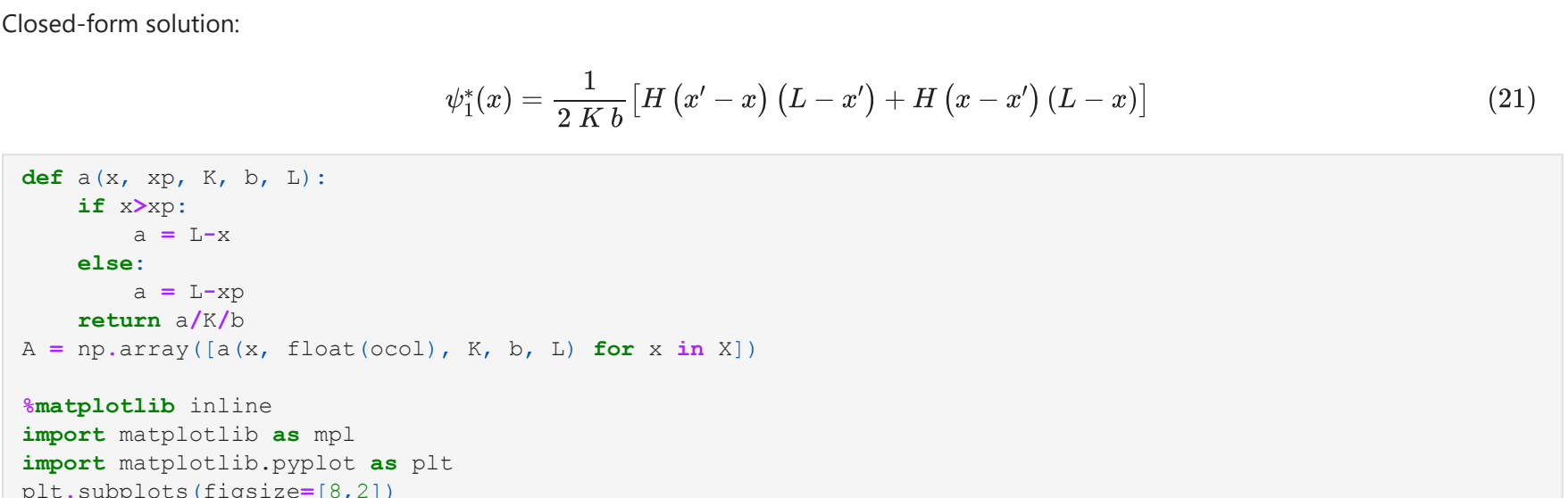
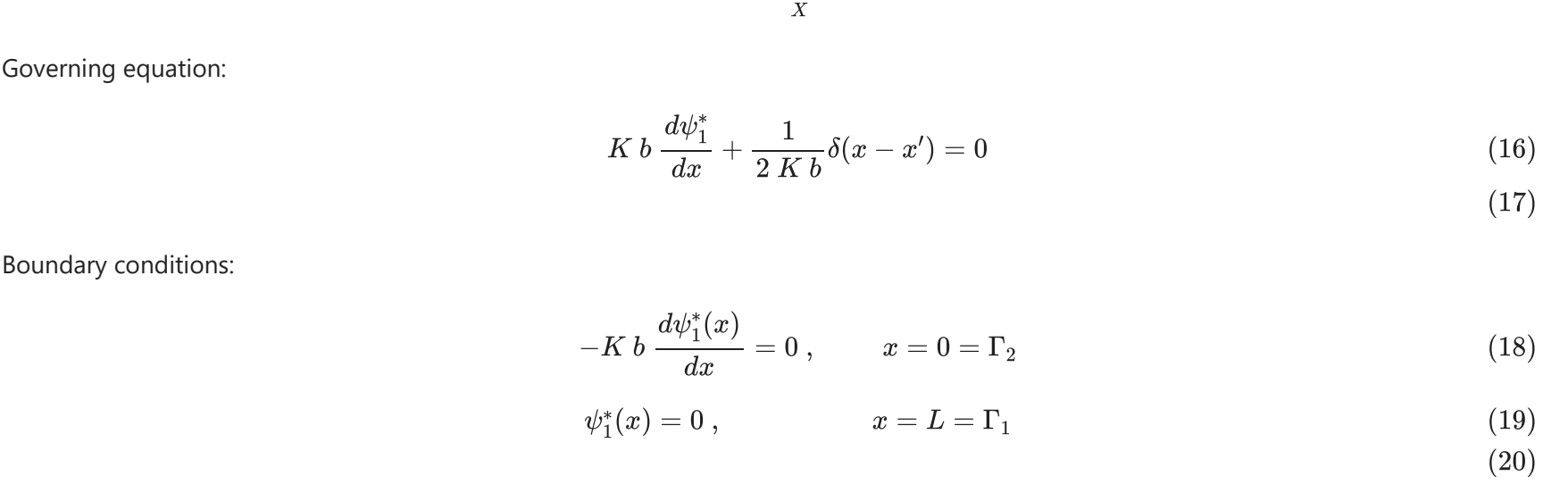
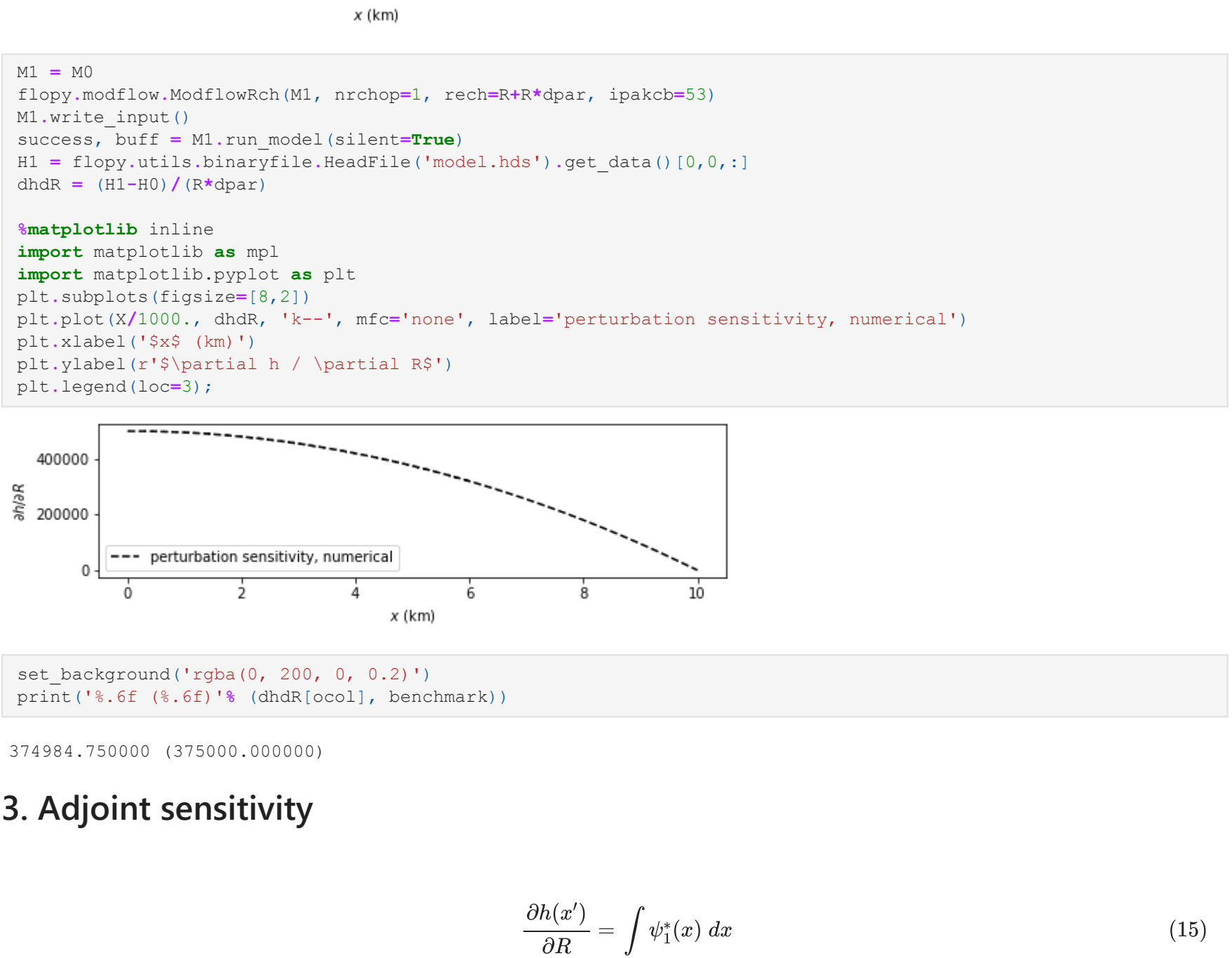
$$\tag{13}$$

$$\tag{14}$$

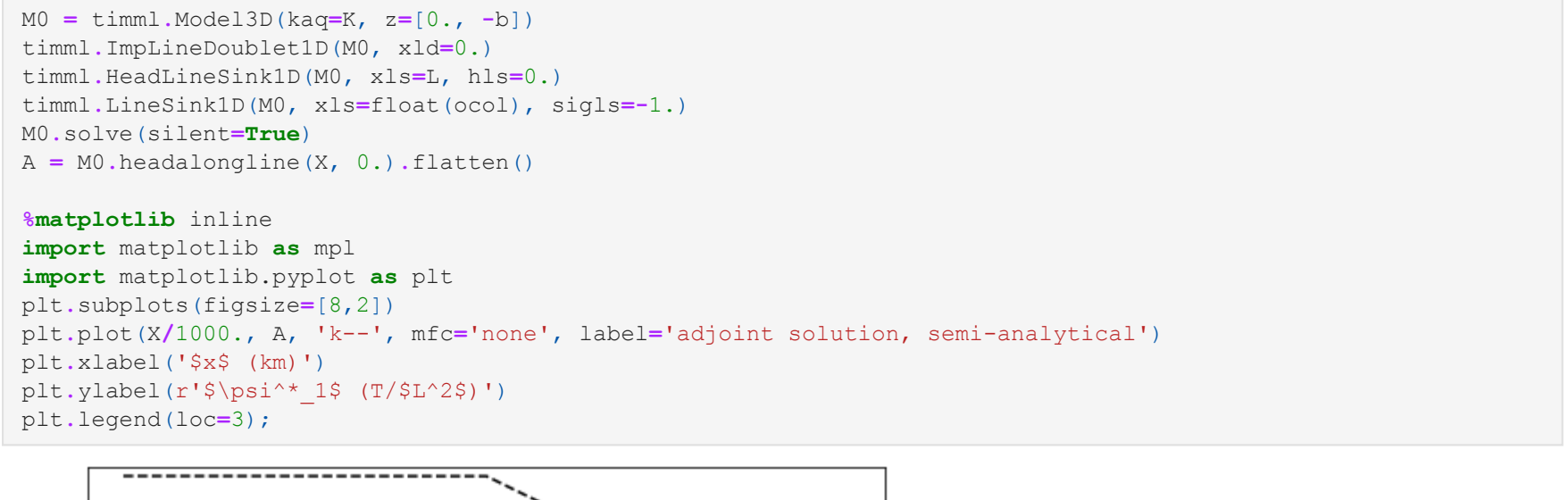
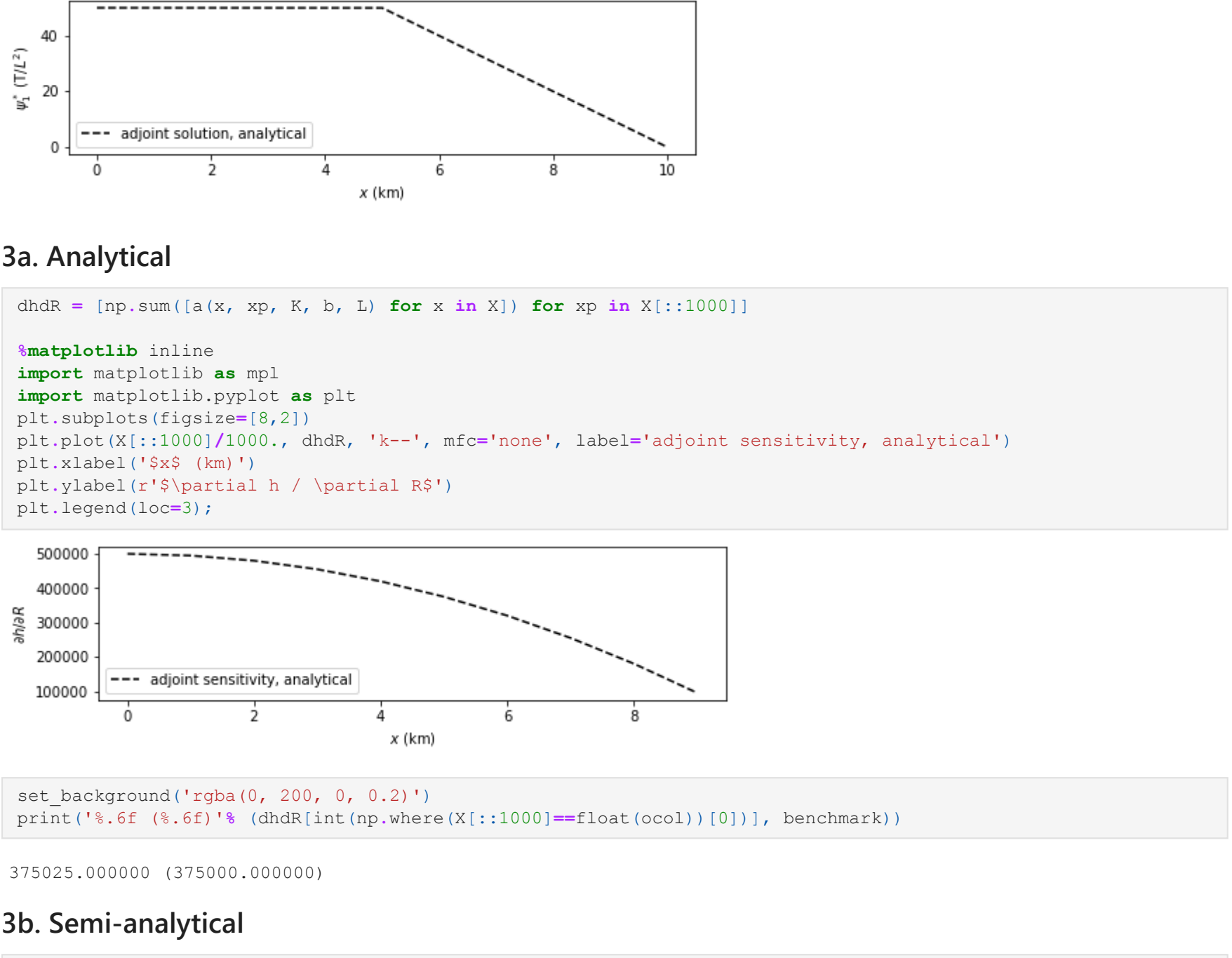
2a. Analytical



2b. Semi-analytical



2c. Numerical



3. Adjoint sensitivity

$$\frac{\partial h(x')}{\partial R}=\int_X\psi_1^*(x)\,dx\tag{15}$$

Governing equation:

$$K\,b\,\frac{d\psi_1^*(x)}{dx}+\frac{1}{2\,K\,b}\,\delta(x-x')=0\tag{16}$$

$$\tag{17}$$

Boundary conditions:

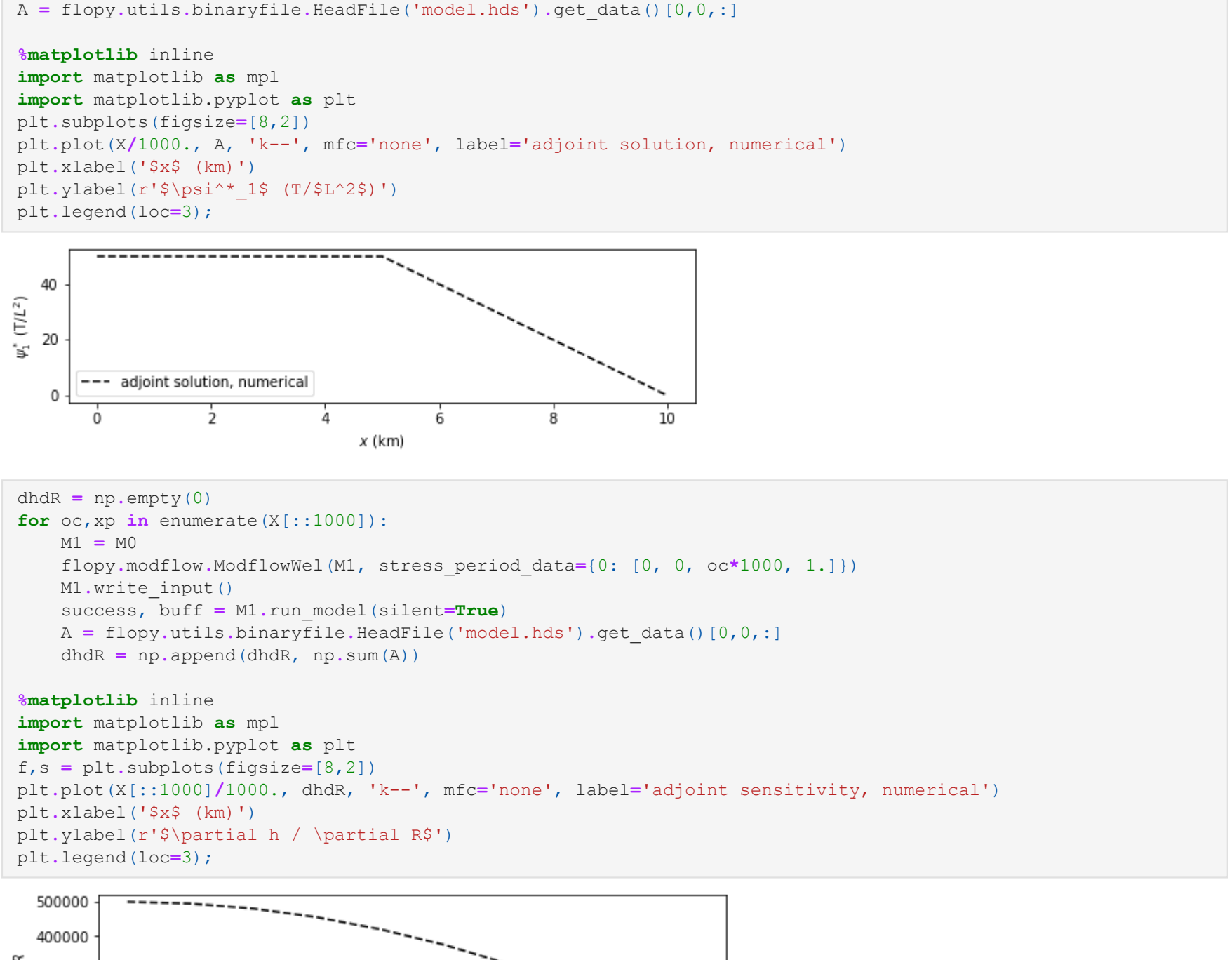
$$-K\,b\,\frac{d\psi_1^*(x)}{dx}=0,\qquad x=0=\Gamma_2\tag{18}$$

$$\psi_1^*(x)=0,\qquad x=L=\Gamma_1\tag{19}$$

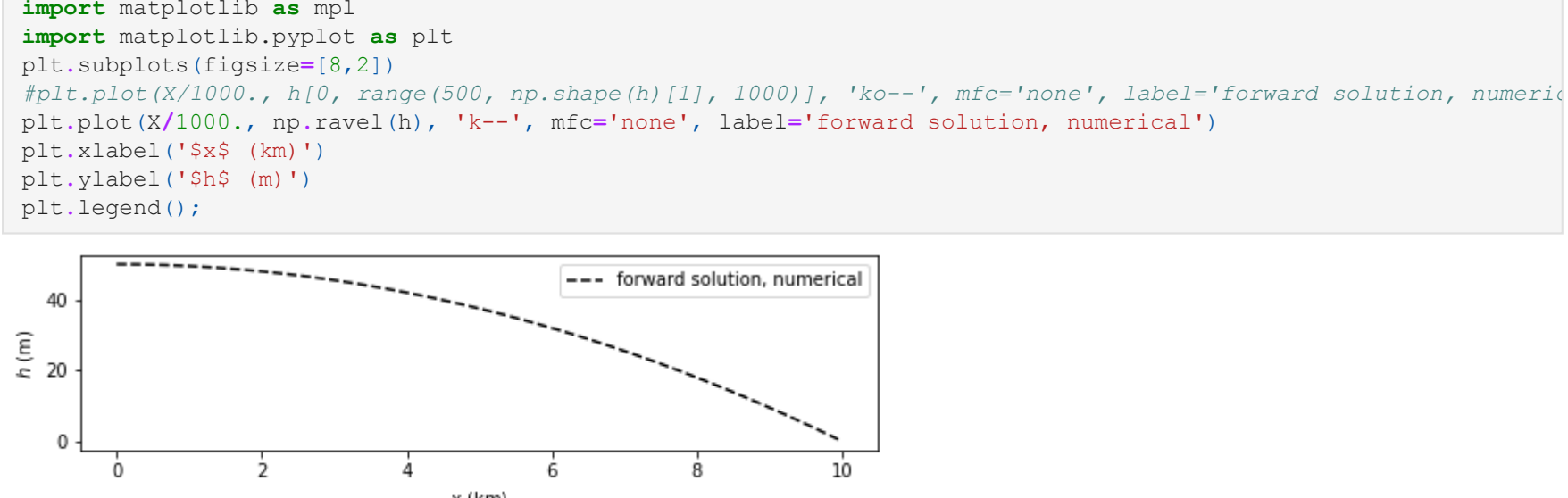
$$\tag{20}$$

Closed-form solution:

$$\psi_1^*(x)=\frac{1}{2\,K\,b}\left[H\left(x-x'\right)\left(L-x'\right)+H\left(x-x'\right)\left(L-x\right)\right]\tag{21}$$



3a. Analytical



3b. Semi-analytical



3c. Numerical

3d. Numerical, discrete

Re-run adjoint model to obtain the adjoint state vector, ψ_1^* :

Re-run forward model to obtain vectors of output heads, h , cell-by-cell conductances, CR , and RHS terms, RHS :

Assemble dRHS/dR vector analytically:

