

Bio-materials and chemotaxis

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Bio-materials

Biomaterial is a substance that interacts with biological systems.

Alone or as part of a complex system, is used to direct by controlling of interactions with components of the living system, the course of a phenomenon or (therapeutic or diagnostic) procedure.

Biomaterials in connection with chemotaxis

Chemotaxis is a biological phenomenon describing the change of motion when a population of individuals (b) reacts in response to an external stimulus spread in the environment by another population or substance (chemoattractant c). As a consequence, the population b directs its movement towards (positive chemotaxis) a higher concentration of the chemical substance.

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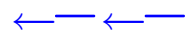
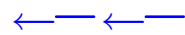
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Chemotaxis: Examples

Chemoattractant *c*:

chemotactic agent possessing
chemotaxis-inducer
effect in motile cells

bioremediation of polluted media
a pollutant (oil)



Attracted population *b*:

individuals searching for food

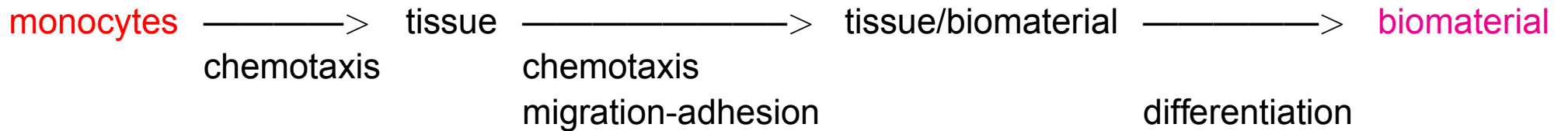
leukocytes moving toward invading microorganisms

endothelial cells attracted by solid tumours chemical signals

bacteria

Chemotaxis: Examples

Biomaterial ←← allow cell colonization of biomaterials, prevent bacterial adhesion and in regenerative medicine and tissue engineering



Chemotaxis: mathematical model

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (D(t, x, b, c) \nabla b) + \nabla \cdot (K(t, x, b, c) b \nabla c) = f_1(t, x, b, c) - f_2(t, x, b, c),$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\delta(t, x, b, c) \nabla c) = \varphi_1(t, x, b, c) - \varphi_2(t, x, b, c)$$

initial and boundary conditions

$D(t, x, b, c)$ diffusion coefficient of the attracted population b

$\delta(t, x, b, c)$ diffusion coefficient of the chemoattractant c

$K(t, x, b, c)$ chemotactic sensitivity

$f_1(t, x, b, c)$, $f_2(t, x, b, c)$ rates of growth and death of b

$\varphi_1(t, x, b, c)$, $\varphi_2(t, x, b, c)$ rates of production and degradation of c

$$f(t, x, b, c) = f_1(t, x, b, c) - f_2(t, x, b, c), \quad \varphi(t, x, b, c) = \varphi_1(t, x, b, c) - \varphi_2(t, x, b, c) = \text{kinetic term}$$

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$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} - D\Delta b + \nabla \cdot (K(x, b, c) b \nabla c) = \omega_p b + \mu(x, c, b)b, \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - \delta\Delta c = \omega_c c + \gamma(x, c, b)$$

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$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\frac{\beta_1 c}{1 + \beta_2 c} b,$$

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$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} - \Delta b + \nabla \cdot (Kb \nabla c) = 0, \quad -\Delta c = b.$$

1 A chemotaxis model in a stratified medium

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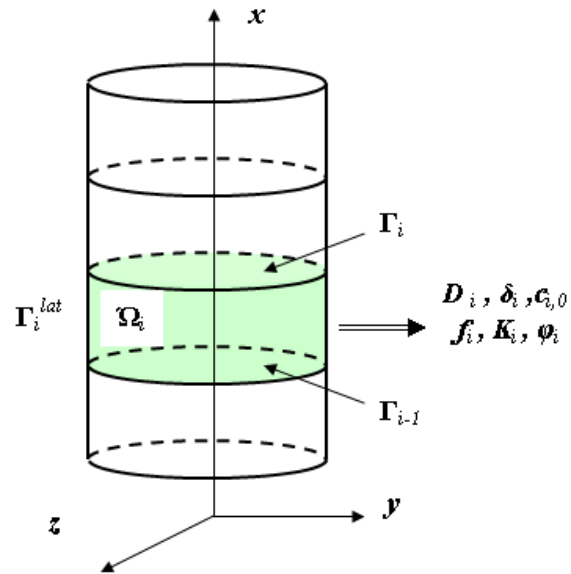
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - \varepsilon \nabla \cdot (\delta(x) \nabla c) = \varepsilon \varphi(b, c)$$

initial and boundary conditions

in a stratified medium

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A chemotaxis model in a stratified medium



$$\Omega = \{\xi = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3; x \in (x_0, x_n), \xi' = (y, z) \in \Omega_2\}$$

Parameters do not depend on the layer depth

$$D_i, \delta_i, c_{i,0} = \text{constant}$$

A chemotaxis model in a stratified medium

$$\frac{\partial b_i}{\partial t} - \bar{D}D_i\Delta b_i + \bar{K}\nabla \cdot [b_i K_i(b_i, c_i) \nabla c_i] = \bar{f}f_i(b_i, c_i) \quad \text{in } Q_i = (0, T) \times \Omega_i,$$

$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial t} - \varepsilon\bar{\delta}\delta_i\Delta c_i = \varepsilon\bar{\varphi}\varphi_i(b_i, c_i) \quad \text{in } Q_i,$$

$$c_i(0, \xi) = c_{i,0}(\xi) \quad \text{in } \Omega_i,$$

$$b_i(0, \xi) = b_{i,0}(\xi) \quad \text{in } \Omega_i,$$

interface boundary conditions

$$-\bar{D}D_i\frac{\partial b_i}{\partial x} + \bar{K}b_i K_i(b_i, c_i)\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial x} = -\bar{D}D_{i+1}\frac{\partial b_{i+1}}{\partial x} + \bar{K}b_{i+1}K_{i+1}(b_{i+1}, c_{i+1})\frac{\partial c_{i+1}}{\partial x} \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i = (0, T) \times \Gamma_i,$$

$$b_i = b_{i+1} \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i,$$

$\bar{D}, \bar{K}, \bar{f}, \bar{\delta}, \bar{\varphi}$ are dimensionless parameters

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boundary conditions on the exterior boundaries

$$-\bar{D}D_1\frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x} + \bar{K}b_1K_1(b_1, c_1)\frac{\partial c_1}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma_0 = (0, T) \times \Gamma_0,$$

$$-\bar{D}D_n\frac{\partial b_n}{\partial x} + \bar{K}b_nK_n(b_n, c_n)\frac{\partial c_n}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma_n = (0, T) \times \Gamma_n,$$

$$\nabla b_i \cdot \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i^{lat} = (0, T) \times \Gamma_i^{lat}.$$

A chemotaxis model in a stratified medium: hypotheses

$$c_{i,0} = \text{constant}, \quad c_{i,0} \geq 0, \quad b_{i,0} \geq 0,$$

$f_i \in C^1$, $K_i \in C^1$, $\varphi_i \in C^2$, bounded with bounded derivatives

$$f_i(r_1, r_2)r_1 \leq 0, \quad \forall r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$f_i(0, r_2) = 0, \quad \forall r_2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial r_1}(r_1, r_2) \right| \leq C_1^i(1 + |r_1|^p), \quad \forall r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$0 \leq p < 2 \quad \text{if } N = 3,$$

$$0 \leq p < \infty \quad \text{if } N = 1, 2.$$

A chemotaxis model in a stratified medium: Perturbation technique

$$b_i(t, \xi) = b_i^0(t, \xi) + \varepsilon b_i^1(t, \xi) + \dots,$$

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$$K_i(b_i, c_i) = K_i(b_i^0, c_i^0) + \varepsilon (K_i)_{b_i}(b_i^0, c_i^0) b_i^1 + \varepsilon (K_i)_{c_i}(b_i^0, c_i^0) c_i^1 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_i(b_i, c_i) = \varphi_i(b_i^0, c_i^0) + \varepsilon (\varphi_i)_{b_i}(b_i^0, c_i^0) b_i^1 + \varepsilon (\varphi_i)_{c_i}(b_i^0, c_i^0) c_i^1 + \dots$$

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2 **0-order approximation**

$$\frac{\partial c_i^0}{\partial t} = 0$$
$$c_i^0(0, \xi) = c_{i,0}.$$

$$c_i^0(t, \xi) = c_{i,0} = \text{constant.}$$

0-order approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial b_i}{\partial t} - \bar{D} D_i \Delta b_i - \bar{f} f_i(b_i, c_{i,0}) &= 0 \quad \text{in } Q_i, \\
 b_i(0, \xi) &= b_{i,0}(\xi) \quad \text{in } \Omega_i, \\
 b_i &= b_{i+1} \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i, \\
 D_i \frac{\partial b_i}{\partial x} &= D_{i+1} \frac{\partial b_{i+1}}{\partial x} \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i, \\
 \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma_0, \\
 \frac{\partial b_n}{\partial x} &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma_n, \\
 \nabla b_i \cdot \nu &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i^{lat}.
 \end{aligned}$$

0-order approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial b_i}{\partial t} - \bar{D}D_i\Delta b_i + \mu_i(b_i) &= 0 \quad \text{in } Q_i, \\
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Functional framework

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} \Phi_1, & x \in (x_0, x_1) \\ \dots & \\ \Phi_n, & x \in (x_{n-1}, x_n) \end{cases}$$

b_0, c_0, D, \dots

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} D_1, & x \in (x_0, x_1) \\ \dots & \\ D_n, & x \in (x_{n-1}, x_n) \end{cases}$$

0-order approximation: Functional framework

$$V = H^1(\Omega), \quad V' = (H^1(\Omega))'$$

Introduce $A_0 : V \rightarrow V'$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A_0 b, \psi \rangle_{V', V} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Omega_i} [\bar{D} D_i \nabla b_i \cdot \nabla \psi + \mu_i(b_i) \psi] d\xi \\ &= \int_{\Omega} [D(x) \nabla b \cdot \nabla \psi + \mu(b, x) \psi] d\xi, \quad \forall \psi \in V \end{aligned}$$

Introduce $A : D(A) \subset L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$

$$Ab = A_0 b, \quad \forall b \in D(A)$$

where $D(A) = \{b \in V, Ab \in L^2(\Omega)\}$.

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Theorem. *Let*

$$b_0 \in H^1(\Omega), \quad Ab_0 \in L^2(\Omega), \quad b_0 \geq 0 \text{ a.e. in } \Omega.$$

Then the Cauchy problem has a unique solution

$$b \in W^{1,\infty}([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$$

which is positive and satisfies the estimate

$$\|b(t)\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C_V, \text{ for any } t \in [0, T],$$

where C_V depends on the problem data.

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II. Operator truncation: A (corresponding to μ) is replaced by A_N corresponding to

$$\mu_N(b, x) = \begin{cases} \mu(b, x), & \|b\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq N \\ \mu\left(\frac{Nb}{\|b\|_V}, x\right), & \|b\|_{H^1(\Omega)} > N \end{cases}$$

which is Lipschitz from $H^1(\Omega)$ to $L^2(\Omega)$.

0-order of approximation**III. Prove existence for the problem**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{db_N}{dt}(t) + A_N b_N(t) &= 0 \text{ a.e. } t \in (0, T), \\ b_N(0) &= b_0.\end{aligned}$$

$$b_N \in W^{1,\infty}([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega)),$$

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Proposition. *Under the assumptions of Theorem it follows that*

$$b_i \in L^2(0, T; H^2(\Omega_i)), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

3**1-order approximation****1-order approximation**

$$\frac{\partial c_i^1}{\partial t} = \varphi_i(b_i^0(\tau, \xi), c_{i,0}),$$

$$c_i^1(0, x) = 0.$$

 \implies

$$c_i^1(t, \xi) = \int_0^t \varphi_i(b_i^0(\tau, \xi), c_{i,0}) d\tau.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial b_i}{\partial t} - \bar{D}D_i \Delta b_i + a_i(t, \xi) b_i &= F_i(t, \xi) \quad \text{in } Q_i, \\
b_i(0, \xi) &= 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega_i, \\
b_i(t, x_i, \xi') &= b_{i+1}(t, x_i, \xi') \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i, \\
\left(-\bar{D}D_i \frac{\partial b_i}{\partial x} + \bar{D}D_{i+1} \frac{\partial b_{i+1}}{\partial x} \right) \Big|_{x=x_i} &= G_i(t, x_i, \xi') \quad \text{on } \Sigma_i, \\
-\bar{D}D_1 \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x_0} &= G_0(t, x_0, \xi') \quad \text{on } \Sigma_0, \\
\bar{D}D_n \frac{\partial b_n}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x_n} &= G_n(t, x_n, \xi') \quad \text{on } \Sigma_n, \\
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1-order approximation

The Cauchy problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{db}{dt}(t) + B(t)b(t) &= L(t) \quad \mathbf{a.e.} \quad t \in (0, T), \\ b(0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

where $B(t) : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow (H^1(\Omega))'$

$$\langle B(t)b, \psi \rangle_{(H^1(\Omega))', H^1(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} D(x) \nabla b \cdot \nabla \psi d\xi + \int_{\Omega} a(t, \xi) b \psi d\xi.$$

$$a_i(t, \xi) = -\bar{f}(f_i)_{b_i}(b_i^0(t, \xi), c_{i,0}),$$

and $L(t) : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow (H^1(\Omega))'$

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle L(t), \psi \rangle_{(H^1(\Omega))', H^1(\Omega)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Omega_i} (\bar{f}(f_i)_{c_i}(b_i^0(t, \xi), c_{i,0}) \psi + \bar{K} b_i^0(t, \xi) K_i(b_i^0(t, \xi), c_{i,0}) \nabla c_i^1 \cdot \nabla \psi) d\xi \\ &\quad + \bar{K} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\Gamma_i} \left(-b_i^0(t, \xi) K_i(b_i^0, c_{i,0}) \frac{\partial c_i^1}{\partial x} + b_{i+1}^0(t, \xi) K_{i+1}(b_{i+1}^0, c_{i+1,0}) \frac{\partial c_{i+1}^1}{\partial x} \right) \psi \Big|_{x=x_i} d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

1-order approximation

Theorem. *The Cauchy problem for the ε^1 -order approximation has a unique solution*

$$b^1 \in W^{1,2}([0, T]; (H^1(\Omega))') \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)).$$

Corollary. *Problem in the stratified domain admits a unique asymptotic solution up to the order of approximation ε ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{b} &\in C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap W^{1,2}[0, T]; (H^1(\Omega))' \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)), \\ \tilde{c} &\in L^\infty(Q), \end{aligned}$$

given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{b}(t, \xi) &= b^0(t, \xi) + \varepsilon b^1(t, \xi), \\ \tilde{c}(t, \xi) &= c^0(t, \xi) + \varepsilon c^1(t, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the restrictions of the solution to each layer have the properties

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{b}_i &\in W^{1,2}([0, T]; (H^1(\Omega_i))') \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega_i)) \cap C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega_i)), \\ \tilde{c}_i &\in W^{1,\infty}(Q_i) \cap W^{1,\infty}([0, T]; H^1(\Omega_i)) \\ &\quad \cap C^1([0, T]; L^2(\Omega_i)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H^2(\Omega_i)). \end{aligned}$$

4 Numerical simulations

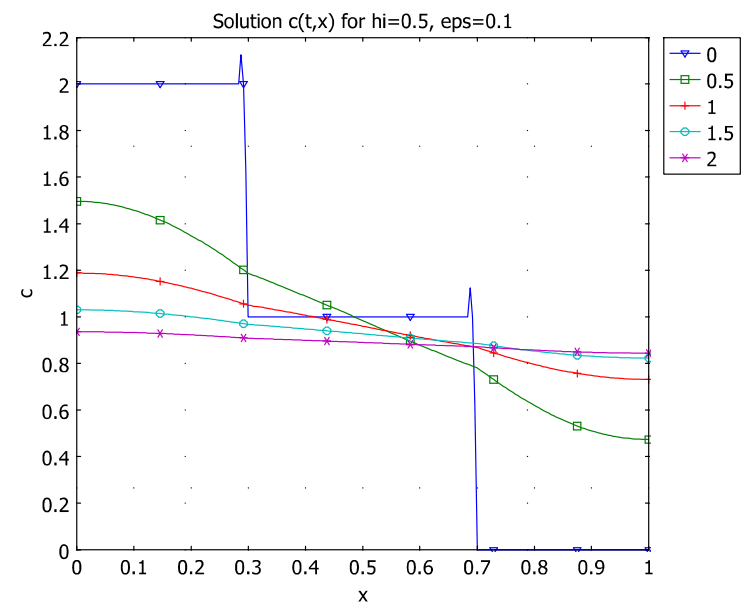
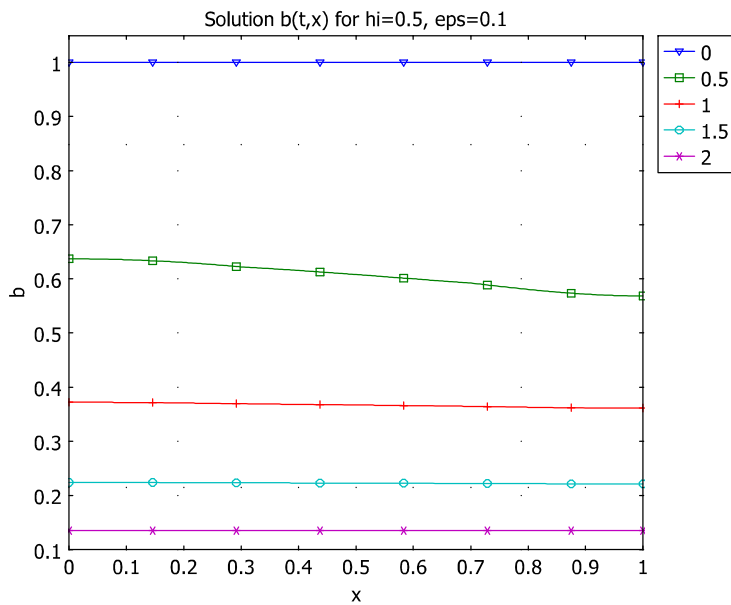
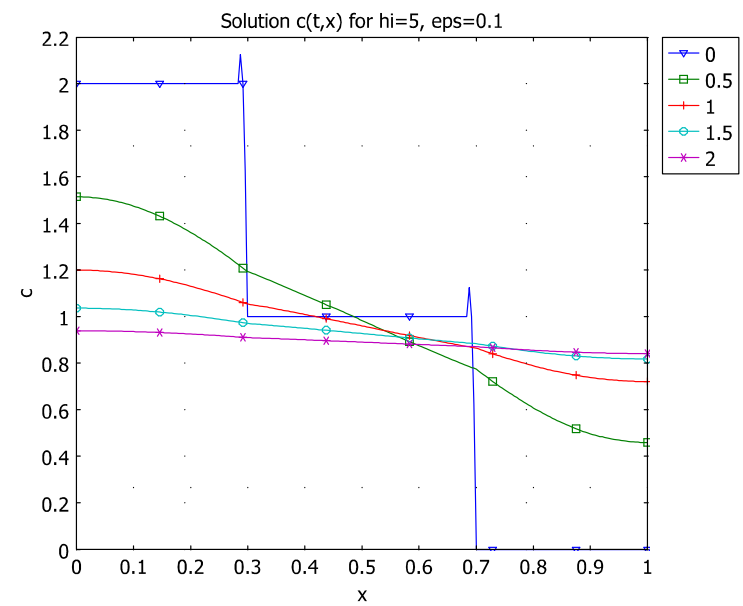
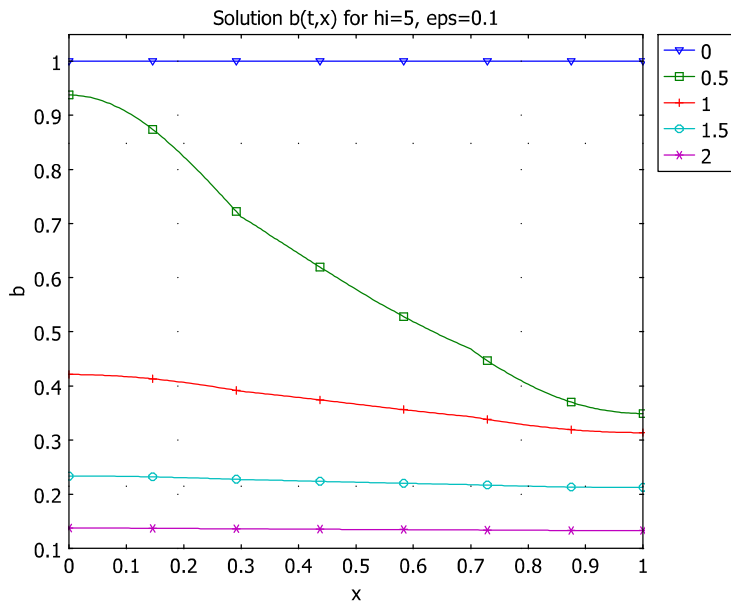
$$c_0 = \begin{cases} 2, & x \in [0, 0.3) \\ 1, & x \in [0.3, 0.7) \\ 0, & x \in [0.7, 1]. \end{cases}, \quad \delta = \varepsilon \begin{cases} 1, & x \in [0, 0.3) \\ 2, & x \in [0.3, 0.7) \\ 1, & x \in [0.7, 1]. \end{cases}, \quad D = 1$$

$$K(b, c) = \chi \frac{b}{(1+c)^2}$$

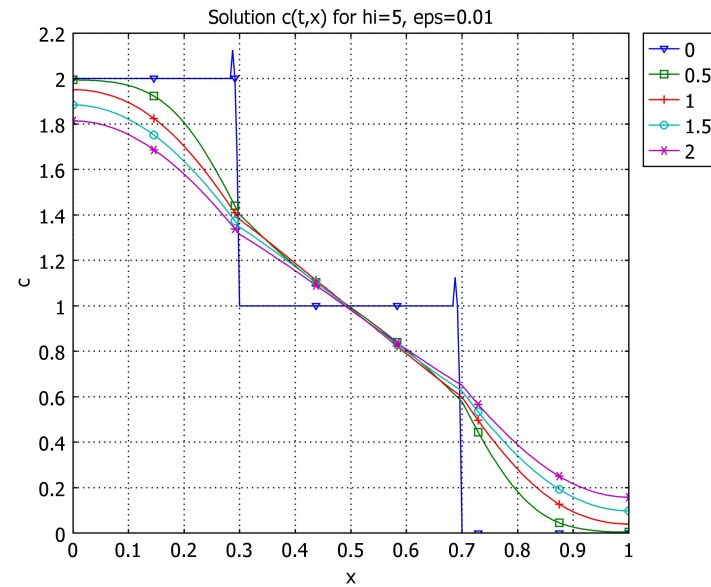
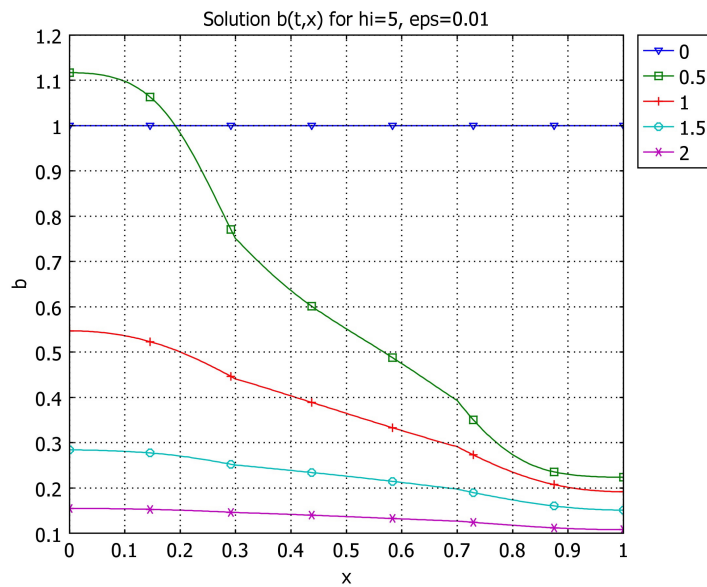
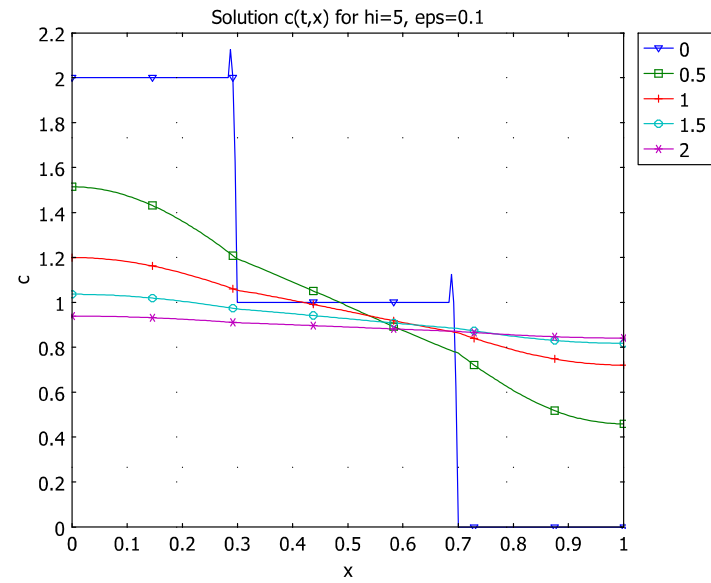
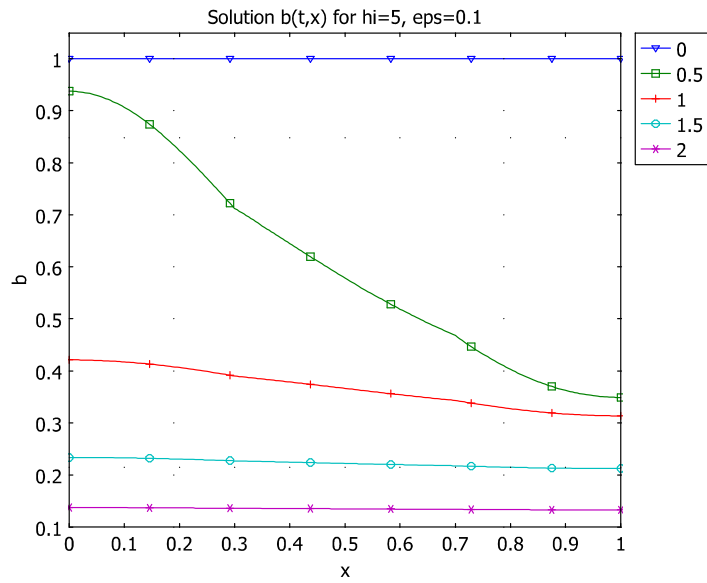
$$\varphi(b, c) = \varepsilon(b - c)$$

Comsol Multiphysics

A higher chemotactic sensitivity $\chi = 5$ versus a lower chemotactic sensitivity $\chi = 0.5$



A higher rate of degradation and diffusion coefficient $\varepsilon = 0.1$ versus a lower rate of degradation and diffusion $\varepsilon = 0.01$



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