Further Mathematical Biology

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Chemical Reactions and Law of Mass Action



The Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction

Ion Channels and Excitable Systems (Hodgkin Huxley Equations)



Morphogen Gradients: The French Flag Model



Fisher's Equation

Situation of the enzootic front of fox rabies in France, 1969-1990



• The spatial spread of fox rabies in France

Pattern Formation





• Diffusion-driven instability and Turing systems

Pattern Formation and Domain Growth



Domain growth: multicellular spheroids

FIG. 2 b. Mean diameter and standard deviation of 70 isolated spheroids of V-79 cells, treated similarly to the L-5178Y cells. Very old spheroids occasionally shattered and were discarded. Therefore, mean diameter after 200 days represented approximately 30 colonies.

From Discrete to Continuum

Age-structured models

Course Outline

- Enzyme Kinetics Michaelis-Menten Kinetics Law of Mass Action [3 lectures]
- Ion channels and excitable systems [2 lectures]
- Spatial models morphogen gradients, positional information [2 lectures]
- Travelling waves and Fisher's equation [2 lectures]
- Pattern formation [3 lectures]
- Domain growth [2 lectures]
- Discrete to continuum modelling (and age-structured models) [2 lectures]

Lectures

- Monday 9am in L2 (weeks 1-4 and 6-7)
- Tuesday 1pm in L1 (weeks 2 and 3)
- Tuesday 3pm in L2 (week 7)
- Thursdays 2pm in L1 (weeks 1-4 and 6-8)

- Bring a copy of the lecture notes, plus paper for additional notes.
- Lecture notes, problem sheets etc. are on the web at
 - <u>http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/courses/course/15792/material</u>