

On the stabilization method for chemotaxis system

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}u &:= -\varepsilon \Delta u + \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla u + cu = f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= u_b && \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d = 2, 3, \dots$,
- $\varepsilon > 0$, constant,
- $\mathbf{b} \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)^d$,
- $c \in L^\infty(\Omega)$,
- $f \in L^2(\Omega)$,
- $u_b \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$,
- $c - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{b} \geq 0$

Convection-dominate

If $\varepsilon \ll |\mathbf{b}|$ convection dominates the diffusion and causes narrow layer or spurious oscillation



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 - * introduction of additional terms (stabilization)¹

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- * manipulations at algebraic level (AFC schemes)²
Aim: manipulate the algebraic system in such a way that the solution satisfies DMP and layers are not smeared.

²Kuzmin et al. (2001–now); Barrenechea, Volker, Knobloch, IMAJNA (2015); Barrenechea, Volker, Knobloch, SINUM (2016); Barrenechea, Volker, Knobloch, M3AS (2017).



Cross-diffusion cancer invasion model: ^{1,2,3}

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \mu u(1 - u) - \chi \nabla \cdot (u \nabla c), \quad x \in \Omega \times [0, l],$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -pc, \quad x \in \Omega \times [0, l],$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \varepsilon^{-1}(uc - p), \quad x \in \Omega \times [0, l],$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega \times [0, l],$$

$u = u(x, t)$: the concentration of invasive cells

$c = c(x, t)$: the concentration of healthy tissue

$p = p(x, t)$: protease

¹Fuest, H, Knobloch, Lankeit, and Wick: Global existence of classical solutions and numerical simulations of a cancer invasion model. Preprint, arXiv:2205.08168, 2022.

²H, Knobloch, and Wick: On the AFC stabilization of an evolutionary cross-diffusion cancer invasion model(In Progress, 2022.)

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$$\left(M + \theta \Delta t A^{n+1,c}\right) \mathbf{c}_k^{n+1} = \left(M - (1 - \theta) \Delta t A^{n,c}\right) \mathbf{c}^n, \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left((1 + \varepsilon^{-1} \theta \Delta t) M\right) \mathbf{p}_k^{n+1} = & \left((1 - \varepsilon^{-1} (1 - \theta) \Delta t) M\right) \mathbf{p}^n \\ & + \varepsilon^{-1} \Delta t \left(\theta F^{n+1,p} + (1 - \theta) F^{n,p}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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$\mathbf{c}_k^{n+1} = (c_{j,k}^{n+1})_{j=1,\dots,M}^T$, $\mathbf{p}_k^{n+1} = (p_{j,k}^{n+1})_{j=1,\dots,M}^T$ and $\mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} = (u_{j,k}^{n+1})_{j=1,\dots,M}^T$ denote the vector of unknowns at time t^{n+1} and iteration k , $k = 1, 2, \dots$,



$$M_{ij} = \int_{\mathcal{T}_h} \phi_i(x) \phi_j(x) dx,$$

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Positivity-preservation of low-order scheme (6)³:

Let us set $\theta = 1$ and choose Δt such that

$$M_L \mathbb{I}_M + \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n+1,u} \mathbb{I}_M \geq 0, \quad m_i - \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n,u} \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, M.$$

Since $\tilde{A}^{n+1,u}$ and $\tilde{A}^{n,u}$ are of non-negative type, then the matrix $B = M_L + \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n+1,u}$ is strictly diagonally dominant and hence it is non-singular, which implies that B is an M-matrix. Thus $B^{-1} \geq 0$. On the other hand $K = M_L - \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n,u} \geq 0$. This immediately implies that the method is positivity-preserving, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{u}^n \geq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}^{n+1} \geq 0.$$

³Barrenechea, Volker, Knobloch :Finite element methods respecting the discrete maximum principle for convection-diffusion equations, arXiv preprint arXiv:2204.07480, 2022.



by subtracting (6) and (5):

$$f_{ij}^u = m_{ij}(u_i^{n+1} - u_j^{n+1}) - m_{ij}(u_i^n - u_j^n)$$

$$- \theta \Delta t d_{ij}^{n+1,u}(u_i^{n+1} - u_j^{n+1}) - (1 - \theta) \Delta t d_{ij,u}^n(u_i^n - u_j^n) = -f_{ji}^u,$$

$$F^u = \sum_{i \neq j} \bar{f}_{ij}^u$$

where

$$\bar{f}_{ij}^u = \alpha_{ij}^u f_{ij}^u$$



Compute the \tilde{u} from (6) and determine the flux limiter α_{ij}^u as ⁴:

$$P_i^+ = \sum_{i \neq j} \max\{0, f_{ij}^u\}, \quad P_i^- = \sum_{i \neq j} \min\{0, f_{ij}^u\},$$

$$Q_i^+ = \max\{0, \max_{j \in S(i)} (\tilde{u}_j - \tilde{u}_i)\}, \quad Q_i^- = \min\{0, \min_{j \in S(i)} (\tilde{u}_j - \tilde{u}_i)\},$$

$$R_i^+ = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{m_i Q_i^+}{P_i^+} \right\}, \quad R_i^- = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{m_i Q_i^-}{P_i^-} \right\}$$

$$\alpha_{ij}^u = \begin{cases} \min\{R_i^+, R_j^-\}, & \text{if } f_{ij}^u > 0 \\ \min\{R_i^-, R_j^+\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \alpha_{ij}^u \in [0, 1], \quad \alpha_{ji}^u = \alpha_{ij}^u$$

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$$\left[M_L + \theta \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n+1,u} \right] \mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} = M_L \bar{u}, \quad (10)$$

positivity-preservation of high-order scheme (7):

- * let $u^n \geq 0$ and $\Delta t < \frac{m_i}{(1-\theta)l_{ij}}$, M_L is diagonal matrix with positive diagonal entries, then $\tilde{u} \geq 0$,
- * the limiter are determined in such a way that $\bar{u} \geq 0$,
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DMP:

If we simplify (6) as

$$Bu^{n+1} = Ku^n,$$

where $B, K \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ and $u^{n+1}, u^n \in \mathbb{R}^M$. Assuming that

$$B^{-1} \geq 0, \quad K \geq 0, \quad B\mathbb{I}_M \geq K\mathbb{I}_M,$$

one obtains with $N_1 = (\max u^n)^+, N_2 = (\min u^n)^-$

$$u^{n+1} = B^{-1}Ku^n \leq N_1 B^{-1}K\mathbb{I}_M \leq N_1 B^{-1}B\mathbb{I}_M = N_1\mathbb{I}_M,$$

$$u^{n+1} = B^{-1}Ku^n \geq N_2 B^{-1}K\mathbb{I}_M \geq N_2 B^{-1}B\mathbb{I}_M = N_2\mathbb{I}_M,$$

i.e.,

$$(\min u^n)^- \leq u_i^{n+1} \leq (\max u^n)^+.$$



Algorithm

Step 1 : initialize at time $t = 0$ with $\mathbf{c}^0 = c(x, 0)$, $\mathbf{p}^0 = p(x, 0)$ and $\mathbf{u}^0 = u(x, 0)$,

Step 2 : for $n \geq 1$ (time step number index)
 first set $\mathbf{c}_0^{n+1} = \mathbf{c}^n$, $\mathbf{p}_0^{n+1} = \mathbf{p}^n$ and $\mathbf{u}_0^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^n$,
 for $k \geq 1$ (fixed-point iteration index)

- (a) determine \mathbf{c}_k^{n+1} using (3),
- (b) determine \mathbf{p}_k^{n+1} using (4),
- (c) (1.) compute $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k^{n+1}$

$$\left[M_L + \theta \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n+1, u} \right] \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k^{n+1} = \left[M_L - (1 - \theta) \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n, u} \right] \mathbf{u}^n.$$

- (2.) compute α_{ij}^u using $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k^{n+1}$,
- (3.) set $\mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k^{n+1}$ or $\mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{k-1}^{n+1}$ to compute F^u explicitly or implicitly, respectively.
- (4.) determine \mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} from

$$\left[M_L + \theta \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n+1, u} \right] \mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} = \left[M_L - (1 - \theta) \Delta t \tilde{A}^{n, u} \right] \mathbf{u}^n + F^u.$$



Step3 : if $\left\{ \|\mathbf{c}_k^{n+1} - \mathbf{c}_{k-1}^{n+1}\|_{l^2}, \|\mathbf{p}_k^{n+1} - \mathbf{p}_{k-1}^{n+1}\|_{l^2}, \|\mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}_{k-1}^{n+1}\|_{l^2} \right\} < Tol = 10^{-8}$ stop and set

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_k^{n+1}, \mathbf{c}^{n+1} = \mathbf{c}_k^{n+1}, \mathbf{p}^{n+1} = \mathbf{p}_k^{n+1},$$

and go back to step 2 (proceed to next time point).

Step 4 : else set

$$\mathbf{c}_{h,k}^{n+1} = \beta \mathbf{c}_{h,k}^{n+1} + (1 - \beta) \mathbf{c}_{h,k-1}^{n+1},$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{h,k}^{n+1} = \beta \mathbf{p}_{h,k}^{n+1} + (1 - \beta) \mathbf{p}_{h,k-1}^{n+1},$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{h,k}^{n+1} = \beta \mathbf{u}_{h,k}^{n+1} + (1 - \beta) \mathbf{u}_{h,k-1}^{n+1},$$

for some $\beta \in [0, 1]$ and go to (a) and increment $k \mapsto k + 1$ (next fixed-point iteration), here we set $\beta = 0.5$.



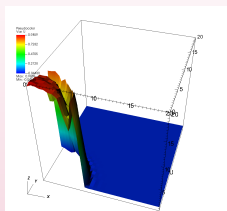
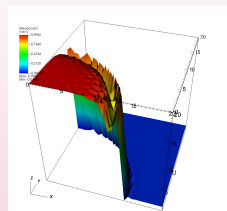
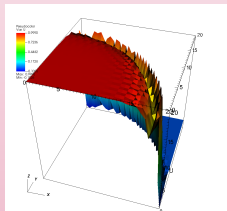
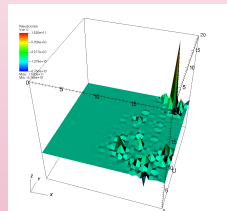
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Figure: Cancer density, Galerkin method, $\mu = 1$ and $\chi = 1$ Crank-Nicolson method $\theta = 0.5$ with $\Delta t = 1$, 20×20 mesh, Q_1 .



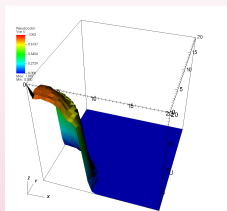
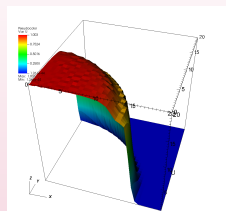
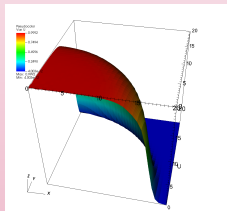
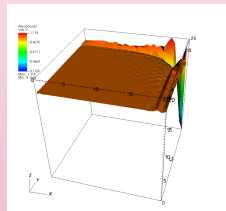
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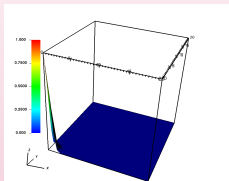
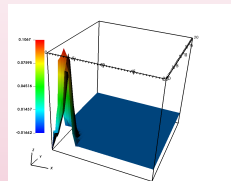
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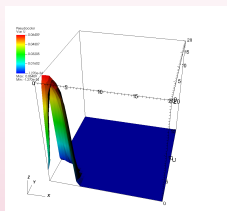
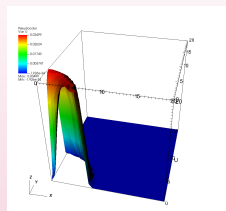
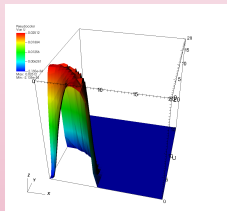
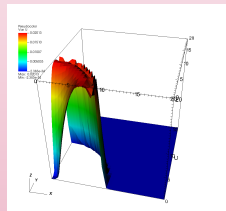
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Figure: Cancer density, AFC method, $\mu = 0.001$ and $\chi = 1$ Crank-Nicolson method

$\theta = 0.5$ with $\Delta t = 1$, 20×20 mesh, Q_1 .



Table: The convergece of AFC scheme, $\mu = 1$ and $\chi = 1$
Crank-Nicolson method $\theta = 0.5$

| Δt | \mathbf{u}_k^{n+1} | \mathbf{c}_k^{n+1} | \mathbf{p}_k^{n+1} |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0.5 | 0.9588 | 0.0998 | 0.0956 |
| 0.25 | 0.9636 | 0.0986 | 0.0957 |
| 0.125 | 0.9695 | 0.0984 | 0.0967 |
| 0.0625 | 0.9725 | 0.0976 | 0.0964 |
| 0.0313 | 0.9741 | 0.0967 | 0.0958 |



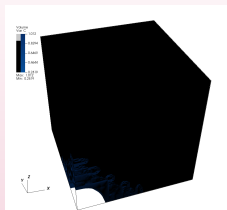
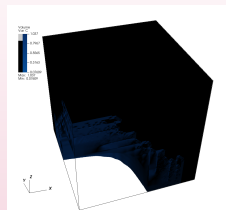
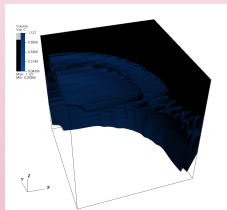
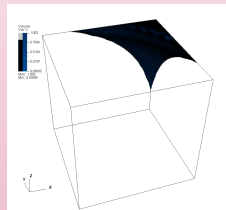
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Figure: Healthy tissue density, AFC method, $\mu = 1$ and $\chi = 1$ Crank-Nicolson method $\theta = 0.5$ with $\Delta t = 1$, Q_0 .



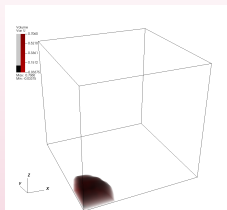
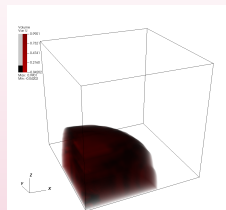
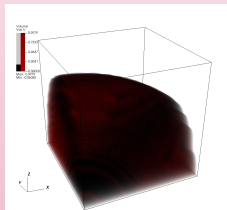
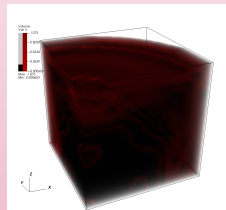
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Figure: Cancer cell density, AFC method, $\mu = 1$ and $\chi = 1$ Crank-Nicolson method $\theta = 0.5$ with $\Delta t = 1$, Q_1 .



Outlook

- * Existence of solutions of a FE-FCT scheme for chemotaxis system^{5,6}
- * Derive a posteriori error estimation
- * Apply AFC method on fluid-structure interaction (FSI) problem
- * Space-time method + AFC on FSI

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