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The effect of nonlocal cellular interactions on pattern formation

Cells interact with their local environment, and these interactions affect the proliferation, differentiation and movement of cells. While modelling these interactions is obviously important, doing so in a continuous model has proved difficult.

In this talk I will present a continuous partial differential equation model of a two population system, using integral terms to describe the effect of local environment on interacting cells. I will use this model to explore particular cellular interactions, and present the spatial patterning that can be obtained from such a system.