

Abstract

In the present thesis, some cancer mathematical models described by differential equations, as well as some generalized mathematical models described by fractional differential equations that take into consideration the memory effects of the tumor growth process are studied.

The analytical and numerical solutions of the studied problems are determined by coupling the classical methods in ordinary/partial differential equations with the integral transforms method. Four main problems are investigated, namely: -
A generalized mathematical model of breast cancer and ovarian cancer. The developed model is based on the time-fractional Caputo derivative operator and on the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator. - A time-fractional diffusivity mathematical model of cancer tumors that takes into consideration the history of tumor cell concentration for two cases of the killing rate of cancer cells. - Generalized mathematical model of cancer with a power-law kernel of memory and constant killing rate of cancer cells for cylindrical domains. -

The generalized cancer mathematical model, described by a fractional diffusion equation, with the killing rate a function of the tumor cell concentration.

Solutions of the fractional differential equations of the studied mathematical models of cancer, along with the adequate initial and boundary conditions are determined by employing the Laplace transform, finite Hankel transform, and similarity transformations obtained from the Lie group of symmetries. 56 Using the analytical/numerical solutions and Mathcad 15 subroutines, the numerical and graphical analysis of the tumor cell concentration is presented. The analysis shows that the memory parameter (the fractional order of the time derivative) has a significant influence on the tumor cell concentration; therefore the generalized cancer models could better describe complex cancer evolution.