

Title: A New Ghost Cell/Level Set Method for Moving Boundary Problems: Application to Tumor Growth

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The authors present a set of techniques and improvements on previous techniques that, when put together, give a practical method to deal with moving boundaries that evolve in a non-linear, quasi-steady fashion.

Although the method is mainly design to address the simulation of brain tumor growth, this paper is a very good source for the solution of practical problems involving reaction-diffusion equations with a moving boundary, many of which arise in fluid mechanic and biomechanics

The authors present several improvements to the level set/ghost cell method^[1–4], to wit: a technique for robustly and accurately calculating geometric quantities (i.e., curvature and normal vectors), new normal derivative jump discretization that preserves the tangential derivative jump, nonlinear adaptive Gauss-Seidel-type iterative scheme for solving linear and nonlinear quasi-steady reaction-diffusion equations and a novel approximation to the numerical representation of the Heaviside function.

the presentation is very clear and detailed, and examples are described such as the Hele-Shaw flow in a heterogeneous material and tumor growth in a heterogeneous tissue.

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