

scope of the subject, severe restrictions have had to be made: questions of existence and uniqueness are largely ignored; several moving-boundary problems are considered, but only porous flow free-boundary problems are treated in depth; for the most part, only scalar second order elliptic or parabolic equations in two dimensions are studied. Within this self-imposed framework, the author provides an excellent exposition of the problems, their history and formulation, their solution by analytical and numerical methods.

The book alternates between the two types of problem. There are chapters on the formulation of moving-boundary problems, on their analytical solution, and on their numerical solution. Similar chapters on free-boundary problems are interspersed.

Analytical methods for moving-boundary problems are represented by similarity solutions and integral equation formulations, while the solution of free-boundary problems using the hodograph method is treated in considerable detail. All current numerical methods receive attention: front-tracking (including the method of lines due to Meyer); front-fixing (including the isotherm migration method of Crank); the enthalpy method; trial-free-boundaries; and variational inequalities.

Several misprints were noted, none of them serious, but some of which, in formulae, might cause difficulties for readers new to the field. There is an excellent subject index and, as a bonus, an author index. In the list of references, the regrettable custom of not quoting the titles of papers is followed. In parts, the text reads like a lengthy review article with each paragraph devoted to the contributions of a different author, but for the most part the text flows along very smoothly.

In summary, this is a welcome addition to the literature on free and moving boundary problems, the coverage of the latter being particularly good. If supplemented by material on existence and uniqueness theorems, it also deserves serious consideration as a textbook.

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