

Some Recent Results on Nonlocal Geometric Equations and Applications

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We present existence and uniqueness results for nonlocal and possibly nonmonotone geometric equations arising in various types of front propagation problems (dislocations theory, asymptotics of FitzHugh-Nagumo system, volume dependent motions...etc). In these “level-sets” equations, the nonlocal part is of convolution type and depends on the solutions through, typically, the indicator function of the set where the solution is positive.

We first describe a general approach to obtain the global-in-time existence of solutions which is based on a new stability result for equations with a measurable dependence in time. Then we discuss uniqueness and show how it is connected to geometrical properties of the 0-level set of the solutions. In particular, we present new results for curvature dependent front propagation problems.

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