



Module 03: Groundwater Hydraulics

Unit 03: Unsteady Two-Dimensional Flow using Finite Difference Method

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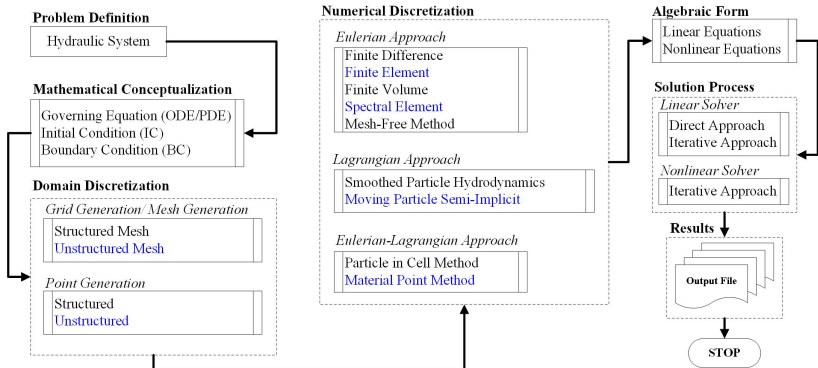


Learning Objective

- To solve unsteady state two dimensional groundwater flow equation using Finite Difference Method.



Problem Definition to Solution





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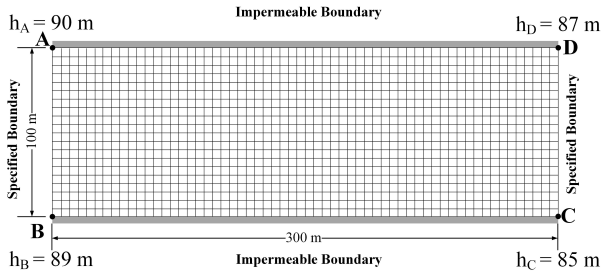


Figure: Homogeneous Aquifer System



Problem Definition

Governing equation

A two-dimensional (in space) IBVP can be written as,

$$\Omega : \quad \frac{S}{T} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}$$

$$S = 5 \times 10^{-5}$$
$$T = 200 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}$$



Problem Definition

subject to

Initial Condition

$$h(x, y, 0) = h_0(x, y)$$

and

Boundary Condition

$$\Gamma_D^1 : h(0, y, t) = h_1(y)$$

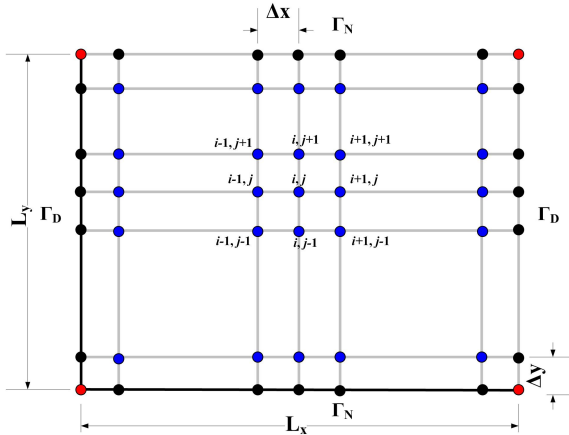
$$\Gamma_D^2 : h(L_x, y, t) = h_2(y)$$

$$\Gamma_N^3 : \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, 0, t)} = 0$$

$$\Gamma_N^4 : \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right|_{(x, L_y, t)} = 0$$



Domain Discretization





Explicit Scheme

From [Lecture 10](#), the discretized finite difference equation can be written as,

$$\frac{S}{T} \frac{h_{i,j}^{n+1} - h_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{h_{i-1,j}^n - 2h_{i,j}^n + h_{i+1,j}^n}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{h_{i,j-1}^n - 2h_{i,j}^n + h_{i,j+1}^n}{\Delta y^2} \quad (1)$$



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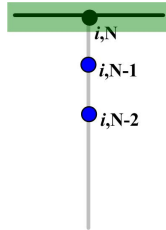
In simplified form,

$$h_{i,j}^{n+1} = \alpha_y h_{i,j-1}^n + \alpha_x h_{i-1,j}^n + [1 - 2(\alpha_x + \alpha_y)] h_{i,j}^n + \alpha_x h_{i+1,j}^n + \alpha_y h_{i,j+1}^n$$

with $\alpha_x = \frac{T\Delta t}{S\Delta x^2}$ and $\alpha_y = \frac{T\Delta t}{S\Delta y^2}$.



Neumann Boundary Condition



Top Boundary

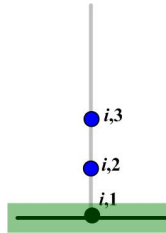
Second Order Discretization

$$\frac{3h_{i,N}^{n+1} - 4h_{i,N-1}^{n+1} + h_{i,N-2}^{n+1}}{2\Delta y} = 0$$

$$h_{i,N}^{n+1} = \frac{4}{3}h_{i,N-1}^{n+1} - \frac{1}{3}h_{i,N-2}^{n+1}$$



Neumann Boundary Condition



Bottom Boundary

Second Order Discretization

$$\frac{-3h_{i,1}^{n+1} + 4h_{i,2}^{n+1} - h_{i,3}^{n+1}}{2\Delta y} = 0$$

$$h_{i,1}^{n+1} = \frac{4}{3}h_{i,2}^{n+1} - \frac{1}{3}h_{i,3}^{n+1}$$



Standard Steps

Explicit Scheme: Time-stepping Algorithm

Data: $S, T, \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, h^n$ at time-step n



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while $t < \text{end time}$ **do**

 For interior points:

$$h_{i,j}^{n+1} = \alpha_y h_{i,j-1}^n + \alpha_x h_{i-1,j}^n + [1 - 2(\alpha_x + \alpha_y)] h_{i,j}^n + \alpha_x h_{i+1,j}^n + \alpha_y h_{i,j+1}^n$$



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 For boundary points: Use Boundary Conditions

$$n \leftarrow n + 1$$

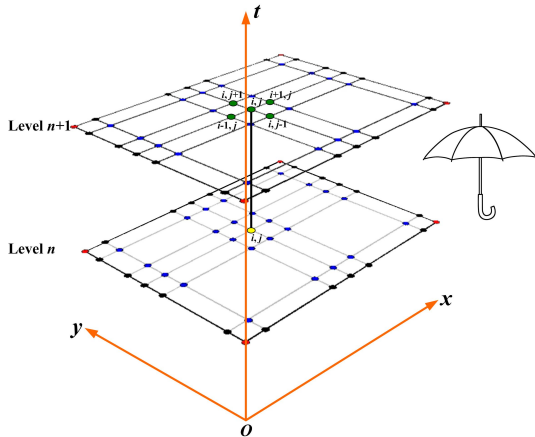
end

Stability Criteria

$$(\alpha_x + \alpha_y) < \frac{1}{2}$$



Implicit Scheme





Implicit Scheme

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In simplified form, this can be written as

$$\alpha_y h_{i,j-1}^{n+1} + \alpha_x h_{i-1,j}^{n+1} - [1 + 2(\alpha_x + \alpha_y)] h_{i,j}^{n+1} + \alpha_x h_{i+1,j}^{n+1} + \alpha_y h_{i,j+1}^{n+1} = -h_{i,j}^n$$

with $\alpha_x = \frac{T\Delta t}{S\Delta x^2}$ and $\alpha_y = \frac{T\Delta t}{S\Delta y^2}$.



Gauss-Seidel Method

Iterative Approach

From [Lecture 29](#), iteration starts with the guess value

$$\mathbf{h}^{n+1}|^{(0)} = \left[h_{1,1}^{n+1}|^{(0)} \quad h_{1,2}^{n+1}|^{(0)} \quad \dots \quad h_{M,N-1}^{n+1}|^{(0)} \quad h_{M,N}^{n+1}|^{(0)} \right]^T$$



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$$h_{i,j}^{n+1}|^{(p)} = h_{i,j}^{n+1}|^{(p-1)} + \frac{1}{[-1 - 2(\alpha_x + \alpha_y)]} \left[-h_{i,j}^n - (\alpha_y h_{i,j-1}^{n+1}|^{(p)} + \alpha_x h_{i-1,j}^{n+1}|^{(p)} - [1 + 2(\alpha_x + \alpha_y)] h_{i,j}^{n+1}|^{(p-1)} + \alpha_x h_{i+1,j}^{n+1}|^{(p-1)} + \alpha_y h_{i,j+1}^{n+1}|^{(p-1)}) \right]$$



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In compact form

$$h_{i,j}^{n+1}|^{(p)} = h_{i,j}^{n+1}|^{(p-1)} + \frac{Res_{i,j}}{[-1 - 2(\alpha_x + \alpha_y)]}, \quad \forall(i,j) \ p \geq 1$$



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Top Boundary

$$3h_{i,N}^{n+1} - 4h_{i,N-1}^{n+1} + h_{i,N-2}^{n+1} = 0$$

Bottom Boundary

$$-3h_{i,1}^{n+1} + 4h_{i,2}^{n+1} - h_{i,3}^{n+1} = 0$$



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while $t < \text{end time}$ **do**

 For interior and boundary points: Solve governing equation and
 boundary conditions in discretized form.

$n \leftarrow n + 1$

end



List of Source Codes

Unsteady Two Dimensional Groundwater Flow

- Explicit approach
 - [unsteady_2D_explicit.sci](#)
- implicit approach
 - [unsteady_2D_implicit_iterative.sci](#)



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