



Module 03: Groundwater Hydraulics

Unit 01: One-Dimensional Flow

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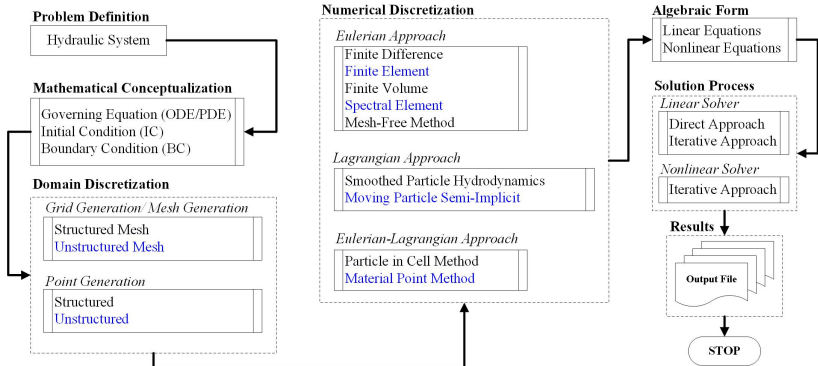


Learning Objective

- To solve one dimensional groundwater flow equation.

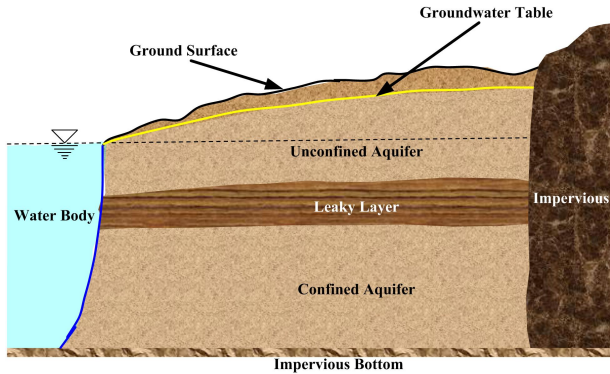


Problem Definition to Solution





Problem Definition





Mathematical Conceptualization

The differential equation describing the head distribution in the aquifer is given as ,

$$\frac{d^2h}{dx^2} = \frac{C_{\text{conf}}}{T}(h - h_{wt}) \quad (1)$$

where,

h = head,

T = aquifer transmissivity,

C_{conf} = hydraulic conductivity/thickness of confining layer,

h_{wt} = overlying water table elevation ($c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$).

Boundary Conditions

- Left Boundary is specified head/ Dirichlet boundary: $h(x = 0) = h_s$
- Right Boundary is impervious/ no-flow/ Neumann Boundary: $\frac{dh}{dx} \Big|_L = 0$



Mathematical Conceptualization

Data Values

$$C_{\text{conf}} = 10^{-11}$$

$$T = 2 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$c_0 = 90$$

$$c_1 = 0.06$$

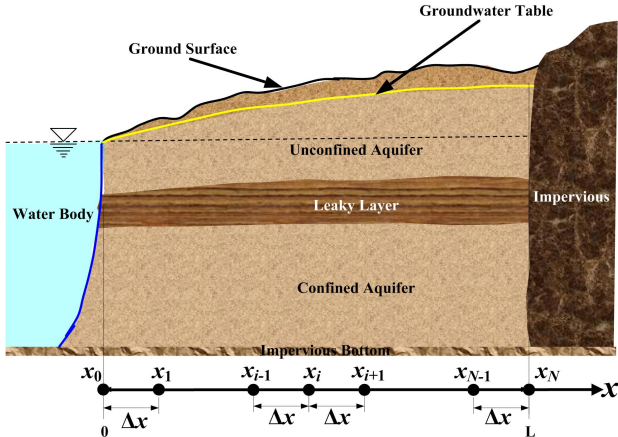
$$c_2 = -0.00003$$

$$h_s = 90$$

$$L = 1000$$



Domain Discretization





Numerical Discretization

Governing Equation

From [Lecture 8](#),



Numerical Discretization

Governing Equation

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$$\frac{h_{i-1} - 2h_i + h_{i+1}}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{C_{\text{conf}}}{T} [h_i - h_{wt}(x_i)] \quad \forall i \in \{2, \dots, N-1\}$$



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$$b_i h_{i-1} + d_i h_i + a_i h_{i+1} = r_i$$

where the coefficients are given by, $b_i = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}$, $d_i = -\left(\frac{C_{\text{conf}}}{T} + \frac{2}{\Delta x^2}\right)$, $a_i = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}$
and $r_i = -\frac{C_{\text{conf}}}{T} h_{wt}(x_i)$



Numerical Discretization

Boundary Conditions

Left Boundary

$$h_0 = h_s \quad (2)$$

In general equation format,

$$b_0 = 0, d_0 = 1, a_0 = 0 \text{ and } r_0 = h_s$$



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Right Boundary

First Order Discretization

$$\frac{h_N - h_{N-1}}{\Delta x} = 0 \quad (3)$$

In general equation format,

$$b_N = -\frac{1}{\Delta x}, d_N = \frac{1}{\Delta x}, a_N = 0 \text{ and } r_N = 0$$



Fictitious Point Method

Using the boundary condition, the discretized governing equation can be written as,

$$b_N h_{N-1} + d_N h_N + a_N h_{N+1} = r_N$$



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This can be simplified as,

$$(b_N + a_N) h_{N-1} + d_N h_N = r_N$$

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Accuracy of Boundary Condition

Right Boundary

Second Order Discretization

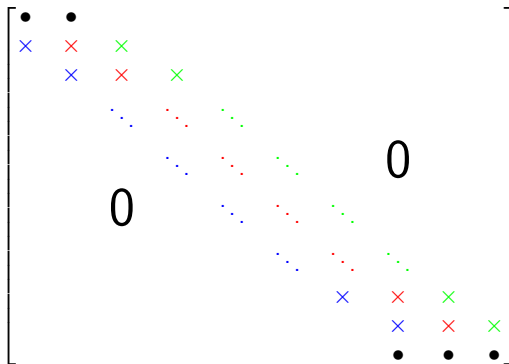
$$\frac{3h_N - 4h_{N-1} + h_{N-2}}{2\Delta x} = 0 \quad (4)$$

In general equation format,

$$b_N = -\frac{4}{2\Delta x}, d_N = \frac{3}{2\Delta x}, a_N = 0 \text{ and } r_N = 0$$
$$e_N = \frac{1}{2\Delta x}$$



Matrix Form





Comment on Convergence

From [Lecture 29](#), coefficient matrix of the iterative step can be used to calculate spectral radius.

Spectral radius

$$\rho(-\mathbf{D}^{-1}(\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{U})) = \max\{|\lambda_1| \dots |\lambda_N|\} < 1$$

where $|\lambda_1| \dots |\lambda_N|$ are eigenvalues of the matrix.



Spectral Radius

```
0.  
0.  
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0.  
1.4997657  
0.  
  
> eigv=max(abs(spec(C)))  
eigv =  
  
0.9727162  
  
> disp(eigv)  
  
0.9727162  
  
> //set(gca(),"auto_clear","off")  
  
> //plot(x,h','-k')  
  
> //endfunction  
  
>
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List of Source Codes

One Dimensional Groundwater Flow

- Full matrix with 2 point/ 3 point BC implementation using Gauss elimination
 - [gw1d_fd_gausselim.sci](#)
- Banded matrix with 2 point using TDMA
 - [gw1d_fd_tdma.sci](#)
- Full matrix with 2 point/ 3 point BC implementation using Gauss Seidel
 - [gw1d_fd_gseidel.sci](#)
 - [gw1d_fd_gseidel_scaled.sci](#)



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