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Homework

Computational geomechanics - Civil 423

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Deliverables The deliverable of the homework is a short 7 pages maximum report (including figures, but not including bibliography) and the matlab scripts used for your calculation. The whole must be delivered as a zip file containing all the matlab codes necessary to run the script.

The report must be formatted with 10 points font minimum, and a 2cm margins. It must have the following structure

1. Summary - 1 page maximum (can be shorter)
2. Problem description and method of solution [this include geometry, material properties, initial and boundary conditions, type of analysis]
3. Results and discussion

In all case, I encourage you to present your results in a dimensionless form - i.e. scaling appropriately the problem (by a proper characteristic lengthscale, pressure/stress scale, displacement scale and timescale).

1 Pressurization of a fracture in a poroelastic medium (impermeable walls vs permeable walls)

In this homework, we will model the case of a fracture (of fixed length - i.e. not propagating) at depth pressurized by a fluid. We will **not model the wellbore** (e.g. we consider it small enough compared to the fracture). The rock will be assumed **homogeneous** and of **infinite extent**. We focus on a plane strain configuration, and you will leverage the symmetry of the problem in its numerical solution. \rightarrow *voir ligne ? (10)*

Two sub-problems will be considered:

1. the case where the "walls" of the fracture are **impermeable** - such that only a mechanical pressure is applied to the fracture walls.
2. the case where the "walls" of the fracture are **permeable** - such that both a mechanical and a pore pressure are applied to the fracture walls.

In both cases, we will investigate **the undrained** and then **transient** response toward the drained/long term response. We will investigate the stress around the fracture (and check with well-known elastic solutions - caution the stress are singular at the tip). We will also pay particular attention to the time evolution of fracture width in both cases, **as well as the amount of fluid leak-off in the medium for the second case.**

