

TP HYDROGEOLOGY

Flow Modeling and Seepage under a weir (dam) with PMWIN5.3

Overview of the problem

A dam is partially embedded in an unconfined aquifer. The aquifer is assumed to be homogeneous

- thickness 9 m (Top : 9m ; bottom : 0 m)
- length of the dam base $L = 13\text{m}$,
- Depth embedment $p = 1\text{m}$
- hydraulic conductivity $= 0.0005\text{ m/s}$
- effective porosity $= 0.15$

The boundary conditions are shown in the Fig. 1, the fixed head boundary at the upstream $H = 12\text{m}$ (left) and the fixed head boundary at the downstream $H = 10\text{m}$ (right)

The aquifer bottom and the dam itself are modelled as no-flow boundaries

To compute the head distribution and the corresponding flowlines it is sufficient to consider vertical cross section of the aquifer with a uniform thickness of 1m

- A- Calculate the flow and the flux through the aquifer for the cases:
1. the aquifer is isotropic
 2. the aquifer is anisotropic with an anisotropy factor of 0.2
- B- What we can place to protect/preserve the dam from the water pressure?
- a. Where?
 - b. Various scenarios
 - c. Which incidence?

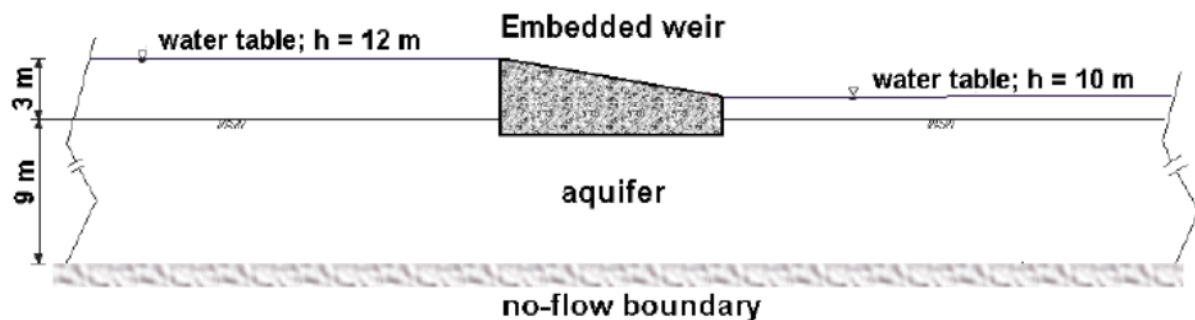


Fig.1 Problem description