

CE 5364 Groundwater Transport Phenomena

Fall 2025 Exercise Set 5

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Purpose :

Apply selected analytical models for reactive transport

Assessment Criteria :

Completion, results plausible, format correct, example calculations shown.

Problem 1 (Problem 6-9, pg. 589)

An unintentional discharge from a point source introduced 10 kg of contaminant mass to an aquifer. The seepage velocity is $0.1 \frac{ft}{day}$ in the $+x$ direction. The longitudinal dispersion coefficient is $D_x = 0.01 \frac{ft^2}{day}$ the transverse dispersion coefficients are $D_y = D_z = 0.001 \frac{ft^2}{day}$.

Determine:

1. Calculate the maximum concentration at $x = 100 \text{ ft}$ and $t = 5 \text{ years}$.
2. Calculate the concentration at $(x, y, z, t) = (200 \text{ ft}, 5 \text{ ft}, 2 \text{ ft}, 5 \text{ years})$

governing principles

point source spill; use Equation 6.28 in book

solution details (e.g. step-by-step computations)

1. Create a prototype function

```
In [7]: def c3addinst(x,y,z,t,m,dx,dy,dz,v,lm):
    # Baetsle 1969 model
    import math
    term0 = math.exp(-1.0*lm*t)
    term1 = 8.0*math.sqrt(math.pi*dx*t*math.pi*dy*t*math.pi*dz*t)
    term2 = math.exp(-((x-v*t)**2)/(4.0*dx*t) -((y)**2)/(4.0*dy*t) -((z)**2)/(4.0*dz*t))
    c3addinst = term0*(mass/term1)*term2
    return(c3addinst)
```

2. Build input data manager, report intermediate computations

```
In [8]: mass      = 10.0 #kg
velocity   = 0.1 #ft/day
disp_x     = 0.01 #ft^2/day
disp_y     = 0.001 #ft^2/day
disp_z     = 0.001 #ft^2/day

print("      Mass : ",round(mass,3)," kg/m^3")
print("Pore velocity : ",round(velocity,3)," ft/day")
print(" Dispersion x : ",round(disp_x,3)," ft^2/day")
print(" Dispersion y : ",round(disp_y,3)," ft^2/day")
print(" Dispersion z : ",round(disp_z,3)," ft^2/day")
```

```
Mass : 10.0 kg/m^3
Pore velocity : 0.1 ft/day
Dispersion x : 0.01 ft^2/day
Dispersion y : 0.001 ft^2/day
Dispersion z : 0.001 ft^2/day
```

3. Calculate the maximum concentration at $x = 100 \text{ ft}$

- use a history plot

```
In [9]: deltat     = (1.0) #days
howmany = 1500/deltat
howmany = int(howmany)

t = [] #days
for i in range(howmany):
    t.append(float(i)*deltat)
    if t[i] == 0: # trap zero time to prevent divide by zero
        t[i]= 0.00000001

x      = 100 #ft
y      = 0
z      = 0

c = [0 for i in range(howmany)] #concentration

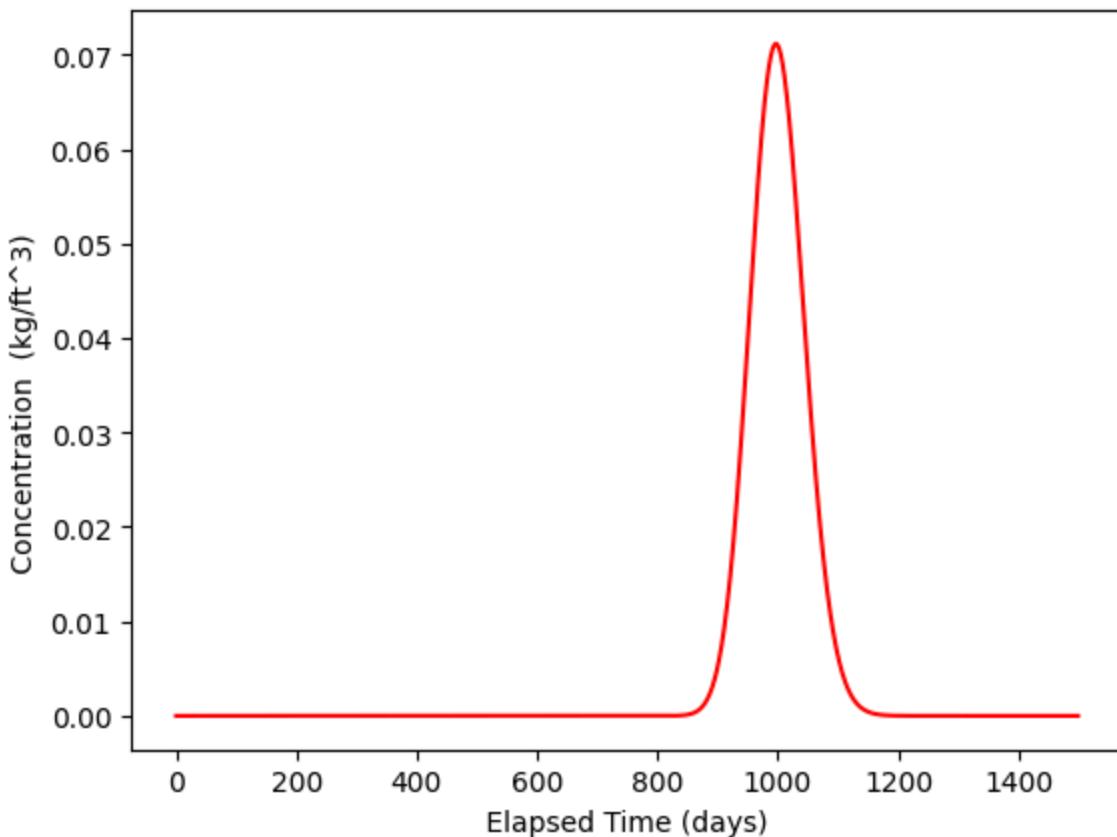
for i in range(howmany):
    c[i]=c3addinst(x,y,z,t[i],mass,disp_x,disp_y,disp_z,velocity,0)
```

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#
# Import graphics routines for picture making
#
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
#
# Build and Render the Plot
#
plt.plot(t,c, color='red', linestyle = 'solid') # make the plot object
plt.title(" Concentration History \n Distance: " + repr(x) + " feet \n" ) # caption
plt.xlabel(" Elapsed Time (days) ") # label x-axis
plt.ylabel(" Concentration (kg/ft^3) " ) # label y-axis
plt.show() # plot to stdio -- has to be last call as it kills prior objects
plt.close('all') # needed when plt.show call not invoked, optional here

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Concentration History
Distance: 100 feet



In [10]:

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print("Maximum concentration : ",max(c)," kg/ft^3")
print("          Observed at : ",t[c.index(max(c))]," days")

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Maximum concentration :  0.07114794548155023  kg/ft^3
Observed at :  997.0  days

```

4. Calculate the maximum concentration at $t = 5$ years

- use a profile plot

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In [11]: deltax      = (1.0) #days
howmany  =      250/deltax
howmany = int(howmany)

x = [] #feet
for i in range(howmany):
    x.append(float(i)*deltax)

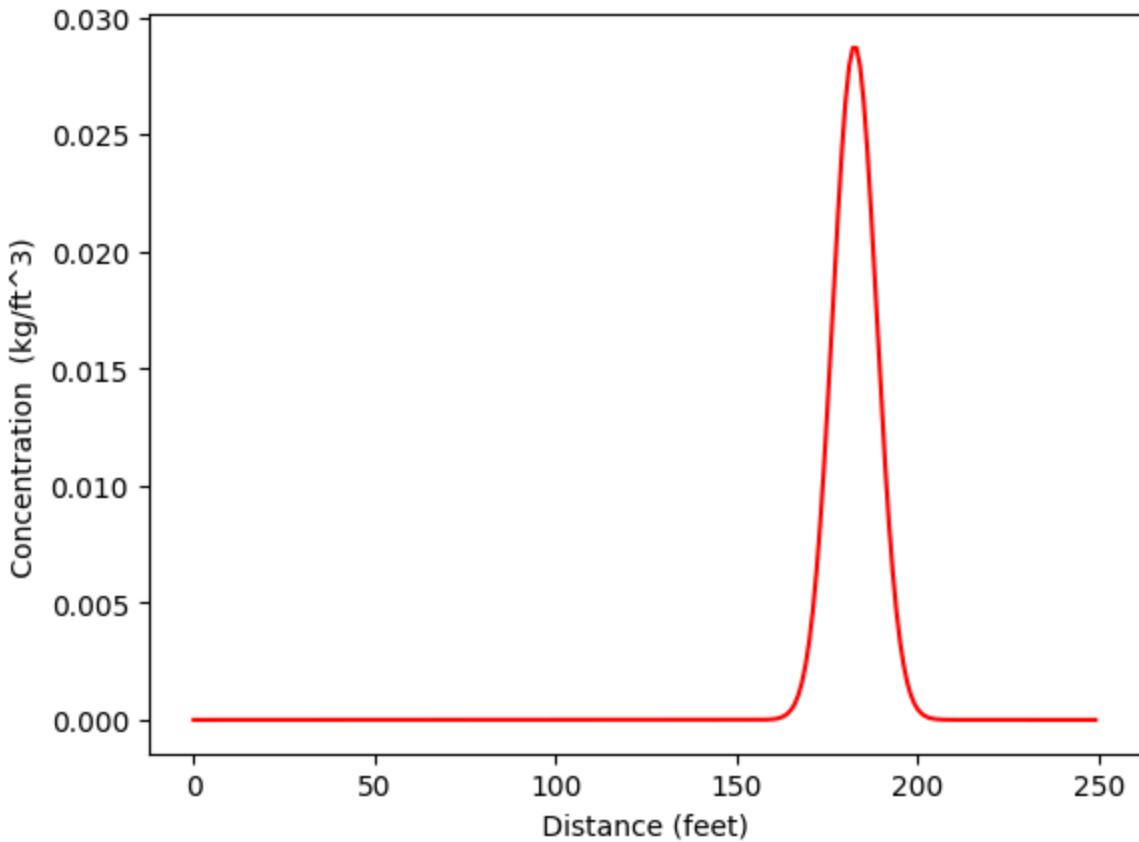
t      = 5*365 #days
y      = 0
z      = 0

c = [0 for i in range(howmany)] #concentration

for i in range(howmany):
    c[i]=c3addinst(x[i],y,z,t,mass,disp_x,disp_y,disp_z,velocity,0)

#
# Import graphics routines for picture making
#
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
#
# Build and Render the Plot
#
plt.plot(x,c, color='red', linestyle = 'solid') # make the plot object
plt.title(" Concentration Profile \n Time: " + repr(t) + " days \n" ) # caption the
plt.xlabel(" Distance (feet) ") # label x-axis
plt.ylabel(" Concentration (kg/ft^3)      ") # label y-axis
plt.show() # plot to stdio -- has to be last call as it kills prior objects
plt.close('all') # needed when plt.show call not invoked, optional here
```

Concentration Profile Time: 1825 days



```
In [12]: print("Maximum concentration : ",max(c)," kg/ft^3")
         print("          Observed at : ",x[c.index(max(c))]," feet")
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Maximum concentration :  0.02869482568927895  kg/ft^3
Observed at :  182.0  feet
```

5. Calculate the concentration at $(x, y, z, t) = (200 \text{ ft}, 5 \text{ ft}, 2 \text{ ft}, 5 \text{ years})$

```
In [13]: conc = c3addinst(200,5,2,5*365,mass,disp_x,disp_y,disp_z,velocity,0)
         print("C(200,5,2,5) : ",round(conc,7)," kg/ft^3")
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C(200,5,2,5) :  8.2e-06  kg/ft^3
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Discussion

Direct application of impulse model. Observe weird units - probably would convert cubic feet to cubic meter equivalents - so output would be kg/m³

Problem 2 (Problem 6-10, pg. 589)

Apply the Domenico and Schwartz (1998) planar source model (pg. XXX) to a case of a continuous source that has been leaking contaminant into an aquifer for 15 years. The source had a width $Y = 6 \text{ m}$ and depth $Z = 6 \text{ m}$. The source concentration is $10 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{l}}$. The seepage velocity is $0.057 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{day}}$. The longitudinal, transverse, and vertical dispersivities are 1 m , 0.1 m , and 0.01 m respectively.

Determine:

1. The contaminant concentration history at a location $x = 200 \text{ m}$ from the source using 1-year increments for 30 years.

sketch(s)

Then:

- list known quantities
- list unknown quantities
- governing principles: Using the planar source model (Eqn 6.31)

solution details (e.g. step-by-step computations)

1. Usual procedure, first a prototype function - unlike prior cases will use dispersivities rather than dispersion coefficients:

```
In [14]: def c3dad(conc0, distx, disty, distz, lenX, lenY, lenZ, dispX, dispY, dispZ, veloci
import math
from scipy.special import erf, erfc # scipy needs to already be loaded into the
# Constant of integration
term1 = conc0 / 8.0

# Centerline axis solution
arg1 = (distx - velocity*etime) / (2*math.sqrt(dispX*velocity*etime)) #dispX is
term2 = erfc(arg1)

# Off-axis solution, Y direction
# arg2 = 2.0 * math.sqrt(dispY*distx / velocity)
arg2 = 2.0 * math.sqrt(dispY*distx) #dispY is dispersivity
arg3 = disty + 0.5*lenY
arg4 = disty - 0.5*lenY
term3 = erf(arg3 / arg2) - erf(arg4 / arg2)

# Off-axis solution, Z direction
# arg5 = 2.0 * math.sqrt(dispZ*distx / velocity)
arg5 = 2.0 * math.sqrt(dispZ*distx) #dispZ is dispersivity
arg6 = distz + 0.5*lenZ
arg7 = distz - 0.5*lenZ
term4 = erf(arg6 / arg5) - erf(arg7 / arg5)

# Convolve the solutions
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c3dad = term1 * term2 * term3 * term4
return c3dad

```

2. Now an input manager section

```
In [15]: # inputs
conco = 10.0
velocity = 0.057
dispersivity_x = 1.0
dispersivity_y = 0.1
dispersivity_z = 0.01
width_y = 6.0
width_z = 6.0
xloc = 200.0
yloc = 0.0 # not explicit in problem statement
zloc = 0.0
time = 30*365 #years as days
# echo inputs
print("Source Concentration : ",round(conco,3)," ppm ")
print("          Velocity : ",round(velocity,3)," m/sec ")
print("      Dispersivity_x : ",round(dispersivity_x,3)," m ")
print("      Dispersivity_y : ",round(dispersivity_y,3)," m ")
print("      Dispersivity_z : ",round(dispersivity_z,3)," m ")
print("          Width Y : ",round(width_y,3)," m ")
print("          Width Z : ",round(width_z,3)," m ")
```

```
Source Concentration : 10.0 ppm
          Velocity : 0.057 m/sec
      Dispersivity_x : 1.0 m
      Dispersivity_y : 0.1 m
      Dispersivity_z : 0.01 m
          Width Y : 6.0 m
          Width Z : 6.0 m
```

3. Now build script for concentration history (time is the variable)

```
In [16]: #
# forward define and initialize vectors for a profile plot
#
how_many_points = 30
deltat = time/how_many_points
t = [i*deltat for i in range(how_many_points)] # constructor notation
c = [0.0 for i in range(how_many_points)]       # constructor notation

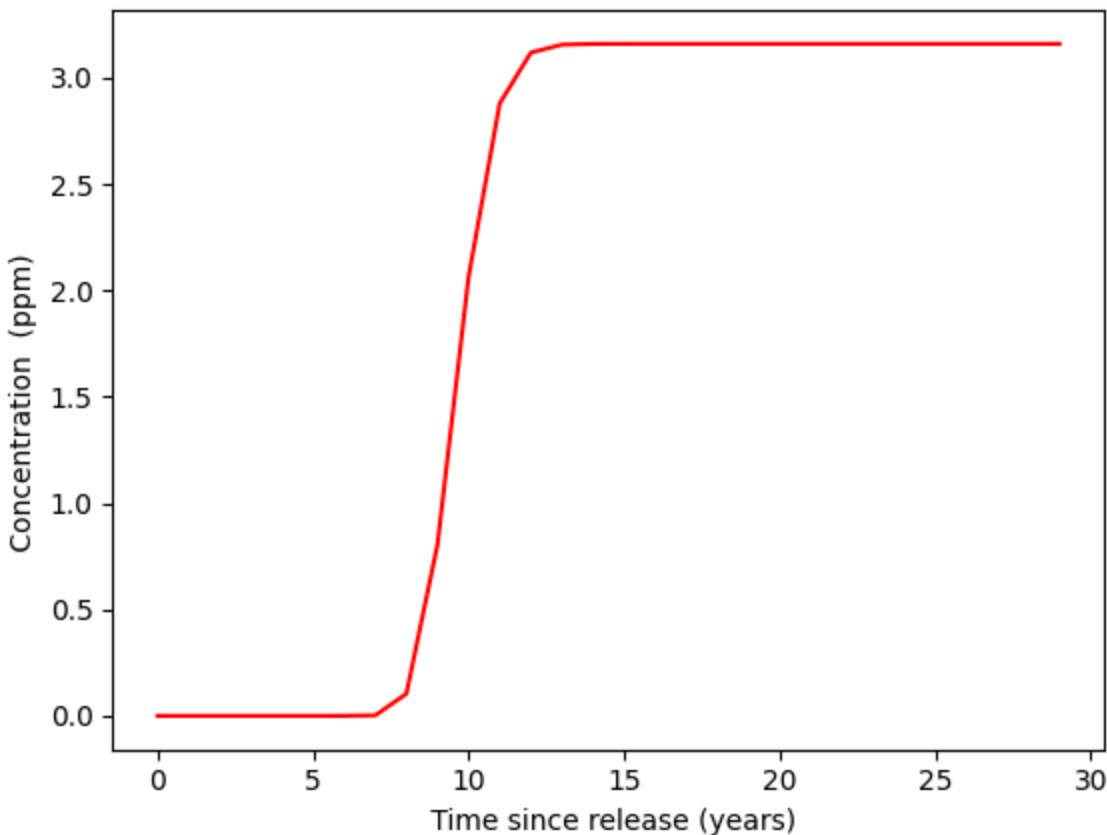
t[0]=1e-5 #cannot have zero time, so use really small value first position in list
#
# build the profile predictions
#
for i in range(0,how_many_points,1):
    c[i] = c3dad(conco, xloc, yloc, zloc, 0, width_y, width_z, dispersivity_x, disp
for i in range(0,how_many_points,1):
    t[i]=t[i]/365 # days as years
#
# Import graphics routines for picture making
```

```

#
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
#
# Build and Render the Plot
#
plt.plot(t,c, color='red', linestyle = 'solid') # make the plot object
plt.title(" Concentration History \n ") # caption the plot object
plt.xlabel(" Time since release (years)") # label x-axis
plt.ylabel(" Concentration (ppm)      ") # Label y-axis
#plt.savefig("ogatabanksplot.png") # optional generates just a plot for embedding i
plt.show() # plot to stdio -- has to be last call as it kills prior objects
plt.close('all') # needed when plt.show call not invoked, optional here
#sys.exit() # used to elegant exit for CGI-BIN use

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Concentration History



discussion

The equilibrium concentration can be found from the plot either by finding the maximum in the list or just taking the last element in the list.

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In [17]: print("Equilibrium concentration @ x=200,y=0,z=0,t->big : ",round(max(c),3)," ppm")
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Equilibrium concentration @ x=200,y=0,z=0,t->big : 3.16 ppm