

# 1.723 HW5

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## 1 Problem 1

### 1.1 Part 1

The steady-state flow equation is given by

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{u} = -\lambda(x, y) \nabla p. \quad (2)$$

For a single cell with center at  $(i, j)$ , we want to integrate

$$\int_{\Omega_{i,j}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dV = 0 \quad (3)$$

This is converted to a flux from all the surfaces  $(i + 1/2, j)$ ,  $(i - 1/2, j)$ ,  $(i, j + 1/2)$ , and  $(i, j - 1/2)$  via the divergence theorem, yielding

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i+1/2,j}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_{i-1/2,j}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_{i,j+1/2}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_{i,j-1/2}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = 0, \quad (4)$$

which can be expanded to

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i+1/2,j}} u_{i+1/2,j}^x(1) \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_{i-1/2,j}} u_{i-1/2,j}^x(-1) \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_{i,j+1/2}} u_{i,j+1/2}^y(1) \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_{i,j-1/2}} u_{i,j-1/2}^y(-1) \, dS = 0. \quad (5)$$

Define the transmissibilities as

$$T_{i+1/2,j}^x = \bar{\lambda}_{i+1/2,j} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} \quad (6)$$

$$T_{i-1/2,j}^x = \bar{\lambda}_{i-1/2,j} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} \quad (7)$$

$$T_{i,j+1/2}^y = \bar{\lambda}_{i,j+1/2} \frac{\delta x}{\delta y} \quad (8)$$

$$T_{i,j-1/2}^y = \bar{\lambda}_{i,j-1/2} \frac{\delta x}{\delta y} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\bar{\lambda}_{i+1/2,j} = 2 (\lambda_{i,j}^{-1} + \lambda_{i+1,j}^{-1})^{-1} \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{i-1/2,j} = 2 (\lambda_{i,j}^{-1} + \lambda_{i-1,j}^{-1})^{-1} \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{i,j+1/2} = 2 (\lambda_{i,j}^{-1} + \lambda_{i,j+1}^{-1})^{-1} \quad (12)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{i,j-1/2} = 2 (\lambda_{i,j}^{-1} + \lambda_{i,j-1}^{-1})^{-1}. \quad (13)$$

Using the two point flux approximation, we can write the surface integrals as

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i+1/2,j}} u_{i+1/2,j}^x(1) \, dS = T_{i+1/2,j}^x(p_{i,j} - p_{i+1,j}) \quad (14)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i-1/2,j}} u_{i-1/2,j}^x(-1) \, dS = T_{i-1/2,j}^x(p_{i,j} - p_{i-1,j}) \quad (15)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i,j+1/2}} u_{i,j+1/2}^y(1) \, dS = T_{i,j+1/2}^y(p_{i,j} - p_{i,j+1}) \quad (16)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i,j-1/2}} u_{i,j-1/2}^y(-1) \, dS = T_{i,j-1/2}^y(p_{i,j} - p_{i,j-1}), \quad (17)$$

which allows us to write the sum of fluxes as

$$\begin{aligned} & -T_{i+1/2,j}^x p_{i+1,j} \\ & -T_{i-1/2,j}^x p_{i-1,j} \\ & (T_{i+1/2,j}^x + T_{i-1/2,j}^x + T_{i,j+1/2}^y + T_{i,j-1/2}^y) p_{i,j} \\ & -T_{i,j+1/2}^y p_{i,j+1} \\ & -T_{i,j-1/2}^y p_{i,j-1} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using a global numbering  $I = f(i, j)$ , e.g.  $I = N_x i + j$ , we can write this as a system of equations for unknown  $p_I$ .

Note that the above equation only applies in the interior of the domain. On the boundaries, we must rederive the equations. Setting the transmissibilities to zero suffices to set no-flow boundary conditions. On boundaries where the pressure is known, we must double the interior cell transmissibility; e.g. on the top right corner of the quarter five point, we set

$$T_{N_x+1/2,N_y}^x = 2\lambda_{N_x,N_y} \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} \quad (18)$$

$$T_{N_x,N_y+1/2}^y = 2\lambda_{N_x,N_y} \frac{\delta x}{\delta y} \quad (19)$$

and the boundary term is added in the load vector

$$b_{N_x N_y} = T_{N_x+1/2,N_y}^x \bar{p} + T_{N_x,N_y+1/2}^y \bar{p}. \quad (20)$$

On the inflow boundary (the bottom left cell), we already know the integrated flux entering the system, so we simply replace those integrals in the sum for that cell.

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i+1/2,j}} u_{i+1/2,j}^x(1) \, dS = T_{i+1/2,j}^x(p_{i,j} - p_{i+1,j}) \quad (21)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i-1/2,j}} u_{i-1/2,j}^x(-1) \, dS = -Q/2 \quad (22)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i,j+1/2}} u_{i,j+1/2}^y(1) \, dS = T_{i,j+1/2}^y(p_{i,j} - p_{i,j+1}) \quad (23)$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_{i,j-1/2}} u_{i,j-1/2}^y(-1) \, dS = -Q/2, \quad (24)$$

which becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & -T_{i+1/2,j}^x p_{i+1,j} \\ & (T_{i+1/2,j}^x + T_{i,j+1/2}^y) p_{i,j} \\ & -T_{i,j+1/2}^y p_{i,j+1} = Q. \end{aligned}$$

We can achieve this by setting the transmissibilities to zero and adding into the load vector

$$b_1 = Q. \quad (25)$$

## 1.2 Part 2

Here we show three different permeability fields generated using the same parameters as we are to use for the rest of the problem. They look mostly the same, but the scale is different.

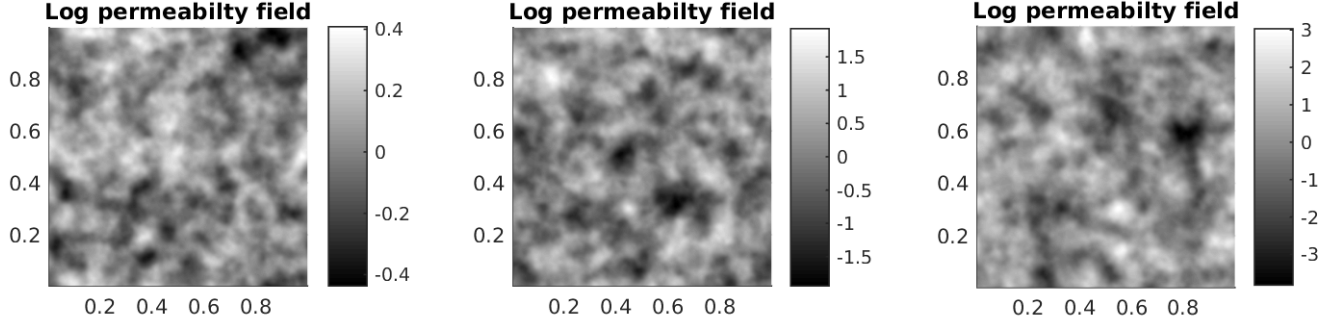


Table 1: Here the variance in log of  $k$  varies from 0.1 to 2 to 5 (left to right). The correlation lengths are both  $5dx$ , where  $dx = 1/200$ .

Increasing the correlation length in these next images makes larger blocks of similar values.

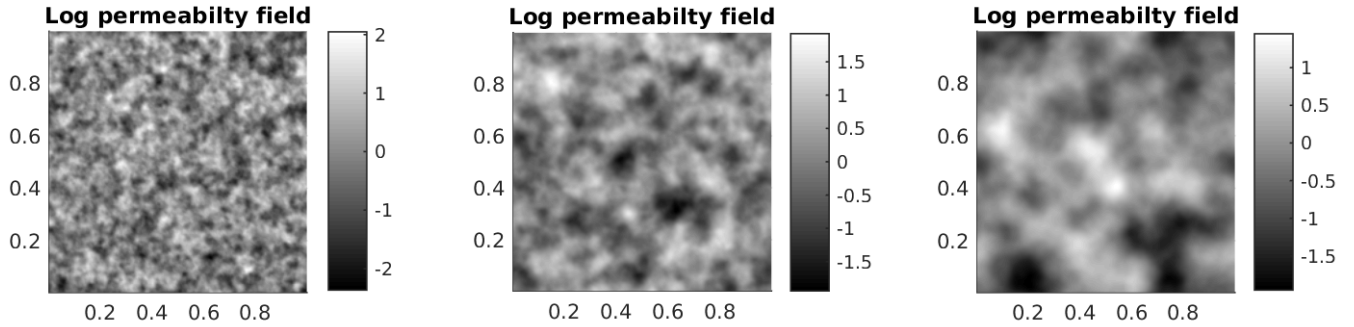


Table 2: Here the variance in log of  $k$  is constant at 2. The correlation lengths are equal to each other, but vary from  $2dx$ , to  $5dx$ , to  $20dx$  from left to right (again  $dx = 1/200$ ).