

EQUATIONS OF FLUID FLOW IN non-consolidating rigid sediment

Darcy's law

velocity = - permeability * pressure gradient

$$\underline{v} = - \frac{k}{\rho_{H_2O} g n} \nabla P = k \nabla P$$

compressibility

$$\beta = - \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial P} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P}$$

v = volume
ρ = density

mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho n)}{\partial t} = - \nabla \cdot \{ n \rho \underline{v} \}$$

n = porosity

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = - \nabla \cdot \{ \rho \underline{v} \}$$

iff n = constant

note

a) $\nabla \cdot \{ \rho \underline{v} \} = \rho \nabla \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \rho$

b) $-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\beta \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$

c) $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial P} = \beta \rho$ so $\frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} = \beta \nabla P$

from mass conservation

$$-\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \rho \nabla \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \rho$$

dividing by ρ

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{v} \cdot \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho}$$

using notes b) and c)

$$-\beta \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \underline{v} + \underline{v} \cdot \beta \nabla P$$

inserting Darcy's law

$$+\beta \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla P) + k \nabla P \cdot \beta \nabla P$$

assuming k constant

$$\beta \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 P + k \beta (\nabla P)^2$$

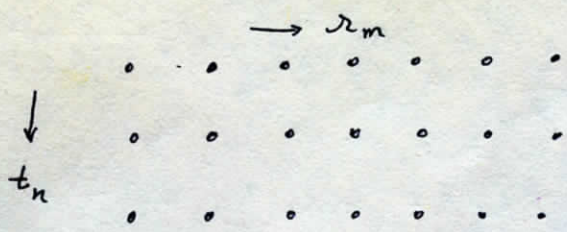
in cylindrical coordinates this is

$$\nabla P \rightarrow \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \hat{r} \quad \nabla^2 P = \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$\beta \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial r^2} + \frac{k}{r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + k \beta \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \right)^2$$

finite difference scheme

center derivatives on
(m, n + 1/2)



$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{P_m^{n+1} - P_m^n}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial r^2} = \frac{1}{2\Delta r^2} (P_{m+1}^{n+1} - 2P_m^{n+1} + P_{m-1}^{n+1} + P_{m+1}^n - 2P_m^n + P_{m-1}^n)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{4\Delta r} (P_{m+1}^{n+1} - P_{m-1}^{n+1} + P_{m+1}^n - P_{m-1}^n)$$

Equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta}{\Delta t} (P_m^{n+1} - P_m^n) &= \frac{K}{2\Delta r^2} (P_{m+1}^{n+1} - 2P_m^{n+1} + P_{m-1}^{n+1} + P_{m+1}^n - 2P_m^n + P_{m-1}^n) \\ &+ \frac{K}{4\Delta r \Delta r_m} (P_{m+1}^{n+1} - P_{m-1}^{n+1} + P_{m+1}^n - P_{m-1}^n) \\ &+ \frac{K\beta}{16\Delta r^2} (P_{m+1}'^{n+1} - P_{m-1}'^{n+1} + P_{m+1}^n - P_{m-1}^n)^2 \end{aligned}$$

rearrange:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(-\frac{K}{2\Delta r^2} + \frac{K}{4\Delta r \Delta r_m}\right) P_{m-1}^{n+1} &+ \left(\frac{\beta}{\Delta t} + \frac{K}{4\Delta r^2}\right) P_m^{n+1} &+ \left(-\frac{K}{2\Delta r^2} - \frac{K}{4\Delta r \Delta r_m}\right) P_{m+1}^{n+1} \\ &= \left(\frac{K}{2\Delta r^2} - \frac{K}{4\Delta r \Delta r_m}\right) P_{m-1}^n &+ \left(\frac{\beta}{\Delta t} - \frac{K}{\Delta r^2}\right) P_m^n &+ \left(\frac{K}{2\Delta r^2} + \frac{K}{4\Delta r \Delta r_m}\right) P_{m+1}^n \\ &+ \frac{K\beta}{16\Delta r^2} (P_{m+1}'^{n+1} - P_{m-1}'^{n+1} + P_{m+1}^n - P_{m-1}^n)^2 \end{aligned}$$

solution of non-linear fluid flow equation in media with constant porosity and permeability.

BASIC EQUATION

$$\beta \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \beta k \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right)^2$$

$\beta = \text{compressibility}$

$$k = \frac{k}{\eta \rho g}$$

TIME INDEPENDENT ASSUMPTION

$$0 = \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + \beta \left(\frac{dP}{dx} \right)^2$$

SOLVE BY WRITING

$$y = \frac{dP}{dx} \quad \frac{dy}{y^2} = -\beta dx$$

GENERAL SOLUTION IS

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(x + C_0) + C_1$$

C_0, C_1 constants.

SUPPOSE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$$P(0) = 1 \quad P(1) = 2$$

Then

$$C_0 = (e^{\beta} - 1)^{-1}$$

$$C_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(e^{\beta} - 1)$$

SINCE $V = -k \frac{dP}{dx}$ WE HAVE

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(x(e^{\beta} - 1) + 1) + 1$$

$$V(x) = -\frac{k}{\beta} \frac{(e^{\beta} - 1)}{x(e^{\beta} - 1) + 1}$$

ASSUME $\beta \ll 1$ THEN SINCE $e^x - 1 \approx (x + \frac{x^2}{2})$ AND $\ln(x+1) \approx x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3$ WE HAVE:

$$P(x) \approx 1 + \left(1 + \frac{\beta}{2}\right)x - \frac{\beta}{2}x^2 \quad O(\beta)$$

$$V(x) \approx -k \left[\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{2}\right) - \beta x \right] \quad O(\beta)$$

