

Lecture 8: Layered media & variable coeff.

Logistics: - HW 2 due ✓
-(HW3 posted)

Last time: Heterogeneous BC's

$$\underline{B} \underline{h} = \underline{g}$$

$$\underline{h} = \underline{h}_0 + \underline{h}_p$$

$$\text{I), } \underline{B} \underline{B}^T \underline{h}_p = \underline{g}$$

$$\text{II), } \underline{L} \underline{h}_0 = \underline{f}_s - \underline{L} \underline{h}_p$$

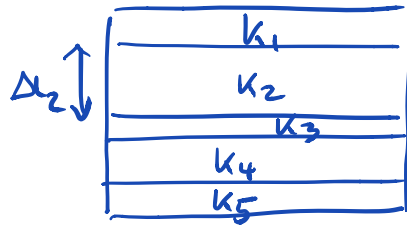
- Effective properties of
Layered media

$$q \cdot u \sim T$$

$$h = h_0 + h_p$$

Today: - Layered media
- effective properties
- anisotropy (dependence on dir.)
- mean crustal permeability
- variable coefficients

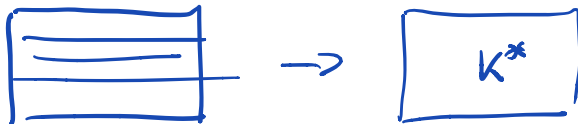
Layered media



Stack of N layers

$k_i \Delta l_i$

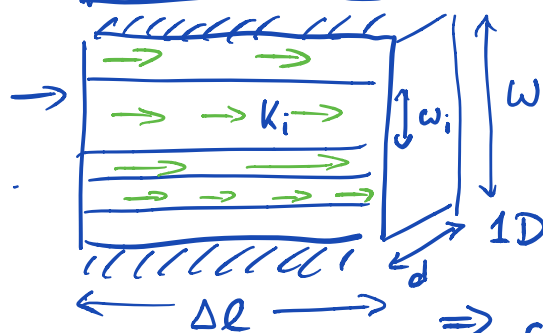
1) Flow along layers



Can we find k^* that gives the same Q for Δh ?



$$\Delta h = h_R - h_L$$



every layer experiences same Δh

1D flow along each layer

\Rightarrow consider them separately

Darcy i th layer: $Q_i = - \frac{dw_i}{A_i} k_i \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta L}$

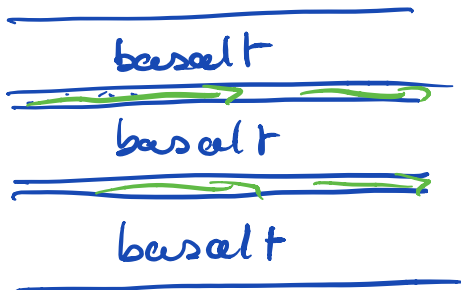
Darcy for stack: $Q = -dW k_{||}^* \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta l}$

Total flow $Q = \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i$

$$-dW k_{||}^* \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta l} = \sum_i -d w_i k_i \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta l}$$

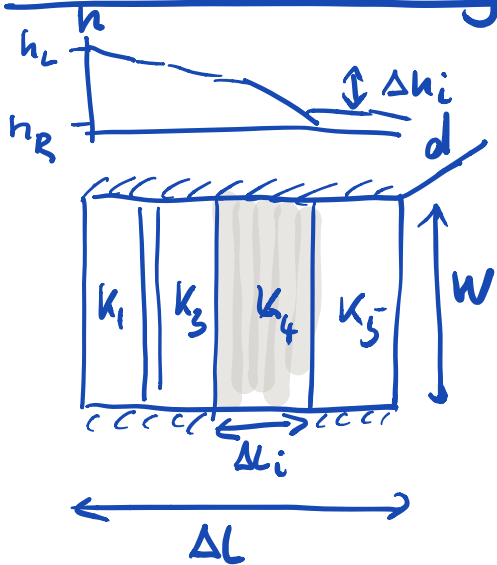
$$k_{||}^* = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{w_i}{W} k_i$$

Effective hyd. cond. for flow along layers is weighted arithmetic average.



high k layers "dominate"

Flow across layers



1D flow perpendicular to layers.

$$Q_i = Q \quad A = dW = \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_i = q$$

$$\text{Darcy i-th: } q = -k_i \frac{\Delta h_i}{\Delta L_i}$$

$$\text{Darcy stack: } q = -K_{\perp}^* \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta L}$$

$$\Delta h = \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta h_i$$

$$\Delta h_i = -q \frac{\Delta L_i}{k_i}$$

$$\Delta L = \sum \Delta L_i$$

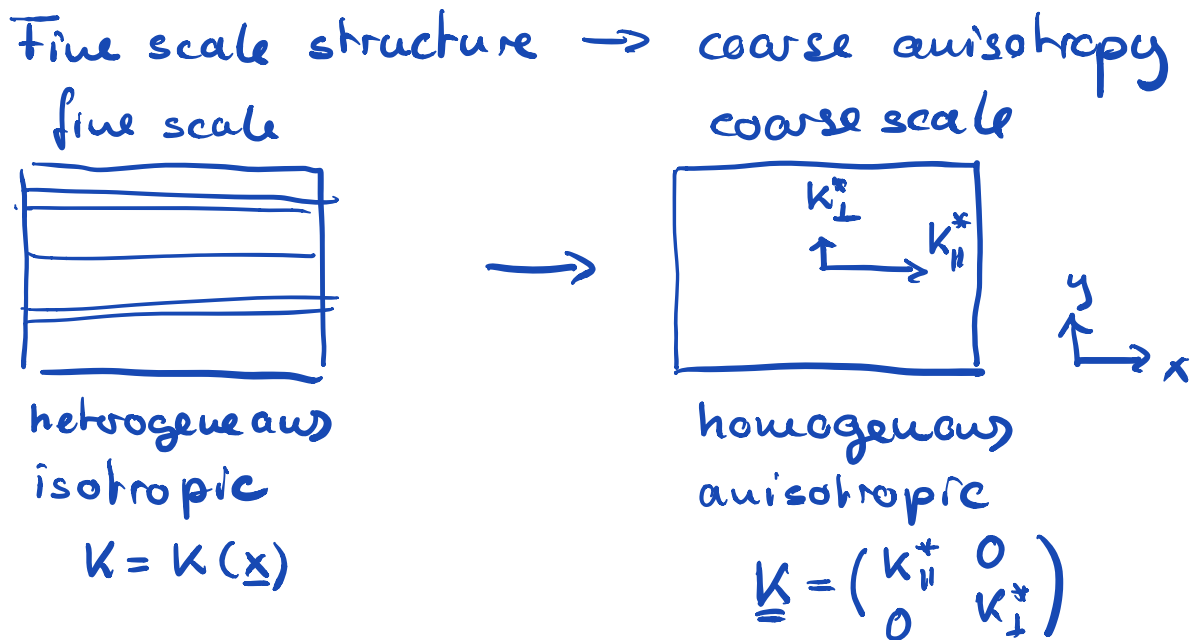
$$K_{\perp}^* = -q \frac{\Delta L}{\Delta h} = -q \frac{\Delta L}{-q \sum \frac{\Delta L_i}{k_i}} = \frac{\Delta L}{\sum \frac{\Delta L_i}{k_i}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Delta L_i / \Delta L}{k_i}}$$

$$K_{\perp}^* = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Delta L_i / \Delta L}{k_i}}$$

$$K_{\perp}^* \leq K_{\parallel}^*$$

Effective hydr. cond. for flow across layers is weighted harmonic average

\Rightarrow lowest k_i will dominate



Variable coefficients

Heterogeneity is key element of porous media

Continuous Equ: $-\nabla \cdot [\overset{k > 0}{k(\underline{x})} \nabla h] = f_s$

Discrete Equ: $-\underline{D} * [\underline{k}_d * \underline{G} h] = \underline{f}_s$

Size of \underline{k}_d ?

D	k_d	G
$N_x \cdot (N_x + 1)$	$(N_x + 1) \cdot (N_x + 1)$	$(N_x + 1) \cdot N_x$

$\Rightarrow \underline{k}_d$ is $N_x + 1$ by $N_x + 1$ matrix
 associated with faces

⇒ mean K on each face

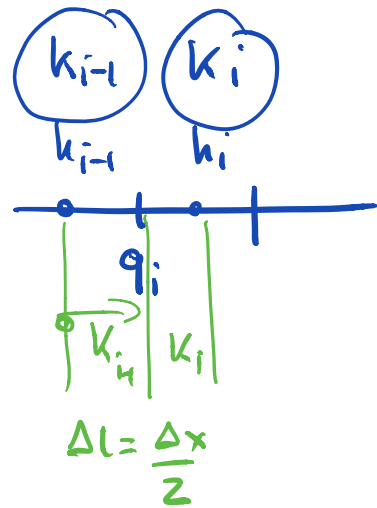
homogeneous case: $\underline{\underline{Kd}} = K \underline{\underline{I}}$

Darcy: $q = - \underline{\underline{Kd}} \underline{\underline{G}} \underline{\underline{h}}$

↑ $\frac{dh}{dx}$

mean

$$q_i = - K_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{h_i - h_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$



$$K_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \text{mean } K_i \quad K_{i-1}$$

⇒ harmonic mean because

flow across layers

$$K_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{K_{i-1}} + \frac{1}{K_i}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\Delta x}{2}}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\underline{\underline{Kd}}$ is a diagonal matrix with the harmonic average of K to each face.

Computing means

comp-mean-matrix.m

→ compute both harmonic & arithmetic means of cell center quantities on faces

- 1) Generate mean matrix \underline{M} so that
 $\underline{k_{mean}} = \underline{M} * \underline{k}$ comp. arithm. mean
via matrix-vector product

Note: \underline{M} has same fill pattern as \underline{G}

$$\underline{M} = \frac{\Delta x}{2} |\underline{G}|$$

beware typo in notes

Note: zero on bnd

- 2) Harmonic average

$$\underline{k_{mean}} = 1. / (\underbrace{\underline{M} * (1. / \underline{k})}_{0 \text{ on bnd}})$$

need to set $\underline{k_{mean}}(\text{def_bnd}) = 0.$

Place K_{mean} on diagonal of K_d