

# Lecture 3: Introduction to numerics

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Logistics: none

Last time: - General balance law

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{j} = \hat{f}_s$$

$u = \text{unknown}$

- Fluid mass conservation

$$u = \phi \rho$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi \rho) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \underline{q}) = \rho \hat{f}_s$$

$$\underline{q} = -k \nabla h$$

- Incompressible flow  $\rho = \text{const.}$

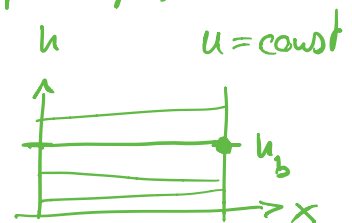
$$-\nabla \cdot [k \nabla h] = \hat{f}_s$$

Poisson Eqn  
(Elliptic Eqn)

- Boundary conditions

• Dirichlet:  $h = \underline{h}_b$

• Neuman:  $\underline{q} \cdot \hat{n} = -\underline{q}_b$



$$q = 0$$

$$f_s = 0$$

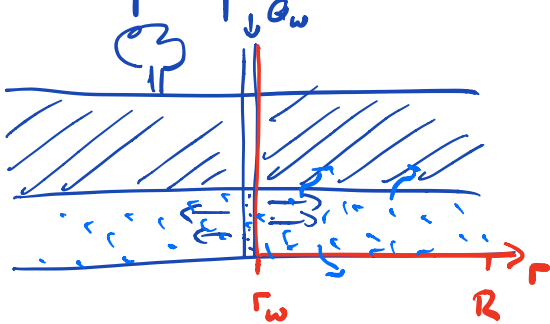
Today: - Introduction to numerics

Motivate our approach

- Review FD

- Example problems

Example problem: Flow around an injection well



$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = f_s$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{k} \nabla h = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\cdot) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} (r \cdot)$$

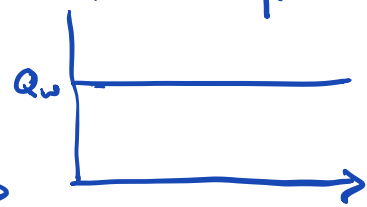
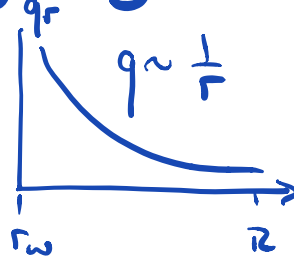
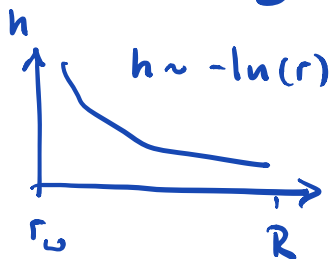
$$\nabla = \frac{d}{dr}$$

PDE:  $-\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dh}{dr} \right) = 0$  on  $r \in [r_w, R]$

BC:  $Q_w = A_w q_r(r_w) = -A_w k \frac{dh}{dr} \Big|_{r_w}$  (Neumann)  $A_w = 2\pi r_w H$

$h(r=R) = h_B$   $\frac{dh}{dr} \Big|_{r_w} = -\frac{Q_w}{A_w k}$

$\Rightarrow$  solve by integrating twice  $Q = A(r) q_r$



### Finite difference discretization

PDE:  $\frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dh}{dr} \right) = 0$

$= r \frac{d^2 h}{dr^2} + 1 \frac{dh}{dr}$



$\frac{dh}{dr} \Big|_i = \frac{h_{i+1} - h_{i-1}}{2 \Delta r} = \underline{\underline{D}}$

$\frac{d^2 h}{dr^2} \Big|_i = \frac{h_{i+1} - 2h_i + h_{i-1}}{\Delta r^2} = \underline{\underline{D^2}}$

Observations: 1) Surprisingly large errors

2) Mass is not conserved

For practical problems we need an approach

that will conserve mass exactly even on a

finite grid.  $\Rightarrow$  Discrete conservation

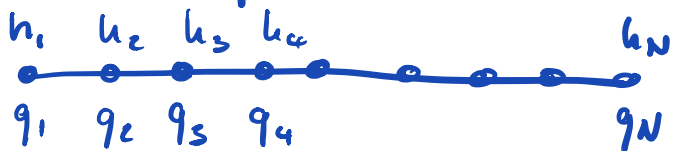
## Finite differencing in conservation form

Discretize with divergence intact.

mass bal:  $\nabla \cdot q = f_s$        $\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr}(r q_r) = 0$

Darcy law:  $q = -k \nabla h$        $q_r = -k \frac{dh}{dr}$

Introduce  $q_r \hat{=} q$  as additional unknown



collocated grid

$$\frac{d}{dr}(r q) \approx \frac{r_{i+1} q_{i+1} - r_{i-1} q_{i-1}}{2 \Delta r}$$
$$q_i = -k \frac{dh}{dr} \approx -k_i \frac{h_{i+1} - h_{i-1}}{2 \Delta r}$$

central  
differences

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta r} \left( \underbrace{r_{i+1} \left( -k_{i+1} \frac{h_{i+2} - h_i}{2\Delta r} \right)}_{q_{i+1}} - \underbrace{r_{i-1} \left( -k_{i-1} \frac{h_i - h_{i-2}}{2\Delta r} \right)}_{q_{i-1}} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{4\Delta r^2} \left( r_{i+1} k_{i+1} h_{i+2} - (r_{i+1} k_{i+1} + r_{i-1} k_{i-1}) h_i + r_{i-1} k_{i-1} h_{i-2} \right)$$



$$i=8 \rightarrow h_{8+2} = h_{10} \quad h_8 \quad h_{8-2} = h_6$$

$$i=7 \rightarrow h_9 \quad h_7 \quad h_5$$

$$h = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_3 \\ h_5 \\ \vdots \\ h_2 \\ h_4 \\ h_6 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\text{odd}} \\ \boxed{\text{even}} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{decoupling between even and odd nodes}$$

The way to resolve the decoupling

⇒ staggered grid

