

# Discretization of advective flux

Example problem Submarine groundwater discharge

Fresh water discharges at constant flow rate into a salty ocean



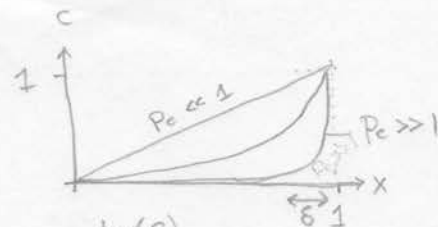
PDE.  $\frac{d}{dx} (Pe c - \frac{dc}{dx}) = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1$

BC.  $c(0) = 0$

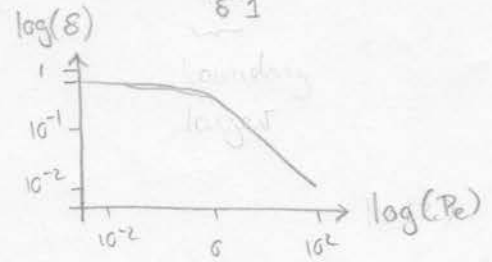
$c(1) = 1$

Analytic solution.

$$c(x) = \frac{e^{Pe x} - 1}{e^{Pe} - 1}$$



Diffusive boundary layer  $\delta = -\frac{1}{Pe} \ln(1 + \epsilon(e^{Pe} - 1))$



## Discrete advective fluxes

PDE:  $\nabla (q c + D \nabla c) = 0$

where  $q$ 's are known from flow problem

Discrete:  $\underline{D} (\underline{A} q - D \underline{\nabla} c) = 0$

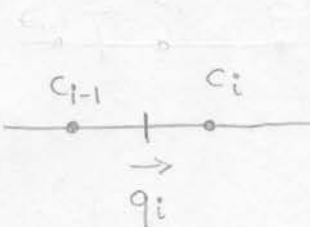
$\underline{D} (\underline{A} q) - D \underline{\nabla} c = 0$   
 $\underline{E} c = 0$

Need to determine a  $N \times + 1$  by  $N \times$  matrix  $\underline{A}$  that is a function of the known fluxes  $q$ , so that  $\underline{A}(q) c \sim q c$

Main problem is that  $c$  is given at cell centers and  $q$  at faces

$\Rightarrow$  need approximation of  $c$  on interfaces

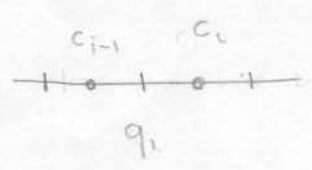
Advective flux across  $i$ th interface



$$a_i = q_i c_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

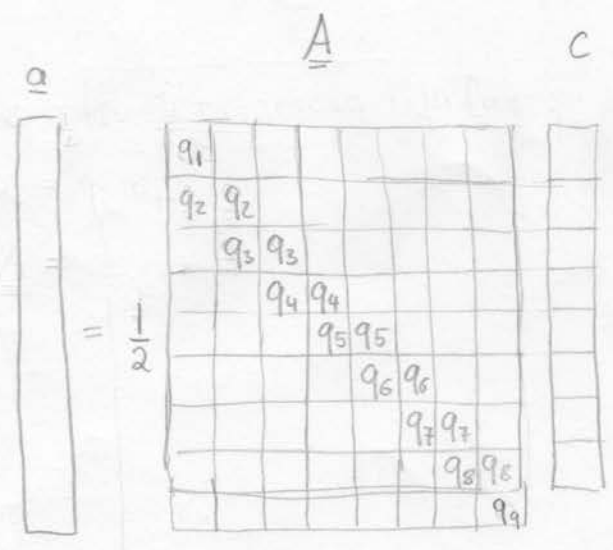
how do we approx  $c_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$

Central flux



$$c_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} (c_i + c_{i-1})$$

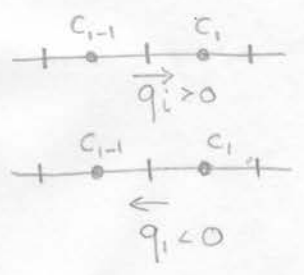
$$a_i = \frac{1}{2} q_i (c_i + c_{i-1})$$



Stability limit:

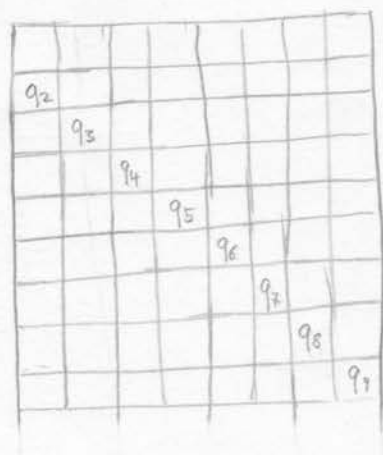
$$\Delta x < \frac{2}{Pe} = \frac{2D_H}{qL}$$

Upwind flux

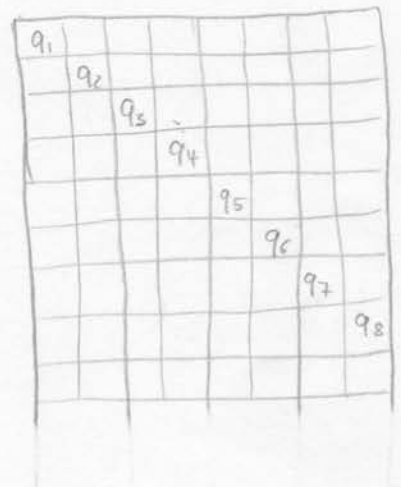


$$c_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} c_{i-1} & q_i \geq 0 \\ c_i & q_i < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\underline{A}^+ \quad q > 0$



$\underline{A}^- \quad q < 0$



→ need to switch between  $\underline{A}^+$  &  $\underline{A}^-$  on a cell by cell basis depending on sign of  $q$

Build positive & negative flux vectors

$$q_n = \min(q(i:Nx), 0),$$

$$q_p = \max(q(2:Nx+1), 0),$$

