

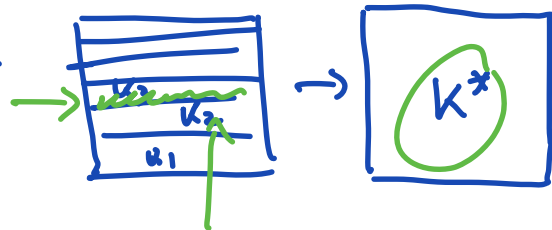
## Lecture 8: Heterogeneous Media & fluxes

Logistics: - HW2 is due

- HW3 will be posted  $\rightarrow$  comp\_mean

Last time: - Review of Dirichlet BC's

- Layered media



Parallel flow:  $k_{||}^* = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{w_i}{W} k_i$  (arithmetic)

Perpendicular flow:  $k_{\perp}^* = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\Delta l_i / \Delta l}{k_i}}$  (harmonic)

$\Rightarrow$  anisotropy  $\underline{k}^*$  is a tensor

Today: - Discretization of heterogeneous coefficients

- ~~Fluxes and Neumann BC's~~

- Radial & spherical ops

# Discretization of heterogeneous coefficients

Heterogeneity is key element of geologic media

Continuous eqn:  $-\nabla \cdot [\underline{K}(x) \nabla h] = f_s$

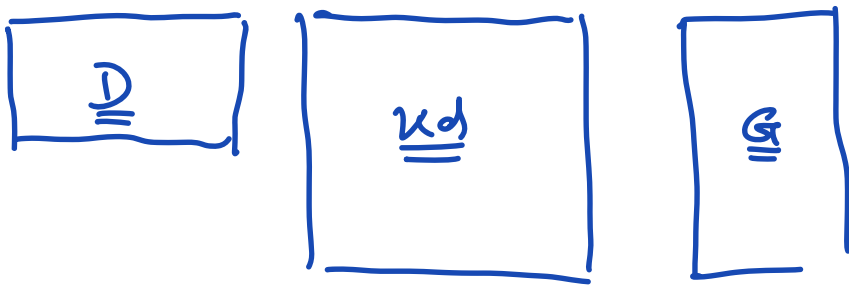
Discrete eqn:  $-\underline{D} \cdot [\underline{K}_d \underline{G}] \underline{h} = \underline{f}_s$

What is size of  $\underline{K}_d$ ?  $N = \# \text{ cells}$   $N_f = \# \text{ faces}$

$\underline{D}$   $\underline{K}_d$   $\underline{G}$   
 $N \text{ by } N_f$   $N_f \text{ by } N_f$   $N_f \text{ by } N$

$N_f = N_x + 1$   
 $N = N_x$

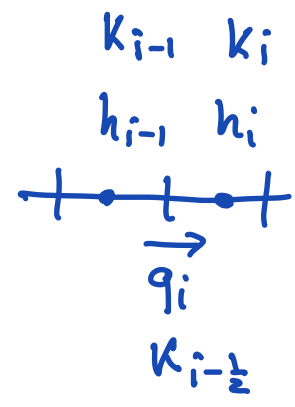
$\Rightarrow \underline{K}_d$  is  $N_f$  by  $N_f$  matrix associated with faces



Entries into  $\underline{K}_d$  matrix

Darcy flux

$q = -K \nabla h$   
 $q = -\underline{K}_d \underline{G} \underline{h}$   
 $q_i = -K_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{h_i - h_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$



$k_i$ 's are typically defined on cells  
 for example  $k_i$  is often related to porosity  
 which is naturally associated  
 with cells

$\Rightarrow$  average  $k_i$  to faces

$\underline{k}_{mean}$  is  $N_f$  by 1 vector is  $k_{i-1/2}$

$$\underline{q} = -\underline{k}_{mean} \cdot \frac{d\underline{G}}{dh} \quad \text{element wise mult.}$$

But to form  $\underline{L} = -\underline{D} \underline{k}_{mean} \underline{G}$

instead of vector we form a diagonal matrix

$$\underline{k}_{mean} \cdot \frac{d\underline{h}}{dh} = \underline{K_d} \cdot \frac{d\underline{h}}{dh}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{L} = -\underline{D} \cdot \underline{K_d} \cdot \underline{G}$$

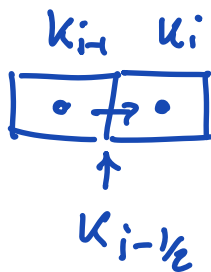
$\underline{K_d}$  is ~~diagonal~~  $N_f$  by  $N_f$  matrix with  $\underline{k}_{mean}$   
 on diagonal

$$\underline{K_d} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{k}_{mean} \end{bmatrix}$$

The appropriate average depends on problem:

1) Hydraulic conductivity

$K(x)$  is often discontinuous

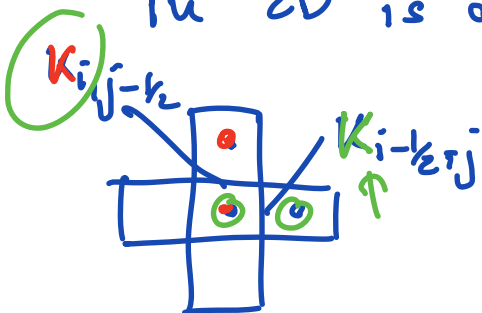


flow is  $\perp$  to change in  $k$   
 $\Rightarrow$  harmonic average

$$K_{i-1/2} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{K_{i-1}} + \frac{1}{K_i}} \quad \Delta x_i / \Delta l$$

In 1D this gives correct solution

in 2D is an approx. but standard choice



2) Non-linear conductivity:  $K = K(h)$

Examples: - unconfined flow



$$-\nabla \cdot [ \overset{h}{\underset{\uparrow}{b}} k \nabla h ] = f_s$$

- compressible flow

since  $h$  is smooth  $\rightarrow K(h)$  is smooth

$\rightarrow$  arithmetic average is best

Two options:

I) Evaluate then average

$$K_{i-1/2} = \frac{K(h_{i-1}) + K(h_i)}{2}$$

II) Average  $h$  then evaluate

$$K_{i-1/2} = K\left(\frac{h_{i-1} + h_i}{2}\right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{same as assuming} \\ h \text{ is smooth} \end{array}$$

Note: These averages are special case  
of general power law average

$$K_p = \left( \frac{1}{2} (K_{i-1}^p + K_i^p) \right)^{1/p} \quad \begin{array}{l} p=1 \text{ arith.} \\ p=-1 \text{ harm.} \end{array}$$

Implementation in comp\_mean.m

From build\_ops we have M matrix  
that computes arithmetic average!

As such we can compute averages as follows.

arithm. ( $p=1$ ):  $k_{\text{mean}} = \underline{M} * \underline{k}$

harmonic ( $p=0$ ):  $k_{\text{mean}} = 1. / (\underline{M} * (1. / \underline{k}))$

or simply use general power mean

$$\underline{k}_{\text{mean}} = (\underline{M} * \underline{k} \cdot p) \cdot ^{(1/p)} \quad p \neq 0$$

$$\underline{k}_d = \text{spdiags}(k_{\text{mean}}, 0, N_f, W_f)$$

$\text{spdiags}(k_{\text{mean}}) \quad \text{by ?}$