

Lecture 4: Conservative Finite Differences

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Matlab Grader → HW 1 is posted

Last time: - Incompressible flow $\phi, \rho = \text{const}$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} 1) \nabla \cdot \underline{q} = f_s \\ 2) \underline{q} = -k \nabla h \end{array} \right\} - \nabla \cdot (k \nabla h) = f_s$$

- BC: Dirichlet: prescribe h

Neuman: prescribe flux q

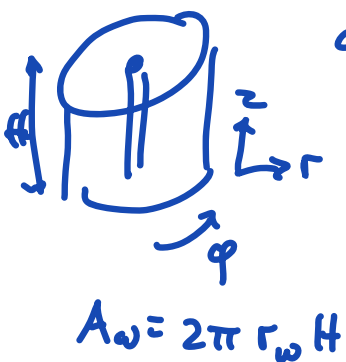
- Finite differences: - one side 1st order (Δx)

- central diff 2nd order (Δx^2)

- Differentiation matrix: $\underline{df} = \underline{D} \underline{f}$

$$\underline{ddf} = \underline{D}^2 \underline{f}$$

Example: Flow around injection well (cylindrical coord)



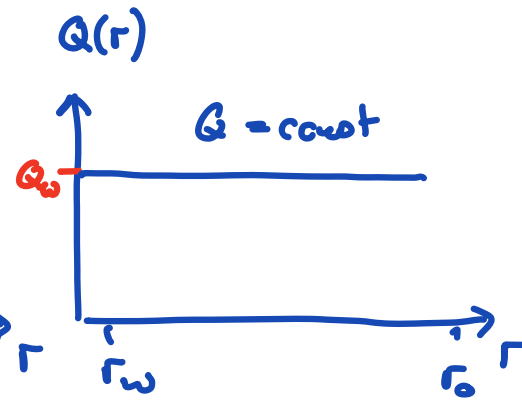
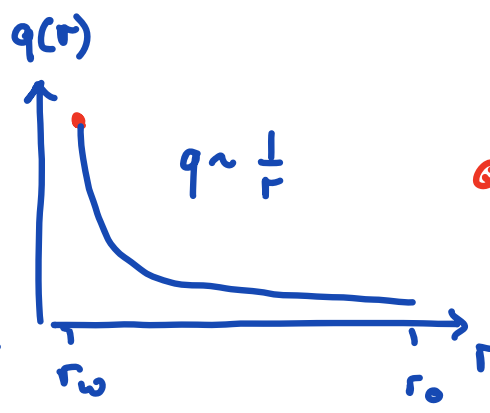
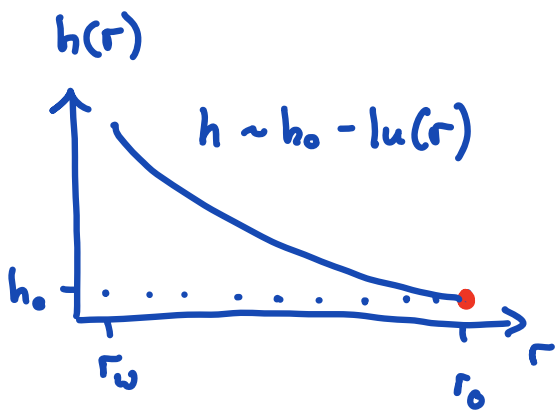
cylindrical coord: $\nabla \cdot \underline{q} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} (r q_r)$ $\underline{q} = \begin{pmatrix} q_r \\ q_c \\ q_o \end{pmatrix}$

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

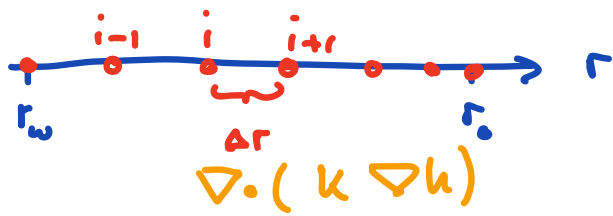
BC: $Q_w = A_w q_r(r_w) = -A_w k \left. \frac{dh}{dr} \right|_{r_w} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dh}{dr} \right|_{r_w} = \frac{-Q_w}{A_w k}$

$h(r_o) = h_o$ Dir

Solution



Finite Difference Approximation



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

$r \frac{d^2 h}{dr^2} + \frac{dh}{dr} = 0$

$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & & \\ & r_2 & \\ & & r_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{R} \underline{D}^2 \underline{h} + \underline{D} \underline{h} = (\underline{R} \underline{D}^2 + \underline{D}) \underline{h} = \underline{0}$
 $\underline{L} \underline{h} = \underline{0} + BC$

key to discrete mass conservation is ^{to} discretize conservation form with divergence intact

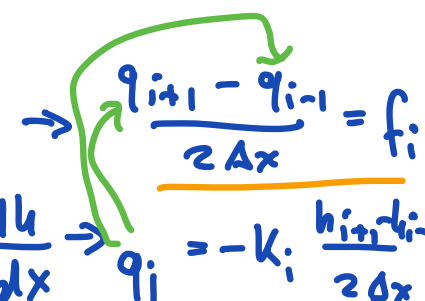
$-\nabla \cdot (k \nabla h) = f_s$

$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(k \frac{dh}{dx} \right) = f_s$

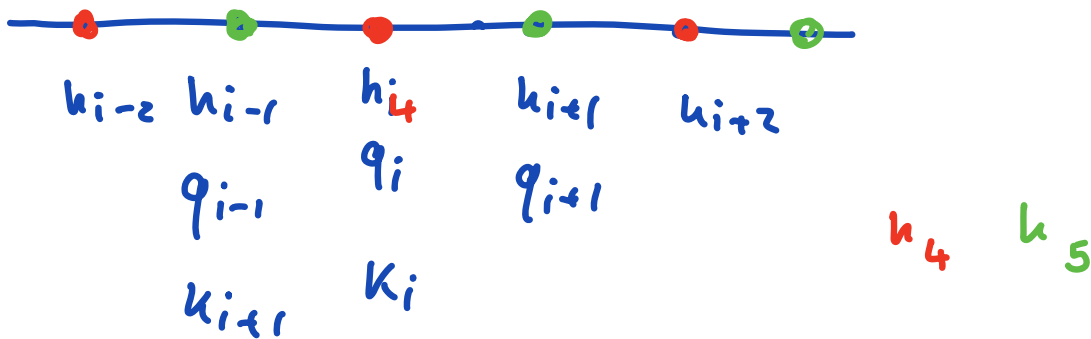
Break it up into 'div-grid' system two first order equations by introducing flux q :

$$1) \quad \nabla \cdot q = f \xrightarrow{1D} \frac{dq}{dx} = f$$

$$2) \quad q = -k \nabla h \rightarrow q = -k \frac{dh}{dx} \rightarrow q_i = -k_i \frac{h_{i+1} - h_i}{2\Delta x}$$



if we co-locate grid h and q on grid



substitute q_{i+1} and q_{i-1} in mass balance

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

$$\frac{1}{4\Delta x^2} \left[-k_{i+1} h_{i+2} - (k_{i-1} + k_{i+1}) h_i - k_{i-1} h_{i-2} \right] = f_i$$

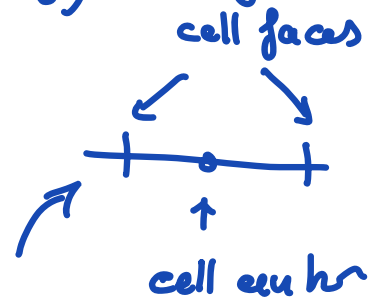
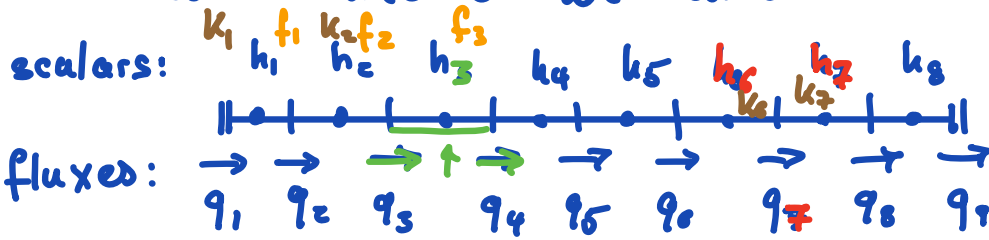
\Rightarrow wide stencil we don't use direct neighbors

\Rightarrow oscillatory solution because even & odd not properly coupled.

Conservative Finite Differences / Finite Volumes

To reduce the width of FD stencil and to couple even

and odd unknowns we introduce a staggered grid.



control volume

Discretize div-grad system:

$$1) \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = f_s \xrightarrow{1D} \frac{dq}{dx} = f \xrightarrow{CFD}$$

$$q_{i+1} - q_i = f_i \Delta x$$

$$2) \quad \mathbf{q} = -k \nabla h \xrightarrow{1D} \mathbf{q} = -k \frac{dh}{dx} \xrightarrow{CFD}$$

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

suitable average

Substitute ② into ①

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[k_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{h_{i+1} - h_i}{\Delta x} - k_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{h_i - h_{i-1}}{\Delta x} \right] = f_i$$

simplify

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \left[k_{i+\frac{1}{2}} h_{i+1} - (k_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + k_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) h_i + k_{i-\frac{1}{2}} h_{i-1} \right] = f_i$$

⇒ narrow/compact stencil

