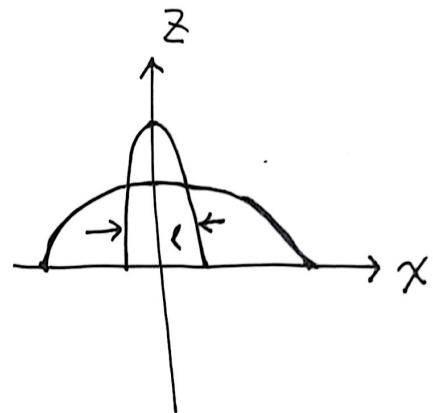


Lecture 6 . Scaling analysis (III)

{: Groundwater flow $\partial_t H = \lambda^2 \partial_x^2 H^2$

{ self-similar solution

{ The intermediate asymptotics



$$\Pi_2 = \frac{\lambda}{(I x t)^{1/3}}$$

$$H = H_0(t) f\left(\frac{x}{x_f t^{1/3}}\right)$$

$$H_0(t) \propto \left(\frac{I^2}{x t}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$\Pi_3 = \frac{H_i}{(I^2/x t)^{1/3}}$$

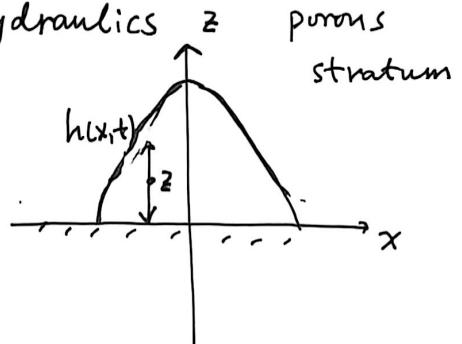
$$x_f \propto (I k t)^{1/3}$$

$$H = \rho g h + p = \rho g z$$

§ Gently sloping groundwater flow - hydraulics

$$P = \rho g(h-z) \rightarrow \text{water head}$$

$$H = P + \rho g z = \rho g h$$



$$\text{Darcy's law} \quad q = -\frac{k}{\mu} h \partial_x H$$

total flux through an area of unit width $[q] = \frac{[V]}{T \cdot L} = \frac{L^2}{T}$

$$\mu: \text{viscosity} \quad [\mu] = [E] \cdot T / L^3$$

$$\text{water head} \quad [H] = [E] \cdot L^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L^2}{T} = \frac{[k]}{[E] \cdot T L^{-3}} \cdot \frac{[E]}{L^3} \Rightarrow [k] = L^2$$

\therefore porosity m (fraction of volume occupied by pores)

$$m \partial_t h dt dx - \text{change of water}$$

$$= -\partial_x q dt dx \quad \text{similarly to } \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m \partial_t h = \frac{k}{\mu} \partial_x (h \partial_x H) = \frac{k}{\mu \rho g} \partial_x (H \partial_x H)$$

$$\boxed{\partial_t h = \kappa \partial_x^2 H^2}$$

$$\text{where } \kappa = \frac{k}{\rho m \mu} \quad [x] = \frac{L^3 T}{M}$$

check

$$[T]^{-1} = [\kappa] [L]^{-2} [M] [L] [T]^{-2}$$

(Boussinesq Eq.)

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Self-similar solution:

Consider an intense flood: $\int_{-l}^l H(x, t=0) dx = I$.

$H_0(x) = \frac{I}{l} f(\frac{x}{l})$. Then $H = f(t, \frac{I}{l}, x, l, x)$

$$[H] = \frac{M}{L T^2}, [t] = T, [I] = M/T^2, [x] = \frac{L^3 T}{M}, [l] = [x] = L$$

treat t, I, x as fundamental quantities,

$$\begin{cases} [H] = [t]^{-1/3} [I]^{2/3} [x]^{-1/3} \\ [x] = [l] = [(Ix-t)]^{1/3} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{H}{I^{2/3} (Ix-t)^{-1/3}} = \Phi\left(\frac{x}{(Ix-t)^{1/3}}, \frac{t}{(Ix-t)^{1/3}}\right)$$

Consider the limit $l \rightarrow 0$, \Rightarrow

$$H = \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{1/3} \Phi(\xi, 0) = \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{1/3} f(\xi). \text{ with } \xi = \frac{x}{(Ix-t)^{1/3}}$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_t H = -\frac{1}{3t} H + \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{1/3} \frac{df}{d\xi} \left(-\frac{1}{3t}\right) \xi$$

$$\partial_x H^2 = \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{2/3} \frac{df^2}{d\xi^2} \frac{1}{(Ix-t)^{1/3}}.$$

$$\partial_x^2 H^2 = \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{2/3} \frac{1}{(Ix-t)^{2/3}} \frac{d^2 f^2}{d\xi^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{2/3} \frac{1}{(Ix-t)^{2/3}} \frac{d^2 f^2}{d\xi^2} + \frac{1}{3t} \left(\frac{I^2}{xt}\right)^{1/3} (f(\xi) + \xi \frac{df}{d\xi}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\frac{I^2}{x^2 t^{4/3}}}{\frac{I^2}{x^2 t^{4/3}}} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 f^2}{d\xi^2} + \frac{\xi}{3} \frac{df}{d\xi} + \frac{f}{3} = 0.$$

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\frac{d^2 f^2}{d\xi^2} + \frac{\xi f}{3} \right) = 0. \quad \text{At } \xi = 0, \rightarrow \xi = 0$$

$$\frac{df^2}{d\xi} = f \frac{df}{d\xi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df^2}{d\xi} = -\frac{\xi}{3} f \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{f} \frac{df^2}{d\xi} = -\frac{\xi}{3} d\xi \quad \xi f = 0$$

$$df = -\frac{\xi d\xi}{6}$$

$$\text{let } f = -\frac{1}{12} \xi^2 + \text{const} \leftarrow \text{denote as } -\frac{1}{12} \xi_f^2 \quad (3)$$

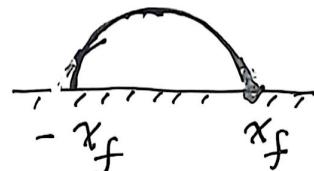
$$\text{then } f = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{12} (\xi_f^2 - \xi^2), & 0 \leq |\xi| \leq \xi_f \\ 0, & |\xi| > \xi_f \end{cases} \quad \text{with } \xi = \frac{x}{(Ix_t)^{1/3}}$$

$$\text{and } H = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{I^2}{x_t} \right)^{1/3} \left(\xi_f^2 - \frac{x^2}{(Ix_t)^{2/3}} \right), & 0 \leq |x| \leq x_f = \xi_f (Ix_t)^{1/3} \\ 0, & |x| > x_f \end{cases}$$

At $H \neq 0$, $\partial_x H$ should be continuous.

$\partial_x (H \partial_x H) \rightarrow \partial_x H$ may be discontinuous at $H = 0$.

at the water front



Now let's determine ξ_f

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{-x_f}^{x_f} H(x, t) dx = k \cdot \partial_x H^2 \Big|_{-x_f}^{x_f} = 0 - 0 = 0$$

Hence $I(t) = \int_{-x_f}^{x_f} H(x, t) dx$ is a const of time.

$$\int_{-x_f}^{x_f} \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{I^2}{x_t} \right)^{1/3} \left(\xi_f^2 - \frac{x^2}{(Ix_t)^{2/3}} \right) dx = I$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \int \frac{dx}{(Ix_t)^{1/3}} \left(\xi_f^2 - \xi^2 \right) = \frac{\xi_f^2}{12} \int_{-\xi_f}^{\xi_f} d\xi \left(1 - \frac{\xi^2}{\xi_f^2} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi_f = 3^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad H = \begin{cases} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(\frac{I^2}{x_t} \right)^{1/3} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{(9Ix_t)^{2/3}} \right), & 0 < |x| < x_f \\ 0, & |x| > x_f. \end{cases}$$

Self-similar solution

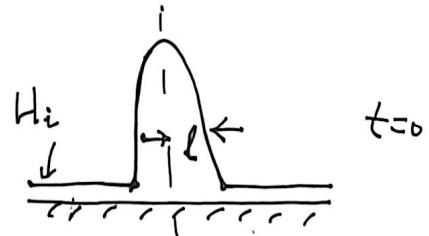
$$H = H_0(t) f\left(\frac{x}{x_{f(t)}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{H}{H_0(t)} = f\left(\frac{x}{x_{f(t)}}\right)$$

$$H_0(t) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} \left(\frac{I^2}{Kt}\right)^{1/3}, \quad x_{f(t)} = (9Ik t)^{1/3} \quad \nwarrow \text{single curve.}$$

* Intermediate asymptotics

In principle, the above solution is an ideal case. The initial ~~water~~ head distribution may have a length scale of l_0 . The initial water head may have a finite value H_i as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\Pi_2 = \frac{l}{(Ik t)^{1/3}}, \quad \Pi_3 = \frac{H_i}{(I^2/xt)^{1/3}}$$



For Π_2 , we expect that at sufficiently large time.

$$x_f \gg l, \text{ i.e. } (9Ik t)^{1/3} \gg l$$

or $t \gg \frac{l^3}{(Ik)^3} = T_1$ in this case $\Pi_2 \rightarrow 0$, the initial shape of the water head is no longer important

For Π_3 , we need $\Pi_3 \ll 1 \Leftrightarrow x_f \ll I/H_i$

This means the
the ~~height of the initial~~
wave head remains $> H_i$

$$9(Ik t)^{1/3} \ll I/H_i$$

$$\Rightarrow t \ll \frac{I^2}{(kH_i^3)} = T_2$$

Within the period, $T_2 \gg t \gg T_1$, the self-similar solution is valid.

Correspondingly, the length scales $L_1 = l, L_2 = I/H_i$.