

Solution: Modeling part.

Task 2.

(a) We have

$$u_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_0(x - ct) = u'_0(x - ct) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (x - ct) = u'_0(x - ct) \cdot (-c)$$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u_0(x - ct) = u'_0(x - ct) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x - ct) = u'_0(x - ct).$$

Hence,

$$u_t + cu_x = -cu'_0(x - ct) + cu'_0(x - ct) = 0.$$

The solution can also be written as

$$u(x, t) = u_0(x - ct) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0.4 \leq x - ct \leq 0.6; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

That is,

$$u(x, t) = u_0(x - ct) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0.4 + ct \leq x \leq 0.6 + ct; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The solution is obtained by moving the initial box towards right with a speed equal to c . The boundary condition at $x = 1$ can only hold before the box reaches $x = 1$. The box will reach the right boundary $x = 1$ when

$$0.6 + cT^b = 1, \quad \Rightarrow \quad cT^b = 0.4.$$

(b) Upwind flux:

$$U_{j+1/2}^n = u_j^n, \quad U_{j-1/2}^n = u_{j-1}^n.$$

Resulting scheme

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \lambda(u_j^n - u_{j-1}^n), \quad \lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}.$$

See the text document **Project-Transport1** (Section 1.4) for the calculations that show that

$$\sum_{j=1}^M |u_j^{n+1}| \leq \sum_{j=1}^M |u_j^n|,$$

if $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

(c) We have

$$(\phi\rho)_t + (\rho u)_x = 0,$$

with $\phi(p)$ porosity, $\rho(p)$ density, and u Darcy velocity.

Darcy's law

$$u = -\frac{k}{\mu} p_x,$$

inserted gives

$$(\phi(p)\rho(p))_t = (\rho(p)\frac{k}{\mu} p_x)_x.$$

Weakly compressible rock:

$$\phi(p) = \phi_0 e^{c_r[p-p_0]},$$

linear version

$$\phi(p) = \phi_0(1 + c_r[p - p_0]).$$

We assume that $\rho(p) = \rho_0$ (constant). Plugging these two relations into equation gives

$$(\phi_0(1 + c_r[p - p_0]))_t = (\frac{k}{\mu} p_x)_x.$$

That is

$$\phi_0 c_r p_t = \frac{k}{\mu} (p_x)_x,$$

if k, μ are constant. This gives $p_t = \kappa p_{xx}$ with

$$\kappa = \frac{k}{\mu \phi_0 c_r}.$$

(d) Continuous $p_0(x)$ if

$$2 + a = b + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a + 1 = b.$$

Physical interpretation: Fluid in $[0, 1/2]$ will flow in left direction, whereas fluid in $[1/2, 1]$ will towards right as the pressure will decrease.

Stationary solution:

$$p_{xx} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(x) = Cx + D.$$

Boundary conditions give that

$$p(x) = [b - a]x + a.$$

Stationary fluid velocity

$$u = -\frac{k}{\mu} p_x = -\frac{k}{\mu} (b - a).$$

(e) We refer to Section 1.5 in the note **Project-Pressure1**.

Task 3. This exercise deals with the Black-Oil Model (BOM).

(a) Main assumptions:

- 3 phases: water, oil, gas
- 3 components: water, oil, gas
- no phase transition between water and hydrocarbons
- a part of the gas component can be dissolved in oil (and flows together with the oil component in the oil phase)
- all of the oil component is in the oil phase
- constant temperature

Different mass components that fill pore space:

1 water component in water phase: $\rho_w S_w$

1 oil component in oil phase: $\rho_o S_o$

1 gas component in oil phase: $\rho_{dg} S_o$

1 gas component in gas phase: $\rho_g S_g$

Continuity equations, respectively, for the water component, the oil component, and the two gas components:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_w \vec{v}_w) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi \rho_w S_w) + q_w$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_o \vec{v}_o) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi \rho_o S_o) + q_o$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_{dg} \vec{v}_o + \rho_g \vec{v}_g) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi \rho_{dg} S_o + \phi \rho_g S_g) + q_g$$

$\vec{v}_l, l = w, o, g$ (velocity fields)

$S_l, l = w, o, g$ (saturations) such that $S_w + S_o + S_g = 1$

ϕ porosity

(b) For the densities at standard conditions we have:

$$\rho_l^s = \frac{m_l}{[V_l]_{ST}}, \quad l = w, o, g, \quad \rho_{dg}^s = \frac{m_{dg}}{[V_{dg}]_{ST}} = \rho_g^s$$

and volume factors B_l and gas-oil solution ratio R_s are defined as

$$R_s = \frac{[V_{dg}]_{ST}}{[V_o]_{ST}}, \quad B_l = \frac{[V_l]_{RC}}{[V_l]_{ST}}, \quad l = w, o, g$$

Using this, we have

$$\rho_w = \frac{m_w}{[V_w]_{RC}} = \rho_w^s \frac{[V_w]_{ST}}{[V_w]_{RC}} = \frac{\rho_w^s}{B_w}$$

$$\rho_o = \frac{m_o}{[V_o]_{RC}} = \rho_o^s \frac{[V_o]_{ST}}{[V_o]_{RC}} = \frac{\rho_o^s}{B_o}$$

$$\rho_g = \frac{m_g}{[V_g]_{RC}} = \rho_g^s \frac{[V_g]_{ST}}{[V_g]_{RC}} = \frac{\rho_g^s}{B_g}$$

$$\rho_{dg} = \frac{m_{dg}}{[V_o]_{RC}} = \rho_g^s \frac{[V_{dg}]_{ST}}{[V_o]_{RC}} \cdot \frac{[V_o]_{ST}}{[V_o]_{ST}} = \frac{\rho_g^s}{B_o} R_s$$

Inserting these relations in equations of a), dividing by the constant density ρ_l^s , we arrive at

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{B_w} \vec{v}_w \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \frac{S_w}{B_w} \right) + \frac{q_w}{\rho_w^s}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{B_o} \vec{v}_o \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \frac{S_o}{B_o} \right) + \frac{q_o}{\rho_o^s}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{R_s}{B_o} \vec{v}_o + \frac{1}{B_g} \vec{v}_g \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\phi \frac{R_s S_o}{B_o} + \phi \frac{S_g}{B_g} \right) + \frac{q_g}{\rho_g^s}$$

Task 4.

(a) See the text document **Theory-B-L-base** for details. Mass conservation gives the relation

$$f'(s^*) = \frac{f(s^*)}{s^*}.$$

(b) From Fig. we see that $s^* \approx 0.75$. Speed $V = f'(s^*) = f(s^*)/s^* \approx 0.9/0.75 = 1.2$. At time $T = 0.5$, position of front is

$$x^* = VT = 1.2 \cdot 0.5 = 0.6.$$

Behind front:

$$s = 0.8 \quad f'(0.8) \approx 0.75 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_s = 0.75 \cdot 0.5 = 0.375.$$

$$s = 0.9 \quad f'(0.9) \approx 0.125 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_s = 0.125 \cdot 0.5 = 0.06.$$

(c) The fractional flow f for $M = 0.5$ lies above the one corresponding to $M = 4$. This gives rise to a lower front height and a larger slope, i.e., a faster front. See Fig. 1.

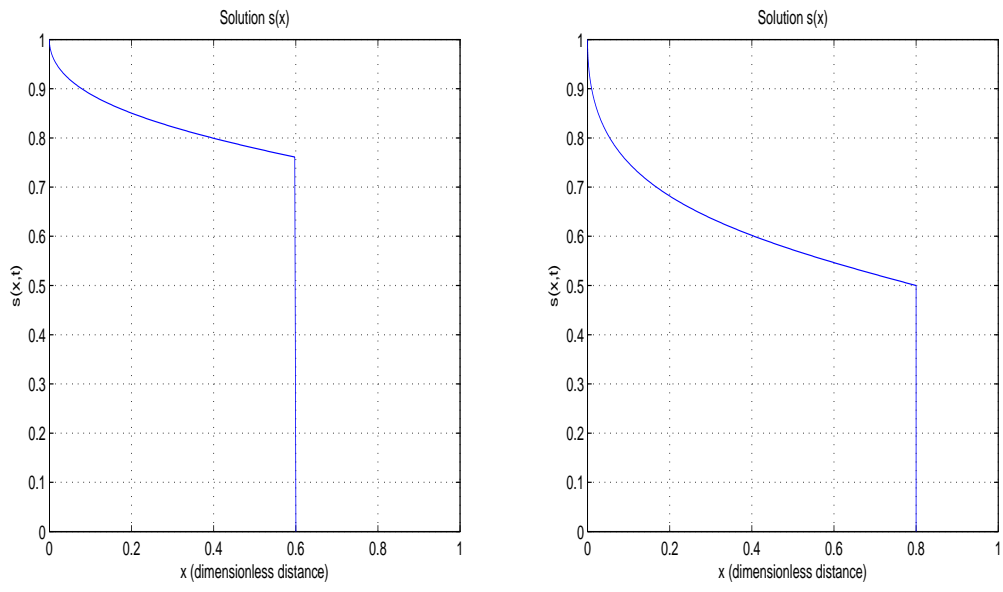


FIGURE 1. **Left:** Solution in (b). **Right:** Solution in (c).