Analytical Solution of 1D Single Phase Flow Equation

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Assumptions in Analytical Solution of 1D Flow Equation

• Homogeneous rock

✓Constant porosity and permeability

✓How different from isotropy?

• Constant fluid viscosity

Things that are needed to Derive a Flow Equation (for Reservoir Simulation)

- Reservoir structure
 - ✓1-dimension
- Fluid properties
 - ✓ Single phase
 - ✓ Fluid compressibility (slightly compressible fluid)
- Rock properties
 - ✓Porosity
 - $\checkmark Permeability$
 - ✓ Rock compressibility (slightly compressible rock)

- Properties of rock and fluid
 - ✓ Capillary pressure
 - \checkmark Relative permeability
- Governing equation
 - \checkmark Continuity equation
 - ✓ Constitutive equation
 - ✓ Darcy's law
- Boundary and initial conditions

1D Flow Equation

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{k\rho}{\mu} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} \frac{\partial (\rho V_{ext})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial (\phi \rho)}{\partial t}$
- Use the Dirichlet condition for P

✓ A location with V_{ext} is assumed to have infinite volume ✓ V_{ext} does not affect P, so it can be ignored

• $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{k\rho}{\mu} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial(\phi\rho)}{\partial t}$ • $\frac{k}{\mu} \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} \right) = \rho \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t} + \phi \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t}$

Analytical Solution

If
$$P(x = 0, t) = P_0$$

 $P(x = L, t) = P_L$
 $P(x, t = 0) = P_L$
 $x = t$ x
 $P(x, t) = P_0 + (P_L - P_0) \left[\frac{x}{L} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \exp\left(-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \frac{k}{\phi \mu C_t} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right]$

Sensitivity Analysis

• If $P_0 > P_L$



- Guess physically and mathematically
 - ✓ What if k is larger?
 - ✓ What if porosity is larger?
 - ✓ What if Ct is larger?
 - ✓ What if μ is larger?

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\phi \mu C_t}{k} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$$