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**Lecture No. 15**

**Module-2**  
**Permeability and Seepage – 4**

Welcome to lecture number 15 under permeability and seepage 4 and this is under module 2.

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**Different types of fluid flow in soils**

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1-D flow

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flow through  
a confined aquifer

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So in this lecture we are going to discuss about different types of fluid flow in soils and seepage phenomenon, Laplace equation of continuity and solution of those Laplace equations in one dimensional and two dimensional and three dimensional flow conditions, and then we will try to

solve some typical problems. So what are the different types of fluid flows which are possible in soils it can be one dimensional, it can be two dimensional and it can be three dimensional.

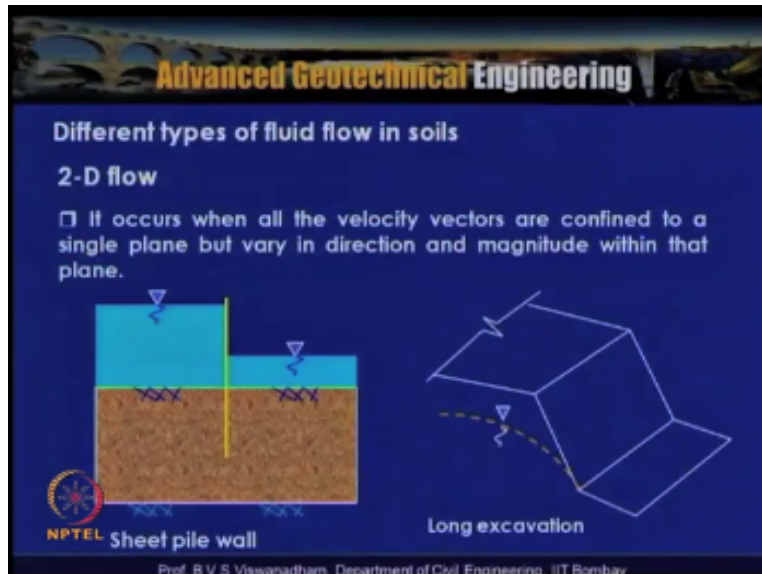
A one dimensional flow condition is the one where the velocity vectors are all parallel and are equal in magnitude. In the conventional laboratory if you are doing a constant head test where the flow which occurs is one dimensional nature, because the flow occurs in a rigid container having a particular boundaries the flow happens in the vertical direction. A one dimensional flow condition is the one where the velocity vectors are all parallel and are equal in magnitude.

In other words water always moves parallel to some axis and through a constant cross section area, so if flow through a confined aquifer, a aquifer where two clay layers are there suppose if there is a sand layer in between and if there is a head which is actually driving the flow from left to right the flow can actually happen either from left to right or right to left. So steady downward flow occurs when the water is pumped from an underground aquifer or steady upward flow occurs as a result of artesian pressure when a less permeable layer is underlined by a permeable layer which is connected through the ground to a water source providing pressures higher than the local hydrostatic pressures.

Suppose if you are having a less permeable layer and below that there is a permeable layer and if the permeable layer is actually receiving water because of some artesian conditions and the water can flow in vertical direction or can have higher pressures compared to the hydrostatic pressure. So in this in such situations upward flow is possible that is a steady upward flow occurs as a result of artesian pressure when a less permeable layer is underlined by a permeable layer which is connected to the ground to a water source providing the pressures higher than the local hydrostatic pressures.

What is two-dimensional flow, mostly flow through earthen dams or flow through a sheet pile wall in your hydraulic structures.

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Or a particular Canal embankment where when you are retaining the water on both sides either in cutting or in filling the flow which actually happens is two dimensional nature. It occurs when all the velocity vectors are confined to a single plane but vary in the direction and magnitude within that plane. So if you are actually assuming  $x$  and  $z$  are the,  $z$  is the horizontal plane horizontal direction and  $y$  is the vertical direction.

If  $y$  is along the length of the canal or an earthen dam then we can say that the flow which actually happens in  $x$  and  $z$  direction, that means that the flow happens in  $xz$  plane, so in that situation in this slide which is actually shown here a sheet pile wall can actually have a two dimensional flow water flows downward here through this porous medium and then water actually moves upward in this region.

And by the time the water reaches here the head which is actually driving the flow dissipates, so this is the upstream side and this is the downstream side. In case of long excavation or a earthen dam where there is a possibility that because of the upstream water level water flows in this fashion, so at different planes if you take these are the you know this resembles completely but the flow which actually happens in  $x$  direction and  $z$  direction and is the plane exit plane. So these are the two examples for the two-dimensional flow conditions, then what is three dimensional flow in what situations the three-dimensional flow can occur.

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Different types of fluid flow in soils

3-D flow

Most general flow condition

E.g.  
Flow towards a water well



The diagram shows a cross-section of a well in a soil. The water table is represented by a dashed line that curves downwards towards the well, indicating flow from all directions towards the well. The well is shown as a vertical cylinder with a central pipe. The soil is represented by a rectangular area with a dashed line indicating the water table. The well is shown as a vertical cylinder with a central pipe. The soil is represented by a rectangular area with a dashed line indicating the water table.

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Three dimensional flow the example is that most general flow condition is that flow towards a water well. Suppose if you are having a water well there is a depletion curve water table here and the flow happens in three dimensionally, so this is example for three dimensional flow is flow towards a water well. So if the water flows in all the three dimension the directions that is in x direction, z direction and y direction and that is very similar in case of flow towards a water well.

In case of some ground improvement projects when we are actually using the free fabricated vertical drains or sand drains the flow actually happens also in three dimensional that is the because of the presences of the drains in the internal soil the flow happens in x and z directions as well as in y direction that is also another example for the three dimensional flow condition. So the multi dimensional flow in soils as of now we have considered.

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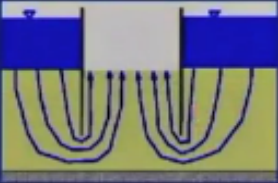
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### Multi-dimensional fluid flow in soils

- As of now, we have considered one-dimensional flow in soils, where all fluid is flowing in the same direction.
- In most cases, however, fluid in different regions will be flowing in different directions. → Multi-dimensional flow
- Hence, it is required to learn how to solve multi-dimensional flow problems

To develop these capabilities, we use

- i) Equation of continuity
- ii) Multi-dimensional forms of Darcy's law



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One dimensional flow in soils where all fluid is actually flowing in the same directions, in most cases however the fluid is actually different fluid in different regions will be flowing in different directions. So the multi dimensional flows are actually possible. so it is required to learn how to solve the multidimensional problems, so for this in order to develop these capabilities we use equations of continuity equation of continuity multi dimensional form of Darcy's law application.

So if you are having a cofferdam within the middle of the river the situation is that the situation where you have got the vertical sheet pile walls all around the periphery of the water so here water actually because of this the water tends to flow in this direction, this is the direction of the flow this is downward and this is upward and with the symmetry also maintains in the same direction, so it is required to ensure and to know and assess the stability of this type of structures when men are constructed along with the water.

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### Seepage

#### Equation of continuity – Laplace Equation

- ◆ In many practical cases, the nature of the flow through soil is such that the velocity and gradient vary throughout the medium.
- ◆ For these problems, calculation of flow is generally made by use of graphs referred to as flow nets.
- ◆ The concept of flow net is based on *Laplace's* equation of continuity, which describes the steady flow condition for a given point in the soil mass.

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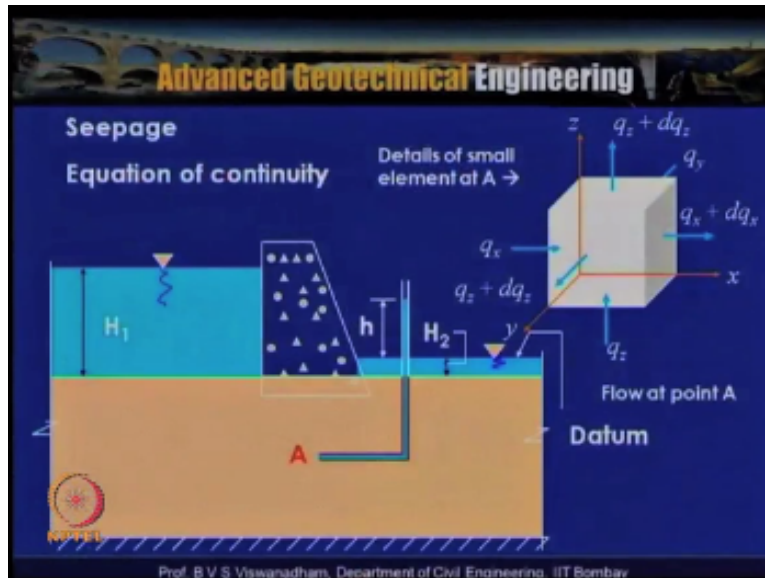
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So the seepage and we have discussed about seepage phenomenon which occurs because of the prevalence of a head which is actually driving from our head to the higher potential to the lower potential. Equation of continuity and the Laplace equation is thought we are actually going to discuss in many practical cases the nature of the flow through the soil is such that the velocity and a gradient vary throughout the medium.

So for these problems the calculation of flow is generally made by the use of the graphs represented as are referred to as flow nets, so the flow rates are nothing but the graphical representation of the system of along the direction of the flow and in the direction perpendicular to the flow which are represented by the set of lines or a nest of lines which are actually in the direction of the flow or in the perpendicular to the direction of the flow.

From these problems the calculation of flow is generally made by the use of graphs referred to as flow nets so the concept of the flow net is based on the Laplace equation of continuity which describes the steady flow condition for a given point in a soil mass and this is actually has got applications in heat flow and electrical the current flow and other allied applications particularly in heat transfer or on the current electricity transfer from because of the high potential to the low potential. So the concept of flow rate is based on the Laplace equation of continuity.

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So in this particular figure a particular hydraulic structure which is actually shown here and the derivation or the use of the Laplace equation of the continuity is the one which we are going to discuss. So we are having a structure a concrete hydraulic structure which is retaining the water  $H_1$  is the upstream water level and  $H_2$  is the downstream water level and so this is called the tail water level and this is the upstream water level and at the point A let us assume that a small element which is actually having dimensions  $dx$  in along the  $x$  direction and  $dz$  along the  $z$  direction and  $dy$  along the  $y$  direction.

So the unit volume or the volume of the element is  $dx, dy, dz$  and that in that particular element is actually experiencing your flow in and flow out that means that  $q_x$  can be the flow in and the  $q_x$  out is the flow out of that element, so the assumption main assumption is that in the process of the flow when the water is actually flowing through the this particular element or any portion of the soil it is assumed that there is no volumetric change or no change in the effective stress.

So in this particular situation the a particular the enlarged view of details of the small element at point A is shown here the headed point A let us say is  $h$  and  $H_1 - H_2$  is the  $\Delta H$  which is the potential drop which is actually happening from upstream level to downstream level and this top surface of this downstream level is assumed to be as the datum and this is the a previous soil and here is the impervious bottom where the flow can actually happen along this direction only flow cannot actually perpendicular to penetrate through this layer. And there is a certain thickness for



this and the flow is actually happening from upstream level to downstream level, so the purpose of the structure is to retain the water and maintain this particular condition.

So here in this particular detail of the element which is actually here  $q_x$  is the flow entering the  $dz$  and  $dy$  area and  $q_x+dq_x$  is the flow coming out so the net flow is  $dq_x$  which is actually entering the plane  $dz$   $dy$  area and coming out of the flow which is actually coming out of that particular plane is  $q_x+dq_x$ . Similarly in vertical direction  $q_z$  is the flow which is occurring in a long area  $dx$   $dz$ ,  $dx$   $dy$  and the  $q_z+dq_z$  is the flow which is coming out of that particular area.

Similarly  $q_z$  in the  $y$  direction so we have got in the three dimensional conditions we have considered where in  $x$  direction and  $y$  direction and  $z$  direction.

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**Equation of continuity**

Flows entering the soil prism in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions can be given from Darcy's law as:

$$q_x = k_x i_x A_x = k_x \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) (dydz)$$

$$q_y = k_y i_y A_y = k_y \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) (dxdz)$$

$$q_z = k_z i_z A_z = k_z \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right) (dxdy)$$

$h =$  hydraulic head at point  $A$

Where  $q_x, q_y, q_z =$  flow entering in directions  $x, y,$  and  $z$  respectively.

Where  $k_x, k_y, k_z =$  flow entering in directions  $x, y,$  and  $z$  respectively.

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So flows entering the soil prism in  $x$   $y$  and  $z$  directions can be given by from the Darcy's law as follows we knew that  $q = k_i A$  and  $i$  is nothing but the cross sectional area through which the flow is occurring, so  $k_x$  is the permeability in the  $x$  direction  $k_y$  is the permeability in the  $y$  direction and  $k_z$  is the permeability in the  $z$  direction.  $i_x$   $i_y$   $i_z$  or the hydraulic gradients along  $x$  and  $y$  and  $z$  directions so we can write  $q_x = k_x i_x A_x$  which can be written as  $k_x (\partial h / \partial x) (dydz)$  and  $h$  is nothing but the hydraulic head at point here which was shown in the previous slide. Similarly  $q_y = k_y i_y A_y$ , so  $A_y$  is nothing but the cross sectional area along  $y$  direction and which is nothing but  $dxdz$ .



So  $k_y(\partial h/\partial y)(dx dz)$  similarly  $q_z = k_z i_z A_z$  where  $s_z(\partial h/\partial z)(dx dy)$  so where  $q_x$   $q_y$   $q_z$  is equal to flow entering in the directions  $xyz$  respectively and where  $k_x$   $k_y$   $k_z$  are the flow entering the directions  $xyz$  respectively.

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 For flow in  $x$  direction ( $A_x = dy dz$ ;  $h = \text{total head}$ )

$q_x(\text{in}) = q_x = k_x \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_{x_1} (dy dz)$

$q_x(\text{out}) = q_x + dq_x = k_x \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_{x_2} (dy dz)$

$\therefore dq_x = k_x \left[ \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_{x_2} - \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)_{x_1} \right] (dy dz)$

$dq_x = k_x \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} \right) dx \right] (dy dz)$

Change in gradient over  $dx$

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Now when the element when the water enters this element let us assume that  $q_x$  which is nothing but  $q_x$  in entering this particular area cross section area that is  $dy/dz$  and  $q_x + dq_x$  that is nothing but the  $q_x$  out which is the one which is actually leaving the element okay, so  $x_1$  is at this point and  $x_2$  is at this point  $x_2 - x_1$  is nothing but the  $dx$ , so we can write for flow in  $x$  direction  $ax = dy dz$  and  $h$  is nothing but the total head at point A where the element is thus considered.

So we can write  $q_x = q_x$  in as  $k_x \partial h/\partial x_1$  that is at this point into  $dy dz$ , similarly  $q_x$  out we can write it as  $q_x + dq_x = k_x(\partial h/\partial x)_2 dy dz$  now the difference of these two is nothing but the net flow which actually has taken place that is nothing but  $dq_x = k_x(\partial h/\partial x)_2 - (\partial h/\partial x)_1 dy dz$  so  $(\partial h/\partial x)_2 - (\partial h/\partial x)_1$  this particular term represents the change in gradient over a distance  $dx$ , so this can be written as  $dq_x = k_x(\partial^2 h/\partial x^2) dx(dy/dz)$  so  $dx(dy/dz)$  is nothing but a element volume which was considered in this particular derivation.

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**Equation of continuity**

The respective flows leaving the soil prism in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions can be given from Darcy's law as:

$$q_x + dq_x = k_x(i_x + di_x)A_x = k_x \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} dx \right) (dydz)$$

$$q_y + dq_y = k_y(i_y + di_y)A_y = k_y \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} dy \right) (dxdz)$$

$$q_z + dq_z = k_z(i_z + di_z)A_z = k_z \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} dz \right) (dydx)$$

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So using that we can actually now reduce that represent the respect to flows leaving the soil prism in  $x$  and  $y$  directions and which can be given again by applying the Darcy's law as follows  $q_x + dq_x = k_x(i_x + di_x)A_x$  that is  $A_x$  which is nothing but  $k_x(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + (\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} dx)) dydz$  similarly in the  $y$  direction and  $z$  direction for the respective flows leaving the soil pressure can be computed. Now using the principle of conservation of the fluid mass for study flow through an incompressible medium.

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**Equation of continuity**

Using the principle of the conservation of fluid mass:

For steady flow through an incompressible medium, the flow entering the element is equal to the flow leaving the element:

$$Q_{in} = Q_{out}$$

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The flow entering in the soil element or flow entering in the element is equal to the flow leaving the element, so by equating the inflow is equal to outflow we can get like this.

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**Equation of continuity**

$$q_x + q_y + q_z = (q_x + dq_x) + (q_y + dq_y) + (q_z + dq_z)$$

By simplifying: Volume change/unit volume  
=  $(1/1+e)\partial e / \partial t = 0$  (i.e.  $\partial e / \partial t = 0$ )

Net flow into (or out of) element/unit time  $\rightarrow$   $k_x \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + k_y \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$

For 2-D flow in the x-z plane  $k_x \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$

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Which is nothing but  $q_x + q_y + q_z = q_x + dq_x$  which is the outflow flow leaving the along the x direction and  $q_x + 2dq_y$  in the y direction and  $qdz + dqz$  is in the z direction by simplifying and we get and substituting the previous terms which we have discussed we get that the net flow into or out of the element per unit time, so nothing but  $k_x \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + k_y \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$  here the 0 represents that the volume change per unit volume which is nothing but  $1/1 + e \partial/\partial t = 0$  that means that is  $\partial/\partial t = 0$  so because of that this particular term volume change per unit volume is 0.

But however in case of consolidation phenomenon where there is a volume change it happens that term will remain.

So in the steady state seepage conditions when no volume change takes place no volume volumetric changes takes place this particular term will becomes 0, so this particular term here is the equation of continuity when  $k_x = k_y = k_z$  when they are not equal to 0 then  $k_x = k_x$  then and then they are actually perm abilities in xyz direction, so for three-dimensional flow condition the generalized the Laplace equation of continuity is  $k_x \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + k_y \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$ , and for two dimensional flow in xz plane that means that for flow through seepage wall or for through an earthen dam or through in along excavation or a canal embankment problem  $k_x \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .

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**Equation of continuity**

If the soil is isotropic with respect to permeability,  $k_x = k_y = k_z$ , and the continuity equation simplifies to:

Change in  $i_x$  gradient/unit distance in x-direction

$$\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$k_x = k_y = k_z = k$   
 $k \neq 0$

Simplified Laplace's equation of continuity

For 2-D flow in the x-z plane

$k_x \neq k_z$

$$k_x \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

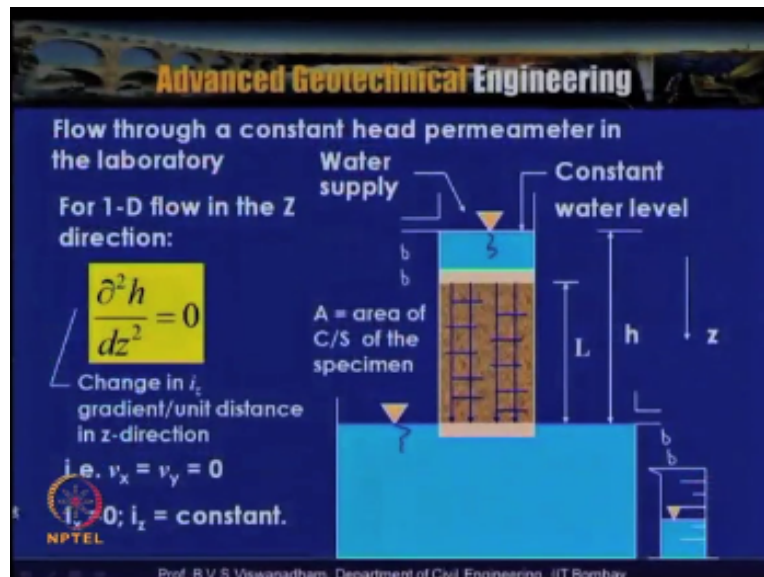
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So if the soil is isotropic with respect to permeability then  $k_x = k_y = k_z$  the permeability is equal that is  $k_x = k_y = k_z = k$  and the continuity equation can be simplified to  $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$  because  $k_x = k_y = k_z = k$  which is not equal to 0, so because of that  $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$  so this is the simplified Laplace equation of continuity for a soil having identical permeability in all the directions that means that in  $k_x = k_y = k_z = k$  in xy and z directions when the permeability is identical that means that isotropic with respect to the permeability.

In case of a two dimensional flow or the XZ plane when  $k_x$  not equal to  $k_z$  we write it as  $k_x (\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}) + k_z (\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2}) = 0$  if the permeability is identical in extent direction then we can write

the simplified Laplace equation for the equation of continuity for two-dimensional case as  $\partial^2 h / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 h / \partial z^2 = 0$ . So flow through a constant head permeameter in the laboratory as we discuss with that this represents the one-dimensional flow.

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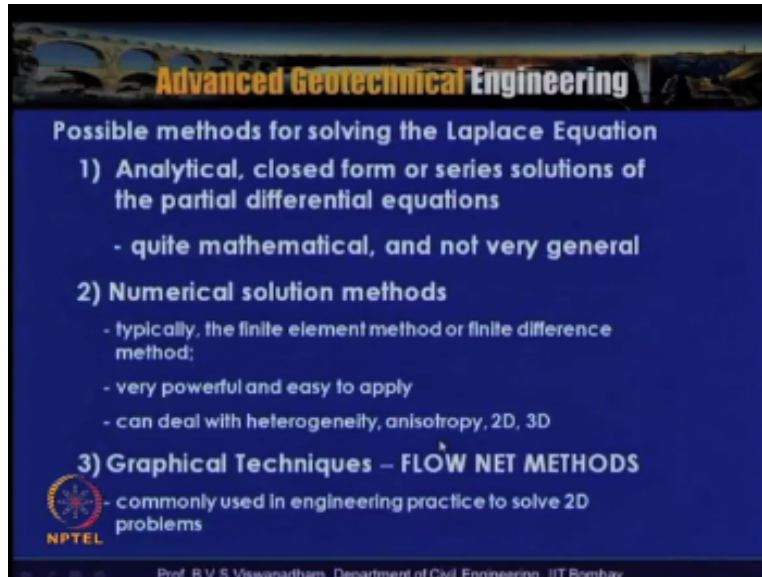
So here the water flow happens from vertically in the direction so this is the direction of the flow and these are the points where the head dissipation is actually taking place this is the available head this is the point where the head is there suppose if the head which is driving the flow is say h and by the time it reaches here the head is dissipated, so the hydraulic gradient is nothing but h/L which is nothing but the hydraulic gradient.

So for one-dimensional flow in the z direction the simplified equation of Laplace equation of continuity is  $\partial^2 h / \partial z^2 = 0$  where k is the permeability in the vertical direction. Change in the hydraulic gradient per unit distance in the z direction so  $\partial^2 h / \partial z^2$  represents change in the hydraulic gradient per unit distance in the z direction. Similarly if you are having in x direction it is it represents the change in hydraulic gradient per unit distance in the x direction.

If you are considering for the one-dimensional flow condition  $v_x = v_y = 0$  velocity in x and y directions are 0 and  $i_x$  and  $i_z$ ,  $i_x = 0$  and  $i_z = \text{constant}$ . So because of that the for the one-

dimensional flow condition so these are the boundaries of the container and the flow which actually happens confined flow happens vertically in the downward direction.

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**Possible methods for solving the Laplace Equation**

- 1) Analytical, closed form or series solutions of the partial differential equations**
  - quite mathematical, and not very general
- 2) Numerical solution methods**
  - typically, the finite element method or finite difference method;
  - very powerful and easy to apply
  - can deal with heterogeneity, anisotropy, 2D, 3D
- 3) Graphical Techniques – FLOW NET METHODS**
  - commonly used in engineering practice to solve 2D problems

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So possible so having discussed about the Laplace equation of continuity what are the possible methods which are available for solving the Laplace equation, analytical closed form or a series of solutions of the partial differential equations quite mathematical and not very general. Numerical and solution methods are available typically the finite element method or finite difference method very powerful and easy to operate and can deal with the heterogeneity anisotropy and two-dimensional and three-dimensional conditions.

So nowadays the software paradigm the finite element method based on software's are available which actually enable to deal with heterogeneities, anisotropies and two-dimensional and three-dimensional cases, and a graphical techniques which are actually popular and which are known as the flow rate methods commonly used in engineering practice to solve two dimensional problems, so at present in this particular lecture we are going to discuss about the flow rate method in the forthcoming lectures we will be discussing about some numerical solution method particularly for two-dimensional cases with ,without isotropic conditions.

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### Flow net methods

Straightforward graphical method to solve 2D seepage problems

+ Solutions of Laplace Equation consist of two families of orthogonal curves in the (x, z) plane. These families of curves make a flow net.

The path which a particle of water follows in its course of seepage through a sat. soil mass is called **flow line**

Partial flow net →

Equipotential lines

i.e. A line joining equal head

Flow lines

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The flow net method is a straight forward graphical method to solve to seepage problems, the solutions of Laplace equation consists of two families of orthogonal curves in x and z plane exists a particular plane or which there flow is actually happening and that is the plane x and z are the planar which the flow is happening, so the family of these two sets of curves in x and z direction is known as the flow net.

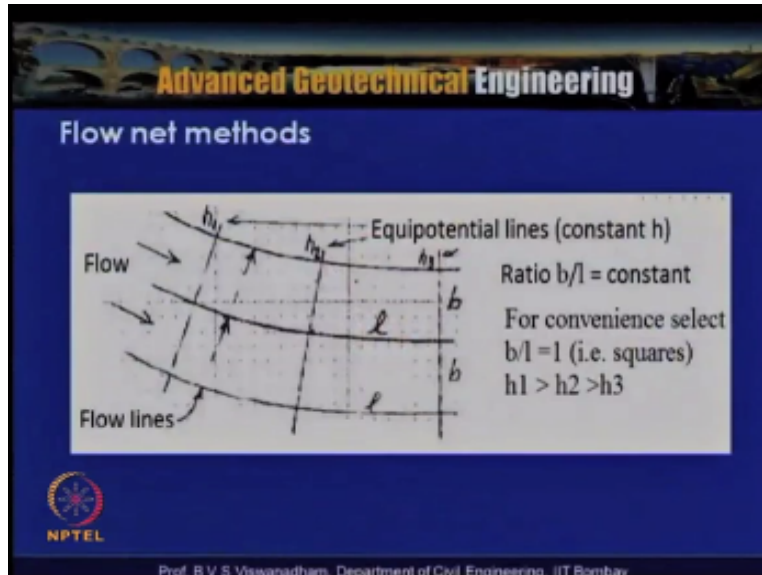
So if you look into the figure which is actually shown here there is a system of the red lines which are actually shown here and there is set of a low lines which are actually shown here and this dimension which is actually shown as A and this dimension is B so this can be also indicated as B and length L this is called the ratio  $a/b$  is called aspect ratio or ratio  $a/b$  or  $b/l$  is called as the aspect ratio and these are actually called as flow lines and the space between these two is called as flow channel, so in this case in the partial flow rate which is shown here they are the two flow channels are there and the lines which are drawn within a local air they are called equipotential line which is the line joining the equal heads.

So if I take a head along this the total head will be identical similarly here the total head will be identical, but this is the direction of the flow but from this point to this point if  $H_1$  is the head here  $H_2$  is the head here the  $H_1$  is actually greater than  $H_2$  so  $H_1 - H_2$  which is nothing but the  $\Delta H$  that is the potential drop takes place between any two equipotential lines. The flow line is basically defined as the path which a particle of water flows in its course of seepage through a saturated soil mass this is called as the flow line.



So we have said that the flow rate is nothing but the nest of system of nest or a system of flow lines and equipotential lines.

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So in this particular slide schematically a partial flow net is shown here where this is the direction of the flow and  $H_1$   $H_2$   $H_3$  are the heads at this particular equipotential line 1, 2 and 3 that means that along this line the total head is  $H_3$ , along this line total head is  $H_2$ , along this line total head is  $H_1$  that is why it is called as equipotential lines and  $L$  is this length and  $B$  the  $b/l$  are previous slide we have discussed it about  $a/b$  is called the aspect ratio this ratio of  $b/l$  should be equal to approximately constant and should be equal to 1 for squares for conveniently for convenience we select  $b/l$  is equal to you know as one a curvilinear squids and  $h_1 > h_2 > h_3$  indicates that as the flow actually happens the dissipation of the energy takes place.

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**Seepage - Flow net solution**  
 The flow net solution is a graphical method of solving the 2-D Laplace's equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

2-D flow

$$\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

1-D flow

It describes the energy loss associated with flow through a medium, and is used to solve many kinds of flow problems, including those involving heat, electricity and seepage.

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So the flow net solution is a graphical method for solving the two dimensional Laplace equation and for two-dimensional condition  $\partial^2 h = 0$  that is nothing but  $\partial^2 h / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 h / \partial z^2 = 0$  for a one-dimensional condition if the flow is actually happening in along the x direction it is called as  $\partial^2 h / \partial z^2 = 0$  if the flow is actually happening only in the vertical direction that is say z direction then  $\partial^2 h / \partial x^2 = 0$ . So it describes that the energy loss associated with the flow through the medium and is used to solve many kinds of the flow problems including those involving the heat, electricity and seepage.

So this particular Laplace equation of continuity what is used in geotechnical engineering is also used in other allied areas like heat flow or electricity flow and of course where what we are using for the seepage.

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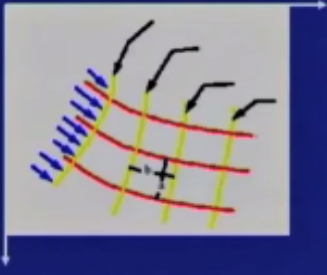
Seepage - Flow net solution  
Flow nets are based on two mathematical functions:

**Potential function  $\phi$  and Flow or Stream function  $\psi$**

Consider a function  $\phi(x, z)$  such that:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = v_x = -k \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \quad \text{(A)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = v_z = -k \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \quad \text{(B)}$$



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So now having actually said now we actually have seen that the flow lines and the equipotential lines what is the you know condition which actually which maintains the orthogonality, so in order to prove that let us actually try to look into this particular solution. So flow nets are based on the two mathematical functions one is potential function and that is nothing but the  $\phi$  and the flow or the stream function that is  $\psi$ . So now let us select say a potential function  $\phi$  extended that is for the two-dimensional condition  $x$  and  $z$   $\partial\phi/\partial z =$  that is nothing but the velocity in the  $z$  direction  $= -k\partial h/\partial z$ , minus is given because they head decreases in the direction of the flow.

$\partial\phi/\partial z = v_z = -k\partial h/\partial z$  so let us put them as equation A and equation B,  $\partial\phi/\partial x = v_x = -k\partial h/\partial x$ ,  $\partial\phi/\partial z = v_z = -k\partial h/\partial z$ .

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By differentiating and substituting in Laplace equation of continuity:

We get

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$\therefore \phi(x, z)$  satisfies the Laplace equation

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So by differentiating and substituting the Laplace equation of continuity when we substitute the previous the equations A and B and we get when we substitute in the Laplace equation of continuity for two dimensional flow condition we get  $\partial^2\phi/\partial x^2 + \partial^2\phi/\partial z^2=0$  so this indicates that the potential function by xz in the two dimensional case satisfies also the Laplace equation so  $\partial^2\phi/\partial x^2 + \partial^2\phi/\partial z^2=0$ .

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Integrating (A) and (B),

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = v_x = -k \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = v_z = -k \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}$$

$$\phi(x, z) = -kh(x, z) + f(z) \quad \text{--from (A)}$$

$$\phi(x, z) = -kh(x, z) + g(x) \quad \text{--from (B)}$$

Since  $x$  and  $z$  can be varied independently,  $f(z) = g(x) = \text{Constant}$

$$h(x, z) = -\frac{1}{k} [C - \phi(x, z)] \quad \text{-- (C)}$$

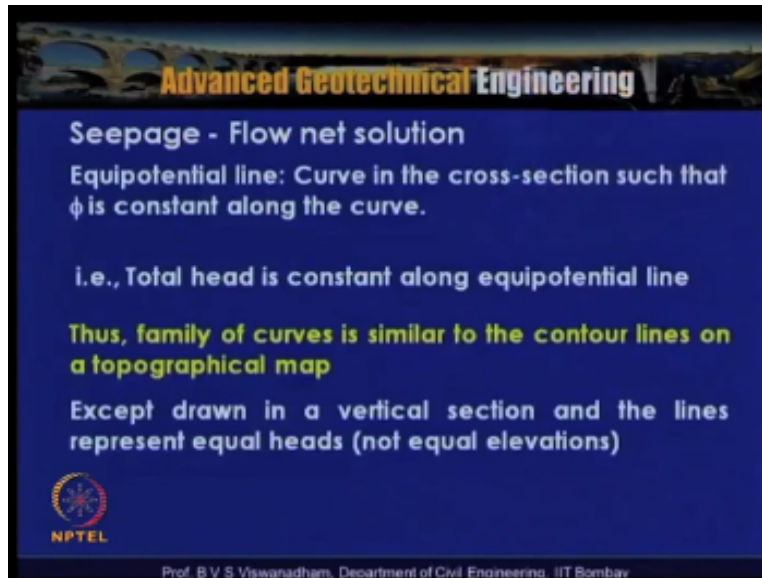
If  $h(x, z)$  represents a constant  $h_1$ , equation (C) represents a curve in  $(x, z)$  plane.

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Similarly now when we take this integrating A and B that is the velocity functions we are written in the x-direction, z direction that is the previously we named it as A and B which is  $\partial\phi/\partial x=v_x=-k\partial h/\partial x$ ,  $\partial\phi/\partial z=v_z=-k\partial h/\partial z$  by integrating this particular functions we get  $\phi(x,z)=-kh(x,z)+f(z)$  from that is from A that is this and from B we get  $\phi(x,z)=-kh(x,z)+g(x)$  since x and z can be varied independently  $f(z)=g(x)=\text{constant}$ .

So with that we can write that is a C so we can write  $h(x,z)=-1/k[C-\phi(x,z)]$  so if  $h(x,z)$  represents a constant h then the equation C represents a curve in the xz plane, so if xz represents a constant h equation C represents a curve in xz plane.

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Equipotential line: Curve in the cross-section such that  $\phi$  is constant along the curve.

i.e., Total head is constant along equipotential line

**Thus, family of curves is similar to the contour lines on a topographical map**

Except drawn in a vertical section and the lines represent equal heads (not equal elevations)

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So equi-potential line the curve in the cross-section such that  $\phi$  is constant along the curve that is why we call it as equi-potential line, so the curve in the cross section may basically it is a curve in the cross section such that  $\phi$  is constant along the curve, so the total head is constant along the equation does the family of the curve family of curves is similar to the contour lines or a topographical map, so except drawn in vertical section and lines representing equal heads not equal elevations.

So what we are actually talking is that not equal elevations the elevations are different but total head is equal, so the total head is constant along the equi-potential line and equi-potential line is occurring in the cross section such that  $\phi$  is constant along the curve. Now along such contours of say equal total head say  $d\phi=0$ .

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Along such contours of equal total head  $d\phi = 0$

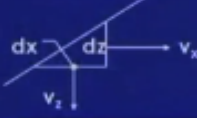
From the definition of partial differentiation and combining equations:

It gives:  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = v_x$        $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = v_z$

$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} dz$

$d\phi = v_x dx + v_z dz$

Along an EQP line,  $\phi = \text{constant}$ , so  $d\phi = 0$        $\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)_\phi = -\frac{v_x}{v_z}$



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From the definition of the partial differentiation and combining this equation we can write now  $d\phi/dx$ ,  $\partial\phi/\partial x=v_x$  and  $\partial\phi/\partial z=v_z$  so  $v_x$  is the direction of the this is the x direction this is the z direction and this is the one element  $dx$  and this is the  $dz$  in the vertical direction  $dx$  in the Y direction and this is the flow line so  $d\phi=\partial\phi/\partial x dx +\partial\phi/\partial z dz$  so which can be written as  $d\phi=\partial\phi/\partial x$  is nothing but  $v_x dx + v_z dz$  is nothing but  $\partial\phi/\partial z$  along an equi-potential line  $\phi$  is constant so when  $\phi$  is constant the differential of that is constant so  $d\phi=0$  by putting this 0 what we get is that the slope of this line as nothing but this is an equi-potential line.

$dz/dx \phi=-v_x/v_z$  so the slope of this equi-potential line  $dz/dx \phi$  is equal to  $-v_x/v_z$  so what we have deduced is that from the definition of from the along a particular contour when you take a particularly potential line having the slope of the potential line we deduced as  $-v_x/v_z$ .

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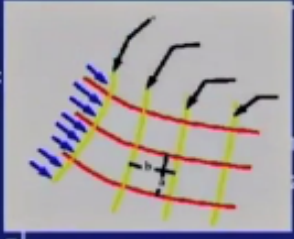
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**Seepage - Flow net solution**

**Flow or Stream function  $\psi$**   
 Consider a function  $\psi(x, z)$  such that:

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = v_x = -k \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

$$-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = v_z = -k \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}$$



Inverse of potential function  $\phi$

Combining equations and substituting in Laplace equation:  $\rightarrow \rightarrow$

So  $\psi(x, z)$  also satisfies the Laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

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Similarly considering the flow or the stream functions  $\psi$  consider the you know a function of  $\psi(x,z)$  such that  $\psi(x,z)$  such that  $\partial\psi/\partial z = v_x = -k \partial h/\partial x$  so  $\psi(x,z)$  is nothing but the flow function or the stream function in the x and z direction and  $v_x = \partial\psi/\partial z = -v_x = -k \partial h/\partial x$ ,  $-\partial\psi/\partial x = v_z = -k \partial h/\partial z$  so this is inverse of the potential function okay, so combining the equations and substituting in the Laplace equation of continuity we again will get that  $\partial^2\psi/\partial x^2 + \partial^2\psi/\partial z^2 = 0$  when we substitute this these particular deliberations a say D and E in Laplace equation of continuity we get  $\partial^2\psi/\partial x^2 + \partial^2\psi/\partial z^2 = 0$ .

So this represents that  $\psi(x,z)$  also satisfies the Laplace equation, now this indicates that both  $\phi(x,z)$  and  $\psi(x,z)$  they satisfies the Laplace equation of continuity the system of this lines containing the flow function and potential function they form a flow net solution which actually satisfies this Laplace of the equation of continuity. So again now deduce the slope of this stream function or a flow line from the definition of the partial differentiation and combining equation.

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From the definition of partial differentiation and combining equations:

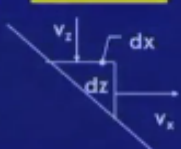
It gives:  $-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = v_z$        $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = v_x$

Total differential of the  $\psi(x, z)$  is:

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} dz$$

$$d\psi = -v_z dx + v_x dz$$

for a given flow line, if  $\psi$  is a constant,  $\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)_\psi = \frac{v_z}{v_x}$



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We can actually get  $-\partial\psi/\partial x=v_z$  and so this is the flow line and  $\partial\psi/\partial z=v_x$  so total differentiation differential of  $\psi(x,z)$  is given by  $d\psi=\partial\psi/\partial x dx+ \partial\psi/\partial z dz$  so  $d\psi=-v_z dx+v_x dz$  this we have substituted here for a given flow line if  $\psi$  is constant, so along a given flow line if the  $\psi$  constant the differential of that constant is 0 so  $d\psi=0$  when you equate that we actually get you know  $(dz/dx)\psi=v_z/v_x$ . So the slopes are identical the product of that  $=-1$  that means that both these flow lines and equi-potential lines are orthogonal in nature that is reason why while drawing the flow nets it has to be remembered that always the equi-potential line intercepts the flow line orthogonally.

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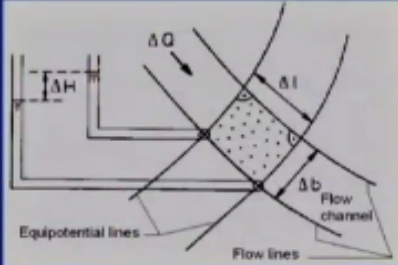
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### Seepage - Flow net solution

It is apparent that the flow lines and equipotential lines intersect each other at right angles (or orthogonal).

$$\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)_\phi = -\frac{v_x}{v_z}$$

$$\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)_\psi = \frac{v_z}{v_x}$$

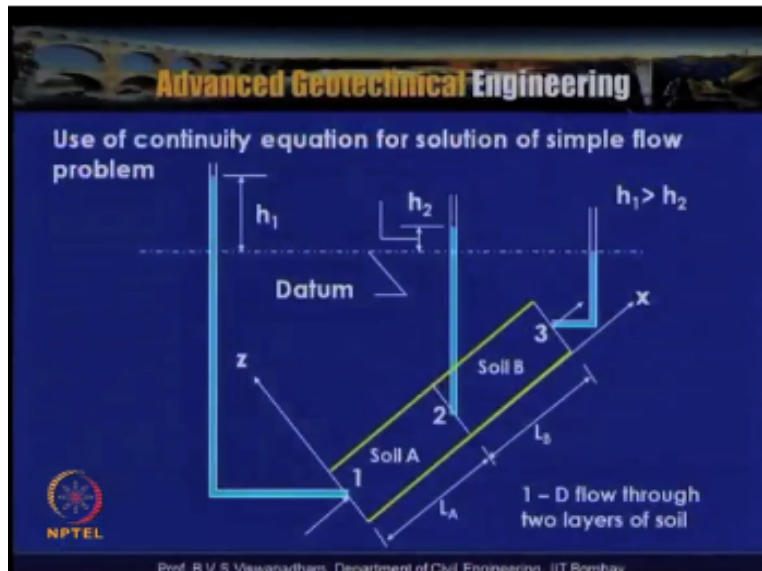


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So it is apparent that the flow lines and equi-potential lines intersect each other at right angles are orthogonal to each other that is from these deliberations what we discussed the product of these slopes say  $m_1 m_2 = -1$  that represents the orthogonality condition. So here a particular system which is actually shown so this particular angle which is actually you know have to be  $90^\circ$  so this is the flow line and this is the flow channel this is the equi-potential line 1 and equi-potential line 2 so  $\Delta H$  is actually is the pressure drop which is actually occurring from this equi-potential line to this equi-potential line.

$\Delta Q$  is the flow which is actually happening through this particular channel and  $\Delta L$  is the length of or which this flow is actually happening  $\Delta B$  is the so the area if you are actually taking  $\Delta Q$  with the flow is actually happening  $\Delta B$  into 1 the 1 is actually is there in the other direction a unit area is a unit width is actually considered. So equation of use of continuity equation for solution of simple flow problems.

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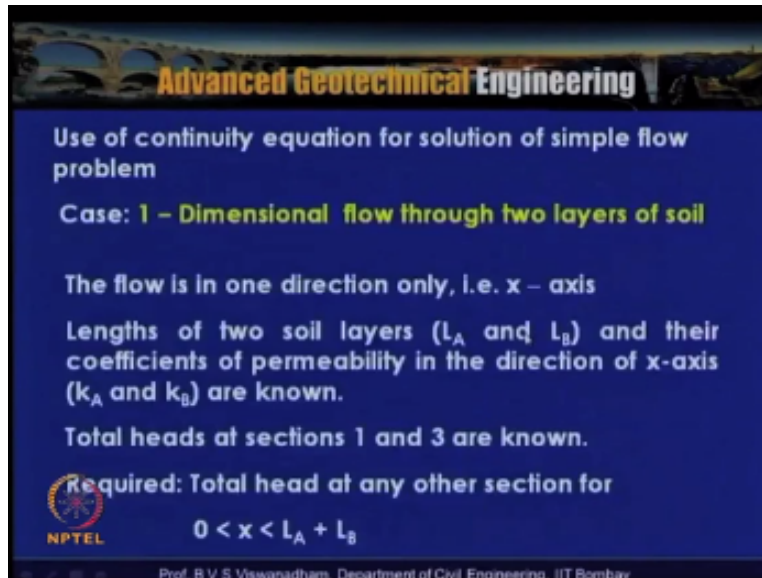


Let us say in this particular one-dimensional flow through two layers of soils or you know if we can actually deduce for two layers and then we can actually use for say in principle if  $H_1$  is the head here and by the time it reaches here the head has to be 0, that means that we have discussed with that if  $H$  is the head which is actually available and over a length  $L$  then the hydraulic gradient here the head available is  $H$  and here this point is 0 that means  $L$  50% of length  $L/2$  it has to be  $H/2$ .

But when you are actually having two soils then the boundary conditions actually that different, so in this particular slide what we have considered is that we have got two soil, soil A soil B having two different permeability, but the flow occurs in along the  $X$  direction and that is the direction which is actually shown here and  $L_A$  is the length of the soil A and  $L_B$  is the length of the soil A and  $L_A$  shall be put together is the total length and at  $L_A$  the head which is actually available is  $H_2$  and at a point 2 that is the end of soil A the head is actually say  $H_2$  and  $H_1$  is actually greater than  $H_2$  at this point it is equal to 0.

So this if it is assumed as datum so  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$  and then head availability here is 0, so this is the along the  $X$  direction and then point 1 is at beginning of soil A point 2 as the interface of at the interface of soil A and soil B and point three at the end of that is soil layer B.

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Use of continuity equation for solution of simple flow problem


**Case: 1 – Dimensional flow through two layers of soil**

The flow is in one direction only, i.e.  $x$  – axis

Lengths of two soil layers ( $L_A$  and  $L_B$ ) and their coefficients of permeability in the direction of  $x$ -axis ( $k_A$  and  $k_B$ ) are known.

Total heads at sections 1 and 3 are known.

**Required: Total head at any other section for**  
 $0 < x < L_A + L_B$

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So in the case one that one dimensional flow through two layers of soil the flow is in the one direction only that is the  $x$ -axis the length of the two soil layers which are actually described as  $L_A$  and  $L_B$  and the coefficient of permeability's are given as  $k_a$  and  $k_b$  in the direction of  $x$ -axis the total head sections one and three are known required is that total head at any other section for length between 0 and  $L_A+L_B$ .

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Use of continuity equation for solution of simple flow problem

Case: 1 - D flow through two layers of soil  $\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} = 0$

Integration of Laplace equation (for 1-D flow) gives:

$h = C_2 x + C_1$       Where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants

For flow through soil A, the boundary conditions are:

1. at  $x = 0$ ,  $h = h_1$
2. At  $x = L_A$ ;  $h = h_2$

$h = -\left(\frac{h_1 - h_2}{L_A}\right)x + h_1$

For  $0 \leq x \leq L_A$

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So integration of Laplace equation of for the one-dimensional flow which is nothing but along the X direction it is nothing but  $\partial^2 h / \partial x^2 = 0$  which actually gives the  $H = C_2 x + C_1$ , where  $C_1, C_2$  are the constants for the flow through the soil A the boundary conditions what we can actually use is that at  $X = 0$  head is  $h_1$  because that is at the point 1 and at  $X = L_A$  that is at the end of soil A head =  $h_2$ . When you substitute this in this particular  $H = C_2 X + C_1$ ,  $C_1, C_2$  can be obtained and then we get actually  $H = -(h_1 - h_2 / L_A)x + h_1$ . For 0 this is valid between 0 for X between 0 and  $L_A$ .

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**Case: 1 – D flow through two layers of soil**

For flow through soil B, the boundary conditions are:

1. at  $x = L_A$ ,  $h = h_2$        $h = C_2 x + C_1$
2. At  $x = L_A + L_B$ ;  $h = 0$

For  $L_A \leq x \leq L_A + L_B$        $h = -\left(\frac{h_2}{L_B}\right)x + h_2\left(1 + \frac{L_A}{L_B}\right)$

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Now for the flow through the soil B the boundary condition can be given as at  $X=L_A$   $H$  is  $H_2$  that is beginning of soil B and by again by using  $H=C_2X+C_1$  but using the new boundary conditions and at  $X =L_A+L_B$  that is the end of soil B,  $H=0$  that is head available is 0 so when we substitute and determine  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and simplify we will get  $H =-1/2 (h_2/L_B)x+h_2(1+L_A/L_B)$  this is actually valid between from  $L_a$  to  $L_A+L_B$  that is it is at the end of soil A and to the end of soil B the total length.

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**Case: 1 – D flow through two layers of soil**

$q$  = rate of flow through soil A = rate of flow through soil B

$$q = k_A \left( \frac{h_1 - h_2}{L_A} \right) A = k_B \left( \frac{h_2}{L_B} \right) A$$

$A$  is the area of c/s of soil perpendicular to the direction of flow

$$h_2 = \frac{k_A h_1}{L_A \left( \frac{k_A}{L_A} + \frac{k_B}{L_B} \right)}$$

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So  $Q$  is nothing but the rate of flow through the soil A and rate of flow through the soil B by but flows are equal because the same  $D$  which is actually driving so because of that  $Q = K(H_1 - H_2)/L_A$ ,  $L_A$  is the cross section area of soil a and cross section area of soil A and cross sectional area of soil B is also same so the rate of flow through the soil A can be written as  $K(H_1 - H_2)/L_A$ ,  $L_A$  is nothing but the length of soil A into area  $A$  which is the cross section area of the perpendicular direction of the flow and  $K_B = K_B(h_2/L_B)$   $h_2$  is the head at 0.2 where the beginning of soil B into A.

So by equating and that simplifying we will be able to get  $h_2$  in terms of  $k_A h_1/L_A$   $k_A/L_A + k_B/L_B$  so the  $h_2$  if you look into this when you substitute say that at  $L_A = L_B$  and  $k_A = k_B$   $h_2$  is obtained as  $H_1/2$  that is correct because at the off length of the soil if thus both soils are actually having same permeability the head disparities will be 50% of the head war which the flow is actually happening.

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Use of continuity equation for solution of simple flow problem

**Case: 1 - D flow through two layers of soil**

$$h = h_1 \left( 1 - \frac{k_B x}{k_A L_B + k_B L_A} \right) \quad (\text{for } x = 0 \text{ to } L_A)$$

$$h = h_1 \left( \frac{k_A}{k_A L_B + k_B L_A} (L_A + L_B - x) \right) \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{for } x = L_A \\ \text{To } L_A + L_B) \end{matrix}$$

For  $L_A = L_B = L$ ;  $k_A = k_B = k$   
 i.e.  $x = L/2 \rightarrow h = h_1/2$

$$h = h_1 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right)$$

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So further when you come use this one we actually have got two things for  $X = 0$  to  $L_A$  we have got  $H = h_1 \left( 1 - \frac{k_B x}{k_A L_B + k_B L_A} \right)$  and for  $x = L_A$  to  $L_A + L_B$  then  $h$  is obtained as  $h_1 \left( \frac{k_A}{k_A L_B + k_B L_A} (L_A + L_B - x) \right)$  say here when we substitute  $L_A = L_B = L$ ,  $k_A = k_B = k$ ,  $H$  is nothing but  $h_1 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right)$  for say at  $X = 0$ ,  $H = h_1$  when  $X = L$ ,  $H = 0$  that means that the head available at the end of the soil is 0 soil sample 0 at mid height mid length of the sample that is  $X = L/2$ ,  $h = h_1/2$  but this gives actually for the length up to  $X = 0$  to  $L_A$  from  $X = L_A$  to  $L_A + L_B$  the head at any point along the direction of the flow can be determined this is by using the equation of continuity.

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**Pore pressure in steady state seepage conditions**

$i = \text{head drop per unit length}$   
 For steady state seepage  
 $i = \text{constant}$

**Change in PWP between points P and Q: (per unit width)**

$\delta u = i \gamma_w (\delta s)$

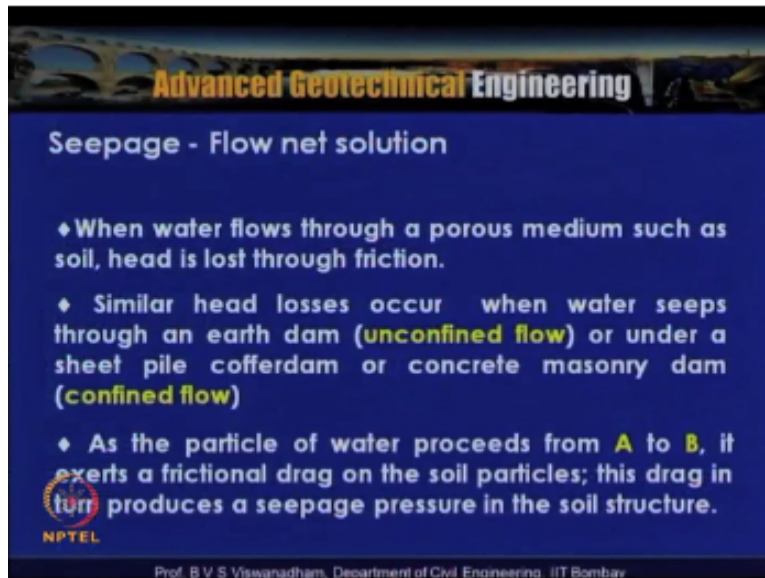
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The pore pressure in the steady states if conditions so here in this particular slide where you are actually having this is the equipotential line and this is the direction of the flow that is the flow line what we call so between two equipotential lines let us say that that H is the drop and the elevation which is nothing but this  $h_Q$  and this is the datum, so  $h_i$  is nothing but they had dropped per unit length for steady state  $C \psi$  is constant so change in pore water between points P and Q is given by per unit weight which is given by  $\Delta U = i \gamma_w (\Delta s)$ ,  $U = i \gamma_w (\Delta s)$ .

So the flow rate solutions particularly when water flows through a porous medium such as soil head is lost to the friction.

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### Seepage - Flow net solution

- ◆ When water flows through a porous medium such as soil, head is lost through friction.
- ◆ Similar head losses occur when water seeps through an earth dam (**unconfined flow**) or under a sheet pile cofferdam or concrete masonry dam (**confined flow**)
- ◆ As the particle of water proceeds from **A** to **B**, it exerts a frictional drag on the soil particles; this drag in turn produces a seepage pressure in the soil structure.

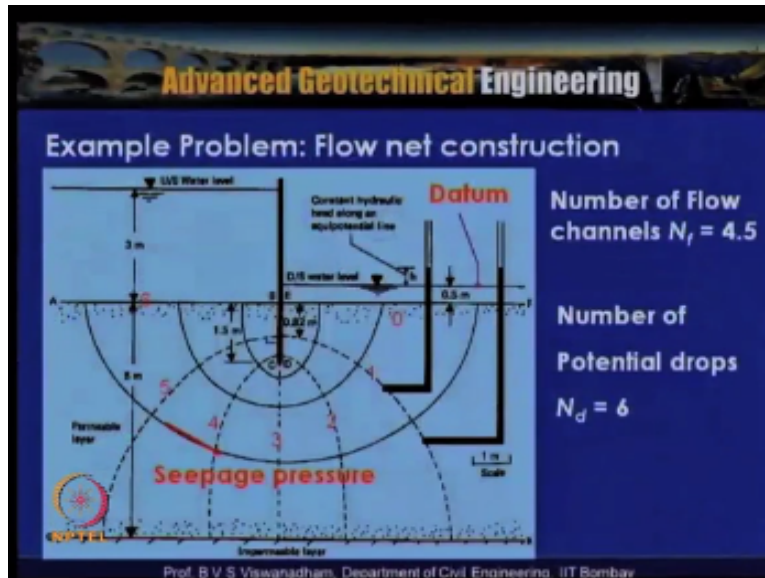
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Similar head losses occur when water seeps through an earthen dam that is unconfined flow an example for an uncontained is attend dam or under a sheet pile wall coffer dam or a concrete masonry dam so that is actually given as a confined flow. As the particle of water proceeds from A to B it exerts a frictional drag on the soil particles that the dragon' ton produces a seepage pressure in the soil structure, so as the flow happens from higher potential to the lower potential the it exerts a frictional drag and the soil particles in turn it actually produces the seepage pressures.

So the hydraulic structures are required to be check it again which these seepage pressures if the seepage pressures are high there is then there is susceptibility of the different types of failures.

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So in this particular slide an example problem of flow net construction is shown this is an example of a sheet pile wall which is retaining a water of 3 meter and the upstream side and on the downstream side this is called as a tail water level which is 0.5 meter is the you know the tail water level which is maintain so the drop or potential drop total potential head the drop which is actually given as  $3 - 0.5$  which is nothing but the 2.5 meters is the total drop.

Now here first of all the boundary conditions need to be identified before you know commencing the writing of the or drawing these flow rates are constructing the flow rates impermeable layers and trivial layers let us assume in the given problem this is the permeable layer and this is the depth of penetration of sheet pile 1 and here this is the impermeable layer and it can be a clay or it can be a rock stratum, so where the flow actually happens along this plane only so in identifying the boundary conditions AB which actually represents an equipotential line again EF which represents the equipotential line.

And similarly here when it comes to this particular line this actually represents the flow line because the flow actually happens along this boundary along this impermeable layer. So the first flow line is actually said as also line is a creeping line is called as BCDE is also called as a creeping line which actually creeps along the penetrated sheet pile wall so you can see here when it meets this equipotential line the orthogonality is actually maintained so in drawing the flow nets it has to be ensured that the orthogonality is actually maintained properly here.

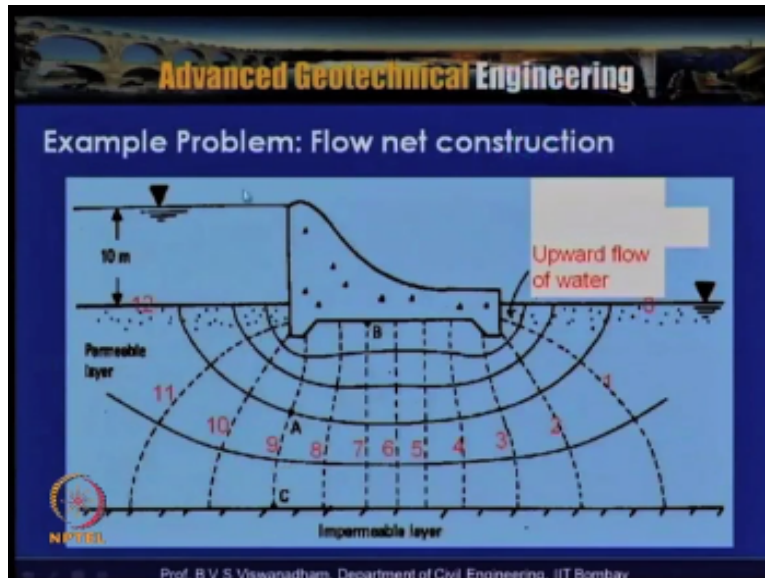
So this is the first flow line subsequently depending upon the convenience like it can be divided into the configuration and geometry it can be divided into 5 or 6 flow lines so here we have got flow line 1 and flow line 2, flow line 3, flow line 4 and then the flow line 5 so the space between that is actually called as a flow channel so this is one for channel 1, flow channel 2, flow channel 3 and 1234 this can be approximated as 4.5 or so.

So the number of flow channels here are 4.5 and now this is an equipotential line and this is an equipotential line and these are flow lines. Now here there is a flow line so the line which is actually if it is dropped here this being a flow line orthogonality here so this is an equipotential line this is a flow line so our technology I am maintaining the orthogonality we can draw another line another line so similarly here so these are drawn such away or selected such a way that the orthogonal D is actually maintained between a flow line and equipotential line.

So in this case if you look into this there are the numbering is done such a way for convenience it is numbered as 0 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 so this represents there are 6 potential drops so 6 potential drops mean the sense at sixth potential that is here the head available is say 2.5 meters at this point the head available is 0 anything by  $2.5 \times 0/12$ ,  $0/6=0$ . Similarly here 6 potential line means that is the  $6/6 \times 2.5$  that means that the full head is available at this point. So the equipotential line AB is with a potential head of 2.5 meters equipotential line EF is having total head as 0 that is the potential available head available is 0 here.

So here second the potential draw potential line this is 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 so by knowing this number of flow channels and number of potential drops we can calculate the flow through a sheet pile wall and if it is an earthen dam we can also get what is the CP is actually happening through L turned down and our leakage.

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So this is another problem where the flow net construction for a year and where there is upstream water level which is actually written here the tungsten water level is at the base which is actually located here so this is the in permeable and this is the permeable layer the water flows in this direction so this is that these are the direction of the flows so if you look into this 1234 and 5 so you can say that the five flow channels are there and this is the last flow line so this is the equipotential line and this is the equipotential line and these are this is the first flow line where the creeping water flow actually happens along this.

And then perpendicular in the orthogonality we write the number of pollution lines so here 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 so that means that there is a total potential drops are there, so by knowing say  $9/12$  that is the  $9/12 \times 10$  meters is the head available at this point so by knowing this total head and by knowing the elevation from the if this is the datum if this point is datum let us say that this is located at 2 meters that is by knowing this elevation we can actually calculate the pressure available at this particular point.

So in the process of C page there will be some dissipation by the time it comes here the head which is actually takes place 12 3 drops you time it undergoes so  $9/12 \times 10$  and then if you take the elevation ahead with respect to the datum which is selected here we will be able to calculate the pressures at each point. So the calculation of this total heads and this pressure is important for assessing the uplift pressure distribution or the pore water pressure distribution along these things and the enterprise in turn which can be used for designing these hydraulic structures.



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**Seepage - Flow net solution : Computation of discharge q**

Aspect ratio:  $a/b$

Hydraulic gradient  $i = \Delta h/b$

$$i = \left( \frac{h_L / N_d}{b} \right)$$

Equipotential drops between two flow lines  $\Delta h = h_L / N_d$

From Darcy's law, flow in each channel is:

$$\Delta q = k \left( \frac{h_L / N_d}{b} \right) a$$

$q$  = Total discharge per unit width

$$q = kh_L \left( \frac{N_f}{N_d} \right) \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)$$

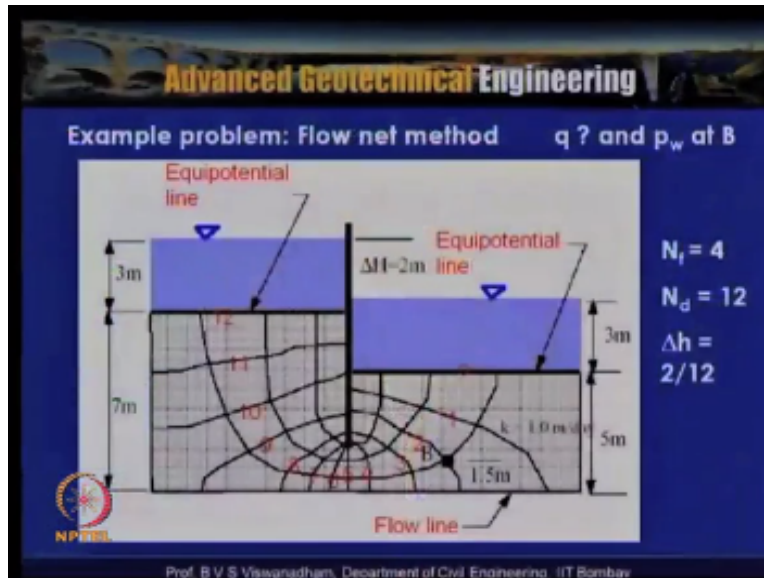
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So the CP is particularly the flow net solution the computation of discharge which what we discussed is that the aspect ratio we is nothing but a by B which is constant basically they are curvilinear squares so hydraulic gradient  $i = \Delta H/b$  so this  $\Delta H$  is given by for one potential drop which is  $hL/N_d/b$  so we can great we can get this as a  $\Delta H/B$ , so equipotential drops between two flow lines is  $\Delta H/hL/N_d$  so from Darcy's flow, flow in each channel is given by  $\Delta Q = Q(hL/N_d)/bxa$ .

If you wanted to purchase the total discharge per unit width then it has to be multiplied with thee we have calculated this per pair of flow channel now let us say that there are n number of flow channels then it is multiplied by L or here the total number of flow channels are indicated by  $N_f$  so we can write for a case where the flow is actually occurring through isotropic medium then  $Q = k hL$  the  $hL$  is nothing but the potential head into  $N_f/N_d(a/b)$  if the ratio  $a/b=1$  then the  $a/b$  will be will not be represented.

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So consider this particular example problem where the flow rate method which is required to be an optic so based on this consideration this  $\Delta H=2$  meters and this is the point where the datum has been selected so here based on the discussions here we can actually say that this is an equipotential line and this is an equipotential line and this is a flow line and flow channel 1, flow channel 2, flow channel 3 and flow channel 4 so we have taken an energy  $N_f=4, N_d=12$  because there is 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12.

So if you wanted to measure say pressure at point B we can actually calculate total head at B is equal to pressure at B + elevation at B suppose here it is given that 1.5 meters above the this particular stratum so that means that it is 3.5 meters below this level that is 6.5 meters below this level if this is selected as data then this will be -6.5 meters, so the pressure available here the total head is nothing but it is nothing but 0 1 and 2 and that 2 meters is the  $\Delta H$  that is the head loss.

So 2 into that is  $2/12=dt$  into this particular -6.5 meters so with that we will be able to get pressure at B = 6.33 meters and if the unit weight of water is taken as  $10 \text{ kN/m}^3$  we can calculate the pressure at B as 63.33 kilo Pascal's so what we have done is that by with the total head which is actually available at this particular point and by knowing the elevation height we calculated the pressure at B, like that each and every point it can be estimated and this particular data is useful for calculating and as I seen failure against the heave and piping failures for these hydraulic structures which we will be discussing in the future course of deliberations.

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