

# Steady Flow to a Well

Continuity Eq. 2.3.32 & Others

→ Laplace's equation (in no recharge)  
or Poisson's equation (if recharge)

Assumptions:

- Steady flow (Storage term change = 0)
- Aquifer is homogeneous and isotropic
- $Q_{\text{pump}} = \text{constant}$
- Wells fully penetrate aquifer (or horiz. flow)

Confined Aquifer.

$$\nabla^2(h) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dh}{dr} \right) = 0 \quad (3.2.1)$$

and integrating

$$h(r) = A \ln(r) + B$$

$$U_r(r) = -T \frac{dh}{dr} = -\frac{TA}{r}$$

(flux)

But  $Q_r = -2\pi r U_r(r) = 2\pi TA$

$$\therefore h(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln(r) + B$$

If  $R = \text{radius of influence}$

$$h(R) = h_R$$

$$s(r) = h_R - h(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln\left(\frac{R}{r}\right) \quad (3.2.3)$$

drawdown

or THIEHM EQ

Also

$$s_1 - s_2 = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)$$

$$h_2 - h_1 = \frac{Q}{2\pi T} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)$$

## Unconfined Aquifers:

See Eq. 2.3.18 w/ recharge

$$\therefore H^2(r) = \frac{Q}{\pi K} \ln(r) - \frac{Wr^2}{2K} + B \quad (3.27)$$

If  $W \equiv 0$  & B.C.'s apply as  $H = H_R$   
at  $r = R$   
( $R = r.o.p.i.$ )

$$H^2(r) = H_R^2 - \frac{Q}{\pi K} \ln\left(\frac{R}{r}\right) \quad (3.28)$$

Dupuit Eq. for radial flow  
(like the Thiem Eq. for conf. aq.)

If  $H = H_R - s$  ( $s =$  drawdown)  
or corrected draw down

$$s'(r) = \frac{Q}{2\pi K H_R} \ln\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$= \left(s - \frac{s^2}{2H_R}\right) \quad (3.29)$$

$$\text{and } s = H_R \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2s'}{H_R}}\right) \quad (3.210)$$