

1D Richard's equation :

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \psi} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(K(\psi) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K(\psi) = S_r \quad (1)$$

$$\psi(L, t) = \beta(t) \quad (2)$$

$$K(\psi) - K(\psi) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = q(t) \text{ at } z = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\psi(z, 0) = \psi_0(z). \quad (4)$$

To solve equation (1), the soil water retention function is introduced to eliminate one of the two dependent variables.

$$\theta(\psi) = \theta_r + \frac{\alpha(\theta_s - \theta_r)}{\alpha + |\psi|^\beta}$$

The unsaturated conductivity K is given by

$$K(\psi) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + |\psi - z|^\gamma} K_s$$

What you need to do is to solve the following transformed equation

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\theta}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} + S_r, \quad \bar{\theta}(\phi) = \theta(h) \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = -q(t) \text{ at } z = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\phi(L, t) = \bar{\beta}(t) \quad (7)$$

$$\phi(z, 0) = \phi_0(z). \quad (8)$$

Thus, the unknown of the equation is ϕ . Start discretizing the PDE

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\theta}(\phi)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} + S$$

$$\frac{\bar{\theta}_i^{n+1} - \bar{\theta}_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{\phi_{i+1}^{t+1} - 2\phi_i^{t+1} + \phi_{i-1}^{t+1}}{(\Delta z)^2} + S_i$$

where $\bar{\theta}_i^n = \bar{\theta}(\phi_i^n) = \theta(h_i^n)$.

The key idea is to solve it for ϕ_i^{n+1} using the same code as lab14a.f90 which requires evaluating $\bar{\theta}(\phi)$ using the relations

$$\bar{\theta}(\phi) = \theta(h) = \theta_r + \frac{\alpha(\theta_s - \theta_r)}{\alpha + |h - z|^\beta}, \quad \phi(h) = \int_0^h \bar{K}(\lambda) d\lambda, \quad \bar{K}(\lambda) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + |\lambda|^\gamma} K_s$$