be related to the real world only through pertinent data on those physical parameters of geologic materials which influence fluid flow. Much of the material in these two chapters is covered in earlier texts by the authors: *Geohydrology* (1965) by De Wiest and *Hydrogeology* (1966) by Davis and De Wiest. Nevertheless, their inclusion is welcomed, for they serve as an introductory and unifying background for ensuing chapters.

Rumer discusses the hydrodynamics of resistance in chapter 3, developing a macroscopic force-balance equation which is shown to transform to Darcy's law for low velocities. A truncated version of the series expression for resistance coefficient is comparable to the "Forchheimer equation." The special problem of upward flow and fluidization is also analyzed. In each case resistance is related to permeability, Reynolds number, and parameters dependent upon the geometry of pore systems or on physical properties of fluids and particles.

Bear presents in chapter 4 a clear, concise summary of hydrodynamic dispersion, followed by comparative description of the principal theories of dispersion, discussion of dispersion parameters (dispersivity, coefficient of dispersion, relation of permeability to dispersion), and solution of the differential equation of dispersion for various initial and boundary conditions. Decay and adsorption of transported chemical species are considered. Solved problems illustrate application of developed theory. Simpson (chapter 5) follows with a shorter discussion of the role of molecular diffusivity of chemical species in longitudinal dispersion as a function of flow velocity.

Chapters 6 (Swartzendruber) and 7 (Dicker) deal with unsaturated flow and transient free-surface flow through porous media. Dicker introduces a revision of classical theory which removes a heretofore undiscovered mathematical anomaly in the derivation. Chapter 8 (Verruijt) discusses elastic storage properties of aquifers in terms of the Biot theory that geologic materials act as perfectly elastic materials which may undergo three-dimensional consolidation. Biot's theory is shown to reduce to Jacob's theory, assuming only vertical deformations.

Chapters 9 and 10 deal with mathematical concepts for the description of fluid flow through porous media. De Josselin de Jong discusses generating functions for the specific discharge vec-

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tor for incompressible homogeneous fluids that obey Laplace equations of the type $\nabla^2 \mathcal{F} = 0$ and for inhomogeneous situations that fit equations of the type $\nabla^2 \mathcal{F} = G$. De Wiest expounds the role of Green's functions in solving partial differential equations for given boundary and initial conditions. The final chapter (Morel-Seytoux) introduces the groundwater hydrologist to subsurface two-phase flow, primarily in terms of the immiscible liquids water and oil.

Although important to groundwater hydrology, the topics covered for the most part do not warrant full volumes, and existing advanced texts do not deal with them in the depth and breadth of this volume. Consequently, the book seems well suited to be a reference or text for an advanced graduate course in groundwater hydrology, particularly if the course approach is to consider individual problems. It is recommended reading for practicing groundwater hydrologists and will find use as a standard reference work for some years to come. Some might consider the volume to be worthwhile for Bear's discussion alone, which fills a long-felt need for a comprehensive discussion of hydrodynamic dispersion.

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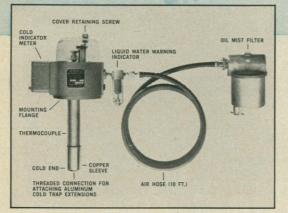
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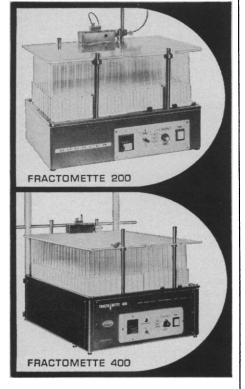
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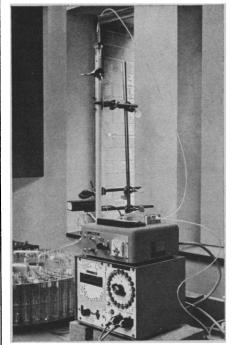
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