

**APPLICATION OF GAUSS-LAGUERRE QUADRATURE FORMULA IN DETERMINATION OF DIMENSIONLESS PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION IN A VERTICAL WELL**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper, application of Gauss-Laguerre quadrature formula was used to determine dimensionless pressure distribution in a vertical well based on the following assumptions: \*Infinite acting reservoir that is, the reservoir is infinite size. \*The well is producing at constant flow rate. \*The reservoir is at a uniform pressure, when production begins. \*The well, with a wellbore radius of radius of  $r_w$  is cantered in a cylindrical reservoir of radius  $r_e$  \*No flow across the outer boundary. In work, the result shows that as  $r_D$  increases,  $P_D$  decreases. This indicates that when the radius of wellbore is increasing, productivity decreases for a vertical well and also at early  $t_D$  the productivity is very insignificant. When  $P_D$  and  $t_D$  was plotted on log-log at late time the slope was 1.1513. This indicates that fully penetrating vertical well in an infinite reservoir and boundaries have been felt. The values of  $E_i$  at various  $r_D$ , shows that as  $r_D$  increases,  $E_i$  decreases. The results also shows that dimensionless pressure  $P_D$  increases with dimensionless time  $t_D$  and log approximation was applied when  $\alpha \geq 0.25$  and the smaller alpha, the higher the productivity. This method has ability to handle all homogeneous porous media, ability to handle all shapes of boundaries, regular or irregular and ability to eliminate trial-and error procedure.

**Key words:** Dimensionless, reservoir, wellbore, pressure, radius

**INTRODUCTION**

A lot of work has been carried out on determination of dimensionless pressure distribution in both vertical and horizontal well using different methods as shown in Refs(1-3). In this work, conditions proposed by Mathews and Russel solution to the diffusivity equation called the exponential integral  $E_i$  was used: Infinite acting reservoir that is, the reservoir is infinite size, the well is producing at constant flow rate, the reservoir is at a uniform pressure, when production begins, the well, with a wellbore radius of radius of  $r_w$  is cantered in a cylindrical reservoir of radius  $r_e$  and no flow across the outer boundary. Employing the above conditions, the authors presented their solution in the following form:

$$P = P_i + 70.6 \frac{q\beta\mu E_i}{kh} \left( \frac{-948\theta\mu c_t r^2}{kt} \right) \dots\dots\dots 1.0$$

And

$$E_i(-x) = - \int_x^\infty \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du \dots\dots\dots 2.0$$

A further simplification of the solution to the flow equation is possible for  $<0.02$ ,  $E_i(-x)$  can be approximated with an error less than 0.6% by<sup>4</sup>

$$E_i(-x) = \ln(1.78x) \dots\dots\dots 3.0$$

Theis(1935) has given the governing equation for the line solution:

$$P_D = -\frac{1E_i}{2} \left( -\frac{r_D^2}{4t_D} \right) \text{-----4.0}$$

Equation 4.0 can be written as

$$P_D = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\alpha} \left( \frac{w_1}{z_1 + \alpha} + \frac{w_2}{z_2 + \alpha} \text{-----} \frac{w_n}{z_n + \alpha} \right) \text{----- (5.0)}$$

**Equation 5.0 is called** Gauss-Laguerre quadrature formula<sup>6</sup>

Where

$W_1$ = upper weight factor (Three-Point Formula)

$W_2$ = Lower weight factor (Three-Point Formula)

$Z_1$  = upper root

$Z_2$ =Lower root

$\alpha = \left( \frac{r_D^2}{4t_D} \right)$ =apha

$W_1, W_2, Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  can be obtained from table.

### COMPUTATION OF $P_D$

**From** Gauss-Laguerre quadrature table<sup>4</sup>,

$W_1=0.85355, W_2=0.14644, Z_1=0.58578,$  and  $Z_2=3.414221$

Substitute  $\alpha = \frac{r_D^2}{4t_D}$  into equation 5.0

For  $r_D = 1,$  at  $t_D = 10^{-3}$  or 0.001, then  $\alpha = \frac{r_D^2}{4t_D} = \frac{1^2}{4 \times 0.001} = 250.$  This is value of alpha is

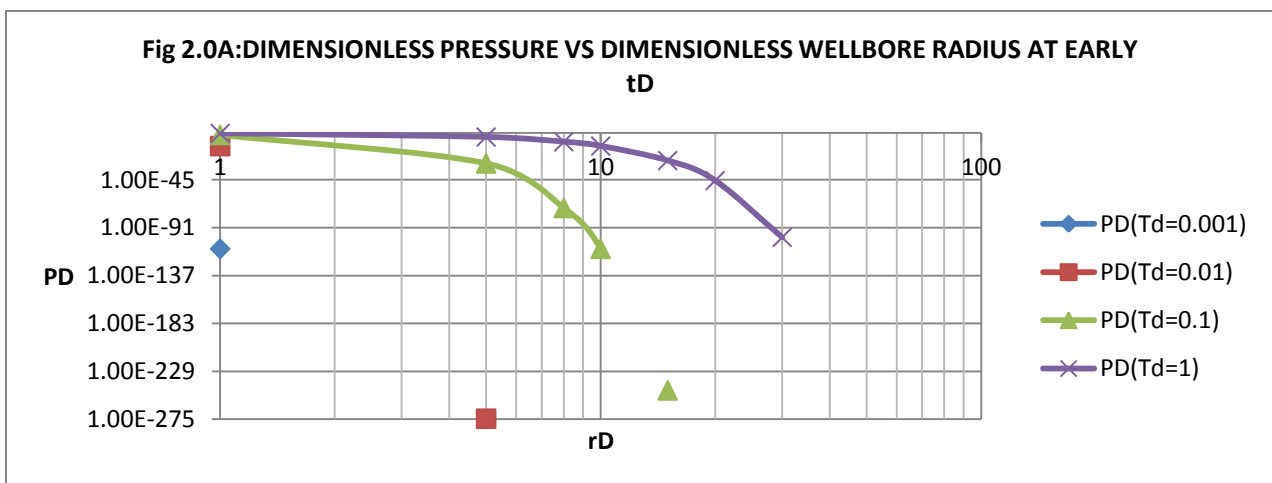
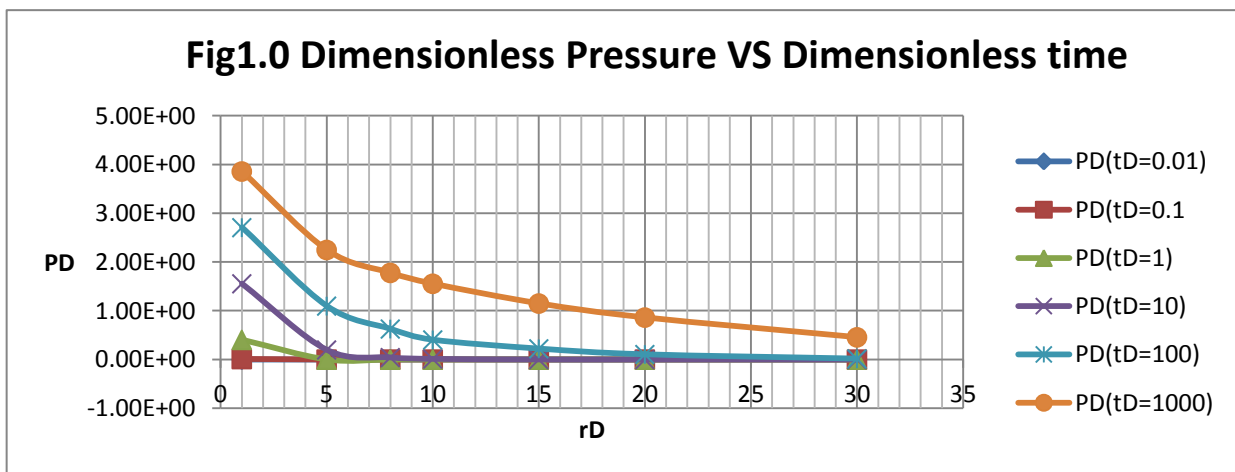
substituted into (5.0) above, to give  $P_D.$  This calculation is repeated for values of  $t_D$  and  $r_D$  as shown below.

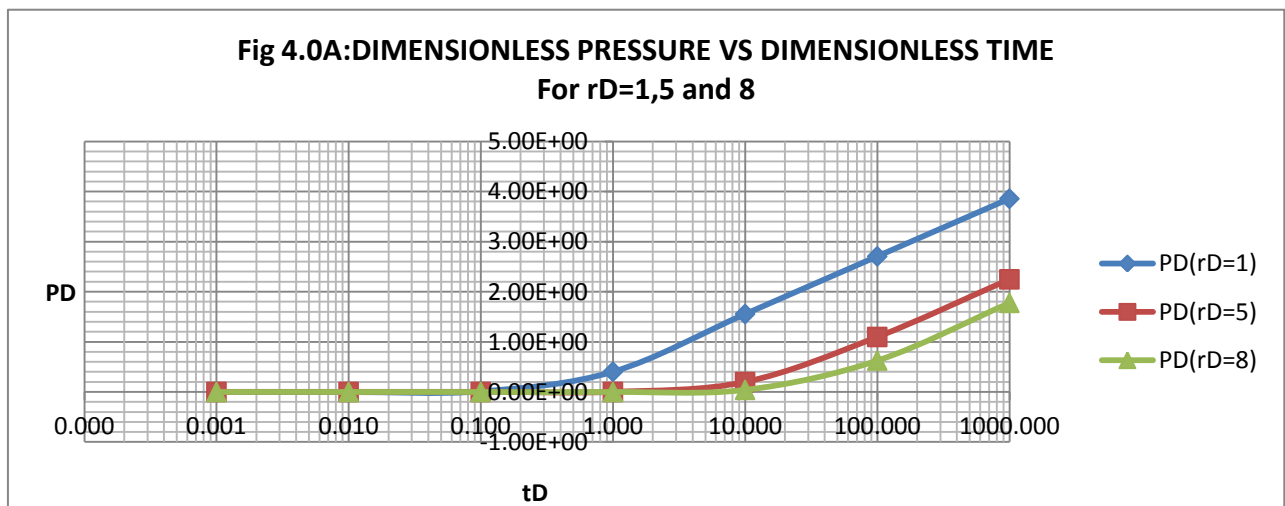
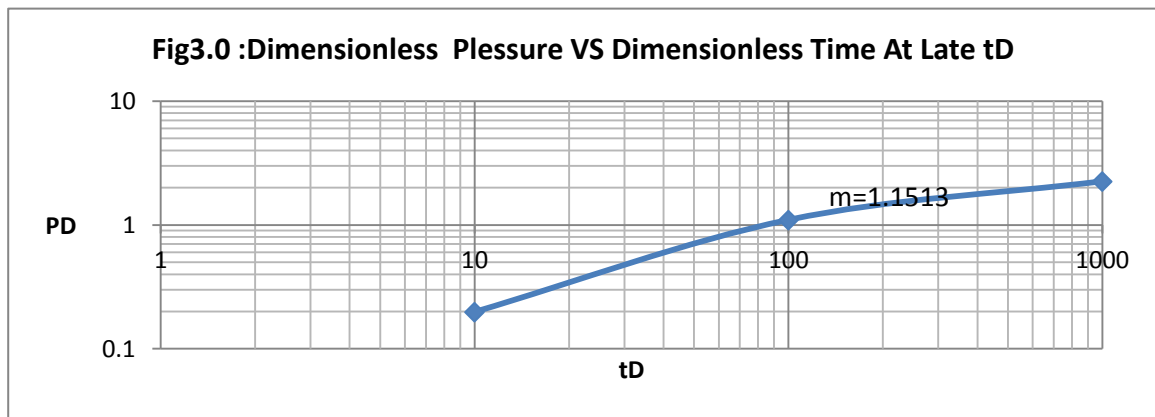
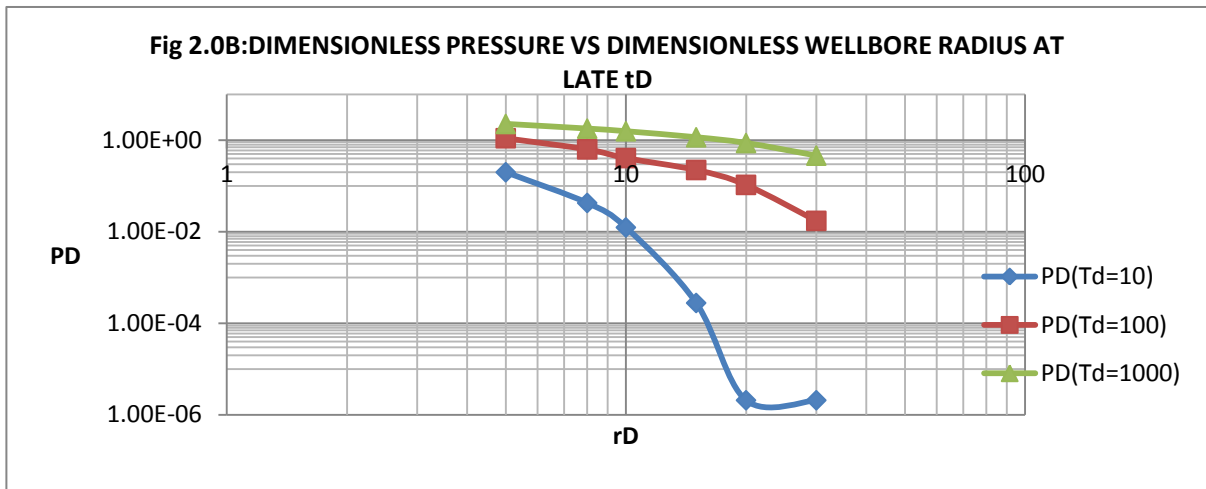
### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

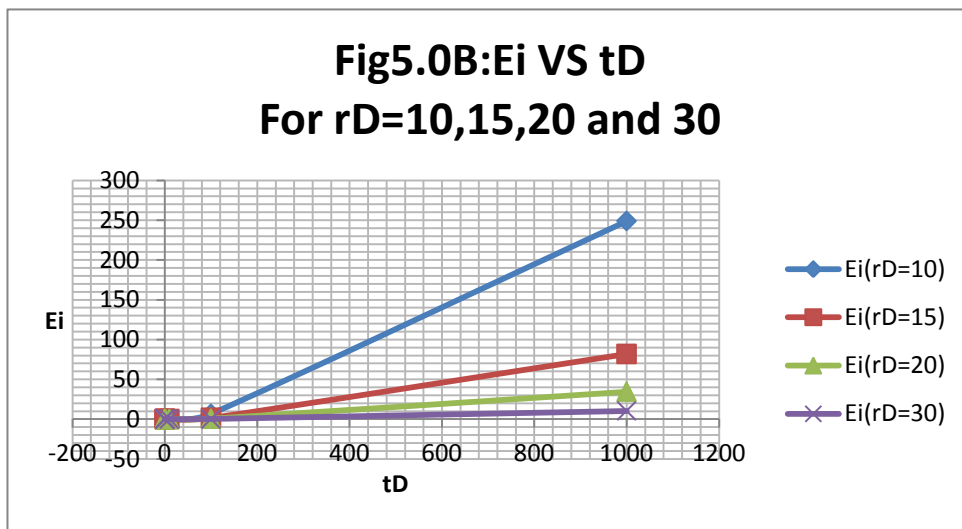
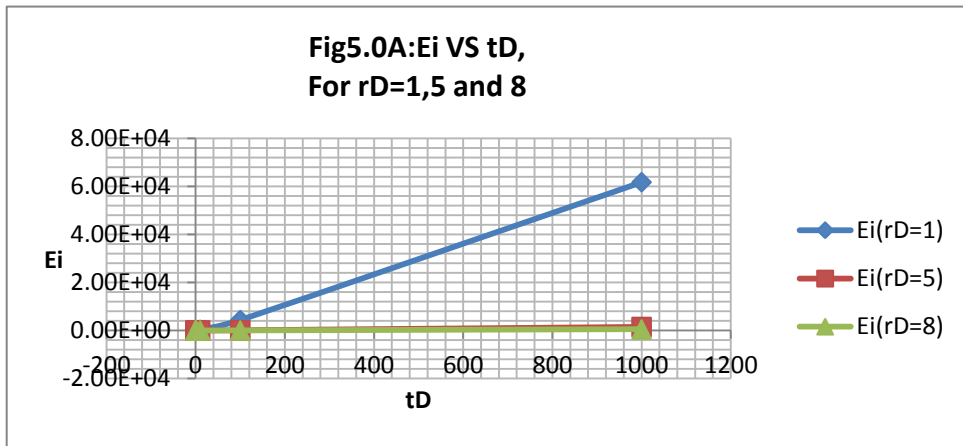
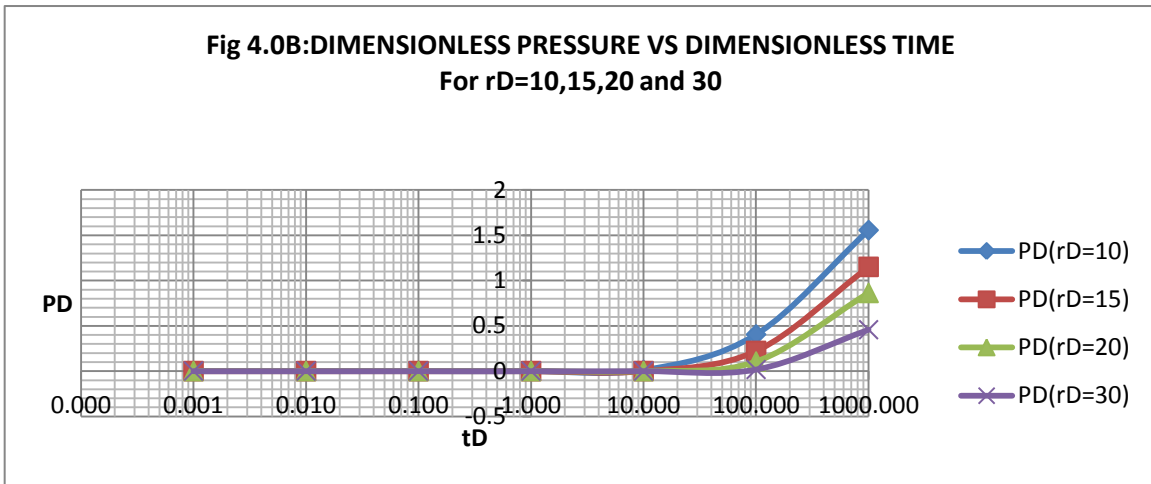
Results of dimensionless pressure behaviour of vertical well  $P_D$  at a particular  $t_D$  for both early and late flow are illustrated as shown in Table1.0 . As  $r_D$  increases  $P_D$  decreases as shown in Table1.0 .and Figure 1.0,2.0A and 2.0B. . This indicate that when the radius of wellbore is increase, productivity decreases for a vertical well and also at early  $t_D$  the productivity is very insignificant as shown in Fig4.0A and 4.0B. When  $P_D$  and  $t_D$  was plotted on log-log at late time the slope was 1.1513 as illustrated in Fig3.0 below. This indicates that boundaries have been felt. Table2.0 shows the values of  $E_i$  at various  $r_D.$ Fig5.0A and 5.0B illustrate the effect of  $r_D$  on  $E_i.$ As  $r_D$  increases,  $E_i$  decreases. The transient condition is only applicable for a relatively short period after some pressure disturbance has been created in the reservoir. If pressure is reduced at the wellbore, reservoir fluids will begin to flow near the vicinity of the well. The pressure disturbance and fluid movement will continue to propagate radially away from the wellbore. In the time for which the transient condition is applicable, it is assumed that the pressure response in the reservoir is not affected by the presence of the outer boundary, thus the reservoir appears infinite in extent

**Table 1.0 Calculated  $P_D$  for various values of  $r_D$ .**

$t_D$	$P_D(r_D=1)$	$P_D(r_D=5)$	$P_D(r_D=8)$	$P_D(r_D=10)$	$P_D(r_D=15)$	$P_D(r_D=20)$	$P_D(r_D=30)$
0.001	5.30E-112	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.01	2.67E-13	2.90E-275	0	0	0	0	0
0.1	0.012369	5.66E-30	1.01E-72	5.30E-112	4.50E-248	0	0
1	0.40456	0.000135	3.32E-9	2.67E-13	3.25E-27	1.84E-46	4.30E-101
10	1.555852	0.198371	0.042369	0.012369	0.000277	2.08E-6	3.61E-12
100	2.707145	1.097707	0.627703	0.40456	0.22259	0.105108	0.01722
1000	3.858437	2.24899	1.778996	1.555852	1.150387	0.862705	0.25724







**Table2.0 :Values of Ei**

$t_D$	Ei(rD=1)	Ei(rD=5)	Ei(rD=8)	Ei(rD=10)	Ei(rD=15)	Ei(rD=20)	Ei(rD=30)
0.001	8.48E-114	0.00E+00	0	0	0	0	0
0.01	4.27E-14	1.86E-277	0	0	0	0	0
0.1	0.01979	3.62E-31	2.53E-74	8.48E-114	3.20E-250	0	0.00E+00
1	6.47296	8.64E-05	8.30E-10	4.27E-14	2.31E-28	7.36E-48	1.72E-103
10	248.9363	1.27E+00	0.105923	0.01979	0.000197	8.32E-07	1.44E-13
100	4331.432	7.03E+01	15.69258	6.47296	1.582862	0.420432	6.89E-02
000	61734.99	1.44E+03	444.749	248.9363	81.8053	34.5082	1.03E+01

**Table3.0:Values of alpha at various  $r_D$**

S/N	$t_D$	$\alpha_{(rD=1)}$	$P_{D(rD=1)}$	$\alpha_{(rD=5)}$	$P_{D(rD=5)}$	$\alpha_{(rD=8)}$	$P_{D(rD=8)}$	$\alpha_{(rD=10)}$	$P_{D(rD=10)}$	$\alpha_{(rD=15)}$
1	$10^{-3}$	250	5.3E-112	6250	0.0	16000	0.0	25000	0.0	56250
2	$10^{-2}$	25	2.67E-13	625	2.9E-275	1600	0.0	2500	0.0	5625
3	$10^{-1}$	2.5	0.012369	62.5	5.66E-30	160	1.01E-72	250	5.3E-112	562.5
4	1	0.25	0.40456	6.25	0.000135	16	3.32E-9	25	2.67E-13	56.25
5	10	0.025	1.555852	0.625	0.198371	1.6	0.042369	2.5	0.012369	5.625
6	100	0.0025	2.707145	0.0625	1.097707	0.16	0.627703	0.25	0.40456	0.5625
7	1000	0.00025	3.858437	0.00625	2.248999	0.016	1.778996	0.025	1.555852	0.05625

S/N	$t_D$	$\alpha_{(rD=20)}$	$P_{D(rD=20)}$	$\alpha_{(rD=30)}$	$P_{D(rD=30)}$
1	$10^{-3}$	100000	0.0	225000	0.0
2	$10^{-2}$	10000	0.0	22500	0.0
3	$10^{-1}$	1000	0.0	2250	0.0
4	1	100	1.84E-46	225	4.3E-101
5	10	10	2.08E-6	22.5	3.61E-12
6	100	1	0.105108	2.25	0.01722
7	1000	0.1	0.862705	0.225	0.45724

**CONCLUSION**

This method has ability to handle all homogeneous porous media, ability to handle all shapes of boundaries, regular or irregular and ability to eliminate trial-and error procedure. The solution gives the pressure at any point in the reservoir where the influence of the finite wellbore radius is insignificant. The solution does not account for skin or wellbore storage making it more appropriate for interference test than a single well test.

**Nomenclature**

$P_D$ =Dimensionless pressure  
 $r_D$ =Dimensionless radius  
 $t_D$ =Dimensionless time

$r_w$ =Wellbore radius

$r_{eD}$ =Dimensionless external radius

$r_e$ =Drainage radius

$W_1$ = upper weight factor (Three-Point Formula)

$W_2$ = Lower weight factor (Three-Point Formula)

$Z_1$  = upper root

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