

Exercise 5 - Displacement stability calculations

Part 1

List the assumptions behind Dietz stability analysis

Part 2

The Dietz stability equation is

$$\tan \beta = \frac{1 - M_e}{M_e N_{ge} \cos \alpha} + \tan \alpha$$

where the end point gravity number is defined as

$$N_{ge} = \frac{k'_{ro}}{\mu_o} \frac{Ak(\rho_w - \rho_o)g}{q_{inj}}$$

and the end point mobility ratio is

$$M_e = \left(\frac{k'_{rw}}{\mu_w} \right) / \left(\frac{k'_{ro}}{\mu_o} \right)$$

Make a sketch of a dipping system where water is displacing oil, and explain the concept of a stable displacement front. In terms of the equation above, what is the stability criterion? How does the end point mobility ratio affect stability?

Part 3

For a dip angle of 10 degrees, determine if the water displacement process in Exercise 4 is stable for the two oil viscosities. If not, determine the maximum displacement velocity for stability.

(let $u = 0,0005 \text{ cm/s}$, $k = 1 \text{ D}$)

NB: Make sure units are consistent!