Discussion of GEOL384/334

- Discussion of two instructive problems from midterm exam
- Final exam format

In the midterm, there was an instructive problem which is worth reviewing:



GEOL384/334 - Discussion

Midterm problem about resistivity

- Also note the simple but useful problem (for GEOL334) about deriving the geometry factor for Wenner array from the expression for the potential
 - Please review and try solving it (even Geol384)
 - Just note the key principle of electrical imaging: the measured "voltage" between electrodes M and N is the difference of the electric potentials at these points:

$$U = \varphi(M) - \varphi(N)$$

... and each of the potentials is a sum of the potentials created by each of the current electrodes.
Electrode A injects current +*I* and creates potentials

$$\varphi = \frac{I\rho}{2\pi \times (\text{distance from A to M or N})}$$

• ... and electrode B injects current -I and creates potentials

$$\varphi = \frac{-I\rho}{2\pi \times (\text{distance from B to M or N})}$$

Thus, the problem (for any array) is only in evaluating the four distances (A-M, A-N, B-M, B-N) and doing summations and subtractions

Final exam

• Preparation:

- Review lectures marked with '*' with focus on basic ideas and relations, as in the discussion of the gravity example in the preceding slides
- Review the labs! The questions should principally focus on lab or field situations
- > The contents will include the whole course, including what was used in the midterm
 - > There will likely be little or no questions about seismics (because we had no seismic labs)
- Format:
 - The format will be similar to the midterm several problems probing for basic principles. No significant derivations or math
 - I am considering making an option for automatic final grade based on the midterm and lab results:
 - Students who are satisfied with their class grade average from the midterm and labs, will not have to write the final exam
 - If you elect to write the final exam, its result will not decrease the grade average.
- I will try sending your current grade averages and final exams to you by December 9, to be completed by December 14 (Geol334) and December 15 (Geol384)