

$$\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} = v \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$$

where v is the kinematic viscosity and ρ is the density of the fluid. The position along the radius of the blood vessel is measured by r . The pressure gradient oscillates in time with frequency, ω (rad/s), to simulate the pumping action of the heart:

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \frac{\Delta p}{L} \cos(\omega t)$$

The initial and boundary conditions for this problem are as follows:
Initial condition:

$$t = 0 \quad u_z = u_{z0}$$

Boundary conditions: $t > 0 \quad r = 0 \quad \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} = 0 \quad u_z$ is finite

$$r = R \quad u_z = 0$$

The following constants may be used for the solution of this problem. These are characteristic of the human left main artery, human blood, and heart pumping action:

$$R = 0.425 \text{ cm} \quad V = 0.09 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s} \quad \rho = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\omega = 3 \text{ cycles per second} = 6\pi \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\frac{\Delta p}{L} = 1 \text{ dyne/cm}^3 = 1(\text{g.cm/s}^2)/\text{cm}^3$$