The Effect of Pulsatile Flow on the Peristaltic Transport of a Newtonian Fluid in a Cylindrical Tube with Permeable Wall

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Abstract: Peristaltic pumping is a form of the fluid transport in a flexible tube caused by a progressive wave of contraction or expansion from a region of lower pressure to higher pressure. Peristalsis is one of the major mechanisms for fluid in many biological systems. It is an automatic and vital process that moves food through the digestive tract, urine from the kidneys through the ureters into the bladder, and bile from the gall bladder into the duodenum and transport of blood through the artery with mild stenosis. In addition, the mechanism of peristalsis is applied in the design of biomechanical instruments in the human heart-lung machine. In many biomechanical devices such as small blood vessels, the tube wall is not rigid. The tissue region of the blood vessel is modelled as a permeable layer. In view of this it will interesting to study peristaltic pulsatile flow of a viscous fluid in a tube with permeable boundary. In this paper, we study the effect of the pulsatile flow on the peristaltic pumping of a Newtonian fluid in an axi symmetric cylindrical tube with permeable wall is investigated. The analytical solution of this problem is given as on asymptotic expansion in the Womersly number β which characterize the unsteadyness effect in the wave frame. The pumping characteristics are discussed.

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I. Introduction

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II. Formulation Of The Problem

Consider the peristaltic transport of an incompressible Newtonian fluid through an axisymmetric tube with permeable wall. An infinite train of sinusoidal waves travel on the wall of the tube. In a cylindrical coordinate – system \((r, z)\) the dimensional equation for the varying tube radius is given

\[
\bar{R} = \bar{h} \left( z, T \right) = a + b \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left( z - cT \right) \right)
\]

where ‘a’ is the average radius of the tube, ‘b’ is the amplitude of the wave, ‘\(\lambda\)’ is the wave length and ‘c’ is the wave speed.

In the absence of external forces the equations of continuity and momentum for the flow of an incompressible fluid are given by

\[
\text{div}\, \bar{V} = 0
\]
\[
\rho \frac{d\bar{V}}{dt} = -\nabla \bar{P} + \text{div} \bar{\sigma}
\]

Where \(\rho\) is the density, \(\bar{V}\) is the velocity, \(\bar{P}\) is the pressure and \(\bar{\sigma}\) is the viscous stress tensor.

III. Equations Of Motion

The flow becomes steady in the wave frame \((x, y)\) moving with velocity ‘c’ away from the fixed frame \((x, y)\). The transformation between these two frames is given by

\[
\bar{z} = \bar{Z} - cT \quad ; \quad \bar{r} = \bar{R}
\]

And the velocity components are also related by

\[
\bar{u}(\bar{r}, \bar{z}) = \bar{U} \left( \bar{R}, \bar{Z} - cT \right) \quad ; \quad \bar{w}(\bar{r}, \bar{z}) = \bar{W} \left( \bar{R}, \bar{Z} - cT \right) - c
\]

Where \(\bar{u}\) and \(\bar{w}\) are the velocity components in the wave frame.

We introduce the following dimensionless variables;

\[
z = \frac{\bar{z}}{\lambda} \quad ; \quad h = \frac{\bar{h}}{a} \quad ; \quad r = \frac{\bar{r}}{a} \quad ; \quad t = \frac{T}{T_0} \quad ; \quad u = \frac{\lambda \bar{u}}{ac} \quad \frac{\bar{w}}{c}
\]

\[
\frac{w}{c} = \frac{a^2 \bar{P}}{\mu \lambda c} \quad ; \quad Q = \frac{\bar{Q}}{2\pi ca^2}
\]

In view of the continuity equation stream function \(\psi(r, z)\) in dimensionless form is

\[
u(r, z) = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \quad ; \quad w(r, z) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}
\]
The equations of motion become

\[ \left[ -\delta^2 \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + R_e \delta^3 \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) \right] \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z} \]

\[ -\delta^2 \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) - \delta^4 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} \]  

\[ \left[ \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - R_e \delta \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) \right] \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \]

\[ + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) \right) + \delta^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \]  

(8)

Where the dimensionless wave number \( \delta \), the Reynolds number \( R_e \), and the Womersly number \( \beta \) are defined by

\[ \delta = \frac{a}{\lambda}; R_e = \frac{\rho a c}{\mu}; \beta = \frac{\rho a^2}{\mu T_0} \]

For \( \beta = 0 \) the equations given by (8) and (9) coincide with those generally considered when the flow in the wave frame is steady.

Boundary conditions are

\[ \Psi = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) = 0, \text{ for } r=0 \]  

(10)

\[ \Psi = F(t), \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} = -1 + \sqrt{Da} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right) \text{, for } r = h(z) \]  

(11)

Where \( Da = \frac{k}{a^2} \), \( \alpha \) is the slip Parameter

\[ h(z) = 1 + \phi \sin(2\pi z) \]  

is the dimensionless radius of the tube

We note that (11) is the saffman (10) slip condition at the permeable boundary.

**IV. Method Of Solution**

The unsteady phenomenon is due to the interaction of pulsatile flow and peristaltic transport. Assume that the flow rate \( F(t) \) in the wave frame resulting of this interaction is given by Rachid and Ouazzani, (9)

\[ F(t) = F_0 + \beta F_1(t) \]  

(12)

Where \( F_0 \) is the flow rate in the wave frame in absence of the pulsatile flow and \( F_1(t) \) is a function of time of frequency \( \Omega \).

Therefore, we seek the solution of the problem under small \( \beta \). We expand \( \Psi \) and \( P \) in the following form:

\[ \Psi = \Psi_0 + \beta \Psi_1 + \beta^2 \Psi_2 \]  

(13)

\[ P = P_0 + \beta P_1 + \beta^2 P_2 \]  

(14)

Substituting these relations in the governing equation, we obtain the following

Zeroth – Order system:

\[ \frac{\partial P_0}{\partial r} = 0 \]  

(15)

\[ \frac{\partial P_0}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial r} \right) \right) \]  

(16)

\[ \Psi_0 = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial r} \right) = 0, \text{ for } r=0 \]  

(17)
\[ \Psi_0 = F_0, \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial r} = -1 + \alpha_0, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial r} \right) \] at \( r = h(z) \)  
(18)

Where \( \alpha_0 = \frac{Da}{\alpha} \)

**FIRST – ORDER SYSTEM:**

\[ \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial r} = 0 \]  
(19)

\[ \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial r} \right) \]  
(20)

\[ \Psi_1 = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial r} \right) = 0 \text{ for } r = 0 \]  
(21)

\[ \Psi_1 = F_1(t), \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial r} = \alpha_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial r} \right) \text{ at } r = h(z) \]  
(22)

**SECOND ORDER SYSTEM:**

\[ \frac{\partial P_2}{\partial r} = 0 \]  
(23)

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{\partial P_2}{\partial z} + 1 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial r} \right) \right) \]  
(24)

\[ \Psi_2 = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial r} \right) = 0, \text{ for } r = 0 \]  
(25)

\[ \Psi_2 = 0, \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial r} = \alpha_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial r} \right) \text{ at } r = h(z) \]  
(26)

**ZEROTH – ORDER SOLUTION:**

The solution of the problem in this order is the classical solution of steady flow

\[ \Psi_0 = \frac{h \left( 2F_0 + h^2 \right)}{4\alpha_0 - h} \left( \frac{L^4}{2} - L^2 \frac{2\alpha_0}{h} L^2 \right) - \frac{r^2}{2} \]  
(27)

\[ U_0 = \frac{2 \left( 2F_0 + h^2 \right)}{h \left( 4\alpha_0 - h \right)} \left( L^2 - 1 + \frac{2\alpha_0}{h} \right) - 1 \]

\[ \frac{\partial P_0}{\partial z} = \frac{8 \left( 2F_0 + h^2 \right)}{h^3 \left( 4\alpha_0 - h \right)} \]

**FIRST ORDER SOLUTION:**

\[ \Psi_1 = \frac{hF_1}{4\alpha_0 - h} \left( L^4 - 2L^2 + h \frac{4\alpha_0}{h} L^2 \right) \]  
(28)

\[ U_1 = \frac{4F_1}{h \left( 4\alpha_0 - h \right)} \left( L^2 - 1 + \frac{2\alpha_0}{h} \right) \]

\[ \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial z} = \frac{16 hF_1}{h^3 \left( 4\alpha_0 - h \right)} \]
SECOND ORDER SOLUTION

\[ \Psi_2 = \frac{h^3}{4(4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ \frac{L^6}{24} - \frac{L^4}{4} + \frac{3L^2}{8} + \alpha_0 \left( \frac{L^4}{2h} - \frac{3L^2}{2h} + \frac{L^2}{2h^2} \right) \right] \]

\[ - \frac{4}{3h(4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ h + 6\alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h) \left( \frac{L^4}{8} - \frac{L^2}{4} + \frac{\alpha_0 L^2}{2h} \right) \right] \]

\[ U_2 = \frac{h}{4(4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ \frac{L^4}{4} - L^2 + \frac{3}{4} + \alpha_0 \left( \frac{2L^2}{h} + \frac{\alpha_0}{h^2} \frac{3}{h} \right) \right] \]

\[ - \frac{4}{3(4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ h^2 + 6\alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h) \left( \frac{L^2}{2h} - \frac{1}{2h} + \frac{\alpha_0}{h^2} \right) \right] \quad (29) \]

\[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -8 \frac{dF_1}{dt} \frac{h^2 + 6\alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h)}{3h^2 (4\alpha_0 - h)^2} \]

Summing up, we write the perturbation solution as follows

\[ \Psi = \frac{h}{4\alpha_0 - h} \left[ (2F + h^2) \left( L^2 - 2L^2 + \frac{4\alpha_0}{h} L^2 \right) - \frac{r^2}{2} + \beta h^2 \frac{dF}{dt} \left( \frac{L^4}{24} - \frac{L^2}{4} + \frac{3L^2}{8} \right) \right] \]

\[ + \alpha_0 \left( \frac{L^4}{2h} - \frac{3L^2}{2h} + \frac{L^2}{2h^2} \right) - \frac{4}{3h(4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ h + \alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h) \left( \frac{L^4}{8} - \frac{L^2}{4} + \frac{\alpha_0 L^2}{2h} \right) \right] \]

\[ U = \frac{4}{4\alpha_0 - h} \left[ (2F + h^2) \left( L^2 - 1 + \frac{2\alpha_0}{h} \right) - 1 + \beta h \frac{dF}{dt} \left( \frac{L^4}{4} - L^2 + \alpha_0 \left( \frac{2L^2}{4} + \frac{\alpha_0}{h^2} \frac{3}{h} \right) \right) \right] \]

\[ - \frac{4}{3(4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ h^2 + 6\alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h) \left( \frac{L^2}{2h} - \frac{1}{2h} + \frac{\alpha_0}{h^2} \right) \right] \quad (30) \]

\[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \frac{8}{h^2 (4\alpha_0 - h)} \left[ (2F + h^2) - \beta \frac{dF}{dt} \frac{h^2 + 6\alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h) h}{3(4\alpha_0 - h)} \right] \quad (31) \]

We observe that equation (27)-(32) reduce to the corresponding results of Rachid and Ouazzani (9) for pulsatile peristaltic flow in an impermeable flexible tube.

The volume flow rate of fluid in the fixed \( R, \bar{Z} \) coordinate system is given as

\[ \bar{Q}(\bar{Z}, \bar{T}) = 2\pi \int_0^L \bar{W}(\bar{Z}, \bar{T}) \bar{R} d\bar{R} \quad (33) \]

On substituting (25) and (26) into (33) and integrating we obtain

\[ \bar{Q}(\bar{Z}, \bar{T}) = \bar{q} + \pi c h^2 \quad (34) \]

Where

\[ \bar{q} = 2\pi \int_0^h \bar{W} \bar{R} d\bar{R} \quad (35) \]

Is the volume flow rate in the moving coordinate system.

The space – mean flow over a wave length is defined by

\[ \bar{Q}(\bar{Z}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{d}{d\bar{Z}} \bar{Q} \quad (36) \]
Using dimensionless variables, we write

\[ \frac{\bar{Q}(t)}{2\pi c a^2} = \frac{q(t)}{2\pi c a^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \phi^2 \right) \]  

(37)

The equation (37) becomes

\[ \theta(t) = F(t) + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \phi^2 \right) \]  

(38)

With

\[ \theta(t) = \frac{\bar{Q}(t)}{2\pi c a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad F(t) = \theta(t) - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \phi^2 \right) \]  

(39)

Where \( \theta(t) \) and \( F(t) \) are respectively the flow rates in the fixed and the wave frames.

Integrating the equation (32) with respect to \( z \) over one wave length we get the pressure rise over one cycle of the wave as

\[ \Delta P = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \, dz \]

\[ \Delta P = \int_0^1 \frac{8}{h^2 (4\alpha_0 - h)} \left\{ 2 \left( \theta(t) - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \phi^2 \right) \right) + h^2 \right\} \]

\[ -\beta \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \theta(t) - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \phi^2 \right) \right) \cdot \frac{h^2 + 6\alpha_0 (2\alpha_0 - h)h}{3(4\alpha_0 - h)} \right\} \, dz \]  

(40)

The dimensionless friction force \( F \) at the wall across one wave length in given by

\[ F = \int_0^1 h^2 \left( -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right) \, dz \]  

(41)

V. Discussion Of Results

We have calculated the pressure difference from equation (40) as a function of \( \theta(t) \) for different values of amplitude ratio \( \phi \) with fixed Darcy number \( Da = 0.0001 \) and slip parameter \( \alpha = 0.5 \) and is shown in Fig(2). We observe that \( \Delta p \) the larger the amplitude ratio, the greater the pressure rise against which the pump works. For free pumping there is an increase in flux with increasing amplitude ratio. The Variation of the pressure difference with \( \theta(t) \) for different values of Darcy number \( Da \) with fixed amplitude ratio \( \phi = 0.4 \) and slip parameter \( \alpha = 0.5 \) is evaluated from equation (40) and is shown in Fig(3). We observe that \( \Delta p \) increases with increasing Darcy number for a given \( \theta \). We calculate the pressure difference form equation (40) as a function of \( \theta(t) \) for different values of slip parameter \( \alpha \) with fixed amplitude ratio \( \phi = 0.4 \) and Darcy number \( Da = 0.0001 \) and is shown in Fig(4). We observe that \( \Delta p \) decreases with increasing slip parameter \( \alpha \) for a given \( \theta \). We have calculated the frictional force \( F \) from equation (40) as a function of \( \theta \) for different values of amplitude ratio \( \phi \) with fixed \( Da = 0.0001 \) and \( \alpha = 0.5 \) and is shown in Fig(5). We observe that the frictional force \( F \) has is opposite behaviour when compared to pressure rise \( \Delta p \). We have calculated the frictional force \( F \) as function of \( \theta \) for different values of Darcy number \( Da \) with fixed amplitude ratio \( \phi = 0.4 \) and slip parameter \( \alpha = 0.5 \) from equation (41) and is shown in Fig(6). We observed
that $F$ exhibits opposite behaviour when compared to pressure rise $\Delta p$. The variation of the frictional force $F$ as function of $\theta$ is evaluated form equation (41) for different values of slip parameter $\alpha$ with fixed amplitude ratio $\phi = 0.4$ and Darcy number $Da = 0.0001$ and is shown in Fig(7). We notice that $F$ shows opposite behaviour compared to pressure rise $\Delta p$.

Fig. 2. The variation of $\Delta p$ with $\Phi$ for fixed Da=0.0001, $\alpha = 0.5$ for different $\Phi$ values

Fig. 3. The variation of $\Delta p$ with $\Phi$ for fixed $\Phi=0.4$, $\alpha = 0.5$ for different Da values

Fig. 4. The variation of $\Delta p$ with $\Phi$ for fixed $\Phi=0.4$, Da = 0.0001 for different $\alpha$ values
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Fig. 5. The variation of $F$ with $\Phi$ for fixed $Da = 0.0001$, $\alpha = 0.5$ for different $\Phi$ values

Fig. 6. The variation of $F$ with $\Phi$ for fixed $\Phi = 0.4$, $\alpha = 0.5$ for different $Da$ values

Fig. 7. The variation of $F$ with $\Phi$ for fixed $\Phi = 0.4$, $Da = 0.0001$ for different $\alpha$ values

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