Teach Poiseuille First: Call for a Fluid Dynamics Paradigm Shift

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Traditional Fluids

Standard textbooks...



...and their coverage of fluids

- Static fluids
 - Buoyancy
 - Hydrostatic pressure
- Dynamic fluids
 - Continuity
 - Bernoulli equation
- If time permits
 - Viscosity and Poiseuille's law

IPLS Fluids applications

For Premed majors

- Static pressure
 - In body ("hydrostatic")
 - In cells (surface tension)
- Dynamic pressure
 - Circulatory system
 - Respiratory system
 - Flow restriction

For traditional Biology majors

- The topics at left
- Reynolds number and Turbulence
 - Life at high and low Re
- Flight and Swimming
 - Drag, Lift, Thrust

Unit on Dynamic Pressure

Old Habits



...and their applications



Maybe not?

Newton's 3rd Law, Coanda effect

Entrainment, Vortices



Full system approach



Circulatory System Model



Circulatory System Model



Predict the pressure of the water as it

Circulatory System Model



Predict the pressure of the water as it passes through the apparatus.



Human Body vs. Model Measurement



Mathematical Modeling

Laminar Flow:



Bernoulli or Poiseuille?

Laminar Conditions

- Tube radius = 0.32 cm
- Tube length = 12.5 cm
- Density = 1000 kg/m³
- Viscosity = 0.004 Pa*s
- Starting pressure = 700 Pa
- Flow rate = 10 mL/s
- Reynold's # = 500

Bernoulli effect is negligible



Poiseuille pressure vs. distance





Bernoulli or Poiseuille?

Turbulent Conditions

- Tube radius = 0.32 cm
- Tube length = 12.5 cm
- Density = 1000 kg/m³
- Viscosity = 0.004 Pa*s
- Starting pressure = 7000 Pa
- Flow rate = 100 mL/s
- Reynold's # = 5000

Bernoulli effect seems measurable!



Poiseuille pressure vs. distance





Mathematical Modeling



Friction factor:

$$f = \frac{64}{\text{Re}} \qquad \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2\log_{10}\left(\frac{\varepsilon/D}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{\text{Re}\sqrt{f}}\right)$$

for laminar

for turbulent

Hmm...

- The physics of turbulent flow
- Minor losses at junctions

 This looks more like the Poiseuille pressure drop



• And the shape is reminiscent of the data



Modeling a smaller system...

Circulatory: Pressure vs. Distance





Modeling a smaller system...



Circulatory: Pressure vs. Distance



The diagnosis

Flow in body is typically laminar. Highest Low pressure pressure Pulmonary arteries Venae Aorta. cavae .eft Atrium Highest Lowest pressure Pressure Right Atrium Left Right ventricle ventricle

We need:

Equation of Continuity

 $A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2$

Poiseuille's Law

 $\Delta P = QR$

Compliance

 $\Delta V = C \Delta P$

- Diffusion (across capillaries)
- Bernoulli Principle + Laplace Law



For artherosclerosis

Teach Poiseuille First

This is a call for a Fluid Dynamics Paradigm Shift

The evidence in this talk supports the consideration of a Poiseuille first approach to teaching fluid dynamics. The growing emphasis on life science applications heightens the need to shift focus toward more realistic viscous and turbulent fluid properties.



Experiment illustrating Bernoulli's equation and Hagen–Poiseuille's law

J. Hellemans, P. Forrez, and R. De Wilde

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> In most handbooks Bernoulli's equation and Hagen-Poiseuille's law are treated separately. In this paper we present a simple and inexpensive experiment that introduces a combination of Bernoulli's equation and Hagen-Poiseuille's law, and with which students are made aware of the limitation of Bernoulli's equation.



On combining the Bernoulli and Poiseuille equation—A plea to authors of college physics texts

Costas Emmanuel Synolakis and Henry S. Badeer

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The Bernoulli-Poiseuille equation Henry S. Badeer and Costas E. Synolakis

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"...we have noted a large number of students with the preconceived notion that the Bernoulli and Poiseuille equations are mutually exclusive."

"College physics texts present the Bernoulli equation as the most useful equation in fluid dynamics. Some texts also discuss the Poiseuille equation, which deals only with viscous flow. We suggest that a combination of the two equations is desirable." **Thanks for listening!**

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