

Impact Of Magnetic Field On Natural Convective Flow Of A Micropolar Fluid Between Two Porous Vertical Walls

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ABSTRACT

Mathematical analysis of an unsteady boundary layer flow of an incompressible micro-polar fluid under uniform magnetic field and motion takes place due to the buoyancy force between porous vertical walls along heat source has been carried out. The governing unsteady boundary layer momentum, angular momentum and energy equations of micro-polar fluid are nondimensionilzed and solved numerically by using finite difference method. The effect of magnetic parameter, porous permeability, vortex viscosity parameter, Prandtl number and material parameter on velocity, micro-rotation and temperature profiles is discussed numerically.

Keywords: Magnetic field, Micro-polar fluid, Vertical walls, Porous medium

1. INTRODUCTION

Convection flow arises in many physical situations such as in the cooling of nuclear reactors and environmental heat transfer processes amongst others. It is of three types namely free, mixed and force. Amongst them, the problems of magneto hydrodynamic free convective flow in a porous medium have drawn considerable attentions of several

researchers in various scientific and technological applications such as pumps, plasma jet engines, generators, accelerators, flow meters, and magnetic control of molten iron flow in steel industry and industrial processes in metallurgy and material processing, in chemical industry, industrial power engineering and nuclear engineering. In view of above many authors explained their motivated ideas, some of them studied [1-10].

The concept of micropolar fluid deals with a class of fluids that exhibit certain microscopic effects arising from the micromotions of the fluid elements. These fluids contain dilute suspension of rigid macromolecules with individual motions that support stress and body moments and are influenced by spin inertia. Micropolar fluids are those which contain micro-constituents that can undergo rotation, the presence of which can affect the hydrodynamics of the flow so that it can be distinctly non-Newtonian. It has many practical applications, for example, analyzing the behaviour of exotic lubricants, the flow of colloidal suspensions or polymeric fluids, liquid crystal, additive suspensions, human and animal blood, turbulent shear flow and so forth. Above consideration studied by [11-20].

Many natural fluids accumulate small TC (thermal conductivity) for heat transfer, which is regarded as a significant barrier in the development of the thermal flow system. The manufacturing of numerous devices and components used in industrial and technological applications has advanced significantly in the modern world. For example, in the industry, several gadgets due to the resistance of electricity begin to increase their temperature with time. Because of the electric resistance, the heat-carrying capability of such gadgets was reduced, resulting in a technical fault. Heat intemperance from various devices and components is required to reduce the risk of a technical fault. As a result, industrialists utilize fluids like water, air, and lubricants to manage proper heat transport. However, at the industrial level, such natural fluids do not meet the requirements. To accomplish these objectives, investigators have investigated various ways to keep fluid flow and transmission of heat within the design limit. One of these ways is to add nanoparticles (NPs) to various natural fluids because

of their lower TC. Furthermore, the properties of nanofluids can be designed for a particular application if required [21-30].

In these studies, the importance of hydromagnetic flows has been overlooked in spite of their large-scale industrial and engineering applications—mainly in the pharmaceutical products, curative drugs, metallurgy, paper production, fabrication of glass, MHD flow meters and pumps, etc.

2. FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM

Made an attempt on unsteady free convective flow of an incompressible micro-polar fluid between two insulated porous vertical walls separated by a distance L apart subjected to a uniform transverse magnetic field along with heat source. The coordinate system is chosen such that x' measures the distance along the walls and y' measures the distance normal to it. Initially, the temperatures of walls the fluid are same says T_j' . When time $t' > 0$, the temperature of the walls at $y' = 0$ and $y' = L$ is instantaneously raised and lowered to T_h' and T_c' respectively such that $T_h' > T_c'$ which is the after maintained constant. A constant uniformly distributed transverse magnetic field strength B_0 is applied in the y' direction. Physically model and coordinate system are shown below figure (1).

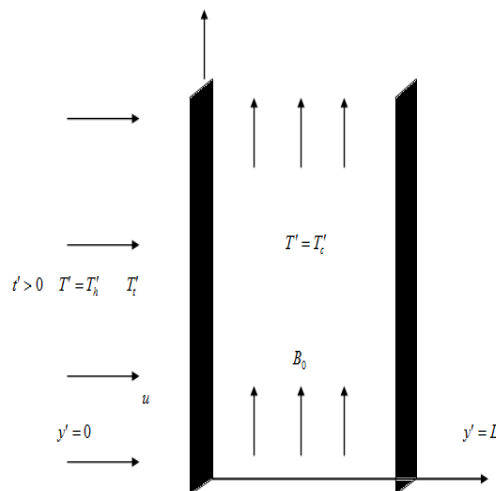


Figure (1): Flow geometry

The transversely applied magnetic field and magnetic Reynolds number are very small and hence the induced magnetic field is negligible. No electrical field is assumed to exist and both viscous and magnetic dissipation are neglected. The Hall effects, the viscous dissipation and the joule heating terms are also neglected. Under these assumptions and taking into account the Boussinesq and boundary layer approximations, momentum, angular momentum and energy equation of micropolar fluid can be expressed as follows.

$$\rho \frac{\partial u'}{\partial t'} = (\mu + k) \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial y'^2} + k \frac{\partial \omega'}{\partial y'} + \rho g \beta (T' - T_m') - B_0^2 \sigma u' - \nu u' \quad (1)$$

$$\rho j \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t'} = (\mu + 0.5k) \frac{\partial^2 \omega'}{\partial y'^2} - k \left(2\omega' + \frac{\partial u'}{\partial y'} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T'}{\partial y'^2} - \frac{Q'}{\rho c_p} (T' - T_m') \quad (3)$$

The initial and boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} t \leq 0 : u' = \omega' = 0, \quad T' = T_j' & \quad 0 \leq y' \leq 1 \\ t > 0 : u' = \omega' = 0, \quad T' = T_h' & \quad y' = 0 \\ u' = \omega' = 0, \quad T' = T_j' & \quad y' = L \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Introducing the following similarity transformations in to equations (1) – (3)

$$\begin{aligned} y = \frac{y'}{L}, u = \frac{\nu u'}{\beta g L^2}, t = \frac{\nu t'}{L^2}, \theta = \frac{(T' - T_m')}{(T_h' - T_m')}, \omega = \frac{\nu \omega'}{\beta g L (T_h' - T_m')}, b = \frac{L^2}{j} \\ Pr = \frac{\mu}{\alpha}, m = \frac{T_c' - T_m'}{T_h' - T_m'}, R = \frac{k}{\mu}, M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2 L^2}{\mu}, K = \frac{k L^2}{\mu}, Q = \frac{Q' L^2}{\nu \rho c_p} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

We get the following linear system of differential equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = (1 + R) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \theta + R \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} - (M^2 + K) u \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = (1 + 0.5R) \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial y^2} - Rb \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 2\omega \right) \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} - Q\theta \quad (8)$$

The corresponding initial boundary conditions (4) to the considered model are reduced as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} t \leq 0: u = \omega = 0, \quad \theta = 0 \quad & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ t > 0: u = \omega = 0, \quad \theta = 1 \quad & y = 0 \\ u = \omega = 0, \quad \theta = m \quad & y = L \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The physical quantities used in the above equations are defined as: b is material parameter, g acceleration due to gravity, L is distance between two vertical walls, m is temperature ratio, M is magnetic parameter, K is Porous permeability, Pr is Prandtl number, R is vortex viscosity parameter, t is time non-dimensional form time, t' time, T'_c temperature of the wall at $y' = L$, T'_h temperature of the wall at $y' = 0$, T'_m initial temperature of the fluid, u fluid velocity in non-dimensional form, u' velocity of fluid, y dimensionless co-ordinate perpendicular to the walls, y' co-ordinate perpendicular of the wall, ω dimensionless angular velocity, j micro-inertial density, κ is vortex viscosity, μ is dynamic viscosity, θ is temperature of the fluid in non-dimensional form, ν is kinematic viscosity of the fluid.

3. NUMERICAL SOLUTION

The governing linear parabolic partial differential equations (6) - (8) with initial and boundary conditions are solved numerically by using MatLab software (finite difference method). We have taken increment step along t as 0.05 and y -direction as 0.0323 in entire numerical computations. In present problem, the cost and the accuracy of the solution depend strongly on length of the vector y . This attentive problem requests the solution on mesh produced by speed points from the space interval $[0, 1]$ and 40 values of t from the time interval $[0, 2]$.

In Table (1), we have compared numerical and analytical solutions of steady-state velocity, micro rotation and Temperature profiles for different values of the magnetic parameter M , vortex viscosity R , material parameter b and Prandtl number Pr for both the cases asymmetric and symmetric. We can see that the numerical and analytic results agree very well. Table (2), Table (3)) verify that our solution is independent of step size for asymmetric and symmetric cases respectively.

Table (1): Numerical values of steady state velocity profiles, Micro rotation, Temperature profiles

<i>M</i>	<i>Pr</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>y</i>	Numerical solution for velocity	Numerical solution for micro-rotation	Numerical solution for temperature
0.1	0.72	0	0	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0320	-0.0000881	0.8000
							0.6	0.0410	0.0001165	0.4000
5	0.72	0	0	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0144	-0.0000152	0.8000
							0.6	0.0130	0.00006214	0.4000
0.1	0.72	1	1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0533	-0.0002132	1
							0.6	0.8000	0.0001064	1
5	0.72	1	1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0211	-0.0000717	1
							0.6	0.0320	0.0000337	1
5	0.72	0	0	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0144	-0.000016	0.8000
							0.6	0.0130	0.000062	0.4000
5	0.72	0	0	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0142	-0.0000152	0.7888
							0.6	0.0128	0.00006188	0.3984
5	0.72	1	1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0211	-0.00007176	1
							0.6	0.0289	0.00003376	1
5	0.72	1	1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0211	-0.00007172	0.9999
							0.6	0.0310	0.00003377	0.9999
5	0.72	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.0144	-0.0000782	0.8000
							0.6	0.0127	0.0003024	0.4000
5	0.72	0	0	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.0144	-0.0002581	0.8000
							0.6	0.0127	0.0008588	0.4000
5	0.72	1	1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0211	-0.0003563	1
							0.6	0.0290	0.0001675	1
5	0.72	1	1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0212	-0.001100	1

							0.6	0.0290	0.000500	1
5	0.72	0	0	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0146	-0.00001227	0.8000
							0.6	0.0127	0.00005371	0.4000
5	0.72	0	0	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0131	-	0.8000
							0.6	0.0120	0.00007908	0.4000
5	0.72	1	1	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0221	-0.00006092	1
							0.6	0.0325	0.00002857	1
5	0.72	1	1	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.0186	-0.0001178	1
							0.6	0.0250	0.0000565	1

Table (2): Velocity, micro-rotation and temperature profiles for different step size at $M = 1.0, R = 1.0, b = 0.2, Pr = 0.71, K = 1.0, m = 0, t = 0.2, Q = 1.0$

y	Velocity profiles on [0, 1]			Micro-rotation profiles on [0, 1]			Temperature profile on [0, 1]		
	Different step size			Different step size			Different step size		
	31	21	11	31	21	11	31	21	11
0.2	0.0317	0.0317	0.0317	-0.077	-0.014	-0.001	0.845	0.845	0.845
0.4	0.0420	0.0420	0.0420	0.0114	0.028	0.0014	0.543	0.545	0.545
0.6	0.0317	0.0317	0.0317	0.0115	0.031	0.0023	0.426	0.426	0.426
0.8	0.0210	0.0210	0.0210	0.0134	0.054	0.0036	0.222	0.224	0.224

Table (3): Velocity, micro-rotation and temperature profiles for different step size at $M = 0.1, R = 0.5, b = 0.1, Pr = 1, K = 0.5, m = 1, t = 0.5$

y	Velocity profiles for step size on [0, 1]	Micro-rotation profiles for step size on [0, 1]	Temperature profiles for step size on [0, 1]
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	Different step size			Different step size			Different step size		
	31	21	11	31	21	11	31	21	11
0.2	0.05	0.052	0.052	-0.003	-	-0.00030	0.992	0.992	0.992
	2	4	4		0				
0.4	0.08	0.081	0.081	0.001	0.0001	0.000103	0.142	0.142	0.142
	1	4	4	3	03		3	3	3
0.6	0.15	0.156	0.156	0.001	0.0001	0.000103	0.142	0.142	0.142
	6	2	2	3	03		3	3	3
0.8	0.05	0.052	0.052	0.021	0.0002	0.000213	0.992	0.992	0.992
	2	4	4	3	13		2	2	2

Conclusion

The following conclusions are found out:

- Velocity and temperature profiles of the fluid decreases with increasing Prandtl number
- The amplitude of the velocity as well as the boundary layer thickness decreases when magnetic parameter is increases.
- Velocity and temperature profiles are an increasing function to time (t).
- Magnitude of the micro-rotation has increasing tendency with the material parameter (M), material parameter (b) and vertex viscosity (R) while decreases with increases in Prandtl number.
- The steady state time of fluid velocity as well as micro-rotation is more for symmetric cases compared to asymmetric cases.
- The velocity and micro-rotation profiles of fluid decreases at any point of fluid regime with magnetic parameter.

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