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RADIATION AND MASS TRANSFER EFFECTS ON MHD FLOW OF AN ELASTO-VISCOUS FLUID IN AN INFINITE VERTICAL PLATE: FINITE DIFFERENCE METHOD

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ABSTRACT

T his paper is focused on the effects of radiation and mass transfer on a unsteady free convective viscoelastic fluid flow of incompressible, electrically conducting and chemically reacting fluid past an impulsively started moving vertical plate adjacent to Darcian porous regime in the presence of heat generation. The plate temperature is raised linearly with time t and the concentration level near the plate is raised to C'_w . The governing boundary-layer equations are

formulated in an (y, t) coordinate system with appropriate boundary conditions. The Rosseland diffusion approximation is used to analyze the radiative heat flux in the energy equation, which is appropriate for non-scattering media. The dimensionless governing equations are solved using Crank Nicolson finite difference technique. A parametric study is performed to illustrate the influence of thermophysical parameters on the velocity, temperature and concentration profiles. Also, the local and average skin-friction, Nusselt number and Sherwood number are presented graphically

Keywords: Radiation, Mass transfer, MHD, Free convection, Mass diffusion, Visco-elastic fluid, Porous medium, Heat source.

INTRODUCTION

In reality, most of the fluids considered in industrial applications are more Non-Newtonian in nature, especially of viscoelastic type than viscous type. And also, there may be a situation of a heat source/sink present in the boundary layer. The investigation of heat transfer processes plays an important role in all such theoretical studies. This is due to the fact that a number of metallurgical processes in a polymer processing industry involve the cooling of continuous sheet or filament. The rate of cooling influences a lot the quality of the final product with desired characteristics. The flow and heat transfer characteristics of a copper-water nanofluid was studied experimentally by Li and. Xuan [9]. Microencapsulated phase change slurries were studied in circular tubes with constant heat flux analysed by Hu and Zhang [10]. Forced convective heat transfer augmentation was considered for the addition of metallic fibrous materials studies by Angirasa [11]. Barbosa et.al [12] studied Adiabatic air-water experiments were conducted to address the transition regime between churn and annular flow. Heat transfer coefficients were determined for fluid-to-particle continuous flow of suspensions in coiled tube and straight tubes with bends by Chakrabandhu and Singh [13]. A LiBrwater absorber was modeled; falling-film and droplet mode heat transfer was addressed by Jeong and Garimella [14]. Six different two-phase non-boiling heat transfer correlations were assessed using extensive data sets by Kim [15]. Heat transfer measurements were also used to develop correlations for air-water flow in horizontal pipes by Kim and Ghajar [16]. Experimental heat transfer coefficients were obtained for a vertical tube positioned at various locations in a circulating fluidized bed by Kolar and Sundaresan [17]. A perturbation-based stochastic finite element method was used to obtain the heat transfer of a viscoelastic fluid containing elastic spherical particles by Kaminski [18]. Nusselt numbers were predicted for power-law fluids in ducts of various cross-sectional areas; rhombic, isosceles-triangular, elliptical, and semielliptical ducts were considered Syrjala [19]. A Bingham fluid in a thermal entry region was studied using a finite integral transform technique by Nascimento [20]. The effects of power-law theology, duct eccentricity and thermal boundary conditions were considered in fully developed laminar flow Manglik and Fang [21]. Power-law laminar flow was also addressed in a conjugate heat transfer problem in a circular tube by Luna et.al [22]. Fullydeveloped laminar flow of a Phan-Thien- Tanner fluid was examined in pipes and channels with constant wall temperature by Coelho et.al [23].

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The hydromagnetic convection with heat and mass transfer in porous medium has been studied due to its importance in the design of MHD generators and accelerators in geophysics, in design of underground water energy storage system, soil–sciences, astrophysics, nuclear power reactors and so on. Magnetohydrodynamics is currently undergoing a period of great enlargement and differentiation of subject matter. The interest in these new problems generates from their importance in liquid metals, electrolytes and ionized gases. Heat transfer in the transition region to rarefied gas flow was analyzed with Grads moment method, the Boltzmann equation and a linearized collision term by Struchtrup [24]. Important to the problem was describing the boundary condition for the moments. Gas flow over microscale airfoils was numerically simulated using both particle and continuum approaches Sun *et.al* [25]. The continuum approach was considered to not be suitable for the flow under study due to rarefied effects. Computation of the Chapman–Enskog functions for viscosity and heat transfer in Poiseuille flow was discussed by Siewert [26]. Direct methods for exact solutions of hydrodynamic and heat and mass transfer equations by the generalized and functional separation of variables were proposed by Polyanin and Zhurov [27].

The effects of radiation on unsteady free convection flow and heat transfer problem have become more important industrially. At high operating temperature, radiation effect can be quite significant. Many processes in engineering areas occur at high temperature and knowledge of radiation heat transfer becomes very important for design of reliable equipments, nuclear plants, gas turbines and various propulsion devices or aircraft, missiles, satellites and space vehicles. Thus thermal radiation is one of the vital factors controlling the heat and mass transfer. Pal and Mondal, [28] Influence of temperature-dependent viscosity and thermal radiation on MHD forced convection over a non-isothermal wedge. Ram *et.al* [29] Effect of magnetic field-dependent viscosity on revolving ferro fluid. Hossain and Pop, [30] Radiation effect on Darcy free convection in boundary layer flow along an inclined surface placed in porous media.

The distribution of solute undergoing chemical reaction corresponding to boundary layer flow due to moving sheet are relevant to many practical applications in the metallurgy industry, filaments drawn through a quiescent electrically conducting fluid and the purification of molten metal's from non-metallic inclusions. In these situations, the boundary layer flow consideration is appropriate to understand the processes. Muthucumaraswamy and Ganesan [5] studied effect of the chemical reaction and injection on flow characteristics in an unsteady upward motion of an isothermal plate. Deka et.al [2] studied the effect of the first order homogeneous chemical reaction on the process of an unsteady flow past an infinite vertical plate with a constant heat and mass transfer. Soundalgekar and Patti [7] studied the problem of the flow past an impulsively started isothermal infinite vertical plate with mass transfer effects. Chamkha [1] assumed that the plate is embedded in a uniform porous medium and moves with a constant velocity in the flow direction in the presence of a transverse magnetic field. Raptis [6] investigate the steady flow of a viscous fluid through a porous medium bounded by a porous plate subjected to a constant suction velocity by the presence of thermal radiation. Effects of the chemical reaction and radiation absorption on free convection flow through porous medium with variable suction in the presence of uniform magnetic field were studied by Sudheer Babu and Satyanarayana [8]. Kesavaiah et.al [4] effects of the chemical reaction and radiation absorption on an unsteady MHD convective heat and mass transfer flow past a semi-infinite vertical permeable moving plate embedded in a porous medium with heat source and suction. Gireesh Kumar and Satyanarayana [3] Mass transfer effects on MHD unsteady free convective Walter's memory flow with constant suction and heat sink.

However, the interaction of radiation with mass transfer in a chemically reacting and electrically conducting viscoelastic fluid past an impulsively started plate embedded in a Darcy porous medium in the presence of heat generation has received little attention. Hence, the present study is attempted. Such study has significant applications in solar collection systems, fire dynamics in insulations, and also geothermal energy systems. The volumetric heat generation term may exert a strong influence on the heat transfer and as a consequence, also on the fluid flow. The transformed problem is shown to be dictated by the thermo physical and hydrodynamic parameters, viz., dimensionless time, thermal Grashof number, species Grashof number, magnetic parameter, Darcy number, Reynolds number, Prandtl number, heat generation parameter, radiation parameter and Schmidt number. The influence of these parameters on the velocity profiles, temperature function, mass transfer function, local and average shear stresses, local and average Nusselt numbers and local and average Sherwood numbers are presented and discussed at length.

FORMULATION AND SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

The unsteady free convection and mass transfer flow of an electrically conducting incompressible elasto-viscous fluid past an infinite vertical plate through porous medium in the presence of radiating heat source in the presence of chemical reaction has been considered. A magnetic field of uniform strength B_0 is applied transversely to the plate. The induced magnetic field is neglected as the magnetic Reynolds number of the flow is taken to be very small. The flow is assumed to be in x – direction which is taken along the vertical plate in the upward direction. The y – axis is taken to be normal to the plate. Initially the plate and the fluid are at the same temperature T with concentration level C'_{∞} at all points. At time t' > 0, the plate is exponentially accelerated with a velocity $u = \varepsilon (\exp a't')$ in its own plane and the plate temperature is raised linearly with time t and the level of concentration near the plate is raised to C'_w . The effect of viscous dissipation is assumed to be negligible. Then by usual Boussinesq's approximation, the unsteady flow is governed by the following equations.

$$\frac{\partial u'}{\partial t'} = g\beta\left(T' - T'_{\infty}\right) + g\beta^*\left(C' - C'_{\infty}\right) + \nu\frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial y'^2} - \frac{K_0}{\rho}\left(\frac{\partial^3 u'}{\partial y'^2 \partial t'}\right) - \frac{\nu}{K'}u' - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho}u' \tag{1}$$

$$\rho C_{p} \frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} = K \frac{\partial^{2} T'}{\partial y'^{2}} - \frac{\partial q_{r}}{\partial y'} + Q'$$
⁽²⁾

$$\frac{\partial C'}{\partial t'} = D \frac{\partial^2 C'}{\partial {y'}^2} - Kr' \left(C' - C'_{\infty} \right)$$
(3)

The initial and boundary conditions for the velocity, temperature and concentration fields are u' = 0 T' - T' C' - C'

$$u' = 0, T' = T'_{\infty}, C' = C'_{\infty} \qquad \text{for all } y', t' \le 0$$

$$u' = \varepsilon \exp(a't'), T' \to T'_{\infty} + (T'_{w} - T'_{\infty})At', C' = C'_{\infty}, t' > 0 \quad \text{at } y' = 0$$

$$u' = 0, T' \to T'_{\infty}, C' \to C'_{\infty} \qquad \text{as } y' \to \infty$$
(4)

Where u' is the velocity of the fluid along the plate in the x' - direction, t' is the time, g is the acceleration due to gravity, β is the coefficient of volume expansion, β^* is the coefficient of thermal expansion with concentration, T'_{∞} is the temperature of the fluid near the plate, T'_w is the temperature of the fluid far away from the plate, T'_w is the temperature of the fluid, C' is the species concentration in the fluid near the plate, C'_{∞} is the species concentration in the fluid far away from the plate, v is the kinematic viscosity, K_0 is the coefficient of kinematic visco-elastic parameter, σ is the electrical conductivity of the fluid, B_0 is the strength of applied magnetic field, ho is the density of the fluid, C_p is the specific heat at constant pressure, K is the thermal conductivity of the fluid, μ is the viscosity of the fluid, D is the molecular diffusivity, u_0 is the velocity of the plate.

The radiative heat flux q_r is given by equation (5) in the sprit of Cogly *et.al* [31]

$$\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y'} = 4(T' - T'_{\infty})I \tag{5}$$

where $I = \int_{0}^{\infty} K_{\lambda w} \frac{\partial e_{b\lambda}}{\partial T^*} d\lambda$, $K_{\lambda w}$ is the absorption coefficient at the wall and $e_{b\lambda}$ – is Planck's function, I is

absorption coefficient

Equations (1) - (3) can be made dimensionless by introducing the following dimensionless variables and parameters:

In order to write the governing equations and the boundary conditions in dimensionless from, the following nondimensional quantities are introduced.

$$u = \frac{u'}{u_0}, \quad y = \frac{u_0 y'}{v}, \quad t = \frac{t' u_0^{-2}}{v}, \quad \theta = \frac{T' - T_{\infty}'}{T'_w - T_{\infty}'}, \quad K = \frac{K' u_0^{-2}}{v^2}, \quad Kr = \frac{Kr' v}{U_0^{-2}}$$

$$C = \frac{C' - C'_{\infty}}{C'_w - C'_{\infty}}, \quad \Pr = \frac{\mu C_p}{\kappa}, \quad Sc = \frac{v}{D}, \quad Q = \frac{vQ'}{\rho C_p u_0^{-2}}, \quad S = \frac{K_0 u_0^2}{\rho v^2}, \quad a = \frac{a' v}{u_0^{-2}}$$

$$M = \frac{\sigma B_0^{-2} v}{\rho u_0^{-2}}, \quad Gr = \frac{v\beta g \left(T'_w - T'_{\infty}\right)}{u_0^{-3}}, \quad Gm = \frac{v\beta^* g \left(C'_w - C'_{\infty}\right)}{u_0^{-3}}, \quad R = \frac{4vI}{\rho C_p u_0^{-2}}$$
(6)

where Gr is the thermal Grashof number, Gc is modified Grashof Number, Pr is Prandtl Number, M is the magnetic field, R is the radiation parameter, Sc is Schmdit number, Kr is Chemical Reaction, K is Porous Permeability, Q is Heat source parameter respectively.

In terms of the above dimensionless quantities, Equations (1) - (2) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = Gr\,\theta + Gm\,C + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - S\left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y^2 \partial t}\right) - M\,u - \frac{1}{K}u\tag{7}$$

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

$$Sc\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} - Kr Sc C$$
⁽⁹⁾

The corresponding boundary conditions are

$$u = 0, \theta = 0, C = 0 \qquad t \le 0 \qquad \text{for all } y$$

$$u = \exp(at), \theta = 1, C = 1, t > 0 \qquad at \qquad y = 0$$

$$u = 0, \theta \to 0, C \to 0 \qquad as \qquad y \to \infty$$
(10)

In the present analysis we have considered the heat generation (absorption) of the type

$$Q' = Q_0 \left(T' - T_\infty' \right)$$

Where $\frac{Q'}{\rho C_n}$ is the volumetric rate of heat generation (absorption). For solving the problem, we take, Beard and

Walters [32], u in the form

 $u = U_o + SU_1$

SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

Equation (7) - (9) are coupled, non – linear partial differential equations and these cannot be solved in closed – form using the initial and boundary conditions (10). However, these equations can be reduced to a set of ordinary differential equations, which can be solved analytically. This can be done by representing the velocity, temperature and concentration of the fluid in the neighbourhood of the fluid in the neighbourhood of the plate as

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} \\ \Delta t \end{bmatrix} = Gr \left[\theta_{i,j} \right] + Gc \left[C_{i,j} \right] + \left[\frac{u_{i-1,j} - 2u_{i,j} + u_{i+1,j}}{\left(\Delta y \right)^2} \right]$$

$$-S \left[\frac{u_{i-1,j+1} - 2u_{i,j+1} + u_{i+1,j+1} - u_{i-1,j} + 2u_{i,j} - u_{i+1,j}}{\Delta t \cdot \left(\Delta y \right)^2} \right] - M \left[u_{i,j} \right] - \frac{1}{K} \left[u_{i,j} \right]$$
(11)

$$\Pr\left[\frac{\theta_{i,j+1} - \theta_{i,j}}{\Delta t}\right] = \left\lfloor \frac{\theta_{i-1,j} - 2\theta_{i,j} + \theta_{i+1,j}}{\left(\Delta y\right)^2} \right\rfloor - R\Pr\left[\theta_{i,j}\right] + Q\Pr\left[\theta_{i,j}\right]$$
(12)

$$Sc\left[\frac{C_{i,j+1}-C_{i,j}}{\Delta t}\right] = \left[\frac{C_{i-1,j}-2C_{i,j}+C_{i+1,j}}{\left(\Delta y\right)^2}\right] - Kr Sc\left[C_{i,j}\right]$$
(13)

Here, index i refer to y and j to time. The mesh system is divided by taking $\Delta y = 0.1$.

From the initial condition in (9), we have the following equivalent:

$$u(i,0) = 0, \theta(i,0) = 0, C(i,0) = 0 \text{ for all } i$$
(14)

The boundary conditions from (9) are expressed in finite-difference form as follows

$$u(0, j) = 1, \theta(0, j) = 1, C_{i-1,j} - C_{i+1,j} = -2 \text{ for all } j$$

$$u(i_{\max}, j) = 0, \theta(i_{\max}, j) = 0, C(i_{\max}, j) = 0 \text{ fo a } k jl$$
(15)

Here i_{max} was taken as 50

First the velocity at the end of time step viz u(i, j+1)(i=1, 50) is computed from (11) in terms of velocity, temperature and concentration at points on the earlier time-step. Then heta(i,j+1) is computed from (11) and C(i, j+1) is computed from (13). The procedure is repeated until t = 0.5 (i.e. j = 500). During computation Δt was chosen as 0.001. © 2017, IJMA. All Rights Reserved 58

To judge the accuracy of the convergence and stability of finite difference scheme, the same program was run with different values of Δt i.e., $\Delta t = 0.0009$, 0.0001 and no significant change was observed. Hence, we conclude that the finite-difference scheme is stable and convergent.

Skin-friction:

We now calculate Skin-friction from the velocity field. It is given in non-dimensional form as:

$$\tau = -\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}$$
, where $\tau = -\frac{\tau'}{\rho U_0^2}$

Rate of heat transfer:

The dimensionless rate of heat transfer is given by

$$Nu = -\left(\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}$$

Sherwood number:

The dimensionless Sherwood number is given by

$$Sh = -\left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In order to get the physical insight into the problem, we have plotted velocity profiles for different parameters M (Magnetic parameter), K (permeability parameter), S (visco-elastic parameter), Gm (Mass Grashof number), t (time), a (accelerating parameter), Q (Heat source parameter), R (Radiation parameter), Kr (Chemical reaction parameter) and

Sc (Schmidt number) in figures (1) to (18) for the cases of heating (Gr < 0) and cooling (Gr > 0) of the plate. The

heating and cooling take place by setting up free convection current due to temperature and concentration gradient. This enables us to carry out the numerical calculations for the distribution of the velocity, temperature and concentration across the boundary layer for various values of the parameters. In the present study we have chosen $\varepsilon = 0.02$.

Figures (1) and (2) illustrate the influences of magnetic parameter (M) on the velocity field in cases of cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. From these figures the velocity is found to decrease with an increase in M for the case of heating of the plate. It is because that the application of transverse magnetic field will result a resistitive type force (Lorentz force) similar to drag force, which tends to resist the fluid flow and thus reducing its velocity. But the reverse effect is found in the case of cooling of the plate. It is also found that in the case of cooling, the velocity increases near the surface of the plate and becomes maximum and then decreases away from the plate. The reverse phenomenon is found in the case of heating of the plate.

Figures (3) and (4) represent the velocity profiles due to the variations in permeability parameter) (K) in cases of cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. From these figures the velocity is observed to increase with an increase in permeability parameter (K) for the case of heating of the plate. This is due to the fact that the presence of a porous medium increases the resistance to flow. But the reverse effect is observed in the case of cooling of the plate.

Figures (5) and (6) display the effects of viscoelastic parameter (S) on the velocity field for the cases cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. In the case of cooling of the plate, it is observed that the velocity is less for Newtonian fluid (S is equal to zero) than the Non-Newtonian fluid (S is not equal to zero) and also the velocity increases with an increase in S. But the opposite phenomenon is observed in the case of heating of the plate.

Figures (7) and (8) reveal velocity variations with mass Grashof number (Gm) in the cases of cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. From the figures it is observed that the velocity increases with an increase in mass Grashof number (Gm) in the case of cooling of the plate. It is due to the fact increase in the values of mass Grashof number has the tendency to increase the mass buoyancy effect. This gives rise to an increase in the induced flow. The reverse effect is observed in the case of heating of the plate.

Figure (9) represents the velocity profiles for different values of time (t) in cases of heating of the plate respectively. From the figure, in the case of heating of the plate, the velocity is found to decrease with an increase in time (t).

Figures (10) and (11) represent the velocity profiles for different values of accelerating parameter (a) in cases of cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. From the figures the velocity is found to increase with an increase in accelerating parameter (a) in cases of both cooling and heating of the plate. It is also found that the fluid velocity due to the impulsive start of the plate (a is equal to zero) is less than due to the exponentially accelerated start (a is not equal to zero) in cases of both cooling and heating of the plate.

To observe the effect of heat source parameter (Q), the velocity profiles for different Q are presented in figures (12) and (13) in cases of cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. In the case of cooling of the plate, the velocity increases near the surface of the plate and becomes maximum and then decreases away from the plate. But the opposite effect is observed in the case of heating of the plate.

Figures (14) and (15) display the effects of Sc (Schmidt number) on the velocity field for the cases of cooling and heating of the plate at t = 0.2 respectively. From the figures, in the case of cooling of the plate, it is found that the velocity increases with an increase in Sc. But the reverse effect is found in the case of heating of the plate.

Figure (16) and (17) illustrates the velocity profiles for the different values of radiation parameter (R). Figure (16) we

observe that the velocity decreases with increasing values of R. But figure in (17) at a particular value of R, the velocity and the thermal boundary layer thickness increase by increasing the angle of inclination, with an accompanying decrease in the wall velocity gradient. This is because of the reduction in the buoyancy force as the plate is inclined from the vertical to a large angular position.

The effects of radiation parameter (R) on the temperature profiles are presented in figure (18). From this figure we observe that, as the value of R increases the temperature profiles decreases, with an increasing in the thermal boundary layer thickness. Figure (19) shows the variation of temperature profiles for different values of Q. It is seen from this figure that temperature profiles increase with an increasing of heat generation parameter (Q). Typical variation of the temperature profiles along the spanwise coordinate y are shown in figure (20) for different values of Prandtl number (Pr). The results show that an increase of Prandtl number results in a increasing the thermal boundary layer thickness and more uniform temperature distribution across the boundary layer. The reason is that smaller values of Pr are equivalent to increasing the thermal conductivities, and therefore, heat is able to differ away from the heated surface more rapidly than for higher values of Pr. Hence, the boundary layer is thicker and the rate of heat transfer is reduced, for gradient have been reduced. For different values of the chemical reaction parameter (Kr), the concentration profiles plotted in figure (21). It is obvious that the influence of increasing values of Kr, the concentration distribution across the boundary layer for various values of Schmidt number (Sc). The figure shows that an increasing in Sc results in a

decreasing the concentration distribution, because the smaller values of Sc are equivalent to increasing the chemical molecular diffusivity.







Figure 22. Concentration profiles for different values of Sc

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