Effects of Radiation and Magnetohydrodynamic on Unsteady Casson Fluid Over Accelerated Plate

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1. Introduction

It is well known that non-Newtonian fluids have numerous applications in pharmaceutical, chemical and cosmetic industries such as in the production of gas, paint, oil, juice, syrup, cleanser and several chemicals. In Newtonian fluid, the viscous stresses arising from its flow, at every point are linearly proportional to the local strain rate and their applications are limited, of which many facts are noticed for the fluids in technological and industrial applications such as soap, blood, paints and certain oils are indescribable [1]. Mathematicians, physicists and engineers face a special challenge with the mechanics of non-Newtonian fluids, as the properties of such fluids are unable to describe by Navier-Stokes’ equations. Furthermore, there is no equation which exhibits the properties of all the fluids. Several non-Newtonian fluid models have been proposed such as Bingham plastic, power law, Walter-B, viscoplastic, Brinkman type, Oldroyd-B models and Casson fluid due to complex behaviour of fluids [2-8].

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Casson fluid model was introduced by Casson in 1959 to study the prediction of the flow behaviour of pigment oil suspensions [9]. Khalid et al., [10] considered unsteady boundary layer flow of a Casson fluid past an oscillating vertical plate with constant wall temperature. Nadeem et al., [11] analysed Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) flow of a Casson fluid over an exponentially shrinking sheet and found that an increase in Casson fluid parameter decreases magnitude of velocity and boundary layer thickness. The study of Newtonian heating effect on unsteady hydromagnetic Casson fluid flow past a flat plate with heat and mass transfer has shown that fluid temperature and velocity decrease with increasing values of Casson parameter while concentration decreases with increasing value of chemical reaction and Schmidt number [12]. Kataria and Patel [13] investigated radiation and chemical reaction effects on MHD Casson fluid flow past an oscillating vertical plate embedded in porous medium. They observed that the fluid is close to the Newtonian fluid for the large value of Casson parameter where the velocity is less than the non-Newtonian fluid. It is seen that the temperature decreases and the velocity increases with increase in thermal radiation and concentration decreases tendency with chemical reaction parameter. Aman et al., [14] examined effect of MHD and porosity on exact solutions and flow of a hybrid Casson nanofluid and figured out that temperature increases with increase of radiation parameter and velocity maximizes with increasing values of Casson parameter and porosity while decreasing with rising values of magnetic parameter.

Mohan et al., [15] presented an unsteady MHD free convection flow of Casson fluid past an exponentially accelerated infinite vertical plate through porous media in the presence of thermal radiation, chemical reaction and heat source or sink. They concluded that the velocity profiles decrease with increasing values of magnetic parameter, Prandtl number, heat source, thermal radiation and Casson parameter. Recently, Deka [16] has conducted a study in presence of thermal radiation through porous medium unsteady MHD Casson fluid past an accelerated vertical plate. It is found that Casson parameter enhances the fluid velocity and skin friction. Furthermore, the surface shear stress increase with the increase in Casson parameter.

Motivated by all the research works that have been done, we consider the effects of radiation and magnetohydrodynamic on unsteady Casson fluid over accelerated plate in this study. Exact solutions are obtained analytically by using Laplace transform. Graphical results are obtained using Mathematica and discussed for various parameters.

2. Mathematical Formulation and Solution

In this research, we want to achieve exact solutions for the flow of accelerated Casson fluid with the presence of MHD, radiation and porous medium. We consider unsteady Casson fluid past an accelerated plate situated at the flow being confined to \( x > 0 \), where \( x \) is the measure of coordinate in the normal direction to the surface. Initially, for time \( t = 0 \), fluid and plate are both at stationary condition with constant temperature. At \( t > 0 \), the plate is accelerated with velocity \( u' = At \). At the same time, the plate temperature \( T' \) is raised to \( T'_w \), as shown in Figure 1.
The flow is governed by the following dimensional momentum and energy equations

\[ \rho \frac{\partial u'}{\partial t'} = \mu \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial x'^2} + \rho g \beta (T' - T'_w) - \sigma B_0^2 u' - \frac{v}{k} u' \quad (1) \]

\[ \rho c_p \frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} = k \left( \frac{\partial^2 T'}{\partial x'^2} - \frac{\partial q'_r}{\partial x'} \right) \quad (2) \]

Here, \( \gamma \) denotes Casson parameter, \( u' \) represents fluid in the \( x \)-direction, \( t \) refers to time variable, \( T' \) is temperature of the fluid near the plate, while \( T'_w \) represents temperature of the plate, \( \rho \) denotes fluid density, \( \mu \) is dynamic viscosity, \( \beta \) refers to coefficient of the thermal expansion, \( B_0 \) is external magnetic field, \( v \) represents kinematic viscosity, \( k \) denotes thermal conductivity, \( K \) refers to porosity, \( c_p \) is specific heat at constant pressure and \( q'_r \) represents radiative heat flux, along with initial and boundary conditions

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\begin{align*}
  u'(x,0) &= 0; \quad u'(0,t) = At; \quad u'(\infty,t) = 0; \\
  T'(x,0) &= T'_w; \quad T'(0,t) = T'_w; \quad T' (\infty,t) = T'_w, 
\end{align*}
\]

and dimensionless variable

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\begin{align*}
  u &= \frac{u'}{\nu A}; \quad t = \frac{t}{A^2}; \quad x = \frac{x}{A}; \quad T = \frac{T' - T'_w}{T'_w - T'_w}; 
\end{align*}
\]

Rewrite back Eq. (1) and Eq. (2),

\[ \rho A \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \mu \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{A \partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \rho g \beta (T' - T'_w) - \sigma B_0^2 u (\nu A)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{v}{k} u (\nu A)^{\frac{1}{3}}; \]

\[ \rho c_p v \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{16 \sigma T'_w^3}{3k^3} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}; \]
where the parameters used in this research are

\[ Gr = \frac{g \beta (T_w - T_s)}{A} \quad N = \frac{16 \sigma T_w^3}{3kk \pi} \quad Pr = \frac{\mu c_p}{k}. \]  

(7)

\( Gr \), \( N \) and \( Pr \) are thermal Grashof number, radiation and Prandtl number. Therefore,

\[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + GrT - \sigma B^2 \frac{1}{\rho A^3} \frac{\partial^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}}{k} \frac{1}{\rho A^3}, \]

(8)

\[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{(1 + N) \partial^2 T}{Pr \partial x^2}. \]

(9)

By using Laplace transform for Eq. (8) and Eq. (9),

\[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{d^2 \tilde{u}}{dx^2} = \frac{s + \frac{\sigma B^2}{\rho A^3} + \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{\rho A^3}}{ Pr} \tilde{u} = -Gr \tilde{T}, \]

(10)

\[ \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} - a \tilde{T} = 0, \quad a = \frac{Pr}{1 + N}. \]

(11)

Applying the inverse Laplace transform emits

\[ u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}}) + e^{-\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} - \sqrt{Lt}) + \]

\[ - \frac{1}{2j} e^{\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} - \sqrt{Lt}) + e^{-\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} - \sqrt{Lt}) + \]

\[ \text{erfc}(\frac{\sqrt{a}}{2 \sqrt{t}}) + \frac{1}{j} e^{\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} + \sqrt{Lt}) + \frac{1}{j} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} + \sqrt{Lt}) \]

\[ e^{-\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} - \sqrt{Lt}) + [- \frac{1}{j} e^{\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} + \sqrt{Lt})] \]

\[ e^{-\sqrt{\frac{Gr}{2}}} \text{erfc}(\frac{x}{2 \sqrt{t}} - \sqrt{Lt}) \]

\[ T(x,t) = \text{erfc}(\frac{\sqrt{a}}{2 \sqrt{t}}) \]

(12)

(13)

3. Numerical Results and Discussions

In this section, we discuss the different physical parameters such as thermal radiation, Casson parameter, time and magnetic parameter. Figure 2 shows the temperature profiles of thermal radiation for the fixed values of \( Pr = 20 \) and \( t = 0.5 \) with different values of \( N = 3, 5, 7 \) and 9. It is seen
that the thermal radiation rises due to an increase in temperature. The increasing radiation parameter increases heat absorption and results in rise in the fluid temperature.

![Fig. 2. Temperature profiles for different values of N](image1)

Figure 2 illustrates the velocity profiles for the fixed values of $Pr = 20, t = 0.5, Gr = 1, N = 3, M = 5$ and $K = 0.3$ with different values of $\gamma = 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$ and $0.5$. It is observed that decreasing fluid velocity is due to increasing in Casson parameter. This behaviour indicates that higher values of Casson parameter increase the plastic dynamic viscosity of the fluid. This phenomenon creates resistance in the flow of fluid and thus, a decrease in fluid velocity is observed.

![Fig. 3. Velocity profile for different values of $\gamma$](image2)
Figure 4 depicts the velocity profile for time parameter with fixed values of $Pr = 20$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $Gr = 1$, $N = 3$, $M = 5$ and $K = 0.3$ with different values of $t = 0.3, 0.5, 0.7$ and $1$. Time will increase the velocity of the fluid as displayed in Figure 4. Figure 5 is plotted for velocity profile of magnetic parameter with fixed values of $Pr = 20$, $t = 0.5$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $Gr = 1$, $N = 3$, and $K = 0.3$ with different values of $M = 5, 7, 9$ and $11$. It is found that magnetic parameter will decrease the velocity of the fluid. An increase in the values of magnetic parameter will reduce velocity boundary layer. This occurs due to an increase in magnetic field that develops the opposite force to the flow direction. It is called Lorentz force and it has the tendency to reduce the boundary layer thickness.
4. Conclusions

The effects of porosity and radiation on unsteady Casson fluid over accelerated plate are obtained. The solution is derived by using Laplace transform technique. Graphical results for temperature and velocity are discussed in detail. It is found that an increase in thermal radiation leads to an increase in temperature. Besides, the increasing of Casson fluid and MHD has decreasing effect on velocity. Finally, the increasing velocity of the fluid is due to an increase in time.

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