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STOKES' SECOND PROBLEM FOR ROTATING MHD FLOW OF A MAXWELL FLUID IN A POROUS MEDIUM

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Abstract. An analysis is presented to establish the exact solution of Stokes' second problem for magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) rotating flows of Maxwell fluid in a porous medium. Based on modified Darcy's law the expressions for dimensionless velocity are obtained by using Laplace transform method. The derived steady and transient solutions satisfying the involved differential equations and imposed boundary and initial conditions. The influence of various parameters on the velocity has been analyzed in graphs and discussed.

Keywords: Maxwell fluid; MHD rotating flow; Porous medium; Exact solutions.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Many non-Newtonian fluids in nature including fossil fuels, food stuff, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, polymers blends etc display complex behavior which can exhibits shear thinning/thickening effects, elasticity, anisotropy, yield stress. Such fluids cannot be examined by using the Navier-Stokes equations. The complex behavior of non-Newtonian fluids can be described by a nonlinear relationship between the shear stress and shear rate. The mathematical modelling

in the non-Newtonian fluids present a problematic and more nonlinear equations than the Navier-Stokes equations. The resulting equations add further complexities when magnetohydrodynamic flows in a porous space have been taken into account. Ample applications for the flows of non-Newtonian fluids in a porous medium are encountered in irrigation problems, heat-storage beds, biological systems, process of petroleum, textile, paper and polymer composite industries. In addition, the rotating flows are more significant in geophysical, cosmical and astrophysical applications. Over the last few decades, a great multitude of studies have been devoted to the flows of non-Newtonian fluids in a porous medium (e.g. [1-15] to mention just few recent attempts). Although there is a reasonable literature on the rotating flows of non-Newtonian fluids [16-25] but only few investigations have been presented for the transient rotating flows of non-Newtonian fluids [26-30] in a porous medium. Hence it is the objective of this study to put forward such analysis. In view of such motivation, we discuss the unsteady MHD and rotating flow of a Maxwell fluid bounded by an oscillating plate. The fluid occupies a porous medium. The governed mathematical problem is solved for the steady and unsteady solutions. The obtained results are plotted and analyzed carefully.

2.0 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Let us consider the Cartesian coordinates (x, y, z) with the rigid oscillating plate at $z = 0$. Incompressible, MHD and homogeneous Maxwell fluid fills the semi infinite porous space $z > 0$. Here z -axis is taken normal to the plate. The fluid and plate both are at rest at $t = 0$ and for $t > 0$, the whole system (i.e. fluid and plate) exhibits a rigid body rotation with the constant angular velocity Ω about the z -axis. In addition, the plate at $z = 0$ also performs oscillations. The fluid is electrically conducting by constant magnetic field applied in the z -direction. Induced magnetic field is not taken into account. In view of aforementioned assumptions, the governing flow equation can be expressed as [26]

$$\left(1 + \lambda_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) \frac{\partial F(z,t)}{\partial t} + \left(2i\Omega + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho}\right) \left(1 + \lambda_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) F(z,t) + \frac{\mu\varphi}{k} F(z,t) = \nu \frac{\partial^2 F(z,t)}{\partial z^2}; \quad z, t > 0, \quad (1)$$

subject to the following initial and boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial F(z,0)}{\partial t} = F(z,0) = 0; \quad z > 0, \quad (2)$$

$$F(0,t) = U_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) \text{ or } F(0,t) = U_0 \sin(\omega_0 t); \quad t > 0, \quad (3)$$

$$F(z,t) \rightarrow 0; \quad z \rightarrow \infty; \quad t > 0. \quad (4)$$

In above expressions, $F = u + iv$, ρ indicates the fluid density, μ the dynamic viscosity, σ the electrical conductivity, λ_0 the relaxation time, U_0 the amplitude of oscillations, ω_0 the oscillating frequency, $k(>0)$ the permeability and $\varphi(0 < \varphi < 1)$ the porosity of the porous medium.

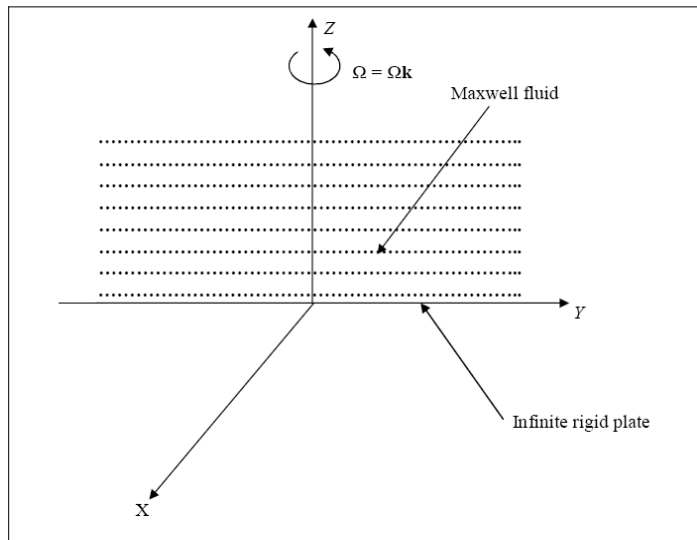


Fig. 1. The physical model and coordinate system

3.0 SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

Setting

$$G = \frac{F}{U_0}, \quad \xi = \frac{zU_0}{\nu}, \quad \tau = \frac{tU_0^2}{\nu}, \quad \omega = \frac{\omega_0\nu}{U_0^2}, \quad (5)$$

the problem statement in dimensionless variables becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 G(z, t)}{\partial \xi^2} - \lambda \frac{\partial^2 G(z, t)}{\partial \tau^2} - a_0 \frac{\partial G(z, t)}{\partial \tau} - b_0 G(z, t) = 0; \quad \xi, \tau > 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial G(\xi, 0)}{\partial \tau} = G(\xi, 0) = 0; \quad \xi > 0, \quad (7)$$

$$G(0, \tau) = \cos(\omega\tau) \text{ or } G(0, \tau) = \sin(\omega\tau); \quad \tau > 0, \quad (8)$$

$$G(\xi, \tau) \rightarrow 0; \quad \xi \rightarrow \infty; \quad \tau > 0, \quad (9)$$

with

$$M^2 = \frac{\nu\sigma B_0^2}{\rho U_0^2}, \quad \frac{1}{K} = \frac{\nu^2 \varphi}{k U_0^2}, \quad \Omega = \frac{\nu \Omega_0}{U_0^2}, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{U_0^2 \lambda_0}{\nu}, \quad (10)$$

$$a_0 = 1 + 2i\Omega\lambda_0 + M^2\lambda_0, \quad b_0 = 2i\Omega + M^2 + \frac{1}{K},$$

and ν the kinematic viscosity. The solutions of problems consisting of Eqs. (6)-(9) are

$$\bar{G}_c(\xi, q) = \frac{q}{q^2 + \omega^2} \exp\left(-\xi \sqrt{\lambda^2 q^2 + a_0 q + b_0}\right), \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{G}_s(\xi, q) = \frac{\omega}{q^2 + \omega^2} \exp\left(-\xi \sqrt{\lambda^2 q^2 + a_0 q + b_0}\right), \quad (12)$$

where the subscripts c and s have been used for the cases of cosine and sine oscillations of the plate.

We rewrite Eqs. (11) and (12) as follows

$$\bar{G}_c(\xi, q) = \bar{G}_1(q) \bar{G}_3(\xi, q), \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{G}_s(\xi, q) = \bar{G}_2(q) \bar{G}_3(\xi, q), \quad (14)$$

$$\bar{G}_1(q) = \frac{q}{q^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \bar{G}_2(q) = \frac{\omega}{q^2 + \omega^2}, \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{G}_3(\xi, q) &= \exp\left(-\xi\sqrt{\lambda^2 q^2 + a_0 q + b_0}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\xi\lambda(q+b)\right) + \exp\left(-\xi\lambda\sqrt{(q+b)^2 - a^2}\right) \\ &\quad - \exp\left(-\xi\lambda(q+b)\right), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$a^2 = \frac{a_1^2 + 4b_1}{4}, \quad b = \frac{a_1}{2}, \quad a_1 = \frac{a_0}{\lambda^2}, \quad b_1 = \frac{b_0}{\lambda^2}.$$

Using $G_1(\tau) = L^{-1}\{\bar{G}_1(q)\}$, $G_2(\tau) = L^{-1}\{\bar{G}_2(q)\}$, $G_3(\xi, \tau) = L^{-1}\{\bar{G}_3(\xi, q)\}$ and employing the convolution theorem [33] we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_c(\xi, \tau) &= (G_1 * G_3)(\tau) = \int_0^\tau G_1(\tau - s) G_3(\xi, s) ds, \\ G_s(\xi, \tau) &= (G_2 * G_3)(\tau) = \int_0^\tau G_2(\tau - s) G_3(\xi, s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

By inverse Laplace transformation in Eqs. (15) and (16) we get [33]

$$G_1(\tau) = \cos(\omega\tau), \quad G_2(\tau) = \sin(\omega\tau). \quad (18)$$

$$G_3(\xi, \tau) = e^{-b\tau} \delta(\tau - \xi) + \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi\lambda, \\ a\xi\lambda \frac{\exp(-b\tau)}{\sqrt{\tau^2 - \xi^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{\tau^2 - \xi^2}\right), & \text{for } \tau > \xi\lambda. \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

Insertion of above expressions in Eqs. (17) leads to the following results

$$G_c(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi\lambda, \\ e^{-b\xi\lambda} \cos(\omega(\tau - \xi\lambda)) \\ + a\xi\lambda \int_{\xi\lambda}^\tau \frac{\exp(-bs)\cos(\omega(\tau-s))}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds, & \text{for } \tau > \xi\lambda, \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

$$G_s(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi, \\ e^{-b\xi\lambda} \sin(\omega(\tau - \xi\lambda)), & \text{for } \tau > \xi \\ + a\xi\lambda \int_{\xi\lambda}^{\tau} \frac{\exp(-bs)\sin(\omega(\tau-s))}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds. \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

We note that the above starting solutions are meaningful for both small and large times. The last term in each expression approaches zero when τ is large. Hence this term shows the transient behavior of the velocity. Using

$$\int_{\xi}^{\tau} f(\xi, \tau, s) ds = \int_{\xi}^{\infty} f(\xi, \tau, s) ds - \int_{\tau}^{\infty} f(\xi, \tau, s) ds, \quad (22)$$

the corresponding steady state (G_{cs} , G_{ss}) and transient solutions (G_{ct} , G_{st}) can be written as

$$G_c(\xi, \tau) = G_{cs}(\xi, \tau) + G_{ct}(\xi, \tau), \quad G_s(\xi, \tau) = G_{ss}(\xi, \tau) + G_{st}(\xi, \tau), \quad (23)$$

$$G_{cs}(\xi, \tau) = e^{-m\xi} \cos(\omega\tau - n\xi), \quad G_{ss}(\xi, \tau) = e^{-m\xi} \sin(\omega\tau - n\xi), \quad (24)$$

$$G_{ct}(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi\lambda, \\ -a\xi\lambda \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(-bs)\cos[\omega(\tau-s)]}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds, & \text{for } \tau > \xi\lambda, \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

$$G_{st}(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi\lambda, \\ -a\xi\lambda \int_{\tau}^{\infty} \frac{\exp(-bs)\sin[\omega(\tau-s)]}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds, & \text{for } \tau > \xi\lambda, \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

where

$$m = \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + (\lambda\omega)^2} - \lambda\omega \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}; \quad n = \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \left[\sqrt{1 + (\lambda\omega)^2} + \lambda\omega \right] \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The result in Stokes' first problem (i.e. when $\omega \rightarrow 0$) is

$$G_c(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi\lambda, \\ e^{-\frac{\tau}{2\lambda}} + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \xi \int_{\xi\lambda}^{\tau} \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-s}{2\lambda^2}\right)}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(\frac{1}{2\lambda^2} \sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds, & \text{for } \tau > \xi\lambda, \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

For $M = \frac{1}{K} = 0$, Eq. (26) reduces to the dimensionless velocity field given by Eq. (43) in [31]. When $M = \Omega = 0$ and $K \rightarrow \infty$, then Eqs. (19) and (20) corresponding to hydrodynamic fluid in a nonporous space and non-rotating frame become

$$G_c(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi\lambda, \\ e^{-b\xi\lambda} \cos(\omega(\tau - \xi\lambda)) \\ + a\xi\lambda \int_{\xi\lambda}^{\tau} \frac{\exp(-bs)\cos(\omega(\tau-s))}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds, & \text{for } \tau > \xi\lambda, \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

$$G_s(\xi, \tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 < \tau < \xi, \\ e^{-b\xi\lambda} \sin(\omega(\tau - \xi\lambda)), & \text{for } \tau > \xi \\ + a\xi\lambda \int_{\xi\lambda}^{\tau} \frac{\exp(-bs)\sin(\omega(\tau-s))}{\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}} I_1\left(a\sqrt{s^2 - (\lambda\xi)^2}\right) ds. \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

It is found that the above expressions are similar to that of Eqs. (20) and (21) in [31]. For viscous fluid [32], Eqs. (17), (18) and (20) can be easily recovered from Eqs. (23)-(25) when $\lambda = M = \Omega = \frac{1}{K} = 0$.

4.0 GRAPHICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section we are interested to predict the real and imaginary parts of velocity for various parameters of interest including λ , M , K , Ω and τ . For this aim we display Figs. 2-6. Here the Figs. 2-6 have been portrayed for the cosine oscillation of a plate. The variation of \hat{v} on the velocity is shown in Fig. 2. It can be seen that the amplitude of velocity increases and boundary layer thickness decreases for the real part of velocity. However, imaginary part of velocity decreases when λ is increased. Fig. 3 presents the effects of M and one can note that an increase in M reduces the flow velocity and the boundary layer thickness. This is because of the reason that the magnetic force acts as a resistive force to flow. It can be also noted from the governing Eq. (1) that increasing the porosity K yields an effect opposite to that of M . Fig. 4 obviously indicates this phenomenon. This is in accordance with the fact that an increase in permeability of the porous medium reduces the drag force which causes an increase in the velocity. The effects of Ω is clearly shown in Fig. 5. It is observed that effects of Ω on the real part of velocity is similar to that of M . However, the behaviors of Ω and M on the imaginary part of velocity are not similar. Fig. 6 depicts the variation of the velocity for different values of τ . It is noted that the variation of time on the velocity is similar to that of K . However, the real part of velocity reduces to the steady state more quickly than the imaginary part of velocity.

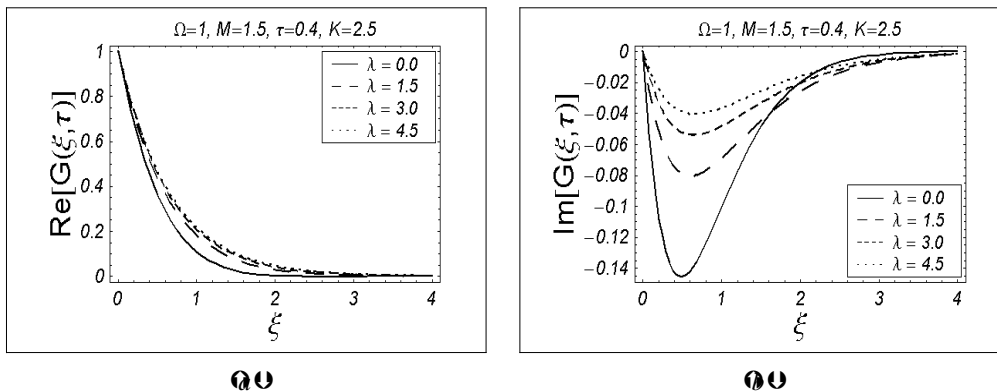


Fig. 2: Influence of the fluid parameter λ on the velocity field.

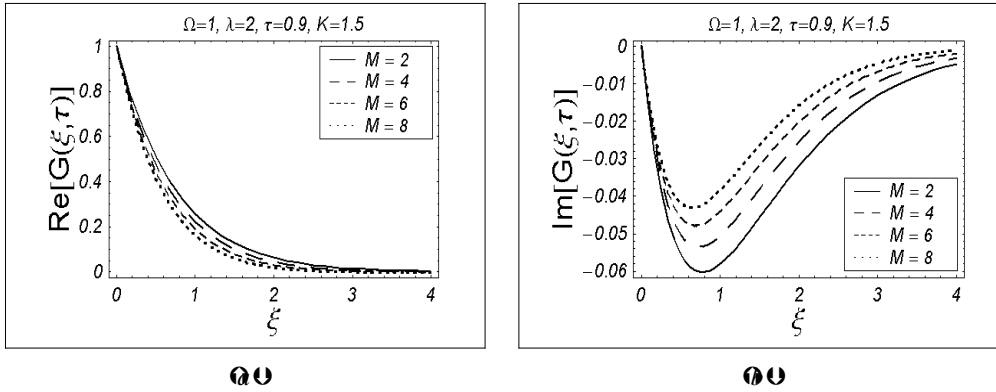


Fig. 3: Influence of the MHD parameter M on the velocity field.

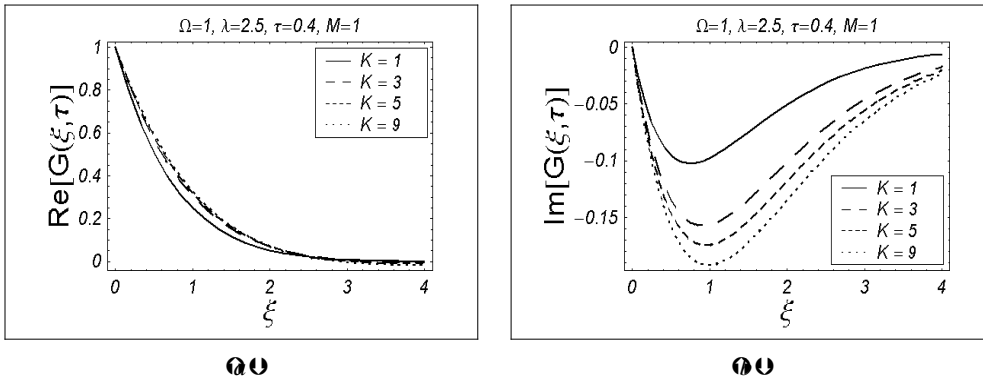


Fig. 4: Influence of the porosity parameter K on the velocity field.

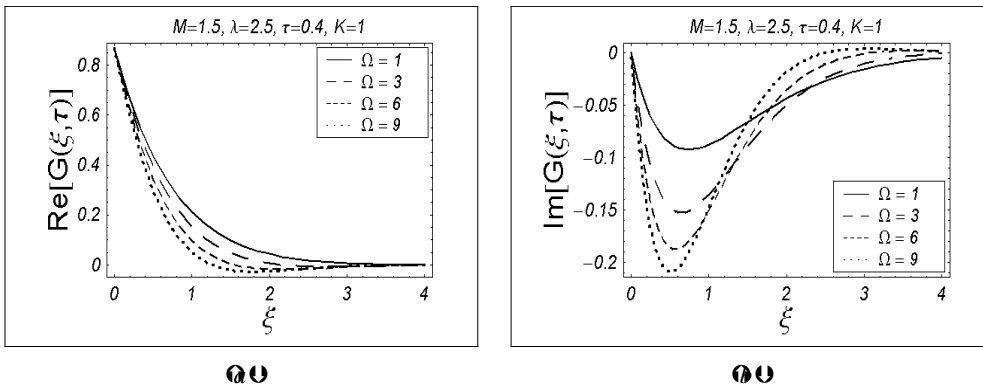


Fig. 5: Influence of the rotation parameter Ω on the velocity field.

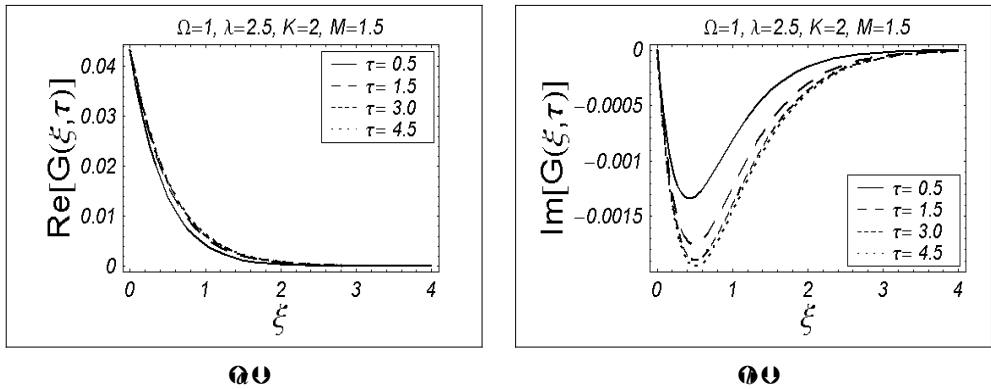


Fig. 6: Influence of time τ on the velocity field.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Motivated by the transient solutions for the problems in a rotating frame, we have studied the flow of Maxwell fluid over an oscillating rigid plate. The steady and transient solutions are developed. The derived expressions satisfy the prescribed initial and boundary conditions. It is noticed that the fluid rheological character, angular velocity and magnetic parameter are capable of changing the flow patterns significantly. Many flows cases for instance the Stokes first problem and viscous fluid are shown as the limiting cases of the present investigation.

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