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Mixed convection of a micropolar fluid in a vertical channel with boundary conditions of third kind

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Abstract

The problem of heat source/sink on fully-developed mixed convection for the laminar flow of a micropolar fluid in a parallel plate vertical channel has been investigated analytically. The plates exchange heat with an external fluid. Both conditions of equal and of different reference temperatures of the external fluid are considered. The effect of important parameters, namely vortex viscosity parameter, ratio of Grashof number to Reynolds number and heat source/sink on the velocity, microrotation velocity and temperature have been discussed. It is found that the increase in the vortex viscosity parameter decreases the velocity for both assisting and opposing flow whereas it reduces the microrotation velocity for assisting flow and increases the microrotation velocity for opposing flow. The heat sink reduces the flow field at the right wall and increases at the left wall and converse result is observed for heat source for equal Biot numbers.

Keywords: mixed convection; micropolar fluid; boundary conditions of third kind

1. Introduction

The research area of micropolar fluids has been of great interest because the Navier-Stokes equations for Newtonian fluids can not successfully describe the characteristics of fluid with suspended particles. There exist several approaches to study the mechanics of fluids with a substructure. Ericksen (1960a, 1960b) derived field equations which account for the presence of substructures in the fluid. It has been experimentally demonstrated by Hoyt and Fabula (1964) and Vogel and Patterson (1964) that fluids containing small amount of polymeric additives display a reduction in skin friction. Eringen (1966) formulated the theory of micropolar fluids which display the effects of local rotary inertia and couple stresses. This theory can be used to explain the flow of colloidal fluids, liquid crystals, animal blood, etc. Eringen (1972) extended the micropolar fluid theory and developed the theory of thermo-micropolar fluids. Extensive reviews of the theory and applications can be found in the review articles by Ariman et al. (1973, 1974) and the recent books by Lukaszewicz (1999) and Eringen (2001).

Physically, micropolar fluids may be described as non-Newtonian fluids consisting of dumb-bell molecules or short rigid cylindrical element, polymer fluids, fluid suspension, etc. The presence of dust or smoke, particularly in a gas, may also be modeled using micropolar fluid dynamics. The theory of micropolar fluids first proposed by Eringen (1966, 1972) is capable of describing such fluids.

Studies of external convective flows of micropolar fluids have focused mainly on free, forced and mixed convection problems. Natural convection of an enclosed fluid is a long-standing classical subject. Applications are found in a variety of engineering problems, such as air conditioning of a room, solar energy collecting devices, material processing and passive cooling of nuclear reactors, to name a few. Studies of the flows of heat convection in micropolar fluids have focused mainly on flat (Ahmadi, 1976; Jena and Mathur, 1982; Yucel, 1989; and Rahman et al., 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009a, b) or regular surfaces (Balram and Sastry, 1973; Lien et al., 1986, 1990). Chamkha et al. (2002) analyzed numerical and analytical solutions of the developing laminar free convection of a micropolar fluid in a vertical parallel plate channel with asymmetric heating.

Kumar et al. (2005) examined the finite element solution of mixed convection micropolar fluid flow between two vertical plates with varying temperature. Cheng (2006) studied the fully developed natural convection heat and mass transfer of a micropolar fluid in a vertical channel with asymmetric wall temperatures and concentrations. Rahman et al. (2009c) have included the effects

of variable electric conductivity and non-uniform heat source (or sink) on convective micropolar fluid flow along an inclined flat plate with surface heat flux. Umavathi et al. (2008) analysed the flow and heat transfer of a micropolar fluid sandwiched between viscous fluid layers. Prathap Kumar et al. (2010) have studied the problem of fully developed free convective flow of micropolar and viscous fluids in a vertical channel. Most recently, Umavathi and Prathap (2011) found the exact solutions for the mixed convection flow of micro-polar fluid in a vertical channel with symmetric and asymmetric wall conditions.

All the above studies on mixed convection pertain to only uniform wall temperatures in the absence of heat source/sink. Thus keeping in view the applications on micropolar fluids, the aim of this paper is to extend the analysis of Zanchini (1998) for micropolar fluid in the presence of heat source/sink. Both equal and different reference temperature of the extended fluid, as well as both different and equal Biot numbers are considered. In the absence of source/sink and for equal Biot numbers, the solutions obtained in this paper coincide with Cheng (2006). The problem can be extended to higher dimension such as spherical and cylindrical co-ordinates so that the problem will be closer to practical problems.

2. Mathematical model

Consider the steady and laminar flow of a micropolar fluid in the fully developed region of a parallel plate vertical channel. The *X*-axis lies on the axial plates of the channel, and its direction is opposite to the gravitational field. The *Y*-axis is orthogonal to the walls. The channel occupies the region of space $-L/2 \le Y \le L/2$ as shown in Fig. 1. Thermal conductivity, the thermal diffusivity, the dynamic viscosity and the thermal expansion coefficient of the fluid will be assumed to be constant. The Boussineq approximation and the equation of state will be adopted.

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left(1 - \beta (T - T_0) \right) \tag{1}$$

Further it is assumed that the only non-zero component of the velocity field U is the X-component of U. Thus, since $\Delta \cdot U = 0$, we have

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} = 0 \tag{2}$$



Figure 1: Physical configuration

The governing equations for micropolar fluid yield (Chamkha et al., 2002)

$$\left(\mu + \kappa\right)\frac{d^2U}{dY^2} + \kappa\frac{d\overline{N}}{dY} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial X} + \rho_0\beta g(T - T_0) = 0$$
(3)

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial Y} = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$\gamma \frac{d^2 \bar{N}}{dY^2} - \kappa \left(2\bar{N} + \frac{dU}{dY} \right) = 0 \tag{5}$$

where $P = p + \rho_0 g X$, U is the velocity component in the stream wise direction, T is the temperature and \overline{N} is the angular velocity. Since, on account of Eq. (4), P depends only on X, and hence Eq. (3) can be written as

$$T - T_0 = \frac{1}{\beta g \rho_0} \frac{dP}{dX} - \frac{(\mu + \kappa)}{\rho_0 \beta g} \frac{d^2 U}{dY^2}$$
(6)

From Eq. (6), one obtains

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial X} = \frac{1}{\beta g \rho_0} \frac{d^2 P}{dX^2} \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial Y} = -\frac{(\mu + \kappa)}{\rho_0 \beta g} \frac{d^3 U}{dY^3}$$
(8)

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} = -\frac{(\mu + \kappa)}{\rho_0 \beta g} \frac{d^4 U}{dY^4}$$
(9)

Both the walls of the channel will be assumed to have a negligible thickness and to exchange heat by convection with an external fluid. In particular, at Y = -L/2 the external convection coefficient will be considered as uniform with the value h_1 and the fluid in the region Y < -L/2 will be assumed to have a uniform reference temperature T_1 . At Y = L/2 the external convection coefficient will be considered as uniform with the value h_2 and the fluid in the region Y > L/2 will be supposed to have a uniform reference temperature $T_2 \ge T_1$. Therefore, the boundary conditions on the temperature field can be expressed as

$$-k\frac{\partial T}{\partial Y}\Big|_{Y=-L/2} = h_1\left(T_1 - T\left(X, -L/2\right)\right)$$
(10)

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial Y}\Big|_{Y=L/2} = h_2 \left(T \left(X, L/2 \right) - T_2 \right)$$
(11)

On account of Eq. (8), Eqs. (10) and (11) can be rewritten as

$$\left. \frac{d^3 U}{dY^3} \right|_{Y=-L/2} = \frac{\beta g h_1}{k \left(\mu + \kappa\right)} \left(T_1 - T\left(X, -L/2\right) \right)$$
(12)

$$\left. \frac{d^3 U}{dY^3} \right|_{Y=L/2} = \frac{\beta g h_2}{k \left(\mu + \kappa\right)} \left(T\left(X, L/2\right) - T_2 \right)$$
(13)

It is easily verified that Eqs. (12) and (13) imply that $\partial T / \partial X$ is zero both at Y = -L/2 and at Y = L/2. Since Eq. (7) ensures that $\partial T / \partial X$ does not depend on Y, one is led to the conclusion that $\partial T / \partial X$ is zero everywhere. Therefore, the temperature T depends only on Y, i.e. T = T(Y). Thus, on account of Eq. (7), there exists a constant A such that

$$\frac{dP}{dX} = A \tag{14}$$

For the problem under exam, the energy balance equation in the presence of heat source/sink can be written as

$$k\frac{d^{2}T}{dY^{2}} \pm Q(T - T_{0}) = 0$$
(15)

The boundary conditions on velocity and microrotation velocity are

$$U(-L/2) = U(L/2) = 0$$
(16)

$$\overline{N}(-L/2) = \overline{N}(L/2) = 0 \tag{17}$$

Eqs. (3) to (5) (using Eq. (14)) and (15) are made dimensionless by means of the following dimensionless parameters.

$$u = \frac{U}{U_0}, \ \theta = \frac{T - T_0}{\Delta T}, \ y = \frac{Y}{D}, \ Gr = \frac{g \beta \Delta T D^3}{v^2}, \ Re = \frac{U_0 D}{v}, \ \lambda = \frac{Gr}{Re}, \ R_T = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{\Delta T}, \ Bi_1 = \frac{h_1 D}{k}, \ Bi_2 = \frac{h_2 D}{k}, \ S = \frac{Bi_1 Bi_2}{Bi_1 Bi_2 + 2Bi_1 + 2Bi_2}, \ \phi = \frac{Q D^2}{k}, \ U_0 = -\frac{AD^2}{48\mu}, \ T_0 = \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2} + S\left(\frac{1}{Bi_1} - \frac{1}{Bi_2}\right)(T_2 - T_1), \ \gamma = \left(\mu + \frac{\kappa}{2}\right)D^2, \ \overline{N} = \frac{U_0 N}{D}, \ K = \frac{\kappa}{\mu}$$
(18)

In Eq. (18), D = 2L is the hydraulic diameter, while the reference velocity U_0 and the reference temperature T_0 are given by

$$U_0 = -\frac{AD^2}{48\mu} \tag{19}$$

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$$T_0 = \frac{T_1 + T_2}{2} + S\left(\frac{1}{Bi_1} - \frac{1}{Bi_2}\right) (T_2 - T_1)$$
(20)

The reference temperature ΔT is given either by

$$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1$$
 if $T_1 < T_2$ or $\Delta T = \frac{v^2}{C_p D^2}$ if $T_1 = T_2$ (21)

On account of Eq. (14), for upward flow A < 0, so that U_0 , Re and λ are negative. In Eq. (18), γ is the spin gradient viscosity and we assume that $\gamma = (\mu + 0.5\kappa)j$ (Ahmadi., 1976) where κ is the vortex viscosity and j is the microinertia density. By employing the dimensionless quantities defined in Eq. (18), Eqs. (3) to (5) (using Eq. (14)) and (15) become

$$\left(1+K\right)\frac{d^2u}{dy^2} + K\frac{dN}{dy} + \lambda\theta + 48 = 0$$
(22)

$$\left(1 + \frac{K}{2}\right)\frac{d^2N}{dy^2} - 2KN - K\frac{du}{dy} = 0$$
(23)

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dy^2} \pm \phi \theta = 0 \tag{24}$$

The relevant boundary conditions in dimensionless form are

$$u(-1/4) = u(1/4) = 0 \tag{25}$$

$$N(-1/4) = N(1/4) = 0$$
⁽²⁶⁾

$$\frac{d\theta}{dy}\Big|_{-1/4} = Bi_1\left(\frac{R_T S}{2}\left(1 + \frac{4}{Bi_1}\right) + \theta\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dy}\Big|_{1/4} = Bi_2\left(\frac{R_T S}{2}\left(1 + \frac{4}{Bi_2}\right) - \theta\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\right)$$
(27)

Solving Eqs. (22) to (24) with their corresponding boundary conditions (25) to (27), gives the dimensionless temperature, velocity and microrotation velocity as

$$\theta = C_1 \operatorname{Cosh}\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + C_2 \operatorname{Sinh}\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right)$$
(28)

$$N = C_3 \operatorname{Cosh}\left(\sqrt{\tau} y\right) + C_4 \operatorname{Sinh}\left(\sqrt{\tau} y\right) + l_5 \operatorname{Sinh}\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + l_6 \operatorname{Cosh}\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + l_7 y + l_8$$
(29)

$$u = \frac{-1}{(1+K)} \left(\frac{K}{\sqrt{\tau}} \left(C_3 S \ln h \left(\sqrt{\tau} y \right) + C_4 Cosh \left(\sqrt{\tau} y \right) \right) + l_9 Cosh \left(\sqrt{\phi} y \right) + l_{10} Sinh \left(\sqrt{\phi} y \right) + l_{11} y^2 + C_5 y + C_6 \right)$$
(30)

for heat absorption and

$$\theta = C_1 \cos\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) \tag{31}$$

$$N = C_3 Cosh(\sqrt{\tau} y) + C_4 Sinh(\sqrt{\tau} y) + l_5 Sin(\sqrt{\phi} y) + l_6 Cos(\sqrt{\phi} y) + l_7 y + l_8$$
(32)

$$u = \frac{-1}{(1+K)} \left(\frac{K}{\sqrt{\tau}} \left(C_3 S \ln h \left(\sqrt{\tau} y \right) + C_4 Cosh \left(\sqrt{\tau} y \right) \right) + l_9 Cos \left(\sqrt{\phi} y \right) + l_{10} Sin \left(\sqrt{\phi} y \right) + l_{11} y^2 + C_5 y + C_6 \right)$$
(33)

for heat generation respectively.

The solutions of velocity and temperature for Newtonian fluid (K = 0) with heat sink are

$$u = -\frac{\lambda C_1}{\phi} Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) - \frac{\lambda C_2}{\phi} Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) - 24y^2 - E_1 y - E_2$$
(34)

$$\theta = C_1 \operatorname{Cosh}\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + C_2 \operatorname{Sinh}\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right)$$
(35)

The solutions of velocity and temperature for Newtonian fluid (K = 0) with heat source are

$$u = \frac{\lambda C_1}{\phi} Cos\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + \frac{\lambda C_2}{\phi} Sin\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) - 24y^2 - E_3 y - E_4$$
(36)

$$\theta = C_1 \cos\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\sqrt{\phi} y\right) \tag{37}$$

All the constants appeared in the above solutions are listed in the appendix section.

3. Results and discussion

The problem of mixed convective flow and heat transfer of micropolar fluid in a vertical channel is solved analytically using boundary conditions of third kind. Two cases are considered depending on the thermal characteristics of the problem such as heat absorption and heat generation. The results are depicted graphically in Figs. 2 to 5 for heat absorption case and in Figs. 6 to 8 for heat generation case.

The effect of the mixed convective parameter λ (ratio of Grashof number to Reynolds number) and vortex viscosity parameter K on the velocity and microrotation velocity are displayed in Figs. 2a and 2b respectively. As the vortex viscosity parameter K increases, velocity decreases for upward $(\lambda > 0)$ and downward $(\lambda < 0)$ flows. It is observed from Fig. 2a that flow reversal occurs at the left wall for buoyancy assisted flow $(\lambda > 0)$ and at the right wall for buoyancy opposed flow $(\lambda < 0)$ with equal Biot numbers. The microrotation velocity tends to increase as the vortex viscosity parameter increases for both upward and

downward flow. There is a reversal flow for microrotation velocity near left wall for buoyancy opposing flow and at the right wall for buoyancy assisting flow which is in contradiction with velocity field. The effect of K on velocity and microrotation velocity is the similar results obtained in Cheng (2006).



Figure 2: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of λ and K.



Figure 3: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of λ and K.



Figure 3: (c) Plots of temperature for different value of λ .

The effect of heat absorption coefficient ϕ on the velocity, microrotation velocity and temperature is seen in Figs. 3a, 3b and 3c respectively. It is observed that velocity decreases as heat absorption coefficient ϕ increases near the right wall and increases at the left wall for upward flow, whereas it increases at the right wall and decreases at the left wall for downward flow for both Newtonian (K = 0) and micropolar fluid (K = 1). As ϕ increases microrotation velocity decreases for buoyancy opposing flow whereas it increases for buoyancy assisting flow. It is also seen in Fig. 3b that there is no effect of ϕ on microrotation velocity for Newtonian fluid. As ϕ increases temperature decreases at the right wall and increases at the left wall for both upward and downward flow. The effect of ϕ on velocity and temperature for Newtonian fluid is the similar result observed in Umavathi et al. (2006).



Figure 4: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of λ and K.

Figures 4a and 4b shows the effect of mixed convective parameter λ and vortex viscosity parameter K on the velocity and microrotation velocity for unequal Biot numbers. As the vortex viscosity parameter K increases velocity decreases for both upward and downward flow but there is no flow reversal as observed for equal Biot number (Fig. 2a). The microrotation velocity is enhanced as the vortex viscosity parameter increases for both upward and downward flow for unequal Biot numbers (Fig. 4b). Figures 2 to 4 are the results obtained for asymmetric wall temperatures ($R_r = 1$).



Figure 5: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of K.

Figures 5a, b shows that velocity decreases as the vortex viscosity parameter decreases for upward and downward flow and for equal and unequal Biot numbers with symmetric wall temperatures $(R_T = 0)$. The microrotation velocity is promoted at the right wall and suppress at the left wall as the vortex viscosity parameter *K* increases for upward and downward flow for equal and unequal Biot numbers as seen in Fig. 5b for $R_T = 0$.



Figure 6: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of λ and K.

Figures 6 to 7 display the effect of mixed convective parameter, vortex viscosity parameter and heat generation coefficient on the velocity, microrotation velocity and temperature. The effect of mixed convective parameter λ and vortex viscosity parameter K on velocity is similar to heat absorption case (Fig. 2a). That is, for upward flow, flow reversal occurs at the left wall and for downward flow, flow reversal occurs at the right wall. For both upward and downward flows, velocity deceases as the vortex viscosity parameter increases (Fig. 6a). As the vortex viscosity K increases, microrotation velocity increases for upward flow and decreases for downward flow for heat generation coefficient (Fig. 6b) which is in contradiction for heat absorption coefficient (Fig. 2b).



Figure 7: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of λ and K.



Figure 7: (c) Plots of temperature for different values of λ

Effect of heat generation coefficient ϕ increases the velocity at the right wall and decreases at the left wall for upward flow, whereas velocity increases at the left wall and decreases at the right wall for downward flow which is the similar result observed in Umavathi et al. (2006) for Newtonian fluid. As ϕ increases microrotation velocity increases for downward flow and decreases for upward flow (Fig. 7b) which is again in contradiction with heat absorption case (Fig. 3b). Effect of ϕ is to promote the temperature at the right wall and decreases at the left wall for both upward and downward flow (Fig. 7c) for heat source which contradicts for heat sink (Fig. 4c). Figures 6 and 7 are the profiles for equal Biot numbers.

For unequal Biot numbers with heat source, as the vortex viscosity parameter K increases velocity decreases for upward and downward flows (Fig. 8a) which is the same result observed for unequal Biot numbers with heat sink (Fig. 4a). For upward flow, microrotation velocity increases as the vortex viscosity increases whereas microrotation velocity decreases as K increases for downward flow as seen in Fig. 8b.



Figure 8: Plots of (a) velocity and (b) microrotation velocity for different value of λ and K.

The effect of mixed convective parameter λ and vortex viscosity parameter K with symmetric wall temperatures for heat source is similar to the result observed for heat sink and hence not shown. All the above figures from 2 to 8 shows that the velocity and microrotation velocity for micropolar fluid are lower than for Newtonian fluid (K = 0) which was the similar result observed by Cheng (2006).

5. Conclusions

The fully developed heat and mass transfer by mixed convection of a micropolar fluid in a vertical channel with heat source/sink have been studied analytically with boundary conditions of third kind. Both conditions of symmetric and asymmetric wall temperature was also analysed on the flow field. For both symmetric and asymmetric wall temperatures, the velocity decreases as the vortex viscosity parameter decreases for upward and downward flows and an increase in the vertex viscosity parameter increases the magnitude of microrotation velocity for both upward and downward flows and thus reduces the fluid flow which was the similar result obtained by Cheng (2006). The heat absorption coefficient reduces the velocity at the right wall and increases at the left wall for upward flow and contrary result is obtained for downward flow. The microrotation velocity decreased in the magnitude for upward and downward flows for heat sink. The effect of vortex viscosity parameter was to decrease the velocity and microrotation velocity for both equal and unequal Biot numbers. The effect of heat generation coefficient was to increase the velocity at the right wall and decrease at the left wall for upward flow and flow velocity increases at the left wall and decreases at the right wall. Heat generation coefficient reduces the microrotation velocity in magnitude for upward and downward flows. Heat absorption coefficient reduces the microrotation velocity in magnitude for upward and downward flows. Heat absorption coefficient reduces the microrotation velocity in magnitude for upward and downward flows. Heat absorption coefficient reduces the microrotation velocity in magnitude for upward and downward flows. Heat absorption coefficient reduces the temperature at the right wall and increases at the left wall whereas a reversal effect is observed for heat generation coefficient. The results for all the parameters on the flow field for micropolar fluid were lower than those of Newtonian fluid which was the similar results obtained by

Nomenclature

- Bi₁, Bi₂ Biot numbers
- g acceleration due to gravity
- Gr Grashof number
- h_1, h_2 external heat transfer coefficients
- *j* microinertia density
- *k* thermal conductivity
- *K* vortex viscosity parameter
- *L* channel width
- \overline{N} angular velocity of micropolar fluid

- *N* microrotation velocity
- *P* difference between the pressure and hydrostatic pressure
- *Q* heat absorption/generation constant
- Re Reynolds number
- R_T temperature difference ratio
- T temperature
- T_1, T_2 reference temperatures of the external fluid
- T_0 reference temperature
- *u* dimensionless velocity in the *X* -direction
- *U* velocity component in the *X* -direction
- U_0 reference velocity
- *x* dimensionless stream wise coordinate
- *X* stream wise coordinate
- y dimensionless transverse coordinate
- *Y* transverse coordinate

Greek letters

- β thermal expansion coefficient
- ϕ heat absorption/generation coefficient
- γ spin gradient viscosity
- κ vortex viscosity
- λ dimensionless mixed convective parameter
- μ viscosity
- *v* kinematic viscosity
- θ dimensionless temperature
- ρ fluid density
- ρ_0 value of the mass density when $T = T_0$

Appendix

For heat absorption

$$\begin{split} l_{1} &= -\sqrt{\phi} \, Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) - Bi_{1}Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) \,, \qquad l_{2} &= \sqrt{\phi} \, Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + Bi_{1}Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) \,, \qquad b_{1} &= \frac{Bi_{1} R_{r} S}{2} \left(1 + \frac{4}{Bi_{1}}\right) \,, \\ l_{3} &= \sqrt{\phi} \, Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + Bi_{2}Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) \,, \qquad l_{4} &= \sqrt{\phi} \, Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + Bi_{2}Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) \,, \qquad b_{2} &= \frac{Bi_{2} R_{r} S}{2} \left(1 + \frac{4}{Bi_{2}}\right) \,, \qquad C_{1} &= \frac{b_{1}l_{4} - b_{2}l_{2}}{l_{1}l_{4} - l_{2}l_{3}} \,, \\ C_{2} &= \frac{b_{1}l_{3} - b_{2}l_{1}}{l_{2}l_{3} - l_{1}l_{4}} \,, \qquad l_{5} &= -\frac{2\tau\lambda C_{1}}{\sqrt{\phi} (2 + K)(\phi - \tau)} \,, \qquad l_{6} &= -\frac{2\tau\lambda C_{2}}{\sqrt{\phi} (2 + K)(\phi - \tau)} \,, \qquad l_{7} &= \frac{48}{(2 + K)} \,, \\ l_{8} &= \frac{B}{(2 + K)} \,, C_{3} &= -\left(l_{6} \, Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + l_{8}\right) / Cosh\left(\sqrt{\tau}/4\right) \,, C_{4} &= -\left(l_{5} \, Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + \frac{l_{7}}{4}\right) / Sinh\left(\sqrt{\tau}/4\right) \,, \\ C_{5} &= 4\left(\frac{-KC_{3}}{\sqrt{\tau}} \, Sinh\left(\sqrt{\tau}/4\right) - \left(\frac{Kl_{6}}{\sqrt{\phi}} + \frac{\lambda C_{2}}{\phi}\right) Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right)\right) \,, C_{6} &= \frac{-KC_{4}}{\sqrt{\tau}} \, Cosh\left(\sqrt{\tau}/4\right) - \left(\frac{Kl_{5}}{\sqrt{\phi}} + \frac{\lambda C_{1}}{\phi}\right) Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) - \frac{Kl_{7}}{32} - \frac{24}{16} \,, \\ B &= \frac{(2 + K)b_{11}}{2(1 + K) - (4 K/\sqrt{\tau}) T anh\left(\sqrt{\tau}/4\right)} \,, b_{11} &= \frac{4 K}{\sqrt{\tau}} T anh\left(\sqrt{\tau}/4\right) l_{6} \, Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) - \left(\frac{4 K}{\sqrt{\phi}} l_{6} + \frac{4\lambda C_{2}}{\phi}\right) Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) \,, \\ l_{9} &= \left(Kl_{5} + \frac{\lambda C_{1}}{\sqrt{\phi}}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi}} \,, \qquad l_{10} &= \left(Kl_{6} + \frac{\lambda C_{2}}{\sqrt{\phi}}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\phi}} \,, \qquad l_{11} &= (Kl_{7} + 48) \frac{1}{2} \,, \qquad l_{12} &= K \left(C_{1}C_{4} - C_{2}C_{3}\right) / \sqrt{\tau} \left(\sqrt{\tau} - \sqrt{\phi}\right) \,, \\ l_{13} &= K \left(C_{1}C_{4} + C_{2}C_{3}\right) / \sqrt{\tau} \left(\sqrt{\tau} + \sqrt{\phi}\right) \,, l_{14} &= (l_{9}C_{1} + l_{10}C_{2}) / 2\sqrt{\phi} \,, l_{15} &= (C_{2}C_{5}) / 2\sqrt{\phi} - (l_{11}C_{1})/\phi \,. \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} l_{16} &= 2l_{11}C_1 \left(2/\left(\phi\sqrt{\phi}\right) + 1/\left(16\sqrt{\phi}\right) \right) - 2C_2C_5/\phi + 2C_1C_6/\sqrt{\phi} , \ l_{17} = (l_9C_1 - l_{10}C_2)/4 , \\ \text{Newtonian fluid } (K = 0) \\ C_1 &= \frac{b_1l_4 - b_2l_2}{l_1l_4 - l_2l_3} , C_2 = \frac{b_1l_3 - b_2l_1}{l_2l_3 - l_1l_4} \\ E_1 &= -\left(4\lambda C_2Sinh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right)\right) / \phi , \ E_2 = -\left(\lambda C_1Cosh\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right)\right) / \phi - 3/2 , \end{split}$$

For heat generation

$$\begin{split} l_{1} &= -\sqrt{\phi} \sin\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + Bi_{1}Cos\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right), \qquad l_{2} &= \sqrt{\phi} Cos\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right) + Bi_{1}Sin\left(\sqrt{\phi}/4\right), \qquad b_{1} &= \frac{Bi_{1}R_{r}S}{2} \left(1 + \frac{4}{Bi_{1}}\right), \qquad l_{1} &= \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2} \left(1 + \frac{4}{Bi_{2}}\right), \qquad l_{1} &= \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2} \left(1 + \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2}\right), \qquad l_{1} &= \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2} \left(1 + \frac{b_{1}R_{r}S}{2}\right), \qquad l_{1} &= \frac{b_{1}R_$$

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