

# Thermal Radiation and Variable Pressure Effects on Natural Convective Heat and Mass Transfer Fluid Flow in Porous Medium

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### ABSTRACT

The study investigates the interaction of free convective flow with thermal radiation and variable pressure on natural convective heat and mass transfer fluid flow in porous medium. Solutions for time dependent energy, concentration and momentum equations were obtained by the perturbation series method after transforming into ordinary differential equations. The effect of various flow parameters such as: suction/injection ( $\delta$ ), radiation (R), magnetic field (M), heat source (S), chemical reaction (Rc) on the skin friction, rate of heat transfer, velocity, temperature, and concentration profile influencing the physical situation were discussed with the aid of line graphs.

Keywords: Thermal Radiation, Variable pressure, Perturbation, Natural Convection

### INTRODUCTION

Radiation effects on heat and mass transfer are of greater importance in many processes and have therefore, received a considerable attention in recent time. It is applied in engineering fields and physiology such as transpiration, cooling gaseous diffusion and blood flow in arteries. Radiative heat and mass transfer play important roles in the design of spacecraft, filtrations processes, the drying of porous material in textiles industries, solar energy collector and nuclear reactors (Ahmad et al., 2014). Chandra et al. (2014) studied unsteady MHD free convection flow along a vertical plate in the presence of radiation heat flux. Das et al. (2011) reported radiation effect on natural convection near a vertical plate embedded in porous medium with ramped wall temperature. Das et al. (1966) investigated radiation effect on flow past an impulsively started vertical plate. Das and Jana (2010) studied the heat and mass transfer effects on unsteady MHD free convection flow near a moving vertical plate on porous medium. Hossain and Takhar (2010) examined radiation effect on mixed convection along a vertical plate with uniform surface temperature. Hossain et al. (1999) studied the effect of radiation on free convection from a porous vertical plate. Ibrahim

et al. (2008) studied the effect of chemical reaction and radiation absorption on the unsteady MHD free convection flow passes a semi-infinite vertical permeable moving plate with heat source suction. Javaherdeh et al. and (2015) investigated natural convection heat and mass transfer in MHD fluid flow past a moving vertical plate with variable surface temperature and concentration in a porous medium. Jha et al. (2010) reported unsteady natural convection flow between infinite vertical parallel plates with ramped temperature. Jha et al. (2012) studied natural convection flow of heat generating/absorbing fluid near a vertical plate with ramped temperature. Kesavaiah et al. (2011) reported effect 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. Ishore et al. (2012) investigated the effects of thermal radiation and viscous dissipation on MHD heat and mass diffusion flow past an oscillating vertical plate embedded in a porous medium with variable surface conditions. Makinde et al. (2005) studied free convection flow with thermal radiation and mass transfer past a moving vertical porous plate. Djam and Manjak (2013) analyzed the effect of radiation on free convection flow due to heat and mass transfer through a porous medium bounded by two vertical walls. Mohamed (2009) reported the double diffusive conviction-radiation interaction on unsteady MHD flow over a vertical moving porous plate with heat generation and Soret effect. Pal and Talukdar (2010) investigated the perturbation analysis of unsteady magneto hydrodynamic convective heat and mass transfer in a boundary layer slip flow past a vertical permeable plate with thermal radiation and chemical reaction. Ramachandra et al. (2013) reported radiation and mass transfer effect on two-dimensional flow past an impulsively started infinite vertical plate. Rout et al. (2014) revealed effect radiation and chemical reaction on natural convective MHD flow through a porous medium with double diffusion. Singh (1986) studied effects of heat source/sink and irradiative heat transfer on hydromagnetic natural convective flow

through a vertical channel. Sudheer and Satya (2009) analyzed 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.

The aim of this paper is to study thermal radiation effect on natural convective heat and mass transfer fluid flow in porous medium with the presence of variable pressure.

#### MATHEMATICAL ANALYSES

Consider the natural convective heat and mass transfer fluid flow in the presence of variable pressure in a porous medium. The flow is assumed to be in x' direction, which is taken along the vertical plate in upward direction, and y' axis is taken to be normal to the plate.

#### NOMENCLATURE

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$B_{ m _0}$ External magnetic field	$ heta_{_{\!W}}$ Constant temperature at the plate					
C Dimensionless concentration	heta' Dimensional temperature of the fluid					
$C^\prime$ Dimensional concentration of the fluid	$\delta$ Suction					
$C_{\scriptscriptstyle W}^\prime$ Constant concentration at the plate	$C_0^\prime$ Initial concentration of the fluid					
Gr Thermal Grashof number $g$ Acceleration due to gravity	$R_c$ Chemical reaction					
M Magnetic parameter	T' Dimensional fluid Temperature					
N Suspension parameter Pr Prandtl number	$C_p$ Specific heat at constant pressure $T_0^\prime$ Dimensional initial temperature of the fluid					
Q Dimensional heat generation term	h Gap between the plate $\beta$ Volumetric coefficient of thermal expansion $\sigma$ Stefan Boltzmann constant (electrical					
$\tilde{R}$ Chemical reaction parameter						
S Dimensionless heat sink parameter						
Sc Schmidt number t Dimensionless time	Conductivity) $N u_0$ Nusselt number					
$t_0$ Characteristic time	$Sh_0$ Sherwood number <b>Greek symbols</b> $\nu$ Kinematic viscosity $\rho$ Density of the fluid					
$t^{\prime}$ Dimensional time $U$ Dimensionless velocity of the fluid						
U' Dimensional velocity of the fluid y Dimensionless co-ordinate perpendicular to the plate v' Dimensional as ardinate to the plate	heta Fluid Temperature u Kinematic viscosity eta Volumetric coefficient of thermal expansion					
y' Dimensional co-ordinate to the plate	$ au_{_0}$ Skin friction					

Initially, the temperature of the fluid and plate are same at temperature  $T'_w$  in the stationary condition and the concentration of the fluid is  $C'_w$ . Where  $\theta'_\infty$  and  $C'_\infty$  are the temperature and concentration of the fluid far away from the plate. A magnetic field of uniform strength  $B_0$  is applied normal to the plate in presence of radiative heat flux. See Figure 1.

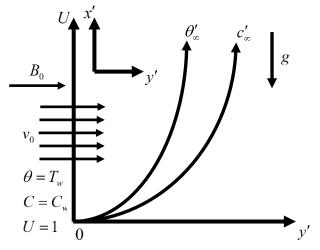


Figure 1: Flow configuration of the problem

Then under the usual Boussinesq's approximation, the flow of a radiating fluid is

shown to be governed by the following system of equations:

$$\frac{\partial U'}{\partial t'} + V' \frac{\partial U'}{\partial y'} = v \frac{\partial^2 U'}{\partial y'^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - \frac{\sigma B_0^2 U'}{\rho} - \frac{v}{K^*} U' + g \beta (T' - T'_{\infty}) + g \beta^* (C' - C'_{\infty})$$
(1)

$$\frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial t'} + \nu' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial y'} = \frac{K}{\rho C p} \frac{\partial^2 \theta'}{\partial {y'}^2} + \frac{Q_1}{\rho C p} \left(T' - T'_{\infty}\right) - \frac{1}{\rho C p} \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y'}$$
(2)

$$\frac{\partial C'}{\partial t'} + V' \frac{\partial C}{\partial y'} = D \frac{\partial^2 C'}{\partial {y'}^2}$$
(3)

The relevant initial and boundary condition for the present physical situation are:

$$t \le 0, U' = 0, T' \to T'_{\omega}, C' \to C'_{\omega} \text{ for all } y'$$
  

$$t > 0, U' = 0, T' = T'_{w}, C' = C'_{w} \text{ at } y' = 0$$
  

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

The dimensionless quantities introduced in the above equations are defined as:

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$$U = \frac{U'}{U_0}, y = \frac{y'U_0}{v}, t = \frac{t'}{t_0}, \theta = \frac{T' - T'_{\infty}}{T'_w - T'_{\infty}}, C = \frac{C' - C'_{\infty}}{C'_w - C'_{\infty}},$$

$$P_r = \frac{K}{\mu C p}, M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2 v}{\rho U_0^2}, Gr = \frac{g \beta v (T'_w - T'_{\infty})}{U_0^2}, Sc = \frac{v}{D},$$

$$N = \frac{g \beta_1 v (C'_w - C'_{\infty})}{U_0^2}, S = \frac{Q_1 v}{\rho C p U_0^2}, \delta = \frac{V_0}{U_0}, R = \frac{16a R^* \sigma T'^3}{\alpha V_0^2},$$
(5)

Substituting equation (5) into equation (1) - (4), the dimensionless boundary layer equations are:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \delta \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} - \lambda \varepsilon e^{i\omega t} - M^2 U - KU + Gr\theta + NC$$
(6)

$$\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial t} + \delta \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\Pr} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} - \frac{R\theta}{\Pr} + S\theta$$
(7)

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \delta \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{Sc} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2}$$
(8)

with the initial and boundary conditions

$$t \le 0, U = \theta = C = 0 \quad \text{for all } y$$
  
$$t > 0, U = 1, \theta = 1 + \varepsilon e^{iwt} + \varepsilon^2 e^{2iwt}, C = 1 + \varepsilon e^{iwt} + \varepsilon^2 e^{2iwt} \text{ at } y = 0 \tag{9}$$
  
$$U = 0, \theta = 0, C = 0 \text{ as } y \to \infty$$

The solution to the dimensionless partial differential equations set in equations (6) to (9)

can be obtained by representing velocity; temperature and mass transfer as follows:

$$U = U_0 + U_1 \varepsilon e^{iwt} + U_2 \varepsilon^2 e^{2iwt} + 0(\varepsilon^3) + \dots = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j U_j e^{j(iwt)}$$
  

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \varepsilon e^{iwt} + \theta_2 \varepsilon^2 e^{2iwt} + 0(\varepsilon^3) + \dots = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j \theta_j e^{j(iwt)}$$
  

$$C = C_0 + C_1 \varepsilon e^{iwt} + C_2 \varepsilon^2 e^{2iwt} + 0(\varepsilon^3) + \dots = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j C_j e^{j(iwt)}$$
  
(10)

The solutions of equations (6) - (8) under the initial and boundary conditions (9) by perturbation technique, and equating like powers of  $\varepsilon$ , the

harmonic and non-harmonic boundary value problem for velocity, temperature and concentration equations are obtained as:

$$U(y) = B_{14} e^{-m_{14}y} + B_{15} e^{-m_{8}y} + B_{16} e^{-m_{2}y} + \varepsilon \left(B_{17} e^{m_{15}y} + B_{18} e^{-m_{116}y} + B_{19} + B_{20} e^{-m_{10}y} + B_{21} e^{-m_{4}y}\right) e^{iwt} + \varepsilon^2 \left(B_{23} e^{-m_{18}y} + B_{24} e^{-m_{12}y} + B_{25} e^{-m_{6}y}\right) e^{2iwt}$$

$$(11)$$

$$\theta(y) = e^{-m_{8}y} + \varepsilon e^{iwt} e^{-m_{10}y} + \varepsilon^{2} e^{2iwt} e^{-m_{12}y}$$
(12)

$$C(y) = e^{-m_2 y} + \varepsilon e^{iwt} e^{-m_4 y} + \varepsilon^2 e^{2iwt} e^{-m_6 y}$$
(13)

Using equation (11) the skin friction on the plate at y=0 is:

$$\tau_{0} = \frac{dU}{dy}\Big|_{y=0} = -m_{14}B_{14} - m_{8}B_{15} - m_{2}B_{16} + \varepsilon \left(m_{15}B_{17} - m_{16}B_{18} - m_{10}B_{20} - m_{4}B_{21}\right)e^{iwt}$$

$$+\varepsilon^{2} \left(-m_{18}B_{23} - m_{12}B_{24} - m_{6}B_{25}\right) e^{2iwt}$$
(14)

Using equation (12) the rate of heat transfer on the plate at y=0 is:

$$Nu_{0} = \frac{d\theta}{dy}_{y=0} = -m_{8} - \varepsilon e^{i\omega t} m_{10} - \varepsilon^{2} e^{2i\omega t} m_{12}$$
(15)

Using equation (13) the Sherwood number on the plate at y=0 is obtained as:

$$Sh_0 = \frac{dC}{dy}\Big|_{y=0} = -m_2 - \varepsilon e^{i\nu t}m_4 - \varepsilon^2 e^{2i\nu t}m_6$$

(16)

It is important to note that the constants,  $B_{i's}$  and  $m_{i's}$  were not presented here.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The numerical values of the velocity (U), temperature  $(\theta)$  concentration (C), skin-friction  $(\tau)$  Nusselt number (Nu) and Sherwood number (Sh) are computed for different parameters such as: Prandtl number (Pr), Schmidt number (Sc), magnetic parameter (M), thermal Grashof number (Gr), sustention parameter (N), permeability parameter (K), suction/injection parameter  $(\delta)$  and chemical reaction parameter (Rc). The values are chosen for: Pr = 0.71 (for air) and Pr = 7.0 (for water) while Sc = 0.60 (for Oxygen), 0.78 (for Ammonia) and 2.01 (for Ethyl Benzene). Gr > 0 (for cooling of the plate) and Gr < 0 (for heating of the plate). The velocity, temperature and concentration profiles for different parameters  $Pr, Rc, M, R, S, Sc, K, \delta, Gr$  and *N* are presented in Figures 2 to 8. The numerical values for skin-friction, Nusselt number and Sherwood number are shown in table 1.

Figures 2a and b reflect the effect of thermal radiation parameter on velocity, as R increases the velocity of the fluid decreases; this is due to the fact that increases in thermal radiation parameter lead to higher convectional current. It is noticed from Figure 2b that thermal radiation

parameter is higher in case of injection than suction and injection suction. increases resistance to the flow resulting in decrease in the flow velocity. As shown in Figure 2b. However the velocity decreases for Gr > 0 but reverse effect is observed for Gr < 0. Figure 3 depict that the velocity profile decreases with increase in Schmidt number (Sc). From Figure 4, it can be observed that the velocity increases with increasing values of thermal Grashof number(Gr). This is possible because Grenhances buoyancy force, the positive values of Gr indicate the cooling plate and it is observed that velocity increases rapidly near the wall of the plate and then decays to the free stream velocity. In Figure 5, it can be seen that magnetic field parameter retards the fluid flow because the presence of transverse magnetic fluid produces a resistive force or a drag force called a Lorentz force, which slows down the motion of electronically conducting fluid. It is seen from Figure 5a and b that the velocity is higher in

injection ( $\delta > 0$ ) than suction ( $\delta < 0$ ). From Figure 6 it is observed that the temperature decreases with increase in radiation parameter, the temperature is higher incase of injection than suction. It can noticed from Figure 7 that the temperature increases with increase in heat source parameter by fixing other physical parameters and the temperature is higher incase of injection than suction. Figure 8 shows that when thermal radiation parameter increases, the fluid temperature decreases, the effect of thermal radiation parameter is more significant in case of air (Pr = 0.71) than water (Pr = 7.0) as shown in Figure 8a and b. This is due to the physical fact that as the Prandtl number increases the thermal diffusivity of the fluid decreases. In Figure 9a and b, it is observed that increasing Rc and Sc decreases the concentration. However values of concentration are high with Sc in comparison with Rc. In addition concentration increases with  $\delta > 0$  and decreases with  $\delta < 0$ .

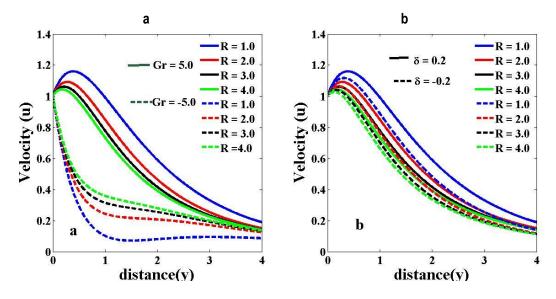
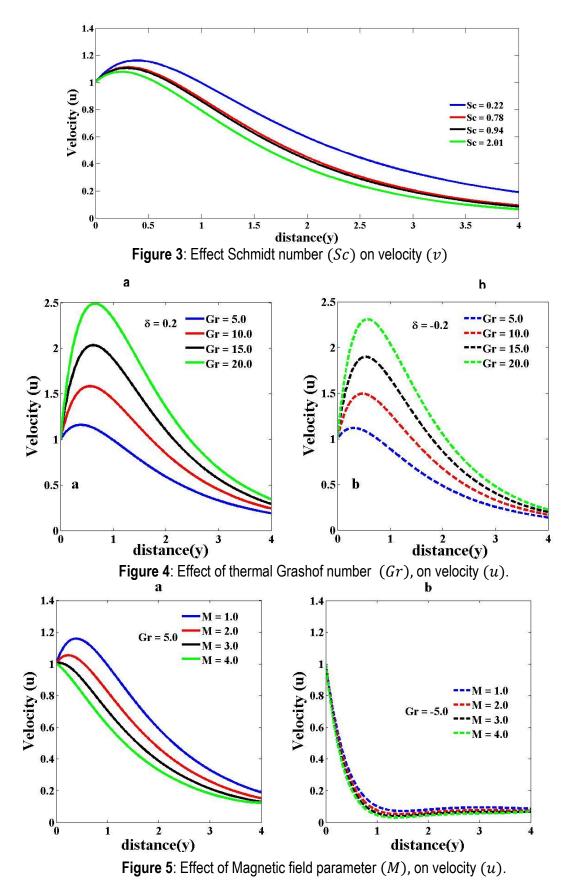
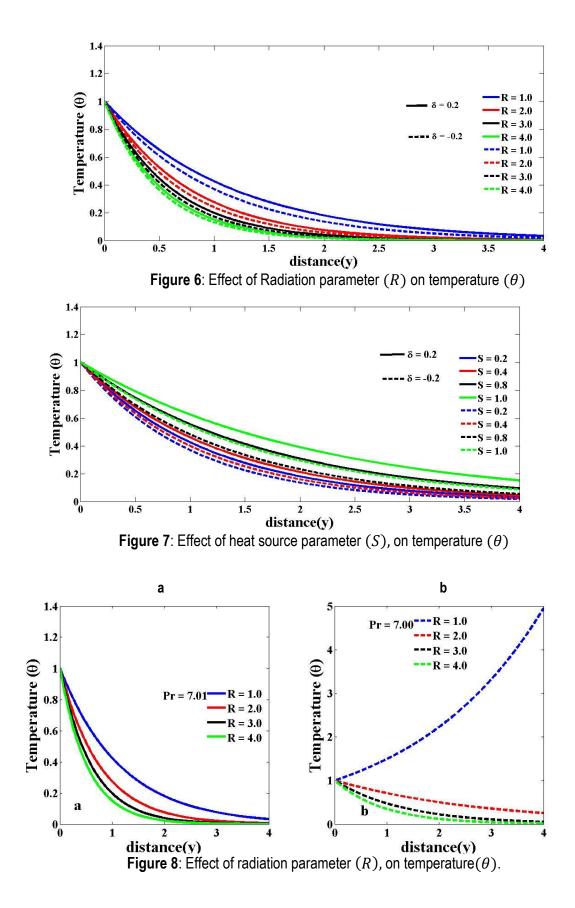


Figure 2: Effect of radiation parameter (*R*), on velocity (*u*).

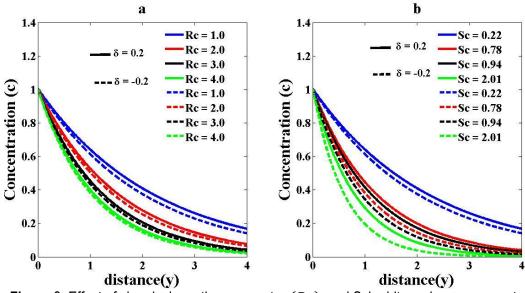






The comparison of variation of Skin friction  $\tau_{0}$ , Nusselt number Nu<sub>0</sub> and Sherwood number  $Sh_0$  at y = 0 is shown in Table 1. It is seen that increase Prandtl number (Pr), heat source parameter (S), injection ( $\delta > 0$ ), thermal Grashof number (Gr), and sustention parameter (N), enhances skin friction  $(\tau_0)$ , while increase in chemical reaction parameter (Rc), magnetic field parameter (M), thermal radiation parameter

(R), Schmidt number (Sc), and permeability parameter (K), retard skin friction. It is noticed from the table that an increase in Pr, Sand  $\delta$ decreases the rate of heat transfer and increase in radiation parameter (R), increases the rate of heat transfer. Similarly, an increase in Rc and Sc enhances Sherwood number and reverse effect is observed when injection parameter is increase. Consequently increasing the variable pressure parameter shows no effect on rate of skin friction.



**Figure** 9: Effect of chemical reaction parameter (Rc), and Schmidt number on concentration (c)

Pr	Rc	М	R	S	Sc	K	δ	Gr	N	$ au_{0}$	
0.71	1	1	1	0.2	0.22	3	0.2	5	3	0.9638	
7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2113	
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Table 1: For Skin friction, Nusselt number and Sherwood number

Pr	Rc	М	R	S	Sc	K	δ	Gr	N	${ au}_0$	$Nu_0$	$Sh_0$
0.71	1	1	1	0.2	0.22	3	0.2	5	3	0.9638	0.8588	0.4480
7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2113	-0.3992	-
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8805	-	0.6423
-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1154	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9638	-	-
-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5254	1.8963	-
-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	1.0106	0.7789	-
-	-	-	-	-	2.01	-	-	-	-	0.6870	-	1.2321
-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	0.5034	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	1.0031	0.7664	0.4177
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	2.6543	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	5	1.7488	-	-

### CONCLUSION

The solution of thermal radiation and variable pressure effects of a viscous, incompressible and electrically conducting fluid between vertical porous medium is gained. In the absence of mass transfer equation [3] and Gr = N = M = K = Sc = d = 0 our present result agrees with Jha et al. (2012). The

dimensionless governing equations are solved analytically by perturbation method. The effects of various parameters were discussed. From the study it's concludes that:

- i. Increase in thermal radiation parameter, Schmidt number, magnetic field parameter chemical reaction, decreases velocity, temperature and concentration.
- ii. Thermal Grashof number increases the velocity.
- iii. Thermal Grashof number (Gr), and sustention parameter (N), enhances

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