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Three-Dimensional Fluctuating Flow of a Second-Grade Fluid along an Infinite Horizontal Plate with Periodic Suction

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Laminar flow control plays a vital role in reducing drag resulting enhancement in the vehicle power by a significant amount. Theoretical and experimental studies have proven that the transition from laminar to turbulent flow (causing the drag coefficient to enhance) may be delayed/prevented by the suction of the fluid from the boundary layer to the wall. The purpose of this work is to study the effects of periodic suction on the unsteady 3-dimensional fluctuating flow of a second grade incompressible fluid flowing laminarily over a horizontal porous infinite plate. The plate is subjected to a sinusoidal transverse suction velocity while the free stream velocity oscillates in time about a constant mean. The flow turns out to be 3-dimensional because of transverse direction of the periodic suction velocity. By the series expansion method, analytic expressions for transient velocity, skin friction components, and pressure are attained. Impact of nondimensional parameters evolving in the mathematical model of the problem on these physical quantities are visualized graphically and discussed analytically. The velocity component \( u \) is found to be rising with a growth in suction parameter \( \alpha \). The pressure is noted to be growing with a growth in Reynolds number \( Re \). Further, due to suction at the plate and transient free stream velocity, the pressure increases near the plate and then reaches to a steady value far-off the plate. The skin friction along the main flow is noticed to be decreasing with the rise in \( Re \) for \( 0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.4 \), however, an exponential rise is observed for \( Re > 1.4 \). The skin friction along the cross flow is noted to be enhancing for the rising values of suction parameter and elastic parameter. The present results have excellent agreement with previous published results in the limiting sense. This study is beneficial in designing and manufacturing laminar flow control system to enhance the vehicle power requirement.

1. Introduction

Studies are in progress to develop a laminar control system for the purpose of tumbling vehicle power requirements [1]. It has been proved experimentally and theoretically that the laminarization of the boundary layer over a profile lessens the drag resulting enhancement in the vehicle power requirement by a very substantial amount. For the sake of artificially controlling the boundary layer, many methods have been developed since World War II [1]. Theoretical and experimental studies have proven that the transition from laminar to turbulent flow (causing the drag coefficient to enhance) may be delayed/prevented by the suction of the fluid from the boundary layer to the wall. Geometry and configuration of the slits through which the suction takes place is very important and has been deliberated broadly by various scholars. Holes of numerous sizes and slots have received extensive consideration. There is an impervious segment between the suction openings for all configurations, and it is hypothetically apposite to imagine such an area with openings as a region of changing continuous suction. The transverse sinusoidal suction velocity approach is one of the possible suction distributions. This work is oriented with the behavior of such a sinusoidally changing suction distribution over a surface and its impact on the flow.

The oscillatory flows are ever momentous from the technological point of view and hence possess various real-world applications. Oscillatory unsteady flows, therefore,
play a vital role in aerospace technology, chemical engineering, and turbo machinery. Lighthill [2] initiated the study of such flows in 1954 and presented the free stream oscillations effects on an incompressible viscous fluid flow over an infinite plane. In 1955, Stuart [3] extended further this work for an oscillatory 2-dimensional laminar flow over an infinite porous plane with constant suction. It was observed that the flow in the neighbor of the plate is reversed constructing the boundary layer to detach from it. Further, in 1966, Messina [4] analyzed oscillatory two-dimensional flow when suction depending on time is subjected to the plane. Soundalgekar [5] investigated the effects of free convection on the flow past an infinite vertical oscillatory plate with the wall temperature in 1979. Raptis [6], in 1985, explored the unsteady flow problem through a porous medium circumscribed by a porous infinite plane subjected to a temperature (variable) but on a constant suction. Singh and Rana [7] performed study of the heat transfer and a viscous fluid flow through a porous medium circumscribed by a plane at constant temperature and presented effects of periodic suction velocity on the heat transfer in 1992. Singh [8] analyzed an incompressible viscous fluid flow through a porous medium circumscribed by a porous infinite plane in the presence of periodic suction with free stream velocity oscillating with respect to time about a nonzero constant mean in 1992. Considerable prevention of separation in the porous medium was noted. Later on, in 1993, Helmy [9] explored the electrically conducting fluid flow across an infinite plate wall with variable suction. In 2006, Guria and Jana [10] analyzed Couette unsteady flow of an incompressible viscous fluid when the upper plate (moving uniformly) is subjected to injection (uniform) while the lower plate (stationary) is subjected to a periodic suction. Decrease in flow velocity (main) with an increase in frequency parameter was noted. However, a rise in cross flow velocity magnitude with a grow in frequency parameter was presented. In 2010, Ahmed [11] studied unsteady three-dimensional flow of an incompressible viscous fluid past a porous vertical infinite plate with heat transfer and viscous dissipation. Workers [12–14] scrutinized transient 3-dimensional flow of viscous fluid under different physical conditions. Gersten and Gross [15] examined heat flow along a plane wall with periodic suction under the asymptotic flow conditions for downstream and determined the wall shear stress components. The researchers [16–18] analyzed technically the fluctuating flow of some Newtonian fluids through porous mediums with different rotating geometries, and they established adequate results. Mabood et al. [19] examined the effects of thermal radiation and melting heat transfer in a stagnation point flow towards a shrinking/stretching surface. Numerical solutions based on the Runge–Kutta fourth-fifth order method for the resulting nonlinear problems were obtained.

All above mentioned studies have been performed for Newtonian fluids. However, majority of fluids used in industries are non-Newtonian ones. Therefore, without the study of non-Newtonian fluids, the problems associated with industries issues remain unaddressed. Shoaiib et al. [20] dissected steady 3-D flow of a second grade fluid over an infinite horizontal plane subjected to a sinusoidal transverse suction velocity. They found the existence of backflow. Rana and Latif [21] presented 3-dimensional free convective second-grade fluid flow with periodic permeability and heat transfer through a porous medium. They noted a rise in pressure because of fluid thickening. Bhatti et al. [22] analyzed electro-osmotic flow of Jeffery fluid in the presence of small particles moving in the sinusoidal form in a Darcy–Brinkman–Forchheimer medium and transversely applied magnetic field. Riaz et al. [23] presented the exact solutions of non-Newtonian multiphase fluid flow through peristaltic pumping characteristics in an annulus having complaint walls and applied magnetic field. It was concluded that applied magnetic field decreases the velocity of both the fluid and the particles flow. Gireesha et al. [24] analyzed the effect of nanoparticles on a steady MHD flow and heat and mass transfer of Eyring–Powell fluid in two lateral directions over a convectively heated stretching sheet. Similarity transformations were employed to reduce the governing partial differential equations into a set of nonlinear ordinary differential equations which were solved numerically using the fourth-fifth order Runge–Kutta–Fehlberg method with the shooting technique. Mahanthesh et al. [25] scrutinized numerically the combined effects of nonlinear thermal convection and radiation in 3D boundary layer flow of Maxwell nanofluid over a stretching sheet. The solutions were computed via the homotopy procedure. It was noted that the nanoparticle volume fraction and temperature profiles are stronger for the case of solar radiation in comparison with the problem without radiation. Shafiq et al. [26] examined the second grade bioconvective nanofluid flow with the buoyancy effect and chemical reaction. The Brownian motion and thermophoretic mechanisms along with Newtonian heating were also considered. Mass flux was found to be enhancing function of both Brownian diffusion parameter and Lewis number. Mabood et al. [27] studied rheological aspects on the micropolar fluid model by simulating the reactive flow from a continuously moving flat plate. The model was developed employing Brownian motion, thermophoretic diffusion, and chemically reactive species. It was found that the presence of thermophoresis and Brownian motion is more effective to improve the heat transportation phenomenon. Shamshuddin et al. [28] scrutinized the magnetized flow of Casson nanofluid past a Riga surface with nonlinear radiative, uneven heat sink/source, thermophoretic movement, and chemical reaction. The analysis revealed that an increment in the Casson term causes a rise in the temperature profile for CuO and MgO nanofluid and dominant behavior is noted in case of CuO nanofluid on comparing with MgO nanofluid.

Above mentioned studies were carried out for steady flows of non-Newtonian fluids; however, oscillatory unsteady flows play a vital role in aerospace technology, turbo machinery, and chemical engineering. The objective of this study is to analyze periodic suction velocity effect on the 3-D flow of a second-grade incompressible fluid flowing laminarly over a horizontal infinite plane with a free stream oscillatory velocity. To the best of authors’ information, no such investigation has been carried out. Basically, laminar
flow control performs a vital role in reducing drag resulting
enhancement in the vehicle power by a significant amount;
therefore, the present study is relevant to various engi-
neering sciences applications, particularly, relevant to
aeronautical engineering.

2. Mathematical Formulation

Consider an unsteady flow of a second grade incompressible
fluid along an infinite porous plate lying horizontally on the
\(x^*z^*\)–plane with \(x^*\)–axis along the plate, being the di-
rection of the flow. The \(y^*\)–axis which is directed into the
fluid is along normal to the plate. All fluid physical quantities
are not dependent of \(x^*\) due to the plate infinite length in
\(x^*\)–direction \[11, 15\]. The flow, however, ruins 3-D because
of the transverse sinusoidal suction velocity \[11, 15\]:

\[
v^* (z^*) = V_0 \left( 1 + \epsilon \cos \pi \frac{z^*}{l} \right),
\]

where \((V_0 < 0)\) is suction velocity, \(l\) is the wave length of
the suction distribution, and \(\epsilon (\ll 1)\) is the amplitude of the
suction variation.

The continuity equation and momentum equation re-
spectively governing the fluid flow are

\[
\nabla \vec{V} = 0,
\]

\[
\rho \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \nabla \vec{\tau},
\]

where

\[
\vec{V} = [u^* (y^*, z^*, t^*), v^* (y^*, z^*, t^*), w^* (y^*, z^*, t^*)],
\]

is velocity field, and the Cauchy stress tensor \(\vec{\tau}\) for the second
grade fluid model \[29–31\] is

\[
\vec{\tau} = -p\vec{I} + \mu \vec{A}_1 + \alpha_1 \vec{A}_2 + \alpha_2 \vec{A}_1^2,
\]

while Rivlin–Ericksen tensors, \(\vec{A}_1\) and \(\vec{A}_2\), are

\[
\vec{A}_1 = (\text{grad} \vec{V})^T + \text{grad} \vec{V},
\]

\[
\vec{A}_2 = (\text{grad} \vec{V})^T \vec{A}_1 + \vec{A}_1 (\text{grad} \vec{V}) + \frac{d \vec{A}_1}{dt}
\]

For the model \(5\) to meet the assumption that the specific
Helmholtz free energy is a minimum in equilibrium
and to be well-matched with the thermodynamics in the
sense that all motions meet the Clausius–Duhem inequality
\[31\], then

\[
\alpha_1 \geq 0, \mu \geq 0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0.
\]

The equations (2) and (3) in view of Equations (4)–(7)
yield

\[
\frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} + \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial z^*} = 0,
\]

\[
\rho \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial t^*} + \rho \left( v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} + w^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial z^*} \right) = \rho \frac{\partial U^*}{\partial t^*} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^*^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial z^*^2} \right)
\]

\[
+ \alpha_1 \left( v^* \frac{\partial^3 u^*}{\partial y^*^3} + w^* \frac{\partial^3 u^*}{\partial z^*^3} + v^* \frac{\partial^3 u^*}{\partial y^*^2 \partial z^*} + w^* \frac{\partial^3 u^*}{\partial y^* \partial z^*^2} \right),
\]

\[
\rho \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial t^*} + \rho \left( v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} + w^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial z^*} \right) = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^*^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial z^*^2} \right)
\]

\[
+ \alpha_1 \left[ 5 \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*^2 \partial y^*} + \frac{2}{\partial y^*^2} \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*^2} + \frac{2}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*^2} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*^2} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial z^*^2} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*^3} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial z^*^2} \right.
\]

\[
\left. + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial z^*} \right] + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial z^*}
\]
Introducing the nondimensional variables,

\begin{align*}
\alpha_1 &= \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*} + \rho \left( v^* \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*} + w^* \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial z^*} \right) = \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z^*} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial y^*^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial z^*^2} \right) \\
&+ \alpha_1 \left\{ 
\begin{array}{c}
\nu \frac{\partial^3 w^*}{\partial y^*^3} + w^* \frac{\partial^3 w^*}{\partial z^*^2 \partial y^*} + \nu \frac{\partial^3 w^*}{\partial z^*^3} + w^* \frac{\partial^3 w^*}{\partial z^*^2 \partial y^*} + w^* \frac{\partial^3 w^*}{\partial z^*^2 \partial y^*} \\
+ 2 \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial y^* \partial z^*} + 2 \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial y^* \partial z^*} + 2 \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial y^* \partial z^*} + 2 \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial y^* \partial z^*} + 2 \frac{\partial w^*}{\partial y^*} \frac{\partial^2 w^*}{\partial y^* \partial z^*}
\end{array}
\right\} \\
&\left(1 + \cos \pi \frac{z^*}{l}ight),
\end{align*}

(11)

The appropriate boundary conditions \([11]\) are

\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
\alpha_1 &= \cos \pi \frac{z^*}{l}, \quad w^* = 0 \text{ at } y^* = 0, \\
\alpha_1 &= \cos \pi \frac{z^*}{l}, \quad w^* = 0, \quad p^* = p^*_{\infty} \text{ at } y^* \to \infty,
\end{cases}
\end{align*}

(12)

where \(n^*\) is frequency of free stream oscillation and \(t^*\) denotes time.

### 3. Dimensionless Equations

Introducing the nondimensional variables,

\begin{align*}
&y = \frac{y^*}{l}, \quad z = \frac{z^*}{l}, \quad u = \frac{u^*}{U_0}, \quad v = \frac{v^*}{U_0}, \quad w = \frac{w^*}{U_0}, \quad U = \frac{U^*}{U_0} \\
&t = n^* t^* = \frac{n^* l^2}{\rho U_0^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{p^* \rho_{\infty}}{p U_0^2},
\end{align*}

(13)

\begin{align*}
&\alpha = \frac{V_0}{U_0} \text{ (Suction parameter)}, \\
&\Re = \frac{U_0 l}{\rho}, \quad \Re = \frac{U_0 l}{\rho} \text{ (Reynolds number)}, \\
&K = \frac{\alpha_1}{\rho l^2} \text{ (Elastic parameter)},
\end{align*}

(14)

\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} &= 0, \\
\frac{n}{\Re \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}} + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) &= \frac{\partial U}{\Re \frac{\partial t}{\partial t}} + \frac{1}{\Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) + K \left\{ \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y^2 \partial z} + \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial z^2 \partial y} \right\},
\end{align*}

(15)

(16)
The corresponding boundary conditions (12) reduce to
\[ u = 0, v = \alpha (1 + \epsilon \cos \pi z), w = 0 \text{ at } y = 0, \]
\[ u = (1 + \epsilon e^{i\pi t}), v = \alpha, w = 0, p = f_{\text{cos}} \text{ as } y \to \infty. \]  
(19)

It is wealth mentioning that the set of nonlinear partial differential equations (16)–(18) reduce to momentum equations of [11] for non-Newtonian parameter \( K \to 0 \) and momentum equations of [21] under identical physical conditions.

4. Solution

As the amplitude \( \epsilon \ll 1 \), we take up solutions for the equations (15)–(18) in the vicinity of the plate in the form:
\[ F(y, z, t) = F_0(y) + \epsilon F_1(y, z, t) + \epsilon^2 F_2(y, z, t) + \cdots, \]  
(20)
where \( F \) stands for any \( u, v, w, \) and \( p \).

For \( \epsilon = 0 \), the problem becomes the 2-dimensional steady flow having constant suction at the plate. Plugging in the series (20) into equations (15)–(19), the zeroth order equations in \( \epsilon \) are as follows and equation (15) yields
\[ \frac{d^2 v_0}{dy^2} = 0 \Rightarrow v_0 = \text{constant.} \]  
(21)

The boundary condition \( v_0(0) = \alpha \Rightarrow v_0 = \alpha. \)

From equation (16), the zeroth order equation is
\[ \frac{d^2 u_0}{dy^2} = \frac{1}{Re} \frac{d^3 u_0}{dy^3} + K\nu_0 \frac{d^3 u_0}{dy^3}. \]  
(22)

In view of \( \nu_0 = \alpha \) and the boundary conditions (19), the zeroth order boundary value problem becomes
\[ K\nu \frac{d^3 u_0}{dy^3} + \frac{1}{Re} \frac{d^3 u_0}{dy^3} + \alpha \frac{d u_0}{dy} = 0, \quad u_0 = 0 \text{ at } y = 0, \]
\[ u_0(0) = 0, \quad u_0(\infty) = 1 \]  
(23)

The differential (23) has order higher than the available boundary conditions as a result of elastic parameter \( K \). For unique solution of the differential equation, three boundary conditions are required. To resolve this issue, we expand solution \( u_0 \) in the power series of \( K (\ll 1) \) such that
\[ u_0 = u_{00} + Ku_{01} + O(K^2). \]  
(24)

Employing equation (24) in equation (23) and comparing like terms in \( O(K^0) \) and \( O(K) \) on both sides to get the zeroth order and first order boundary value problems is given by
\[ \frac{d^3 u_{00}}{dy^3} - \alpha Re \frac{du_{00}}{dy} = 0, \]
\[ u_{00}(0) = 0, \quad u_{00}(\infty) = 1 \]  
(25)

and
\[ \alpha Re \frac{d^3 u_{01}}{dy^3} + \frac{d^2 u_{01}}{dy^2} - \alpha Re \frac{du_{01}}{dy} = 0, \]
\[ u_{01}(0) = 0, \quad u_{01}(\infty) = 0 \]  
(26)

Now, solving the boundary value problem (25), we get
\[ u_{00}(y) = 1 - e^{aRe^y}. \quad (27) \]

In view of solution (27), the boundary value problem (26) yields

\[ \frac{d^2 u_{01}}{dy^2} - aRe \frac{du_{01}}{dy} = (aRe)^4 e^{aRe^y}, \]

\[ u_{01}(0) = 0, \quad u_{01}(\infty) = 0 \]. \quad (28)

Its solution is

\[ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial z} = 0, \]

\[ \frac{n}{Re} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} + v_1 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial y \partial z^2} + \frac{\alpha}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial y \partial z^2} + \frac{\alpha v_1}{\partial y} \right). \]

\[ \frac{n}{Re} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p_1}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} \right) + Ka \left( \frac{\partial^3 v_1}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\partial^3 v_1}{\partial y \partial z^2} \right), \]

\[ \frac{n}{Re} \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p_1}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial^2 w_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w_1}{\partial z^2} \right) + Ka \left( \frac{\partial^3 w_1}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\partial^3 w_1}{\partial y \partial z^2} \right). \]

Likewise, boundary conditions are

\[ u_1 = 0, v_1 = \alpha \cos \pi z, w_1 = 0 \text{ at } y = 0, \]

\[ u_1 = e^{\text{int}}, v_1 = 0, w_1 = 0, p_1 = 0 \text{ as } y \longrightarrow \infty. \]

\[ \{ \text{ (35) } \}

The set of differential equations (31)–(34) describe the unsteady three-dimensional flow. The equation (32) governs the main flow while equations (31), (33), and (34) govern the cross flow.

5. Cross Flow, Main Flow Solutions, and Pressure

In order to solve the boundary value problems (32)–(35), we consider the solutions for \( u_1, v_1, w_1, p_1 \) in the form of following complex notations whose real parts have physical consequence:

\[ u_1(y, z, t) = (1 - e^{-\beta y})e^{\text{int}} + \frac{e^{\text{int}}}{\pi - \lambda} \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\pi a e^{\text{rat}} - \frac{\pi}{2 a e^{\text{rat}}} e^{-\lambda y}} + \frac{\pi}{2 a e^{\text{rat}}} e^{-(\lambda - a Re)y} - \frac{\lambda}{\pi a e^{\text{rat}}} e^{-(\pi a Re)y} \right] \]

\[ + K \left[ \frac{Fe^{-\lambda y} + (A - C)e^{-(\lambda - a Re)y}}{(D - B + Ey)e^{-(\pi a Re)y} - 2Ey e^{-(\lambda - a Re)y}} \right] \cos \pi z, \]

\[ \{ \text{ (40) } \}

\[ v_1(y, z, t) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi - \lambda} \left( \pi e^{-\lambda y} - \lambda e^{-\pi y} \right) \cos \pi z, \]

\[ \{ \text{ (41) } \}

\[ w_1(y, z, t) = \left( \frac{\alpha \lambda}{\pi - \lambda} \left( e^{-\lambda y} - e^{-\pi y} \right) \right) \sin \pi z, \]

\[ \{ \text{ (42) } \}

Hence, we get

\[ u_0(y) = 1 - e^{aRe^y} + K (aRe)^3 ey^{aRe^y}. \quad (30) \]

When \( \epsilon \neq 0 \), the substitution of equation (20) for \( u, v, w \) into the equations (15)–(19) and comparison of the coefficients of \( \epsilon \) yields partial differential equations that is given by
\[ p_1(y, z, t) = \frac{a\lambda}{\text{Re}\pi(y - \lambda)} \left( \text{Re}\lambda(\lambda^2 - \pi^2) e^{-\lambda y} + \frac{\alpha^2\lambda^2}{\pi - \lambda} e^{-\pi y} \right) \cos \pi z, \] (43)

where

\[ \lambda = \frac{a\text{Re}}{2} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{a\text{Re}}{2} \right)^2 + \pi^2}, \]

\[ \beta = \frac{a\text{Re}}{2} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{a\text{Re}}{2} \right)^2 + \pi^2}, \]

\[ A = \frac{(a\text{Re})^4(\pi - \lambda) + (a\text{Re})^2\pi(a\text{Re} - \lambda)(\pi^2 - (a\text{Re} - \lambda)^2)/((\pi - \lambda)\alpha\text{Re})}{(\lambda - a\text{Re})^2 - a\text{Re}(a\text{Re} - \lambda) - \pi^2}, \]

\[ B = \frac{(a\text{Re})^4(\pi - \lambda) + (a\text{Re})^2\lambda(a\text{Re} - \pi)((a\text{Re} - \pi)^2 - \pi^2)/((\pi - a\text{Re})^2 - a\text{Re}(a\text{Re} - \pi) - \pi^2), \] (44)

\[ C = \frac{\pi(a\text{Re})^5(a\text{Re} - 2\lambda)}{\pi - \lambda}, \]

\[ D = \frac{\lambda(a\text{Re})^5(a\text{Re} - 2\pi)}{\pi - \lambda}, \]

\[ E = \frac{\pi\lambda(a\text{Re})^6}{\pi - \lambda}, \]

\[ F = -A + B + C - D. \]

In view of equations (30) and (40), we get

\[ u(y, z, t) = 1 - e^{a\text{Re}y} + K y (a\text{Re})^3 e^{a\text{Re}y} + \epsilon \left[ (1 - e^{-\beta y}) e^{\text{int}} + \left( \begin{array}{c} a^2\text{Re}^2 \frac{\pi}{\pi - \lambda} e^{-\lambda y} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2\text{Re}} e^{-a\text{Re}y} + \left( \frac{\pi(a\text{Re} - \lambda)}{\pi - \lambda} \right) e^{-\pi(a\text{Re} - \lambda)y} \right) \right) \right] \cos \pi z, \] (45)

\[ C_{f_s} = \frac{(\partial u/\partial y)_{y=0}}{a\text{Re}}, \] (46)

### 6. Shear Stress Components

Shear stress components in x- and z- directions, respectively, are

\[ C_{f_s} = -1 + K (a\text{Re})^2 + \epsilon \frac{\beta e^{\text{int}}}{a\text{Re}} + \epsilon \left[ -\left( \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \right) + \left( \frac{\pi(a\text{Re} - \lambda)}{2\lambda} \right) \left( \frac{\pi(a\text{Re} - \pi)}{\pi - \lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{\pi - \lambda} \right) \right] \frac{\lambda}{\pi - \lambda} \]

\[ + \frac{eK}{a\text{Re}} \left[ -\lambda(-A + B + C - D) + (A - C)(a\text{Re} - \lambda) \right] + (D - B)(a\text{Re} - \pi) - E \] (47)
and

\[ C_{f_z} = \frac{\mu (\partial w/\partial y)_{y=0}}{\alpha} \quad (48) \]

or

\[ C_{f_z} = \mu \lambda \sin \pi \alpha. \quad (49) \]

7. Results and Discussions

In the present study, a 3-dimensional transient flow of a second grade fluid over a porous plane having periodic suction and time dependent free stream velocity is modeled and analyzed theoretically. Analytic expressions for the velocity field, pressure, and skin friction are computed by the perturbation technique. On these physical quantities, the effects of Re (Reynolds number), K (elastic parameter), \( a \) (suction parameter), \( t \) (time parameter), and \( n \) (frequency parameter) are visualized graphically. For the sake of the physical inside into the problem, the velocity field, skin friction components, and pressure are conferred by passing on numerical values to numerous nondimensional parameters arising in the mathematical model of the problem.

Figure 1 displays the effect of Re, \( n \), \( t \), suction parameter \( a \), and elastic parameter \( K \) on the transient velocity \( u \). In Figures 1(a)–1(e), one of the parameters varies while all other nondimensional parameters are fixed. In Figure 1(a), Re = 8, 10, 15, whereas other parameters are fixed i.e., \( t = 0.5 \), \( a = -0.1 \), \( n = 5 \), \( z = 0 \), \( K = 0.05 \), and \( \varepsilon = 0.05 \). It is detected that with the upsurge of the Re, the velocity component \( u \) also upsurges and grasps its maximum value at the boundary for each value of the Re is taken in this regard. Physically it meant that inertial forces are overriding the viscous forces. Moreover, the boundary layer thickness declines with a growth in Re. Similarly, it is perceived that the velocity component \( u \) (Figure 1(b)) increases with a rise in \( n \). This upshot is very effective in the vicinity of the plate. Also, this is motivating to note that all velocity profiles tend to unity, away from the plate. Figure 1(c) displays the influence of the transient number on \( u \). It discloses that an upsurge in time parameter results in a reduction in \( u \). This is quite in agreement with the physical fact that unsteady flow approaches to steady flow after large time. It is evident that \( u \) (Figure 1(d)) rises with a growth in suction parameter \( a \). In general, a rise in \( a \) leads to decelerate the flow velocity. Of course, in this case, an enhancement in \( u \) is because of the transient free stream velocity. Figure 1(e) parades the impact of \( K \) on \( u \). It is detected that a growth in \( K \) leads to a reduction in \( u \), which looks correct physically as an increase in \( K \) results in fluid thickening causing reduction in the velocity.

Impact of Reynolds number Re, frequency parameter \( n \), time parameter \( t \), suction parameter \( a \), and elastic parameter \( K \) on \( u \) is presented in Figure 2 for \( z \) as abscissa. It is observed that a growth in \( Re \) (Figure 2(a)) leads to enhance the amplitude of oscillation and consequently enhancement in main flow which is in agreement with the results discussed in the Figure 1(a). The similar behavior is noted for the suction parameter on \( u \) (Figure 2(d)). It is seen from Figure 2(b) that enhancement in the values of \( n \) only shifts the location of oscillation. Similar impact of \( t \) on \( u \) is noted (Figure 2(c)). It is examined from Figure 2(e) that larger value of \( K \) rises the amplitude of oscillation.

Figure 3 illustrates the impact of Re and \( a \) on \( v \) and \( w \). The magnitude of \( v \) increases with a growth in Re (Figure 3(a)). Instead, magnitude of \( v \) increases for growing values of \( a \), and this influence is significant near the plate (Figure 3(c)), and it appears physically true, since it is well known that the suction impact on the flow is maximum adjacent to the plate. Further, the velocity component \( v \) becomes as stable as \( y \rightarrow \infty \). It is detected from Figure 3(b) that for a fixed value of Re, \( w \) rises exponentially adjacent to the plate, achieves its maximum value, and then declines rapidly, and ultimately approaches to 0 as \( y \rightarrow \infty \). Adjacent to the plate, a parabolic profile is attained. This velocity component grows with a rise in Re adjacent to the plate but possesses opposite trend away from the plate. Physically, it reflects the dominance of inertial forces over viscous forces adjacent to the plate. However, away from the plate, viscous forces dominate the inertial forces due to oscillatory free steam velocity resulting opposite trend of velocity component \( w \) and eventually approaching to zero far away from the plate. It is viewed from Figure 3(d) that, for a fixed value of \( a \), \( w \) grows exponentially adjacent to the plate, achieves its optimum (maximum value), then shrinkages rapidly, and lastly approaches to zero as \( y \rightarrow \infty \). Adjacent to the plate, a parabolic profile is attained. It is also observed that the suction parameter enhances the velocity component near the plate which is against the general conception (suction parameter leads to decelerate velocity). An enhancement, in fact, in the velocity component near the plate is because of the transient free stream velocity.

Figure 4 exemplifies the impact of Re and \( a \) on \( v \) and \( w \) against \( z \) as abscissa. It is perceived from Figure 4(a) that an increase in Re causes a decline in the amplitude of oscillation resulting reduction in the flow velocity in the \( y \)-direction. Further, the impact of Re on \( w \) (Figure 4(b)) is to upsurge the amplitude of oscillation and consequently enhancement in velocity component \( w \) agree with the results discussed previously (Figure 3(b)). From Figure 4(d), similar influence of \( a \) on \( w \) is noted. The behavior of \( a \) on \( v \) is shown in Figure 4(c). It is found that increasing \( a \) just results in shift of the axis of oscillation.

Figure 5 displays the effect Re, \( a \), and K on the pressure. In Figure 5(a), Reynolds number is varied, that is, Re = 8, 10, 15 and other existing parameters are fixed, i.e., \( a = -0.1, z = 0 \), \( K = 0.05 \), and \( \varepsilon = 0.05 \). The pressure grows near the plate with the rise in Re. It shows the dominance of inertial forces over the viscous forces. Of course, the pressure attains a steady value far away from the plate. In contrast, the impact of \( a \) is to decline the pressure near the plate (Figure 5(b)). Moreover, pressure converges to a steady value away from vicinity of the plate, where the suction effect vanishes, for increasing values of suction parameter. From Figure 5(c), it is perceived that the pressure decreases adjacent to the plate when K is elevated. It is consistent with the
Figure 1: Impact of all nondimensional parameters on main flow. (a) Impact of $Re$ on $u$. (b) Impact of $n$ on $u$. (c) Impact of $t$ on $u$. (d) Impact of $\alpha$ on $u$. (e) Impact of $K$ on $u$. 

$t = 0.5; z = 0; 
\varepsilon = 0.05; \alpha = -0.1; 
K = 0.05; n = 5$
physical result that the boundary layer is thinned by suction causing reduction in pressure near the plate. Further, similar to influence of $\alpha$ on the pressure far away from the plate, pressure again approaches to a steady value away from vicinity of the plate for increasing values of $K$.

Figure 6 characterizes the impact of $Re$, $\alpha$, and $K$ on pressure against $z$ as abscissa. It is perceived from Figure 6(a) that growth in $Re$ results in enhancement in the amplitude of oscillation causing a rise in the pressure. Similar effect of $\alpha$ (Figure 6(b)) and $K$ (Figure 6(c)) on the pressure is found.
Figure 7 typifies $C_{f_x}$ (nondimensional skin friction component) in the main flow direction against $Re$ for numerous values of frequency parameter $n$, transient number $t$, $a$, and $K$. Figure 7(a) shows the growing influence on $C_{f_x}$ magnitude for increasing values of $n$. It is also revealed that there is exponential falloff in the magnitude of this skin friction component for $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.5$ up to a certain value depending upon the value of $n$ taken in this regard and then a rapid rise in the magnitude of this friction component is observed. Physically it reflects the dominance role of viscous forces over inertial forces for the range $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.5$. Of course, it is worthwhile to point out that the role of viscous forces over inertial forces is overturned when $Re > 1.5$. On the contrary, the role of $t$ regarding its impact on $C_{f_x}$ is inverted (Figure 7(b)). Figure 7(c) portrays the effect of $a$ upon $C_{f_x}$. It is observed that the magnitude of $C_{f_x}$ decreases for $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.4$ and then increases exponentially for rising values of $a$. It shows the dominant role of viscous forces over the inertial forces in the range $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.4$ causing decay in $C_{f_x}$ magnitude. In contrast, for $Re > 1.4$, inertial forces overcome the viscous forces resulting rapid grow in $C_{f_x}$ magnitude. In Figure 7(d), similar behavior of $K$ on $C_{f_x}$ is noted for $Re > 1.1$, and increasing values of $K$ has no significant impact for $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.1$.

Figure 8 is traced for $C_{f_z}$ (nondimensional skin friction component) in the $z$-direction versus $Re$ for various values of $K$ and $a$. It is detected that a growth in $Re$ results in growth in $C_{f_z}$ magnitude in both cases. Further, the enhancement in $C_{f_z}$ magnitude by increasing suction parameter (Figure 8(a)) seems naturally correct as the role of suction is to promote the resistance in flow causing growth in the skin friction. It is also detected that increasing elastic parameter results
Figure 8(b)) in escalation of skin friction magnitude. In fact, an increase in K results in the thickening of fluid causing rise in skin friction.

8. Remarks

This analysis aims to explore analytic solutions for 3-dimensional fluctuating flow of a second grade fluid with periodic suction. Approximate solutions for $u$, $v$, $w$ (velocity field), $C_u$, $C_f$ (skin friction components), and pressure based upon perturbation are computed and explored theoretically. As a regular perturbation technique based upon small parameter existing in the governing equations, series solutions obtained by this method always converges. Consequently, analytic solutions for $u$, $v$, $w$ computed by this approach in this work also converges. The conclusions of this analysis are as follows:

(i) Velocity component $u$ grows with $Re$, frequency parameter $n$ and $\alpha$, whereas it declines with increasing time parameter and non-Newtonian parameter

(ii) $v$ increases with growing values of $Re$, and it decreases for growing values of $\alpha$, and this impact is significant near the plate and ultimately it becomes stable as $y \to \infty$

(iii) $w$ is noted to be enhancing exponentially adjacent to the plate, attaining its optimum (maximum) value, then decreasing rapidly, and ultimately approaches to 0 as $y \to \infty$ due to $Re$ and $\alpha$

(iv) A rise in $Re$, $n$, $\alpha$, and $K$ leads to enhance the oscillation amplitude and consequently enhancement in $u$ whereas enhancement in transient parameter causes an inverse effect

(v) The amplitude of oscillation of cross flow velocity $w$ upsurges due to enhancement in $Re$ and $\alpha$ causing intensification in the flow velocity. In contrast, $Re$ possesses inverse impact on cross flow velocity $v$
(vi) The influence of $Re$ is to boost the pressure; however, $\alpha$ and $K$ possess inverse impact on it.

(vii) The effect of suction parameter $\alpha$ and non-Newtonian parameter $K$ is to decrease the pressure near the plate.

(viii) The growth in $Re, \alpha,$ and $K$ results in enhancement in the amplitude of oscillation causing rise in the pressure.

(ix) $C_{fz}$ rises for growing values of $n,$ and the role of $t$ regarding its impact on $C_{fz}$ is inverted.

(x) It is observed that $C_{fz}$ decreases for $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.4$ and then increases exponentially for rising values of $\alpha$ and $K.$

(xi) The role of viscous forces over the inertial forces is found to be dominant for $0.5 \leq Re \leq 1.4;$ in contrast, this role is noted to be inverted for $Re > 1.4.$

(xii) $C_{fz}$ enhances for rising values $\alpha, K,$ and $Re.$

(xiii) A growth in $Re$ causes to decline boundary layer thickness.

(xiv) Inertial forces are found to be dominant over viscous forces adjacent to the plate.

(xv) Results of [11] are recovered for non-Newtonian parameter $K \rightarrow 0.$

(xvi) Results of Ref. [21] are validated under identical physical conditions.

Figure 5: Impact of nondimensional parameters on pressure. (a) Impact of $Re$ on $p.$ (b) Impact of $\alpha$ on $p.$ (c) Impact of $K$ on $p.$
Abbreviations

**English Letters**

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**Greek Letters**

- $\alpha$: Suction parameter
- $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$: Material constants (£kg/m)
- $\rho$: Fluid density (£kg/m$^3$)
- $\epsilon$: Small reference parameter (amplitude)
- $\mu$: Coefficient of viscosity (£kg/ms)
- $\nu$: Kinematic viscosity (£m$^2$/s)
- $\tau$: Cauchy stress tensor
- $\bar{\nabla}$: Gradient operator (£1/m).
Figure 7: Impact of nondimensional parameters on skin friction along the x-axis. (a) Impact of \( n \) on skin friction along the x-axis. (b) Impact of \( t \) on skin friction along the x-axis. (c) Impact of \( \alpha \) on skin friction along the x-axis. (d) Impact of \( K \) on skin friction along the x-axis.

Figure 8: Impact of nondimensional parameters on skin friction along the z-axis. (a) Impact of \( \alpha \) on skin friction along the z-axis. (b) Impact of \( K \) on skin friction along the z-axis.
Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

Additional Points

Various non-Newtonian fluid models such as Jeffery, Maxwell, Oldroyd-B, etc. (both isothermal and non-isothermal) are favourite models for future work. Applicability: (Aeronautical Engineering) Designing and manufacturing laminar flow control system (LFCS) to enhance the vehicle power requirement.

Conflicts of Interest

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