

## PRESSURE WORK AND VISCOUS DISSIPATION EFFECTS ON MHD NATURAL CONVECTION FLOW ALONG A SPHERE

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### ABSTRACT

The pressure work and viscous dissipation effects on magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) natural convection flow along a sphere have been investigated. The laminar natural convection flow from a sphere immersed in a viscous incompressible fluid in presence of magnetic field has been considered in this investigation. The governing boundary layer equations are first transformed into a non-dimensional form and the resulting nonlinear system of partial differential equations are then solved numerically using finite-difference method with the Keller-box scheme. Here we have focused our attention on the evaluation of the shear stress in terms of local skin friction and the rate of heat transfer in terms of local Nusselt number, velocity and temperature profiles for some selected values of parameters set consisting of magnetic parameter  $M$ , pressure work parameter  $Ge$ , viscous dissipation parameter  $N$  and the Prandtl number  $Pr$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A study of the flow of electrically conducting fluid in presence of magnetic field is important from the technical point of view and such types of problems have received much attention by many researchers. The specific problem selected for study is the flow and heat transfer in an electrically conducting fluid adjacent to the surface on the sphere. The surface is maintained at a uniform temperature  $T_w$ , which may either exceed the ambient temperature  $T_\infty$  or may be less than  $T_\infty$ . When  $T_w > T_\infty$ , an upward flow is established along the surface due to free convection; while when  $T_w < T_\infty$ , there is a down flow. Additionally, a magnetic field of strength  $\beta_0$  acts normal to the surface. The interaction of the magnetic field and the moving electric charge carried by the flowing fluid induces a force, which tends to oppose the fluid motion. At the edge the velocity is very small so that the magnetic force, which is proportional to the magnitude of the longitudinal velocity and acts in the opposite direction, is also very small. Consequently, the influence of the magnetic field on the boundary layer is exerted only through induced forces within the boundary layer itself, with no additional effects arising from the free stream pressure gradient. The influence and importance of viscous stress work effects in laminar flows have been examined by Gebhart [1] and Gebhart and Mollendorf [2]. In both of the investigations special flows over semi-infinite flat surfaces parallel to the direction of body force were considered. Gebhart [1] considered the

flow generated by the plate surface temperature, which varies as powers of  $\xi$  (the distance along the plate surface from the leading edge), Gebhart and Mollendorf [2] considered the plate temperature varying exponentially with  $\xi$ . Ackroyd [3] studied the stress work effects in laminar flat plate natural convection flow. Joshi and Gebhart [4] investigated the effect of pressure stress work and viscous dissipation in some natural convection flows. Kuiken [5] studied the problem of magneto-hydrodynamic free convection in a strong cross-field. Also the effect of magnetic field on the free convection heat transfer has been studied by Sparrow and Cess [6]. MHD free convection flows of visco-elastic fluid past an infinite porous plate have been investigated by Chowdhury and Islam [7]. Raptis and Kafousias [8] have investigated the problem of magnetohydrodynamic free convection flow and mass transfer through a porous medium bounded by an infinite vertical porous plate with constant heat flux. Elbashbeshy [9] also discussed the effect of free convection flow with variable viscosity and thermal diffusivity along a vertical plate in the presence of magnetic field. But Hossain [10] introduced the viscous and Joule heating effects on MHD-free convection flow with variable plate temperature. Moreover, Hossain *et al.* [11], Hossain and Ahmed [12] and Hossain *et al.* [13] discussed the both forced and free convection boundary layer flow of an electrically conducting fluid in presence of magnetic field. The problems of free convection boundary layer flow over or on bodies of various shapes

discussed by many researchers. Amongst them are Nazar *et al.* [14], considered the free convection boundary layer on an isothermal sphere and on an isothermal horizontal circular cylinder in a micropolar fluid. To our best of knowledge, stress work effects on magnetohydrodynamics free convection flow from an isothermal sphere has not been studied yet and the present work demonstrates the issue.

The present work considers the natural convection boundary layer flow on a sphere of an electrically conducting and steady viscous in compressible fluid in presence of strong magnetic field and the pressure stress work. The governing partial differential equations are reduced to locally non-similar partial differential forms by adopting appropriate transformations. The transformed boundary layer equations are solved numerically using implicit finite difference scheme together with the Keller box technique. Here we have focused our attention on the evolution of the surface shear stress in terms of local skin friction and the rate of heat transfer in terms of local Nusselt number, velocity distribution as well as temperature distribution for a selection of parameters sets consisting of viscous dissipation parameter  $N$ , the pressure work parameter  $Ge$ , the magnetic parameter  $M$  and the Prandtl number  $Pr$ .

## 2. FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEMS

Natural convection boundary layer flow on a sphere of an electrically conducting and steady two-dimensional viscous incompressible fluid in presence of strong magnetic field is considered. It is assumed that the surface temperature of the sphere is  $T_w$  Where  $T_w > T_\infty$ ,  $T_\infty$  being the ambient temperature of the fluid. Under the usual Boussinesq and boundary layer approximation, the governing equations are

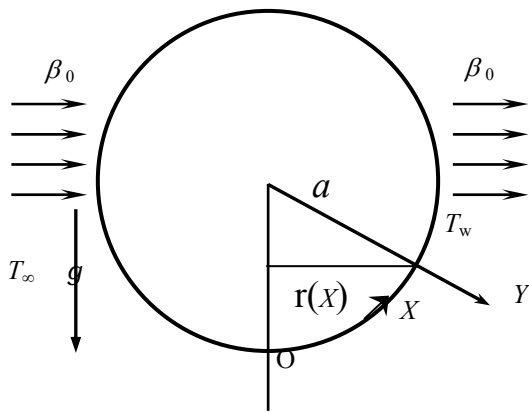


Fig 1: Physical model and coordinate system

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial X}(rU) + \frac{\partial}{\partial Y}(rV) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$U \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial Y^2} + g\beta(T - T_\infty) \sin\left(\frac{X}{a}\right) - \frac{\sigma_0 \beta_0^2}{\rho} U \quad (2)$$

$$U \frac{\partial T}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial T}{\partial Y} = \frac{k}{\rho C_p} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Y^2} + \frac{T\beta}{\rho C_p} U \frac{\partial p}{\partial X} + \frac{\nu}{\rho C_p} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial Y}\right)^2 \quad (3)$$

We know for hydrostatic pressure,  $\partial P/\partial X = \rho g$ . The boundary conditions for the equations (2) to (3) are

$$U = 0, V = 0, T = T_w \text{ at } Y = 0$$

$$U = 0, T = T_\infty \text{ as } Y \rightarrow \infty \quad (4)$$

$$\text{where } r = a \sin\left(\frac{X}{a}\right), \text{ where } r = r(X) \quad (5)$$

$r(X)$  is the radial distance from the symmetrical axis to the surface of the sphere,  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity,  $\beta$  is the coefficient of thermal expansion,  $\nu$  is the kinematics viscosity,  $T$  is the local temperature,  $CP$  is the specific heat at constant pressure. To transform the above equations into non-dimensional, the following dimensionless variables are introduced:

$$x = \frac{X}{a}, y = G_r^{1/4} \frac{Y}{a}, u = \frac{a}{\nu} G_r^{-1/2} U,$$

$$v = \frac{a}{\nu} G_r^{-1/4} V, \theta = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty} \quad (6)$$

Where  $G_r = g\beta(T_w - T_\infty)a^3/\nu^2$  is the Grashof number and  $\theta$  is the non dimensional temperature

$$\text{Thus (5) becomes } r(x) = a \sin x \quad (7)$$

Using the above values, the equations (1) to (3) take the following form:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(ru) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(rv) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \theta \sin x - \frac{\sigma_0 \beta^2 a^2}{\rho \nu G_r^{1/2}} u \quad (9)$$

$$u \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + \frac{Gr}{a^2 C_p (T_w - T_\infty)} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty} + \theta \right) \frac{g \beta a}{C_p} u \quad (10)$$

Where,  $M = (\sigma_0 \beta^2 a^2 / \rho \nu Gr^{1/2})$  is the magnetic parameter,  $Gr/a^2 C_p (T_w - T_\infty) = N$ , is the viscous dissipation parameter,  $Ge = (g \beta a) / C_p$ , which is pressure work parameter. Therefore momentum and energy equations (9) and (10) can be written as

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \theta \sin x - Mu \quad (11)$$

$$u \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{p_r} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + N \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - Ge \left( \frac{T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty} + \theta \right) u \quad (12)$$

The boundary conditions associated with equations (4)

$$u = v = 0, \quad \theta = 1 \text{ at } y = 0 \\ u \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (13)$$

To solve equations (11) and (12) subject to the boundary conditions (13), we assume the following variables  $u$  and  $v$  where  $\psi(x,y) = xr(x)f(x,y)$ ,  $\psi(x,y)$  is a non-dimensional stream function, which is related to the velocity components in the usual way as

$$u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (14)$$

$$u = x(\partial f / \partial y) \\ (\partial^2 u / \partial y^2) = x(\partial^3 f / \partial y^3) \\ v = - \left[ \begin{array}{l} (1 + x \cos x / \sin x) f(x, y) \\ + x(\partial f / \partial x) \end{array} \right] \quad (15)$$

$$(\partial u / \partial x) = (\partial f / \partial y) + x(\partial^2 f / \partial x \partial y)$$

Using the above transformed values in equations (11) and (12) and simplifying, we have the following:

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y^3} + \left( 1 + \frac{x}{\sin x} \cos x \right) f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\theta}{x} \sin x - M \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ = x \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{1}{p_r} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + \left( 1 + \frac{x}{\sin x} \cos x \right) f \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + Nx^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 - Ge \left( \frac{T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty} + \theta \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \\ = x \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right) \quad (16)$$

The corresponding boundary conditions are

$$f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \theta = 1 \text{ at } y = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (18)$$

It has been seen that near the lower stagnation point of the sphere i.e.  $x \approx 0$  or considering the limiting value as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , equations (16) and (17) reduce to the following ordinary differential equations:

$$\frac{d^3 f}{dy^3} + 2f \frac{d^2 f}{dy^2} - \left( \frac{df}{dy} \right)^2 \\ + \theta - M \frac{df}{dy} = 0 \quad (19)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{p_r} \frac{d^2 \theta}{dy^2} + 2f \frac{d\theta}{dy} - Ge \left( \frac{T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty} + \theta \right) \frac{df}{dy} = 0 \quad (20)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$f = \frac{df}{dy} = 0, \quad \theta = 1 \text{ at } y = 0 \\ \frac{df}{dy} \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (21)$$

In practical application, the physical quantities of principal interest are the heat transfer and the skin-friction coefficient, which can be written in non-dimensional form as

$$Nu_x = \frac{aGr^{-1/4}}{k(T_w - T_\infty)} q_w \text{ and} \\ C_{f,x} = \frac{Gr^{-3/4} a^2}{\mu \nu} \tau_w \quad (22)$$

Where  $q_w = -k \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial Y} \right)_{Y=0}$  and

$$\tau_w = \mu \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} \right)_{Y=0}, k \text{ being the thermal conductivity of}$$

the fluid.

Using the new variables (6), we have

$$Nu_x = - \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} \quad (23)$$

$$C_{fX} = x \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right)_{y=0} \quad (24)$$

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Here we have investigated the effects of pressure work and viscous dissipation with magnetohydrodynamic natural convection flow on a sphere. Solutions are obtained for the fluid having Prandtl number  $Pr = 1.00, 1.74, 2.00, 3.00$ ,

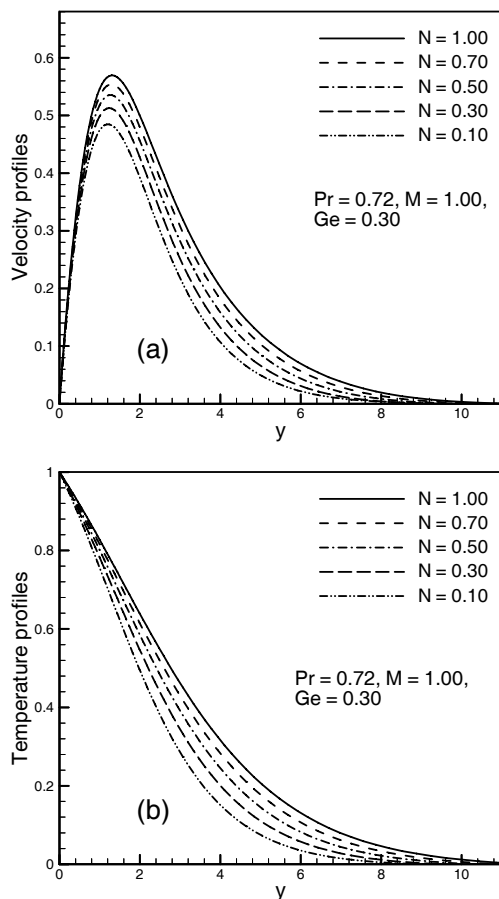


Fig 2: (a) Velocity and (b) temperature profiles for different values of viscous dissipation parameter  $N$  with fixed values of other parameters.

viscous dissipation parameter  $N = 0.10, 0.30, 0.50, 0.70, 1.00$ , pressure work parameter  $Ge = 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 0.90$  against  $y$  at any position of  $x$  and for a wide range of values of magnetic parameter  $M$ . Also the results for local skin friction coefficient and local rate of heat

transfer have been obtained for fluids having Prandtl number  $Pr = 1.00, 1.74, 2.00, 3.00$  and pressure work parameter  $Ge = 0.10, 0.40, 0.70, 0.90$  at different position of  $x$  for a wide range of values of magnetic parameter  $M$ . Here it is found that from Fig. 2(a), velocity distribution increases as the values of viscous dissipation parameter  $N$  increase in the region  $y \in [0, 12]$  but near the surface of the sphere velocity increases significantly and then decreases slowly and finally approaches to zero

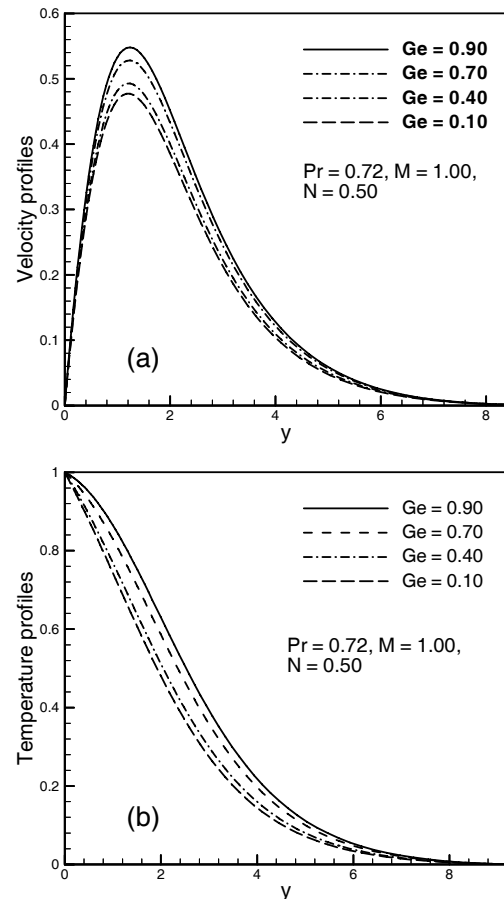


Fig 3: (a) Velocity and (b) temperature profiles for different values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$  with fixed values of other parameters.

The maximum values of the velocity are 0.48450, 0.51282, 0.53527, 0.55384 and 0.56949 for  $N = 0.10, 0.30, 0.50, 0.70$  and 1.00 respectively which occur at  $y = 1.23788$  for first, second and third maximum values,  $y = 1.30254$  for fourth and fifth maximum values. Here it is observed that the velocity increase by 17.54 % as  $N$  increases from 0.10 to 1.00. From Fig. 2(b), it is seen that when the values of viscous dissipation parameter  $N$  increases in the region  $y \in [0, 12]$ , the temperature distribution also increases. We also observed that the maximum temperature has been found at the surface on the sphere.

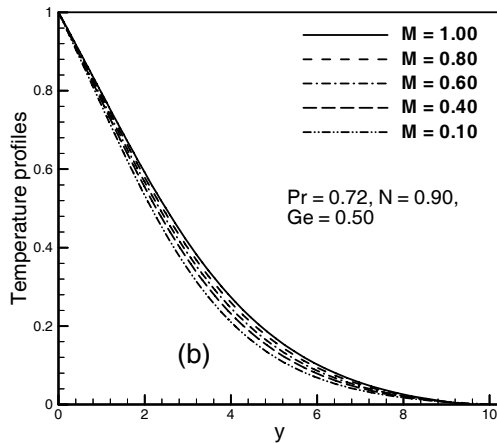
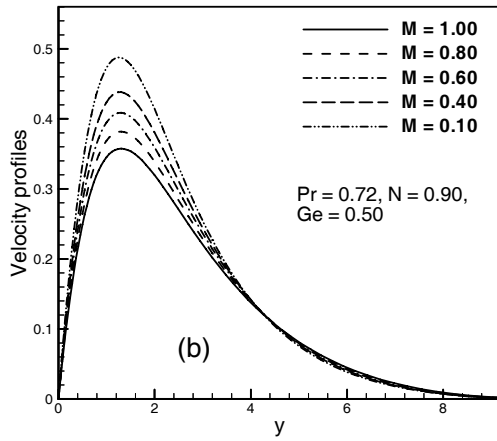


Fig 4: (a) Velocity and (b) temperature profiles for different values of magnetic parameter  $M$ .

We also observed that the maximum temperature has been found at the surface on the sphere. Here it is found from Fig. 3(a) that the velocity distribution increase slightly as the pressure work parameter  $Ge$  increases in the region  $y \in [0, 9]$  but near the surface of the sphere velocity increases and become maximum and then decreases and at a certain point velocity profiles coincide and finally approaches to zero. The maximum values of the velocity are 0.43056, 0.44332, 0.47589 and 0.53463 for  $Ge = 0.10, 0.40, 0.70$  and  $0.90$  respectively which occur at  $y = 1.17520$  for first, second and third maximum values and at  $y = 1.23788$  for last maximum values. Here we see that the velocity increases by 24.17 % as  $Ge$  increases from 0.10 to 0.90.

From Fig. 3(b), it is seen that when the values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$  increases in the region  $y \in [0, 9]$ , the temperature distribution also increases. But near the surface of the sphere temperature profiles are maximum and then decreases away from the surface and finally take asymptotic value. The effects of magnetic parameter  $M$  for  $Pr = 0.72, N = 0.90$  and  $Ge = 0.50$  on the velocity and temperature profiles are shown in figures 4(a) and 4(b). From these figures, it is seen that the velocity profiles decrease and the temperature profiles increase with the increasing values of the magnetic parameter  $M$  respectively.

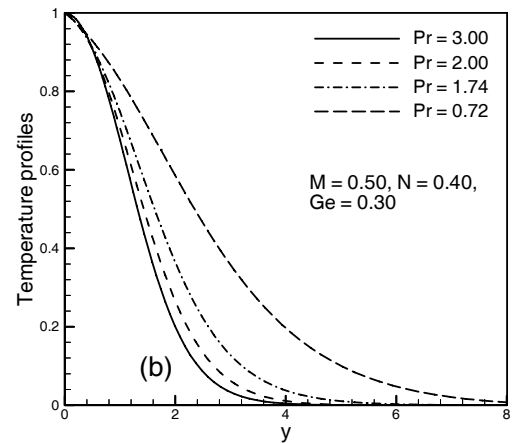
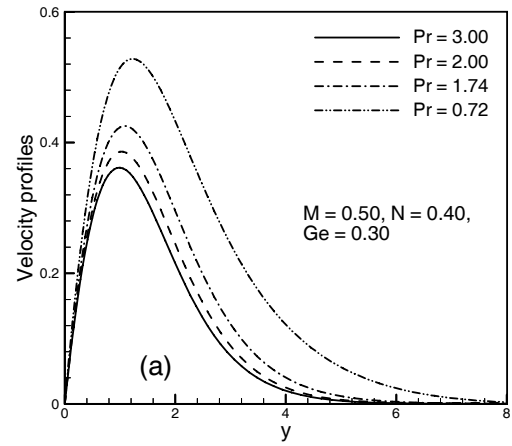


Fig 5: (a) Velocity and (b) temperature profiles for different values of Prandtl number  $Pr$ .

Figs. 5(a) and 5(b) indicate the effects of the Prandtl number  $Pr$  with  $M = 0.50, N = 0.40$  and  $Ge = 0.30$  on the velocity profiles and the temperature profiles. From figures 5(a) it is observed that the increasing values of Prandtl number  $Pr$  leads to the decrease in the values of velocity profiles. The maximum values of the velocity are 0.52815, 0.42524, 0.38592 and 0.36155 for  $Pr = 0.72, 1.74, 2.00$  and  $3.00$  respectively which occur at  $y = 1.23788$  for first maximum value and  $y = 0.99806$  for second, third and fourth maximum values. Here it is depicted that the velocity decreases by 31.54 % as  $Pr$  increases from 1.00 to 3.00. Again from Fig. 5(b) it is observed that the temperature profiles decreases with the increasing values of Prandtl number  $Pr$ . But near the surface of the sphere temperature profiles are maximum and then decreases away from the surface and finally take asymptotic value.

In Figures 6(a) and 6(b), we observed that the effects for different values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$  while the magnetic parameter  $M = 1.00$ , viscous dissipation parameter  $N = 0.50$  and Prandtl number  $Pr = 0.72$  on the reduced local skin friction coefficient  $C_{fX}$  and local rate of heat transfer  $Nu_X$ . The skin friction coefficient  $C_{fX}$  and heat transfer coefficient  $Nu_X$  are increases with the increasing values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$ .

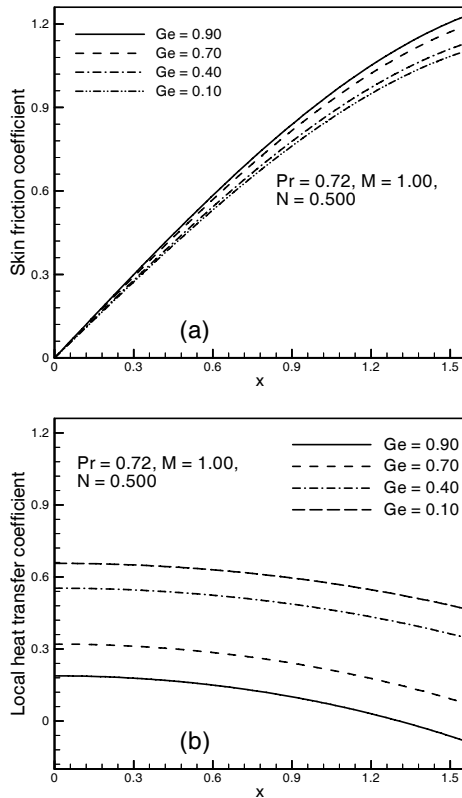


Fig. 6: (a) Skin friction coefficient and (b) local heat transfer coefficient for different values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$ .

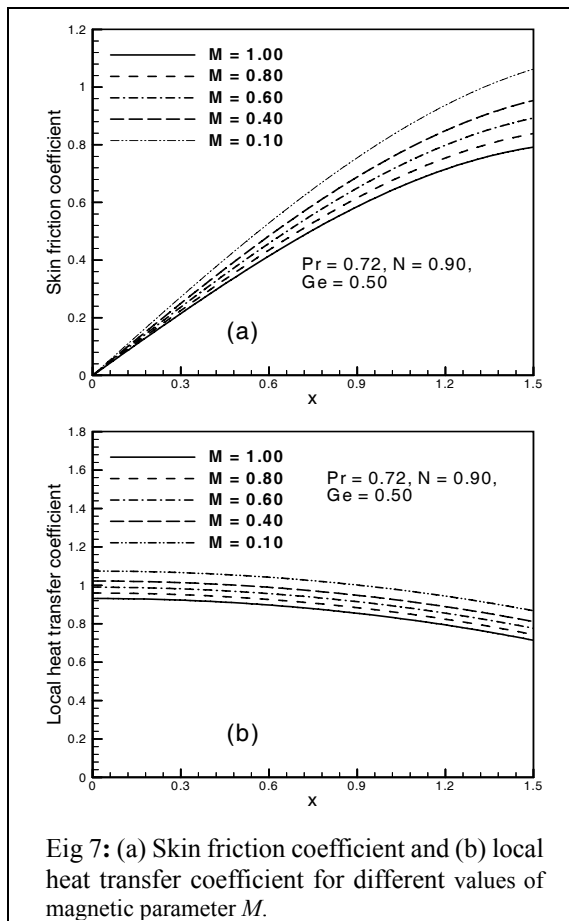


Fig 7: (a) Skin friction coefficient and (b) local heat transfer coefficient for different values of magnetic parameter  $M$ .

Table 1: Skin friction coefficient against  $x$  for different values of magnetic parameter  $M$  while  $Pr = 0.72$ ,  $N=0.90$  and  $Ge = 0.50$ .

$x$	$M = 0.40 \quad M = 0.80 \quad M = 1.00$		
	$C_{fx}$	$C_{fx}$	$C_{fx}$
0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
0.10472	0.08795	0.07933	0.07569
0.20944	0.17522	0.15800	0.15073
0.40143	0.33132	0.29842	0.28455
0.50615	0.41318	0.37181	0.35437
0.80285	0.62615	0.56121	0.53401
1.01229	0.75407	0.67310	0.63938
1.20428	0.85072	0.75569	0.71638
1.30900	0.89399	0.79161	0.74945
1.50098	0.95406	0.83900	0.79206
1.57080	0.96930	0.84993	0.80142

Table 2: Local heat transfer coefficient against  $x$  for different values of magnetic parameter  $M$  while  $Pr = 0.72$ ,  $N=0.90$  and  $Ge = 0.50$ .

$x$	$M = 0.40 \quad M = 0.80 \quad M = 1.00$		
	$Nu_x$	$Nu_x$	$Nu_x$
0.00000	1.02248	0.96003	0.93160
0.10472	1.02141	0.95893	0.93045
0.20944	1.01838	0.95582	0.92731
0.40143	1.00768	0.94485	0.91625
0.50615	0.99902	0.93597	0.90730
0.80285	0.96344	0.89952	0.87053
1.01229	0.92818	0.86343	0.83415
1.20428	0.88812	0.82249	0.79291
1.30900	0.86301	0.79685	0.76711
1.50098	0.81068	0.74355	0.71350
1.57080	0.78954	0.72206	0.69192

The effects of magnetic parameter  $M$  for  $Pr = 0.72$ ,  $N = 0.90$  and  $Ge = 0.50$  on the skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  and the coefficient of heat transfer  $Nu_x$  are shown in figures 7(a) to 7(b). From figures 7(a) and 7(b) it is observed that the increasing values of magnetic parameter  $M$  leads to the decrease the skin friction co-efficient  $C_{fx}$  and the local heat transfer co-efficient  $Nu_x$ .

In Table 1 and Table 2 are given the tabular values of the local skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  and local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  for different values of magnetic parameter  $M$  while  $Pr = 0.72$ ,  $N = 0.90$  and  $Ge = 0.50$ . Here we found that the values of local skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  decreases at different position of  $x$  for magnetic parameter  $M = 0.40, 0.80, 1.00$ . The rate of the local skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  is decrease by 14.72% as the magnetic parameter  $M$  changes from 0.400 to 1.00 and  $x = 0.80285$ . Furthermore, it is seen that the numerical values of the local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  decrease for increasing values of magnetic parameter  $M$ . The rate of decrease the local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  is 9.64% at position  $x = 0.80285$  as the magnetic parameter  $M$  changes from 0.40 to 1.00.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

The effects of viscous dissipation and pressure work on natural convection flow on a sphere in presence of magnetic field has been investigated for different values

of relevant physical parameters. The governing boundary layer equations of motion are transformed into a non-dimensional form and the resulting non-linear systems of partial differential equations are reduced to local non-similarity boundary layer equations, which are solved numerically by using implicit finite difference method together with the Keller-box scheme. From the present investigation the following conclusions may be drawn:

- Significant effects magnetic parameter  $M$  on velocity and temperature profiles as well as on skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  and the rate of heat transfer  $Nu_x$  have been found in this investigation but the effects of magnetic parameter  $M$  on rate of heat transfer is more significant.
- An increase in the values of magnetic parameter  $M$  leads to both the local skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  and the local rate of heat transfer  $Nu_x$  decreases, also the velocity profiles decreases but the temperature profiles increases.
- All the velocity profiles, temperature profiles and the local skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$  increase significantly when the values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$  increases, but the local rate of heat transfer  $Nu_x$  decreases for increasing values of pressure work parameter  $Ge$ .
- As viscous dissipation parameter  $N$  increases, both the velocity and the temperature profiles also increase significantly.
- For increasing values of Prandtl number  $Pr$  leads to decrease the velocity profiles and the temperature profiles.

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## 6. NOMENCLATURE

Symbol	Meaning
$C_p$	: Specific heat at constant pressure.
$C_{fx}$	: Local skin friction coefficient.
$f$	: Dimensionless stream function
$g$	: Acceleration due to gravity.
$Ge$	: The pressure work parameter.
$Gr$	: The local Grashof number.
$M$	: The Magnetic parameter.
$N$	: Viscous dissipation parameter
$Nu_x$	: The local Nusselt number coefficient.
$Pr$	: Prandtl number.
$P$	: Fluid pressure.
$q_w$	: Surface heat flux.
$T$	: Temperature of the fluid.
$T_w$	: Temperature at the surface.
$T_\infty$	: Temperature of the ambient fluid.
$U$	: Velocity component in the $X$ -direction.
$V$	: Velocity component in the $Y$ -direction.
$x$	: Measured from the leading edge.
$Y$	: Distance normal to the surface.
$x$	: The dimensionless coordinate.
$y$	: The pseudo-similarity variable and the dimensionless coordinate.

Greek symbols	
$\beta$	: Co-efficient of volume expansion
$\beta_0$	: The magnetic field strength.
$\nu$	: Kinematic viscosity
$\mu$	: Viscosity of the fluid
$\theta$	: Dimensionless temperature
$\rho$	: Density of the fluid inside the boundary layer.
$\psi$	: Stream function
$\kappa$	: Thermal conductivity of the fluid.
Subscripts	
$w$	: Condition at wall
$\infty$	: Condition at infinity