

## **Thermal Radiation and Rotation Effect on an Unsteady Mhd Mixed Convection Flow Through a Porous Medium with Hall Current and Heat Absorption**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, the effect of thermal radiation and rotation on an unsteady magneto hydrodynamic mixed convection flow through a porous medium with hall current in the presence of viscous dissipation and heat absorption has been studied. The non-linear partial differential equations, governing the flow field under consideration, have been transformed by a similarity transformation and then solved numerically by finite element method. A uniform magnetic field is applied in the direction normal to the planes of the plates. The entire system rotates about an axis normal to the planes of the plates with uniform angular velocity  $\Omega$ . The temperature of one of the plates varies periodically and the temperature difference of the plates is high enough to induce radiative heat transfer. The effects of various parameters on the velocity profiles, temperature field, the skin friction, rate of heat transfer in terms of their amplitude and phase angles are shown graphically.

**Keywords:** Thermal radiation, Rotation, MHD, Hall current, Heat absorption, Finite Element Method.

### **1. Introduction**

The study of flow in rotating porous media is motivated by its practical applications in geophysics and engineering. Among the applications of rotating flow in porous media to engineering disciplines, one can find the food processing industry, chemical process industry, centrifugation filtration processes and rotating machinery. Also the hydrodynamic rotating flow of electrically conducting viscous incompressible fluids has gained considerable attention because of its numerous applications in physics and engineering. In geophysics, it is applied to

measure and study the positions and velocities with respect to a fixed frame of reference on the surface of earth, which rotate with respect to an inertial frame in the presence of its magnetic field. The subject of geophysical dynamics now – a – days has become an important branch of fluid dynamics due to the increasing interest to study environment. In astrophysics, it is applied to study the stellar and solar structure, inter planetary and inter stellar matter, solar storms etc. In engineering, it finds its application in MHD generators, ion propulsion, MHD bearings, MHD pumps MHD boundary layer control of reentry vehicles etc. Several scholars viz. Cramer and Pai[6], Ferraro and Plumpton[7], Shercliff[17] have studied such flows because of their varied importance. MHD channel or duct flows are important from its practical point of view. Chang and Lundgren[4] have studied a hydromagnetic flow in a duct. Yen and Chang[26] analyzed the effect of wall electrical conductance on the magnetohydrodynamic Couette flow. From the technological point of view and due to practical applications, free convective flow and heat transfer problems are always important. This process of heat transfer is encountered in cooling of nuclear reactors, providing heat sinks in turbine blades and aeronautics. Ostrach[15] studied the combined effects of natural and forced convection laminar flow and heat transfer of fluids with and without heat sources in channels with linearly varying wall temperature. Jain and Gupta[10] studied three dimensional free convection Couette flow with transpiration cooling.

There are numerous important engineering and geophysical applications of the channel flows through porous medium, for example in the fields of agricultural engineering for channel irrigation and to study the underground water resources, in petroleum technology to study the movement of natural gas, oil and water through the oil channels/reservoirs. Transient natural convection between two vertical walls with a porous material having variable porosity has been studied by Paul *et al.* [16]. Sahin[18] investigated the three – dimensional free convective channel flow through porous medium. Israel Cookey *et al.* [9] investigated the influence of viscous dissipation and radiation on unsteady MHD free convection flow past an infinite heated vertical plate in a porous medium with time dependent suction. Chamkha [3] investigated unsteady convective heat and mass transfer past a semi-infinite permeable moving plate with heat absorption where it was found that increase in solutal Grashoff number enhanced the concentration buoyancy effects leading to an increase in the velocity.

In recent years, the effects of transversely applied magnetic field on the flows of electrically conducting viscous fluids have been discussed widely owing to their astrophysics, geophysical and engineering applications. Attia and Kotb[2] studied MHD flow between two parallel plates with heat transfer. When the strength of the magnetic field is strong, one cannot neglect the effects of Hall current. The rotating flow of an electrically conducting fluid in the presence of a magnetic field is encountered in geophysical and cosmic fluid dynamics. It is also important in the solar physics involved in the sunspot development. Soundalgekar[25] studied the Hall effects in MHD Couette flow with heat transfer. Mazumder *et al.*[11,12] have studied the effects of Hall current on MHD Ekman layer flow and heat transfer over porous plate and on free and forced convective hydromagnetic flow through a channel. Hall effects on unsteady MHD free and forced convection flow in a porous rotating channel has been investigated by Sivaprasad *et al.*[24] Singh and Kumar[21] studied the combined effects of Hall current and rotation on free convection MHD flow in a porous channel. Ghosh *et al.*[8] studied the Hall effects on MHD flow in a rotating system with heat transfer characteristics. Satyanarayana and Venkataramana [19] studied Hall current effect on magnetohydrodynamics free-convection flow past a semi infinite vertical porous plate with mass transfer.

Radiative convective flows have gained attention of many researchers in recent years. Radiation plays a vital role in many engineering, environment and industrial processes e.g. heating and cooling chambers, fossil fuel combustion energy processes astrophysical flows and space vehicle re – entry. Raptis[17] studied the radiation and free convection flow through a porous medium. Alagoa *et al*[1] analyzed the effects of radiation on free convective MHD flow through a porous medium between infinite parallel plates in the presence of time – dependent suction. Mebine[13] studied the radiation effects on MHD Couette flow with heat transfer between two parallel plates. Singh and Kumar[22] have studied radiation effects on the exact solution of free convective oscillatory flow through porous medium in a rotating vertical porous channel.

The main objective of the present paper is to study the MHD free convective flow in a rotating channel filled with porous medium with Hall current and heat absorption in the presence of viscous dissipation. The resulting non-dimensional governing equations are solved by Galerkin finite element method. Numerical results are obtained for velocity, temperature, skin friction, and Nusselt numbers for various values of parameters occurring in the problem and are presented in the graphical form. The transverse magnetic field applied is strong enough so that the Hall currents are induced. The temperature difference between the walls of channel is sufficiently high to radiate the heat.

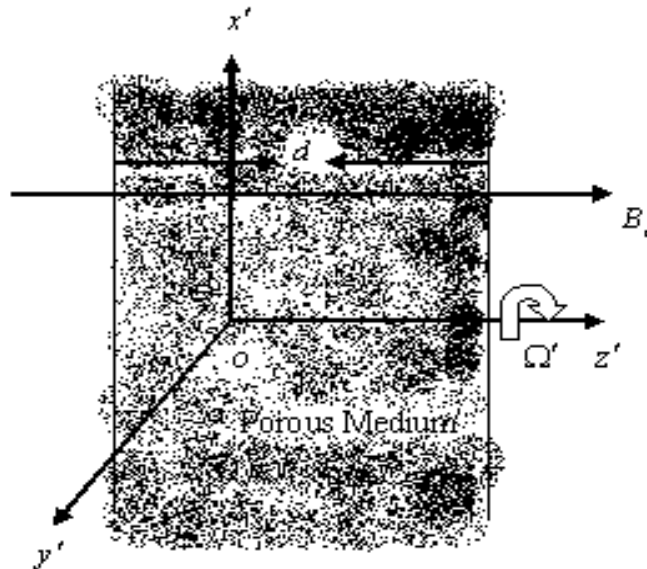


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the physical problem

## 2. Basic Equations

The equations governing the unsteady free convective flow of an incompressible, viscous and electrically conducting fluid in a rotating vertical channel filled with porous medium in the presence of magnetic field are:

*Equation of Continuity:*

$$\text{div } \bar{V} = 0 \quad (1)$$

*Momentum Equation:*

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t'} + \bar{\Omega} \times \bar{V} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{V} \bar{V}) \right] = -\nabla p + \bar{J} \times \bar{B} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{V} - \frac{\mu}{K'} \bar{V} + g\beta T' \quad (2)$$

*Energy Equation:*

$$\rho C_p \left[ \frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{V} T') \right] = k \nabla^2 T' - \nabla q + \mu \nabla \cdot (\bar{u}'^2) - Q_0 T' \quad (3)$$

*Kirchhoff's First Law:*

$$\text{div } \bar{J} = 0 \quad (4)$$

*General Ohm's Law:*

$$\bar{J} + \frac{\omega_c \tau_e}{B_0} \nabla \times \bar{B} = \sigma \left[ \bar{E} + \bar{V} \times \bar{B} + \frac{1}{e\eta_e} \nabla p_e \right] \quad (5)$$

*Gauss's Law of Magnetism:*

$$\text{div } \bar{B} = 0 \quad (6)$$

Where  $\bar{V}$  is the velocity vector,  $\bar{\Omega}$  the angular velocity of the fluid,  $p$  the pressure,  $\rho$  the density,  $\bar{B}$  the magnetic induction vector,  $\bar{J}$  the current density,  $\mu$  the coefficient of viscosity,  $t'$  the time,  $g$  the acceleration due to gravity,  $\beta$  the coefficient of volume expansion,  $K'$  is the permeability of the porous medium,  $C_p$  the specific heat at constant pressure,  $T'$  the temperature,  $T_0$  the reference temperature that of the left plate,  $k$  the thermal conductivity,  $q$  the radiative heat,  $\sigma$  the electrical conductivity,  $B_0$  the strength of the applied magnetic field,  $Q_0$  the dimensional heat absorption coefficient,  $e$  the electron charge,  $\omega_c$  the electron frequency,  $\tau_e$  the electron collision time,  $p_e$  the electron pressure,  $\bar{E}$  the electric field and  $\eta_e$  is the number density of electron.

### 3. Mathematical formulation

Consider an unsteady magnetohydrodynamic free convective flow of an electrically conducting, viscous, incompressible fluid through a porous medium bounded between two insulated infinite vertical plates in the presence of Hall current and thermal radiation. The plates are at a distance  $d$  apart. A Cartesian coordinate system with  $x'$  – axis oriented vertically upward along the centerline of the channel introduced. The  $z'$  – axis is taken perpendicular to the planes of the plates and is the axis of rotation and the entire system rotates about this axis with uniform angular velocity  $\Omega'$ . The schematic diagram of the physical problem is shown in Figure 1. Since the plates of the channel are of infinite extent, all the physical quantities depend only on  $z'$  and  $t'$  only. The temperature  $T'_w \cos \omega' t'$  of the right plate at  $z' = d/2$  is considered to be varying periodically with time and the temperature  $T' = T_o = 0$  of the left plate at  $z' = -d/2$  is taken to be zero. Let  $(u', v', w')$  be the components of velocity in the directions  $(x', y', z')$  respectively. Since the plates are non – porous, therefore equation of continuity (1) on integration gives  $w' = 0$ . A strong transverse magnetic field of uniform strength  $B_0$  is applied along the  $z'$  – axis. So, the equation (6) for the magnetic field  $\vec{B} = (B'_x, B'_y, B'_z)$  gives  $B'_z = B_0$  (constant).

If  $(J'_x, J'_y, J'_z)$  are the components of electric current density  $\vec{J}$  then equation of conservation of electric charge in equation (4) gives  $J'_z = \text{constant}$ . For non – conducting plates

$$J'_z = 0 \quad (7)$$

at the plates and hence zero everywhere in the fluid. Under the usual assumptions that the electron pressure (for a weakly ionized gas), the thermoelectric pressure, ion slip and the external electric field arising due to polarization of charges are negligible. It is assumed that no applied and polarization voltage exists. This corresponds to the case where no energy is being added or extracted from the fluid by electrical means (Meyer [14]). i.e., electrical field  $\vec{E} = 0$ .

Therefore, the equation (5) takes the form:

$$\vec{J} + \frac{\omega_e \tau_e}{B_0} (\vec{J} \times \vec{B}) = \sigma (\vec{J} \times \vec{B}) \quad (8)$$

After using equation (7), equation (8) in component form becomes:

$$J'_x + \omega_e \tau_e J'_y = \sigma B_0 v' \quad (9)$$

$$J'_y - \omega_e \tau_e J'_x = -\sigma B_0 u' \quad (10)$$

Solving equations (9) and (10) for  $J'_x$  and  $J'_y$ , we get

$$J'_x = \frac{\sigma B_0}{1 + m^2} (u' + v') \quad \text{and} \quad J'_y = \frac{\sigma B_0}{1 + m^2} (v' - u')$$

Where  $m = \omega_e \tau_e$  is the Hall parameter. Under the foregoing assumptions and reference temperature  $T_o = 0$ , Equation (2) in Cartesian components reduces to:

$$\frac{\partial u'}{\partial t'} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x'} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial z'^2} + 2\Omega' v' + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho(1+m^2)} (uv' - u') - \frac{\nu}{K'} u' + g\beta T' \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial v'}{\partial t'} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial y'} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v'}{\partial z'^2} - 2\Omega' u' - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho(1+m^2)} (vu' + v') - \frac{\nu}{K'} v' \quad (12)$$

and equation (3) becomes:

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} = k \frac{\partial^2 T'}{\partial z'^2} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial z'} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial u'}{\partial z'} \right)^2 - \mathbf{Q}_0 T' \quad (13)$$

The boundary conditions for the flow problem are:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u' = v' = T' = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad z' = -\frac{d}{2} \\ u' = v' = 0, T' = T'_w \cos \omega' t' \quad \text{at} \quad z' = \frac{d}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (14)$$

Where  $T'_w$  is the mean temperature of the plate at  $z' = d/2$  and  $\omega'$  is the frequency of oscillation.

Following Cogley et al[4], the last term in the energy equation (13),  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial z'} = 4\alpha^2(T' - T_o)$  stands for radiative heat flux modifies to:

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial z'} = 4\alpha^2 T' \quad (15)$$

in view of the reference temperature  $T_o = 0$ , where  $\alpha$  is the mean radiation absorption coefficient.

Introducing the following non dimensional quantities

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \eta = \frac{z'}{d}, x = \frac{x'}{d}, y = \frac{y'}{d}, u = \frac{u'}{U}, v = \frac{v'}{U}, T = \frac{T'}{T'_w}, t = \frac{t'U}{d}, \omega = \frac{\omega'd}{U}, p = \frac{p'}{\rho U^2}, \\ \text{Re} = \frac{Ud}{\nu}, \Omega = \frac{\Omega'd^2}{\nu}, K = \frac{K'}{d^2}, Gr = \frac{g\beta d^2 T'_w}{\nu U}, Pe = \frac{\rho C_p d U}{k}, N = \frac{2\alpha d}{\sqrt{k}}, \\ M = \frac{\sigma\beta^2 d^2}{\rho\nu}, S = \frac{Q_o d}{\rho C_p U}, Ec = \frac{U^2}{C_p T'_w} \end{aligned} \right\} (16)$$

Using non – dimensional quantities from (16), the equations(11), (12) and (13) reduces to:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{2\Omega}{\text{Re}} v + \frac{M}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{v-u}{+m^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{K \text{Re}} u + \frac{Gr}{\text{Re}} T \right) \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{2\Omega}{\text{Re}} u - \frac{M}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{u+v}{+m^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{K \text{Re}} v \right) \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{Pe} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{N^2}{Pe} T - ST + (Ec) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (19)$$

Where  $U$  is the mean axial velocity,  $M$  the Magnetic parameter,  $\text{Re}$  the Reynolds number,  $\Omega$  the rotation parameter,  $K$  the permeability of the porous medium,  $Gr$  the Grashoff number,  $Pe$  the Peclet number,  $N$  the Radiation parameter,  $S$  the Heat absorption parameter and  $Ec$  the Eckert number.

The corresponding transformed boundary conditions are:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u = v = T = 0 \text{ at } \eta = -\frac{1}{2} \\ u = v = 0, T = \cos \omega t \text{ at } \eta = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} (20)$$

For the oscillatory internal flow, we shall assume that the fluid flows only under the influence of a non dimensional pressure gradient oscillating in the direction of  $x'$  – axis only which is of the

$$\text{form} -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = P \cos \omega t.$$

#### 4. Method of Solution

By applying Galerkin finite element method for equation (17) over the element  $(e)$ ,  $\eta_j \leq \eta \leq \eta_{k+1}$

is:

$$\int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} N^{(e)T} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u^{(e)}}{\partial \eta^2} - \text{Re} \frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial t} - Bu + P \right] d\eta = 0 \quad (21)$$

Where  $P = Amv + 2\Omega v - \text{Re} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + GrT$ ,  $B = A + \frac{1}{K}$ ,  $A = \frac{M}{1+m^2}$

Integrating the first term in equation (21) by parts one obtains

$$N^{(e)T} \left\{ \frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial \eta} \right\}_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} - \int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} \left\{ \frac{\partial N^{(e)T}}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial \eta} + N^{(e)T} \left( \text{Re} \frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial t} + Bu^{(e)} - P \right) \right\} d\eta = 0 \quad (22)$$

Neglecting the first term in equation (22), one gets:

$$\int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} \left\{ \frac{\partial N^{(e)T}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial y} + N^{(e)T} \left( \text{Re} \frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial t} + Bu^{(e)} - P \right) \right\} d\eta = 0$$

Let  $u^{(e)} = N^{(e)} \phi^{(e)}$  be the linear piecewise approximation solution over the element  $\mathcal{E}_e$ ,

$$\mathcal{E}_e = [\eta_j \leq \eta \leq \eta_k], \text{ where } N^{(e)} = [N_j \quad N_k], \phi^{(e)} = [u_j \quad u_k]^T \text{ and } N_j = \frac{\eta_k - \eta}{\eta_k - \eta_j}, N_k = \frac{\eta - \eta_j}{\eta_k - \eta_j} \text{ are}$$

the basis functions. One obtains:

$$\int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} N_j' & N_j' \\ N_j' & N_k' \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} u_j \\ u_k \end{bmatrix} d\eta + \text{Re} \int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} N_j & N_j \\ N_j & N_k \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_j \\ \dot{u}_k \end{bmatrix} d\eta + B \int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} N_j & N_j \\ N_j & N_k \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} u_j \\ u_k \end{bmatrix} d\eta = P \int_{\eta_j}^{\eta_k} \begin{bmatrix} N_j \\ N_k \end{bmatrix} d\eta$$

Simplifying we get

$$\frac{1}{l^{(e)2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_j \\ u_k \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\text{Re}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_j \\ \dot{u}_k \end{bmatrix} + \frac{B}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_j \\ u_k \end{bmatrix} = \frac{P}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where prime and dot denotes differentiation w.r.t  $\eta$  and time  $t$  respectively. Assembling the element equations for two consecutive elements  $\mathcal{E}_{i-1} = [\eta_{i-1} \leq \eta \leq \eta_i]$  and  $\mathcal{E}_i = [\eta_i \leq \eta \leq \eta_{i+1}]$  following is obtained:



$$\frac{1}{l^{(e)2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{i-1} \\ u_i \\ u_{i+1} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\text{Re}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ u_{i-1} \\ \bullet \\ u_i \\ \bullet \\ u_{i+1} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{B}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{i-1} \\ u_i \\ u_{i+1} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{P}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

Now put row corresponding to the node  $i$  to zero, from equation (23) the difference schemes with  $l^{(e)} = h$  is:

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1} \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\text{Re}}{6} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ u_{i-1} + 4u_i + u_{i+1} \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix} + \frac{B}{6} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet \\ u_{i-1} + 4u_i + u_{i+1} \\ \bullet \end{bmatrix} = P \quad (24)$$

Applying the trapezoidal rule, following system of equations in Crank – Nicholson method are obtained:

$$A_1 u_{i-1}^{n+1} + A_2 u_i^{n+1} + A_3 u_{i+1}^{n+1} = A_4 u_{i-1}^n + A_5 u_i^n + A_6 u_{i+1}^n + 12Pk \quad (25)$$

Applying similar procedure to equations (18) and (19) the following equations are obtained:

$$B_1 v_{i-1}^{n+1} + B_2 v_i^{n+1} + B_3 v_{i+1}^{n+1} = B_4 v_{i-1}^n + B_5 v_i^n + B_6 v_{i+1}^n + 12Qk \quad (26)$$

$$C_1 T_{i-1}^{n+1} + C_2 T_i^{n+1} + C_3 T_{i+1}^{n+1} = C_4 T_{i-1}^n + C_5 T_i^n + C_6 T_{i+1}^n + (Ec) \left( \frac{\partial u_i^j}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \quad (27)$$

Where  $A_1 = 2\text{Re} - 6r + Bk$ ,  $A_2 = 8\text{Re} + 12r + 4Bk$ ,  $A_3 = 2\text{Re} - 6r + Bk$ ,

$A_4 = 2\text{Re} + 6r - Bk$ ,  $A_5 = 8\text{Re} - 12r - 4Bk$ ,  $A_6 = 2\text{Re} + 6r - Bk$ ,

$B_1 = 2\text{Re} - 6r + Bk$ ,  $B_2 = 8\text{Re} + 12r + 4Bk$ ,  $B_3 = 2\text{Re} - 6r + Bk$ ,

$B_4 = 2\text{Re} + 6r - Bk$ ,  $B_5 = 8\text{Re} - 12r - 4Bk$ ,  $B_6 = 2\text{Re} + 6r - Bk$ ,

$C_1 = 2Pe - 6r + (N^2 + S)k$ ,  $C_2 = 8Pe + 12r + 4(N^2 + S)k$ ,  $C_3 = 2Pe - 6r + (N^2 + S)k$ ,

$C_4 = 2Pe + 6r - (N^2 + S)k$ ,  $C_5 = 8Pe - 12r - 4(N^2 + S)k$ ,  $C_6 = 2Pe + 6r - (N^2 + S)k$ ,

$$P = Amv_i^j + 2\Omega v_i^j - \text{Re} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + GrT_i^j, Q = Amu_i^j + 2\Omega u_i^j + \text{Re} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y};$$

Here  $r = \frac{k}{h^2}$  and  $h, k$  are mesh sizes along  $\eta$  – direction and time – direction respectively.

Index  $i$  refers to space and  $j$  refers to the time. In equations (25), (26) and (27) taking  $i = 1(1)n$  and using boundary conditions (20), then the following system of equations are obtained:

$$A_i X_i = B_i \quad i = 1(1)3 \quad (28)$$

Where  $A_i$ 's are matrices of order  $n$  and  $X_i, B_i$ 's are column matrices having  $n$  – components. The solutions of above system of equations are obtained by using Thomas algorithm for velocity, temperature and concentration. Also, numerical solutions for these equations are obtained by  $C$  – programme. In order to prove the convergence and stability of Galerkin finite element method, the same  $C$  – programme was run with smaller values of  $h$  and  $k$  and no significant change was observed in the values of  $u, v$  and  $T$ . Hence the Galerkin finite element method is stable and convergent.

Knowing the velocity field, the skin - friction at the plate in the dimensionless form is given by

$$\tau_1 = \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right]_{\eta=0} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_2 = \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} \right]_{\eta=0} \quad (29)$$

Knowing the temperature field, the rate of heat transfer coefficient can be obtained which in non dimensional form, in terms of the Nusselt number is given by

$$Nu = - \left[ \frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta} \right]_{\eta=0} \quad (30)$$

## 5. Discussions of the Results

In order to study the effect of different parameters appearing in the flow problem, we have carried out numerical calculations for the velocity field, temperature field, skin friction, and rate of heat transfer. To assess the effects of each parameter for small and large rotations, two values of the rotation parameter  $\Omega$  ( $=5$  and  $10$ ) are considered.

Figure 2 shows the variation of velocity profiles under the influence of the rotation parameter  $\Omega$ . The velocity decreases when  $\Omega$  is increased. Figure 3 shows the variation of velocity with Reynolds number  $\text{Re}$ . It is evident from figure 3 that the increasing value of  $\text{Re}$  leads to increase of velocity. It is interesting to note that for large rotation the maximum of velocity no longer occurs at the centre of the channel but shifted towards the walls.

The variations of the velocity profiles with the Grashof number  $Gr$  are shown in Figure 4. For small rotations ( $\Omega = 5$ ), the velocity increases with the increasing Grashof number. The maximum of the velocity profiles shifts towards right half of the channel due to the greater

buoyancy force in this part of the channel due to the presence of hotter plate. For large rotation ( $\Omega = 10$ ), the Grashof number has opposite effect on the velocity profiles in the right half and the left half of the channel. In the right half there lies hot plate at  $\eta = 1/2$  and heat is transferred from the hot plate to the fluid and consequently buoyancy force enhances the flow velocity further. In the left half of the channel, the transfer of heat takes place from the fluid to the cooler plate at  $\eta = 1/2$ . Thus, the effect of Grashof number on the velocity is reversed i.e. velocity decreases with increasing  $Gr$ . It is evident from figure 5 that the velocity decreases with the increase of Hartmann number  $M$ . This is because of the reason that effects of a transverse magnetic field on an electrically conducting fluid gives rise to a resistive type force (called Lorentz force) similar to drag force and upon increasing the values of  $M$  increases the drag force which has tendency to slow down the motion of the fluid. Figure 6 shows the variation of the velocity with Hall parameter  $m$ . The velocity increases with the increase of  $m$  in the middle of the channel for small rotation ( $\Omega = 5$ ) of the channel while for the large rotation ( $\Omega = 10$ ) of the channel there is no significant effect of  $m$  on velocity (Figure 6).

The variation of the velocity profile with permeability of the porous medium  $K$  is shown in Figure 7. It is observed from Figure 7 that in the rotating channel the velocity decreases with increasing  $K$ . It is expected physically also because the resistance posed by the porous medium to the decelerated flow due to rotation reduces with increasing permeability  $K$  which leads to decrease in the velocity. For ( $\Omega = 10$ ) velocity is much less than ( $\Omega = 5$ ).

Figure 8 shows that with increasing Peclet number  $Pe$  the velocity decreases. The variation of velocity profile with radiation parameter  $N$  is shown in Figure 9. In the left half of the channel, the effect of  $N$  on the velocity is insignificant while in the right half of the channel velocity decrease with increase of  $N$ . It is evident from the Figure 10 that the increasing pressure gradient  $P$  leads to the increase of velocity. Figure 11 shows the variation of the velocity with frequency of oscillations  $\omega$ . The velocity decreases with the increase of frequency of oscillations  $\omega$  (Figure 11).

Figure 12 shows the variation of the velocity with Eckert number  $Ec$ . The velocity increases with the increase of  $Ec$  in the middle of the channel for small rotation ( $\Omega = 5$ ) of the channel while for the large rotation ( $\Omega = 10$ ) of the channel there is no significant effect of  $Ec$  on velocity (Figure 12). The variation of the velocity profile with heat absorption parameter  $S$  is shown in Figure 13. It is observed from Figure 13 that in the rotating channel the velocity decreases with increasing  $S$ .

The temperature profile is shown in Figure 14. The temperature decreases with the increase of radiation parameter  $N$ , heat source  $S$ , the Peclet number  $Pe$  and the frequency of oscillations  $\omega$  (Figure 14). It is interesting to note that the flow of heat is reversed with the increase of Peclet number  $Pe$  and viscous dissipation  $Ec$ .

From table 1 we observed that the skin friction  $\tau_1$  decreases with increase of Peclet number  $Pe$  and Hartmann number  $M$ . The skin friction  $\tau_1$  increases with increase of rotation parameter  $\Omega$ , Reynolds number  $Re$ , Grashof number  $Gr$ , Hall parameter  $m$ , Permeability of the porous medium  $K$ , Pressure gradient  $P$ . From table 1 we observed that the skin friction  $\tau_2$  decreases with increase of Peclet number  $Pe$  and Hartmann number  $M$ . The skin friction  $\tau_2$  increases with increase of rotation parameter  $\Omega$ , Reynolds number  $Re$ , Grashof number  $Gr$ , Hall parameter  $m$ , Permeability of

the porous medium  $K$ , Pressure gradient  $P$ . From table 2 we observed that the rate of heat transfer decreases with increase of Eckert number  $Ec$ , heat source  $S$  and Radiation parameter  $N$  but increases with increase of Peclet number  $Pe$ .

Table 1. Skin – friction coefficients ( $\tau_1$  &  $\tau_2$ )

$\Omega$	Re	Gr	M	m	K	Pe	N	Ec	S	P	$\tau_1$	$\tau_2$
5	1	1	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	1.769	-0.591
10	1	1	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	2.310	-0.183
5	0.5	1	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	0.930	-0.606
5	1	3	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	1.941	-0.520
5	1	1	2	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	1.602	-0.681
5	1	1	1	3	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	1.907	-0.401
5	1	1	1	1	0.5	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	5	1.712	-0.653
5	1	1	1	1	1	7.0	1	0.001	1.0	5	1.755	-0.495
5	1	1	1	1	1	0.71	5	0.001	1.0	5	1.701	-0.684
5	1	1	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.100	1.0	5	1.824	-0.410
5	1	1	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	2.0	5	1.697	-0.604
5	1	1	1	1	1	0.71	1	0.001	1.0	10	3.501	-0.367

Table 2. Rate of heat transfer

Pe	Ec	S	N	Nu
0.71	0.001	1.0	1.0	1.0329
7.0	0.001	1.0	1.0	1.1156
0.71	0.100	1.0	1.0	0.9647
0.71	0.001	2.0	1.0	0.9365
0.71	0.001	1.0	3.0	0.8941

## 6. Observations

This work investigated the effect of thermal radiation and rotation on an unsteady magnetohydrodynamic mixed convection flow through a porous medium with hall current and heat absorption. The governing equations are approximated to a system of non-linear partial differential equations by using Galerkin infinite element method. The results are presented graphically and we can conclude that the flow field and the quantities of physical interest are significantly influenced by these parameters.

1. The velocity increases as rotation parameter  $\Omega$ , Reynolds number  $Re$ , Grashof number  $Gr$ , Hall parameter  $m$ , Eckert number  $Ec$  and Pressure gradient  $P$  increases. However, the velocity was found to decrease as the Hartmann number  $M$ , Permeability of the porous medium  $K$ , Peclet number  $Pe$ , Heat absorption parameter  $S$ , Thermal radiation parameter  $N$  and Frequency of oscillation  $\omega$  are increases.
2. The fluid temperature was found to decrease as the Heat absorption parameter  $S$ , thermal radiation parameter  $N$  and Peclet number  $Pe$  are increases. And it increases as Eckert number  $Ec$  increases.
3. The skin friction  $\tau_1$  decreases with increase of Heat absorption parameter  $S$ , Peclet number  $Pe$  Thermal radiation parameter  $N$  and Hartmann number  $M$ . However, it increases with increase of rotation parameter  $\Omega$ , Reynolds number  $Re$ , Eckert number  $Ec$ , Grashof number  $Gr$ , Hall parameter  $m$ , Permeability of the porous medium  $K$ , Pressure gradient  $P$ .
4. The skin friction  $\tau_2$  decreases with increase of Peclet number  $Pe$ , Heat absorption parameter  $S$ , Thermal radiation parameter  $N$  and Hartmann number  $M$ . However it increases with increase of rotation parameter  $\Omega$ , Reynolds number  $Re$ , Grashof number  $Gr$ , Hall parameter  $m$ , Eckert number  $Ec$ , Permeability of the porous medium  $K$ , Pressure gradient  $P$ .
5. The rate of heat transfer decreases as the Heat absorption parameter  $S$ , thermal radiation parameter  $N$  and Eckert number  $Ec$  are increases. And it increases as Peclet number  $Pe$  increases.

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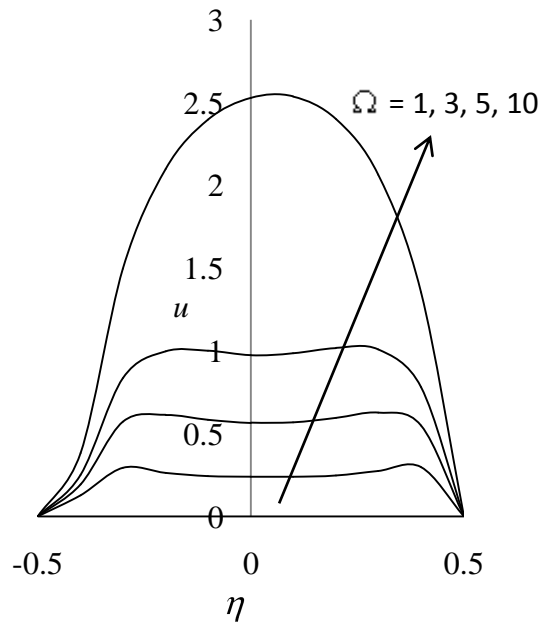


Figure 2. Variation of velocity profiles with  $\Omega$  for  $Re = 1.0$ ,  $Gr=1.0$ ,  $M = 1.0$ ,  $m = 1.0$ ,  $K=1.0$ ,  $Pe=0.71$ ,  $N=1.0$ ,  $P=5.0$ ,  $Ec = 0.001$ ,  $S = 1.0$ ,  $\omega = 5.0$  and  $t=1.0$ .

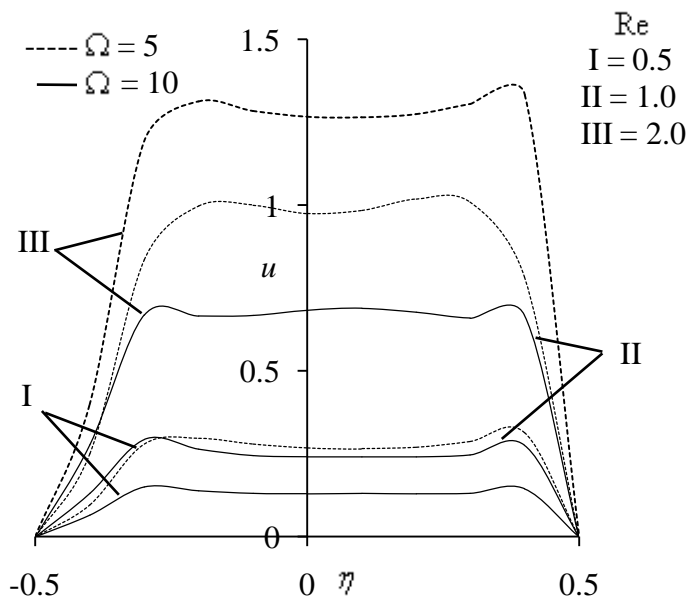


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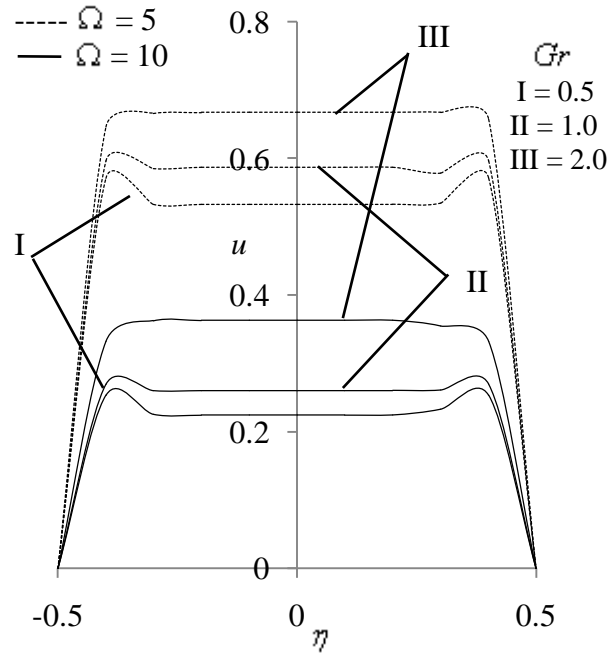


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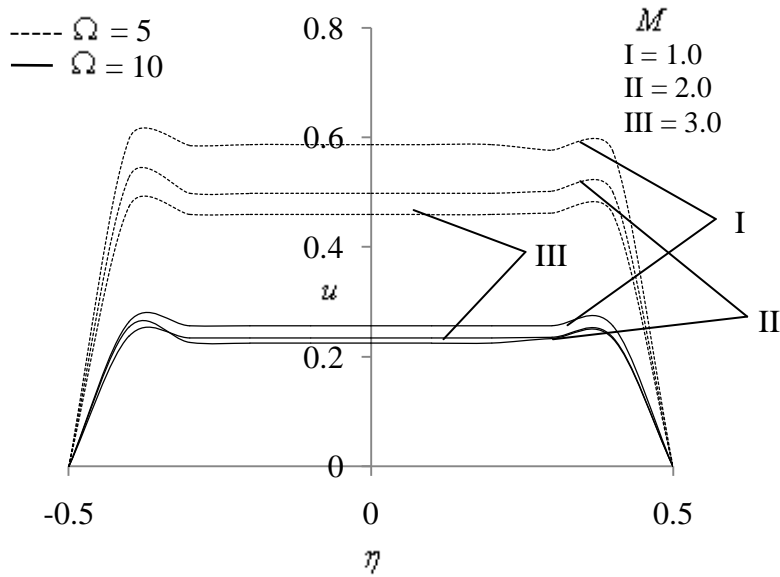


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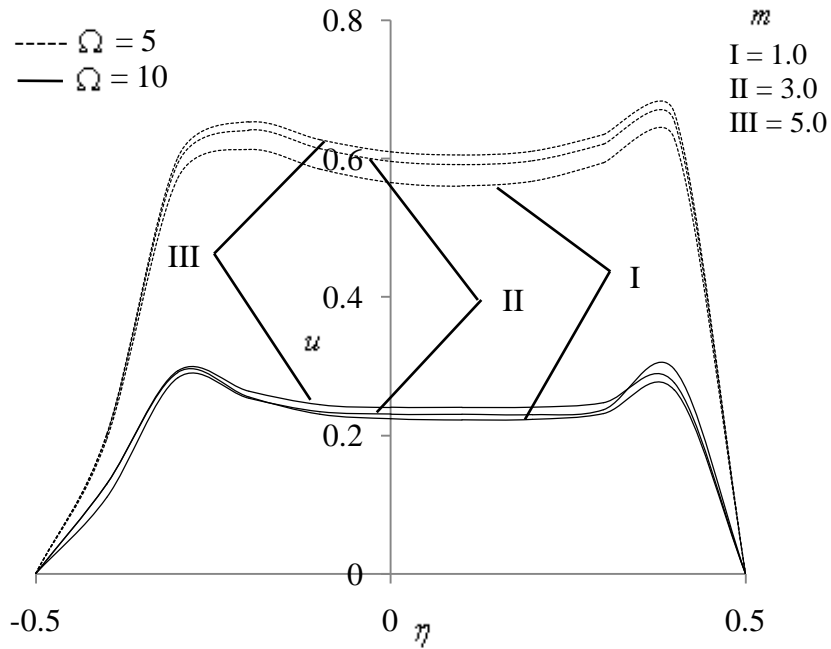


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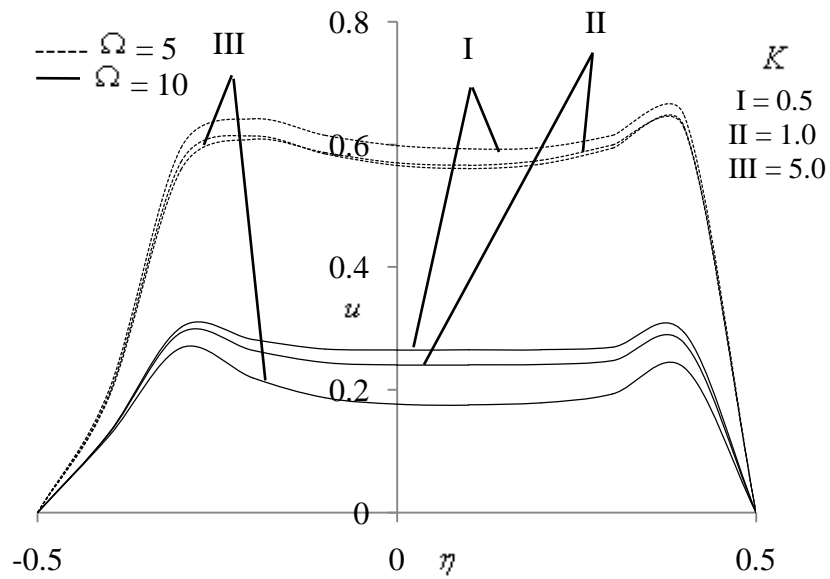


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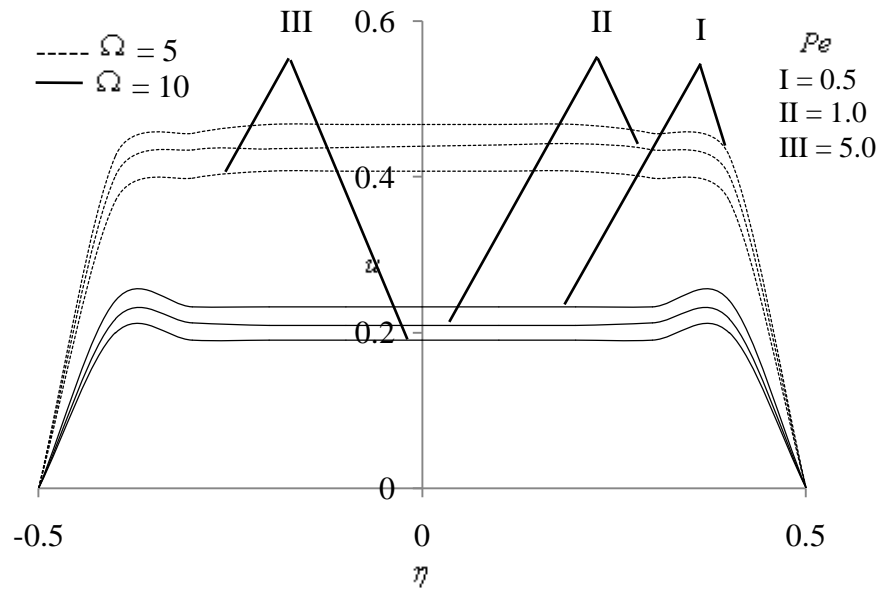


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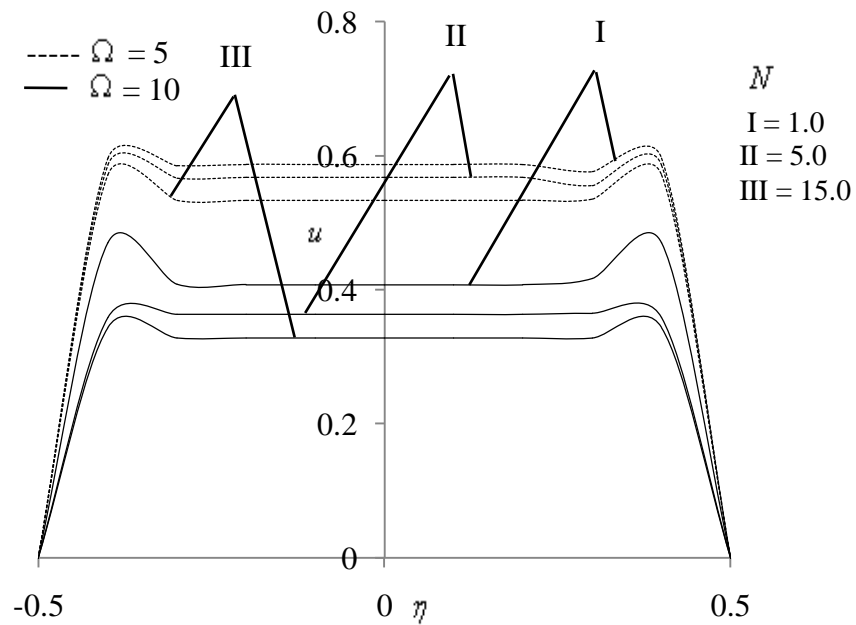


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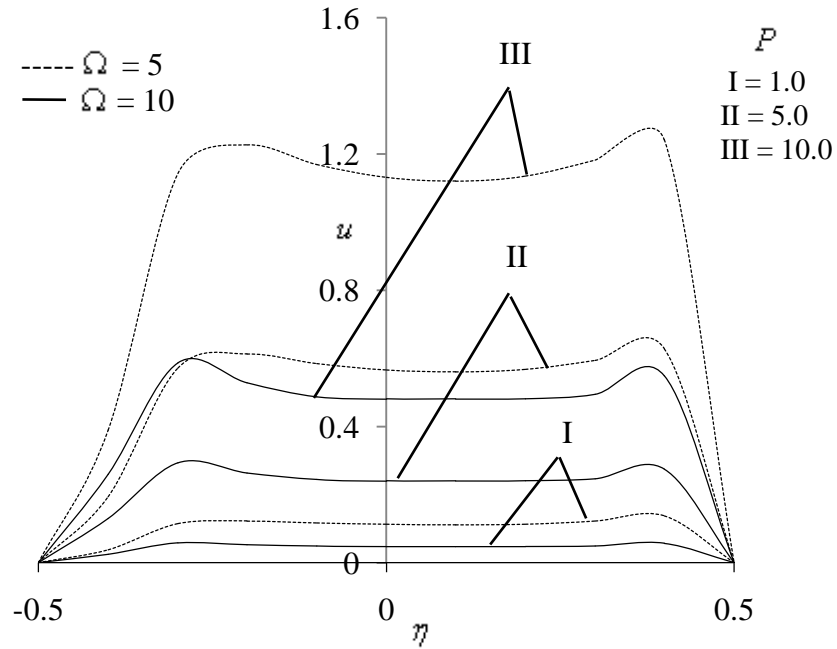


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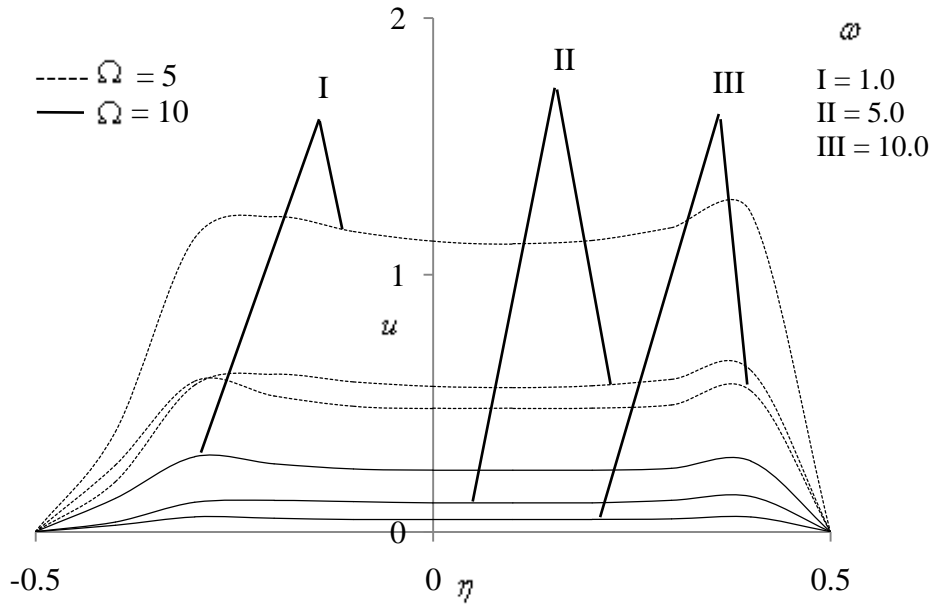


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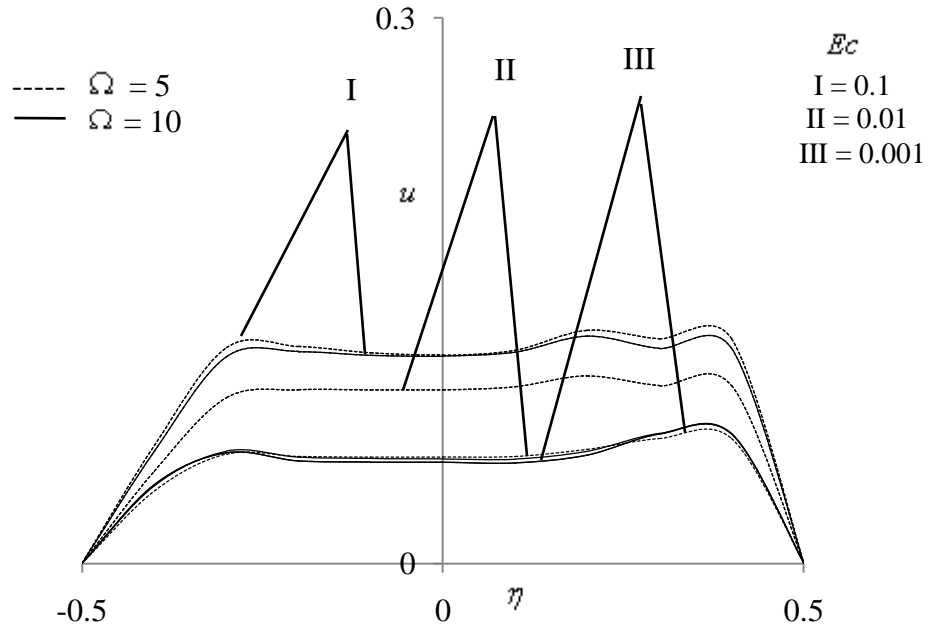


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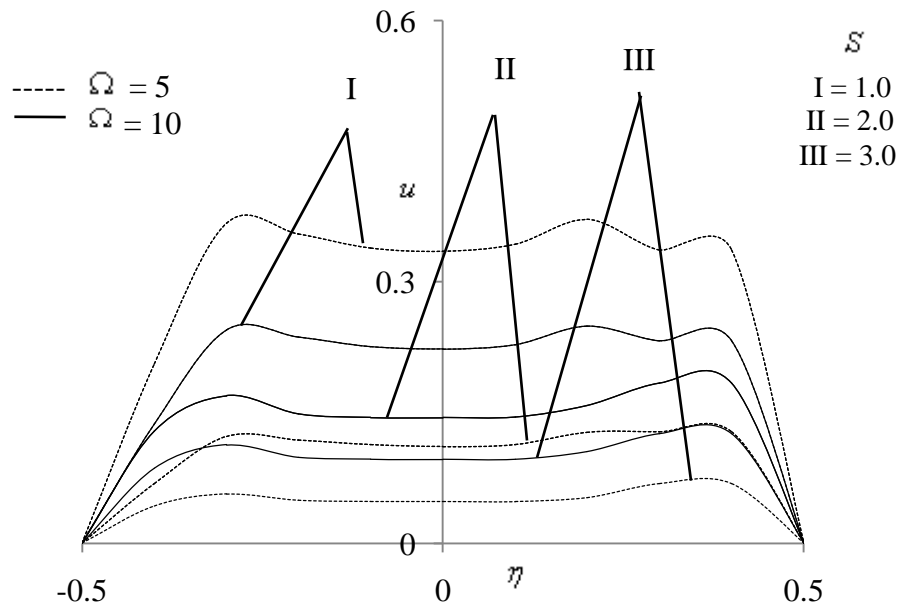


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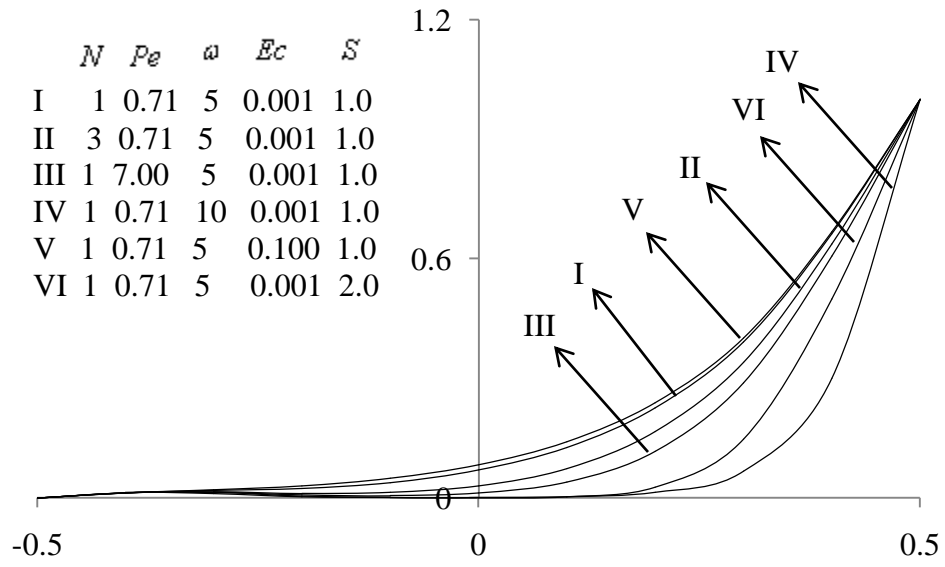


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