Caputo Fractional MHD Casson Fluid Flow Over an Oscillating Plate with Thermal Radiation

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  	The effect of the thermal radiation on the MHD Casson fluid along with the fractional derivative in an oscillating vertical plate is elucidated. More exactly, the Caputo fractional model is utilized in developing the governing equations. Besides, the influence of the buoyancy force due to the temperature gradient has also been considered. The derived fractional partial differential equations are converted into ordinary differential equations by using the Laplace transform technique and then are solved for analytical solutions via the characteristic method. The inversion of the Laplace transformation is obtained through the numerical approach of Zakian. The effects of various physical parameters on the velocity and temperature profiles, Nusselt number, and skin friction have been analyzed and depicted in graphs and tables. The distribution of the velocity and temperature either in viscous or Casson fluid do enhance by the fractional parameter.

1. Introduction

Non-newtonian fluids have been recognized as one of the most popular research topics due to the wide applications in production engineering, chemical engineering as well as the manufacturing process. A non-Newtonian fluid is described as fluids that do not act according to Newton's law of viscosity. Newton's law of viscosity states that the viscosity of fluid remains the same despite the various amount of stress acting on it. The non-Newtonian fluid behaves such that it will be less viscous or sticky when more pressure is applied. Corn starch fluid is an example of a non-Newtonian fluid. Recent research on non-Newtonian fluid can be found in [1–3]. Due to the complexity of the non-Newtonian fluids, the classical Navier-Stokes theory does not express the fluid adequately, and also no single equation as of today could describe the non-Newtonian fluids comprehensively. As such, several models have been developed over the years to investigate the properties of these fluids *i.e.,* Maxwell model and Casson Model [4]. One of the most popular subclasses of non-Newtonian fluid is the Casson fluid, a model that exhibits the yield stress impact of the fluid. Casson fluid behaves such

that it will act like a solid when the shear stress applied to it is less than its yield stress and it will be in motion when shear stress applied is more than its yield stress [5]. The Casson fluid model was first introduced by Casson [6] in 1959 whilst investigating the rheological data of pigment ink in a printer. Examples of recent research on Casson fluid are [7–9]. Over the past few decades, research on Casson fluid has increased drastically. Frigaard [10] did an extensive review on simple stress yield fluids, this includes Casson fluid. Meanwhile, Gbadeyan *et al.,* [11] provided a review on the effects of magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) and thermal radiation on Casson fluid. Other than that, Kumar and Pai [12] did an extensive study on a Casson fluid passing though a porous circular bearing. Yusof *et al.,* [13] on the other hand studied the effects of radiation on Casson fluid passing through an exponentially accelerated riga plate with permeability and slip effect in mind. In the hopes further investigating and peeling the theoretical and mathematical models on Casson fluid, researchers are visiting the idea of fractional derivates an it's impact on fluid flow models.

Fractional derivatives are simply defined as derivatives with orders between 0 and 1. It was first mentioned by L'Hospital when he wrote a letter to Leibniez [14] asking what would happen if the n notation on a derivative would be a complex or fractional number. Since then, many researchers has tried their hands on defining fractional derivative. This includes Riemann, Abel and Liouville [15]. The Riemann-Liouville, Grunwald-Letnikov and Caputo are a few of the most popular definitions used to date [16-17]. Research on fractional derivatives has skyrocketed over the past few decades. Fractional derivatives have been applied in many fields including mechanical engineering, civil engineering, numerical analysis, etc. For example, Cao *et al.,* [18] used Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative to calculate the shear stress of a beam by performing Laplace transform on the fractional Euler-Lagrange equation. Meanwhile, Gómez-aguilar *et al.,* [19] applied not only the Riemann-Liouville but as well as the Grfinwald-Letnikov, Liouville-Caputo, and Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative to model electrical circuits and analyze them. Jamil *et al.,* [20] did an investigation on the effects of magnetism of a blood flow within an inclined cylindrical tube while incorporating the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative. More applications of the fractional derivative are shown in [21] and [22]. The Caputo derivative, developed by Italian physicist Michele Caputo in 1967, is used to model an occurrence that considers past interactions and nonlocal problems [23]. A recent publication on Caputo derivative in the field of fluid mechanics is done by Yang *et al.,* [24] where the properties of heat and flow transfer of fractional Maxwell fluid above the different thickness of stretching sheet was discussed. The article concluded that stronger elastic characteristics are exhibited when a larger fractional parameter is used. Other recent publications on the Caputo derivative includes [25-27].

By considering a free convection flow of Casson fluid in a porous medium, Khalid *et al.,* [28] obtained the exact solutions using Laplace transform. Khan *et al.,* [29] extended the study by introducing fractional calculus to the generalised Casson fluid and considering oscillating boundary conditions. Again, the solution was obtained through the Laplace transform. Later, Ali *et al.,* [30] acknowledged a fractional generalised Casson fluid with an infinite plate instead of a finite plate. Saqib *et al.,* [31] have deliberated the Casson fluid flows under the influence of the fractional parameter in the presence of first-order chemical reactions and considering the slip effect.

In all the above-mentioned literature, no attempt has been given on investigating the effect of the noninteger derivatives, free convection, and thermal radiation on the flow of the MHD Casson fluid that is driven by a vertical oscillating infinite plate. Therefore, the present study aims to extend the work of Ali *et al.,* [30] by introducing thermal radiation and the MHD effect in the Casson fluid flow and heat transfer along with an oscillating plate. The Caputo fractional derivative model is applied to deriving the governing equations. Laplace transformation is practiced to transform the nonlinear governing partial differential equations into ordinary differential equations. Analytical

solutions of the ODEs are then determined by using the undetermined coefficient method and Laplace's inversion of the solutions will be obtained through Zakian's method. Effects of the fractional parameter, Prandtl number, thermal radiation, time, Grashof number, magnetic parameter as well as plate oscillation frequency on the fluid flow and heat analysis have been discussed and plotted graphically via Mathcad 15 software.

2. Problem Definition

An unsteady incompressible MHD Casson fluid over an infinite oscillating vertical flat plate is considered. The cartesian coordinate system is applied in the present study and y is taken in the direction normal to the plate. The flow is constricted to $y > 0$. Initially at $t = 0$, the plate is at rest, and the plate and the ambient fluid are assumed to have a constant temperature T_∞. As time progresses, $t > 0$, the plate begins to oscillate with velocity $\frac{A}{t} sin(\omega t)$, where A is the plate's acceleration, while ω is the frequency of the plate's oscillations. Meanwhile, the temperature of the plate is radiatively increased to T_w and remained constant thereafter. The radiation effect is also considered such that the heat flux is applied perpendicular to the plate. The temperature and velocity is dependent on variable y and t. By utilising the Boussinesq's approximation and considering a unidirectional flow, the acquired momentum and energy equations are as follows [32–34]

$$\frac{\partial u(y,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\mu}{\rho}\left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\frac{\partial^2 u(y,t)}{\partial y^2} + g\beta_T\left(T - T_\infty\right) - \frac{1}{\rho}\sigma B_0^2 u(y,t),$$ (1)

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k\frac{1}{\rho C_p}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y},$$ (2)

with initial and boundary conditions

$$u(y,0) = 0, \qquad T(y,0) = T_\infty,$$
$$u(0,t) = \frac{A}{t}\sin(\omega t), \quad T(0,t) = T_w,$$ (3)
$$u(\infty,t) \to 0, \qquad T(\infty,t) \to T_\infty,$$

where u is the velocity and T is the temperature of the fluid, β is the parameter for Casson fluid, μ is viscosity, g is gravitational acceleration, β_T is the thermal expansion coefficient, B_0 is the magnetic parameter, C_P is the specific heat under constant pressure and k is thermal conductivity.

Using Rosseland's approximation,

$$q_r = \frac{4\sigma^*}{3k^*}\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial y},$$ (4)

the thermal radiation term, $\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y}$ can be obtained by differentiating Equation (4) with respect to y.

where σ^* is the Stefan-Boltzman constant and k^* is the mean absorption coefficient. Using the following non-dimensional variables in Eq. (5), the governing equations and the corresponding boundary conditions,

$$u^* = \frac{u}{A} t, \qquad y^* = \frac{A}{\upsilon t} y,$$
$$t^* = \frac{A^2}{t\upsilon}, \qquad T^* = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_W - T_\infty}, \qquad \omega^* = \frac{\upsilon t^2}{A^2} \omega. \tag{5}$$

and removing the asterisk notation, the final non-dimensional governing equations from Eq. (1) and (2) take the form such as [35–38]

$$\frac{\partial u(y,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\beta_0} \frac{\partial^2 u(y,t)}{\partial y^2} - M^2 u(y,t) + GrT(y,t), \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{\partial T(y,t)}{\partial t} = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} N\right) \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\partial^2 T(y,t)}{\partial y^2}, \tag{7}$$

with initial and boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(y,0) &= 0, & T(y,0) &= 0, \\ u(0,t) &= \sin(\omega t), & T(0,t) &= 1, \\ u(\infty,t) &\to 0, & T(\infty,t) &\to 0, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where

$$\frac{1}{\beta_0} = 1 + \frac{1}{\beta}, \qquad M^2 = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho} \frac{\upsilon}{A^2} t^2,$$
$$N = \frac{4\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{k^* k}, \qquad Pr = \frac{\mu C_P}{k}, \qquad Gr = \frac{\upsilon g \beta_T (T_W - T_\infty)}{A^3} t^3, \tag{9}$$

and β_0, M^2, Gr, N, Pr are dimensionless Casson parameter, the magnetic parameter, Grashof number, thermal radiation parameter, and Prandtl number respectively.

To investigate the impact of fractional derivative on the velocity and temperature profiles of the Casson fluid, Eq. (6) and (7) are modified to the fractional governing equations such as

$$D_t^\alpha u(y,t) = \frac{1}{\beta_0} \frac{\partial^2 u(y,t)}{\partial y^2} - M^2 u(y,t) + GrT(y,t), \tag{10}$$

$$D_t^\alpha T(y,t) = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} N\right) \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\partial^2 T(y,t)}{\partial y^2}, \tag{11}$$

where

$$D_t^\alpha f(x,t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{f'(y,t)}{(t-\mu)^\alpha} d\mu, \tag{12}$$

is the Caputo fractional derivative with order α and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ and is Bernoulli's gamma function.

2.1 Problem Solution

To investigate the behavior of the fluid, an analytical solution via Laplace transform and numerical inversion Laplace transform by Zakin method are constructed.

Eq. (8), (10) and (11) is first transformed into an ordinary system of equations via Laplace transform such as

$$\frac{d^2\bar{u}(y,q)}{d\bar{y}^2} - \beta_0\left(q^\alpha - M^2\right)\bar{u}(y,q) = -Gr\beta_0\bar{T}(y,q),$$ (13)

$$\frac{d^2\bar{T}(y,q)}{d\bar{y}^2} - \frac{q^\alpha Pr}{1+\frac{4}{3}N}\bar{T}(y,q) = 0,$$ (14)

and boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{u}(y,0) &= 0, & \bar{T}(y,0) &= 0, \\
\bar{u}(0,q) &= \frac{\omega}{q^2+\omega^2}, & \bar{T}(0,q) &= \frac{1}{q}, \\
\bar{u}(\infty,q) &\to 0, & \bar{T}(\infty,q) &\to 0.
\end{aligned}$$ (15)

where the bar notation symbolises Laplace notations. Solving Eq. (13) and (14) subjected to boundary conditions (15) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{u}(y,q) &= \frac{\omega}{q^2+\omega^2}\exp\left(-y\sqrt{\beta_0(q^\alpha-M^2)}\right) - \frac{D_1}{q(q^\alpha+D_2)}\exp\left(-y\sqrt{\beta_0(q^\alpha-M^2)}\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{D_1}{q(q^\alpha+D_2)}\exp\left(-y\sqrt{q^\alpha\,Pr_0}\right),
\end{aligned}$$ (16)

$$\bar{T}(y,q) = \frac{1}{q}\exp\left(-y\sqrt{q^\alpha\,Pr_0}\right),$$ (17)

where

$$D_1 = \frac{-Gr\beta_0}{Pr_0-\beta_0}, \quad D_2 = \frac{\beta_0 M^2}{Pr_0-\beta_0}, \quad Pr_0 = \frac{Pr}{1+\frac{4}{3}N}.$$

To recover the final solution for the velocity and temperature profiles, Zakian's method as stated in the Eq. (18) for computing the numerical solutions of the inverse Laplace transform is employed [39, 40].

$$f(t) = \frac{2}{t}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathrm{Re}\left\{K_i F\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{t}\right)\right\}.$$ (18)

2.1.1 Skin friction coefficient and Nusselt number

Skin friction coefficient and Nusselt number for Casson fluid in non-dimensional form is given as

$$C_f = \frac{1}{\beta_0} \frac{\partial u(y,t)}{\partial y}\bigg|_{y=0},$$ (19)

$$Nu = \frac{\partial T(y,t)}{\partial y}\bigg|_{y=0}.$$ (20)

3. Result and Discussions

The characteristic of the Caputo fractional MHD Casson fluid over an oscillating plate under the effects of thermal radiation is investigated through observations of velocity and temperature profiles that have been computed by the analytical solutions. The numerical inversion solutions of Eq. (16) and (17) are derived by utilizing Zakian's method as defined in the Eq. (18) and the results are plotted using Mathcad 15.

It is observed from Figure 1, the Prandtl number has decreased the Casson fluid velocity. This is due to the decrement in buoyancy force. Meanwhile, Figure 2 exhibits the behavior of fluid with increment in thermal radiation parameter. The increment of the thermal radiation value has escalated the stored kinetic energy in the fluid, thus the fluid's motion is enhanced. On the other hand, as time increases, the fluid motion is intensified as depicted in Figure 3. Figure 4 illustrates that the distribution of the fluid is an increasing function of the Casson parameter. When the Casson parameter approaches infinity, the fluid behaves more like a Newtonian fluid result in lower viscosity and a higher fluid velocity. Next, Figure 5 has exhibited the response of the fluid velocity due to the increment of the Grashof number. The fluid moves faster when the magnitude of the Gr is raised. Grashof number is defined as the ratio of the buoyancy force to the viscous force that acting on a fluid and fluid motion is linearly dependent on the buoyancy force. Thus, increasing the Grashof value would simultaneously escalate the buoyant force and de-escalate the viscous force that acting on the fluid, consequently increases the fluid motion. Figure 6 displays fluid velocity for different values of the magnetic parameter. It is observed that with an increment of the magnetic parameter, fluid velocity would decrease. This is mostly due to the Lorentz force generated from the magnetic field which has slowed down the fluid motion. Figure 7 demonstrates that a higher velocity profile is produced by a large frequency of the oscillating plate.

Figure 8 presents the fluid's temperature profile with different values of Prandtl number. An increment of Prandtl value results in a decrease in fluid temperature. As the Prandtl number is the ratio of momentum diffusivity and thermal diffusivity, therefore, the fluid temperature is inversely proportional to the Prandtl number as observed in Figure 8. In contrast, the fluid temperature increases with the increment of the thermal radiation parameter. As the thermal radiation parameter grows, external heat is applied to the fluid and hence the fluid temperature is enhanced. This behavior can be observed in Figure 9. Further, Figure 10 has shown that the fluid temperature would also be improved by a greater time. Noteworthy, escalating the fractional parameter, would increase the fluid's velocity and temperature as seen in Figure 1 to Figure 10. Other than that, fluid would also reach a steady-state faster when the fractional parameter is decreased.
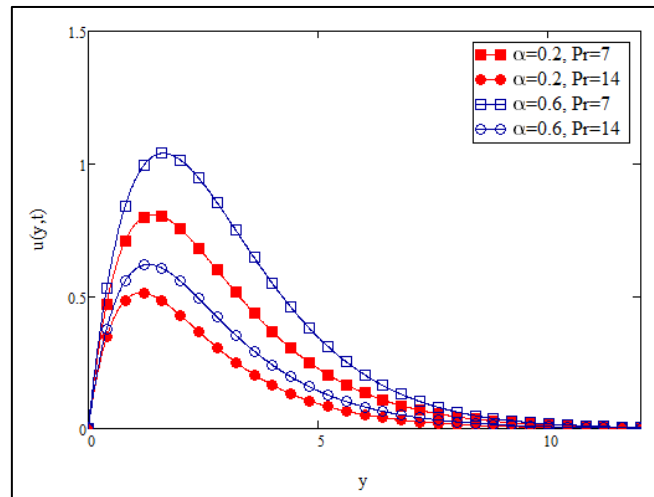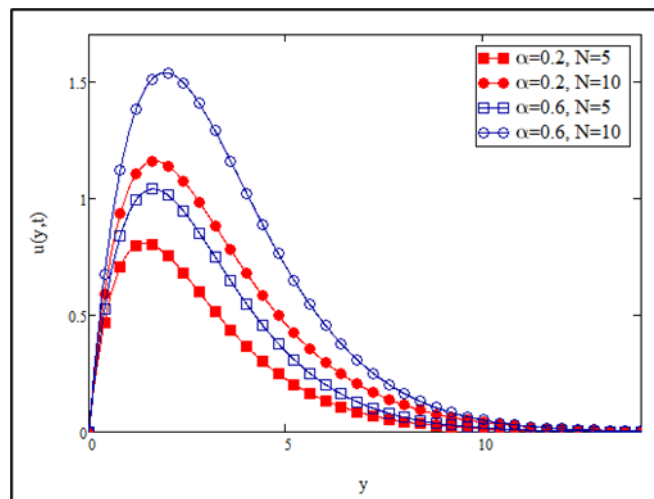
Fig 1. Velocity profile for different values of α and Pr

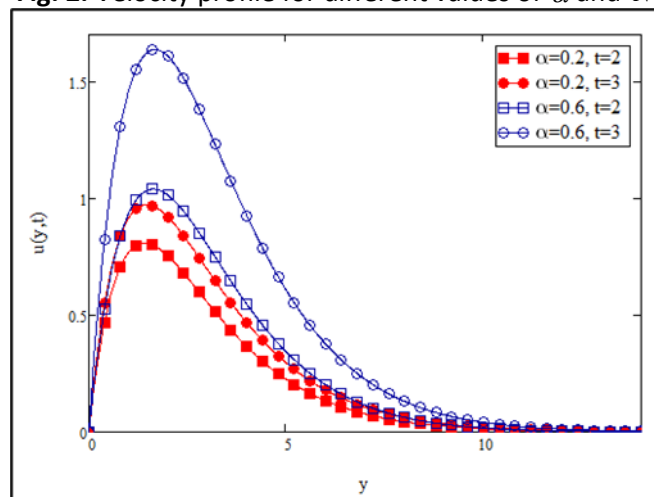**Fig. 2.** Velocity profile for different values of α and N

Fig. 3. Velocity profile for different values of α and t
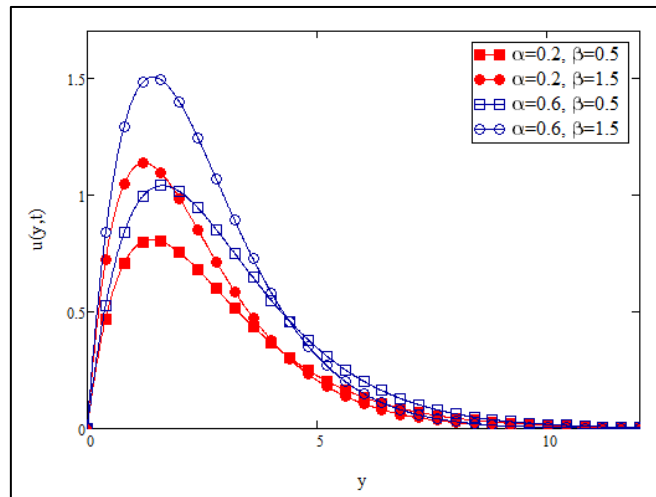
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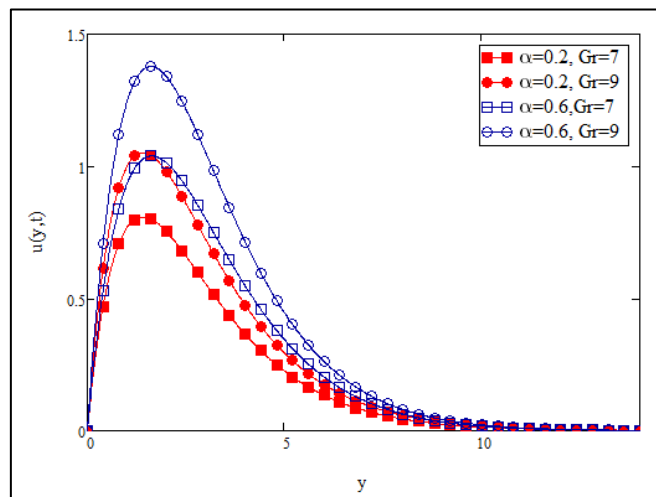
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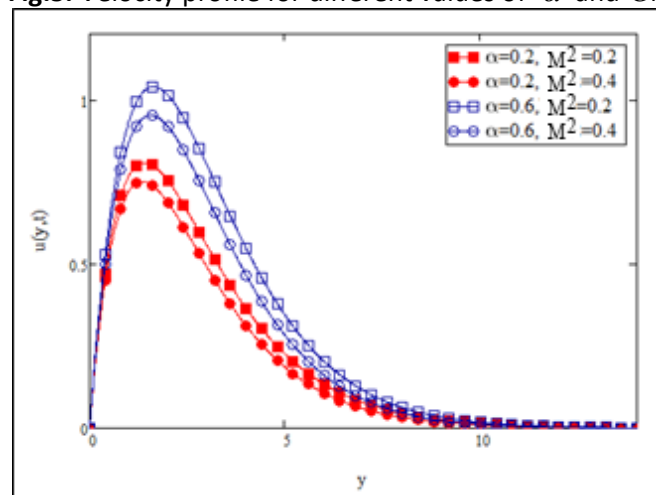
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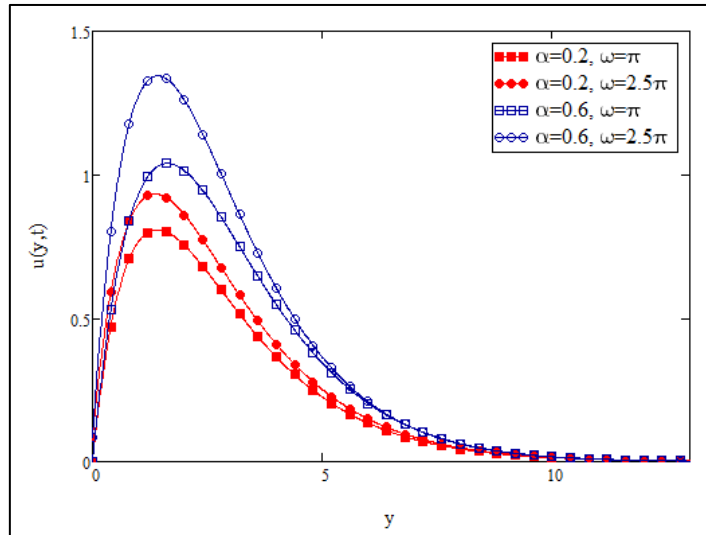
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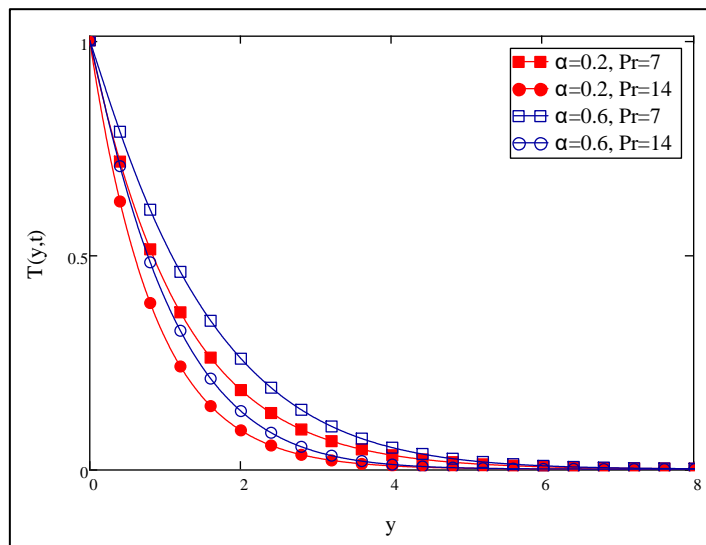
Fig. 8. Temperature profile for different values of α and Pr
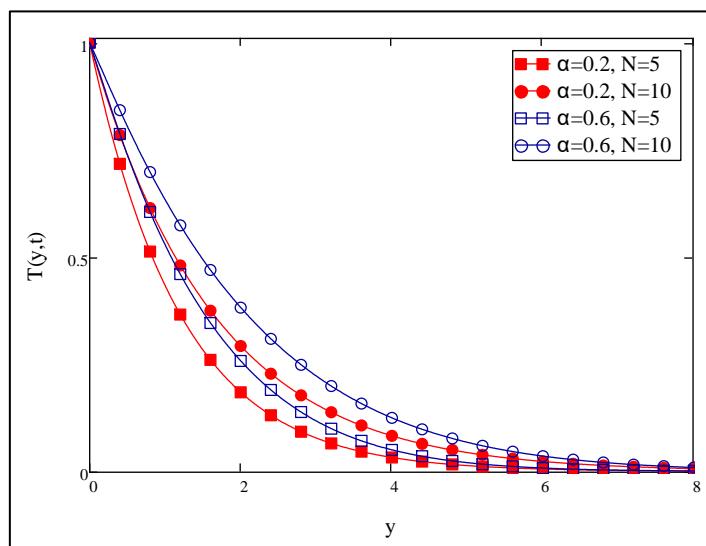
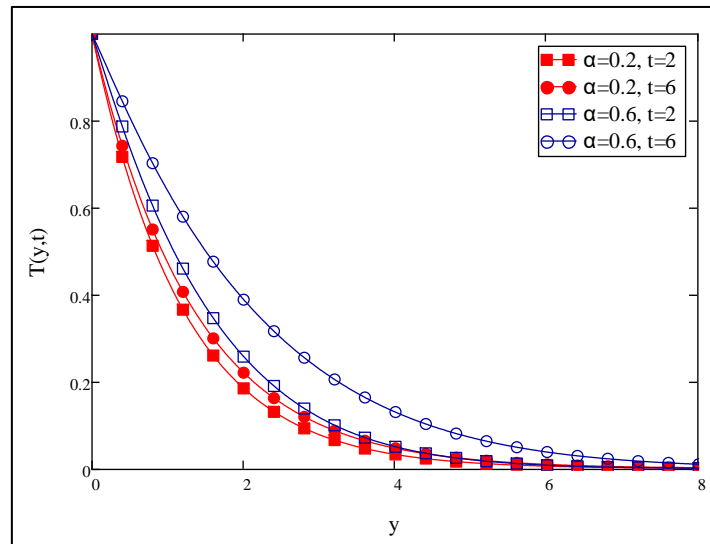**Fig. 9.** Temperature profile for different values of α and N

Fig. 10. Temperature profile for different values of α and t

Table 1 has displayed a summary of fluid behavior with increment in different values of the embedded parameters. In Table 2, the skin friction coefficients for different interested parameters values are tabulated. It is observed that the skin friction coefficient would be amplified if values of α, N, t, β, Gr, and ω are elevated. In contrast, the coefficient would be lowered by increasing the values of $\Pr$ and M^2. Meanwhile, the Nusselt number with different parametric values has been portrayed in Table 3. The Nusselt number tends to increase with increasing parametric values of α, N, t and decrease with increments in $\Pr$. The Nusselt number is defined as the ratio of convection heat transfer and fluid conduction heat transfer, a high Nusselt number value would most definitely increase the fluid's temperature as the heat is conducted at a higher rate as seen in Figure 8 to Figure 10.

Table 1
Behaviour of fluid with different parametric values

Increment of parametric variable	Velocity profile	Temperature profile
α	↑	↑
$\Pr$	↓	↓
N	↑	↑
t	↑	↑
β	↑	-
Gr	↑	-
M^2	↓	-
ω	↑	-

Table 2
Skin friction coefficient variation

α	Pr	N	t	β	Gr	M^2	ω	C_f	Profile
0.2	7	5	2	0.5	7	0.2	π	0.52	-
0.6	7	5	2	0.5	7	0.2	π	0.55	↑
0.2	**14**	5	2	0.5	7	0.2	π	0.411	↓
0.2	7	**10**	2	0.5	7	0.2	π	0.625	↑
0.2	7	5	**3**	0.5	7	0.2	π	0.603	↑
0.2	7	5	2	**1.5**	7	0.2	π	1.494	↑
0.2	7	5	2	0.5	**14**	0.2	π	1.069	↑
0.2	7	5	2	0.5	7	**0.6**	π	0.486	↓
0.2	7	5	2	0.5	7	0.2	**2.5**π	0.562	↑

Table 3
Nusselt number variation

α	Pr	N	t	Nu	Profile
0.2	7	5	2	-0.826	-
0.6	7	5	2	-0.534	↑
0.2	**14**	5	2	-1.169	↓
0.2	7	**10**	2	-0.604	↑
0.2	7	5	**3**	-0.793	↑

4. Conclusion

This paper aims to investigate the free convection flow of MHD Casson fluid over an oscillating plate with the effects of thermal radiation. Caputo fractional derivative is concerned in the present study. From the finding, we can conclude

i.   The velocity of fluid would increase if values of α, N, t, β, Gr, and ω is increased. In contrast, the velocity decreases if values of Pr and M^2 were to increase.

ii.   The temperature of fluid would increase if values of α, N, and t is increased. In contrast, the temperature decreases if values of Pr is increased.

iii. An increment in fractional parameter, α would increase both fluid velocity and temperature and would result in a long time for the fluid to reach a steady state.

iv.   Skin friction complements fluid velocity. An increase in α, N, t, β, Gr, and ω would increase the skin friction and an increase in Pr and M^2 would decrease the skin friction.

v.   Nusselt number complements fluid temperature. An increase in α, N, and t would increase Nusselt number and an increase in Pr would decrease the Nusselt number.

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