A class of exact solutions of plane steady non-Newtonian MHD flow with variable viscosity

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**ABSTRACT**

The aim of the present paper is to find some exact solutions of steady two dimensional finitely conducting incompressible non-Newtonian fluid flow under the presence of transverse magnetic field using transformation of variables. We have considered, vorticity distribution proportional to the stream function perturbed by a quadratic stream. Moreover, the results are shown by various graphs.

**Keywords**

Steady flow, Navier Stokes equations, Exact solution, Variable viscosity.

**Introduction**

In order to describe the flow behavior of any fluid, we have to solve the Navier-Stokes equations arising in fluid flow. The importance of Navier-Stokes equations comes from their wide applicability for different kind of fluid flow, ranging from thin film to large scale atmospheric, even cosmic flows. However, Navier-Stokes equations are highly non-linear in nature and hence we face difficulties in solving them exactly. The full set of general solution of Navier-Stokes equations has not been found and is an open problem till the date. In order to overcome this difficulty one adopt transformations, inverse or semi-inverse method for the reformulation of equations in solvable form. Following the Martin's formulation, some researchers have used hodograph transformation in order to linearized the system of governing equations and successfully got some exact solutions. Some authors have used inverse method where some a priori condition is assumed about the flow variables and have found some exact solutions.

The above said solutions have been found for the flow of fluid with constant viscosity. But in many situations in the fluid flow, where the pressure and temperature gradients are high or in case of electrically conducting fluid flow where the magnetic field plays dominant role, the viscosity is no longer constant and hence we face difficulties in solving them exactly. The full set of general solution of Navier-Stokes equations has not been found and is an open problem till the date. In order to overcome this difficulty one adopt transformations, inverse or semi-inverse method for the reformulation of equations in solvable form. Following the Martin's formulation, some researchers have used hodograph transformation in order to linearized the system of governing equations and successfully got some exact solutions. Some authors have used inverse method where some a priori condition is assumed about the flow variables and have found some exact solutions.

The exact solution of Navier-Stokes equations for the fluid of variable viscosity are rare and very few work has been done in this aspect. As for the analytical solution is concern, Martin's approach, where system of equations are reformulated in curvilinear coordinates, was previously employed by Naeem in compressible fluid of constant viscosity. This work was extended by Naeem and Nadeem for incompressible fluid of variable viscosity. Naeem utilizing one parameter group of transformation, transformed the governing equations of an incompressible fluid with variable viscosity into a system of ordinary differential equation and successfully got some exact solutions. Moreover, exact solutions of the steady plane incompressible fluid flow with variable viscosity, employing transformation of variables and vorticity variables have been obtained. Recently Naeem and Jamil, by defining a one dimensional transformed variable \( \xi = (x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta); -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi \), convert the governing equations into simple ordinary differential equations and have got a class of exact solutions to flow of fluid of variable viscosity for which the vorticity function is proportional to the stream function perturbed by a uniform stream parallel to \( X \)-axis. Further, Jamil and Khan, using the same technique, extend this work by taking electrically conducting fluid of variable viscosity under the presence of transverse magnetic field and considering the vorticity distribution proportional to the stream function perturbed by a uniform stream, \( U(x + y) \); where \( U \) is a real constant, inclined to the \( X \)-axis.

**Nomenclature**

**Latin Symbols**

- \( u, v \) non-dimensional velocity component
- \( H \) non-dimensional transverse components of the magnetic field vector \( H \)
- \( p \) non-dimensional pressure
- \( Re \) Reynolds number
- \( R_{m} \) magnetic pressure number
- \( \mathcal{R} \) magnetic Reynolds number
- \( J \) generalized energy function
- \( L, M, N, Z, H, G, P \) functions
- \( x, y \) variables
- \( K, U, m, n \) real constants
- \( \lambda_{1}(\theta), ..., \lambda_{n}(\theta) \) real constants dependent on the parameter
- \( 0, \text{ and } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \)
- \( B_{1}(\theta), ..., B_{n}(\theta) \) real constants dependent on the parameter
- \( 0, \text{ and } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \)

**Greek symbols**

- \( \mu \) non-dimensional viscosity of the fluid

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ψ stream function
ω vorticity function
Ψ non dimensional stream function
ξ, η, θ, α one dimensional parametric variables
Subscripts
x, y, z, xx, yy differentiation with respect to Cartesian coordinates x and y.
ξ, η, δξ, δη differentiation with respect to @ and t./
Superscripts
dimensional quantities
In the present analysis we have extended the work of Jamil and Khan[19] to find some exact solutions of governing equations of the flow of electrically conducting non-Newtonian fluid of variable viscosity under the presence of transverse magnetic field by considering the vorticity distribution proportional to the stream function perturbed by a generalized quadratic stream, 

\[ U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha) - (A(\theta)x^2 + B(\theta)y^2) \]

where A(\theta), B(\theta) are parametric constants depending on the parameter 6 as defined above and a is an other real parameter.

**Equations of Motion**

The non-dimensional equation of steady plane flow of an incompressible non-Newtonian electrically conducting fluid of variable viscosity under the presence of transverse magnetic field following Jamil and Khan[19] are

\[ u_x + v_y = 0. \quad (1) \]

\[ [u_k + v_k] = -P + \frac{1}{R_e} [2\mu_k + (\mu_k (u_k + v_k))]_x + W_k \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (v_k + u_k) + 2u_k v_k + 2v_k u_k + 2v_k^2 \right]_y + \frac{A_0^2 (v_k + u_k)^2}{R_e} \]

\[ [u_k + v_k] = -P + \frac{1}{R_e} [2\mu_k + (\mu_k (u_k + v_k))]_x + W_k \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (v_k + u_k) + 2u_k v_k + 2v_k u_k + 2v_k^2 \right]_y + \frac{A_0^2 (v_k + u_k)^2}{R_e} \]

\[ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] (v_k + u_k) + 2u_k v_k + 2v_k u_k + 2v_k^2 \]

With magnetic diffusion equation as

\[ uH_x + vH_y = \frac{1}{R_e} [H_{xx} + H_{yy}] \quad (4) \]

Where H is the transverse component of magnetic field and

\[ P = p + \frac{H^2}{2}, \] the modified fluid pressure. Further for non-dimensionalisation we have used the scaling parameters \( L, U_0, \) \( \mu_0 \) and \( \rho U_0^2 \) as reference length, velocity, viscosity and pressure. Using these scaling parameters we have defined the following non-dimensional quantities

\[ x = \frac{x'}{L}, \quad y = \frac{y'}{L}, \quad u = \frac{u'}{U_0}, \quad v = \frac{v'}{U_0}, \quad \mu = \frac{\mu'}{\mu_0}, \quad p = \frac{p'}{\rho U_0^2} \]

\[ R_e = \frac{\rho U_0 L}{\mu_0}, \quad W_r = \frac{\alpha U_0^2}{\rho L^3}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\alpha U_0}{\rho L^3} \]

Symbols in the above equations have their usual meaning and are listed in the Nomenclature. Now, equation (1) implies the existence of stream function \( \psi \) as

\[ u = \psi_x, \quad v = -\psi_y. \quad (6) \]

Using (6) in the above equations we get

\[ \psi_y x - \psi_x y = \frac{1}{R_e} (H_{xx} + H_{yy}) \quad (9) \]

Now we let

\[ \psi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} = K(\psi - U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha) + A \hat{x}^2 + B \hat{y}^2). \quad (11) \]

Again from equation (10) and (11) we have

\[ \omega = -K \psi \]

Where

\[ \Psi = \psi - U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha) + Ax^2 + By^2 \]

Now using (12) and (13), equations (7) (8) becomes

\[ L_x = -UK \sin \theta \psi \Psi - 2KA \psi \psi + \frac{4}{R_e} \left[ \mu (\psi \psi - \psi \psi) + 2A - B \right] \quad (14) \]

\[ L_y = UK \cos \theta \psi \Psi - 2KB \psi \psi + \frac{4}{R_e} \left[ \mu (\psi \psi - \psi \psi) + 2A + B \right] \quad (15) \]

where

\[ L = J \frac{K \Psi \Psi - 2KA \psi \psi + 2KB \psi \psi}{R_e} \quad (16) \]

Now using the Integrability criteria \( L_{xy} = L_{yx}, \) we get

\[ (M_{xx} - M_{yy}) = \frac{4}{R_e} (\psi \psi - \psi \psi) + 2K(\cos \theta \psi \Psi + \sin \theta \psi \Psi) = 0 \quad (17) \]

where

\[ M = \frac{\mu (\psi \psi - \psi \psi) + 2(A - B)}{R_e} \]

(9) employing equation (13) becomes

\[ (\psi \psi + U \cos \theta \psi) H_x - (\psi \psi - U \sin \theta \psi) H_y = \frac{1}{R_e} (H_{xx} + H_{yy}) \quad (18) \]

**Solution**

In this section we find exact solutions of governing equations. Using equations (11) and (13) we have
\[ \nabla^2 \Psi = K \Psi + 2(A + B) \]  

(19)

Now we seek the solution of the above equation of the form

\[ \Psi(x, y) = N(\xi) \]

(20)

where

\[ \xi = (x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta), \ -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi \]  

(21)

Using (21) and (20) in equation (19) we have

\[ N''(\xi) - KN(\xi) = 2(A + B) \]  

(22)

Now for solution of above equation we have two cases

Case (I) : \( K = -n^2, n \geq 0 \)

Case (II) : \( K = m^2, m \geq 0 \)

Now introducing new variable

\[ \eta = n^2 \xi + A_2(\theta) \]  

(23)

Now using (20) (21) and (23) in (17) with suitable choice of

\[ A = -V \cot \theta, \ B = \tan \theta \]  

(24)

where \( \theta \in (-\pi, \pi) \backslash \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \)

and \( V \) is some real constant, we have

\[ \left[ \frac{n^2 A(\theta) \cos(n \xi + A_2(\theta)) - 4V \cot 2\theta}{R_\xi} \right] \mu \]

(25)

\[ = nKA(\theta)[U \cos(\theta - \alpha) - 2V \xi \sin(n \xi + A_2(\theta))] \sin \eta \]

Thus using (21) (23) and (24) we have the function \( \psi(x, y) \)

\[ \psi(x, y) = A(\theta) \cos(n \xi + A_2(\theta)) \frac{4V \cot 2\theta}{n^2 \cos \theta} \]

(26)

again using (13) and (26) we have the stream function as under :

\[ \psi(x, y) = A(\theta) \cos(n \xi + A_2(\theta)) + \frac{4V \cot 2\theta}{n^2} \]

(27)

\[ + U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha) + V(x^2 \cot \theta - y^2 \tan \theta) \]

Now introducing new variable

\[ \eta = n \xi + A_2(\theta) \]  

(28)

the equation (25) becomes

\[ Z_{\eta \eta} = (A_2(\theta) + A_4(\theta)) \sin \eta \]

(29)

where

\[ Z = (\cos \eta + A_4(\theta)) \mu \]

(30)

\[ A_4 = \frac{2KVR}{n^2}, \ A_3 = \frac{KR}{n^3} \left[ \cos \alpha + \frac{2A(\theta)}{n} \right] \text{and} A(\theta) = \frac{4V \cot 2\theta}{n^2} \]

Now on solving (29) and using (3) we get viscosity as

\[ \mu = \frac{1}{\sin \eta} \left[ (A_2(\theta) + A_4(\theta) \sin \eta + 2A(\theta) \cos \eta) \right] \]

(31)

where \( A_2(\theta) \) and \( A_4(\theta) \) are parametric constants. Using (9), (13), (21) and (28) we have

\[ H_{\eta \eta} = (A_2(\theta) + H_0) \]

(32)

where \( A_2(\theta) = \frac{R_\xi U \cos(\theta - \alpha)}{n} \) and \( H_0 = -2R_\xi \). which gives the solution as

\[ H = A_8(\theta) \int_{c_{m\xi}}^{1} \frac{1}{(A_2(\theta) + H_0)} d\xi + A_9(\theta) \]

(33)

where \( A_8(\theta) \) and \( A_9(\theta) \) are parametric constants. Finally using (21) and (28) we have viscosity and magnetic field in cartesian coordinates.

Case (II) : \( K = m^2, m \geq 0 \)

considering this case, solving equation (22) and then using (20), we have the solution for stream function as

\[ \Psi(x, y) = B(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_2(\theta)e^{-m \xi} + \frac{2}{m^2}(A + B) \]

(34)

Now using (20) (21) and (34) in (17) with suitable choice of

\[ A = -V \cot \theta, \ B = V \tan \theta \]

(35)

where

\[ \theta \in (-\pi, \pi) \backslash \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \]

we have

\[ S_{\xi \xi} = \left[ B_1(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_2(\theta)e^{-m \xi} \right] + \frac{4V \cot 2\theta}{m^2} \]

(36)

and

\[ B_1(\theta) = -\frac{2K_1VR}{m^2}B_1(\theta), \ B_2(\theta) = \frac{2K_1VR}{m^2}B_2(\theta) \]

(37)

using (32) and (33) we have

\[ \Psi(x, y) = B_1(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_2(\theta)e^{-m \xi} - \frac{4V \cot 2\theta}{m^2} \]

(38)

Again using (39) and (13), we have the stream function as

\[ \psi(x, y) = B_1(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_2(\theta)e^{-m \xi} - \frac{4V \cot 2\theta}{m^2} \]

(39)

Now on solving equation (36) we have

\[ S_{\xi \xi} = \frac{1}{m^2}[B_1(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_2(\theta)e^{-m \xi}] + B_3(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_4(\theta)e^{-m \xi} + B_5(\theta)e^{m \xi} + B_6(\theta)e^{-m \xi} \]

(40)

where \( B_5(\theta) = \left[ B_{10}(\theta) - \frac{B_{10}(\theta)}{m^2} \right] \),

\[ B_8(\theta) = \left[ B_{10}(\theta) + \frac{B_{10}(\theta)}{m^2} \right], \ B_9(\theta) \] and \( B_{10}(\theta) \) are arbitrary constants. Again using (9), (13), (21) and (28) we have

\[ H_{\xi \xi} = \left( B_{11}(\theta) + B_{12}(\theta) \right) + B_{13}(\theta) \]

(41)

where \( B_{11}(\theta) = R_\theta U \cos(\theta - \alpha) \) and \( B_0 = -2R_\xi \). Now solving equation (42) we have

\[ H = B_{14}(\theta)e^{i(m \xi + \phi)} + B_{15}(\theta) \]

(42)
where $B_{12}(\theta)$ and $B_{13}(\theta)$ are arbitrary constants depending on parameter $\theta$.

**Result and Discussion**

Stream lines patterns have been obtained for two different cases $K = -n^2$ and $K = m^2$. In the analysis we observe that when quadratic perturbation term, $Ax^2 + By^2$ dominates over linear perturbation term $U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha)$ then stream lines are hyperbolic in nature and there exist stagnation point, Figure 1 and 2.

**Figure 1:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x - \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

**Figure 2:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \cos \left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

If linear perturbation term $U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha)$ dominates over quadratic term $(Ax^2 + By^2)$ then straight lines obtained are of wavy nature including some closed graphs, Figure 3,4,5 and 6.

**Figure 3:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x - \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

**Figure 4:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \cos \left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

**Figure 5:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{3} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} y^2\right) + 10 \cos \left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \frac{2}{5\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

Moreover for the solution in the case (II) when $K = m^2$ where the exponential terms dominates over all other perturbed terms resulting no wavy solution and hence there are stream line patterns of hyperbolic nature including some closed curves shown in Figure 7,8 and 9.

**Figure 6:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x - \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 10 \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + \frac{2}{5\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

**Figure 7:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{3} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} y^2\right) + e^{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}xy} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}xy} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

**Figure 8:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{3} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} y^2\right) + e^{\sqrt{3} \sin \phi} + e^{-\sqrt{3} \sin \phi} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

**Figure 9:** Stream line pattern for
\[
\left(\frac{1}{2} x + \frac{1}{2} y\right) + 0.1\left(\sqrt{3} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} y^2\right) + e^{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}xy} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}xy} + \frac{2}{5\sqrt{3}} = C
\]

At last we have shown some viscosity variation in three dimensional surface graphs shown in Figure 10,11,12 and 13, which shows there are considerable variation of viscosity in the flow field corresponding to the considered kinematical condition for the vorticity. Our solutions are not easily observable in laboratory because they involve singularities and stagnation points, however they can be realized in hydrodynamic instabilities leading to turbulence. These solutions are also used to check the accuracy of numerical simulation and provide possible starting points for further analysis of the governing equations for non-Newtonian fluid containing pose intriguing questions of linear and nonlinear stability.

**Figure 10:** Viscosity variation for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}, R_e = 100, U = 0.1, V = 1$ corresponding to the solution in case I

**Figure 11:** Viscosity variation for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}, R_e = 100, U = 1, V = 1$ corresponding to the solution in case I

**Figure 12:** Viscosity variation for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}, R_e = 100, U = 10, V = 1$ corresponding to the solution in case II

**Figure 13:** Viscosity variation for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}, R_e = 100, U = 1, V = 1$ corresponding to the solution in case II

**Concluding Remark**

In this paper we have taken the vorticity distribution proportional to the stream function perturbed by the more general quadratic stream and obtained the exact solutions of equations of motion of a finitely conducting incompressible fluid of variable viscosity using the presence of transverse magnetic field. Transformation of variables has been used to find the solutions in terms of one dimensional variable, depending on the single parameter $\theta$. Moreover, by means of graphs, we have presented stream line patterns and variation of viscosity corresponding to the various solutions. Further, we can get more exact solutions by taking different values of parameters $\alpha, \theta, U$ and $V$. If we set $A = B = W_e = \theta = 0$, then for $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4}$, the result of Jamil and Khan [19] becomes the particular case of our result and this assures the correctness of our calculations.

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