

(Dedicated to the memory of Professor Arthur Erdélyi)

**FLUCTUATING FLOW OF A VISCO-ELASTIC FLUID  
PAST AN INFINITE PLANE, POROUS WALL WITH  
FLUCTUATING SUCTION IN SLIP FLOW REGIME**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper considers the Rivlin-Ericksen fluid flow past an infinite plane porous wall with fluctuating suction in slip flow conditions. It is observed that :

- (i) The velocity profile is effected by the rarefaction parameter  $h_1$  in the slip flow, but this is not the case in no slip flow.
- (ii) If  $h_1$  increases, the magnitude of the mean velocity increases for a fixed viscoelastic parameter  $K$ .
- (iii) The main stream fluctuations cause the fluctuations in the skin friction.
- (iv) As  $h_1$  increases, the skin friction decreases for a fixed  $A$ .
- (v) As  $A$  increases, the amplitude of the skin friction  $|H|$  increases.
- (vi) For large  $A$  a change in  $h_1$  produces larger variations in  $|H|$ .
- (vii) For fixed  $h_1$ , as  $K$  increases, the magnitude of the mean velocity increases too.

**I. Introduction**

Lighthill [1] has studied the effects of fluctuations of the main stream velocity on the flow of an incompressible fluid past two dimensional

bodies. Stuart [2] has obtained the exact solution of the Navier-Stokes equations for such an oscillatory flow over an infinite plane porous wall with constant suction. Siddappa [4] has extended Stuart's work for Rivlin-Ericksen visco-elastic fluid. Siddappa and Chetty [5] studied how Siddappa's results get modified when no slip boundary conditions are replaced by the velocity slip conditions. Here we extend this problem for the fluctuating suction.

## 2. Basic Equations

We consider the flow due to fluctuating main stream of Rivlin-Ericksen fluid flow past an infinite plane, porous wall with fluctuating suction at the surface.

Let  $y=0$  be the wall. Let  $u$  and  $v$  be the velocity components along and normal to the wall.

The visco-elastic equations to the problem are

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial y^2} + \beta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y} \right) \quad (2.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + 2(2\beta + \gamma) \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the kinematic viscosity,  $\beta$  is the kinematic visco-elasticity,  $\gamma$  is the kinematic cross-viscoelasticity.

## 3. Boundary Conditions

The first order velocity slip condition is

$$(i) \quad u = \left( \frac{2-f_1}{f_1} \right) L \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = L_1 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \text{ at } y = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

$$(ii) \quad u = U(t) \\ (iii) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.2)$$

which arises because of the symmetry about the axis of the pipe through the point at infinity.

Here  $f_1$  is Maxwell's reflexion coefficient.

$L = \mu' \pi / 2P\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the mean free path and is constant for an incompressible fluid, and  $L_1 = \left( \frac{2-f_1}{f_1} \right) L$

#### 4. Mathematical Analysis

Considering (2.2) as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $u \rightarrow U(t)$  and the partial derivatives of  $u$  w.r.t.  $y$  tend to zero.

Therefore we have

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dP}{dx} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dg}{dx} \quad (4.1)$$

and so by integrating we have

$$g(x,t) = -\rho x \frac{dU}{dt} + h(t) \quad (4.2)$$

where  $h(t)$  is at most a function of  $t$ .

Thus the pressure is given by

$$P(x,y,t) = \rho(2\beta + \gamma) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 - \rho x \frac{dU}{dt} + h(t) \quad (4.3)$$

It is clear from (4.3) that the pressure of the fluid depends on  $y$  in addition to  $x$  and  $t$ , unlike in the classical viscous case. This is because of the viscoelastic nature of the fluid.

The equation of our interest is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{dU}{dt} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \beta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\} \quad (4.4)$$

Integrating (2.1) following Messiha [3] we have

$$V = -V_0 (1 + \epsilon A c^{i\omega t}) \quad (4.5)$$

negative sign indicates that the suction velocity is directed towards the plate. We look for the solution of the equation (4.4) following Lighthill [1] of the form

$$u = U_0[\phi_0(y) + \epsilon\phi_1(y)e^{i\omega t}] \quad (4.6)$$

The free stream velocity is

$$u = U(t) = U_0(1 + \epsilon e^{i\omega t}) \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (4.7)$$

substituting the expressions for  $u$ ,  $U$  and  $v$  into (4.4) and equating the harmonic and the nonharmonic terms of the equation we get

$$-V_0 \frac{d\phi_0}{dy} = \alpha \frac{d^2\phi_0}{dy^2} - \beta V_0 \frac{d^3\phi_0}{dy^3} \quad (4.8)$$

and

$$i\omega\phi_1 - V_0 \frac{d\phi_1}{dy} = i\omega + \alpha \frac{d^2\phi_1}{dy^2} + \beta i\omega \frac{d^2\phi_1}{dy^2} - \beta V_0 \frac{d^3\phi_1}{dy^3} - \alpha A \frac{d^2\phi_0}{dy^2} \quad (4.9)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= L_1 \frac{d\phi_0}{dy} \\ \phi_1 &= L_1 \frac{d\phi_1}{dy} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ at } y=0$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= \phi_1 = 1 \\ \frac{d\phi_0}{dy} &= \frac{d\phi_1}{dy} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ at } y \rightarrow \infty \quad (4.10)$$

putting  $\eta = \frac{V_0}{\alpha}y$ . Equation (4.8), (4.9) and the boundary conditions (4.10) reduce to

$$K \frac{d^3\phi_0}{d\eta^3} + \frac{d^2\phi_0}{d\eta^2} + \frac{d\phi_0}{d\eta} = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

$$K \frac{d^3\phi_1}{d\eta^3} + (1 - i\lambda k) \frac{d^2\phi_1}{d\eta^2} + \frac{d\phi_1}{d\eta} - i\lambda\phi_1 = i\lambda + A \frac{d^2\phi_0}{d\eta^2} \quad (4.12)$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= h_1 \frac{d\phi_0}{d\eta}, \phi_1 = h_1 \frac{d\phi_1}{d\eta} \text{ at } \eta=0 \\ \phi_0 &= \phi_1 = 1, \frac{d\phi_0}{d\eta} = \frac{d\phi_1}{d\eta} = 0 \text{ at } \eta \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.13)$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{\omega a}{V_0^2}$ ,  $K = -\beta \frac{V_0^2}{a^2}$  and

$h_1 = L$ ,  $\frac{V_0}{a}$  is the rarefaction parameter.

The solution of the equation (4.11) subject to the conditions (4.13) is

$$\phi_0 = 1 - \frac{e^{-a_1 \eta}}{1 + a_1 h_1} \quad (4.14)$$

where  $a_1 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4K}}{2K}$  for  $K \leq 0$

and the other solution is

$$\phi_0 = 1 - \frac{e^{-a_2 \eta}}{1 + a_2 h_1} \quad (4.15)$$

where  $a_2 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4K}}{2K}$  for  $0 < K \leq \frac{1}{4}$ .

The solution of (4.12) subject to the conditions (4.13) is

$$\phi_1 = 1 - \frac{e^{-h\eta}}{1 + h h_1} - \frac{A a^2 e^{-a\eta}}{(1 + a h_1) f(-a)} \quad (4.16)$$

where  $h = h_r + i h_1$  is given by the equation

$$f(h) = K h^3 + (1 - i \lambda K) h^2 + h - i \lambda = 0 \quad (4.17)$$

and  $a = a_1$  for  $K \leq 0$ ;  $a = a_2$  for  $0 < K \leq \frac{1}{4}$ .

The equation (4.17) is solved numerically [4].

When  $K=0$ , (4.14) and (4.15) become the asymptotic suction profile in the Newtonian fluid.

The unperturbed thickness  $\delta$  is given by

$$\delta = \int_{y=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy, \text{ where } U \text{ is the value of } u \text{ at } y = \infty.$$

$$\text{Thus } \delta = \frac{\alpha}{V_0} \int_{\eta=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \left\{ 1 - \frac{e^{-a\eta}}{1+ah_1} \right\} \right] d\eta,$$

whence

$$\delta = \frac{\alpha}{V_0(1+ah_1)a} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\lambda\alpha}{\omega a^2(1+ah_1)^2} \right)}$$

As  $h_1$  increases, thickness decreases for  $K \leq 0$ , and also for  $0 < K \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ; and when  $h_1=0$ , it reduces to the result of Siddappa [4].

The total velocity component parallel to the wall is given by

$$u = U_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{-a\eta}}{1+ah_1} + \varepsilon \left( 1 - \frac{e^{-h\eta}}{1+hh_1} - \frac{Aa^2 e^{-a\eta}}{(1+ah_1)f(-a)} \right) e^{i\omega t} \right] \quad (1.18)$$

Thus the velocity profile is effected by the rarefaction parameter  $h$  in the slip flow. This is not valid in the case of no slip flow since  $h_1=0$ .

If  $h_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , the velocity (4.18) become  $u = U_0 [1 + \varepsilon e^{i\omega t}]$  which is the main stream velocity. This does not happen in the case of no slip flow.

In slip flow, because of the boundary conditions, the shear stress at the wall is proportional to the slip velocity at the wall and given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_w &= \rho\alpha \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} = \frac{\rho\alpha}{L_1} (u)_{y=0} \\ &= \rho V_0 U_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{a}{1+ah_1} + \varepsilon \left( \frac{h}{1+hh_1} - \frac{Aa^2}{h_1(1+ah_1)f(-a)} \right) e^{i\omega t} \right] \\ &= \rho V_0 U_0 \left[ \frac{a}{1+ah_1} + a\varepsilon |H| e^{i(\omega t + \theta)} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

The non-dimensional skin friction is given by

$$\text{where } \tau_0 = \frac{a}{1+ah_1}$$

$$\text{mean friction } \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{U_0 U_{0\beta}}} = \tau_0 + \epsilon |H| e^{i(\omega t + \theta)} \quad (4.20)$$

$$|H| = \sqrt{H_r^2 + H_i^2} \quad (4.21)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} (H_i/H_r) \quad (4.22)$$

$$H_r = \frac{h_r + h_i \left( \frac{h_r^2 + h_i^2}{h_1^2} \right)}{\left( 1 + h_1 h_r \right)^2 + h_1^2 h_r^2} + \frac{Aa^2(1+ah_1)}{h_1^2 \left( 1 + ah_1 \right) + a^2 \lambda^2}$$

$$H_i = \frac{h_i}{\left( 1 + h_1 h_r \right)^2 + h_1^2 h_r^2} - \frac{Aa^3 \lambda}{h_1^2 \left( 1 + ah_1 \right) + a^2 \lambda^2}$$

### DISCUSSION

It is observed from (4.20) that the mean friction  $\tau_0$  decreases with the increasing values of slip parameter  $h_1$ . We observe from equation (4.19) that the main stream fluctuations cause the fluctuations in the skin friction.

For a fixed  $h_1$  it is observed that  $|H|$  increase with increase in the suction parameter. Also as  $h_1 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $|H|$  vanishes asymptotically, for a fixed  $A$ ,  $|H|$  decreases for the increase in  $h_1$ . It is observed that:

- (i) As  $K$  increases for a fixed  $h_1$  velocity increases.
- (ii) For fixed  $K$  as  $h_1$  increases velocity increases.

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