



# Analytical Treatment for Accelerated Riga Plate on Fractional Caputo-Fabrizio Casson Fluid

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## ABSTRACT

The Riga plate is a substantial alteration in the world of engineering. Mainly used in submarines to regulate water flow, studying the behaviour of fluid flowing over a Riga plate is very advantageous. Although there are ample studies on fluid flowing over a Riga plate, the introduction of fractional derivatives, coupled with a non-Newtonian fluid, has yet to be done. Within the field of fluid mechanics, specifically boundary layer flow, fractional derivatives do not have a proven geometrical representation. However, analytical solutions would be useful in aiding experimental researches in the future. Thus, this study aims to present an analytical function for a Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative on an unsteady Casson fluid flowing over an accelerating vertical Riga plate by using the Laplace transform method. The parametric effects considered in this study is elucidated. Through observation of obtained graphical results generated via the obtained analytical solutions, it is found that amplification of the fractional parameter and modified Hartmann number increases the fluid velocity with an average increment of 42.05% and 1.56%, respectively. While amplification of the Casson parameter and Prandtl number dampens the fluid velocity by an average of 45.09% and 43.56%, respectively.

## 1. Introduction

Introduced by Gailitis and Lielausis [1], the Riga plate is an actuator built by stacking together electrodes and magnets of the same size together side by side. Due to its electromagnetohydrodynamic (EMHD) properties, Riga plates are able to generate a Lorentz force. Changing the position of the Riga plate, the Lorentz force generated would either aid or hinder fluid flow. Making Riga plates very convenient as a medium in controlling fluid flow. It is often used in submarines to reduce drag flow and turbulence [2]. Modelling fluid flowing over a Riga plate generates the Grinberg term in the governing momentum equation. Through the process of non-dimensionalisation, the Grinberg term is reduced to a term with the modified Hartmann number as its coefficient [3]. Evaluation of the Riga plate is done through observing the effects of the modified Hartmann number on fluid flow.

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Early works of fluid flow over a Riga plate includes Loganathan and Deepa [4, 5] and Loganathan and Dhivya [6] where authors considered Casson fluid flowing over a Riga plate. Each study considered different effects applied on the fluid flow, but all of them flows over a Riga plate. Authors noted that with an increase in the modified Hartmann number, the fluid velocity increases. This is due to the position of the Riga plate, where the Lorentz force generated are parallel to fluid flow, aiding it and increasing its velocity. Later, the study was replicated by Nasrin *et al.*, [7] by considering a rotating Casson fluid and the result, with regards to the modified Hartmann number, were in accordance to that of Loganathan *et al.*, [4–6, 8]. Other works on fluid flow over Riga plates includes Shah *et al.*, [9], Rizwana *et al.*, [10], Mallawi *et al.*, [11] and Khatun *et al.*, [12]. The study of Riga plates is very diverse. Nanofluids, fluid containing nano-sized particles in, were also considered when investigating fluid flow over a Riga plate. Bhatti and Micaelides [13] investigated the Arrhenius activation energy of a nanofluid over a Riga plate. Abbas *et al.*, [14] studied mixed convection flow of Casson nanofluid over a Riga plate. Other studies on nanofluids include Prasad *et al.*, [15], Waini *et al.*, [16], Waini *et al.*, [17] and Khashi'ie *et al.*, [18].

Most of the literature mentioned above solved their problems through a numerical approach. Exact or analytical solutions on fluid flowing over a Riga plate is very scarce. Furthermore, none of the literature considered fractional derivatives in their studies. Fractional derivatives have been proven to produce a spectrum of solutions, providing more options for experimental and numerical researchers to validate their studies. Even though the geometrical representations of fractional derivatives have yet to be found, the analytical solutions will be very beneficial to future researchers to validate their studies.

The Caputo fractional derivative was first introduced into an unsteady Casson fluid flow over a vertical plate by Khan *et al.*, [19]. The Laplace transform of Caputo's fractional derivative contains frequency domain parameter with powers of  $\alpha$ . Special functions called the Mittag-Leffler and Wright function is generated from analytically solving a function with the Caputo fractional derivative. Authors presented the boundary layer problem solution in terms of Wright function and proceeded to plot the solution via numerical method of inverse Laplace transform. This would indicate that the final analytical solution presented as a smidgen impractical in terms of future experimental studies. Another effect considered in the study is an exponentially accelerated plate. Ali *et al.*, [20], extended the same study by considering an oscillating plate. Outcome of the study were complimentary to that of Khan *et al.*, [19]. Another approach to solving the Caputo fractional derivative was showcased by Khan *et al.*, [21]. The method involves transforming the equation using Laplace transform, solving the ODE and finally Laplace inverse using Zakian's method. This approach is considered as a semi-analytical approach instead of an analytical approach due to the nonexistence of a final analytical solution. The semi-analytical approach is an excellent alternative in solving complicated problems such as the one considered by Khan *et al.*, [21], where fluid flow was considered to be in a channel.

Another definition of fractional derivative is known as the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative. Based on the decay exponential law, the fractional operator of the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative does not contain a singular kernel [22]. Essentially, when solving the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative via Laplace transform and Laplace inverse transform, the final solutions are presented as a linear integral function without any special functions. Making it easier to compute since special functions tend to have singularities and is indefinite for certain values of  $y$ . A comparative study by Sheikh *et al.*, [23,24] suggested that boundary value problems, where the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative is considered, are able to generate a final analytical solution that is map-able onto a graphical solution. It is also shown that different definitions, carries different analytical solutions and produces different numerical values. Another study by Jamil *et al.*, [25] explored the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative on a Casson model for blood flow within a multi-

stenosed artery at an incline. Utilising both the Laplace and Hankel transform, governing equations are solved analytically and obtained solutions suggests that velocity of fluid were amplified with an increase in the Casson parameter and Reynold's number. However, with the increment of the Hartmann number, the velocity of the fluid was dampened. A similar study was done by Maiti *et al.*, [26] showcased similar findings.

To the best of authors knowledge, up to now, there are no analytical studies on the Caoputo-Fabrizio fractional derivatives on Casson fluid flow over an accelerated Riga plate. The aim of this study is to produce analytical solutions for a Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative for an unsteady Casson fluid flow over an accelerating Riga plate by utilising the Laplace and Laplace inverse transform method. Novelties of this study includes:

- i. Introducing an accelerated Riga plate to an existing unsteady Casson fluid flow problem.
- ii. Introducing the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative into an unsteady Casson fluid flow over a accelerated Riga plate.
- iii. Providing analytical solutions for an unsteady Casson fluid flow over a accelerated Riga plate with Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative.

Parametric evaluation on obtained solutions, including the skin friction and Nusselt number, are also elucidated.

## 2. Mathematical Formulation

An unsteady free convection flow of a Casson fluid past a semi-infinite vertical Riga plate is considered. The  $x$ -axis is taken along the Riga plate in the vertical direction and the  $y$ -axis is taken normal to the plate. The fluid is considered to be flowing along the  $x$ -direction and to only occupy the space of  $y > 0$ . Initially, both the fluid and the plate are at rest and their temperature is  $T_\infty$ , the ambient temperature. When  $t > 0$ , the plate begins to move and accelerates in the  $x$ -direction, against the gravitational field, at the rate of  $At$ . Where  $A$  is the acceleration of the plate. Meanwhile, the temperature of the plate is raised to  $T_W$  and remained constant thereafter. The electromagnetic field induced from the Riga plate, generates an upthrust Lorentz force,  $F$ . The Reynold number is assumed to be very minute. Therefore, the magnetic field induced by the movement of the fluid is negligible. A permeated uniform thermal radiation,  $q_r$  parallel to the  $x$ -axis is applied to the fluid. Velocity,  $U$  and temperature,  $T$  are dependent on space variable,  $y$  and time,  $t$ . Figure 1 shows a geometrical representation of the fluid flow and an example of a Riga plate is shown in Figure 2.



According to Rosseland's approximation [32–34], the governing energy equation from Eq. (2) is reduced to:

$$\rho C_P \frac{\partial T(y,t)}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 T(y,t)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{16\sigma_1 T_\infty^3}{3k_1} \frac{\partial^2 T(y,t)}{\partial y^2}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\sigma_1$  is the Stefan-Boltzman constant and  $k_1$  is the mean absorption coefficient.

$$\begin{aligned} U^* &= \frac{U}{(vA)^{1/3}}, & y^* &= \frac{yA^{1/3}}{v^{2/3}}, \\ t^* &= \frac{tA^{2/3}}{v^{1/3}}, & T^* &= \frac{T-T_\infty}{T_W-T_\infty}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Utilising the dimensionless parameters from Eq. (5) [35–37] and by dropping the asterisk (\*) notation, Eq. (1), Eq. (3) and Eq. (4) is further reduced to their dimensionless form such as:

$$\frac{\partial U(y,t)}{\partial t} = \beta_0 \frac{\partial^2 U(y,t)}{\partial y^2} + GrT(y,t) + E \exp(-Ly), \quad (6)$$

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

bounded by dimensionless initial and boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} U(y, 0) &= 0, & T(y, 0) &= 0, \\ U(0, t) &= t, & T(0, t) &= 1, \\ U(\infty, t) &\rightarrow 0, & T(\infty, t) &\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where the parameters of  $\beta_0$ ,  $Gr$ ,  $E$ ,  $L$ ,  $N$  and  $Pr$  are defined as:

$$\beta_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{\beta}, \quad Gr = \frac{g\beta_T(T_W-T_\infty)}{A}, \quad E = \frac{\pi J_0 M_0}{8A\rho}, \quad L = \frac{\pi v^{2/3}}{A^{1/3}l}, \quad N = \frac{4\sigma_1 T_\infty^3}{kk_1}, \quad Pr = \frac{v\rho C_P}{k}. \quad (9)$$

Here in Eq. (9),  $\beta_0$  is the dimensionless Casson fluid parameter,  $Gr$  is the Grashof number,  $E$  is the modified Hartmann number,  $L$  is a constant parameter,  $N$  is dimensionless thermal radiation parameter and  $Pr$  is the Prandtl number.

$$D_t^\alpha f(y, t) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \int_0^t \frac{\partial f(y,s)}{\partial y} \exp\left(-\alpha \frac{t-s}{1-\alpha}\right) ds. \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{D_t^\alpha f(y, t)\} = \frac{q\tilde{f}(y,q) - f(y,0)}{q + \alpha(1-q)}, \quad (11)$$

Eq. (10) and Eq. (11) is the definition of the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative and its respective Laplace transform definition [38–40]. Here,  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the Laplace transform,  $q$  denotes the frequency domain and  $\alpha$  the fractional derivative parameter.

Replacing the partial derivative with respect to time,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ , in Eq. (6) and Eq. (7), with the fractional derivative  $D_t^\alpha(\cdot)$ , from Eq. (10), converts them into fractional governing momentum and energy equations respectively and can be written as:

$$D_t^\alpha U(y, t) = \beta_0 \frac{\partial^2 U(y, t)}{\partial y^2} + GrT(y, t) + E \exp(-Ly), \quad (12)$$

$$D_t^\alpha T(y, t) = \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}N\right) \frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\partial^2 T(y, t)}{\partial y^2}. \quad (13)$$

### 3. Analytical Solutions

Obtaining the final analytical solutions was done by first reducing the governing equations from Eq. (12) and Eq. (13) to a frequency domain,  $q$ , via the Laplace transform. Using the method of undetermined coefficients and initial and boundary conditions from Eq. (8), solutions of the momentum and energy equations are expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}(y, q) = & \left[ \frac{1}{q^2} - b_1 \left( \frac{q+a_1}{q^2} \right) - b_3 \left( \frac{q+a_1}{q^2+b_2q} \right) \right] \exp\left(-y \sqrt{\frac{a_0}{\beta_0}} \sqrt{\frac{q}{q+a_1}}\right) \\ & + b_1 \left( \frac{q+a_1}{q^2} \right) \exp\left(-y \sqrt{Pr_0 a_0} \sqrt{\frac{q}{q+a_1}}\right) \\ & + b_3 \left( \frac{q+a_1}{q^2+b_2q} \right) \exp(-Ly), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\bar{T}(y, q) = \frac{1}{q} \exp\left(-y \sqrt{Pr_0 a_0} \sqrt{\frac{q}{q+a_1}}\right). \quad (15)$$

The constant parameters  $a_0, a_1, b_1, b_2, b_3$  and  $Pr$  are expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{1-\alpha}, & a_1 &= \alpha a_0, \\ b_1 &= -\frac{Gr}{\beta_0 Pr_0 a_0 - a_0}, & b_2 &= \frac{L^2 \beta_0 a_1}{L^2 \beta_0 - a_0}, & b_3 &= -\frac{E}{L^2 \beta_0 - a_0}, \\ Pr_0 &= \frac{Pr}{1 + \frac{4}{3}N}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Next, Eq. (14) and Eq. (15) are separated into:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\xi}_1(y, q) &= \frac{1}{q^2} - b_1 \bar{\xi}_2(y, q) - b_3 \bar{\xi}_3(y, q), \\ \bar{\xi}_2(y, q) &= \frac{q+a_1}{q^2}, \\ \bar{\xi}_3(y, q) &= \frac{q+a_1}{q^2+b_2q}, \\ \bar{\xi}_4(y, q) &= \frac{1}{q}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\psi}_1(y, q) &= \exp\left(-y \sqrt{\frac{a_0}{\beta_0}} \sqrt{\frac{q}{q+a_1}}\right), \\ \overline{\psi}_2(y, q) &= \exp\left(-y \sqrt{\frac{Pr a_0}{\beta_0}} \sqrt{\frac{q}{q+a_1}}\right).\end{aligned}\tag{18}$$

Denoting the product of inverse Laplace transform such as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\xi_1(y, q)\} &= \xi_1(y, t), & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\xi_2(y, q)\} &= \xi_2(y, t), \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\xi_3(y, q)\} &= \xi_3(y, t), & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\xi_4(y, q)\} &= \xi_4(y, t), \\ \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\psi_1(y, q)\} &= \psi_1(y, t), & \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\psi_2(y, q)\} &= \psi_2(y, t),\end{aligned}\tag{19}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  is the notation for inverse Laplace transform. The inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (17) are expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1(y, t) &= t - b_1 \xi_2(y, t) - b_3 \xi_3(y, t), \\ \xi_2(y, t) &= 1 + a_1 t, \\ \xi_3(y, t) &= \frac{a-1}{b_2} + \left(\frac{b_2-a_1}{b_2}\right) \exp(-b_2 t), \\ \xi_4(y, t) &= 1.\end{aligned}\tag{20}$$

Meanwhile, the inverse Laplace transform of Eq. (18) were obtained using the compound function of inverse Laplace transform method and are expressed as [41–43]:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1(y, t) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{a_0/\beta_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi}U^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{a_0/\beta_0}{4U} - Uy^2 - a_1 t\right) \left[ \sqrt{\frac{a_1 Uy^2}{t}} I_1\left(2\sqrt{a_1 Uy^2 t}\right) + \delta(t) \right] du, \\ \psi_2(y, t) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{a_0 Pr}}{2\sqrt{\pi}U^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 Pr}{4U} - Uy^2 - a_1 t\right) \left[ \sqrt{\frac{a_1 Uy^2}{t}} I_1\left(2\sqrt{a_1 Uy^2 t}\right) + \delta(t) \right] du.\end{aligned}\tag{21}$$

Here, the notation  $I_1(\cdot)$  and  $\delta(\cdot)$  are the modified Bessel function of the first kind of order one and the Dirac delta function, respectively.

Denoted by  $U(y, t)$  and  $T(y, t)$  the analytical solutions of Eq. (14) and Eq. (15), after they have been inverse Laplace transform, are written in the form of the convolution product such as follows:

$$U(y, t) = \int_0^t \xi_1(y, t-s) \psi_1(y, s) ds + \int_0^t b_1 \xi_2(y, t-s) \psi_2(y, s) ds + b_3 \xi_3(y, t) \exp(-Ly),\tag{22}$$

$$T(y, t) = \int_0^t \xi_4(y, t-s) \psi_2(y, s) ds.\tag{23}$$

Substituting Eq. (20) and Eq. (21) as well replacing the modified Bessel function with its integral form in Eq. (22) and Eq. (23), the final analytical solutions of the momentum and the energy equations from Eq. (12) and Eq. (13) are written as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(y,t) = & \frac{\exp(-b_2 t)}{b_2} \left[ b_3 (a_1 - b_2) - (b_1 b_2 + a_1 b_3 + (a_1 b_1 - 1) b_2 t) \exp(b_2 t) \right] [2\Phi(t) - 1] \\
 & \int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{a_0 / \beta_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi U}^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 / \beta_0}{4u} - Uy^2\right) du \\
 & + \int_0^\infty \int_0^t \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (t-s) - b_1 (1 + a_1 (t-s)) - b_3 \left( \frac{a_1}{b_2} + \left( \frac{b_2 - a_1}{b_2} \right) \exp(-b_2 (t-s)) \right) \right] \\
 & \frac{\sqrt{a_0 / \beta_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi U}^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{a_1 Uy^2}{s}} \cos(\theta) \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 / \beta_0}{4U} - Uy^2 - a_1 s + (2\sqrt{a_1 Uy^2 s}) \cos(\theta)\right) d\theta ds du \\
 & + (1 + a_1 t) [2\Phi(t) - 1] \int_0^\infty b_1 \frac{\sqrt{a_0 Pr_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi U}^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 Pr_0}{4U} - Uy^2\right) du \\
 & + \int_0^\infty \int_0^t \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{\pi} b_1 (1 + a_1 (t-s)) \frac{\sqrt{a_0 Pr_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi U}^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{a_1 Uy^2}{s}} \cos(\theta) \\
 & \exp\left(-\frac{a_0 Pr_0}{4U} - Uy^2 - a_1 s - (2\sqrt{a_1 Uy^2 s}) \cos(\theta)\right) \\
 & + b_3 \exp(-Ly) \left[ \frac{a-1}{b_2} + \left( \frac{b_2 - a_1}{b_2} \right) \exp(-b_2 t) \right], \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(y,t) = & [2\Phi(t) - 1] \int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{a_0 Pr_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi u}^{3/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-a_0 Pr_0}{4u} - uy^2\right) du \\
 & + \int_0^\infty \int_0^t \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{a_0 Pr_0}}{2\sqrt{\pi u}^{3/2}} \frac{\sqrt{a_1 uy^2}}{\sqrt{s}} \cos(\theta) \\
 & \exp\left(\frac{-a_0 Pr_0}{4u} - uy^2 - a_1 s + (2\sqrt{a_1 uy^2 s}) \cos(\theta)\right) d\theta ds du. \tag{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3.1 Limiting Cases

The skin friction,  $C_f$ , and Nusselt number,  $Nu$ , for this problem is investigated numerically and graphically by considering the following equations:

$$C_f(y, t) = -\beta_0 \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}, \tag{26}$$

$$Nu(y, t) = \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}. \tag{27}$$

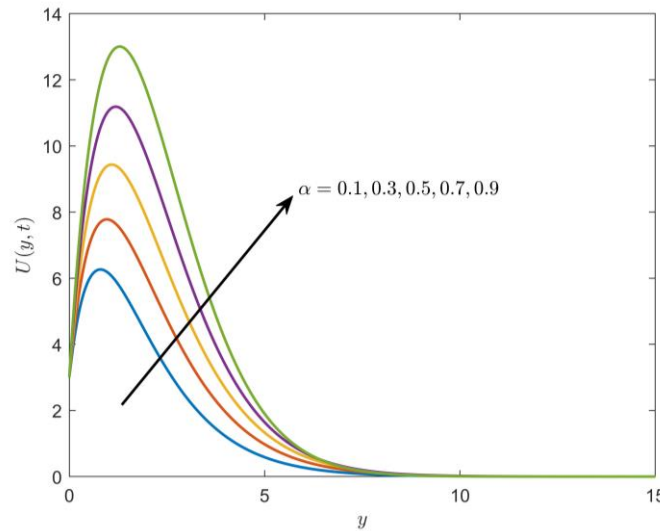
Obtained solutions for both the skin friction and Nusselt number will be discussed in the next section.



#### 4. Results and Discussions

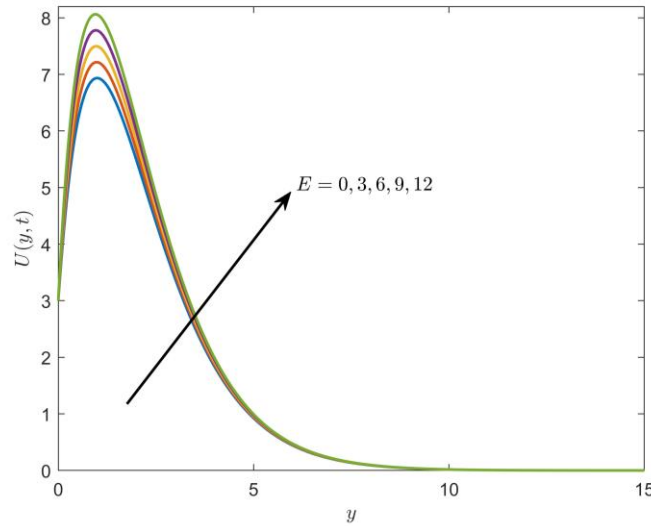
Graphical representations of velocity and temperature profiles obtained from Eqn Eq. (24) and Eq. (25) are illustrated in Figure 3-Figure 10. The MathCad-15 software were used to generate these profiles. A numerical validation of obtained results with published results are displayed in Table 1. Using the same approach, numerical validation and solutions of skin friction as well as the Nusselt number is tabulated in Table 2-Table 3. Meanwhile, the corresponding skin friction and Nusselt number graphical solutions against varied  $y$  values are shown in Figure 11 and Figure 12.

The velocity profile with variation in the fractional parameter,  $\alpha$ , is shown in Figure 3. As observed, as  $\alpha$  increases, so does the velocity profile with an average of 42.05% increment with every value of  $\alpha$ . As discussed in the Introduction section, geometrical application of fractional derivatives on the mechanics of fluid flow has yet to be discovered. Nonetheless, the obtained analytical solutions in Eq. (24) and Eq. (25) will be crucial in validating future numerical and experimental research. Figure 3 merely demonstrates the behaviour of a Casson fluid flow over an accelerated Riga plate when the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative is considered with variations in the fractional value.



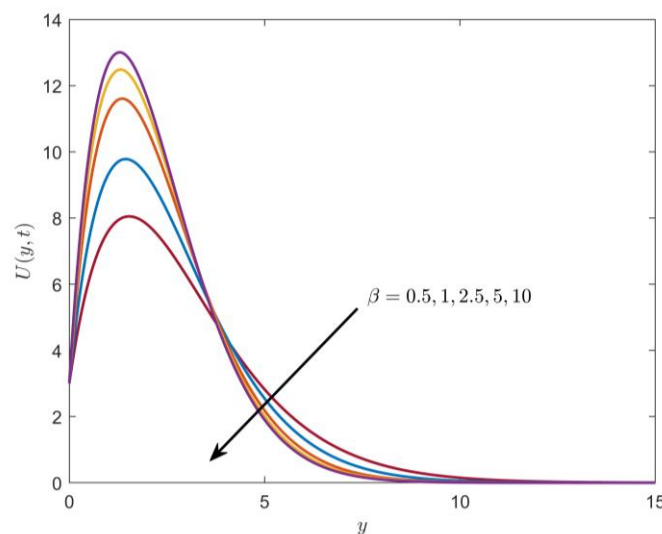
**Fig. 3.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $\alpha$  when  $t = 3$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $Gr = 21$ ,  $Pr = 14$ ,  $N = 9$ ,  $L = 2$ ,  $E = 9$

Meanwhile, Figure 4 shows the velocity profile with variations in the modified Hartman number,  $E$ . The modified Hartmann number defines the Riga plate existence. Presence of a Riga plate introduces Lorentz force, into the fluid flow. In this case, the Lorentz force generated is parallel to the fluid flow, increasing the upthrust force experienced by the fluid. Thus, aiding the fluid flow and increasing the velocity of the fluid with an average increment of 1.56%. A large modified Hartmann number signifies a larger Riga plate, which in turns increases the Lorentz force, consequently the fluid velocity.



**Fig. 4.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $E$  when  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $t = 3$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $Gr = 21$ ,  $Pr = 14$ ,  $N = 9$ ,  $L = 2$

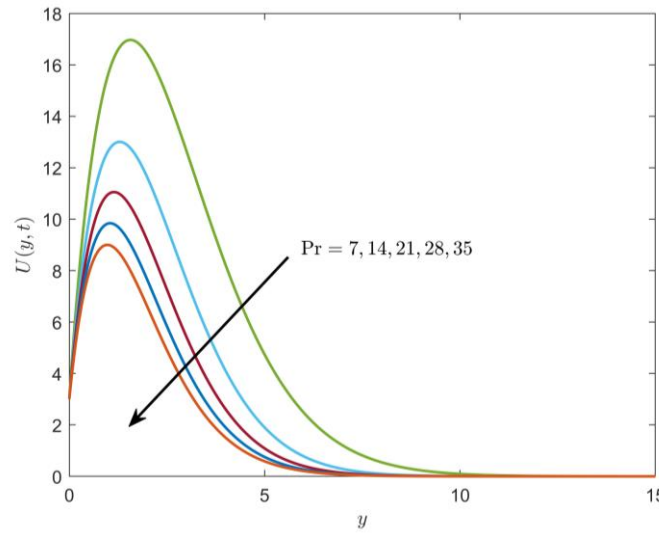
The Casson fluid, a non-Newtonian fluid, is considered in this study. A Casson fluid behaves like a solid when the shear stress is lower than the yield stress, otherwise it exhibits a Newtonian fluid behaviour. It is observed in Figure 5, when  $y > 0$  the velocity profile increases with the Casson parameter,  $\beta$ . After a certain point in the  $y$ -direction, between 3.2 and 3.4, the velocity profile decreases as  $\beta$  increases. The fluctuation is caused due to the variation in the shear stress. When  $0 \leq y \leq 3.2$ , shear stress is larger than the yield stress, showcasing a Newtonian fluid behaviour. On the other hand, when  $y \geq 3.4$ , the shear stress is smaller than the yield stress, increasing the plasticity of the fluid, showcasing a non-Newtonian fluid behaviour. this in turn, decreases the fluid velocity with an average of 45.09% decrement.



**Fig. 5.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $\beta$  when  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $t = 3$ ,  $Gr = 21$ ,  $Pr = 14$ ,  $N = 9$ ,  $L = 2$ ,  $E = 9$

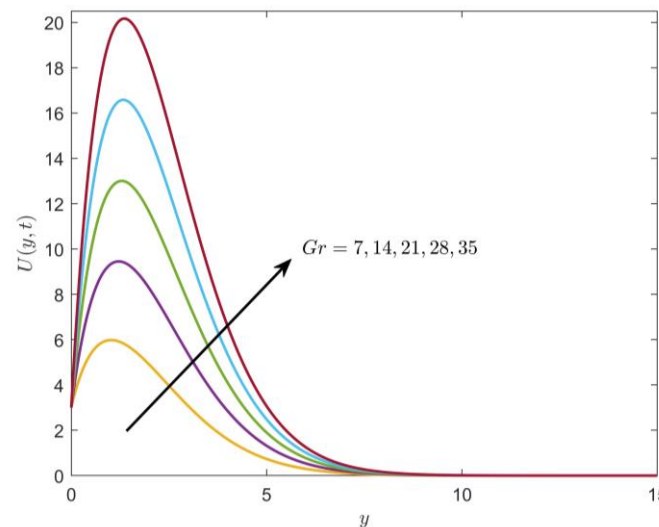
Concurrently, Figure 6 showcases the velocity profile of the fluid with variations in the Prandtl number,  $Pr$ .  $Pr$  is the ratio between the momentum diffusivity rate and the heat diffusivity rate. An increase in  $Pr$  dampens the heat diffusivity rate, decreasing the kinetic energy in the fluid. Thus, fluid

velocity decreases, with an average of 43.56% decrement, with the amplification of the Prandtl number. This is true in this study as observed in Figure 6.



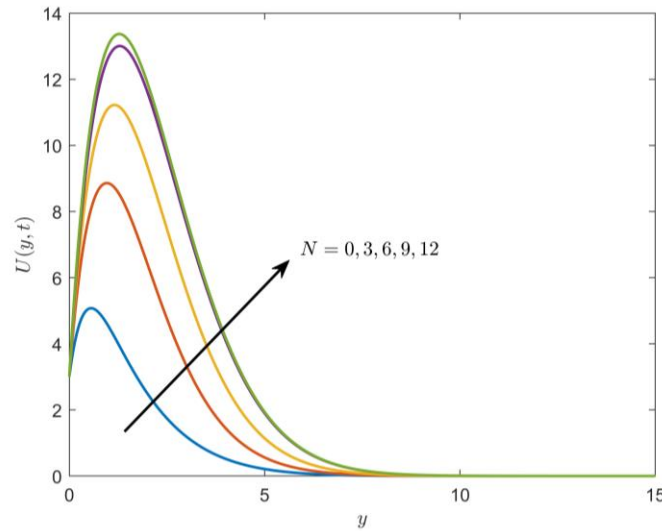
**Fig. 6.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $Pr$  when  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $t = 3$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $Gr = 21$ ,  $N = 9$ ,  $L = 2$ ,  $E = 9$

At the same time, Figure 7 showcases the velocity profile of the fluid with variations in the Grashof number,  $Gr$ .  $Gr$  approximates the ratio between the buoyancy and hydrodynamic viscous force. An increase in  $Gr$  amplifies the buoyancy force, increasing the upthrust force experienced by the fluid. Thus, fluid velocity increases with the amplification of the Grashof number with an average increment of 41.72%. This is true for this study as well, as observed in Figure 7.



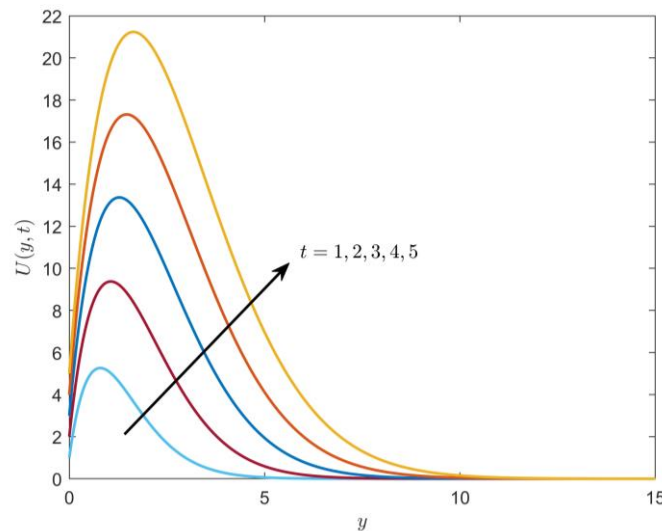
**Fig. 7.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $Gr$  when  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $t = 3$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $Pr = 14$ ,  $N = 9$ ,  $L = 2$ ,  $E = 9$

In this study, thermal radiation effect is considered. Radiating heat is introduced to the fluid through the plate. As more heat is introduced, the kinetic energy within the fluid is intensified. Thus, increasing the fluid velocity with an average increment of 76.58%. This behaviour is observed clearly in Figure 8.



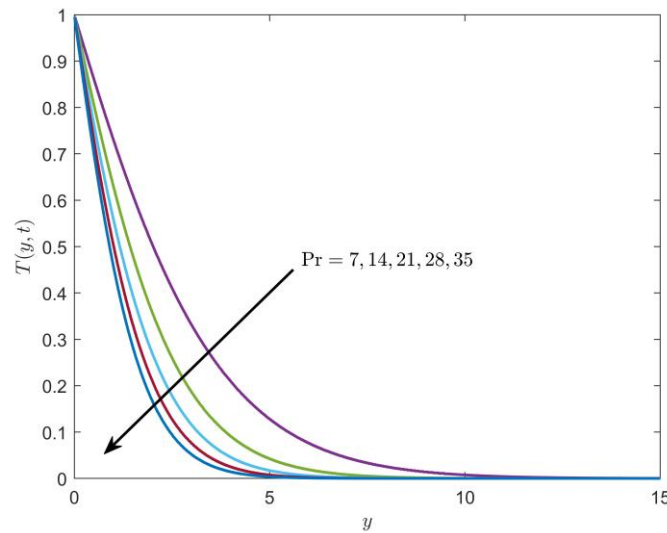
**Fig. 8.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $N$  when  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $Gr = 21$ ,  $Pr = 14$ ,  $t = 3$ ,  $L = 2$ ,  $E = 9$

Figure 9 illustrates the velocity profile with variation in time,  $t$ . An accelerating plate is considered in this study. Through the process of non-dimensionalisation, the initial velocity when  $y = 0$  is set at  $t$ . This is stated in Eq. (8). Variations in  $t$  suggests different initial values. This can be observed clearly in Figure 9.

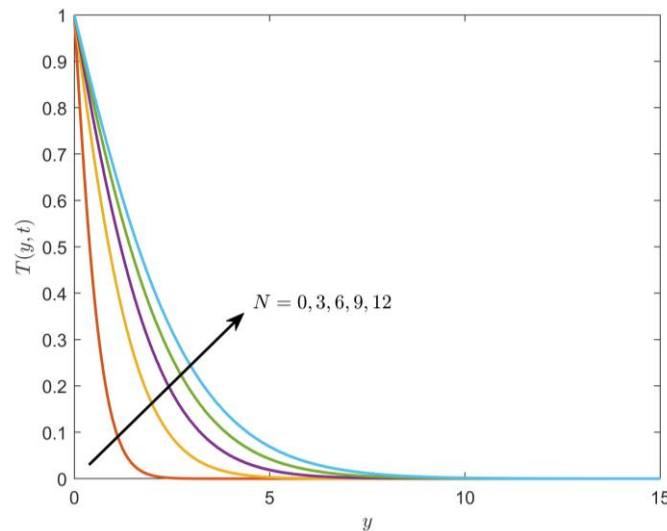


**Fig. 9.** Velocity of fluid with variations in  $t$  when  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $Gr = 21$ ,  $Pr = 14$ ,  $N = 9$ ,  $L = 2$ ,  $E = 9$

Both Figure 10 and Figure 11 displays the temperature profiles for the fluid with variations in  $Pr$  and  $N$ , respectively. The fluid temperature dampens as the value of  $Pr$  is increased. As discussed earlier, a decrease in heat diffusivity occurs when the  $Pr$  is increased, lowering the kinetic energy of the fluid. Thus, decreasing the fluid temperature, with an average decrement of 73.78%, as observed in Figure 10. Concurrently, the fluid temperature increases, with an average increment of well over 100%, with an increase in  $N$ . With some values of  $y$ , the increment can even reach up to 300%. With the increase in  $N$ , kinetic energy in the fluid is amplified. Thus, increasing the fluid temperature as shown in Figure 11.



**Fig. 10.** Temperature of fluid with variations in  $Pr$  when  $t = 3, N = 9$



**Fig. 11.** Temperature of fluid with variations in  $N$  when  $t = 3, Pr = 14$

Table 1 shows the numerical validations of obtained results with published results from Ali *et al.*, [20] and Reyaz *et al.*, [44]. It is observed from the table that the average relative difference from obtained results with that of Ali *et al.*, [20] is 0.27 and 0.44 with Reyaz *et al.*, [44]. These values are due to varied assumptions between current problem and published studies from Ali *et al.*, [20] and Reyaz *et al.*, [44]. For instance, Ali *et al.*, [20] considered the Caputo fractional derivative instead of the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative. Additionally, Reyaz *et al.*, [44] considered mass transfer in their study, however the current study does not. Nonetheless, the relative difference between current study and published study is significantly low. Thus, obtained results from current study is valid.

**Table 1**

Validation of obtained numerical results with published results

$y$	Obtained	Ali <i>et al.</i> , [20]	Relative Difference	Reyaz <i>et al.</i> , [44]	Relative difference
0	1	1	0	1	0
2	0.356000	0.370000	-0.037838	0.341000	0.043988
4	0.052000	0.047000	0.106383	0.042000	0.238095
6	0.007488	0.005858	0.278252	0.005047	0.483654
8	0.001081	0.000722	0.496608	0.000609	0.773876
10	0.000156	0.000088	0.767310	0.000073	1.124147

Table 2 showcases the skin friction,  $C_f(y, t)$  at  $y = 0$ , with varied values of  $\alpha, \beta, Gr, Pr, E, N$  and  $t$ . These values are obtained by using Eq. (26). It is observed in the third row, that the value for  $C_f(y, t)$  decreases by 26.4% when compared to the control values at the first row. This contradicts the properties of a non-Newtonian fluid where the skin friction should have increased when the values of  $\beta$  is increased. However, as discussed previously, since Casson fluid models showcases both properties of Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluid according to the shear stress applied, a decrease in skin friction is plausible. The value also corresponds well with finding from Figure 5. Other than that, the skin friction values correspond well with obtained graphical results from Figure 3- Figure 9.

**Table 2**

Skin friction,  $C_f(y, t)|_{y=0}$ , coefficient with variations in  $\alpha, \beta, Gr, Pr, E, N$  and  $t$

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$Gr$	$Pr$	$E$	$N$	$t$	$C_f(y, t) _{y=0}$	
0.1	0.25	0.3	0.3	3	3	4	6.73	
0.3	0.25	0.3	0.3	3	3	4	5.599	↓16.81%
0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	3	3	4	4.953	↓26.40%
0.1	0.25	0.7	0.3	3	3	4	6.067	↓9.85%
0.1	0.25	0.3	0.7	3	3	4	6.809	↑1.17%
0.1	0.25	0.3	0.3	6	3	4	5.472	↓18.69%
0.1	0.25	0.3	0.3	3	9	4	6.653	↓1.14%
0.1	0.25	0.3	0.3	3	3	5	8.566	↑27.28%

Table 3 showcases the Nusselt number,  $Nu(y, t)$  at  $y = 0$ , with varied values of  $\alpha, Pr, N$  and  $t$ . These values are obtained using Eq. (27). The Nusselt number showcase the heat transfer rate between the pate and the fluid. According to Table 3, the numbers corresponds well with obtained graphical solutions from Figure 10 and 11.

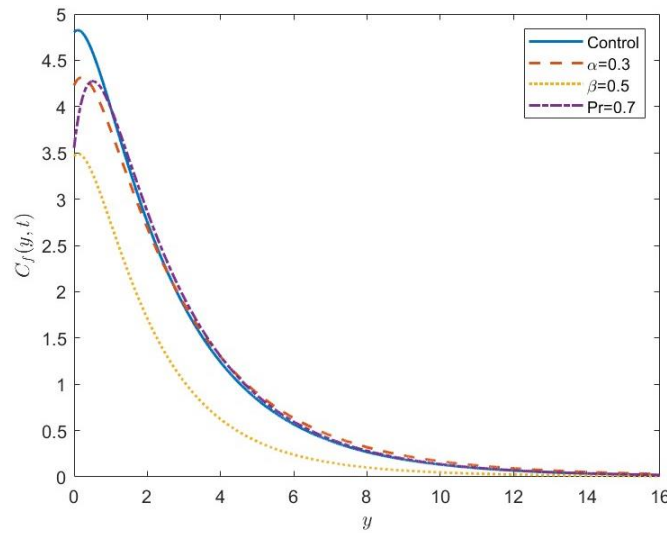
**Table 3**

Nusselt number,  $Nu(y, t)|_{y=0}$ , coefficient with variations in  $\alpha, Pr, N$  and  $t$

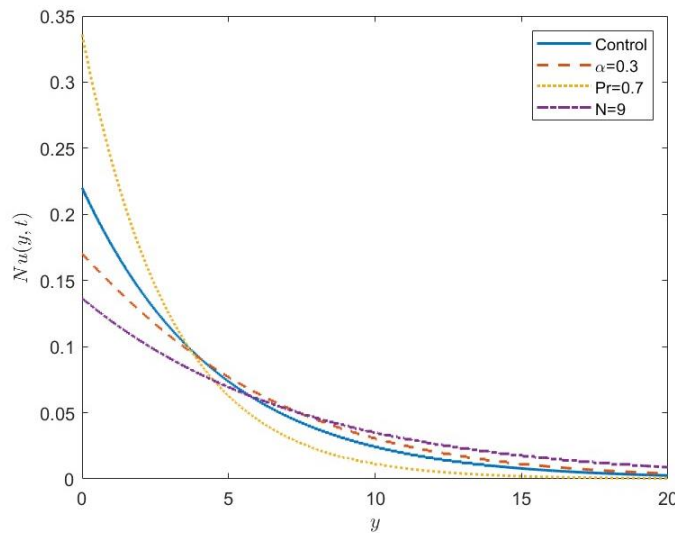
$\alpha$	$Pr$	$N$	$t$	$Nu(y, t) _{y=0}$	
0.1	0.3	3	3	0.22	
0.3	0.3	3	3	0.17	↓22.72%
0.1	0.7	3	3	0.336	↑52.72%
0.1	0.3	9	3	0.136	↓38.18%
0.1	0.3	3	4	0.209	↓5.00%

Meanwhile, Figure 12 and Figure 13 showcase the skin friction and Nusselt number behaviour with varied values of  $y$ . It is shown that the graphical representation of  $C_f(y, t)$  and  $Nu(y, t)$  is in

agreement with both graphical solutions, from Figure 3-Figure 11, as well as numerical solution from Table 2 and Table 3.



**Fig. 12.** Skin friction,  $C_f(y, t)$ , with varied values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $Pr$



**Fig. 13.** Nusselt number,  $Nu(y, t)$ , with varied values of  $\alpha$ ,  $Pr$  and  $N$

## 5. Conclusions

A study on an unsteady Caputo-Fabrizio fractional Casson fluid flowing over an accelerating Riga plate treated analytically has been done. It is concluded that:

- i. An increase in the fractional parameter,  $\alpha$ , increases the velocity profile with an average increase of 42.05%.
- ii. Amplification in the modified Hartmann number,  $E$ , raises the fluid velocity with an average increase of 1.56%.
- iii. Fluctuation in the fluid velocity is observed when amplifying the Casson parameter,  $\beta$ . After  $y = 3.4$ , fluid velocity dampens, with an average of 45.09%.

- iv. Amplification in the Prandtl number,  $Pr$ , dampens the fluid velocity with an average decrease of 43.56%.
- v. Amplification in the Grashof number,  $Gr$ , raises fluid velocity with an average increase of 41.72%.
- vi. Amplification in the thermal radiation parameter,  $N$ , raises the fluid velocity with an average increase of 76.58%.
- vii. Amplification in time,  $t$ , raises the initial velocity of fluid.
- viii. Amplification in the Prandtl number,  $Pr$ , dampens the fluid temperature with an average decrease of 73.78%.
- ix. Amplification in the thermal radiation parameter,  $N$ , raises the fluid temperature.

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