

[ISMT2021] Numerical analysis of thermal and flow friction in lid-driven grooved enclosure using Lattice Boltzmann Method

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Abstract: A numerical simulation is performed to investigate the heat transfer and fluid flow behaviors in a lid-driven triangular grooved enclosure using an alternative traditional method known as the Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM). Geometrical parameters, such as the aspect ratios of the groove, and other non-dimensional parameters are considered in the present study. The results are presented as a stream function in terms of velocity, average rate of heat transfer in terms of the Nusselt number (Nu), and flow friction on the moving lid for a wide range of Reynolds numbers (Re), as well as a mixed convection parameter known as the Richardson number (Ri). The flow and temperature profiles inside the cavity are affected more by the non-dimensional parameters than the grooved depth ratios. It is noted that the fluid friction on the moving lid decreases as Re and Ri increases; consequently, the heat transfer rate increases significantly. To validate the present model, the LBM results are compared with the conventional benchmark results, where excellent agreement is indicated.

Keywords: Heat transfer, Flow friction, Grooved enclosure, Reynolds number, Lid driven, Lattice Boltzmann

1. Introduction

Mixed convection or combined free and force convection has garnered significant attention over the past several decades owing to its practical applications in the electronic cooling industry. Mixed convection in grooved channels or cavities using various methods has been investigated extensively [1]-[3]. Mustafa *et al.* [4] reviewed the heat transfer process based on the mixed convection of a lid-driven cavity with various geometries. They discussed heat transfer enhancement techniques based on different velocity and thermal boundary conditions for several cavity geometries, such as triangles, squares, circles, rectangles, and waves with lids. In fact, a lid-driven cavity is crucial for analyzing heat transfer and fluid flow characteristics. Fluid flow is initiated by a moving wall, whereas heat transfer occurs owing to the temperature gradient between hot and cold walls. Saha *et al.* [5] conducted a numerical study pertaining to transverse mixed convection inside a vented enclosure with different inlet and outlet locations. They showed that the temperature distribution in flow fields depended significantly on the inlet and outlet positions. Using the finite element method, Roy *et al.* [6] reported

problems associated with natural convection heat transfer and fluid flow in a triangular enclosure with uniform and non-uniform bottom heating. The effects of various types of cavity shapes on thermal and fluid behaviors in lid-driven cavity flows have been investigated using different methods [7][8]. In this regard, Chen *et al.* [8] used a finite element formulation based on the Galerkin method to solve the associated problems.

In recent years, the Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM), which is based on the Boltzmann equation, has been used extensively as an alternative to the traditional approach for solving the Navier-Stokes (N-S) equations numerically [9][10]. In conventional Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulations, the macroscopic N-S approach is used to simulate fluid flows, whereas in the LBM, a mesoscopic simulation model is used instead of directly solving the macroscopic fluid quantities (velocity, pressure, and temperature), and the movement of the fluid particles is considered with a few approximations. The problem of mixed convection, which combines both free and force convection, and flow based on the thermal Lattice Boltzmann Method (TLBM) has been investigated extensively [11]-[13].

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Some authors considered different types of lid-driven enclosures with and without heat generation as well as various boundary conditions [14]–[16].

The main purpose of this study is to numerically investigate the geometry effect, in particular the effect of the groove depth of a lid-driven cavity on the flow and convective heat transfer, using the TLBM with other governing parameters, namely the Richardson number (Ri) and Reynolds number (Re). The application of this study was observed in an electronic chipset, where free convection is insufficient for providing effective cooling. A few investigations pertaining to solving this type of problem using the TLBM have been reported. To the best of our knowledge, the method proposed herein has not yet been considered. The computations for the present simulation were performed using a code developed by the authors that is written in the FORTRAN language.

2. Theoretical Analysis

2.1 Problem statement

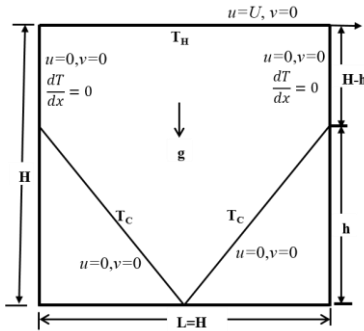


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of grooved cavity with boundary conditions

The geometry and boundary conditions of the present problem are shown in **Figure 1**. The aforementioned problem is a two-dimensional lid-driven square-grooved cavity with a side length of H . The grooved depth ratio (GDR) is defined as h/H , where h is the groove depth. If the $GDR = 0$, the cavity is a square, and if the $GDR = 1.0$, the cavity is a triangle. For $0 < GDR < 1$, a pentagon-shaped cavity is represented. Therefore, the shape of the cavity depends on the GDR. In the present study, $GDR = 0.0, 0.25, 0.50$, and 1.0 , where the lid of the cavity was maintained at a uniform higher temperature T_H and a steady velocity U . When $GDR = 0.0$, the lower wall was maintained at a lower temperature T_C , whereas the left and right walls were assumed to be adiabatic. When $0 < GDR < 1$, a pentagon is represented, whose two sliding

inclined walls are at a lower temperature T_C , whereas the left and right vertical walls ($H - h$) are adiabatic. However, if $GDR = 1.0$, the cavity becomes a triangle; in this case, the two inclined walls maintain a lower temperature T_C , whereas the upper wall is moving at a higher temperature. It is noteworthy that in this case only, no wall exists or the wall portion is adiabatic. The working fluid is considered as incompressible and Newtonian, with air properties such as a Prandtl number of 0.713.

2.2 Mathematical Formulation of Problem

To express the Lattice Boltzmann equations for flow and temperature fields with external forces in the general form, it is important to consider the Bhatnagar, Gross, and Krook approximation, where the relaxation parameter for momentum (τ_m) is associated with the viscosity (ν) of the fluid. It is based on the notation of a local equilibrium that corresponds to a Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution evaluated at each point in space for the local values of density, velocity, and temperature.

$$f_k(x + e_k \Delta t, t + \Delta t) - f_k(x, t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_m} [f_k(x, t) - f_k^{eq}(x, t)] + \Delta t e_k F \quad (1)$$

$$g_k(x + e_k \Delta t, t + \Delta t) - g_k(x, t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_T} [g_k(x, t) - g_k^{eq}(x, t)] \quad (2)$$

Here, f_k and g_k are the particle and energy distribution functions for a finite set of discrete particle velocity vector e_k , respectively, where $k = 0, 1, \dots, 8$; Δt denotes the Lattice time step; F is the external force in the direction of the Lattice velocity; τ_m and τ_T represent the Lattice relaxation times for the flow and temperature fields, respectively. The LBM is established based on the D2Q9 model (two-dimensional Lattice with nine particle velocities), i.e., each node of the Lattice contains three types of particles: a rest particle, particles that traverse in the coordinate directions, and particles that traverse in the diagonal directions. Therefore, the equilibrium distribution functions for momentum and energy can be formulated as follows, respectively:

$$f_k^{eq} = \omega_k \rho \left[1 + \frac{e_k \cdot u}{c_s^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(e_k \cdot u)^2}{c_s^4} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c_s^2} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$g_k^{eq} = \omega_k \varepsilon \left[1 + \frac{e_k \cdot u}{c_s^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(e_k \cdot u)^2}{c_s^4} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c_s^2} \right], \quad (4)$$

where u and ρ are the macroscopic velocity and density, respectively; ω_k is the weighting factor; $c_s = c/\sqrt{3}$ is the Lattice speed of sound; $c = \Delta x/\Delta t$ is the Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy number; Δx and Δt are the Lattice space and Lattice time steps, respectively. The internal energy variable of the fluid particles is represented by $\varepsilon = \sum_k g_k(x, t)$. The kinetic viscosity ν and thermal diffusivity α are defined in terms of their respective relaxation times as $\nu = c_s^2 \Delta t \left(\tau_m - \frac{1}{2} \right)$ and $\alpha = c_s^2 \Delta t \left(\tau_T - \frac{1}{2} \right)$.

To introduce the force term to the model, the buoyancy force can be calculated in the vertical direction as $F = 3\omega_k g_y \Delta T$. To ensure that the problem is applicable to a near-incompressible regime, the characteristic velocity for both the natural $U = \sqrt{g_y \beta \Delta T H}$ and force $U_w = \frac{Re \mu}{\rho H}$ regimes should be small compared with the fluid speed of sound. U_w is the upper moving lid velocity, H is the height of the cavity, and Re is the Reynolds number. The ratio of the buoyancy force to the product of the viscous force and heat diffusion rates defines the Rayleigh number (Ra) as $Ra = Pr \cdot Gr = \frac{g \beta \Delta T H^3}{\alpha \nu}$, where $Gr = \frac{g \beta \Delta T H^3}{\nu^2}$ denotes the Grashof number, and $Pr = \nu/\alpha$ is the Prandtl number. Therefore, the mixed convection parameter, known as the Richardson number, can be expressed as $i = \frac{Gr}{Re^2} = \frac{g \beta H}{\Delta T U_w^2}$.

In convection, flow is driven by the temperature or mass gradient, i.e., by the buoyancy force, where the momentum and energy equations are coupled. Hence, an additional force term must be considered when solving the LB equations. The macroscopic variables of interest, such as density, velocity, temperature, and pressure, can be obtained easily from microscopic particle distribution functions for momentum and energy by solving **Equations (2)-(4)** using other LBM approaches.

$$\rho = \sum_k f_k, \quad \rho \mathbf{u} = \sum_k \mathbf{e}_k f_k, \quad \text{and} \quad T = \frac{\varepsilon}{\rho c_p} = \frac{\sum_k g_k(x, t)}{\rho c_p} \quad (6)$$

The solutions of the velocity and temperature fields are used to evaluate the heat transfer performance and the shear stress on the moving lid, respectively. The local heat transfer performance on the moving lid can be evaluated using the local Nusselt number Nu_x , which is expressed as

$$Nu_x = \frac{h_x L}{k} = \frac{L}{T_H - T_C} \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{\text{moving lid}}, \quad (7)$$

where h_x is the local heat-transfer coefficient. Therefore, based on the result of Nu_x , the average Nusselt number on the moving lid can be evaluated by integration as follows:

$$Nu = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L Nu_x dx \quad (8)$$

Meanwhile, the local friction factor on the moving lid can be expressed in terms of the local shear stress as

$$S_{Fx} = \frac{\tau_x}{\rho U^2} = \frac{\mu}{\rho U^2} \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{\text{moving lid}} \quad (9)$$

Based on the local friction, the average friction on the moving lid surface can be calculated by integration as follows:

$$AS_F = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L S_{Fx} dx \quad (10)$$

2.3 Code Verification

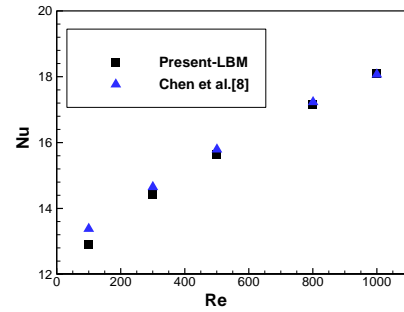


Figure 2: Average heat transfer rate in terms of Nusselt number and Reynolds number

To verify the code of this model, the results obtained were compared with the results of Chen *et al.* [8]. It is noteworthy that Chen *et al.* [8] used a different numerical approach, i.e., the finite volume method, instead of the LBM, for solving the governing equations. The variation in Nu with Re shown in **Figure 2** was based on the moving lid of a triangular enclosure filled with air, where $Pr = 0.71$. The results of the present LBM simulations agreed well with the numerical results of Chen *et al.* [8]. Hence, the accuracy of the proposed simulation model was confirmed.

3. Results and Discussions

The numerical results of fluid flow and temperature profiles

inside the grooved cavity for various cases are shown using isotherms and streamlines, respectively. **Figures 3-6** show the effect of the mixed convection parameter for various (GDRs) on the temperature profile in terms of isotherms.

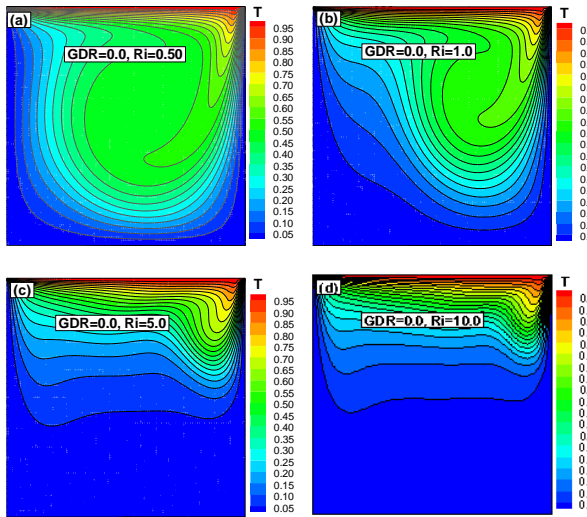


Figure 3: Isotherms for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 0.0$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

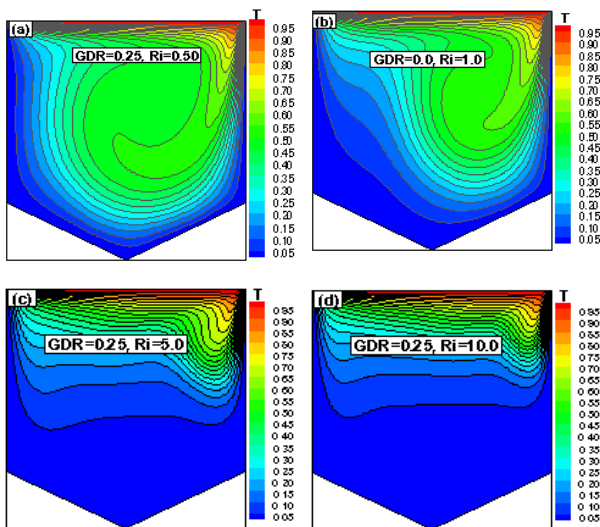


Figure 4: Isotherms for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 0.25$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

As shown in the figures above, when $Ri = 0.50$ and 1.0 , i.e., when forced convection was dominant compared with natural convection, the isotherms showed the greatest effect. It was evident that the effect of the buoyancy force decreased. Increasing the retarding force, i.e., the buoyancy force, prevents the return flow from penetrating the bottom of the cavity. As Ri increased, the natural convection strengthened, whereas forced convection

weakened; therefore, the change in the isotherms was insignificant. This is because the two vertical walls (left and right) were adiabatic, and no heat exchange occurred between the fluid and walls, although the inclined walls were maintained at a cold temperature. However, if the values of the GDR increase from 0.0 to 1.0 , then the isotherms will be slightly affected.

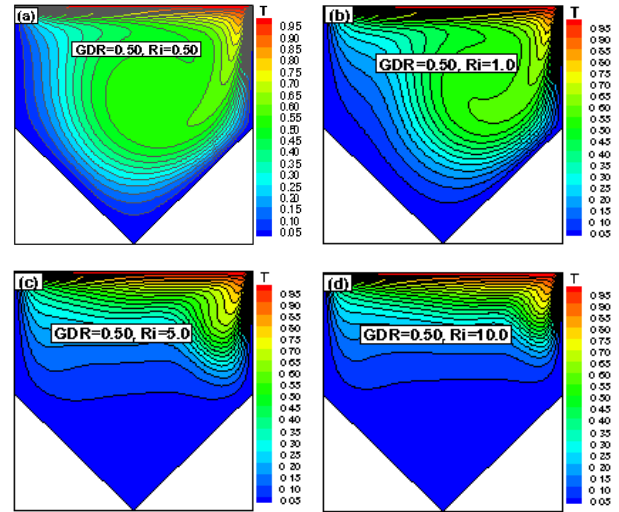


Figure 5: Isotherms for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 0.50$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

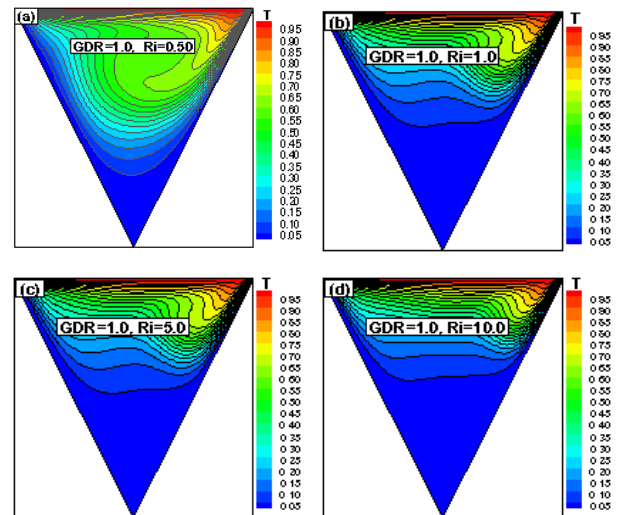


Figure 6: Isotherms for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 1.0$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

The velocity profiles in terms of streamlines for different values of Ri and GDR with $Re = 200$ are shown in **Figures 7-10**. As shown in **Figure 7**, when $GDR = 0.0$, a square cavity was represented. A strong primary vortex or circulation was observed throughout the cavity owing to the dominance of force convection when $Ri = 0.50$.

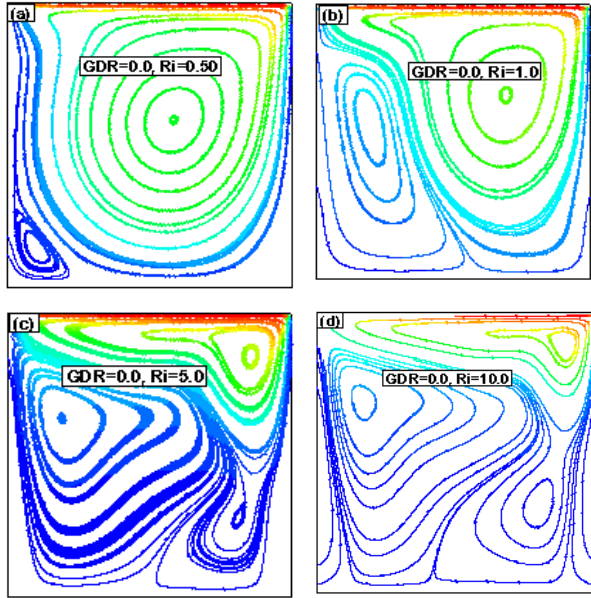


Figure 7: Streamlines for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 0.0$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

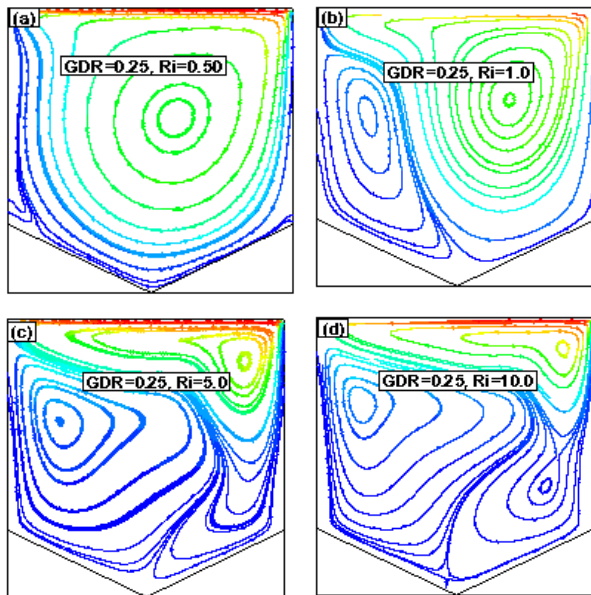


Figure 8: Streamlines for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 0.25$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

In addition, a weak secondary circulation was observed at the left end of the bottom corner of the cavity. As Ri increased further, the weaker circulation strengthened, and a tertiary circulation zone was created. The same types of flow phenomena were observed as the GDR increased; however, the center of the flow circulations shifted with the Ri and GDR . Finally, when $GDR = 1.0$, a triangular cavity was represented.

For $Ri = 0.50$ and 1.0 , force convection was dominant; therefore, the fluid was recirculated in the upper portion of the cavity,

and a strong primary vortex was formed, as shown in **Figures 10(a)–(b)**. The upper recirculation induced shear on the lower fluid layer and formed another weak recirculated flow region, known as a secondary vortex. When $Ri = 5.0$ and 10.0 , the secondary flow region strengthened and resulted in more tertiary flow regions in the cavity. The main vortex was associated with the movement of the hot lid, whereas the secondary vortex was associated with the buoyancy force mechanism.

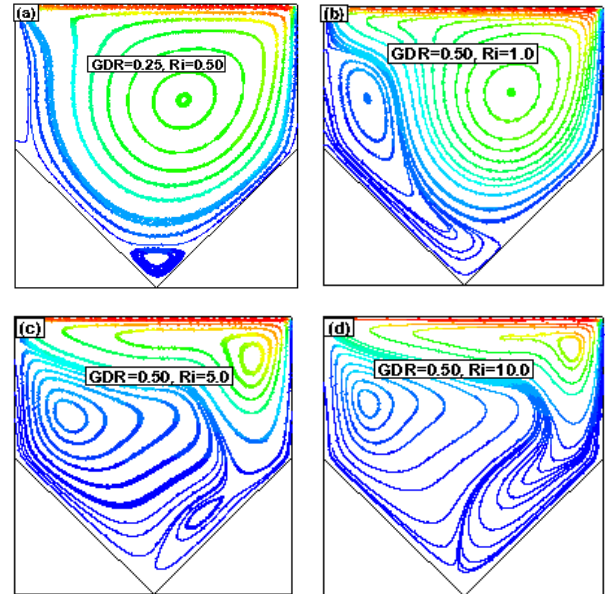


Figure 9: Streamlines for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 0.50$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

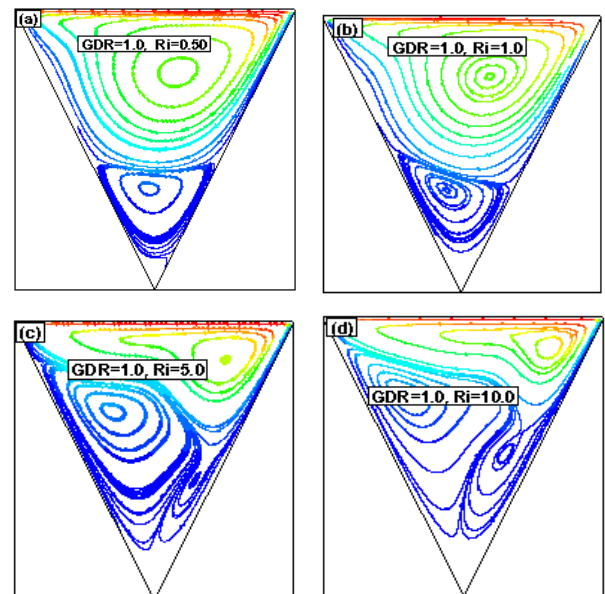


Figure 10: Streamlines for $Re = 200$, $GDR = 1.0$ with (a) $Ri = 0.50$, (b) $Ri = 1.0$, (c) $Ri = 5.0$, and (d) $Ri = 10.0$

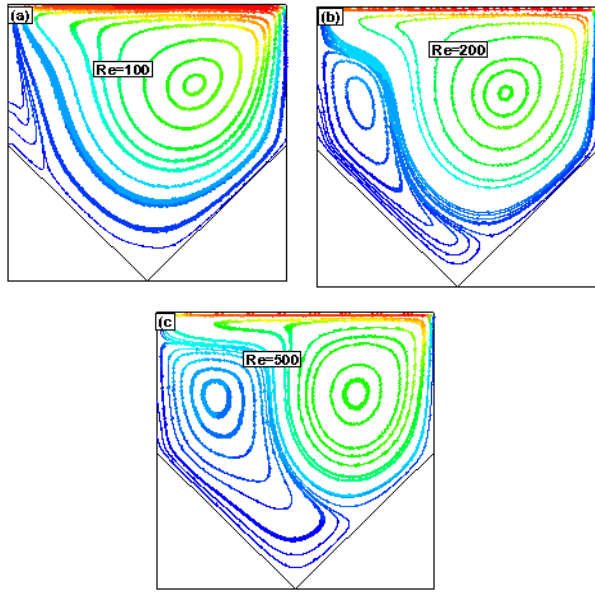


Figure 11: Streamlines contour for GDR = 0.50, Ri = 1.0 with (a) Re = 100, (b) Re = 200, and (c) Re = 500

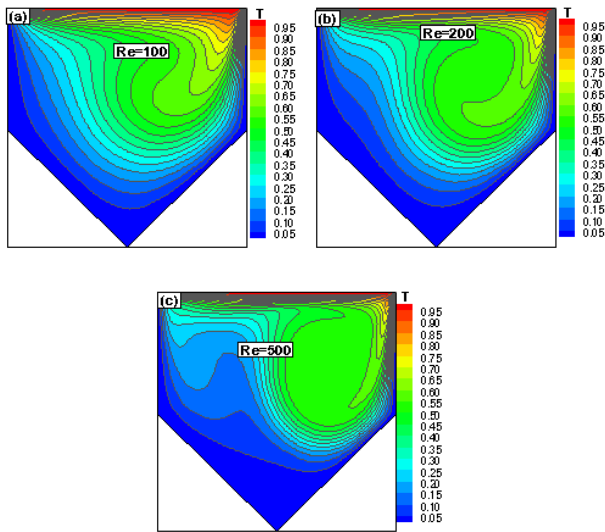


Figure 12: Isotherms for GDR = 0.50, Ri = 1.0 with (a) Re = 100, (b) Re = 200, and (c) Re = 500.

Figures 11-12 show the effect of Re on the temperature and velocity profiles for GDR = 0.50 and Ri = 1.0. A strong vortex was observed inside the cavity, which is known as the main or primary vortex, where a small recirculation appeared below the primary vortex, and a side vortex appeared near the top left side of the main vortex. To increase Re, the side vortex merged with a small vortex such that the secondary vortex expanded and strengthened. As shown in Figure 12, when Re = 100, the fluid near the cold inclination walls propagated easily toward the hot

surface owing to the low Re with buoyancy effects. As the secondary vortex enlarged with increasing Re, the secondary vortex prevented the fluid near the left cold wall from propagating easily to the hot region, as shown in Figure 12(c).

The average friction and heat transfer rate in terms of Nu along the hot upper surface at different GDRs for different combinations of Re and Ri are shown in Figures 13-14.

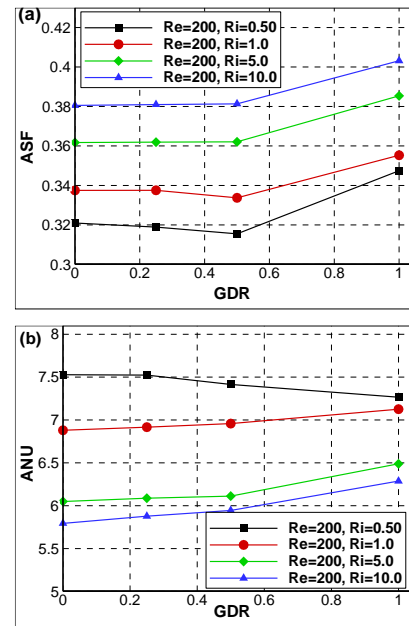


Figure 13: (a) Average friction and (b) average heat transfer rate vs. GDR for different values of Ri with Re = 200

As shown in Figure 13(a), for a constant lid velocity, where Re = 200, the average friction on the moving lid was negligible for extremely small GDRs, whereas for GDR > 0.50, the friction increased linearly. Moreover, the friction increased significantly as Ri increased from 0.50 to 10.0. The heat transfer rate increased linearly with the GDR when the GDR was greater than 0.5. For Ri = 0.50, forced convection was dominant compared with free convection, and only one main recirculation region was present. Therefore, Nu was high but remained almost constant at lower GDRs. When GRD ≥ 0.50, two recirculation regions were present, as shown in Figures 9(a) and 10(a). This adversely affected heat transfer, thereby resulting in a slightly decreased average heat transfer rate, as shown in Figure 13(b) for Ri = 0.50. However, as the value of mixed convection parameter Ri increased, the heat transfer rate decreased significantly.

Figure 14 shows the effect of Re on the average flow friction and heat transfer on the moving lid for different GDRs with a fixed Ri = 0.5. As shown, friction decreased as Re increased;

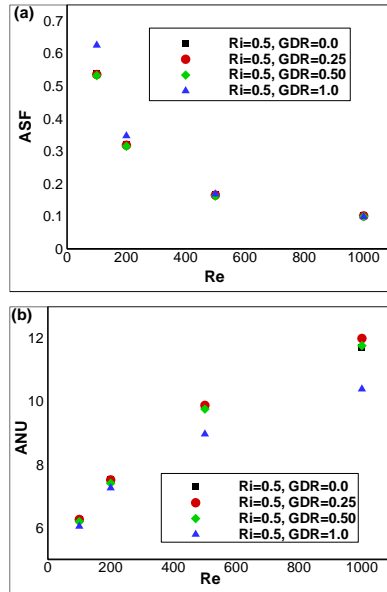


Figure 14: (a) Average friction and (b) average heat transfer rate vs. Reynolds number for different GDRs with $Ri = 0.50$

however, friction was negligible at higher Re values. For a lower Re with a $GDR > 0.50$, this effect was significant. However, the average heat transfer rate in terms of Nu increased significantly with Re and slightly decreased with the GDR for $Ri = 0.50$. Furthermore, when $Ri = 1.0, 5.0$, and 10.0 , the heat transfer rate decreased linearly with the GDR .

4. Conclusion

The fluid flow and thermal properties inside a lid-driven grooved enclosure with various GDR s ($GDR = 0.0-1.0$) were discussed herein based on the effects of mixed convection parameters, i.e., $Ri = 0.50, 1.0, 5.0$, and 10.0 and $Re = 100-1000$. The following conclusions were obtained:

Fluid flow and temperature were affected significantly by the mixed convection parameters, namely the Ri and Re . However, they were not affected significantly by the GDR s.

A strong primary vortex was formed in the case where force convection dominated. Consequently, the isotherms were uniformly distributed throughout the cavity. However, for the free convection dominant case, some secondary and tertiary vortices were observed simultaneously with the primary vortex; consequently, the isotherms were non-uniformly distributed inside the cavity.

The average flow friction on the moving lid of the cavity decreased as Re and Ri increased. Moreover, the effect of flow friction was negligible at low GDR s, although it increased linearly when $GDR > 0.50$.

The overall heat transfer rate in terms of Nu increased linearly with Re and the GDR . However, it decreased significantly as the value of the mixed convection parameter increased.

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