

Heat Transfer in Immiscible Fluids through a Channel with Porous Beds Bounded by Differentially Heated Plates Using Galerkin's Finite Element Method

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Abstract

We analyze the heat transfer in the flow of two viscous incompressible immiscible fluids in a channel with porous beds bounded by differentially heated rigid plates by using Galerkin's finite element method. Solutions of the governing equations have been obtained by dividing the flow region into four zones applying appropriate matching conditions. The velocity, temperature and the shear stresses, Nusselt numbers are evaluated using finite element analysis and their behavior is discussed for variations in the governing parameters.

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1. Introduction

A system consisting partially of a fluid saturated porous material is known as a composite system, and the convection flow and heat transfer in composite systems form an important class of problems. The convection phenomenon in these systems is usually affected by the interaction of the temperature and flow fields in the porous spaces and the open spaces. The importance of this class of problems is justified both in fundamental and in practical sense with reference to practical thermal engineering applications which stand to benefit, if a better understanding of heat and the fluid flow processes in composite systems is acquired. The following examples are cited; fibrous and granular insulation which occupies only a part of the space between a hot and a cold boundary, fault zones in geothermal systems, cooling of stored grain etc. The heat transfer in flow past a permeable bed was investigated by (Vidyanidhi, V. et al, 1970), (Vidyanidhi, V. et al, 1977), (Rudraiah, N. et al, 1977) and (Rudraiah, N. et al, 1976), taking the dissipation effect in the energy equation. Their configuration consisted of a fluid bounded below by a permeable bed. The rate of heat transfer between the fluid and the permeable surface was discussed, making use of slip temperature condition at the interface. (Bhargava, S.K. et al, 1989) investigated the heat transfer in the generalized couette flow of two viscous, inviscid, immiscible fluids bounded by permeable bed making use of Brinkman model (Brinkman, H.C., 1947). Analytical solutions were obtained for the velocity and temperature distribution by dividing the flow region in four zones and applying the appropriate matching conditions.

Heat transfer in the steady flow of immiscible viscous fluids in a porous channel assumes importance because of some important applications, like in ground water hydrology etc. (Sacheti, N.C. et al, 1983) have discussed heat transfer in steady flow of immiscible fluids in a channel bounded below by a naturally permeable wall of low permeability. (Sunil, K.B. and Sacheti, N.C., 1989) investigated heat transfer in generalized couette flow of two immiscible Newtonian fluids bounded below by a porous medium of moderate permeability. The adjacent flow of two immiscible fluids between porous beds was investigated via the finite element method by (S. Rao Gunakala et al, 2004).

In this paper, we make use of finite element analysis (Zienkiewicz, O. et al, 2005), (Reddy, J.N., 2005) to discuss the heat transfer in the flow of viscous, incompressible immiscible fluids in a channel with porous beds bounded by differentially heated rigid plates. This is an extension of the work done by (S.Rao Gunakala et al, 2004). The geometry of the interface of the immiscible fluids as well as the interface between each fluid and the adjacent porous bed are assumed to be known for the purpose of our analysis. The clean fluid regions are governed by Navier-Stokes equations, while the Brinkman model is used for the fluid through porous beds. The Galerkin finite element analysis with line elements is used to obtain quadratic polynomial approximation solutions for the governing equations. The flow region is divided into four zones and the global matrix equations are obtained, applying appropriate inter-element continuity and boundary conditions. The velocity, temperature at different levels, shear stresses and Nusselt numbers on the impermeable boundary are evaluated, and their behavior is discussed for variations in the governing parameters.

2. Formulation

Consider the heat transfer in flow of two immiscible fluids in a horizontal channel of height $2h$, bounded by permeable beds of different permeabilities. The outer impermeable walls are maintained at constant temperature. The velocity and temperature field in the porous and clean regions of the channel are assumed to be fully developed. There is a coupling between temperature and velocity in all the zones. The flow takes place under the influence of a constant pressure gradient on each fluid. The entire flow configuration is divided into four zones. The flow geometry described in Figure 1. Zone – I ($-h \leq y \leq 0$) corresponds to a region of clean fluid with viscosity μ_1 bounded below by the porous bed, Zone – III ($-(s+h) \leq y \leq h$) with permeability k_1 , $y = -h$ is the nominal surface separating the clean fluid and porous bed and s is the thickness of permeable material. Zone – II ($0 \leq y \leq h$) contains the flow of clean fluid with viscosity μ_2 ($< \mu_1$), bounded above by the porous bed Zone – IV ($h \leq y \leq s+h$) whose permeability is k_2 , and is separated by the nominal surface $y = h$.

In the absence of an extraneous force, the following are the equations governing each zone and respective conditions including the interface conditions.

Zone – I :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dV_1}{dx} &= 0 \\ \mu_1 \frac{d^2V_1}{dy^2} &= \frac{dp_1}{dx}\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

$$K_1 \frac{d^2T_1}{dy^2} + \mu_1 \left(\frac{dV_1}{dy} \right)^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

Zone – II :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dV_2}{dx} &= 0 \\ \mu_2 \frac{d^2V_2}{dy^2} &= \frac{dp_2}{dx}\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

$$K_2 \frac{d^2T_2}{dy^2} + \mu_2 \left(\frac{dV_2}{dy} \right)^2 = 0 \quad (4)$$

Zone – III :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dVp_1}{dx} &= 0 \\ \mu_1 \frac{d^2Vp_1}{dy^2} - \frac{\mu_1}{k_1} Vp_1 &= \frac{dp_1}{dx}\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

$$K_1 \frac{d^2Tp_1}{dy^2} + \mu_1 \left(\frac{dVp_1}{dy} \right)^2 + \frac{\mu_1}{k_1} (Vp_1)^2 = 0 \quad (6)$$

Zone – IV :

$$\frac{dVp_2}{dx} = 0$$

$$\mu_2 \frac{d^2 V_{p2}}{dy^2} - \frac{\mu_2}{k_2} V_{p2} = \frac{dp_2}{dx} \quad (7)$$

$$K_2 \frac{d^2 T_{p2}}{dy^2} + \mu_2 \left(\frac{dV_{p2}}{dy} \right)^2 + \frac{\mu_2}{k_2} (V_{p2})^2 = 0 \quad (8)$$

Where V_1, V_2, V_{p1}, V_{p2} are velocities in Zones I, II, III and IV respectively. T_1, T_2, T_{p1}, T_{p2} are the corresponding temperatures. K_1 and K_2 are thermal conductivities of the lower and upper clean fluids respectively.

The interfacial continuity conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= V_{p1}; \quad \frac{dV_1}{dy} = \frac{dV_{p1}}{dy} \quad \& \quad \frac{dT_1}{dy} = \frac{dT_{p1}}{dy}; \quad T_1 = T_{p1} \quad \text{at } y = -h \\ V_2 &= V_{p2}; \quad \frac{dV_2}{dy} = \frac{dV_{p2}}{dy} \quad \& \quad \frac{dT_2}{dy} = \frac{dT_{p2}}{dy}; \quad T_2 = T_{p2} \quad \text{at } y = +h \\ \left. \begin{aligned} V_1 &= V_2 \quad \& \quad \mu_1 \frac{dV_1}{dy} = \mu_2 \frac{dV_2}{dy} \\ T_1 &= T_2 \quad \& \quad K_1 \frac{dT_1}{dy} = K_2 \frac{dT_2}{dy} \end{aligned} \right\}; \quad y = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The boundary condition on the impermeable wall is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_{p1} &= 0 \quad \& \quad T_1 = T_L \quad (\text{constant}); \quad y = -(h+s) \\ V_{p2} &= 0 \quad \& \quad T_2 = T_u \quad (\text{constant}); \quad y = +(h+s) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

We define the following nondimensional variables

$$\begin{aligned} V_1^* &= \frac{V_1}{U}, \quad V_2^* = \frac{V_2}{U}, \quad V_{p1}^* = \frac{V_{p1}}{U}, \quad V_{p2}^* = \frac{V_{p2}}{U} \\ P_1^* &= \frac{p_1}{\rho_1 U^2}, \quad P_2^* = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 U^2}, \quad x^* = \frac{x}{h}, \quad y^* = \frac{y}{h}, \quad \tau^* = \frac{s}{h} \\ \theta_1^* &= \frac{T_1 - T_L}{T_L - T_u}, \quad \theta_2^* = \frac{T_2 - T_u}{T_L - T_u}, \quad \theta_{p1}^* = \frac{T_{p1} - T_L}{T_L - T_u}, \quad \theta_{p2}^* = \frac{T_{p2} - T_u}{T_L - T_u} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where U is the interface velocity, and ρ_1, ρ_2 are the densities of the lower and upper immiscible fluids respectively.

Making use of these nondimensional variables, the nondimensional equations corresponding to each zone are (dropping asterisks)

Zone – I :

$$\frac{d^2 V_1}{dy^2} - R_1 \frac{dp_1}{dx} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta_1}{dy^2} - Br_1 \left(\frac{dV_1}{dy} \right)^2 = 0 \quad (13)$$

Zone – II :

$$\frac{d^2 V_2}{dy^2} - R_2 \frac{dp_2}{dx} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta_2}{dy^2} - Br_2 \left(\frac{dV_2}{dy} \right)^2 = 0 \quad (15)$$

Zone – III :

$$\frac{d^2 V_{p1}}{dy^2} - D_1 V_{p1} - R_1 \frac{dp_1}{dx} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta_{p1}}{dy^2} + Br_1 \left(\frac{dV_{p1}}{dy} \right)^2 + Br_1 D_1 V_{p1}^2 = 0 \quad (17)$$

Zone – IV :

$$\frac{d^2 V_{p2}}{dy^2} - D_2 V_{p2} - R_2 \frac{dp_2}{dx} = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta_{p2}}{dy^2} + Br_2 \left(\frac{dV_{p2}}{dy} \right)^2 + Br_2 D_2 V_{p2}^2 = 0 \quad (19)$$

where

$$R_1 = \frac{\rho_1 U h}{\mu_1}, \quad R_2 = \frac{\rho_2 U h}{\mu_2}$$

are Reynolds numbers in zones *I* & *II* respectively

$$D_1 = \frac{h^2}{k_1}, \quad D_2 = \frac{h^2}{k_2}$$

are Darcy parameters numbers in zones *III* & *IV* respectively

$$Br_i = \frac{\mu_i U^2}{K_1 (T_L - T_u)}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

is the Brinkman number, and

$$P_1 = R_1 \frac{dp_1}{dx}, \quad P_2 = R_2 \frac{dp_2}{dx}$$

The interfacial conditions and boundary conditions in nondimensional form are

$$V_1 = V_{p1}, \quad \frac{dV_1}{dy} = \frac{dV_{p1}}{dy} \quad \& \quad \frac{dT_1}{dy} = \frac{dT_{p1}}{dy}, \quad \theta_1 = \theta_{p1}; \quad y = -1 \quad (20)$$

$$V_2 = V_{p2}, \quad \frac{dV_2}{dy} = \frac{dV_{p2}}{dy} \quad \& \quad \frac{dT_2}{dy} = \frac{dT_{p2}}{dy}, \quad \theta_2 = \theta_{p2}; \quad y = +1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_1 &= V_2 \quad \& \quad \frac{dV_1}{dy} = \mu \frac{dV_2}{dy}, \quad \text{where } \mu = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \\ \theta_1 &= \theta_2 \quad \& \quad \frac{d\theta_1}{dy} = K \frac{d\theta_2}{dy}, \quad \text{where } K = \frac{K_2}{K_1} \end{aligned} \right\}; \quad y = 0 \quad (21)$$

The boundary conditions on the impermeable wall in nondimensional form are

$$V_{p1} = 0 \quad \& \quad \theta_1 = \theta_L \quad (\text{constant}); \quad y = -(1 + \tau) \quad (22)$$

$$V_{p2} = 0 \quad \& \quad \theta_2 = \theta_u \quad (\text{constant}); \quad y = +(1 + \tau)$$

2.1 Shear Stress and Nusselt Number

The Shear stress on impermeable boundaries in nondimensional form is

$$\Gamma_1 = \left(\frac{dV_{p1}}{dy} \right) \quad \text{at } y = -(1 + \tau) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_2 = \left(\frac{dV_{p2}}{dy} \right) \quad \text{at } y = (1 + \tau),$$

The rate of heat transfer (Nusselt number) on impermeable boundaries in nondimensional form are

$$Nu_1 = \frac{d\theta_{p1}}{dy} \quad \text{at } y = -(1 + \tau) \quad \text{and} \quad Nu_2 = \frac{d\theta_{p2}}{dy} \quad \text{at } y = (1 + \tau)$$

3. Finite Element Analysis

According to (Zienkiewicz, O. et al, 2005) and (Reddy, J.N., 2005), the underlying mathematical basis of the finite element method first lies with the classical Rayleigh-Ritz and variational calculus procedures. These theories explained why the finite element method worked well for the class of problems in which variational statements could be obtained (e.g., linear diffusion type problems). However, as interest grew in the application of the finite element method to more types of problems, the use of classical theory to describe such problems became limited and could not be applied, e.g., for fluid-related problems. Extension of the mathematical basis to non-linear problems was achieved through the method of weighted residuals (MWR), originally conceived by Galerkin in the early 20th century. The MWR was found to provide the ideal theoretical basis for a much wider variety of problems as opposed to the Rayleigh-Ritz method. Basically, the method requires the governing differential equation to be multiplied by a set of predetermined weights and the resulting product integrated over space; this integral is required to vanish. Technically, Galerkin's method is a part of the general MWR procedure, since various types of weights can be utilized; in the case of Galerkin's method, the weights are chosen to be the same as the functions used to define the unknown variables. The finite element method now employs Galerkin's method to establish the approximations to the governing equations

We now apply the Galerkin finite element method to the differential equations (12) to (19), while dividing the flow region into line elements. The following procedure leads to the finite element equations for velocity and temperature in each zone.

Zone - I

If V_1^K and θ_1^K are the approximation functions of V_1 and θ_1 in the element e_k , we define the errors (residual)

$$E_1^K = -\frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{dV_1^K}{dy} \right) + P_1 \quad (23)$$

$$E_{1T}^K = -\frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{d\theta_1^K}{dy} \right) + Br_1 \left(\frac{dV_1^K}{dy} \right)^2 \quad (24)$$

Where V_1^K and θ_1^K are linear combinations of Lagrange polynomials in terms of the respective local nodal values

$$V_1^K = \sum_j u_j^K \Psi_j^K, \quad \theta_1^K = \sum_j t_j^K \Psi_j^K$$

Where Ψ_j^K 's are shape functions which are given in appendix I.

These errors (23-24) are orthogonal to the weight function over the domain e_K . Under the Galerkin method, we choose the approximation functions as the weight functions. Multiplying both sides of (12) and (13) by the weight functions and integrating over the domain e_K we obtain

$$\int_{e_K} E_1^K \Psi_j^K dy = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{e_K} E_{1T}^K \Psi_j^K dy = 0$$

Integrating by parts, these line integrals are

$$\int_{e_K} \left[\frac{dV_1^K}{dy} \frac{d\Psi_j^K}{dy} + P_1 \Psi_j^K \right] dy = \int_{e_K} \Psi_j^K \frac{dV_1^K}{dy} dy \quad (25)$$

$$\int_{e_K} \left[\frac{d\theta_1^K}{dy} \frac{d\Psi_j^K}{dy} + Br_1 \left(\frac{dV_1^K}{dy} \right)^2 \Psi_j^K \right] dy = \int_{e_K} \Psi_j^K \frac{dV_1^K}{dy} dy \quad (26)$$

Substituting V_1^K and θ_1^K in (25) and (26) respectively, we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[u_i^K \int_{e_K} \frac{d\Psi_j^K}{dy} \frac{d\Psi_i^K}{dy} dy \right] + P_1 \int_{e_K} \Psi_j^K dy = Q_j^{1K} \quad (27)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^K \left[\int_{e_K} \frac{d\Psi_j^K}{dy} \frac{d\Psi_i^K}{dy} dy \right] + Br_1 \int_{e_K} \Psi_j^K \left(\frac{dV_1^K}{dy} \right)^2 dy = Q_{j\theta}^{1K} \quad (28)$$

where

$$Q_j^{1K} = \int_{e_K} \Psi_j^K \frac{dV_1^K}{dy} dy; \quad Q_{j\theta}^{1K} = \int_{e_K} \Psi_j^K \frac{d\theta_1^K}{dy} dy$$

Equations (27-28) are the local (stiffness) matrices of the Zone - I. We can implement the same procedure on Zones - II, III & IV.

We make use of quadratic polynomial approximations, and divide each zone into m_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) quadratic elements. For computational purposes, we choose two quadratic elements in each zone to assemble the corresponding stiffness matrices in each zone, making use of inter-element continuity, boundary conditions and equilibrium conditions of the secondary variables to obtain the 17×17 global matrix in terms of the global nodal values U_i ($1 \leq i \leq 16$). Details of the stiffness matrices for each zone are omitted herein for brevity. The corresponding global matrix with respect to the velocity and temperature are discussed below.

Making use of the boundary conditions for the velocity in terms of the nodal values, we obtain

$$U_1^3 = U_1 = 0 \quad \& \quad U_5^4 = U_{17} = 0$$

The interfacial velocity conditions in terms of the nodal values are given by

$$U_5^3 = U_1^1 = U_5, \quad U_5^1 = U_1^2 = U_9, \quad U_5^2 = U_1^4 = U_{12}$$

Equilibrium conditions of the secondary variables

$$Q_1^{11} + Q_2^{31} = 0; \quad Q_3^{12} + U_1^{21} = 0; \quad Q_3^{23} + Q_1^{41} = 0$$

are utilized to assemble the matrix equations for the four zones. We obtain the global nodes U_i ($i = 2 \dots 16$), and Q_1^{31} & Q_3^{42} reduces to a 17×17 matrix equation. This 17×17 global matrix equation with respect to the velocity can be partitioned in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} E^{11} & E^{12} \\ E^{21} & E^{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_U^1 \\ \Delta_U^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_U^1 \\ F_U^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

where $\Delta_U^1, \Delta_U^2, F_U^1, F_U^2$ are column matrices

$$\Delta_U^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \\ U_5 \\ U_6 \\ U_7 \\ U_8 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \Delta_U^2 = \begin{bmatrix} U_9 \\ U_{10} \\ U_{11} \\ U_{12} \\ U_{13} \\ U_{14} \\ U_{15} \\ U_{16} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad F_U^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-P_1\tau}{12} + Q_1^1 \\ \frac{-4P_1\tau}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_1\tau}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_1\tau}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_1\tau}{12} \\ \frac{P_1}{12}(\tau+1) \\ \frac{-4P_1}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_1}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_1}{12} \end{bmatrix}; \quad F_U^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{12}(P_1 + P_2) \\ \frac{-4P_2}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_2}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_2}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_2}{12} \\ -\frac{P_2}{12}(1+\tau) \\ \frac{-4P_2\tau}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_2\tau}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_2\tau}{12} \\ \frac{-4P_2\tau}{12} + Q_3^{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $P_1 = R_1 \frac{dp_1}{dx}$, $P_2 = R_2 \frac{dp_2}{dx}$; R_1 & R_2 are Reynold's numbers in Zone -I and II respectively.

$$E^{11} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ p_2 & p_4 & p_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ p_3 & p_2 & 2p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p_3 & p_4 & p_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p_3 & p_3 & p_1 + \frac{14}{3} & -\frac{16}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{16}{3} & \frac{32}{3} & -\frac{16}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{16}{3} & \frac{28}{3} & -\frac{16}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{16}{3} & \frac{32}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

E^{12} , E^{21} and E^{22} are similar 8×9 and 9×9 matrices respectively.

$$p_1 = \frac{14}{3\tau} + \frac{D_1 4\tau}{60}; \quad p_2 = -\frac{16}{3\tau} + \frac{D_1 2\tau}{60}; \quad p_3 = \frac{2}{3\tau} - \frac{D_1 \tau}{60} \quad \text{and} \quad p_4 = \frac{32}{3\tau} + \frac{D_1 16\tau}{60}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{14}{3\tau} + \frac{D_2 4\tau}{60}; \quad q_2 = -\frac{16}{3\tau} + \frac{D_2 2\tau}{60}; \quad q_3 = \frac{2}{3\tau} - \frac{D_2 \tau}{60} \quad \text{and} \quad q_4 = \frac{32}{3\tau} + \frac{D_2 16\tau}{60}$$

where D_1, D_2 are the Darcy parameters in Zones III & IV respectively. Solving the matrix equation (29), we obtain the solution for U_i ($i = 2, \dots, 16$).

The finite element solutions for the velocity with respect to the four zones are

$$V_{p1} \approx \begin{matrix} U_1 \Psi_1^1 + U_2 \Psi_2^1 + U_3 \Psi_3^1, & -(1+\tau) \leq y \leq -(1+\tau/2) \\ U_3 \Psi_1^2 + U_4 \Psi_2^2 + U_5 \Psi_3^2, & -(1+\tau/2) \leq y \leq -1 \end{matrix}$$

$$V_1 \approx \begin{matrix} U_5 \Psi_1^3 + U_6 \Psi_2^3 + U_7 \Psi_3^3, & -1 \leq y \leq -1/2 \\ U_7 \Psi_1^4 + U_8 \Psi_2^4 + U_9 \Psi_3^4, & -1/2 \leq y \leq 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$V_2 \approx \begin{matrix} U_9 \Psi_1^5 + U_{10} \Psi_2^5 + U_{11} \Psi_3^5, & 0 \leq y \leq -1/2 \\ U_{11} \Psi_1^6 + U_{12} \Psi_2^6 + U_{13} \Psi_3^6, & 1/2 \leq y \leq 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$V_{p2} \approx \begin{matrix} U_{13} \Psi_1^7 + U_{14} \Psi_2^7 + U_{15} \Psi_3^7, & 1 \leq y \leq -(1+\tau/2) \\ U_{15} \Psi_1^8 + U_{16} \Psi_2^8 + U_{17} \Psi_3^8, & -(1+\tau/2) \leq y \leq (1+\tau) \end{matrix} \quad (30)$$

Ψ_1^1 etc. are shape functions under a quadratic polynomial approximation, the details of which are provided in appendix 1.

The boundary conditions for the temperature in terms of the nodal values are

$$\theta_1^1 = \theta_1 \quad \& \quad \theta_5^4 = \theta_{17}$$

The interfacial temperature conditions in terms of the nodal values are

$$\theta_5^3 = \theta_1^1 = \theta_5; \quad \theta_5^1 = \theta_1^2 = \theta_9; \quad \theta_5^2 = \theta_1^4 = \theta_{12}$$

Equilibrium conditions of the secondary variables at the nodes

$$Q_{1\theta}^{11} + Q_{2\theta}^{31} = 0; \quad Q_{3\theta}^{12} + Q_{1\theta}^{21} = 0; \quad Q_{3T}^{23} + Q_{1T}^{41} = 0$$

Making use of the aforementioned conditions and proceeding in a similar fashion, the 17×17 matrix equations in terms of nodal values of temperature θ_i ($i = 2, \dots, 16$) and $Q_{1\theta}^{31}$ & $Q_{3\theta}^{42}$ are partitioned.

$$\begin{bmatrix} G^{11} & G^{12} \\ G^{21} & G^{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_\theta^1 \\ \Delta_\theta^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_\theta^1 \\ F_\theta^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

where $\Delta_\theta^1, \Delta_\theta^2, F_\theta^1, F_\theta^2$ are column matrices given by

$$\Delta_\theta^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 \\ \theta_5 \\ \theta_6 \\ \theta_7 \\ \theta_8 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \Delta_\theta^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_9 \\ \theta_{10} \\ \theta_{11} \\ \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{13} \\ \theta_{14} \\ \theta_{15} \\ \theta_{16} \\ \theta_u \end{bmatrix};$$

$$G^{11} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{14}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{2}{3\tau} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{32}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{28}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{2}{3\tau} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{32}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{14}{3\tau} + \frac{14}{3} & \frac{-16}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-16}{3\tau} & \frac{32}{3\tau} & \frac{-16}{3} & \frac{28}{3} & \frac{-16}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{-16}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{32}{3} & \frac{-16}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{16}{3} & \frac{32}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

G^{21}, G^{12} and G^{22} are similar 8×9 and 9×9 matrices respectively

$$F_\theta^1 = Br_1 \begin{bmatrix} \left[U_2^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 2\tau}{105} \right) + U_3^2 \left(\frac{-1}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 \tau}{280} \right) \right] + Q_{1\theta}^{31} \\ \left[U_2^2 \left(\frac{64}{15\tau} + \frac{D_1 8\tau}{35} \right) + U_3^2 \left(\frac{12}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 \tau}{42} \right) \right] \\ \left[U_2^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 2\tau}{105} \right) + U_3^2 \left(\frac{74}{15\tau} + \frac{D_1 26\tau}{280} \right) \right] + \\ \left[U_4^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 8\tau}{35} \right) + U_5^2 \left(\frac{-1}{5\tau} - \frac{D_1 \tau}{280} \right) \right] \\ \left[U_3^2 \left(\frac{12}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 \tau}{42} \right) + U_4^2 \left(\frac{64}{15\tau} + \frac{D_1 2\tau}{105} \right) + U_5^2 \left(\frac{12}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 \tau}{42} \right) \right] \\ \left[U_3^2 \left(\frac{-1}{5\tau} - \frac{D_1 \tau}{280} \right) + U_4^2 \left(\frac{16}{15\tau} + \frac{D_1 2\tau}{105} \right) + U_5^2 \left(\frac{37}{5\tau} + \frac{D_1 13\tau}{280} \right) \right] + \\ \left[U_5^2 \left(\frac{37}{5} + \frac{13}{280} \right) + 3U_6^2 (3.22) - U_7^2 (0.204) \right] \\ \left[U_5^2 (2.42) + U_6^2 (4.5) + U_7^2 (2.42) \right] \\ \left[U_5^2 (-0.204) + U_6^2 (3.22) + U_7^2 (5.02) + U_8^2 (3.22) + U_9^2 (-0.204) \right] \\ \left[U_7^2 (2.42) + U_8^2 (4.5) + U_9^2 (2.42) \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_\theta^2 = \begin{bmatrix} Br_2 \left[U_7^2 (-0.204) + U_8^2 (3.22) + U_9^2 (5.02) + U_{10}^2 (3.22) + U_{11}^2 (-0.204) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_9^2 (2.42) + U_{10}^2 (4.5) + U_{11}^2 (2.42) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_9^2 (-0.204) + U_{10}^2 (3.22) + U_{11}^2 (5.02) + U_{12}^2 (3.22) + U_{13}^2 (-0.204) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_{11}^2 (2.42) + U_{12}^2 (4.5) + U_{13}^2 (2.42) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_{11}^2 (-0.204) + U_{12}^2 (3.22) + U_{13}^2 \left(2.51 + \frac{37}{15\tau} + \frac{D_1 13\tau}{280} \right) \right] + \\ Br_2 \left[U_{14}^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 2\tau}{105} \right) + U_{15}^2 \left(\frac{-1}{5\tau} - \frac{D_2 \tau}{280} \right) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_{13}^2 \left(\frac{12}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 \tau}{42} \right) + U_{14}^2 \left(\frac{64}{15\tau} + \frac{D_2 8\tau}{35} \right) + U_{15}^2 \left(\frac{12}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 \tau}{42} \right) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_{13}^2 \left(-\frac{1}{5\tau} - \frac{D_2 \tau}{280} \right) + U_{14}^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 2\tau}{105} \right) \right] + \\ Br_2 \left[U_{15}^2 \left(\frac{74}{15\tau} + \frac{D_2 26\tau}{280} \right) + U_{16}^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 2\tau}{105} \right) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_{16}^2 \left(\frac{12}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 8\tau}{35} \right) + U_{17}^2 \left(\frac{69}{15\tau} + \frac{D_2 8\tau}{35} \right) \right] \\ Br_2 \left[U_{15}^2 \left(\frac{-1}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 \tau}{280} \right) + U_{16}^2 \left(\frac{16}{5\tau} + \frac{D_2 2\tau}{105} \right) \right] + Q_{3\theta}^{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

where Br_1 , Br_2 are Brinkman numbers in Zone-III & IV respectively. Solving the matrix equation (31) we obtain the solution for θ_i ($i = 2, \dots, 16$)

The finite element solutions for the temperature of the four zones

$$\begin{aligned} \theta p_1 &\approx \begin{cases} \theta_1 \Psi_1^1 + \theta_2 \Psi_2^1 + \theta_3 \Psi_3^1, & -(1 + \tau) \leq y \leq -(1 + \tau/2) \\ \theta_3 \Psi_1^2 + \theta_4 \Psi_2^2 + \theta_5 \Psi_3^2, & -(1 + \tau/2) \leq y \leq -1 \end{cases} \\ \theta_1 &\approx \begin{cases} \theta_5 \Psi_1^3 + \theta_6 \Psi_2^3 + \theta_7 \Psi_3^3, & -1 \leq y \leq -1/2 \\ \theta_7 \Psi_1^4 + \theta_8 \Psi_2^4 + \theta_9 \Psi_3^4, & -1/2 \leq y \leq 0 \end{cases} \\ V_2 &\approx \begin{cases} \theta_9 \Psi_1^5 + \theta_{10} \Psi_2^5 + \theta_{11} \Psi_3^5, & 0 \leq y \leq -1/2 \\ \theta_{11} \Psi_1^6 + \theta_{12} \Psi_2^6 + \theta_{13} \Psi_3^6, & 1/2 \leq y \leq 1 \end{cases} \\ V p_2 &\approx \begin{cases} \theta_{13} \Psi_1^7 + \theta_{14} \Psi_2^7 + \theta_{15} \Psi_3^7, & 1 \leq y \leq -(1 + \tau/2) \\ \theta_{15} \Psi_1^8 + \theta_{16} \Psi_2^8 + \theta_{17} \Psi_3^8, & -(1 + \tau/2) \leq y \leq (1 + \tau) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Ψ_1^1 etc. are shape functions under the quadratic polynomial approximation, the details of which are given in appendix I.

4. Discussion

The velocity, temperature are computationally evaluated and the respective profiles in each zone are plotted in Figures (2)–(53) for variations in the governing parameters D_1 , D_2 , R_1 , R_2 , Br_1 and Br_2 . The stresses on the impermeable boundaries and the corresponding rate of heat transfer (Nusselt Number) have been evaluated and summarized in Tables (1)–(4). It is interesting to note that the behavior of the velocity and temperature in case of their porous beds has features different from the case of thick porous beds.

The behavior of velocity, with reference to the variation in permeability of the upper and lower porous beds, may be observed from Figures (10) – (29). When the permeability of upper porous bed corresponds to a Darcy parameter $D_2 < 10^4$, any increase in the Darcy parameter D_1 in the lower porous bed reduces the velocity in entire fluid region. However, for $D_2 > 10^4$, any increase in D_1 reduces the velocity in lower half of the fluid region while enhancing the upper half of the fluid region. Likewise, by maintaining the permeability of the lower porous bed at $D_1 \sim 10^4$, we see that a lower permeability in upper porous bed creates a higher velocity in the entire fluid region. This is so except at the level $y = -1.05$, where the velocity transitions from positive to negative. We also observe that by increasing the Darcy parameter in the upper porous bed to $D_2 > 2 \times 10^4$, the velocity in the fluid region slightly depreciates at all corresponding points while remaining invariant in the upper porous bed. The velocity in all four zones is augmented with an increase in the Reynolds numbers relative to both of the immiscible regions, as seen in Figures (10)–(25). We also observe that, in general, the velocity in the permeable beds reduces with a decrease in the permeability of the beds. This is depicted in Figures (14–19, 22–25).

The temperature properties are shown in Figures (26)–(53) for variations in the governing parameters. We find that the temperature increases with increasing D_1 but decreases with increasing D_2 in the clean fluid zones (Figures 26 – 44). In the porous beds, with reference to D_1 , the behavior in lower porous bed contrasts with that in upper porous bed. Also the thicknesses of the beds play a significant role on the temperature (Figures 43–53). We may also note that the influence of the temperature with reference to D_2 on the upper porous bed is similar to that of D_2 on the lower porous bed. The temperature in clear fluids as well as porous beds increases with increasing Br_1 and Br_2 , as seen in Figures (32,46,47,40).

The stresses corresponding to variations in the Darcy parameters and Reynolds number are evaluated for different thicknesses of the porous beds (See Tables 1 and 2). We observe that the stresses on the lower and upper plates diminish if the permeability of the porous beds bounded by these plates decrease. The stresses increase with increasing Reynolds numbers corresponding to either of the immiscible fluids.

The rate of heat transfer on the boundary plates for variations in D_1 , D_2 , R_1 , R_2 , Br_1 and Br_2 are presented in Tables 3 and 4. The Brinkman numbers Br_1 and Br_2 indicate the extent to which the viscous heating is important relative to the heat flow resulting from the imposed temperature difference. We find that the Nusselt numbers Nu_1 and Nu_2 depend on the thickness of the porous bed. It is interesting to note that in case of thick porous beds, Nu_1 and Nu_2 increase with increasing D_1 but decrease with increasing D_2 . However in case of thin porous beds, Nu_1 and Nu_2 decrease with increasing D_1 or D_2 . Nu_1 or Nu_2 decrease with increasing Reynolds number R_1 or R_2 on both boundaries, and increases with increasing Brinkman numbers Br_1 or Br_2 .

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Table 1. Shear Stress (Γ_1) at $-(1 + \tau)$

τ	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
0.20	17.25	16.07	11.31	14.23	12.68	14.05	17.33	20.25	24.54	18.34
0.40	-12.17	-13.78	-8.97	-10.57	-10.41	-11.41	-10.89	-12.50	-15.54	-14.89
0.50	-11.07	-10.68	-4.12	-7.60	-3.41	-2.71	-15.96	-19.44	-22.20	-5.47
0.60	-10.07	-9.68	-2.98	-5.50	-2.15	-1.85	-13.65	-18.22	-21.50	-4.48

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
D_1	5×10^3	7×10^3	10^4	10^4	10^3	10^4	10^4	10^4	10^3	10^3
D_2	10^3	10^4	5×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3
R_1	20	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	30
R_2	30	30	30	30	30	30	20	40	40	50

Table 2. Shear Stress (Γ_2) at $(1 + \tau)$

τ	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
0.20	-28.83	-33.58	-22.35	-23.09	-26.06	-29.77	-26.15	-29.89	-37.35	-37.23
0.40	-210.64	27.80	9.31	15.48	8.56	7.80	29.31	35.48	40.89	13.21
0.50	134.34	182.17	38.69	86.52	24.45	10.21	210.65	258.47	292.05	43.79
0.60	323.15	418.16	133.12	228.14	118.90	104.68	446.60	541.61	622.41	185.47

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
D_1	5×10^3	7×10^3	10^4	10^4	10^3	10^4	10^4	10^4	10^3	10^3
D_2	10^3	10^4	5×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3
R_1	20	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	30
R_2	30	30	30	30	30	30	20	40	40	50

Table 3. Nusselt Number N_{U1} at $-(1 + \tau)$

τ	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
0.20	-150.90	-78.30	72.89	-10.40	249.10	-479.20	56.74	92.50	-589.40
0.40	893.45	766.62	551.45	372.78	176.56	354.32	418.52	595.45	675.48
0.50	628.12	864.15	621.32	482.41	286.32	456.96	618.42	762.32	865.32
0.60	782.23	625.78	864.56	622.21	456.28	600.78	812.67	915.56	965.56

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
D_1	5×10^3	7×10^3	10^4	10^4	10^3	10^3	10^3	10^3	10^3
D_2	10^3	10^4	5×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3
R_1	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	30
R_2	30	30	30	30	30	20	40	50	50

Table 4. Nusselt Number N_{U2} at $(1 + \tau)$

τ	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>VII</i>	<i>VIII</i>	<i>IX</i>
0.20	180.60	-126.10	-395.60	-117.70	21.30	504.20	-231.50	-331.00	480.00
0.40	-339.13	-331.48	-305.38	-209.50	-425.60	956.25	-567.86	-489.00	860.00
0.50	450.41	658.62	438.42	386.27	925.62	1015.21	628.42	562.36	953.00
0.60	628.30	862.48	624.12	586.25	1025.10	1125.20	728.42	685.00	1155.60

	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>VII</i>	<i>VIII</i>	<i>IX</i>
D_1	5×10^3	7×10^3	10^4	10^4	10^3	10^3	10^3	10^3	10^3
D_2	10^3	10^4	5×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3	7×10^3
R_1	20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30	30
R_2	30	30	30	30	30	20	40	50	50

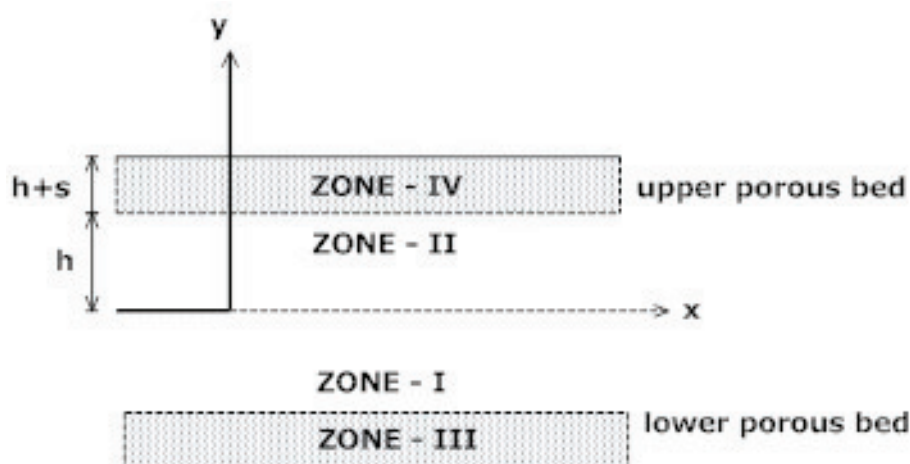
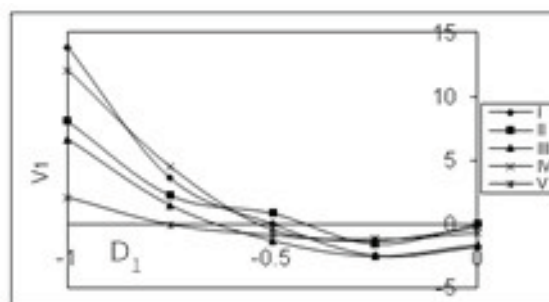
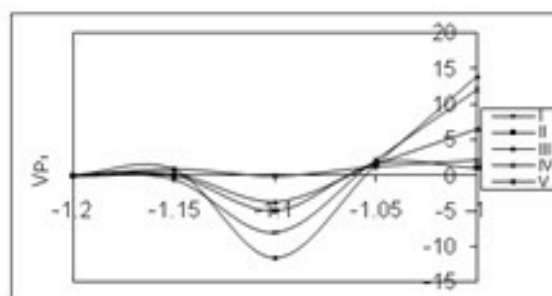


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the parallel plate channel flow bounded by porous beds with heat transfer

Figure 2. V_1 with D_1 ; where $\tau = 0.20$, $D_2 = 5 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 50$, $P_2 = 20$, $Br_1 = 0.5$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $D_1 = 7 \times 10^3$; #II : $D_1 = 10^4$; #III : $D_1 = 2 \times 10^4$; #IV : $D_1 = 3 \times 10^3$; #V : $D_1 = 4 \times 10^4$ Figure 3. V_{p1} with D_1 , where $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 2

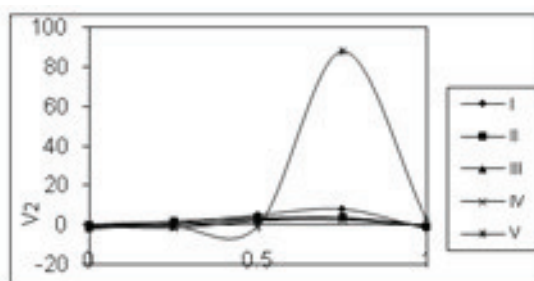


Figure 4. V_2 with D_1 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 2

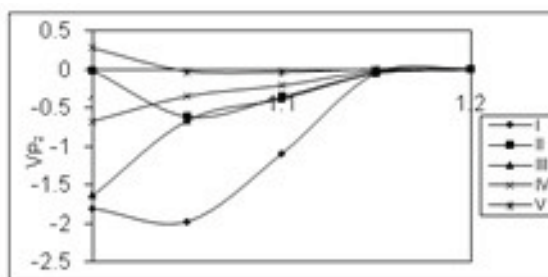


Figure 5. VP_2 with D_1 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 2

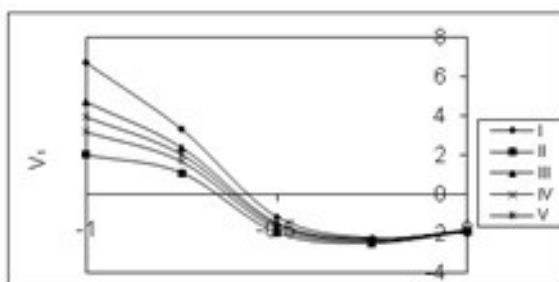


Figure 6. V_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $P_1 = 40$, $P_2 = 20$, $Br_1 = 0.5$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $D_2 = 3 \times 10^3$; #II : $D_2 = 5 \times 10^3$; #III : $D_2 = 7 \times 10^4$; #IV : $D_2 = 10^4$; #V : $D_2 = 2 \times 10^4$.

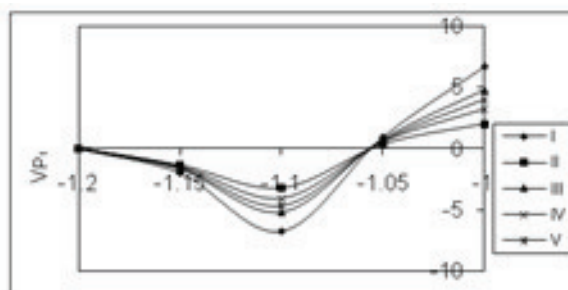


Figure 7. VP_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 6

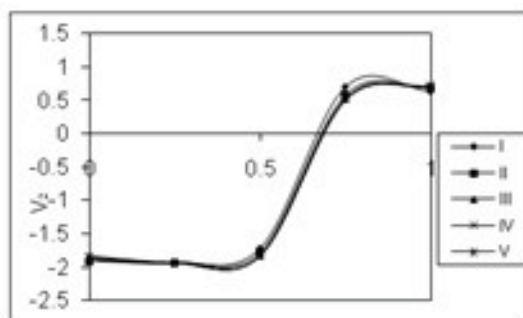


Figure 8. V_2 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 6

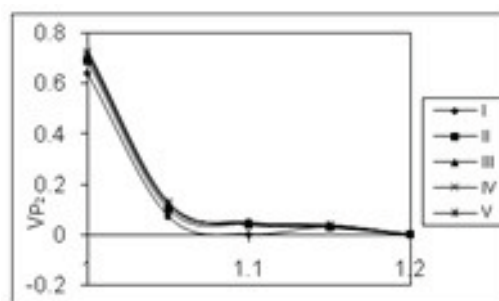


Figure 9. V_{p_2} with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 6

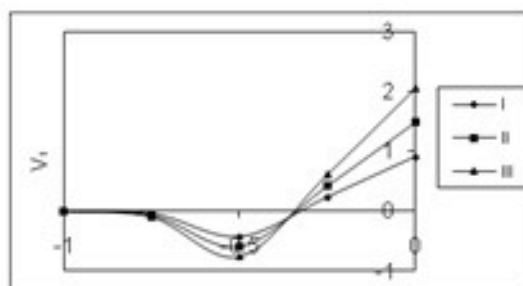


Figure 10. V_1 with P_1 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_2 = 20$, $Br_1 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $P_1 = 10$; #II : $P_1 = 20$; #III : $P_1 = 30$.

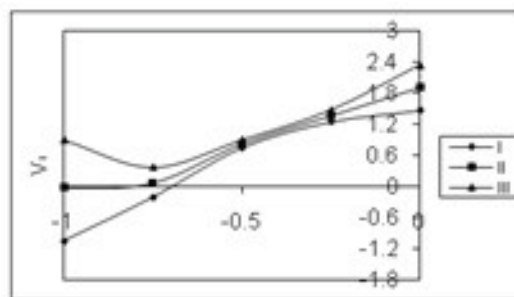


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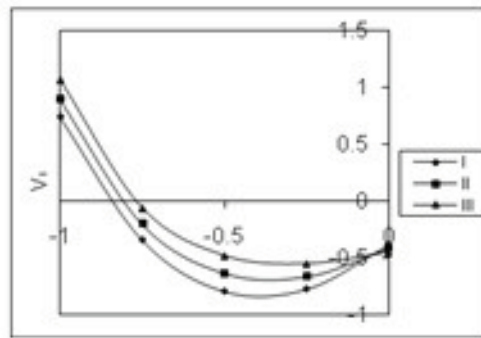


Figure 12. V_1 with P_2 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 10.0$, $Br_1 = 0.5$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $P_2 = 10$; #II : $P_2 = 20$; #III : $P_2 = 30$.

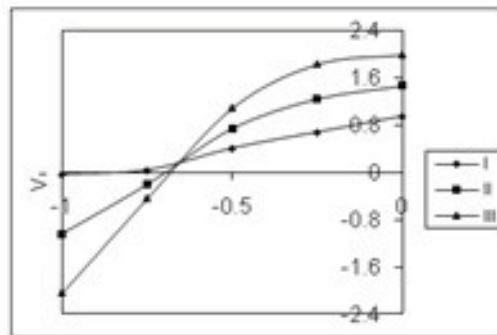


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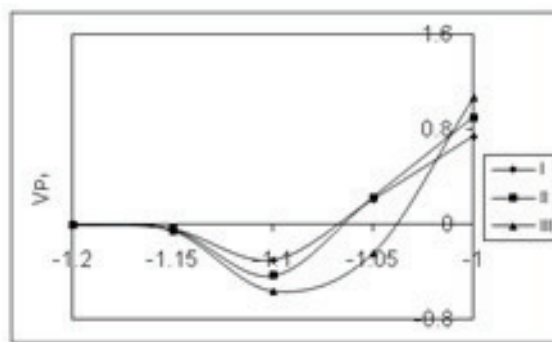


Figure 14. V_1 with P_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 10

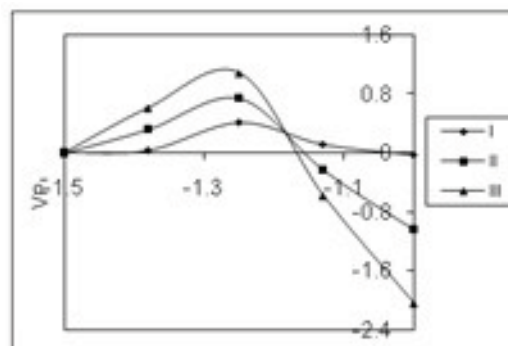


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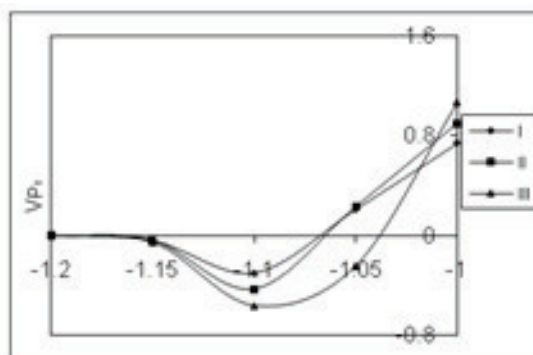


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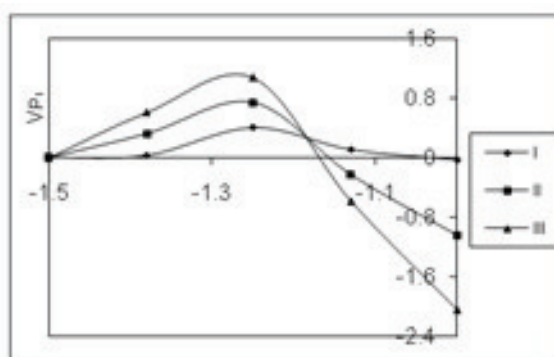


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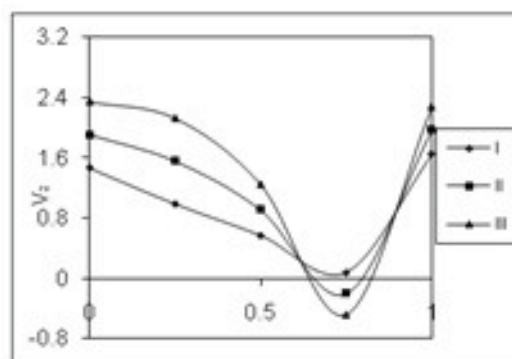


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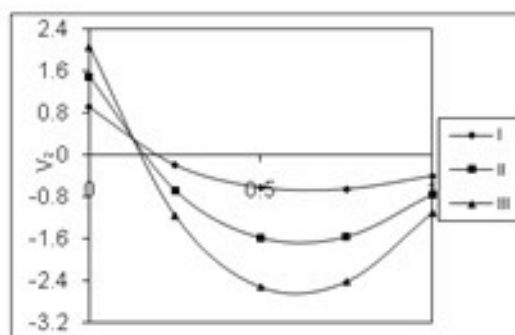


Figure 19. V_2 with P_1 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 10

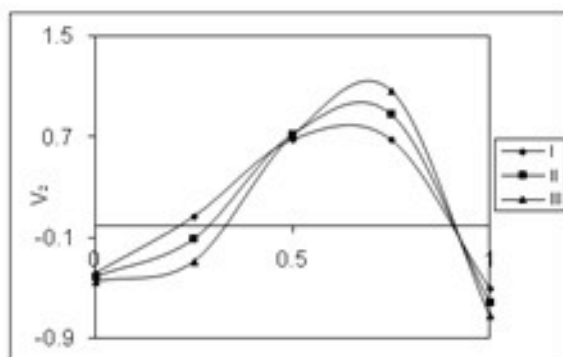


Figure 20. V_2 with P_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 12

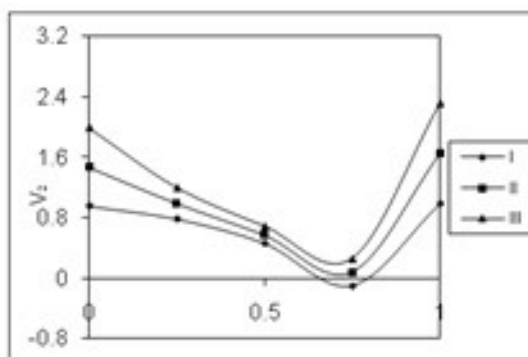


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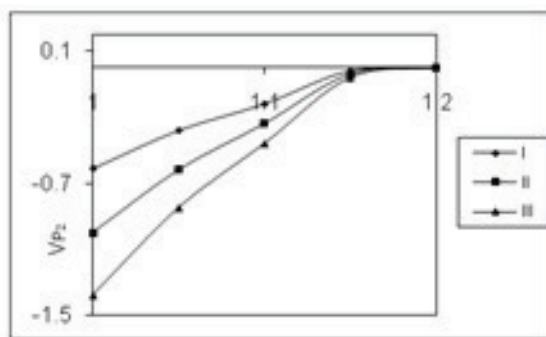


Figure 22. V_{p_2} with P_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 10

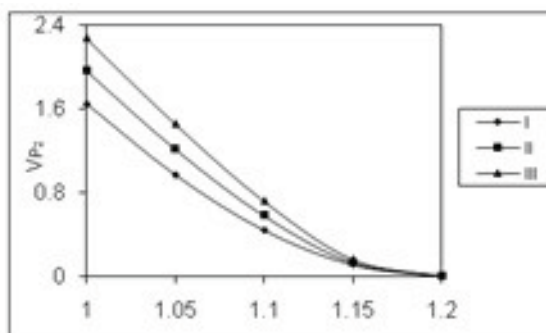


Figure 23. V_{p_2} with P_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 10

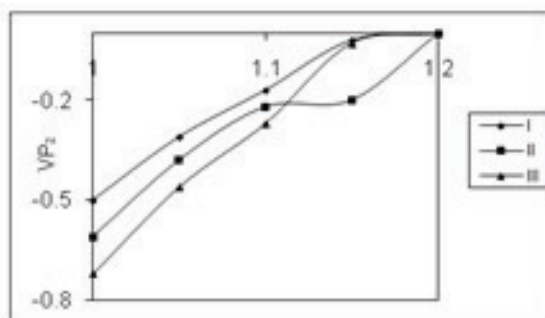


Figure 24. VP_2 with P_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 12

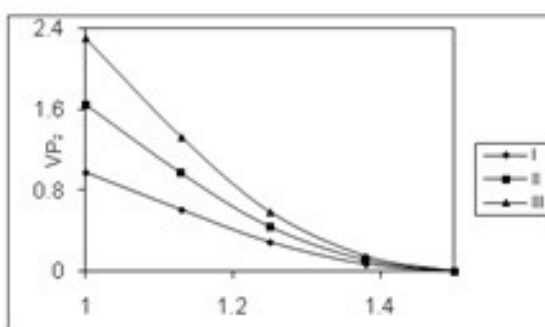


Figure 25. VP_2 with P_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 12

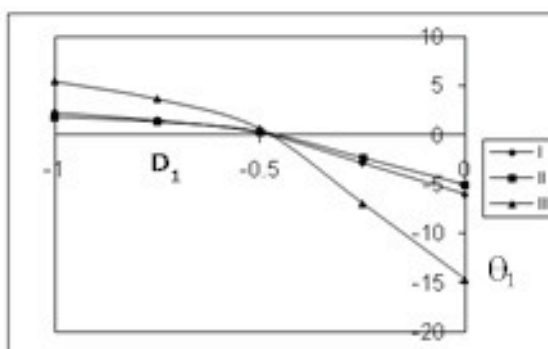


Figure 26. θ_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 20$, $P_2 = 30$, $Br_1 = 0.5$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #1 : $D_1 = 5 \times 10^3$; #2 : $D_1 = 7 \times 10^3$; #3 : $D_1 = 10^4$.

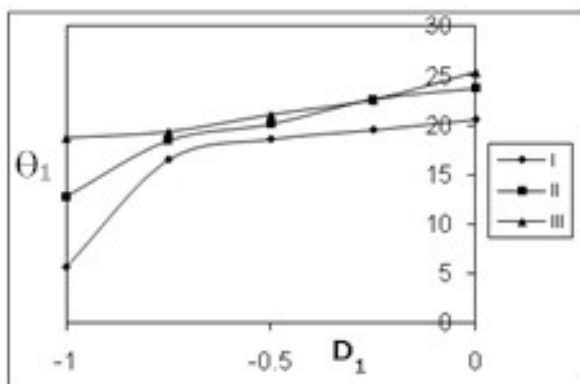


Figure 27. θ_1 with D_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 26

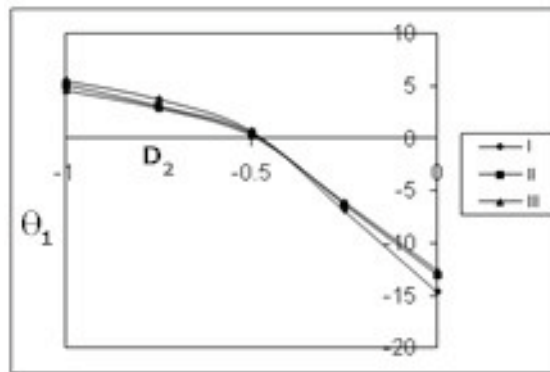


Figure 28. θ_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_1 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 20$, $P_2 = 30$, $Br_1 = 0.5$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $D_2 = 10^4$; #II : $D_2 = 2 \times 10^4$; #III : $D_2 = 3 \times 10^4$.

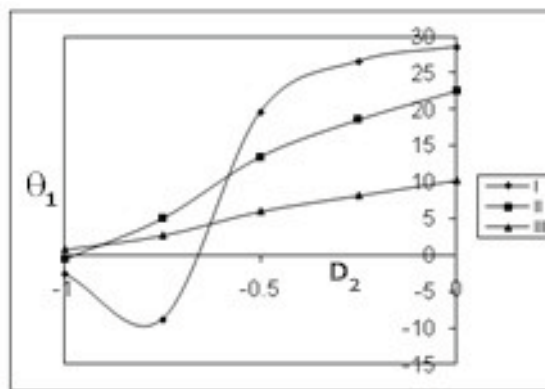


Figure 29. θ_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 28

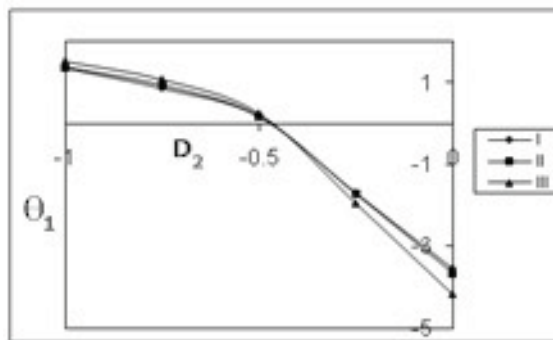


Figure 30. θ_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 10$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $P_2 = 10$; #II : $P_2 = 20$; #III : $P_2 = 30$.

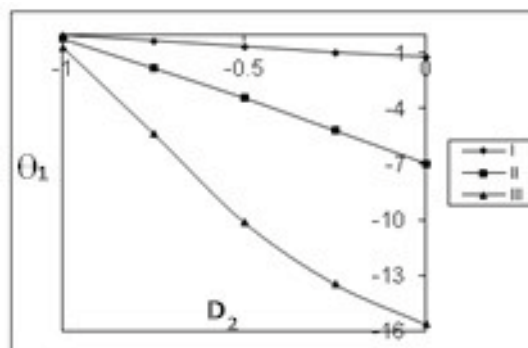
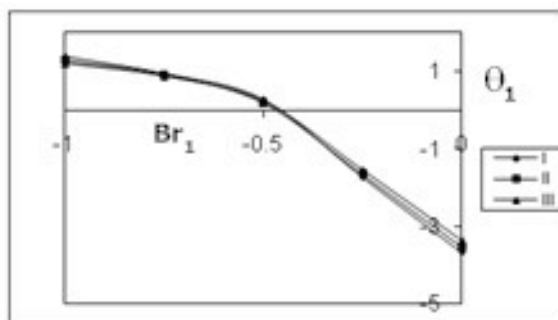
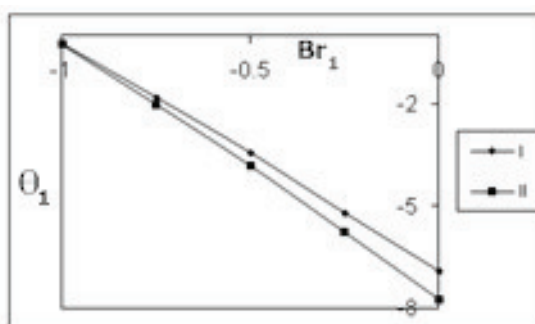
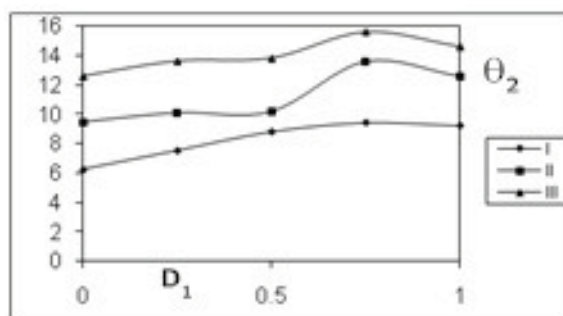
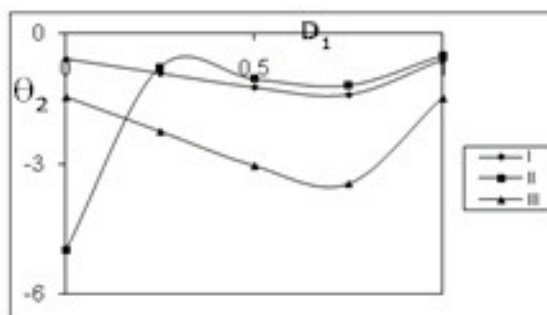


Figure 31. θ_1 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 30Figure 32. θ_1 with Br_1 when $\tau = 0.20$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 10$, $P_2 = 20$, $Br_2 = 0.50$. Legend #I : $B_1 = 0.5$; #II : $B_1 = 0.75$; #III : $B_1 = 1.0$.Figure 33. θ_1 with Br_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 32Figure 34. θ_2 with D_1 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 26Figure 35. θ_2 with D_1 when $\tau = 0.5$. For legend see Figure 26

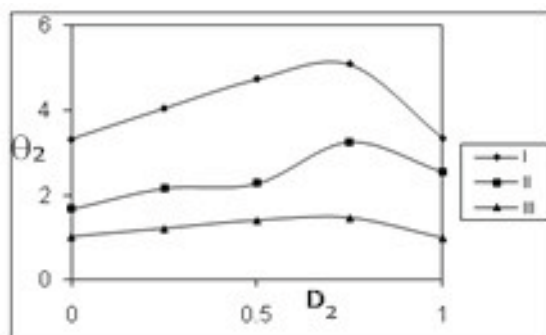


Figure 36. θ_2 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 28

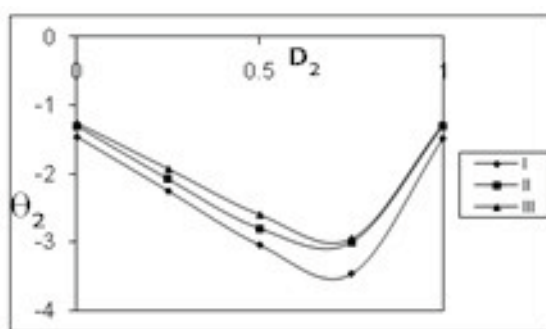


Figure 37. θ_2 with D_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 28

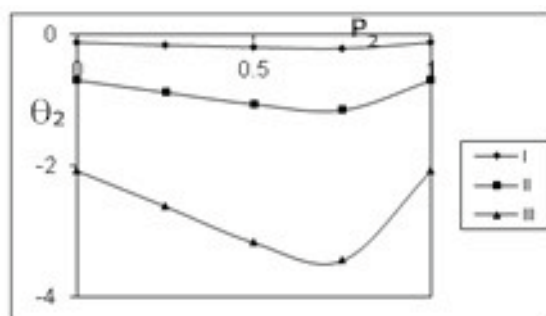


Figure 38. θ_2 with P_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 30

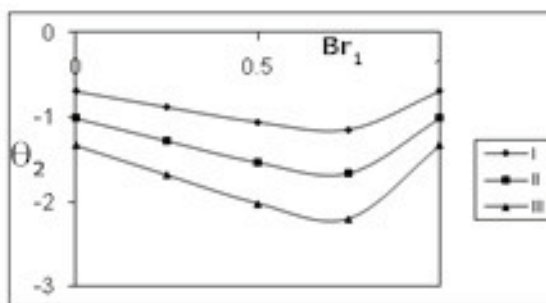


Figure 39. θ_2 with Br_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 32

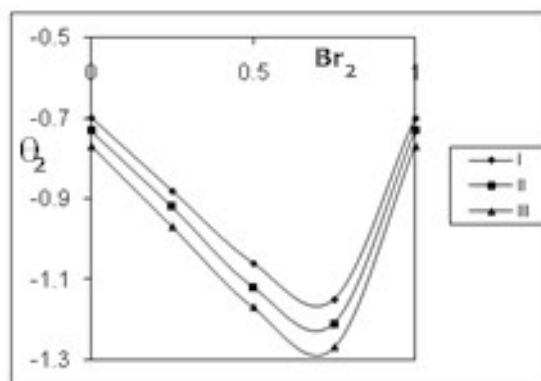


Figure 40. θ_2 with Br_2 when $\tau = 0.50$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_1 = 10$, $P_2 = 20$, $Br_1 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $Br_2 = 0.5$; #II : $Br_2 = 0.75$; #III : $Br_2 = 1.0$.

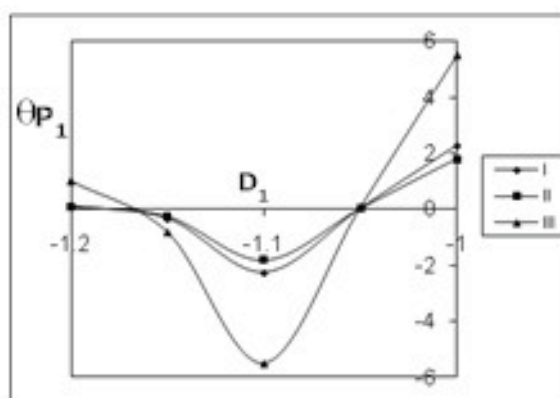


Figure 41. θ_{p_1} with D_1 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 26

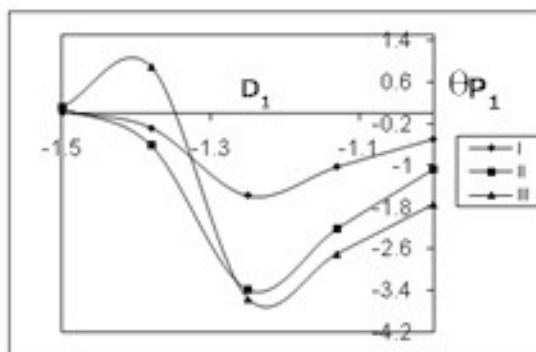


Figure 42. θ_{p_1} with D_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 26

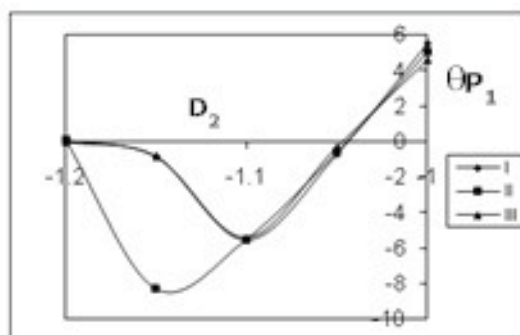


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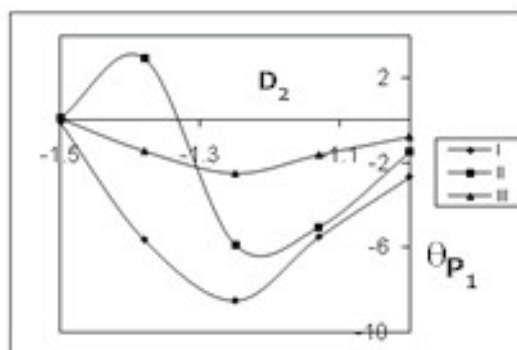


Figure 44. θ_{p_1} with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 28

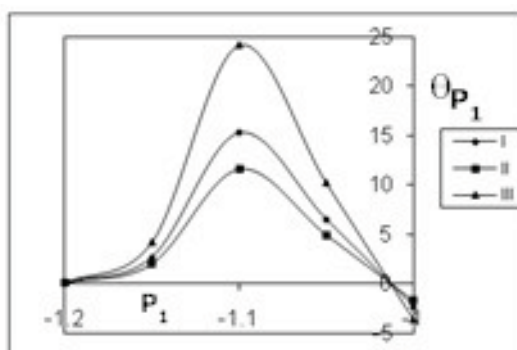


Figure 45. θ_{p_1} with P_1 when $\tau = 0.50$, $D_1 = 10^4$, $D_2 = 7 \times 10^3$, $P_2 = 20$, $Br_1 = 0.50$, $Br_2 = 0.5$. Legend #I : $P_1 = 10$; #II : $P_1 = 20$; #III : $P_1 = 30$.

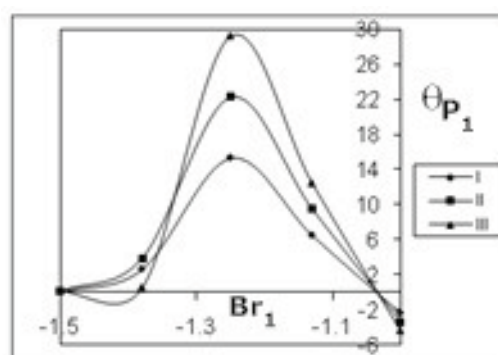


Figure 46. θ_{p_1} with Br_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 32

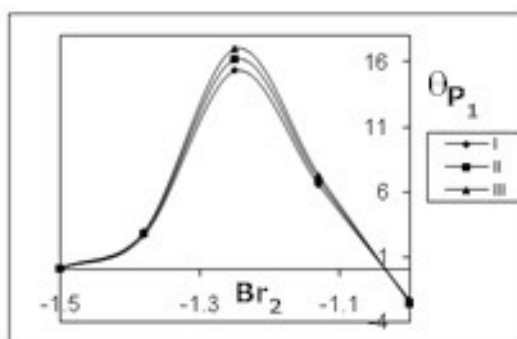


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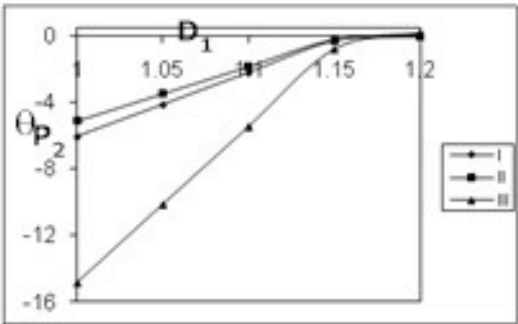


Figure 48. θ_{p_2} with D_1 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 26

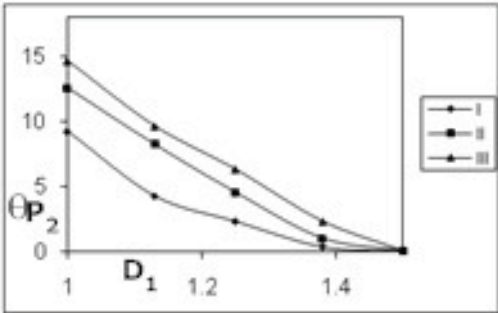


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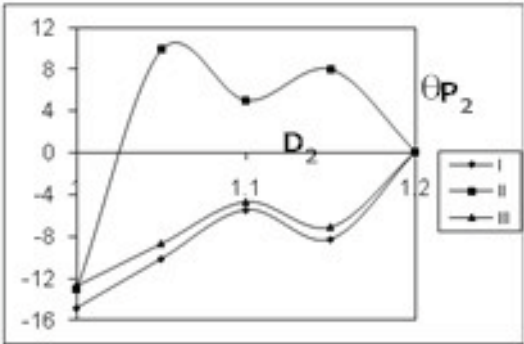


Figure 50. θ_{p_2} with D_2 when $\tau = 0.20$. For legend see Figure 28

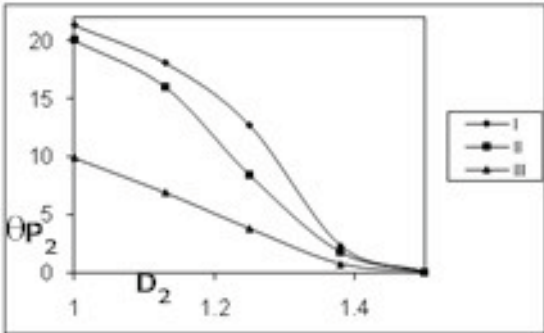


Figure 51. θ_{p_2} with D_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 28

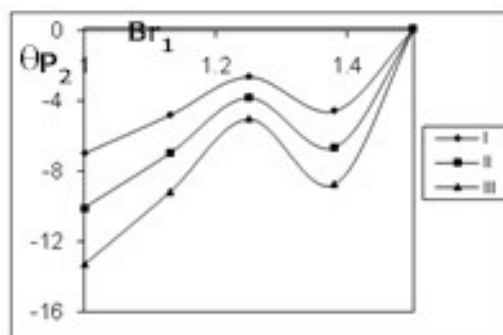


Figure 52. θp_2 with Br_1 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 32

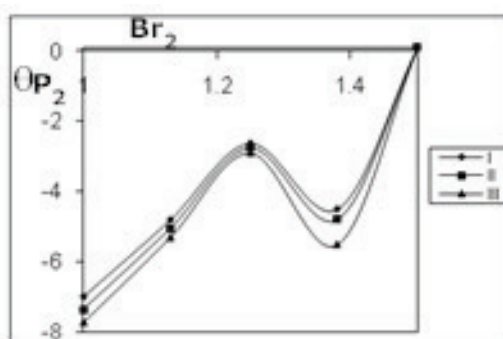


Figure 53. θp_2 with Br_2 when $\tau = 0.50$. For legend see Figure 40

Appendix - I

$$\Psi_1^1 = [1 - 2/\tau(y + 1 + \tau)][1 - 4/\tau(y + 1 + \tau)]$$

$$\Psi_2^1 = 8/\tau(y + 1 + \tau)[1 - 2/\tau(y + 1 + \tau)]$$

$$\Psi_3^1 = -2/\tau(y + 1 + \tau)[1 - 4/\tau(y + 1 + \tau)]$$

$$\Psi_1^2 = [1 - 2/\tau(y + 1 + \tau/2)][1 - 4/\tau(y + 1 + \tau/2)]$$

$$\Psi_2^2 = 8/\tau(y + 1 + \tau/2)[1 - 4/\tau(y + 1 + \tau/2)]$$

$$\Psi_3^2 = -2/\tau(y + 1 + \tau/2)[1 - 4/\tau(y + 1 + \tau/2)]$$

$$\Psi_1^3 = [1 - 2(y + 1)][1 - 4(y + 1)]$$

$$\Psi_2^3 = 8(y + 1)[1 - 2(y + 1)]$$

$$\Psi_3^3 = -2(y + 1)[1 - 4(y + 1)]$$

$$\Psi_1^4 = [1 - 2(y + 1/2)][1 - 4(y + 1/2)]$$

$$\Psi_2^4 = 8(y + 1/2)[1 - 2(y + 1/2)]$$

$$\Psi_3^4 = -2(y + 1/2)[1 - 4(y + 1/2)]$$

$$\Psi_1^5 = (1 - 2y)(1 - 4y)$$

$$\Psi_2^5 = 8y(1 - 2y)$$

$$\Psi_3^5 = -2y(1 - 4y)$$

$$\Psi_1^6 = [1 - 2(y - 1/2)][1 - 4(y - 1/2)]$$

$$\Psi_2^6 = 8(y - 1/2)[1 - 2(y - 1/2)]$$

$$\Psi_3^6 = -2(y - 1/2)[1 - 4(y - 1/2)]$$

$$\Psi_1^7 = [1 - 2/\tau(y - 1)][1 - 4/\tau(y - 1)]$$

$$\Psi_2^7 = 8/\tau(y - 1)[1 - 4/\tau(y - 1)]$$

$$\Psi_3^7 = -2/\tau(y - 1)[1 - 4/\tau(y - 1)]$$

$$\Psi_1^8 = [1 - 2/\tau(y - 1 - \tau)][1 - 4/\tau(y - 1 - \tau)]$$

$$\Psi_2^8 = 8/\tau(y - 1 - \tau/2)[1 - 2/\tau(y - 1 - \tau)]$$

$$\Psi_3^8 = -2/\tau(y - 1 - \tau/2)[1 - 4/\tau(y - 1 - \tau/2)]$$