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HYDRODYNAMIC LUBRICATION OF MICRO-POLAR **FLUID IN A SLIDER BEARING**

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ABSTRACT

Presented here in the study of hydrodynamic lubrication of micro-polar fluid in a slider bearing. It has been observed that the load capacity increases with the increase in the value of coupling constant μ_v/γ_v and k_v/γ_v . The micro-polar fluid under consideration proves to be better lubricant for the slider bearing. The increase in the length of the flat part of the slope inclined part also increase the load capacity.

KEYWORDS: Lubricant Micro-Polar Fluid , Pressure , Load Capacity.

INTRODUCTION

Lubricationtheorynormallystart with the Plane Inclined Pad. This was not done as a converging-diverging plane wedge has a discontinuity at the origin. Rayleigh [5] was first to analyze such type of bearings. He investigated that a combination of flat and inclined parts of a slider is define tally better than a simple slider. Prakash [3]

Due to wide application of such type of flow pattern hydraulic machines engineering, it is necessary to investigateanalyticallythe slider bearings flowbehavior ofmicro-polar fluidswhich are importantfrom the industrial and technological point of view .

Erigena [1] explained that the classical theory of micro-polar fluids might serve as а satisfactory model for predicting the flow behavior of certain polymeric fluid, fluid containing suspended particles and particularly the animal blood. Ranuka [4] has studied the steady flow problem for micro-polar fluids in a straight channel and circular tube .Willson [6] investigated the stability of micro-polar fluid down as inclined plane.

In this paper, we have used a sliderbearing with the micropolarfluid as lubricant.

FORMULATION OF THE **PROBLEM**

Thebasic field equation formicro-polar fluidsin the vector formare given by the followingset of equations;



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$$\nabla \cdot \overline{v} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$(\lambda_v + 2\mu_v + k_v) \nabla \nabla \cdot \overline{v} - (\mu_v + k_v) \nabla \times \nabla \times \overline{v} + k_v \nabla \times \overline{v} - \nabla \overline{p} + \rho f$$

$$= \rho \frac{d\overline{v}}{dt} \tag{2}$$

$$(\alpha_v + \beta_v + \gamma_v) \nabla \nabla \overline{v} - \gamma_v \nabla \times \nabla \times \overline{v} + k_v \nabla \times \overline{v} - 2k_v \overline{v} + pl = p j \dot{v} \tag{3}$$

Where α_v , β_v , γ_v , λ_v , μ_v and k_v are six material constants, of represented body force, represents the body coupleand \overline{V} and \overline{J} represented the micro-rotation and gyration constant respectively. The equation determining the velocity field within the fluid in motion, are in general inter-related .Neglecting the velocity derivatives with respect to the axial distance and leaving the lnertia terms , we get the following equations governing the motion of micro-polar fluid for the two dimensional slider bearing flow;

$$(\mu_{\nu} + k_{\nu})\frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + k_{\nu}\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (4)$$
$$\gamma_{\nu}\frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2} - k_{\nu}\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} - 2k_{\nu}v_x = 0(5)$$

The equation (4) and (5) are solvedunder the boundary conditions;

$$u_{x} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = h$$

$$\frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = 0$$

$$v_{x} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = \pm h$$
(6)

Weintroduce the following non-dimensional quantities;

$$u_{x} = U_{\circ}u, y = hy^{*}$$

$$v_{x} = \frac{U_{\circ}v}{h_{\circ}}, x = H x^{*}$$

$$n_{2} = \frac{\mu_{v}}{\gamma_{v}}h_{\circ}^{2}, n_{3} = \frac{k_{v}}{\gamma_{v}}h_{\circ}^{2}$$

$$p_{x} = \frac{u_{\circ}(\mu_{v} + k_{v})p}{L}$$
(7)

Thegoverning equationtake the formafter using (7);

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^{*2}} + \frac{n_3}{n_2 + n_3} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y^*} - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} = 0 (8)$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^{*2}} - n_3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y^*} - 2n_3 v = 0 (9)$$

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$$h=h_{\circ}\left(1+\frac{mx}{H}\right)(10)$$

or

 $h^* = 1 + mx^*(11)$

Theboundary condition (6) reduces to;

u = 0 at y^{*} = h^{*}

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y^*} = 0$$
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v = 0at y = ± h^{*}(12)

SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

Solving the equation (8) and (9) under the boundary condition given by (12) we get;

$$u = 1 + \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} \left[\frac{n_2 + n_3}{2n_2 + n_3} (y^{*2} - h^{*2}) - \frac{h^*(n_2 + n_3)}{(n_3 + 2n_2)^2} \frac{\alpha(\cos h \alpha y^* - \cos h \alpha h^*)}{\sin h \alpha h^*} \right]$$
(13)

and

$$v = \frac{n_3}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} \left[h^* \frac{\sin h \propto y^*}{\sin h \propto h^*} - y^* \right] (14)$$

Where $\alpha^2 = \frac{n_3 (2n_2 + n_3)}{(n_2 + n_3)} (15)$

Thevolumetric flow rate is given by

$$Q = \int_0^{h^*} u dy^*$$

= h^{*} - $\frac{h^*(n_2 + n_3)}{(2n_2 + n_3)} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} \left[\frac{2}{3} h^{*2} + \frac{1}{(2n_2 + n_3)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\alpha h^* \cosh \alpha h^*}{\sinh \alpha h^*} \right\} \right] (16)$

Now since the slider bearing angle is very small ,i.e;'m'is very small as the value of H*cannot exceed 2. Hence, writing the expansions for Sinh(\propto h*) Cosh(\propto h*)inascending power of x*, we get the simplified form for $\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*}$ as ;

$$\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} = \frac{3}{(1+mx^*)^2} + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - \frac{3Q}{(1+mx^*)^3} - \frac{Q\alpha^2}{2(1+mx^*)}$$
(17)

Integrating (17) under the following conditions;

$$p^* = p_e$$
 at $x^* = 0$
 $p^* = p_s$ at $x^* = 1$ (18)

We get the expression for the pressure in the region $0 \le x^* \le 1$ and at the junction respectively ;

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$$p^* - p_e = -\frac{3}{m(1+mx^*)} + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} x^* + \frac{3Q}{2m(1+mx^*)^2} - \frac{Q}{2m} \log(1+mx^*)$$
(19)

and

$$p_{s} - p_{e} = -\frac{3}{m} \left[\frac{1}{1+m} - 1 \right] + \frac{\alpha^{2}}{2} + \frac{3Q}{2m} \left[\frac{1}{(1+m)^{2}} - 1 \right] - \frac{Q}{2m} \log(1+m)$$
 (20)

Again considering the flow in the region $H \le x \le H + B$, we have $h = h_{\circ}and m = 0$. The equation (17) reduces to;

$$\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} = \left[3 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - 3Q - Q \frac{\alpha^2}{2}\right] x^* + c (21)$$

Using the conditions;

$$p^* = p_e atx^* = 1 + \frac{B}{H}$$

 $p^* = p_s atx^* = 1$ (22)

We get

$$p^* - p_e = \left[3 + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - 3Q - Q \frac{\alpha^2}{2}\right] \left[x^* - 1 - \frac{B}{H}\right] (23)$$

and

$$p_{s} - p_{e} = \left[3 + \frac{\alpha^{2}}{2} - 3Q - Q \frac{\alpha^{2}}{2}\right] \left[-\frac{B}{H}\right] (24)$$

The pressure at the junction must be same throughout , so equating equation (20) and (24) , we get the equation in Q* giving the value of Q* ,

$$Q^{*} = \frac{\frac{3}{(1+m)} + \frac{\alpha^{2}}{2} + \left(\frac{\sigma + \alpha^{2}}{2}\right)\frac{B}{H}}{\frac{3}{2}\frac{(m+1)}{(m+1)^{2}} + \frac{1}{2m}\log(m+1) + \frac{B}{H}\left(\frac{\sigma + \alpha^{2}}{2}\right)} (25)$$

Total normalized capacity is given by ;

$$\overline{w} = \overline{w_1} - \overline{w_2}$$
$$= \int_0^1 (p^* - p_e) dx + \int_0^{1 + \frac{B}{H}} (p^* - p_e) dx^* (26)$$

Substituting value of $p^{\ast}-p_{e}\text{in}$ the respected region . Integrating equation (2.3.15) we get ;

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$$\overline{w} = -\frac{3}{m^2}\log(1+m) + \frac{\alpha^2}{4} + \frac{9B^2}{2H^2} + \frac{3\alpha^2}{4H^2} - Q^* \left[\frac{3}{2m^2(1+m)} - \frac{1}{2m}\{2\log(1+m) - 1\} - \frac{9B^2}{2H^2} - \frac{3\alpha^2}{4H^2}\right] (27)$$

RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

The complete discussion of results are now presented as follows The parameters to be specified are λ^* , $\mu_v / \gamma_v k_v / \gamma_v$ The variation load capacity W for various values of the parameters . It has been observed that the load capacity increases with the increase in the value of coupling constant μ_v / γ_v and k_v / γ_v . The micro-polar fluids under consideration proves to be better lubricant for the slider bearing. The increase in the length of the flat partalso increase the load capacity.

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