

NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF MIXED CONVECTION IN A LID DRIVEN CAVITY WITH POROUS OBSTACLE USING (MRT-LBM)

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Abstract: In this work, we study numerically a problem of mixed convection in lid driven square cavity, filled with air ($Pr = 0.71$), whose upper wall is movable and kept at constant cold temperature T_C . The cavity contains a porous obstacle of height h and width b , placed on the middle of bottom wall which maintained at a constant hot temperature T_H . The side walls are adiabatic. Darcy-Brinkmann model is used for modeling the momentum equations in porous medium. The Boussinesq assumption is used and the viscous dissipation is assumed to be negligible. This numerical study is based on the multiple-relaxation-time Lattice Boltzmann method (MRT-LBM). The D2Q9 two-dimensional model is adopted to the dynamic part, while the D2Q5 model is applied for the thermal part. The objective of the study is to analyze the effect of Darcy number ($10^{-6} \leq Da \leq 10^{-1}$), Richardson number ($0.01 \leq Ri \leq 10^3$) and the aspect ratio $w = b/H$ ($0.2 \leq w \leq 1$) on the hydrodynamic and thermal characteristics in the cavity through the velocity and temperature as well as the average Nusselt number. The results obtained show a considerable effect of these parameters on the structure of the flow and the heat transfer in the cavity, which can not be neglected.

Keywords: mixed convection, square cavity, porous obstacle, lid driven, lattice Boltzmann method (MRT-LBM).

I. INTRODUCTION

Mixed convection involving porous media is a phenomenon of considerable importance encountered in several natural and industrial processes. These applications include the extraction of geothermal energy, convection inside the Earth's mantle, electronic chip cooling, storage of spent fuel from nuclear power plants, drying...etc. Given the complexity of these configurations, the numerical approach is very often used to solve the general equations governing the transfer of flux and heat.

In-depth studies have been carried out over the years, which characterize mixed convection involving porous media for different geometries. Chakravarty et al. (2018) studied numerically mixed convection in an enclosure containing a heat-generating porous bed under the influence of background injection. Gibanov et al. (2017) analyzed the effect of the inclined uniform magnetic field on mixed convection in a lid driven cavity having a horizontal porous layer saturated with a ferrofluid. Chattopadhyay et al. (2016) have studied mixed convection in a porous, double-walled movable cavity driven by sinusoidal heat. Tannina et al. (2018) used a nanofluid to improve heat transfer in a lid driven cavity with two porous layers in mixed convection. Liu and He (2018) simulated double diffusion mixed convection in a fluid saturated porous medium by the multiple relaxation time lattice Boltzmann method. Vic and Asaditaheri (2018) studied heat transfer and entropy generation on laminar mixed convection in a lid driven inclined cavity with a circular porous cylinder.

This paper deals with the numerical simulation of a mixed convection in a lid driven cavity, with porous obstruction and filled by a Newtonian fluid using the multiple relaxation time lattice Boltzmann method (MRT-LBM). The D2Q9 two-dimensional discrete 9-speed model was adopted to simulate the dynamic aspect of the problem, while the D2Q5 model is developed for the thermal field.

II. PHYSICAL PROBLEM

Figure 1 provides a schematic overview of the two-dimensional problem discussed in this study. A square cavity, containing air ($Pr = 0.71$), which the upper wall is movable and maintained at a constant cold temperature T_C . This cavity contains a porous obstacle of height $h = H/2$ and width b , mounted on the lower wall maintained at a constant hot temperature T_H . The side walls are adiabatic.

Darcy-Brinkmann model is used for modeling the momentum equations in porous medium. The thermo-physical properties of the investigated fluid are assumed to be constant, except the density variation, in the buoyancy term, which follows the Boussinesq approximation.

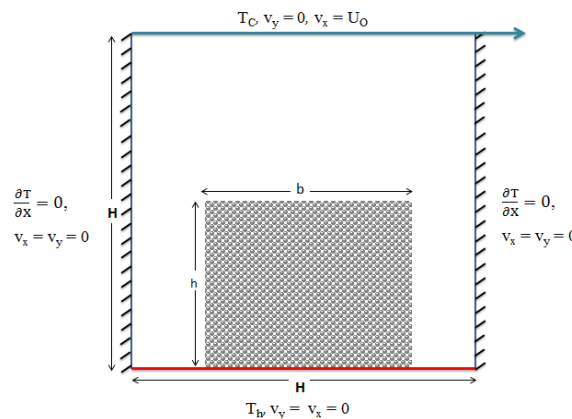


Figure 1. physical problem and boundary conditions.

We introduce the following dimensionless variables

$$w = \frac{b}{H} \quad ; \quad X_i = \frac{x_i}{H} \quad ; \quad \Theta = \frac{T - T_C}{T_H - T_C}$$

III. LATTICE BOLTZMANN METHOD(LBM-MRT)

The lattice Boltzmann scheme describes the distribution of particles $f_j(x_i, t)$ in x_i , of v_j velocity at the moment t .

In order to model the two-dimensional velocity field in the considered domain, the D2Q9 model on a square grid, of step $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$, was applied. The fluid particles move from one node of the gate to the neighboring node with discrete velocities, e_j , Peng (2003):

$$\begin{aligned} e_0 &= \langle 0, 0 \rangle \\ e_1 &= \langle 0, 1 \rangle ; e_2 = \langle 1, 1 \rangle ; e_3 = \langle 1, 0 \rangle ; e_4 = \langle 0, -1 \rangle \\ e_5 &= \langle 1, 1 \rangle ; e_6 = \langle -1, 1 \rangle ; e_7 = \langle -1, 1 \rangle ; e_8 = \langle -1, -1 \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The thermal field, meanwhile, has been described according to the model D2Q5 (network of five discrete temperatures).

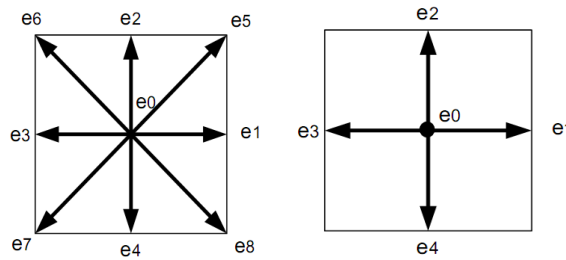


Figure 2.D2Q9 Model.

Figure 3.D2Q5 model.

The evolution of the medium in a time step Δt is broken down into two basic stages:

Collision and advection. These two steps are described by the following equation:

$$f_j(x + v_j \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = f_j(x + t) + \Omega_j f_j(x + t), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, 8 \tag{2}$$

Where f_j is the distribution function of a particle and Ω_j is the collision operator, representing the variation of the distribution function due to particle collisions.

The linearization of this operator around the local equilibrium distribution function brings a significant simplification of the LBM method.

On each domain node, the nine moments associated with the nine distribution functions are linked by the following linear transformation, Mezrhab(2004):

$$m = M \cdot f \tag{3}$$

Where the matrix M is of order 9.

During the colliding step which is local in space, three moments are preserved (the density and the momentum, in the longitudinal direction and the transversal direction), the six remaining moments, not conserved, are calculated from a simple equation of linear relaxation towards the equilibrium values which depend on the conserved quantities, Tekitek (2007) :

$$m_k^* \left(\leftarrow, t \right) = \left(-s_k \right) m_k \left(\leftarrow, t \right) + s_k m_k^{eq} \tag{4}$$

$s_k = \Delta t / \tau$ being the relaxation rate, τ_k the relaxation time, m_k^* is the moment after collision and m_k^{eq} is the equilibrium moment value.

For a reason of stability, relaxation rates verify double inequality $0 \leq s_k \leq 2$.

The kinematic viscosity of the fluid can be defined later as:

$$\nu = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{s_8} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \tag{5}$$

The new distribution functions f^* are calculated from the new moment's m^* :

$$\mathbf{f}^* = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{m}^* \quad (6)$$

On the macroscopic scale, the mass density and the speed vector are given as follows:

$$\rho = \sum_{j=0}^8 f_j(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_i, t) = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum_{j=0}^8 v_j f_j(\mathbf{x}_i, t) \quad (8)$$

The thermal transfer between the hot wall of the cavity and the cold fluid is characterized by the local (Nu) and average (Nu_{avg}) Nusselt numbers:

$$\text{Nu} = - \left. \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \quad \text{et} \quad \text{Nu}_{\text{avg}} = \int \text{Nu} \, dx \quad (9)$$

IV. CODE VALIDATION AND GRID INDEPENDENCE

The calculation code has been successfully validated with the numerical work of Liu et al. (2014), for the case of a porous square cavity, differentially heated (cold right wall and hot left wall) with adiabatic horizontal walls. This cavity of porosity equal to 0.4 is filled with a Newtonian fluid ($\text{Pr} = 1$).

Figure 4 shows a good agreement between the stream lines and isotherms obtained from this work and those of Liu et al. (2014), for different numbers of Rayleigh and Darcy.

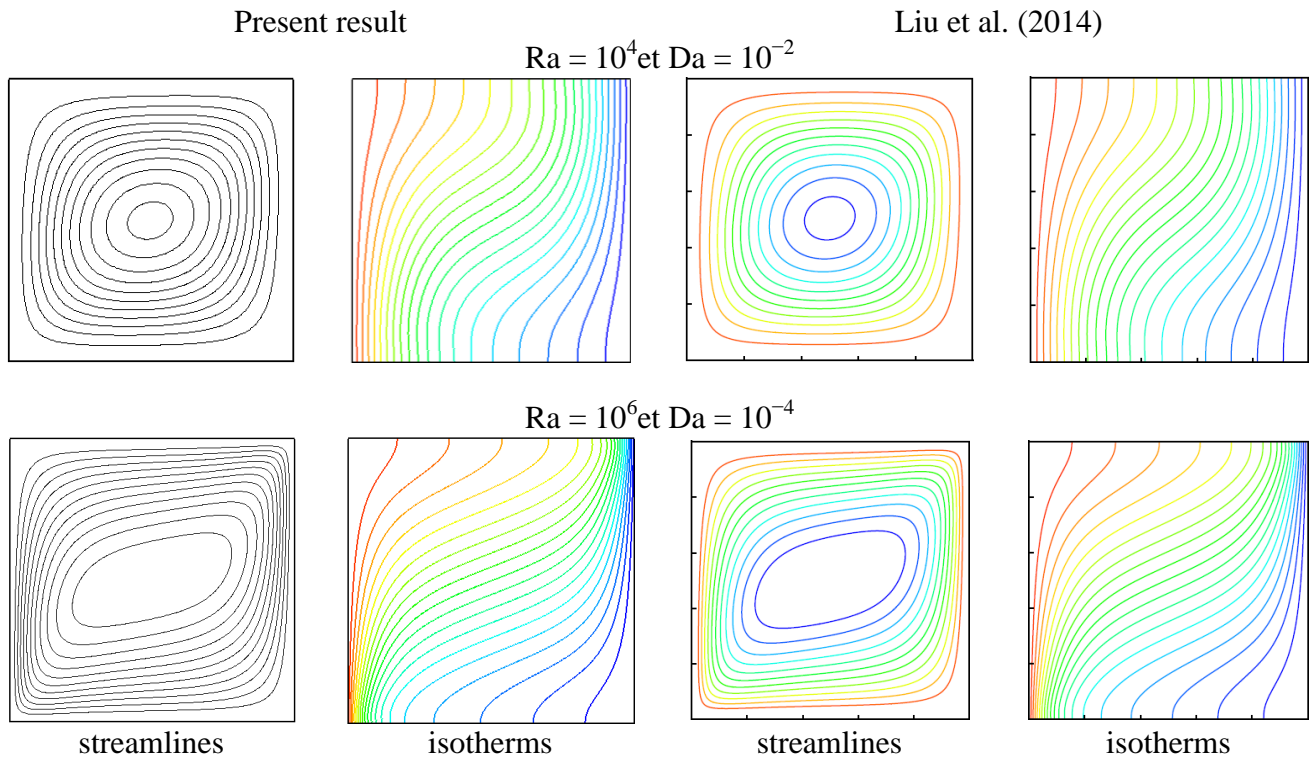


Figure 4. Comparison of streamlines and isotherms with those of Liu et al. [9] $\text{Ra} = 10^4$, $\text{Da} = 10^{-2}$ and $\text{Ra} = 10^6$, $\text{Da} = 10^{-4}$.

Prior to the simulations, the mesh sensitivity analysis was performed to ensure a grid-independent solution. Figure 5 shows the effect of the mesh on the average Nusselt number in the hot horizontal wall at $Ri = 1$ (with $Gr = 10^4$), $Da = 10^{-1}$ and $w = 0.6$. Nine cases of uniform meshing were tested: 31×31 , 41×41 , 61×61 , 81×81 , 101×101 , 121×121 , 141×141 , 161×161 , and 181×181 . Based on the checks performed, the uniform mesh size of 121×121 nodes was selected for the rest of the simulations.

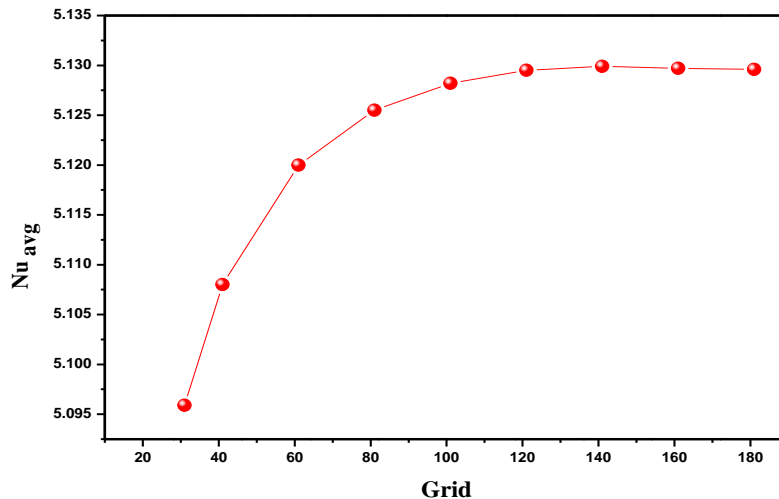


Figure 5. Grid independence study at $Ri = 1$, $Da = 10^{-1}$ and $w = 0.6$.

V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

V.1 Influence of Richardson number on streamlines and isotherms

Figure 6 shows the streamlines and isotherms at $Da = 10^{-2}$ and $W = 0.6$, for different values of the Richardson number.

The streamlines indicate the presence of a main cell occupying the center of the cavity. The circulation inside this cell is governed by the direction of the translational movement of the upper wall. In this case, we have a clockwise circulation with a nucleus on the porous obstacle. The circulation inside the porous obstacle is low due to additional resistance of the porous matrix.

In the case of the dominant forced convection (Fig. 6 (a) and fig. 6 (b)); Two small cells appear at the lower corners of the cavity. The streamlines are tightened near the mobile wall (the upper wall), denoting the thinness of the thickness of the hydrodynamic boundary layer and the great parietal gradients of velocity.

In the dominant mixed and natural convection modes (Fig. 6 (c) and fig. 6 (d) respectively), the visualization of the streamlines reveals the dominance of natural convection effects and buoyancy forces within the enclosure.

In addition, the nucleus of the convective cell is shifted to the right part of the cavity, in the case of the mixed and forced convection dominant due to the movement of the upper wall.

In the case of a dominant forced convection (Fig. 6 (e) and fig. 6 (f)), the isotherms illustrate the formation of a hot thermal plume near the left vertical wall due to the clockwise

circulation inside the cavity. The central part of the cavity is at an almost uniform cold temperature, this is caused by the high velocity of the cold horizontal wall in the low Richardson numbers.

For mixed convection (Fig. 6 (g)), isotherms begin to deform in the upper part of the cavity. Near the hot wall, the isothermal lines remain parallel to this wall and are confined in the form of a thin boundary layer, while in the upper left and central part of the cavity they are extended. This indicates the birth of convection near the isothermal walls, and in the upper left and central part the conduction is dominant.

However, the isotherms of the natural convection (Fig. 6 (h)) show a slight deformation with a tightening of the isotherms in the immediate vicinity of the horizontal walls, indicating the beginning of the pairing of a temperature gradient in these Regions.

It should be mentioned that the movement of the upper wall induces a shear flow of the adjacent fluid, while natural convection evolves from the thermal gradient. Therefore, it is possible to conclude that the shear stress and the vertical temperature gradient increase the flow of fluid and the heat transfer inside the cavity.

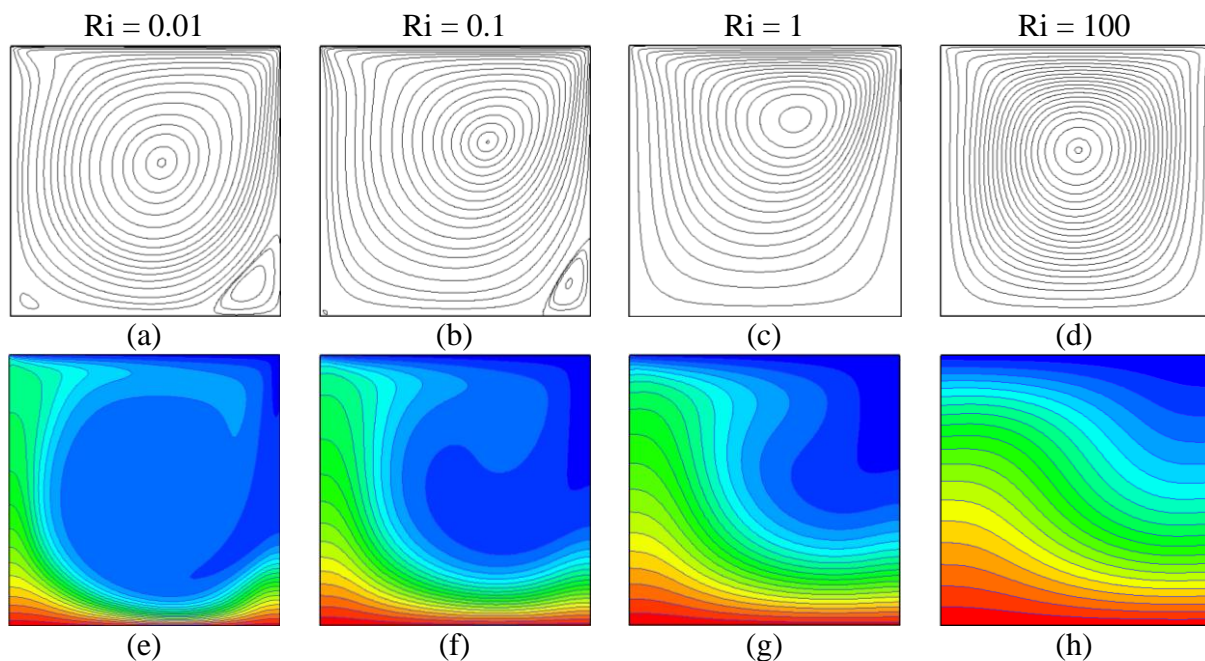


Figure 6. Streamlines ; (a), (b), (c) and (d) and isotherms ;(e), (f), (g) and (h); for different Richardson numbers. $Da = 10^{-2}$ and $w = 0.6$.

V.2 Influence of Darcy number on streamlines and isotherms

The effect of Darcy number on the streamlines and isotherms is illustrated in Figure 7. This figure shows that Darcy has a significant effect on the flow and temperature characteristics in the cavity. For a high Darcy numbers ($Da = 10^{-1}$), where the porous medium is very permeable, the streamlines are characterized by a large central cell without disruption or significant braking. However, for lower Darcy numbers ($Da = 10^{-3}$ and $Da = 10^{-4}$), the streamlines are distorted by passing through the porous obstacle which becomes less permeable. In a very low Darcy number ($Da = 10^{-6}$), the porous obstacle acts as a solid and the main cell rotates over this obstacle causing the formation of two small cells adjacent to the

lateral walls. A slight circulation of the fluid inside the porous medium is also remarkable at $Da = 10^{-6}$ with more observable disturbances.

Isotherms reflect the impact of Darcy number on flux movement and show a lower heat transfer contribution by convection for lower Darcy values.

We clearly note that for $Da = 10^{-1}$, Convection is more intense and the flow rates are greater. By reducing Darcy number, the convection heat transfer becomes lower.

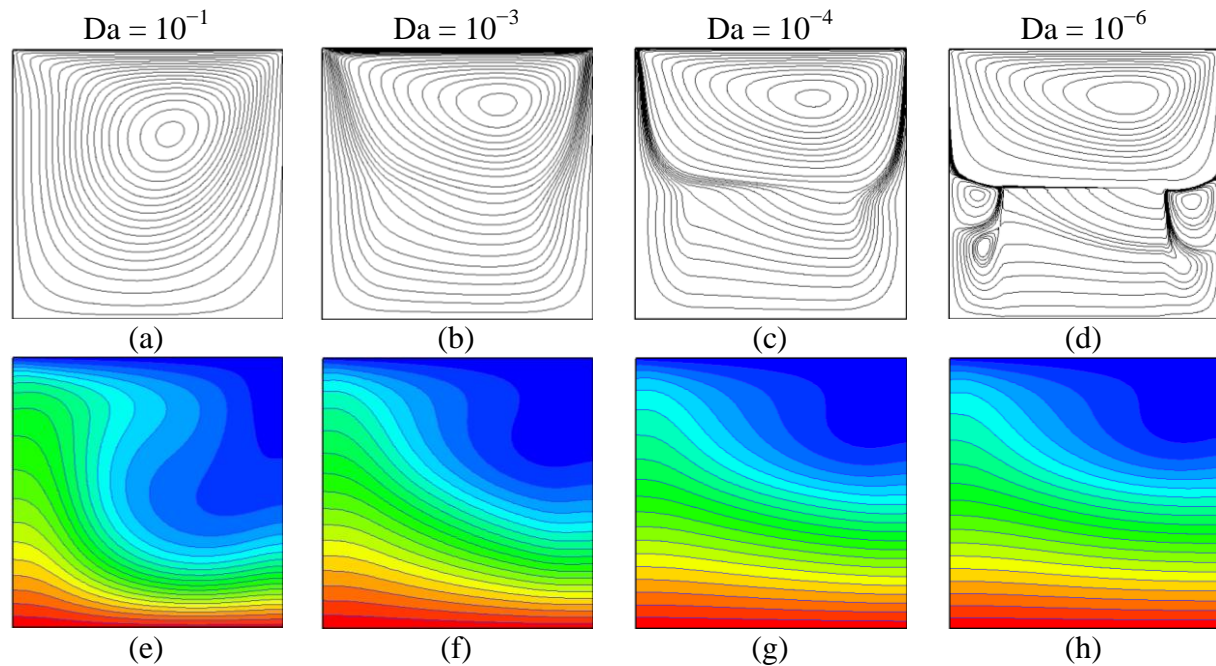


Figure 7. Streamlines; (a), (b), (c) and (d) and isotherms; (e), (f), (g) and (h); for different values of Darcy number. $Ri = 1$ and $w = 0.6$.

V.3 Influence of the aspect ratio w , Darcy number and Richardson number on the heat transfer

Figure 8 shows the evolution of heat transferrate, calculated within the cavity at the hot horizontal wall, depending on the width of the porous obstacle, for different values of Darcy number and in mixed convection mode ($Ri = 1$). This rate of transfer, represented by the average Nusselt number, is higher for the low (reduced) widths of the porous obstacle, since the hot (lower) wall is in contact with more fluid.

Indeed, the best transfer is obtained with a number of Darcy equal to 10^{-1} , since at this value the porous medium could be considered almost a fluid, thus promoting the thermal transfer between the cold fluid and the hot wall. This is not the case when $10^{-6} \leq Da \leq 10^{-4}$, since in this case the obstacle behaves as a non-permeable solid, inducing very low rates of heat transfer.

It is interesting to note that at a given width, the increase in Darcy number improves heat transfer rate.

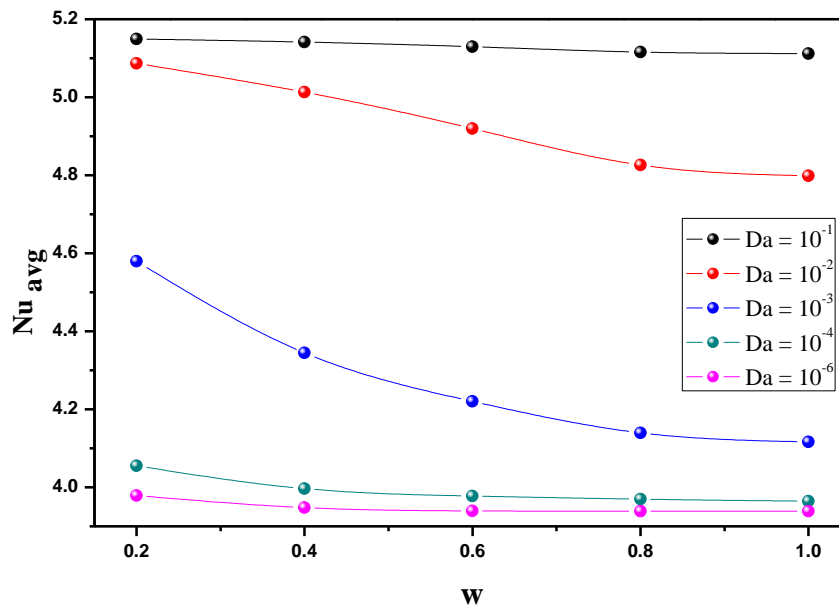


Figure 8. Profiles of the average Nusselt number at the heated wall for different values of w and Darcy number. $Ri = 1$.

The effect of Darcy number, for different Richardson numbers, on the evolution of heat transfer in the hot wall is shown in figure 9. It is noted that for a given Darcy number, the average Nusselt number decreases with the increase in Richardson number.

Indeed, simulations having been conducted for a fixed Grashof number ($Gr = 10^4$), the increase in the Richardson number implies the reduction of the intensity of inertial forces responsible for the parietal shear and consequently to the increase in the rate of heat transfer.

The decrease in Darcy number and the increase in Richardson number lead to an increase in the thickness of the thermal boundary layer of the horizontal walls, resulting in the reduction of the average number of Nusselt.

In addition, the increase in Darcy number improves transfer rates, especially in forced convection, where the greatest changes in the average Nusselt number are noted, compared with mixed and natural convection modes.

In conclusion, it can be said that the parietal shear, appearing in forced convection mode, promotes heat exchange.

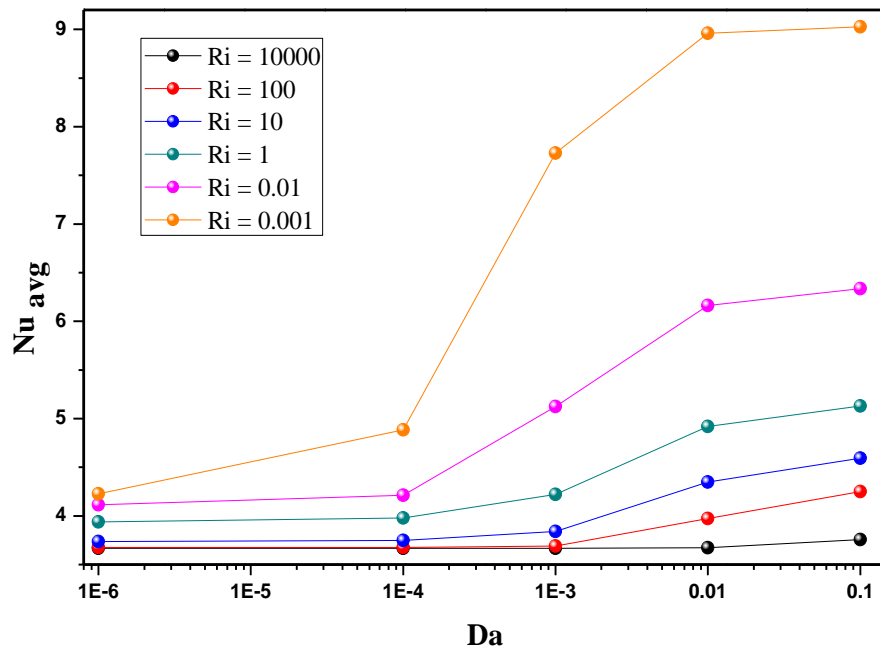


Figure 9. Profiles of the average Nusselt number at the heated wall for different values of Darcy and Richardson numbers. $w = 0.6$.

VI. CONCLUSION

The study of mixed convection in a square, lid driven cavity with porous obstruction was performed by numerical simulation using a computational code based on the multiple relaxation time lattice Boltzmann method (MRT-LBM). The effect of Darcy number, Richardson number, and the width of the porous obstacle on the flow and the heat transfer was examined.

This study shows that the cooling of the hot wall surmounted by a porous obstacle is better when Darcy number is important.

Heat transfer is more important for the low Richardson numbers (in dominant forced convection mode).

For the small, reduced widths of the porous obstacle, the heat transfer is higher.

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