Magneto-electro viscoelastic layer in functionally graded materials

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1. Introduction

Thermoelasticity theories which admit a finite speed for thermal signals (second sound) have aroused much interest in the last three decades.

These theories, known as generalized theories, involves hyperbolic type heat transport equation in contrast to the classical coupled thermoelasticity involving parabolic type (diffusion type) heat transport equation, which predicts infinite speed of propagation of thermal signals. Among the generalized theories the extended thermoelasticity proposed by Lord and Shulman [1] and the temperature rate dependent thermoelasticity proposed by Green and Lindsay [2] have been the subject of recent investigation. In view of experimental evidence in support of the finiteness of the speed of propagation of heat wave, generalized thermoelasticity theories are more acceptable than the conventional thermoelastic theories in dealing with practical problems involving very short time intervals and high heat fluxes, like those occurring in laser units, energy channels and nuclear reactor.

Later Green and Naghdi [3] developed three models for generalized thermoelasticity of homogeneous and isotropic materials which are labeled as Models I, II, and III. The nature of these theories are such that when the respective theories are linearized, Model I reduced to the classical heat conduction theory (based on Fourier’s law). The linearized versions of Models II and III permit propagation of thermal waves at finite speed. Model II, in particular, exhibits a feature that is not present in the other established thermoelastic models as it does not sustain dissipation of thermal energy [4,5]. In this model the constitutive equations are derived by starting with the reduced energy equation and by including the thermal displacement gradient among other constitutive variables. The Green–Naghdi third model admits the dissipation of energy.

With the rapid development of polymer science and plastic industry, as well as the wide use of materials under high temperature in modern technology and application of biology and geology in engineering, the theoretical study and applications in viscoelastic material has become an important task for solid mechanics.

The theory of thermo-viscoelasticity and the solutions of some boundary value problem of thermoviscoelasticity were investigated by Ilioushin and Pobedria [6]. The works of Biot [7,8], Morland and Lee [9], Tanner [10], and Huilgol and Phan–Thien [11] made great strides in the last decade in finding solutions for boundary value problems for Linear viscoelasticity materials including temperature variations in both quasi static and dynamic problems. Drozdov [12] derived a constitutive model in thermoviscoelasticity which accounts for changes in elastic moduli and relaxation times.

The theory of electro-magneto-thermo-viscoelasticity has aroused much interest in many industrial applications, particularly in nuclear device, where there exists a primary magnetic field. Various investigations have been carried out by considering the interaction between magnetic, thermal and strain fields. Analyses of such problem also influence various applications in biomedical engineering as well as in different geometric studies. Misra et al. [13] have studied a one-dimensional uncoupled magnetic-thermoelastic problem in a viscoelastic medium using Maclaurin’s
The main object of the present work is to consider a one-dimensional magneto-thermoelastic disturbance in isotropic functionally graded viscoelastic medium in the context of generalized thermoelasticity without energy dissipation (GN Model Type II).

The solution for temperature, displacement, strain, stress, and magnetic field is obtained. The results are illustrated graphically for various values of the material constants.

The approximate method is validated for specific cases, and its accuracy is discussed.

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Beside these, some structural materials such as functionally graded materials (FGMs) have distinct non-homogeneous character. Functionally graded materials (FGMs) are a new class of advanced composite materials wherein the composition of each material constituent varies gradually with respect to spatial coordinates. FGMs possess continuously and smoothly varying material properties and this distinguishes FGMs from the laminated composite materials in which the abrupt change in material properties across the interface between layers can result in large interlaminar stresses leading to delamination.

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induced electric field and induced magnetic field in Laplace transform domain is obtained by using a direct approach. Then the inversion of Laplace transform have been carried out numerically by applying a method of numerical inversion of Laplace transform based on Fourier series expansion technique [33]. Numerical results for all variables in physical space–time domain have been obtained for a copper like material and have been presented graphically to show the effect of nonhomogeneity. It is observed that the results of associated homogeneous case may easily be recovered from our results by letting the nonhomogeneity parameter become zero.

2. Formulation of the problem

We shall consider a functionally graded isotropic thermo-viscoelastic body at a uniform reference temperature \( T_0 \) of a perfect electrically conductivity permeated by an initial magnetic field \( \mathbf{H}_0 \).

Due to the effect of this magnetic field there arises in the conducting medium an induced electric field \( \mathbf{E} \) and induced electric field \( \mathbf{E} \) also, there arises a force \( F \) (The Lorentz Force).

We shall make two important restrictions, first, that the medium under consideration is a perfect electric conductor and second, that the initial magnetic field vector \( \mathbf{H}_0 \) is oriented in such a way that the propagation of plane waves in the xy-plane is possible.

The linearized equations of electromagnetism for slowly moving media are

\[
\text{curl } \mathbf{h} = J. \tag{1}
\]

\[
\text{curl } \mathbf{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial t}. \tag{2}
\]

\[
\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}. \tag{3}
\]

\[
div \mathbf{B} = 0. \tag{4}
\]

The above field equations are supplemented by constitutive equations which consists of First, Ohm’s law for perfect conducting medium [34]

\[
\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \times \mathbf{H}. \tag{5}
\]

Second, Lorentz force

\[
\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}. \tag{6}
\]

We shall consider one-dimensional disturbance of the medium, so that the displacement vector \( \mathbf{u} \) and temperature field \( \theta \) can be expressed in the following form:

\[
\mathbf{u} = (u(x, t), 0, 0). \tag{7}
\]

\[
\theta = \theta(x, t). \tag{8}
\]

Now, assume that the initial magnetic field \( \mathbf{H}_0 \) acts in the z-direction and has the components (0, 0, \( H_0 \)). The induced magnetic field \( h \) will have one component \( h \) in the z-direction, while the induced electric field \( E \) will have one component \( E \) in the y-direction.

Then, Eqs. 1, 2, 5 yield

\[
J = H_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial x}. \tag{9}
\]

\[
h = -H_0 e. \tag{10}
\]

\[
E = \mu H_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}. \tag{11}
\]

From Eqs. (9) and (6), we get that Lorentz force has only one component \( F_x \) in the x-direction.

\[
F_x = \mu H_0^2 \frac{\partial e}{\partial x}. \tag{12}
\]

The stress-displacement–temperature relation for viscoelastic medium of Kelvin–Voigt type [35],

\[
\sigma_{ij} = 2 \left( \mu_e + \mu_v \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \epsilon_{ij} + \left( \lambda_e + \lambda_v \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \delta_{ij} - \gamma \delta_{ij}. \tag{13}
\]

where

\[
e_j = \frac{1}{2} \left( u_{ij} + u_{ji} \right), \quad e = e_i. \tag{14}
\]

Stress equation of motion:

\[
\rho \ddot{u}_i = \sigma_{ij} + F_i. \tag{15}
\]

Heat equation corresponding to generalized thermoelasticity without energy dissipation is

\[
K \partial^2 \theta = \rho c_v \dot{\theta} + \gamma \dot{\theta} \dot{e}. \tag{16}
\]

With the effects of functionally graded solid, the parameters \( \lambda_e, \lambda_v, \mu_e, \mu_v, \mu, k, \gamma \) and \( \rho \) no longer constant but become space-dependent. Thus we replace \( \lambda_e, \lambda_v, \mu_e, \mu_v, \mu, k, \gamma \) and \( \rho \) by:

\[
\lambda^*_{ef}(x), \lambda^*_{vf}(x), \mu^*_{ef}(x), \mu^*_{vf}(x), K^* \gamma^* \text{ and } \rho^* \text{ respectively, where } \lambda^*_{ef}, \lambda^*_{vf}, \mu^*_{ef}, \mu^*_{vf}, K^* \text{ and } \rho^* \text{ are assumed to be constants and } f(x) \text{ is a given non-dimensional function of space variable } x = x(x, y, z).
\]

Then Eqs. (9)–(11), (13), (15), and (16) take the following form:

\[
J = H_0 \frac{\partial e}{\partial x}. \tag{17}
\]

\[
h = -H_0 e. \tag{18}
\]

\[
E = f(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}. \tag{19}
\]

\[
\sigma_{ij} = f(x) \left[ 2 \left( \mu^*_{ef} + \mu^*_{vf} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) e_j + \left( \lambda^*_{ef} + \lambda^*_{vf} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \delta_{ij} - \gamma^* \delta_{ij} \right]. \tag{20}
\]

\[
f(x) \rho^* \dot{u}_i = f(x) \left[ 2 \left( \mu^*_{ef} + \mu^*_{vf} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) e_j + \left( \lambda^*_{ef} + \lambda^*_{vf} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \delta_{ij} - \gamma^* \delta_{ij} \right] \dot{e}_i. \tag{21}
\]

\[
\left( K^* f(x) \theta \right)_t = \rho^* c_v f(x) \dot{\theta} + \gamma^* \dot{\theta} f(x) \dot{e}. \tag{22}
\]

It is assumed that material properties depend only on the x co-ordinate. So, we can take \( f(x) \) as \( f(x) \).

In the context of linear theory of generalized thermoelasticity based on Green–Naghdi Model II. Eqs. (17)–(22) can be written as:

\[
J = H_0 \frac{\partial e}{\partial x}. \tag{23}
\]

\[
h = -H_0 e. \tag{24}
\]

\[
E = f(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}. \tag{25}
\]

\[
\sigma_{xx} = f(x) \left[ \left( \lambda^*_{ef} + 2 \mu^*_{ef} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \gamma^* \right]. \tag{26}
\]

\[
\rho^* \dot{f}(x) \lambda^*_{ef} = f(x) \left[ \left( \lambda^*_{ef} + 2 \mu^*_{ef} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \gamma^* \right] \frac{\partial \dot{\theta}}{\partial x}. \tag{27}
\]
\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ K' f(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right] = \rho^c c_\varphi f(x) \partial + \gamma^\varphi \partial f(x) \partial. \]  
\[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \left( 1 + e \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + R_H \right) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ (1 + e \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \theta \right]. \]

where
\[ e_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}. \]

Introducing the following non-dimensional variables.
\[ x' = \frac{x}{L}, t' = \frac{t}{c}, \theta' = \frac{\theta}{L}, \sigma'_{xx} = \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{\rho^c c_\varphi}, u' = \frac{u}{L}, \theta' = \frac{\theta}{L}, u_{xx} = \sigma_{xx} f(x') = f(x), \]
\[ f(x') = f(x), h' = \frac{h}{L}, e_{xx} = e_{xx} f(x') = f(x), \mu' = \mu_c, \epsilon' = \frac{1}{2} \mu_c, \]
\[ E = \frac{1}{\rho^c c_\varphi} f' = \frac{1}{h}. \]

where \( L \) is a standard length and \( c \) is a standard speed, and omitting the primes Eqs. (23)-(29) can be re-written in non-dimensional form as:
\[ f = \frac{\partial e}{\partial x}. \]
\[ h = -e \]
\[ E = f(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}. \]
\[ \sigma_{xx} = f(x) \left[ \left( 1 + e \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \theta \right]. \]

Eliminating \( u \) between Eqs. (49) and (50), we obtain the following fourth order equation satisfied by \( \theta \):
\[ (D^4 + a_1 D^3 + a_2 D^2 + a_3 D + a_4) \theta = 0. \]

where
\[ a_1 = -[2c_\varphi (1 + c p) - e_1 R_H] / [e_1 (1 + c p + R_H)] \]
\[ a_2 = [e_1 (1 + c p) - e_2 P (1 + c p + R_H) - e_2 P^2] / [e_1 (1 + c p + R_H)] \]
\[ a_3 = [e_1 (1 + c p + R_H)] / [e_1 (1 + c p + R_H)] \]
\[ a_4 = P^2 / [e_1 (1 + c p + R_H)]. \]

In a similar manner we can show that \( u \) satisfy the equation
\[ (D^4 + a_1 D^3 + a_2 D^2 + a_3 D + a_4) u = 0. \]

Now, we define \( m_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \) as the roots of the characteristic equation
\[ m^4 + a_1 m^3 + a_2 m^2 + a_3 m + a_4 = 0. \]

The solution of Eqs. (53) and (54) can be written as:
\[ \theta = \sum_{i=1}^{4} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]
\[ u = \sum_{i=1}^{4} B_i e^{m_i x}. \]

where \( A_i \) and \( B_i \) are constants which can be determined from boundary conditions.
From Eq. (50) we get:

\[ B_i = \frac{\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2}{\varepsilon_i^2 m_i^2}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4. \]  

(58)

From Eqs. (56)-(58), and (49) we get:

\[ \sigma_{xx} = e^{-\varepsilon x} \sum_{i=1}^{4} (1 \pm \varepsilon p) m_i B_i - A_i \varepsilon e^{m_i x}. \]  

(59)

Finally, we arrived at:

\[ \bar{u} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]  

(60)

\[ \bar{u} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2}{\varepsilon_i^2 m_i^2} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]  

(61)

\[ \sigma_{xx} = e^{-\varepsilon x} \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{(1 \pm \varepsilon p)(\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2) - \varepsilon_4 p^2 A_i}{\varepsilon_i^2 p^2} e^{m_i x}. \]  

(62)

\[ e = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2}{\varepsilon_i^2 p^2} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]  

(63)

\[ j = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{m_i (\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2)}{\varepsilon_i^2 p^2} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]  

(64)

\[ h = -\sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2}{\varepsilon_i^2 p^2} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]  

(65)

\[ \bar{E} = e^{-\varepsilon x} \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{(\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2)}{\varepsilon_i^2 p^2} A_i e^{m_i x}. \]  

(66)

5. Application

We consider the problem of a thick plate of finite height \( h \). Choosing the \( x \)-axis perpendicular to the surface of the plate with the origin coinciding with the lower plate, the region \( \Omega \) under consideration becomes:

\[ \Omega = \{(x, y, z) : 0 < x < h, -\infty < y < \infty, -\infty < z < \infty \}. \]

The surface of the plate is taken to be traction free. The lower plate is subjected to a thermal shock \( \theta = \theta_1 H(t) \). The upper plate is kept at zero temperature.

The boundary conditions of the problem in the transformed domain are:

\[ \bar{u}(o, p) = \frac{\theta_0}{p}. \]  

(67)

\[ \bar{u}(h, p) = 0. \]  

(68)

\[ \bar{\sigma}_{xx}(o, p) = 0. \]  

(69)

\[ \bar{\sigma}_{xx}(h, p) = 0. \]  

(70)

By substituting from Eqs. (67)-(70) into Eqs. (59) and (60) we get:

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{4} A_i = \frac{\theta_0}{p}. \]  

(71)

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{4} A_i \varepsilon_{mb} = 0. \]  

(72)

\[ \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{(1 \pm \varepsilon p)(\varepsilon_1 m_i^2 - \varepsilon_i z m_i - \varepsilon_4 p^2) - \varepsilon_4 p^2 A_i}{\varepsilon_i^2 p^2} e = 0. \]  

(73)

By solving this system of equations for \( A_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) we can complete the solution of our problem.

6. Inversion of the Laplace transforms

In order to invert the Laplace transforms in the above equations we shall use a numerical technique based on Fourier expansions of functions.

Let \( \bar{g}(s) \) be the Laplace transform of a given function \( g(t) \). The inversion formula of Laplace transforms states that

\[ g(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{d-i\infty}^{d+i\infty} e^{-st} \bar{g}(s) ds. \]

where \( d \) is an arbitrary positive constant greater than all the real parts of the singularities of \( \bar{g}(s) \). Taking \( s = d + iy \), we get

\[ g(t) = \frac{e^{dt}}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iy} \bar{g}(d + iy) dy. \]

This integral can be approximated by

\[ g(t) = \frac{e^{dt}}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik\pi/\tau_1} \bar{g}(d + ik\pi/\tau_1). \]

Taking \( \tau_1 = \frac{\pi}{\eta} \), we obtain:

\[ g(t) = \frac{e^{dt}}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bar{g}(d) + \Re \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik\pi/\tau_1} \bar{g}(d + ik\pi/\tau_1) \right) \right]. \]

For numerical purposes this is approximated by the function

\[ g_N(t) = \frac{e^{dt}}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bar{g}(d) + \Re \left( \sum_{k=-N}^{N} (-1)^k \bar{g}(d + ik\pi/\tau_1) \right) \right]. \]

(75)

where \( N \) is a sufficiently large integer chosen such that

\[ \frac{e^{dt}}{T} \Re \left( e^{ik\pi/\tau_1} \bar{g}(d + iN\pi/\tau_1) \right) < \eta \]

where \( \eta \) is a reselected small positive number that corresponds to the degree of accuracy to be achieved. Formula (75) is the numerical inversion formula valid for \( 0 \leq t \leq 2\tau_1 \) [33]. In particular, we choose \( t = \tau_1 \), getting

\[ g_N(t) = \frac{e^{dt}}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \bar{g}(d) + \Re \left( \sum_{k=-N}^{N} (-1)^k \bar{g}(d + ik\pi/\tau_1) \right) \right]. \]

(76)

\[ \theta = 0, \quad x = h \]

Motion of particles

\[ \theta = 0, \quad H(t) \]

Lorentz force

Magnetic field

Fig. 1. The physical meaning of the problem.
7. Numerical results and discussion

To get the solution the thermal displacement, temperature, stress, strain, electric field, magnetic field and electric current in space-time domain we have to apply Laplace inversion formula to the Eqs. (60)-(66). This has been done numerically using a method based on Fourier series expansion technique mentioned above. To get the roots of the characteristic equation (55) we have used DERIVE program. The numerical code has been prepared using Fortran 77 programming language. For the purpose of illustration we consider copper like material with material constants [36,37].

\[
\varepsilon = 2, \varepsilon_2 = 0.0168, \mu_e = 0.448 \times 10^{12} \text{ dyne/cm}^2, \lambda_e = 1.387 \times 10^{12} \text{ dyne/cm}^2, \theta_0 = 1^\circ C.
\]

![Fig. 2. Variation of temperature with distance for different values of \( \alpha \).](image1)

![Fig. 3. Variation of displacement with distance for different values of \( \alpha \).](image2)
In order to study the effect of nonhomogeneity on thermal displacement, temperature, stress, strain, induced electric field and induced magnetic field we now present our results in the form of graphs (Figs. 1–9).

Fig. 2 is plotted to show the variation of temperature against \( x \) for \( \alpha = 0, 0.5 \) and \( t = 0.4, 0.6 \). It is observed from this figure as time \( t \) increase the magnitude of temperature increase, also we can notice that as the value of \( \alpha \) increase the magnitude of the temperature decrease for fixed time \( t = 0.4 \) and ultimately \( \theta \) approach to zero value.

Fig. 3 is plotted to show the variation of thermal displacement against \( x \) for \( \alpha = 0, 0.5 \) and \( t = 0.4, 0.6 \). It is observed from this figure as time \( t \) increase the magnitude of displacement increase, also we notice that as the value of the nonhomogeneity parameter \( \alpha \) decreases the peak of the thermal displacement decreases.

Fig. 4 shows the variation of thermal displacement \( u \) against \( x \) for \( t = 0.4, \alpha = 0.5 \) and for different values of \( R_H \). It is observed from this figure some difference in values of displacement is noticed for different value of the parameter \( R_H \) and on the lower plate, the values of displacement increase in the absence of magnetic field.

Fig. 5 is plotted to show variation of thermal stress versus distance \( x \). Here the stress takes negative values for \( \alpha = 0, 0.5 \) and the magnitude of stress increases as \( \alpha \) decrease.

Fig. 6 is plotted to show variation of thermal stress \( \sigma_{xx} \) versus distance \( x \) for \( t = 0.4, \alpha = 0.5 \) and for different values of \( R_H \). Some
difference in the values of the thermal stress is noticed for different values of \( R_H \).

Fig. 7 gives the variation of thermal strain \( e \) against distance \( x \). The strain takes positive values in the region \( 0 < x < 0.15 \) (\( \alpha = 0 \)), \( 0 < x < 0.01 \) (\( \alpha = 0.5 \)) and then negative value and finally diminishes to zero. The effect of nonhomogeneity is observed in the region \( 0.1 < x < 0.9 \).

Fig. 8 gives the variation of thermal strain \( e \) against distance \( x \) for \( t = 0.4 \), \( \alpha = 0.5 \) and for different values of \( R_H \). Some differences in the values of strain are noticed for different values of \( R_H \). We can see that, the absolute value of the maximum point of the strain increase in the absence of magnetic field, (i.e., the magnetic field causes decreasing in the values of the strain).

Fig. 9 shows the variation of induced electric field \( E \) against distance \( x \). The effect of nonhomogeneity is observed in the region \( 0.1 < x < 0.4 \).

Fig. 10 shows the variation of induced magnetic field \( h \) against distance \( x \). It is seen from the figure that as the value of \( x \) increase the magnitude of the induced magnetic field \( h \) also increase for fixed time \( t = 0.4 \) and ultimately \( h \) approach to zero value.

8. Conclusions

A methodology has been presented for the transient thermoelastic analysis of functionally graded perfect conducting materials.
in the presence of a constant magnetic field. The presence of the nonhomogeneity parameter \( \alpha \) has significant effect on the solutions of the non-dimensional temperature, displacement, stress, strain, induced electric field, and induced magnetic field distributions. It is observed that with the decrease of magnitude of the nonhomogeneity parameter the solution approaches to solution corresponding to the homogeneous problem and when the nonhomogeneity parameter \( \alpha = 0 \), the results tally in magnitude with the corresponding results of Chandrasekharaiah and Srinath \[38\] and Ezzat et al. \[39\].

The important phenomenon observed in the problem under consideration, where the medium is of infinite extent is that the solution of any of the considered function for the GN theories vanishes identically outside a bounded region of space. This demonstrates clearly the difference between the coupled and generalized theories of thermoelasticity. In the first and older theory the waves propagate with infinite speeds, so the value of any of the functions is not identically zero (though it may be very small) for any large value of \( x \). In the generalized theory the response to the thermal effects does not reach infinity instantaneously but remains in a bounded region of space that expands with the passing of time \[40\].

The non-dimensional coefficient of the magnetic field \( R_H \) acts to decrease the displacement, the strain and the magnitude of the stress component. This is mainly due to the fact that the magnetic field corresponds to term signifying positive force that tends to

Fig. 8. Variation of strain with distance for different values of \( R_H \).

Fig. 9. Variation of induced electric field with distance for different values of \( \alpha \).
accelerate the charge carriers [41] and when \( R_\mu = 0 \) indicates the situation of the absence of magnetic field [32,42].

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