

**Magneto-convection around an elliptic cylinder placed in a lid-driven square enclosure
subjected to internal heat generation or absorption**

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Abstract

The impacts of MHD and heat generation/absorption on lid-driven convective fluid flow occasioned by a lid-driven square enclosure housing an elliptic cylinder have been investigated numerically. The elliptic cylinder and the horizontal enclosure boundaries were insulated and the left vertical lid-driven wall was experienced at a fixed hot temperature, and the right wall was exposed to a fixed cold temperature. COMSOL Multiphysics 5.6 software was used to resolve the non-dimensional equations governing flow physics. A set of parameters such as Hartmann number ($0 \leq Ha \leq 50$), Reynolds number ($10^2 \leq Re \leq 10^3$), Grashof number ($10^2 \leq Gr \leq 10^5$), heat generation-absorption parameter ($-3 \leq J \leq 3$), and elliptical cylinder aspect ratio ($1.0 \leq AR \leq 3.0$) have been investigated. The current study discovered that for low Reynolds number, the adiabatic cylinder aspect ratio of 2.0 provided the optimum heat transfer enhancement for the model investigated, also, the impact of cylinder size diminishes beyond $Gr=10^4$. But for high Reynolds ($Re=1000$), the size of the cylinder with $AR=3.0$ offered the highest heat transfer augmentation. The clockwise flow circulation reduces because of an increase in aspect ratio, which

hinders the flow circulation. In addition, heat absorption supports heat transfer augmentation while heat generation can suppress heat transfer improvement.

Keywords: Elliptic cylinder, Hartmann number, heat generation, absorption, Magneto-Convection.

Nomenclature

a Semi-major axis
AR Aspect ratio
b Semi-minor axis [m]
 B_o Magnetic induction [Tesla]
g Acceleration due to gravity [m/s^2]
Ha Hartmann number
J Dimensionless heat generation coefficient
k Thermal conductivity [W/mK]
L Dimensionless height of the enclosure
Nu local Nusselt number
 \overline{Nu} Average Nusselt number
p dimensional pressure [Nm^{-2}]
P dimensionless pressure
Pr Prandtl number
 Q_o Heat generation or absorption coefficient
Ra Rayleigh number

Re Reynolds number
T Dimensional temperature [K]
 T_c Dimensional cold wall temperature [K]
 T_h Dimensional hot wall temperature [K]
u,v Dimensional velocity components [ms^{-1}]
U,V dimensionless velocity components
x,y dimensional Cartesian coordinates [m]
X,Y dimensionless Cartesian coordinates

Greek Symbols

α thermal diffusivity [m^2s^{-1}]
 ν kinematic Viscosity [m^2s^{-1}]
 σ Electrical conductivity [Sm^{-1}]
 ρ density [kgm^{-3}]
 φ dimensionless temperature
 Ψ dimensionless stream function

1 Introduction

Mixed convection in enclosures of various configurations has captured numerous researchers' interest over the years owing to its broad technological engagements such as in the cooling of electronic devices, nuclear reactors, chemical processing equipment, lubricating grooves, and in the manufacturing of float glass and coating. Some of the previous works done on mixed convective heat transfer are captured in [1-6]. Olayemi et al. [7] considered lid-driven convective flow in a square cavity exposed to different modes of heating and submitted that the maximum heat transfer took place close to the lower wall of the domain considered with the occurrence of the highest value of mid-plane flow velocity at $y=0.4$. Khan et al. [8] analyzed lid-driven convective flow in a trapezoidal configuration housing a cylinder that was subjected to rotary motion. Reports from the analysis show that for large wall orientation angle when the Grashof number is lowered the heat transfer rate decreases. Yang and Farouk [9] researched mixed convective flow in a circular

domain equipped with a heated rotating square cylinder. The report opined that as the inner-to-outer cylinder ratio increases, Nu decreases. Chamkha et al. [10] reported studies on the inner rotary motion that occurred in a porous cavity. According to their findings, the average and local heat transfer coefficients rise when the cylinder approaches either the upper or lower regions of the domain considered.

Olayemi et al. [11] considered buoyancy-dependent flow in a square domain which housed a heated rectangular obstacle; the assessment conducted revealed that at $AR=0.1$, the Nu_{av} is invariant at the orientation of 0° and 90° . Ismael et al. [12] analyzed mixed convective flow in a porous domain containing two spinning cylinders. The study revealed that the local heat transfer coefficient is a direct function of Ra . Khajeh et al. [13] considered lid-driven convective heat transfer of Al_2O_3 on elliptical configurations with entropy generation incorporated. They showed that in the presence of irreversibility, heat transfer augmentation was achieved. Saieed et al. [14] numerically investigated an inclined circular enclosure driven by buoyancy in the existence of an elliptic heat source. It was reported that at high Ra values, the heat transfer rates improved as the inner cylinder inclination angle increased. The influence of internal heat-generating elliptic block in a porous lid-propelled square domain was examined by Bhuiyan and Munshi [15]. For high values of Darcy and Gasthof numbers, it was observed that streamlines and isotherms were completely dispersed throughout the domain analyzed.

Alam et al. [16] evaluated mixed convective flow in a cavity that was exposed to Joule heating. The study has it that as the Ra increases, the local heat transfer coefficient amplifies. Chamkha et al. [17] examined mixed convective flow under the influence of a magnetic field and entropy generation effects of nanofluid in a porous enclosure. The investigation showed that the heat transport strength was found to reduce with magnetic field improvement. The work of Mahfoud et al. [18] looked at the impacts of MHD on the thermal and flow profiles within coaxial cylinders that have been heated from the bottom. Hu [19] used the lattice Boltzmann approach to study the impact of the movement of an elliptical particle in a square enclosure propelled by the lid. It was reported that the vortex location within the enclosure relies on Re and that the elliptical particle inertia-imposed circle limits its motion profile. Chamkha [20] considered the convective flow of fluid in a vertical lid-driven enclosure under MHD mode with internal heat production or

absorption. Heat generation/absorption parameters and strength of magnetic field effects on heat transfer enhancement were extensively discussed.

Rahman et al. [21] numerically investigated Joule heating influence on mixed convection in an unenclosed channel under the influence of a magnetic field with the bottom wall heated by a heating element. Their findings revealed that the Joule heating parameter could be utilized to adjust the thermal and flow profiles when the Rayleigh number is high. Mondal et al. [22] evaluated partial wall motion influence in a permeable cavity containing Cu–H₂O nanofluid with a heating element positioned at the center. It was theorized that the heat transfer increased crucially for higher Richardson number and high nanofluid volume fractions. Alam et al. [23] reviewed *Ra* influence on mixed convection in a square geometry having an undulating wall. Rajarathinam et al. [24] investigated the thermal characteristics in an oriented porous cavity containing Cu-H₂O nanofluid. They found that the thermal profile improved with Darcy number and volume fraction of nanofluid. Nosonov and Sheremet [25] in the presence of a local heater considered mixed convective fluid flow in a rectangular domain. It was revealed that growth in Richardson number resulted in forced flow deformation.

El Moutaouakil et al. [26] employed the lattice Boltzmann approach to simulate buoyancy flow around a cylinder of hexagonal cross-section located in a square configuration. It was reported that the number of convective cells formed is governed by the size of the hexagon and Rayleigh number. Soomro et al. [27] explored MHD mixed convection in a triangular domain having a circular barrier. Both the thermal and fluid profiles were found to be a function of wall motion and the barrier situated in the enclosure. Taamneh and Bataineh [28] analyzed the thermal characteristics in a square cavity containing Al₂O₃-H₂O nanofluid and driven by the lid. The study has it that nanoparticle addition to base fluid improved the thermal profile of the flow. Xiong et al. [29] analyzed obstacle location influence on thermal and fluid flow characteristics in a triangular domain; it was opined that Richardson number improvement amplified the rate of transfer of heat. Moreover, Al-Farhany and Abdulsahib [30] in a two-layered nanofluid and saturated porous media considered mixed convective flow in a square domain containing an inner cylinder which is subjected to rotary motion. The study demonstrated that the Nusselt number improved with Rayleigh number improvement. Similar results were reported for a previous study by Abdulsahib and Al-Farhany [31] for high Darcy numbers. Deb et al. [32] numerically analyzed a lid-driven cavity housing an elliptical barrier subjected to Joule heating. Adekeye et al. [33] simulated the

effects of both fluid properties and some selected geometrical parameters on magnetohydrodynamic convective flow in a tilted porous elliptical enclosure exposed to localized heating. It was opined that the flow circulation decreased with growth in Hartmann number. Toghraie and Shirani [34] simulated lid-driven convective flow occurring in a cavity. It was inferred that Richardson number improvement enhanced heat transfer. Das et al. [35] reviewed the strategies that have been employed by researchers to augment heat transfer in both forced and mixed convective heat transfer scenarios in different geometries. Padhi et al. [36] analyzed mixed convective flow in a cavity with regard to the formation of eddies. It was established that magnetic field strength improvement resulted in the velocity profiles being subdued thus giving rise to recirculation sections. Alomari et al. [37] analyzed MHD impacts on a trapezoidal cavity containing hybrid nanofluid. The trapezium was exposed to sinusoidal heating from below. In the study, Nu_{av} improved directly with both Ra and hybrid volume fraction improvement, but inversely with the Ha . Venkatadri et al. [38] considered mixed convective flow in a square domain having its left vertical wall subjected to central heating.

Based on the literature search conducted, the uniqueness of the current work is that mixed magneto-convection in a square enclosure equipped with internal heat generation or absorption modes and containing an adiabatic elliptic cylinder has not been considered previously. This investigation contributes to heat transfer augmentation without accruing extra energy and materials particularly for low Re flow regimes. Additionally, the heat transfer profile of the current investigation underpins the import of dimensionless numbers such as Hartmann number, adiabatic barrier aspect ratio, heat generation/absorption parameter on the mechanism of transport of laminar combined convection in shear and buoyancy-driven enclosure. The current study finds practical significance in microelectronic devices, solar and nuclear reactor technologies, geothermal energy systems among others.

2 Methodology

2.1 Description of the Physical Model

Figure 1 illustrates a two-dimensional representation of the physical model employed for the current investigation. The model consists of an elliptic cylinder centered in a square enclosure with an aspect ratio of ($AR = \frac{a}{b}$); where a is the length of the major axis and b is the minor axis of the

ellipse. The space created by the elliptic cylinder and the enclosure is filled with a heat-conducting or absorbing fluid subjected to magnetic influence. The enclosure's flow is taken to be laminar and driven by a mixed convective mechanism. The walls of the elliptic cylinder and the horizontal boundaries of the domain are insulated. The left and right boundaries of the model are sustained at fixed thermal values of T_h and T_c respectively. The density changes were accounted for by the Boussinesq model, and fluid properties are assumed constant. No-slip velocity was imposed on all the walls except the left vertical wall, which was assumed a lid-driven wall.

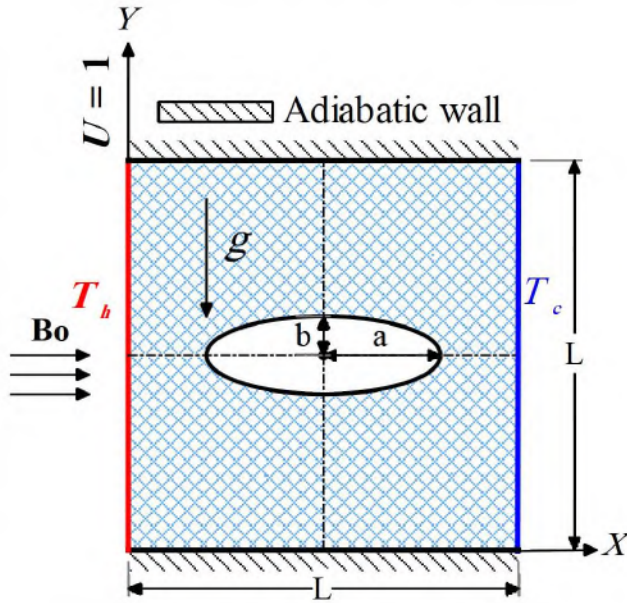


Figure 1: Geometry

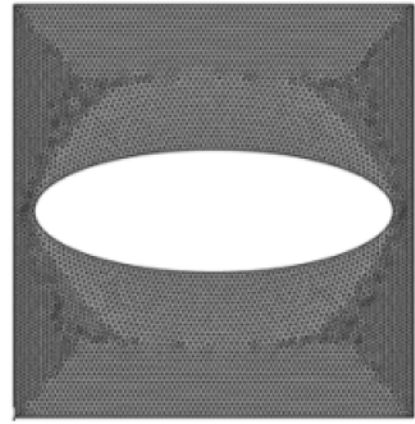


Figure 2: Mesh Distribution

2.2 Governing equations

The equations of interest in dimensionless forms are as follows:

Continuity [16, 21]:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Momentum transport equations:

X-direction:

$$U \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial X} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial Y^2} \right] \quad (2)$$

Y-direction:

$$U \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial Y} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial Y} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial Y^2} \right] + \frac{Ra}{Re^2 Pr} \varphi - \frac{Ha^2}{Re} V \quad (3)$$

Energy transport equation:

$$U \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial X} + V \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial Y} = \frac{1}{Re Pr} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial Y^2} \right) + \frac{J}{Re Pr} \quad (4)$$

Transformation parameters

$$X = \frac{x}{L}, Y = \frac{y}{L}, U = \frac{u}{u_o}, V = \frac{v}{u_o}, \varphi = \frac{T-T_c}{T_h-T_c}, P = \frac{p}{\rho u_o^2}, Pr = \frac{v}{\alpha}$$

$$J = \frac{Q_o L^2}{\alpha \rho c_p}, Ra = \frac{\rho g \beta (T_h - T_c) L^3}{\mu \alpha}, Re = \frac{U_o L}{v}, Ha = B_o L \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho v}} \quad (5)$$

2.3 Modeling Procedure

COMSOL 5.6 Multiphysics software was employed for the current investigation. The heat transfer and fluid flow settings in COMSOL Multiphysics were employed to simulate the problem. The generation was achieved by employing the free quadrilateral mesh using different parameters such as AR , Ha , J , Re , and Gr . The meshed computational domain was approximated with the $P_1 + P_2$ interpolation function while the temperature field was discretized by Galerkin's method. To circumvent the requirement of having to stabilize the convective term in momentum equations, the meshes used were finely resolved. Local numerical instabilities were resolved by adding artificial diffusion via the Streamline Upwind Petrov Galerkin's method and the segregated parametric solver was used for the thermal and flow characteristics variables. Biconjugate gradient stabilized iterative method solver was employed for the thermal and fluid flow modules of the commercial software used, Selimefendigil et al. [39].

3. Nusselt number evaluation

The heat transfer along the solid vertical boundaries is calculated by following Radhi [40]; hence, the local and mean Nusselt numbers are expressed respectively by:

$$Nu_L = -k \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial X} \quad (6) \quad \overline{Nu} = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L Nu_L dY \quad (7)$$

4. Stream function

The flow motion of the fluid within the annulus of the geometry analyzed is delineated using stream function (Ψ) and it is defined from the velocity components U and V as follows: [41, 42]

$$U = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial Y}, \quad V = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial X} \quad (8)$$

While the stream function equation is defined by equation (9):

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial Y^2} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial X} \quad (9)$$

5. Validation

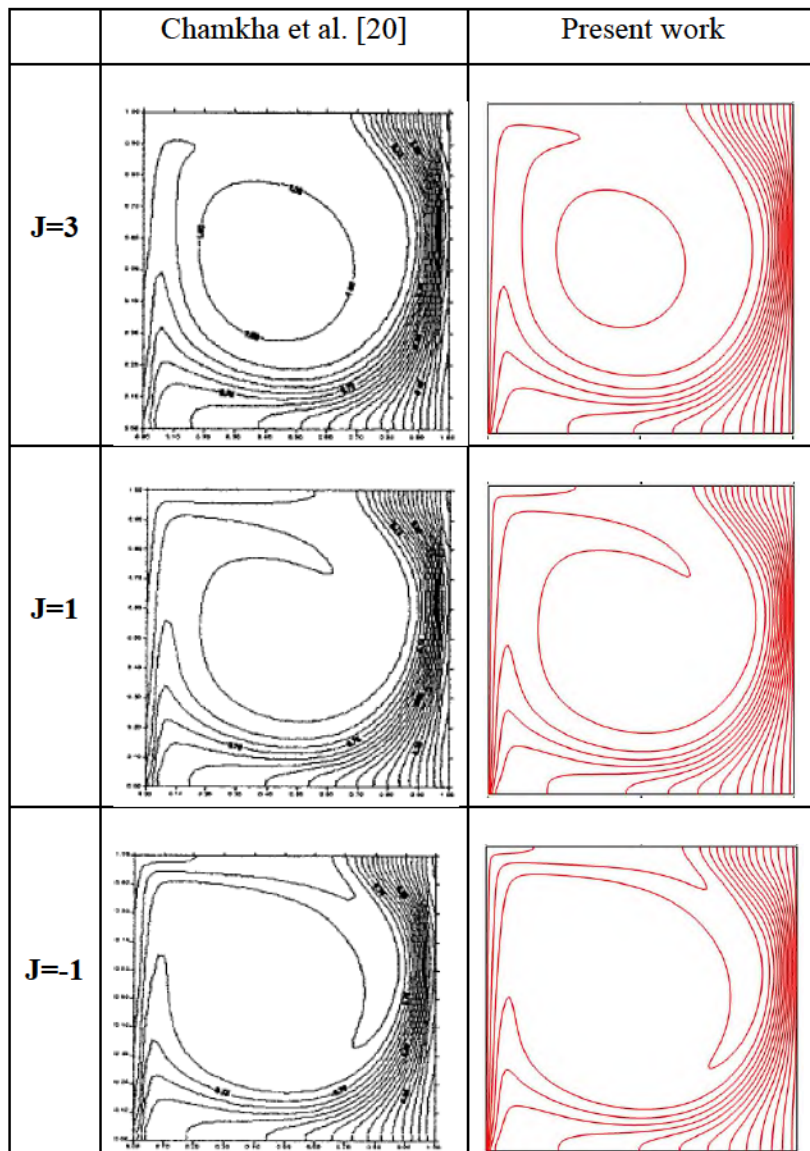
The integrity of the mesh quality selected was verified by carrying out grid independence examinations for various mesh sizes on \overline{Nu} of the vertical lid-driven wall as displayed in Table 1. As a trade-off between the costs of computing, numerical stability, and enhanced field resolution, extra fine mesh size was adopted for all the numerical experiments performed in this investigation as shown in Figure 2. Additionally, the code used for the present study was inspected by comparing the results of the \overline{Nu} gotten from the analysis of a differentially heated square enclosure whose vertical walls were subjected to insulation in the absence of the adiabatic cylinder with previous works under the same thermal boundary conditions. The results are delineated in Table 2 and it aligns with those of [43-45]. Furthermore, the response of isotherms from the current investigation to heat generation/absorption parameters are compared with those of Chamkha [20] in Figure 3 and the isotherms show good congruence.

Table 1: Grid independence test of \overline{Nu} on the heated vertical lid-driven wall for $Gr=10^2$, $Re=1000$, $AR=3$, $J=0$, and $Ha=0$.

Size of Mesh	Mesh elements	Mean Nusselt number	% Absolute deviation from mean value of \overline{Nu}
Coarse	3228	8.15	1.092
Normal	4262	8.16	0.971
Fine	5094	8.19	0.607
Finer	6592	8.18	0.728
Extra fine	17278	8.22	0.243
Extremely fine	61046	8.54	3.640

Table 2: Comparison of the \overline{Nu} on the top wall of the cavity for $Pr = 0.71$ and $Gr = 10^2$ with those in literature.

Re	Nu		
	100	400	1000
Khanafer and Chamkha [43]	1.94	3.84	6.33
Iwatsu et al. [44]	2.01	3.91	6.33
Ali et al. [45]	1.93	3.91	6.31
Present work	2.03	3.99	6.21



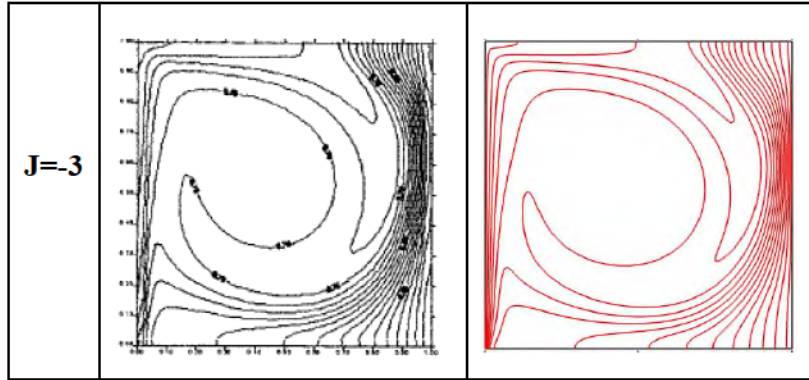


Figure 3: Comparison between the current study (right) with Chamkha et al. [20] study (left) in terms of the effect of the heat generation/absorption on isotherms.

6. Results and discussion

Under this section, the findings for mixed convective heat transfer of a fluid ($Pr=0.71$) that is capable of generating/absorbing heat in the presence of an adiabatic elliptic obstacle positioned in a square domain under the existence of a magnetic field are presented

6.1 Effects of J , AR , and Ha on Isotherm and stream function

Figures 4-8 display the isothermal plots for the present study where J varies from -3 to +3, Ha from 0 to 50 and AR from 1.0 to 3.0 while $Gr=100$ and $Re=1000$. The lines of isotherm near the cavity right wall are closely crowded for all cases, indicating that the temperature gradient around the right wall of the enclosure is steep. In regions that are away from the right wall of the enclosure, the gradient of temperature there is thin because the contour lines are farther apart, this occurrence of the steep gradient is due to the boisterous influence of the shear-driven circulations. The magnetic field influence is such that it inhibits the convective heat transfer mechanism as the isothermal lines are observed to become increasingly parallel to the wall driven by the lid; the heat transport mode in this region is largely due to conduction. When $J=0$, the highest temperature was observed to be on the left wall but as the internal heat generation surges ($J > 0$), the boundary layer assumes more prominence along the vertical boundaries of the enclosure with the maximum temperature drifting from the heated left wall to the isothermal contour lines immediately ahead of the diabatic cylinder; this observation is because the hot fluid that gets to the top insulated wall and those immediately around the adiabatic cylinder are not able to reject heat. However, for the heat absorption ($J < 0$) scenario, the maximum temperatures are observed to be very close to the

hot left wall thereby allowing for a higher heat transport rate. Also, as the magnetic influence (Ha) improves, the adjacent fluid temperatures in the enclosure around the vertical walls approximate the temperature of the respective walls that they are close to thereby reducing the extent of heat transfer enhancement. Finally, as the AR of the adiabatic cylinder increases, the convective force influence improved as seen in the pattern of distribution of the isothermal lines, as a consequence of this, the rate of heat transfer is enhanced.

Figures 9-13 summarize the effects of varying values of J , H , and AR on the stream function plots for $Gr=100$ and $Re=1000$. For all the stream function plots, the lid-driven hot left wall resulted in the clockwise rotation of main cells and anticlockwise rotation of small corner cells. Because the left moving wall is hot, the shear force and buoyancy force enhance the activity of the recirculation cells. Furthermore, for each of the aspect ratios considered, the effect of a fixed value of applied magnetic force (Ha) for various J values on the stream function is negligible, this shows that Q_o has no major consequence on the secondary flow profile. However, as Ha (strength of magnetic field) increases for a fixed value of J , the strengths of both the primary and secondary circulations decrease, this is because the Lorentz force (which is produced by the interplay of the electrically conducting flowing fluid and the magnetic field) acts as a current inhibitor. Additionally, when $Ha = 50$ for $AR \leq 2.0$, the secondary circulation around the upper right corner of the square cavity vanishes as a result of further reduction in flow velocity because of the resistance offered by the magnetic force to flow. At $Ha = 0$ and 10 , for $2.0 \leq AR \leq 3.0$, there is the formation of a minor cell within the main cell on the lower portion of the ellipse which rotates in a clockwise fashion, but these soon disappear for $Ha > 10$; this observation could be due to the fact that increase in Ha and AR impede flow velocity.

6.2. Influence of aspect ratio (AR) on \overline{Nu}

Figures 14 a and b delineate the plots of \overline{Nu} on the hot wall against Grashof number for various aspect ratios of the adiabatic cylinder in the absence of magnetic force ($Ha=0$), heat sink, and heat source ($J=0$). For all the plots, the \overline{Nu} of the hot wall improves with the growth of Grashof number. For Figure 14a, the highest heat transfer augmentation occurred when the adiabatic cylinder axis ratio is 2.0 while the least heat transfer occurred at an axis ratio of 3.0. The observed trend could be because at $Re=100$, for the range of Grashof numbers considered, convection predominates,

and additionally, the temperature difference between the hot wall at $AR=3.0$ and the adjoining fluid becomes marginal; hence the heat that would be transferred under this condition should reduce. However, in Figure 14b, heat transfer augmentation improves with the growth of adiabatic cylinder aspect ratio; this is so because forced convection predominates and therefore the effect of shear force on the hot wall was able to significantly impose a wide temperature gradient between the hot wall and the adjacent fluid.

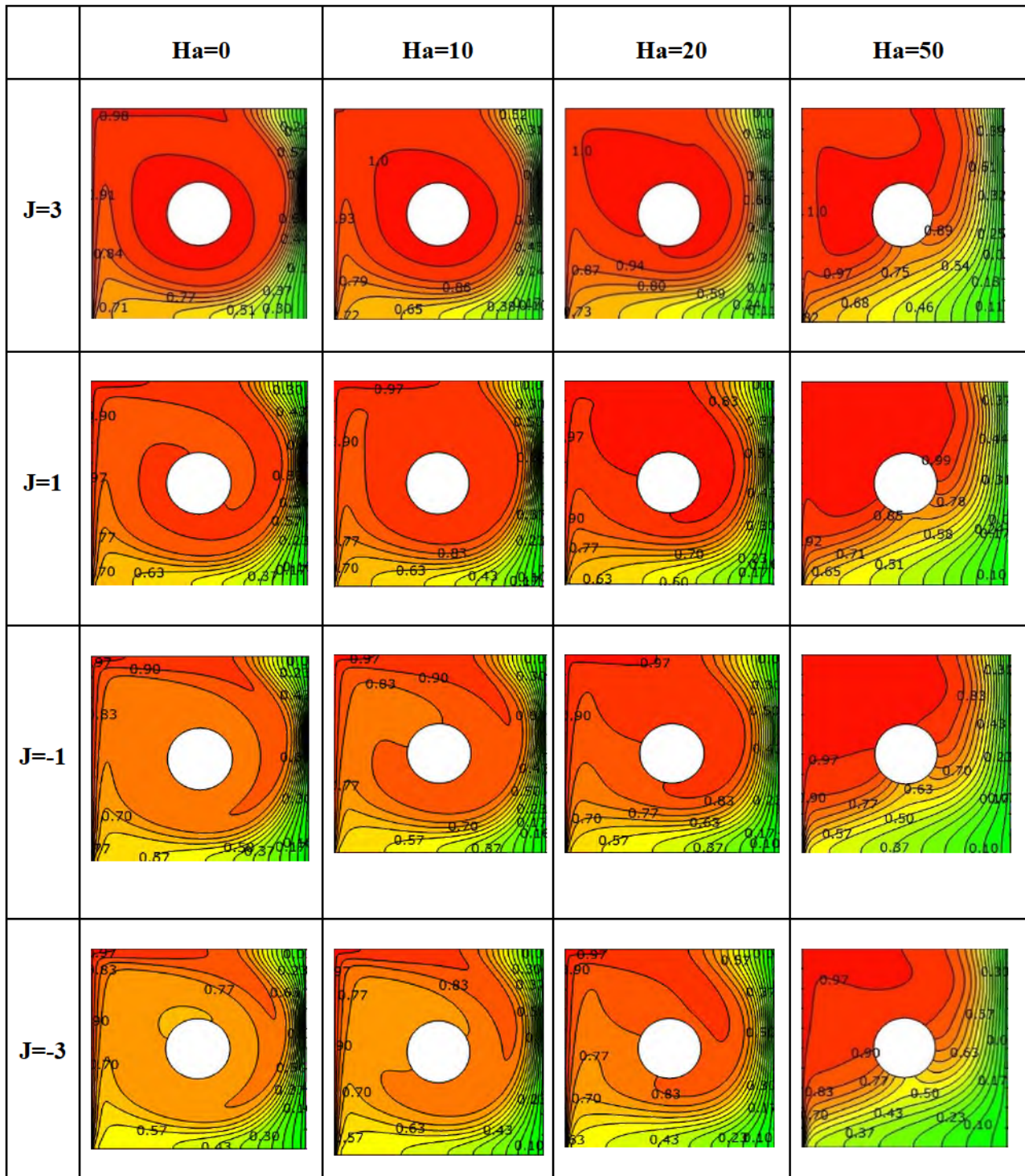


Figure 4: Effects of J and Ha on isothermal contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$ and $AR=1.0$

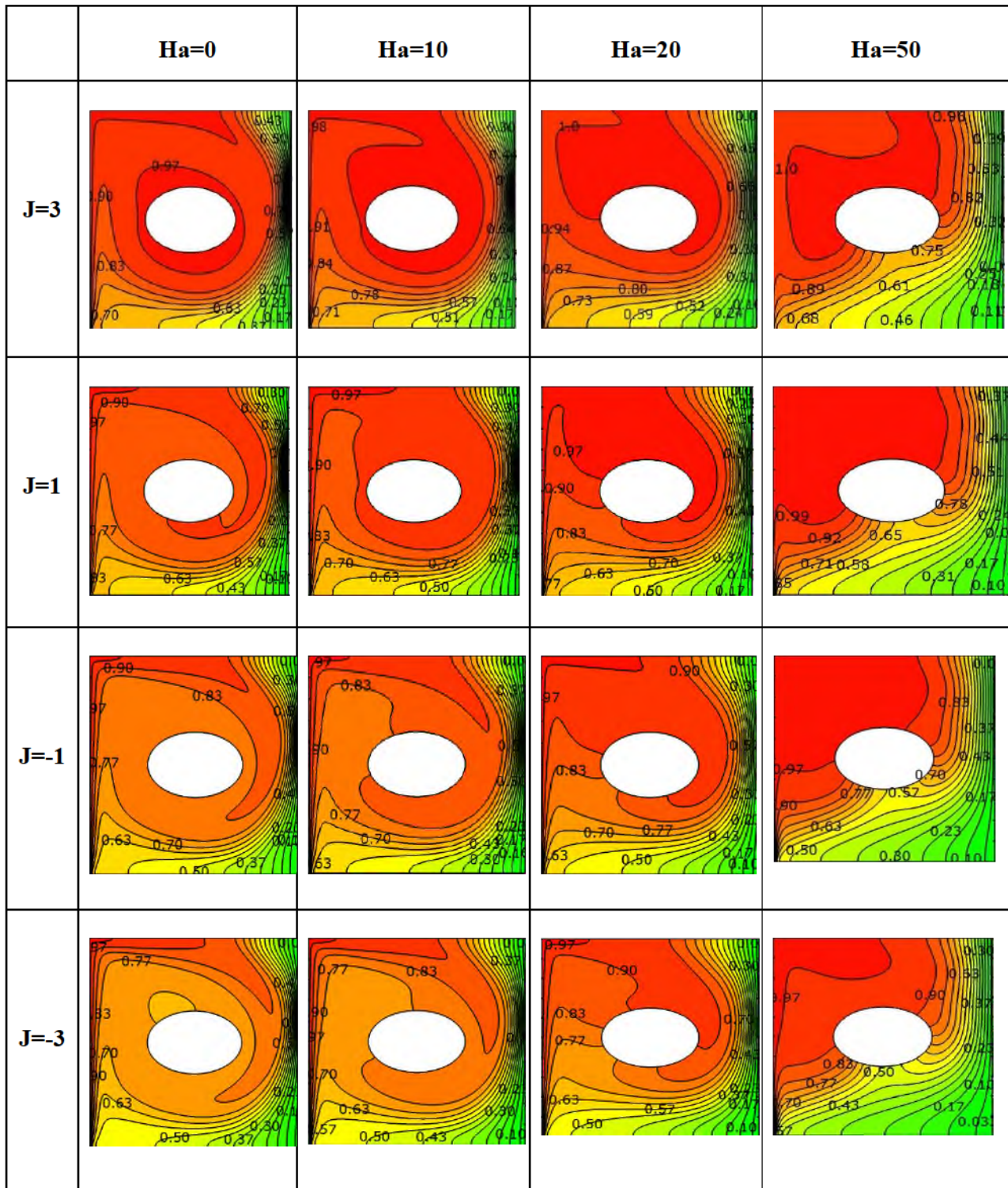


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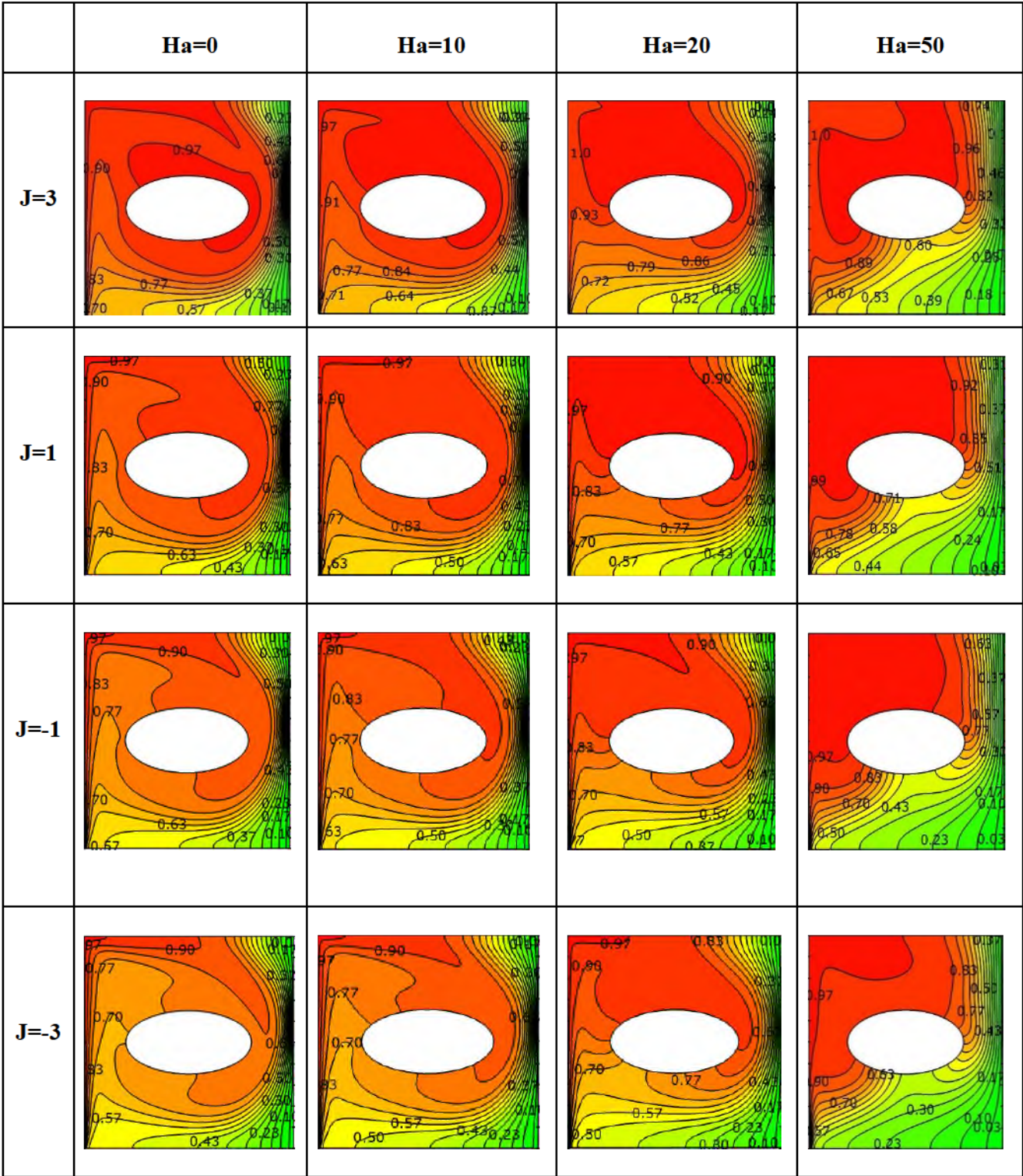


Figure 6: Effects of J and Ha on isothermal contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$ and $AR=2.0$

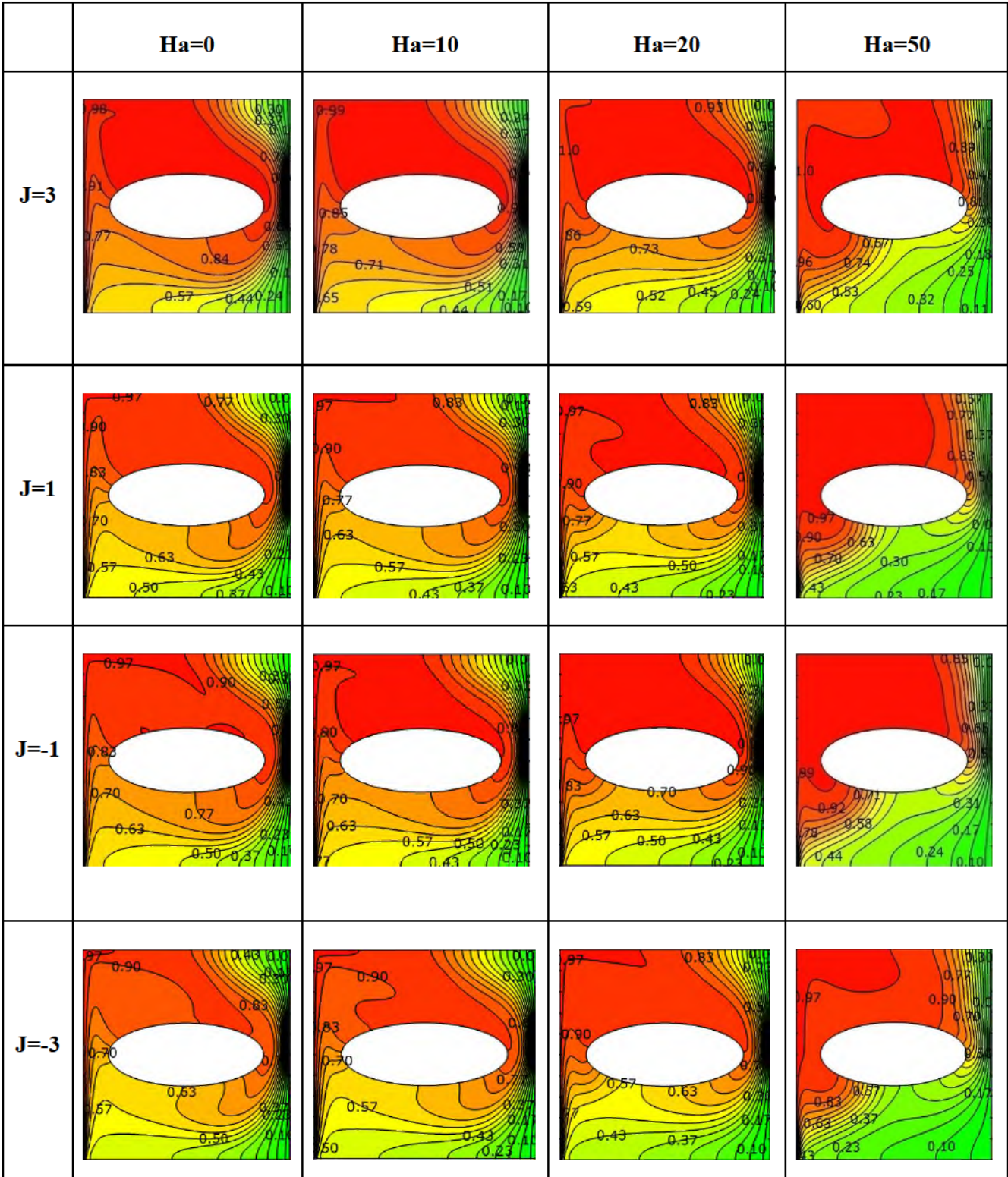


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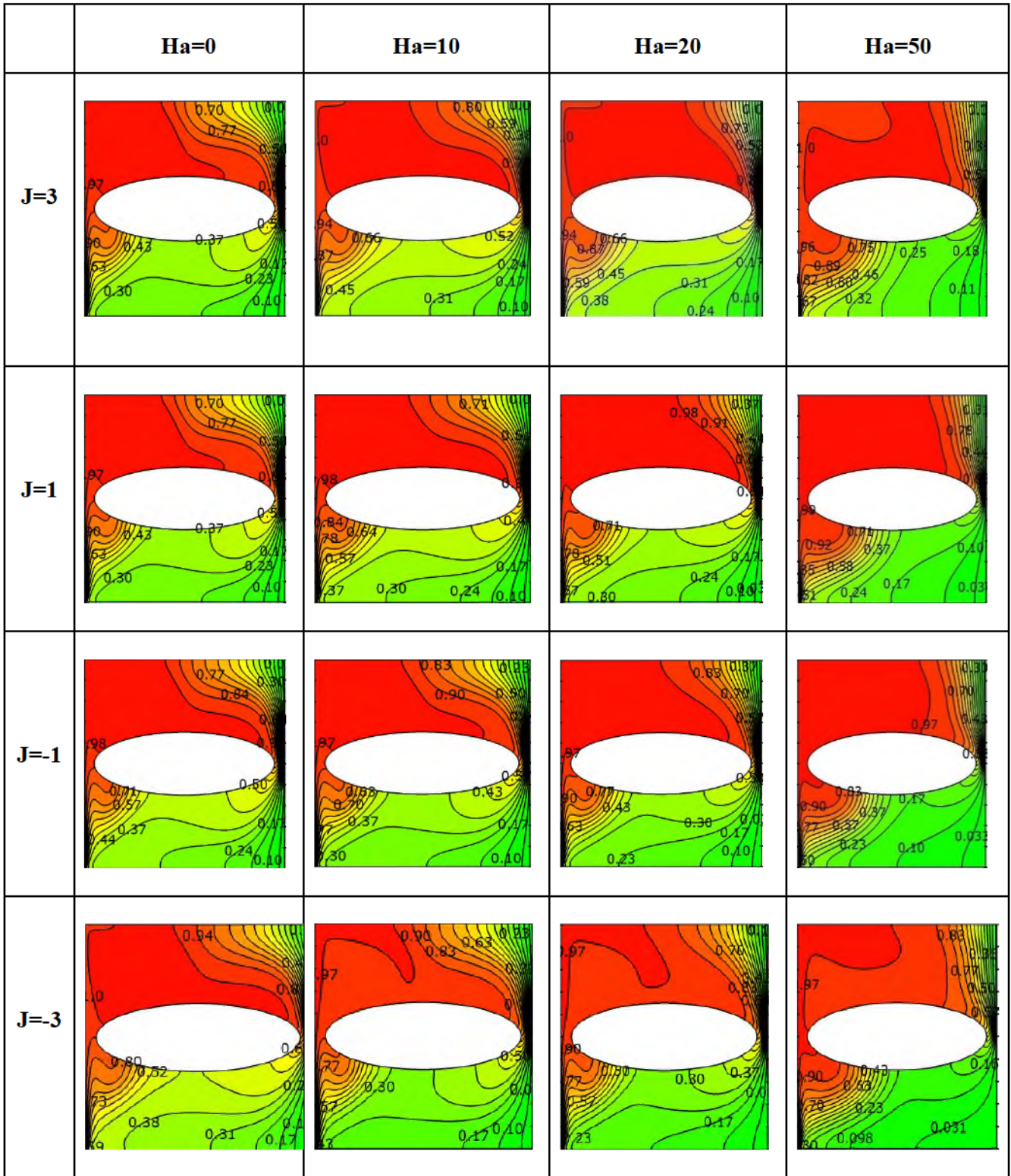


Figure 8: Effects of J and Ha on isothermal contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$ and $AR=3.0$

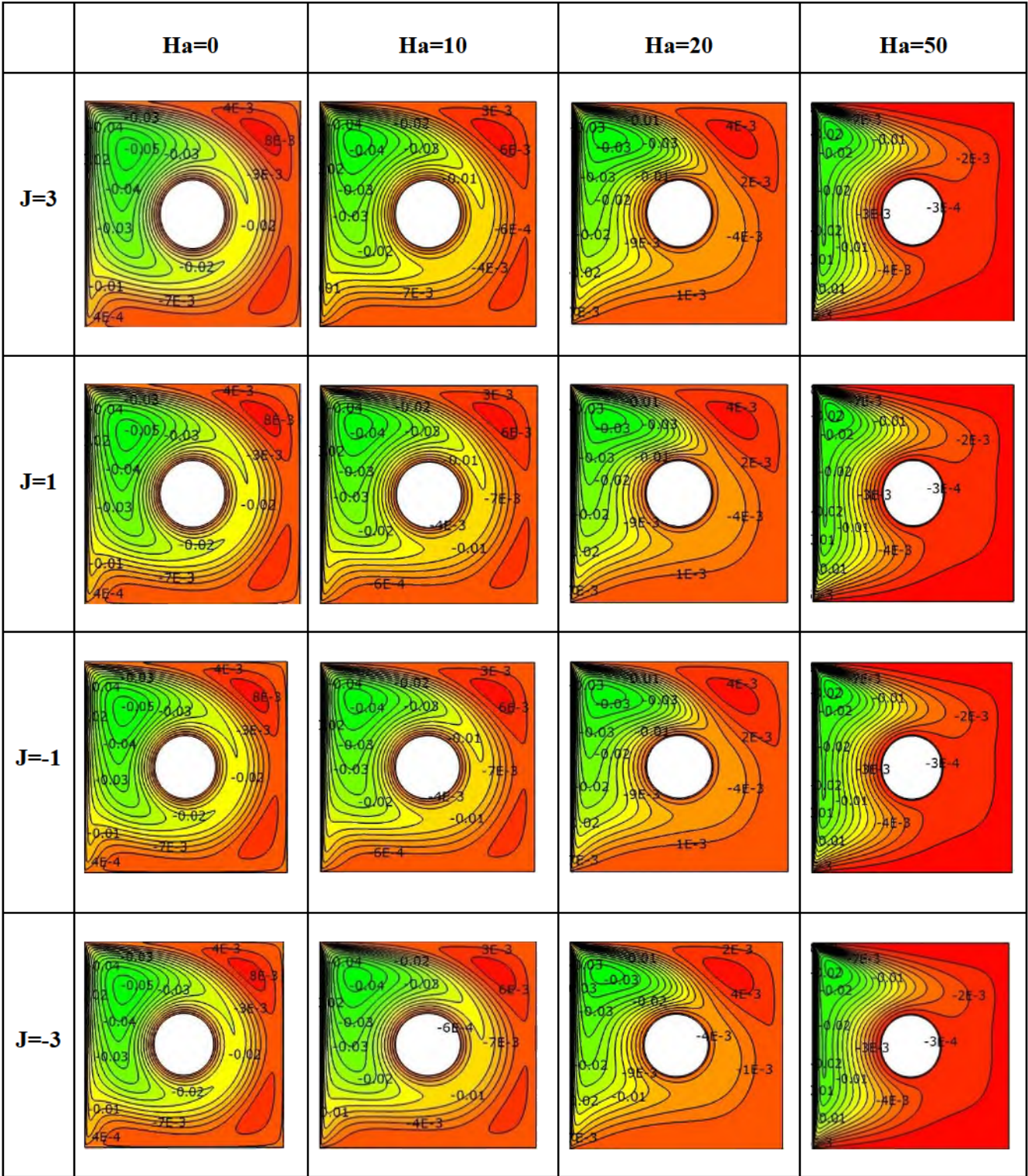


Figure 9: Influence of J and Ha on stream function contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$, and $AR=1.0$

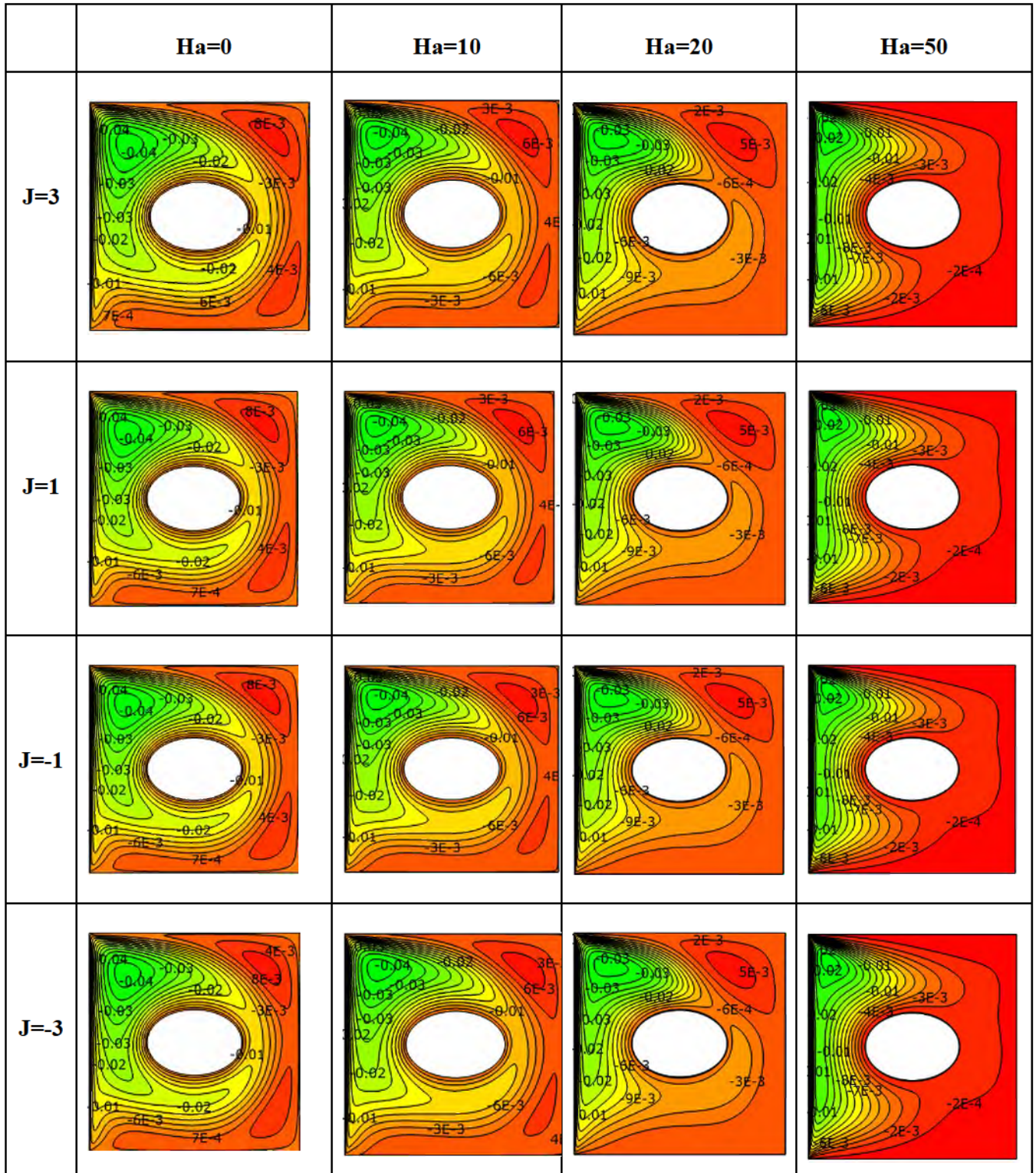


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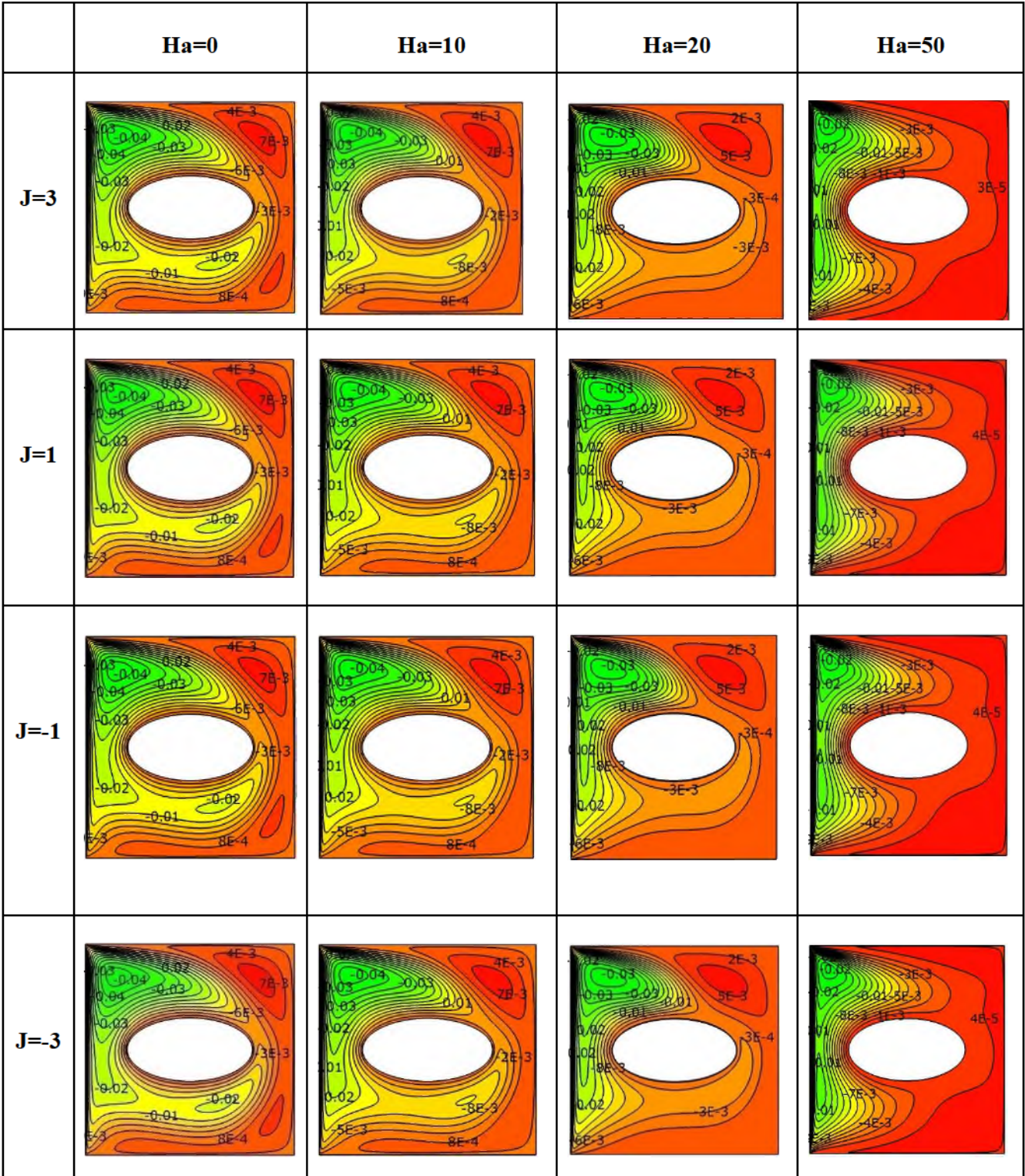


Figure 11: Influence of J and Ha on stream function contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$, and $AR=2.0$

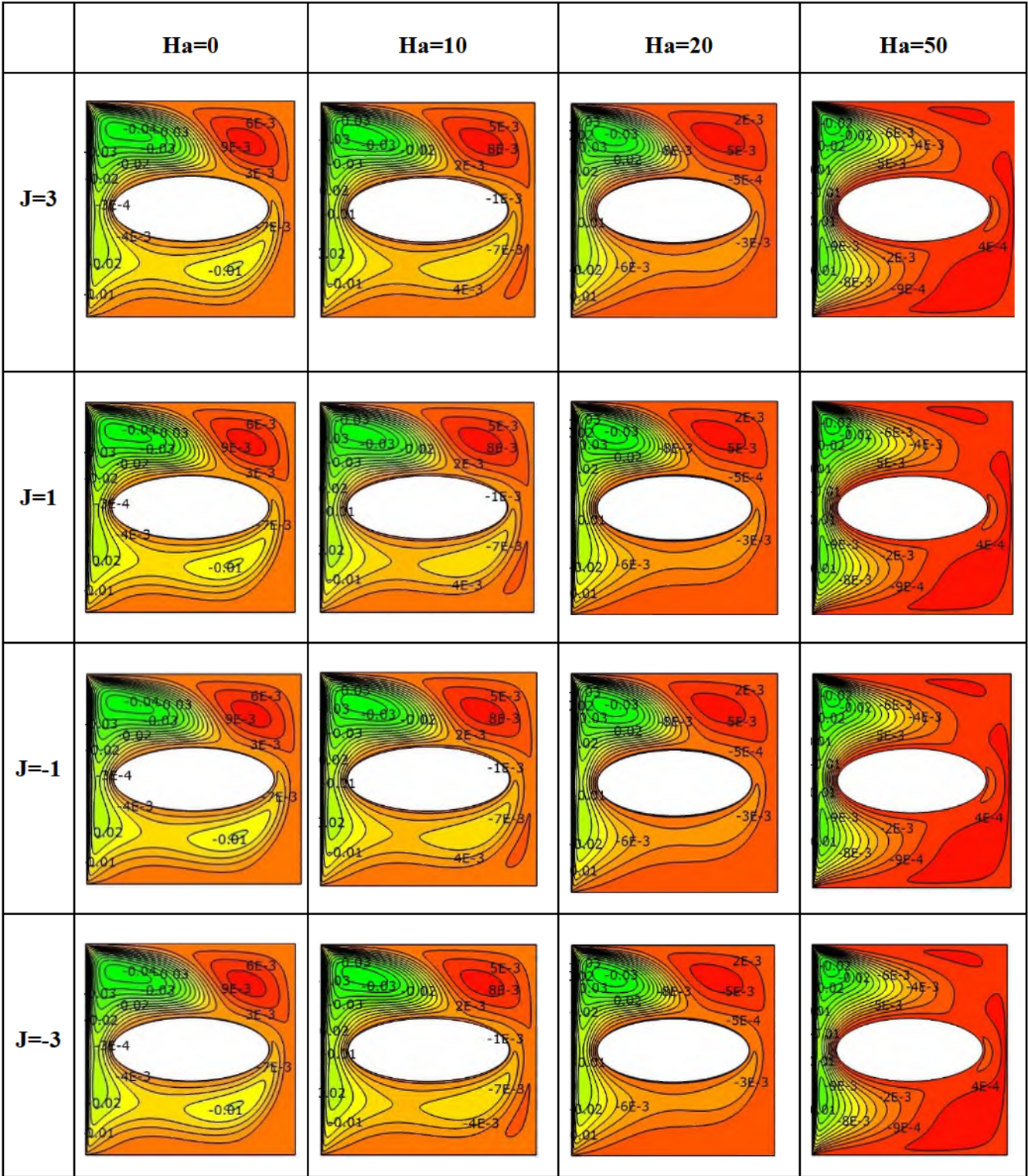


Figure 12: Effects of J and Ha on stream function contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$, and $AR=2.5$

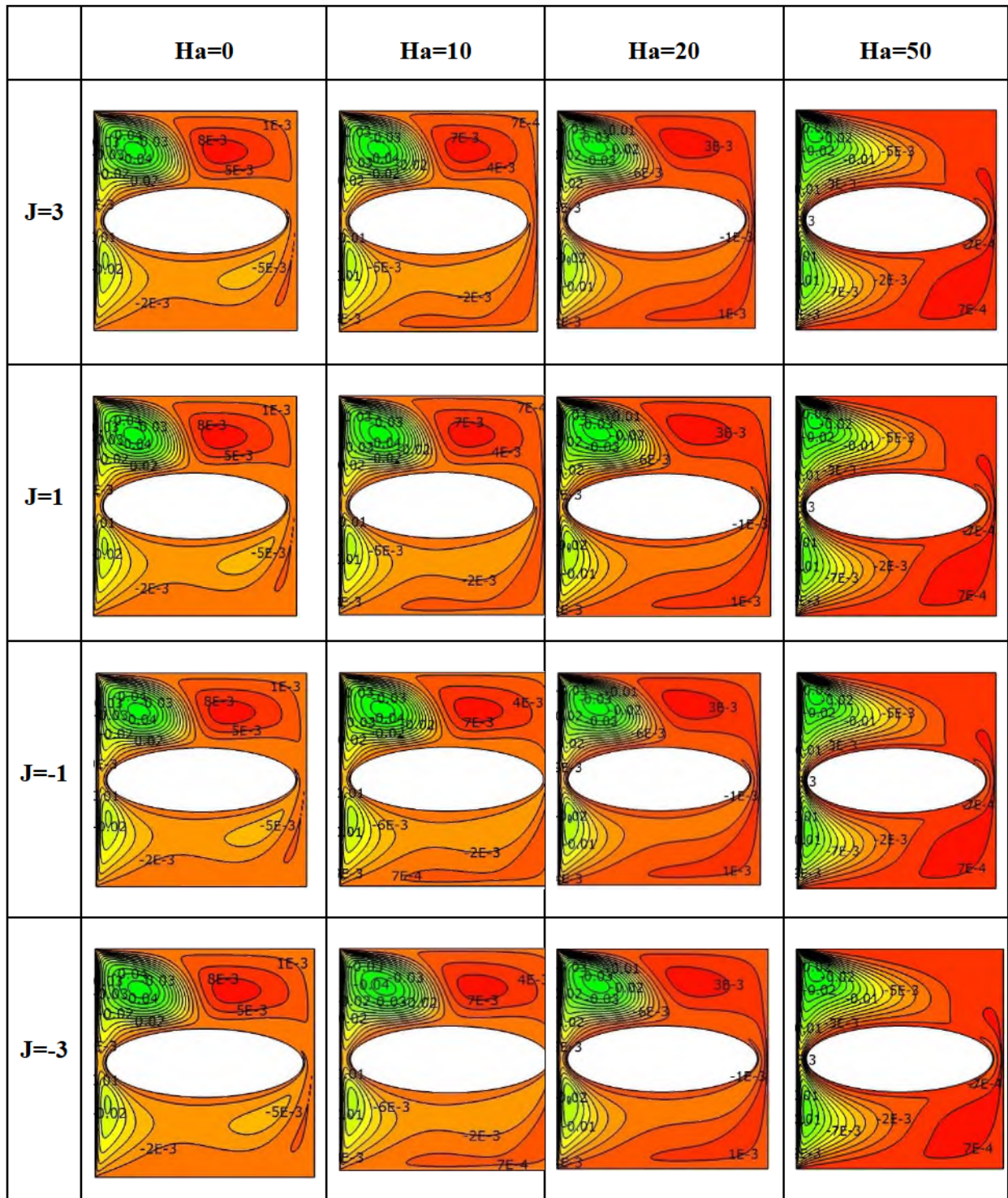
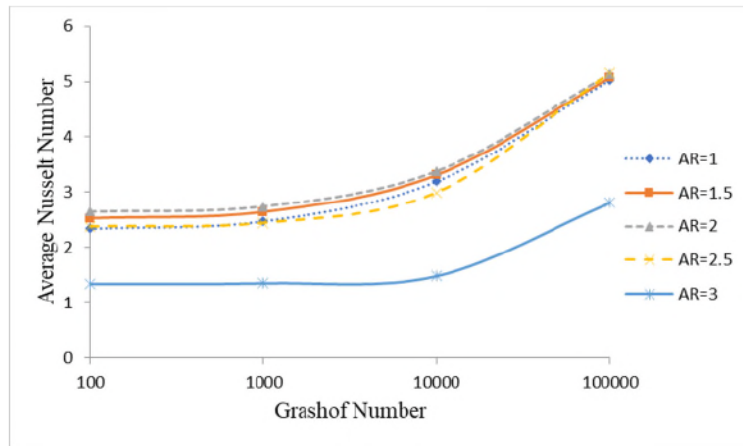


Figure 13: Impacts of J and Ha on stream function contours for $Gr=100$, $Re=1000$ and $AR=3.0$

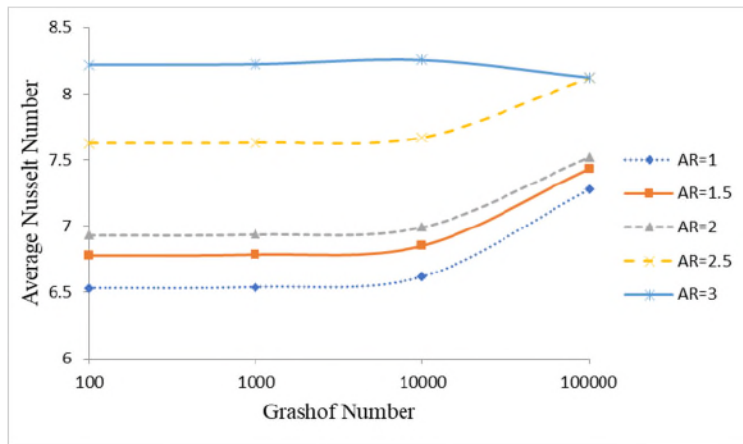
Generally speaking, when $Ha=J=0$, that is, in the absence of magnetic field and heat-generating or absorbing influence, Richardson number ($Ri=Gr/Re^2$) dictates the relative relevance of buoyancy force as compared to shear force.

6.3. Effect of magnetic force (Ha) on \overline{Nu}

The impact of the magnetic force on heat transfer profile for various cylinder aspect ratios in the absence of Q_o is displayed in Figures 15 and 16. All the plots in Figures 15 and 16 reveal that Lorentz force inhibits heat transfer this is due to the fact that Lorentz force acts as a current inhibitor; also at the aspect ratio of $AR=3.0$, Hartmann number increment from 0 to 10 resulted in a marginal decrease in heat transfer compared to other range of Hartmann numbers considered. Furthermore, higher heat transfer rates were observed in Figure 16 because of the increase in Re from 100 to 1000. This occurrence is because the increase in Re from 100 to 1000 improved the shear force of the wall driven by the lid over the effect of buoyancy force.

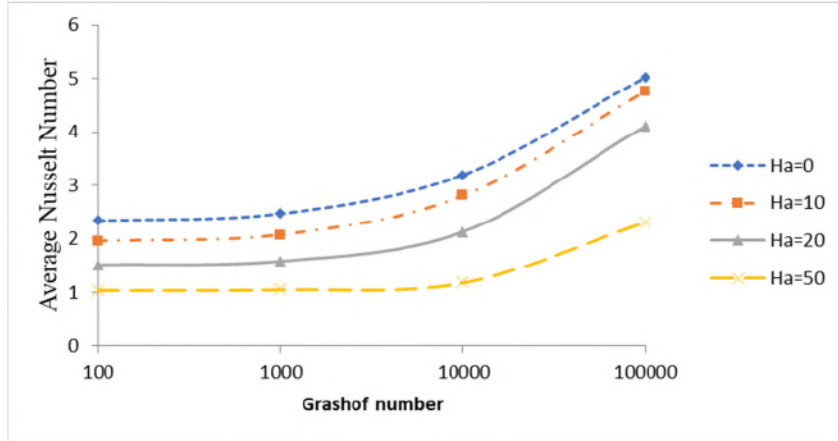


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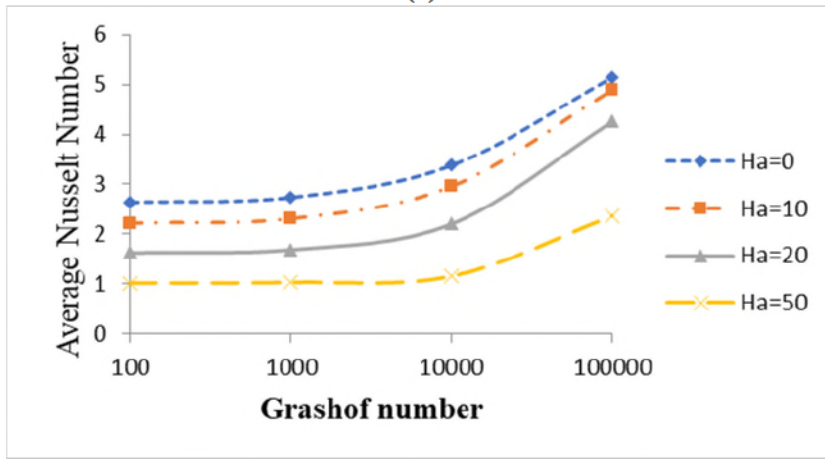


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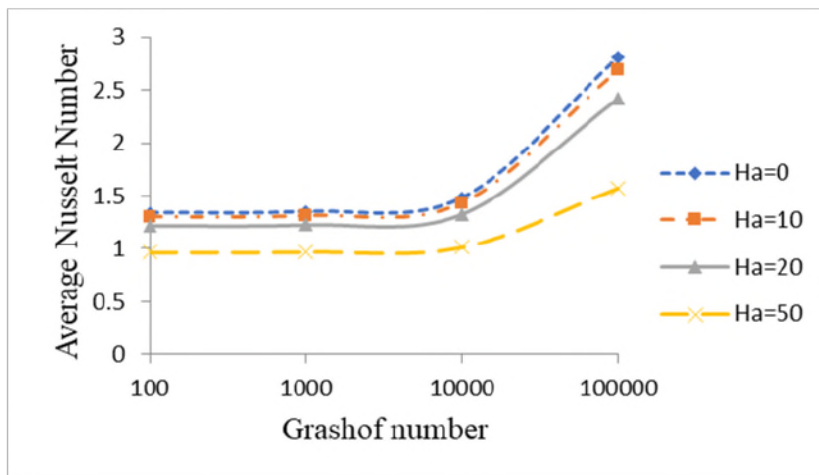
Figures 14 (a - b): Impact of aspect ratio on Nu_{av} for (a) $Re=100$, and (b) $Re=1000$ when $Ha=J=0$.



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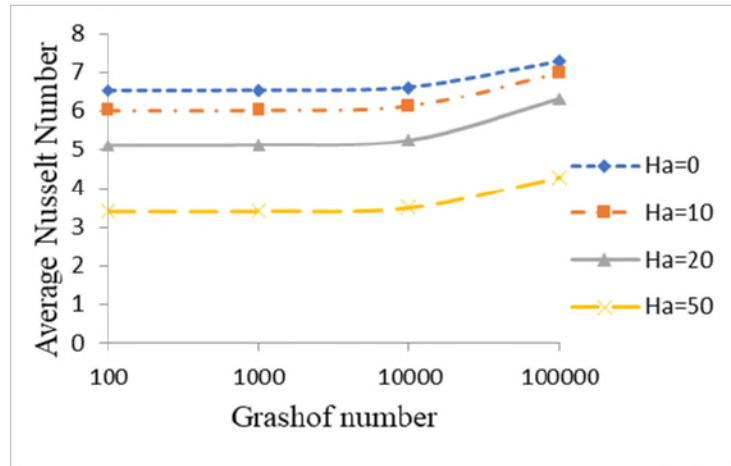


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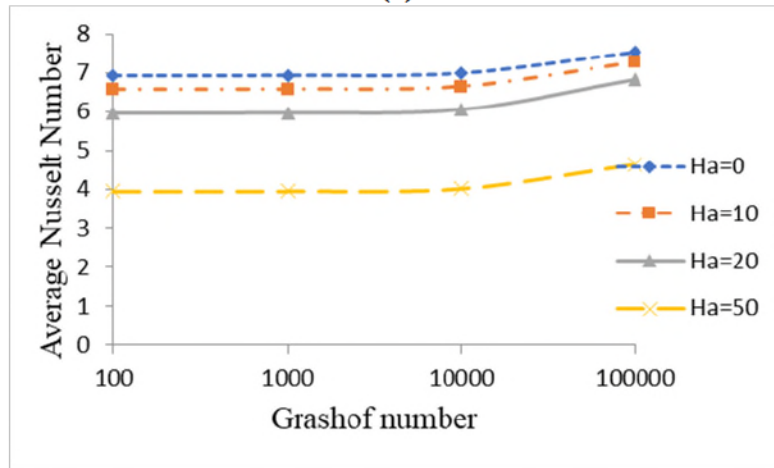


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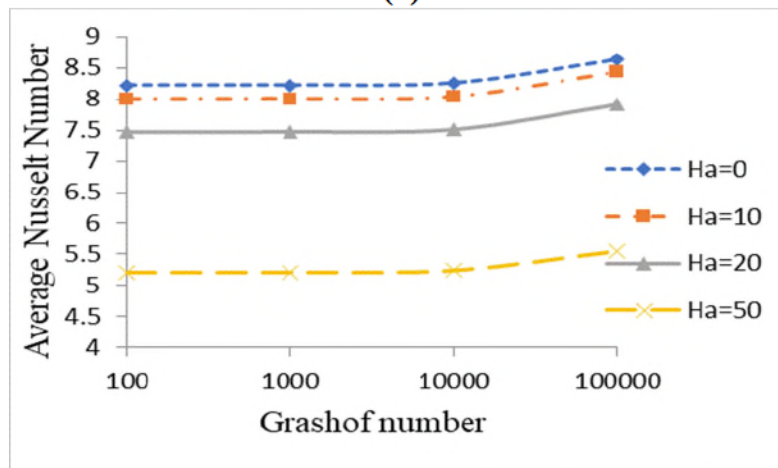
Figures 15 (a-c): Impact of the magnetic force on Nu_{av} for $Re=100$, When $AR=1.0, 2.0,$ and 3.0 .



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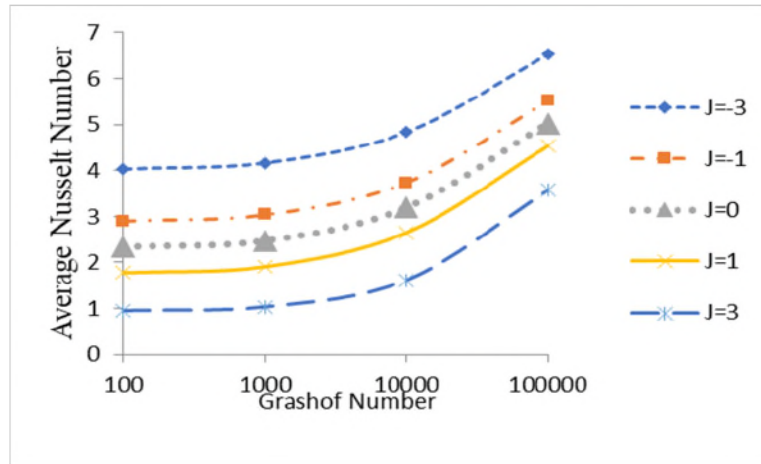


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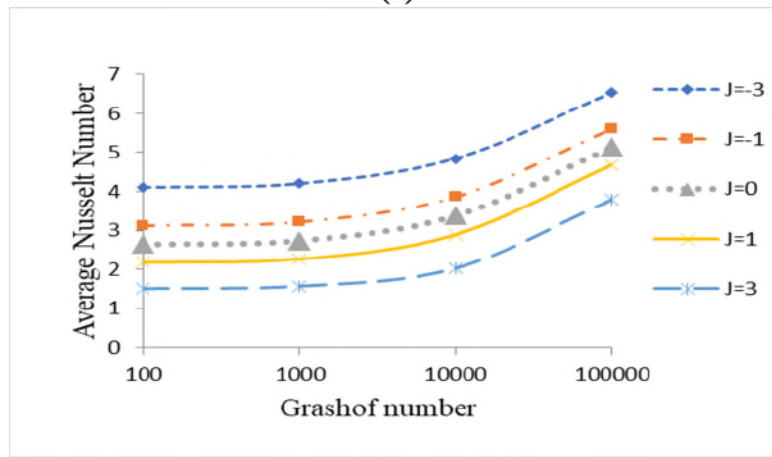
Figures 16 (a-c): Influence of the magnetic force on Nu_{av} for $Re=1000$, when $AR=1.0, 2.0,$ and 3.0

6.4. Influence of Internal heat Generation or Absorption (J) on \overline{Nu}

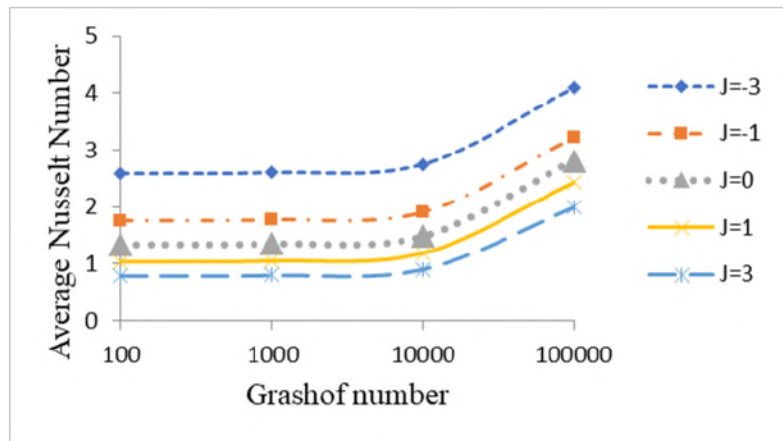
The influence of J on the strength of heat transfer is presented in Figures 17 and 18 for different aspect ratios and Reynolds numbers. The plots show that heat augmentation is favored by heat absorption and discouraged by heat generation which is in line with the information provided by the isothermal and stream function plots above that in the vicinity of the left moving wall for the case of heat generation, the temperatures around the lid-driven wall get reduced and the fluid that gets close to the adiabatic top wall get rejected while the converse is true for heat absorption. Furthermore, the influence of aspect ratio and Reynolds number variation as observed in both Figures 17 and 18 are in tandem with the information provided by Figures 14 (a) and (b) which shows that heat transfer enhancement grows with both aspect ratio and Reynolds number improvements. Also, improvement in heat transfer in Figure 17 as compared to Figure 16 for fixed values of Grashof number ($Gr=10^2-10^6$) as Re rises from 100 to 1000 is consistent with what is expected; this observation aligns with the report of Chamka et al. [14].



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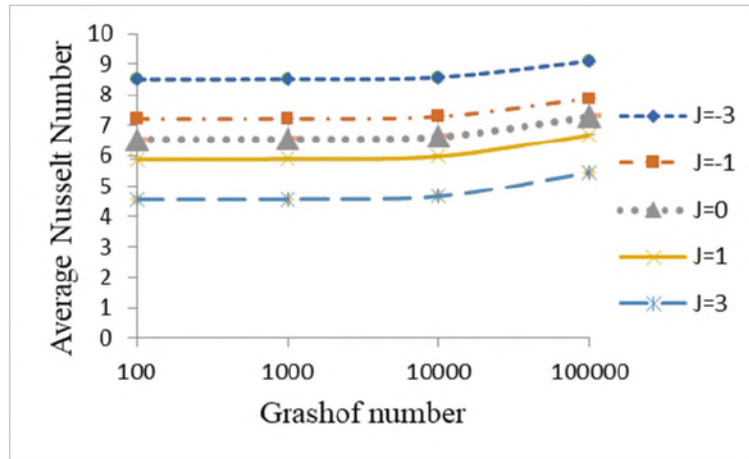


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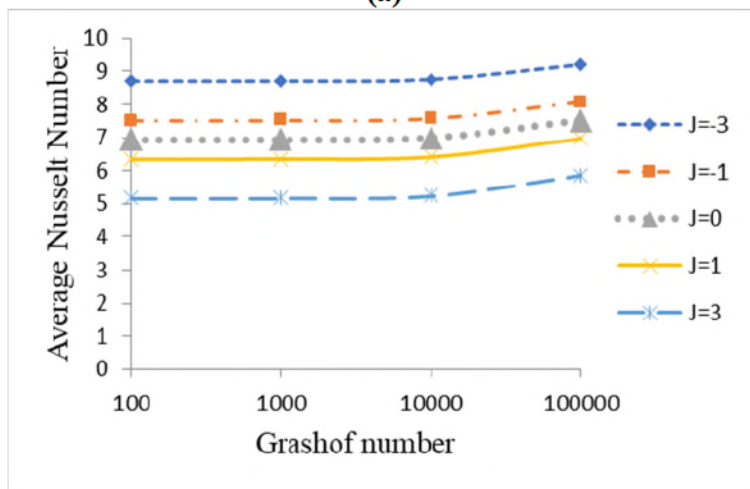


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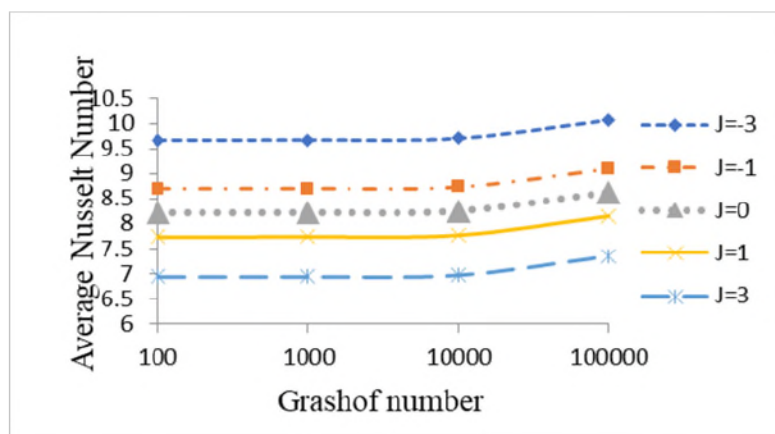
Figures 17 (a-c): Influence of J on Average Nusselt number for $Re=100$, when $AR= 1, 2, 3$.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figures 8 (a-c): Influence of J on Average Nusselt number for $Re=1000$, when $AR= 1, 2, 3$.

7. Conclusion

The analysis of steady laminar convective flow in a cavity driven by both shear and buoyancy forces has been performed. The cavity is filled with a fluid ($Pr=0.71$) that has both the ability to conduct electricity and also absorb or generate heat. A numerical solution that is anchored on the method of the finite element was generated. The implications of Grashof number, Reynolds number, adiabatic cylinder aspect ratio, heat generation/absorption parameter, magnetic field on fluid flow and heat transfer characteristics are summarized below.

1. It was discovered that for $Re = 100$ and the range of Grashof number ($10^2 \leq Gr \leq 10^5$) considered, adiabatic cylinder aspect ratio $AR = 2.0$ gave the highest heat transfer enhancement as further increase in aspect ratio beyond this critical value resulted in only an increase in material cost. However, when Re value was increased to 1000, the augmentation of heat transfer rises with improvement in aspect ratio. Hence for a low Reynold number flow regime, the adiabatic cylinder aspect ratio of 2.0 is recommended as the optimum.
2. For Grashof number, aspect ratio, and Reynolds number respectively in the ranges of ($10^2 \leq Gr \leq 10^5$), ($1.0 \leq AR \leq 2.0$), and ($100 \leq Re \leq 1000$), Hartmann number increment resulted in heat transfer suppression; and beyond $AR = 2.0$, the heat transfer rate for $Ha = 10$ approximates those transferred when the magnetic field was not considered.
3. For all the range of parameters considered, heat generation improvement declines heat transfer augmentation while heat transfer improvement is favored by the rising value of heat absorption.
4. The fluid flow and thermal history are largely affected by the size of the adiabatic elliptical cylinder.
5. For low Reynolds number flow, the impact of cylinder size on heat transfer diminishes beyond $Gr=10^4$. But for high Reynolds ($Re=1000$), heat transfer augmentation is aided by increasing cylinder size.

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