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Abstract-The flow of nanofluids through a porous medium is considered the optimum method for convective heat transfer. In this study, nanofluid flow in a porous pipe with Navier slip is investigated. Two water-based nanofluids, Copper (Cu) and alumina (Al2O3), were considered. The governing equation is presented and non-dimensionalization has been done for momentum and energy equations, initial and boundary conditions, skin friction, and Nusselt number. The governing system was simplified to ordinary differential equations, which were numerically solved and a mathematical model of nanofluid flow was formulated. The results, with regard to variations in various parameters such as temperature, velocity, skin friction, and Nusselt number, are presented graphically and discussed. It was found that the velocity during the flow decreases with the increase of the Navier slip.

Keywords-Navier slip; skin friction; nanofluid; porous pipe

I. INTRODUCTION

Flow of a fluid through porous media occurs in many technical fields such as ground water flows, flow through embankment dams, composite-structures (culverts), filtering and waste water treatment. Authors in [1] studied the fluid flow in a uniform porous pipe considering suction and injection. They established that changes of velocity and vorticity were great in the boundary layer while outside the boundary layer their variation is low. Authors in [2] investigated the flow of nanofluids in porous media and the influence of the flow on heat transfer. It was discovered that porous media and nanofluids can be used to improve heat transmission. Although the flowing of fluids through porous media has been a subject of great interest for centuries, however, recently, the movement of nanofluids in porous media has caught a lot of attention especially in cooling systems, filtering systems, heat transfer, diffusion, and osmosis.

In 1995, authors in [3] introduced new coolant fluids called nanofluids which, when compared to pure liquids exhibit the following advantages: higher specific surface area, greater dispersion stability with predominantly Brownian particle motion, reduced pumping power to obtain an equivalent intensity of thermal transfer, and reduction of the clogging of particles in relation to regular sludge. These advantages favor the miniaturization of the system. Authors in [4-6] have established that nanofluids possess variable particle concentrations, including thermal conductivity and adjustable properties to suit various applications and thus significantly improve heat transfer rates. Recently, in the field of heat transfer, studies of nanofluid flow in porous media have garnered much interest as a result of their diverse range of uses in high performance insulation, e.g. grain storage, buildings, packed sphere beds, geothermal systems, solar collectors, and underground spread of pollutants [1, 2, 7-11].

Skin friction is one form of drag, which happens when the fluid appears to shear around the surface of the wall and thereby it affects the energy expenditure. The performance of a forward moving object or fluid flowing through given media improves when the drag is reduced. Authors in [12] established that roughness can cause skin friction inside the pipe or duct or in the boundary layers of the fluid's flow. It was found that systematic roughness can be monitored by knowing which scales of roughness come up with high frictional drag. Most studies have considered a no-slip boundary condition at the solid wall. But in reality, this is not quite correct. For example, numerical experiments have indicated that in composite manufacturing processes and in lubrication approximation, the degree of wall slip becomes more important at wall surfaces, which means that micro and nano processes are used in wall slip [13]. Navier was the first to mention this ailment in 1827 [14]. His model explains that the tangential celerity or
boundary slip velocity \( (U_s) \) varies proportionally with the tangential shear stress or shear rate \( (\gamma) \) provided that the amount of slip or proportionality coefficient is constant with regard to the boundary flow conditions. This is called slip length \( (\lambda) \). Slip length is driven by several factors, such as the surface roughness, the strength of the wall-fluid interaction, shear rate, and fluid structure. A non-zero, defined wall slip coefficient would better characterize the state of the wall boundary. Authors in [15-17] established that for a wide variety of materials (e.g., polymers and nanofluids), slip exists on solid surfaces. Such slip is known as the Navier slip. Many studies have been carried out on the Navier slip. Authors in [18] discussed Newtonian fluids flowing in an unsteady through a porous cylindrical pipe with slip conditions. They considered flow behavior for two different cases of small suction and small injection, and established that the magnitude of the axial velocity component is directly proportional to the numerical value of the slip parameter. Further, it has been observed that for small suction the value of the axial velocity component decreases and it increases when there is a small injection. Authors in [19, 20] studied the impact of nanofluid thermal conductivity, \( (r, \theta, z) \) are the cylindrical polar coordinates, heat transfer coefficient is denoted by \( h \) and \( \beta \) represents the Navier slip parameter. The equations governing the flow are:

\[
\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (1)
\]

\[
\rho_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu_{nf} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} \quad (2)
\]

\[
(\rho c_p)_f \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \gamma \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) = k_{nf} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \mu_{nf} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \quad (3)
\]

where, \( \tau \) is the time and \( \beta \) is the nanofluid pressure. The dynamic viscosity of the nanofluid is denoted by \( \mu_{nf} \). \( (\rho c_p)_f \) is the heat capacity of the nanofluid, and \( \rho_{nf} \) represents its density. The nanofluid constants are defined as given in (4):

\[
\rho_{nf} = (1 - \phi) \rho_f + \phi \rho_s
\]

\[
\alpha_{nf} = \frac{k_{nf}}{(\rho c_p)_nf} = \frac{k_f + 2k_f - 2\phi(k_f - k_s)}{(k_f + 2k_f + \phi(k_f - k_s))}, \quad \tau = \frac{(\rho c_p)_f}{(\rho c_p)_s}, \quad (4)
\]

\[
\mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \phi) / 5}, \quad (\rho c_p)_f = (1 - \phi)(\rho c_p)_s + \phi(\rho c_p)_s
\]

where \( \rho_f \) and \( \rho_s \) respectively are the fluid and solid fraction’s reference densities, the thermal conductivities of the solid and fluid volume fractions are represented by \( k_f \) and \( k_s \). \( \alpha_{nf} \) is the thermal diffusivity of the nanofluid, \( \varphi \) is the solid volume fraction of nanoparticles, \( (\rho c_p)_s \) is the heat capacity of the solid and the heat capacity of base fluid is \( (\rho c_p)_f \).

The initial conditions are given in (5) and the boundary conditions are given in (6) and (7).

\[
u(\pi, 0) = 0, \quad T(\pi, 0) = T_a, \quad \text{where} \quad 0 \leq r \leq a \quad (5)
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In Figure 1, the nanofluid temperature is denoted by \( T \), and the velocity in the \( r \)-direction is given by \( u \). \( T_a \) represents the ambient temperature, \( \mu_f \) is the dynamic viscosity, \( k_{nf} \) is the nanofluid thermal conductivity, \( (r, \theta, z) \) are the cylindrical polar coordinates, heat transfer coefficient is denoted by \( h \) and \( \beta \) represents the Navier slip parameter. The equations governing the flow are:

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\]
The following are introduced as dimensionless variables and parameters:

\[
\theta = \frac{r-r_0}{r_a-r_0}, \quad W = \frac{u}{\nu}, \quad \eta = \frac{z}{a}, \quad t = \frac{t_f}{\sigma}, \quad \nu_f = \frac{\rho_f}{\mu_f}
\]

\[
Re = \frac{V a}{\nu f}, \quad P = \frac{\sigma_p}{\mu_f^2} A = \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}, \quad \tau = \frac{(\rho c_p)_{p_f}}{(\rho c_p)_{f}}, \quad Z = \frac{z}{a}
\]

\[
E_c = \frac{v^2}{(\nu_f(\eta_a-\eta)_0)} \quad Pr = \frac{\mu_f}{\kappa_f} \quad \beta_1 = \frac{k_2+k_3-2\rho_2-\rho_f}{k_2+k_3+\rho_f(k_f-k_3)}
\]

Substituting the dimensionless quantities from (8) into (2), (3) and (5) - (7) results into (9) - (13) which form the model equations for this study.

\[
\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{A}{1-\phi+\phi \mu_{f}/\rho_f} + \frac{1}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}} \frac{1}{(1-\phi+\phi \mu_{f}/\rho_f)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \eta^2} - Re \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \quad (9)
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} (0, t) = - \frac{\beta_1}{\mu_f} W(0, t), \quad \theta(\eta, 0) = 0 \quad (11)
\]

\[
W(1, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} (1, t) = - m B_i \theta(1, t) \quad (13)
\]

where \(Re\) is the Rayeolds number, \(A\) is the parameter for pressure gradient, \(Pr\) denotes the Prandtl number and \(Ec\) represents the Eckert number. The base fluid and the thermophysical properties of the nanoparticles can be used to derive the values of the parameters \(c_1\) and \(\tau\).

The skin friction (\(C_f\)) and the Nusselt number (\(Nu\)) are crucial for this type of study. They are defined as:

\[
C_f = \frac{\sigma_{w} u}{\mu_f v_f}, \quad Nu = \frac{\sigma_{w} u}{\kappa_f (\eta_a - \eta_0)} \quad (14)
\]

where \(\sigma_{w}\) is the heat flux at the pipe wall and \(\tau_w\) is the wall shear stress given by:

\[
\tau_w = - \frac{\mu_f}{\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta}} |_{\eta = \eta_0}, \quad q_w = - \frac{k_n}{\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta}} |_{\eta = \eta_0} \quad (15)
\]

Substituting \(\tau_w\) and \(q_w\) from (15) into (14) and using the dimensionless variables with manipulations results to:

\[
C_f = - \frac{1}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}} \frac{\partial W}{\partial \eta} \quad (16)
\]

\[
Nu = \frac{c_1}{\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta}} \quad (17)
\]

III. NUMERICAL PROCEDURE

The method of lines [24] is a semi-discretization finite difference approach for numerically solving a nonlinear Initial Boundary Value Problem (IBVP). We divide the solution region into equal rectangles or meshes. Each mesh point specifies the point's position in terms of \(t\) and \(\Delta W\) or \(\Delta \eta\). The horizontal axis represents spatial variables, while the vertical axis represents time variables in this rectangular mesh grid.

The method is used to discretize (9) to (13) which results in (21)-(24). Then, the discretization of the partial differential equations (8) and (9) using second order central finite differences results in ordinary differential equations (21) and (22).

\[
\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{(1-\phi)^{2.5} (1-\phi+\phi \mu_{f}/\rho_f)} \frac{W_i+2W_i+W_{i-1}}{\Delta \eta} - Re \frac{W_i+2W_i+W_{i-1}}{2 \Delta \eta} \quad (17)
\]

\[
\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{(1-\phi)^{2.5} (1-\phi+\phi \mu_{f}/\rho_f)} \frac{W_i+2W_i+W_{i-1}}{2 \Delta \eta} - Re \frac{W_i+2W_i+W_{i-1}}{2 \Delta \eta} \quad (18)
\]

where \(W_i(t)\) and \(\theta_i(t)\) are the approximations of \(W(\eta, t)\) and \(\theta(\eta, t)\).

With initial conditions (11) we get (23) and boundary conditions (12) and (13) result in (24).

\[
W_i(0) = \theta_i(0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N+1 \quad (19)
\]

\[
W_i = \frac{-\Delta W}{\Delta \eta} |_{i-j}, \quad \phi_1 = 0, \quad W_{N+1} = 1, \quad \theta_{N+1} = \varphi_1 (1-m B_i \Delta \eta) \quad (20)
\]

The system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations (17) and (18) with known initial condition (19) and boundary conditions (20) have been solved in Matlab.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Water-based nanofluids of two types, Cu and Al_{2}O_{3}, are studied in this article, while the Prandtl number is fixed at 6.2, and the effect of the slip parameter (\(\lambda\)), solid volume fraction (\(\varphi\)), Reynolds number (\(Re\)), Biot number (\(Bi\)), and pressure gradient (\(A\)) on the velocity profile and temperature profile are examined. Figure 2 shows that the nanofluid velocity profile of Al_{2}O_{3} is higher than that of Cu and this may be attributed to the specific heat capacity of Al_{2}O_{3} being higher than that of Cu. Also, the density of Copper is higher than that of Alumina.

![Fig. 2. Copper and alumina nanofluid velocity profile.](image-url)
of the pipe. This may be due to the fact that the increase of nanoparticle regulates temperature of the fluid and causes the thermal boundary layer's viscosity to increase. Also this could be due to the density of the nanofluid. An increase in $Re$ leads to a decline in velocity and this may be is caused by the uniform flow of nanofluid as revealed in Figure 4. Figure 5 displays that velocity decreases with increase in $\lambda$. This effect may be due to the nanofluid sticking at the wall which lowers the velocity and also due to the high viscosity of the fluid.

Figures 6-9 illustrate the temperature profiles of the nanofluids in the pipe and the impact of various factors on the fluid flow system. The temperature profile decreases as the $\varphi$ increases as shown in Figure 6, maybe due to the increase of the density of the nanofluid. Figure 7 illustrates the temperature decrease due to the increase of $Re$. When it reaches the wall of the pipe the temperature starts to rise due to the slippery walls.
In Figure 8, as the pressure gradient ($A$) increases, temperature also increases since the viscosity is reduced. In Figure 9, the increase in $B_i$ is associated with a reduction in temperature. This could be attributed to the convective cooling at the walls which means that there is heat loss through the wall. As demonstrated in Figure 10, copper-water nanofluid skin friction is higher than alumina-water nanofluid skin friction. This difference may be caused by the specific heat capacity of alumina which is lower than that of copper. Also, alumina-water has a lower velocity gradient near the channel walls than Cu-water, hence this is to be expected.

In Figure 11, the decrease of skin friction with the increase of $Re$ may be due to the slip parameter. This result is inconsistent with the results obtained in [5-7]. In Figure 12, we see that pressure gradient is inversely proportional to skin friction because the kinetic energy of the fluid is used to overcome the friction of the surface during the flow. This result is consistent with the results obtained in [5]. In Figure 13, by means of an increase in $Re$, the Nusselt number also increases, since during the flow, there is more heat which is produced due to the increase of speed. The viscosity is also reduced.

Fig. 9. Effect of increasing $B_i$ on temperature profile.

Fig. 10. Effect of increasing $\phi$ on the skin friction of Cu and Al$_2$O$_3$ nanofluids.

Fig. 11. Effect of increasing $Re$ on skin friction.

Fig. 12. Effect of increase in $A$ on skin friction.

Fig. 13. Effect of increasing $Re$ in Nusselt number.

Fig. 14. Effect of increasing $A$ on Nusselt number.
In Figure 14, we observe that the Nusselt number increases with the increase of pressure gradient since there is more force exerted which cause reduction in viscosity during nanofluid flow. In Figure 15, the Nusselt number also increases when the Biot number increases, maybe due to the reduction in viscosity since the fluid has a higher thermal conductivity. The decrease of Nusselt number with increase in slip parameter because of the convective cooling at the wall is presented in Figure 16.

**NOMENCLATURE**

- $\rho_{nf}$: Nanofluid density (kg/m$^3$)
- $\mu$: Dynamic viscosity (kg/m.s)
- $\mu_s$: Kinematic viscosity (m$^2$/s)
- $k_{nf}$: Nanofluid thermal conductivity (W/m.K)
- $c_p$: Concentration of nanoparticles
- $\epsilon_c$: Specific heat capacity (J/kg.K)
- $\beta$: Navier slip parameter
- $T$: Nanofluid temperature (K)
- $T_{at}$: Ambient temperature (K)
- $Bi$: Local Biot number
- $Pr$: Prandtl number
- $Ec$: Eckert number
- $A$: Dimensionless pressure gradient
- $C_f$: Skin friction coefficient
- $Nu$: Nusselt number
- $P$: Pressure

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