



Article Steady Magnetohydrodynamic Micropolar Fluid Flow and Heat and Mass Transfer in Permeable Channel with Thermal Radiation

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Abstract: The present work is devoted to the study of magnetohydrodynamic micropolar fluid flow in a permeable channel with thermal radiation. The Rosseland approximation for thermal radiation is taken into account in the modelling of heat transfer. The governing equations are expressed in non-dimensional form. The Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM) is briefly introduced and applied to derive the solution of nonlinear equations. The effects of various involved parameters like Reynolds number, microrotation parameter and Prandtl number on flow and heat transfer are discussed. Further, their effects on Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are also investigated from the physical point of view. Analytic solutions of the problem are obtained by HPM and a numerical technique bvp4c package MATLAB is applied to predict the graphs between different parameters.

Keywords: micropolar fluid; permeable channel; homotopy perturbation method; heat transfer; magnetohydrodynamic; thermal radiation

1. Introduction

From the industrial point of view, the process of heat and mass transfer has a great impact. Many researchers concentrate on this area. In particular, in the metallurgical industry, an application of heat transfer criterion has been studied with magnetohydrodynamic micropolar fluid flows. Mohamed and Abo-Dahab [1], Perdikis and Raptis [2] and Raptis [3] discussed the impact of heat and mass transfer in micropolar and magnetohydrodynamic micropolar fluid flows in the presence of various characteristics like thermal radiation, heat generation, and porous media. Seddeek et al. [4] obtained the analytic solution of the problem leading to the effect of radiation on the flow of a magneto-micropolar fluid past a continuously moving plate with suction and blowing. El-Arabawy [5] observed the behaviour of suction and injection in his problem. On the other hand, Sharma and Gupta [6] studied the effects of porosity and thermal convection on micropolar fluids. The numerical simulation of the solution of micropolar fluid flows with suction and injection has been discussed by Subhadra et al. [7], Takhar et al. [8], Kelson and Farrell [9], and Muhammad et al. [10]. A few years ago, the flows in permeable channels and circular pipes made a considerable impact, drawing attention to these researchers.



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In his work, Berman [11] showed that the mathematical equations could be reduced to a single 4th-order nonlinear ordinary differential. Terrill and Shrestha [12] and Asghar et al. [13] studied the behaviour of permeabilities in channel flows. Most of the scientific problems are nonlinear in nature, and such problems do not have an analytic solution; therefore, other methods like ADM (Adomian decomposition method) and HPM (homotopy perturbation method) can be applied to obtain an analytic solution to these types of scientific problems. In recent years, due to its simplicity and growing interest, the homotopy perturbation technique in nonlinear problems has been applied. Berman [14,15] developed and formulated the homotopy perturbation method and proved that this method is compatible with nonlinear physical problems. Ganji [16], Biazar [17], Fereidoon et al. [18], Hemeda [19], Aminikhah and Hemmatnezhad [20], Soltanian et al. [21], and Yildirim [22] have applied HPM to obtain analytic solutions. Sheikholeslami [23,24] also used the HPM method in his studies. Heat transfer in a permeable channel in the presence of micropolar fluid flow using the analytic method was investigated by M.Sheikholeslami and M. Hatami and D.D. Ganji [25], and A. Mirzaaghaian and D.D. Ganji [26] found the DTM solution for micropolar fluid flow and heat transfer through permeable walls. Homotopy perturbation technique has been used by J.H. He [27]. P. Sibanda et al. [28] observed the flow of a micropolar fluid in channel with heat and mass transfer and H. Mirgolbabaee et al. [29] studied semi-analytic investigation on micropolar fluid flow and heat transfer in a permeable channel using AGM. Some of the boundary value problems of micropolar fluid flow were investigated by Bhupander Singh [30–32]. Hayder I. Mohammed et al. [33] investigated the improved melting of latent heat storage via a porous medium and uniform Joule heat generation, and Milad Ghaneifar et al. [34] analyzed hybrid nanofluid flow and the heat transfer characteristics of a heat sink partially fitted with a multilayered porous medium. Mohammad Ghalambaz et al. [35] addressed the melting flow and heat transfer of electric conductive phase change materials (PCMs) subject to a variable magnetic field in a cavity enclosure and determined that the effect of the magnetic field on the melting behavior of PCM is negligible at the initial stages of melting. H. Ali Farooq et al. [36] studied numerically the MHD mixed convection due to a rotating circular solid cylinder in a trapezoidal enclosure filled with Cu-water nanofluid saturated with a porous media, and found that the vertical magnetic field decreased stream function values more than inclined and horizontal fields. M. Ghalambaz et al. [37] investigated the flow and thermal behavior of nano-encapsulated phase change materials(NEPCM) dispersed in a liquid over a vertical flat plate, and found that the decrease in fusion temperature of NEPCM cores enhances heat transfer.

In the present paper, we applied HPM to find the approximate series solutions of velocity, microrotation, temperature, and solute concentration; their graphical representations were obtained by bvp4c routine in MATLAB to observe how velocity, micro-elements, temperature, and mass concentration are influenced by Reynolds numbers, Prandtl number, micropolar parameter, spin gradient viscosity, and Peclet number for the diffusion of heat and mass.

2. Formulation of the Problem

Here, a laminar incompressible micropolar fluid was considered along a two-dimensional permeable channel with porous walls through which fluid was uniformly injected or removed with velocity v_0 . The walls of the channel were taken to be parallel to *x*-axis at 2 h distance apart with lower boundary y = -h; upper y = h; and *y*-axis taken perpendicular to the walls. The lower channel wall was maintained at temperature T_1 and solute concentration C_1 , while the upper wall was maintained with temperature T_2 and solute concentration C_2 . A uniform magnetic field B was applied perpendicular to the channel walls. (Figure 1).

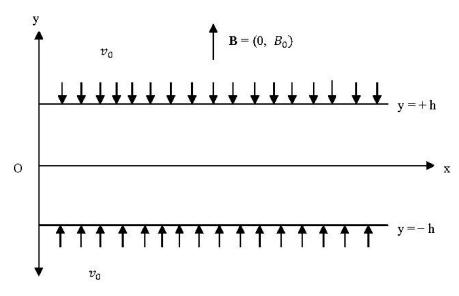


Figure 1. Geometrical view of the problem.

Following [25,26], the governing equations of the problem are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + (\mu + \kappa)\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right) + \kappa\frac{\partial N}{\partial y} - \sigma B_0^2 u \tag{2}$$

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial N}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\kappa}{j}\left(2N + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\nu_s}{j}\left(\frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial y^2}\right) \tag{3}$$

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + (\mu + \kappa)\left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2}\right) - \kappa\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \tag{4}$$

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{K_1}{C_p}\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{C_p}\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y}$$
(5)

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial C}{\partial y}\right) = D^* \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} \tag{6}$$

where u and v denote the velocity components along *x*-axis and *y*-axis directions, respectively, and ρ is the fluid density, μ is the dynamic viscosity, κ is the material parameter, N is the microrotation velocity, P is the fluid pressure and T, C and C_p are the fluid temperature, species concentration and specific heat at constant pressure, respectively, K_1 is the thermal conductivity, D^* is the molecular diffusivity, j is the micro-inertia density, $v_s = (\mu + \frac{\kappa}{2})j$ is the microrotation viscosity and q_r is the radiative heat flux.

The appropriate boundary conditions are

$$u = 0, v = -v_0, N = -s \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, T = T_1, C = C_1 \text{ at } y = -h$$
 (7)

$$u = \frac{u_0 x}{h}, v = v_0, N = -s \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, T_1 = T_2, C = C_2 \text{at } y = +h$$
 (8)

where *s* denotes the boundary parameter representing the degree to which microelements are free to rotate near the channel walls. The case s = 0 means the strong concentration which shows that microelements are not rotating near the channel walls, s = 1/2 shows the weak concentrations and vanishing of the anti-symmetric part of the stress tensor, whereas

s = 1 represents turbulent flow [26]. We introduced the following non-dimensional similarity variables in the case of strong concentration as:

$$\eta = \frac{y}{h}, \psi = -v_0 x f(\eta), N = \frac{v_0 x}{h^2} g(\eta), \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_1}{T_2 - T_1}, \ \phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_1}{C_2 - C_1}$$
(9)

where, $T_2 = T_1 + Ax$, $C_2 = C_1 + Bx$ with A and B as constants [26]. The velocity components of flow are defined by stream function as $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u}$, $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$.

Using Similarity Transformations (9), Equations (2)–(4), after eliminating, p become

$$(1+N_1)f'^{\nu} - N_1g'' - R_e(f'f'' - ff''') - Mf'' = 0$$
⁽¹⁰⁾

$$N_2g'' + N_1(f'' - 2g) - N_3R_e(fg' - f'g) = 0$$
⁽¹¹⁾

Using Roseland approximation, we have $q_r = -\frac{4\sigma_0}{3k_0}\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial y}$ where σ_0 the Stefan Boltzmann constant is and k_0 is the mean absorption coefficient. Assuming that the difference in temperature within the flow is such that T^4 can be expressed as linear combination of the temperature. Therefore expanding T^4 about T_∞ and ignoring higher order terms, we have $T^4 \cong -3T_\infty^4 + 4T_\infty^3 T$

$$q_r = -\frac{4\sigma_0}{3k_0}\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(-3T_{\infty}^4 + 4T_{\infty}^3T\right) = -\frac{16\sigma_0T_{\infty}^3}{3k_0}\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \ \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} = -\frac{16\sigma_0T_{\infty}^3}{3k_0}\left(\frac{Ax}{h^2}\theta''(\eta)\right)$$
(12)

Using Similarity Transformations (9) and Equation (12), Equations (5) and (6) lead to

$$\theta'' + \frac{Peh}{\left(1 + \frac{4}{3}Nr\right)} \left(f'\theta - f\theta'\right) = 0 \tag{13}$$

$$\phi'' + Pem(f'\phi - f\phi') = 0 \tag{14}$$

With Boundary Conditions

$$f'(-1) = 0, f(-1) = -1, g(-1) = 0, \ \theta(-1) = 0, \ \phi(-1) = 0$$
(15)

$$f'(1) = -1, f(1) = 1, g(1) = 1, \theta(1) = 1, \phi(1) = 1$$
(16)

where $N_1 = \frac{\kappa}{\mu}$ is the micro-polar parameter, $M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2 h^2}{\mu}$ is the Magnetic parameter, $N_2 = \frac{v_s}{\mu h^2}$ is the spin gradient viscosity parameter, $N_3 = \frac{j}{h^2}$, $Nr = \frac{4\sigma_0 T_\infty^3}{\kappa_1 \kappa_0}$ is the Radiation parameter, $Pr = \frac{v\rho C_p}{\kappa_1}$ is the Prandtl number. $Re = \frac{v_0 h}{v}$ is the Reynolds number [for suction Re > 0, for injection Re < 0], Peh = PrRe is the Peclet number for diffusion of heat, Pem = ScRe is the Peclet number for diffusion of heat, number.

The physical quantities which are of greatest interest are local Sherwood number and local Nusselt number which are defined as follows:

$$S_{hx} = -\mathscr{O}'(-1) \tag{17}$$

$$N_{ux} = -(1 + \frac{4N_r}{3})\theta'(-1) \tag{18}$$

3. Analysis of the Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM)

The basic idea of HPM is illustrated in [27]. Accordingly, we consider the following equation

$$A(u) - f(r) = 0, r \in \Omega$$
⁽¹⁹⁾

with the boundary condition

$$B\left(u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right) = 0, \ r \in \Gamma, \tag{20}$$

where *A* is a general differential operator, *B* a boundary operator, f(r) a known analytical function and Γ is the boundary of the domain Ω . According to the method, *A* is divided into two parts which are *L* and *N*, where, *L* is linear operator and *N* is nonlinear. Therefore, the Equation (19) can be rewritten as follows:

$$L(u) + N(u) - f(r) = 0, r \in \Omega.$$
⁽²¹⁾

Now the homotopy perturbation structure is shown as follows:

$$H(v, p) - (1-p)[L(v) - L(u_0)] + p[A(v) - f(r)] = 0$$
(22)

where,

$$v(r,p): \Omega \times [0,1] \to R.$$
 (23)

In the Equation (22), $p \in [0, 1]$ is an embedding parameter and u_0 is the first approximation that satisfies the boundary condition. We can assume that the solution of the Equation (23) can be written as a power series in p, as follows:

$$v = v_0 + pv_1 + p^2 v_2 + \dots$$
 (24)

and the best approximation for solution is given as

$$u = \lim_{p \to 1} v = v_0 + v_1 + v_2 + \dots$$
(25)

4. Solution of the Problem by HPM

In order to solve the nonlinear differential Equations (10), (11), (13) and (14) by HPM, we constructed a homotopy as follows:

$$H(f,p) = (1-p)(f^{iv} - f_0^{iv}) + p[(1+N_1)f^{iv} - N_1g'' - R_e(ff''' - f'f'') - Mf'] = 0$$
(26)

$$H(g,p) = (1-p)(g'' - g_0'') + p[N_2g'' + N_1(f'' - 2g) - N_3R_e(fg' - f'g)] = 0$$
(27)

$$H(\theta, p) = (1-p)(\theta'' - \theta_0'') + p\left(1 + \frac{4}{3}N_r\right)\theta'' + p\left[P_{eh}(f'\theta - f\theta')\right] = 0$$
(28)

$$H(\phi, p) = (1 - p) \left(\phi'' - \phi_0'' \right) + p \left[\phi'' + P_{em} \left(f' \phi - f \phi' \right) \right] = 0$$
⁽²⁹⁾

Now *f*, *g*, θ and ϕ can be explained as follows:

$$f = f_0 + pf_1 + p^2 f_2 + \dots (30)$$

$$g = g_0 + pg_1 + p^2g_2 + \dots (31)$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + p\theta_1 + p^2\theta_2 + \dots \tag{32}$$

$$\phi = \phi_0 + p\phi_1 + p^2\phi_2 + \dots$$
 (33)

Substituting Equations (30)–(33) into Equations (26)–(29) and simplifying and rearranging based on power of p-terms, we obtain:

for p^0 :

$$f_0^{iv} = 0, \ g_0'' = 0, \ \theta_0'' = 0, \ \phi_0'' = 0 \tag{34}$$

and boundary conditions are:

$$\eta = -1 : f_0 = -1, f_0' = g_0 = \theta_0 = \phi_0 = 0 \eta = +1 : f_0 = g_0 = \theta_0 = \phi_0 = 1, f_0' = -1$$

$$(35)$$

for p^1 :

$$(1+N_{1})f_{1}^{\ \prime\prime\prime} - N_{1}g_{0}^{\prime\prime\prime} - R_{e}(f_{0}f_{0}^{\prime\prime\prime} - f_{0}\prime f_{0}^{\prime\prime}) - Mf_{0}\prime = 0$$

$$N_{2}g_{1}^{\prime\prime} + N_{1}(f_{0}^{\prime\prime\prime} - 2g_{0}) - N_{3}R_{e}(f_{0}g_{0}\prime - f_{0}\prime g_{0}) = 0$$

$$(1+\frac{4}{3}N_{r})\theta_{1}^{\prime\prime} + P_{eh}(f_{0}\prime\theta_{0} - f_{0}\theta_{0}\prime) = 0$$

$$\phi_{1}^{\prime\prime} + P_{em}(f_{0}\prime\phi_{0} - f_{0}\phi_{0}\prime) = 0$$

$$(36)$$

and boundary conditions are:

$$\eta = -1 : f_1 = f_1' = g_1 = \theta_1 = \phi_1 = 0 \eta = +1 : f_1 = g_1 = \theta_1 = \phi_1 = f_1' = 0$$

$$(37)$$

Solving Equations (34) and (36) with boundary conditions, we have

$$\left.\begin{array}{c}
f_0(\eta) = -0.75\eta^3 - 0.25\eta^2 + 1.75\eta + 0.25\\ g_0 = 0.5\eta + 0.5\\ \theta_0 = 0.5\eta + 0.5\\ \phi_0 = 0.5\eta + 0.5\end{array}\right\}$$
(38)

$$f_{1}(\eta) = -\frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} [0.0080357143] \eta^{7} - 0.00625 \Big[\frac{R_{e}+M}{1+N_{1}} \Big] \eta^{6} \\ - \Big[\frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} (0.0020833333) + \frac{M}{1+N_{1}} (0.0041666667) \Big] \eta^{5} \\ + \Big[\frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} (0.0260416667) + \frac{M}{1+N_{1}} (0.072916667) \Big] \eta^{4} \\ + \Big[\frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} (0.360863095) - \frac{M}{1+N_{1}} (0.089453125) \Big] \eta^{3} \\ + \Big[\frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} (0.360863095) - \frac{M}{1+N_{1}} (0.089453125) \Big] \eta^{3} \\ - \Big[\frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} (0.3333333334) + \frac{M}{1+N_{1}} (0.209375) \Big] \eta^{2} \\ + \frac{M}{1+N_{1}} (0.11171875) - \frac{R_{e}}{1+N_{1}} (0.041592261] \\ g_{1}(\eta) = \frac{N_{3}R_{e}}{N_{2}} (0.375) \eta^{5} + \frac{N_{3}R_{e}}{N_{2}} (0.1041666667) \eta^{4} \\ + \Big[\frac{N_{3}R_{e}}{N_{2}} (0.0416666667) + \frac{N_{1}}{N_{2}} (0.375) \Big] \eta^{2} \\ + \Big[\frac{N_{1}}{N_{2}} (0.75) - \frac{N_{3}R_{e}}{N_{2}} (0.375) \Big] \eta^{2} \\ (40)$$

$$-\left[\frac{N_3 R_e}{N_2} (0.0761666667) + \frac{N_1}{N_2} (0.9166666667)\right] \eta + \left[\frac{N_3 R_e}{N_2} (0.2708333333) - \frac{N_1}{N_2} (0.75)\right]$$

$$\theta_{1}(\eta) = \frac{P_{eh}}{1 + \frac{4}{3}N_{r}} \left[0.0375\eta^{5} + 0.10416666667\eta^{4} + 0.0416666667\eta^{3} - 0.375\eta^{2} \right] \\ - \left[\frac{P_{eh}}{1 + \frac{4}{3}N_{r}} (0.0791666667) \right] \eta + \left[\frac{P_{eh}}{1 + \frac{4}{3}N_{r}} (0.270833333) \right]$$
(41)

$$\phi_1(\eta) = P_{em} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0375\eta^5 + 0.1041666667\eta^4 + 0.0416666667\eta^3 - 0.375\eta^2 \end{bmatrix} - P_{em} (0.0791666667)\eta + P_{em} (0.2708333333)$$
(42)

The terms $f_i(\eta), g_i(\eta), \theta_i(\eta)$ and $\phi_i(\eta)$ for $i \ge 2$ are too large to present graphically. The solution of the Equations (30)–(33), where p = 1 will be as

$$\begin{cases}
f(\eta) = f_0(\eta) + f_1(\eta) + f_2(\eta) + \dots \\
g(\eta) = g_0(\eta) + g_1(\eta) + g_2(\eta) + \dots \\
\theta(\eta) = \theta_0(\eta) + \theta_1(\eta) + \theta_2(\eta) + \dots \\
\phi(\eta) = \phi_0(\eta) + \phi_1(\eta) + \phi_2(\eta) + \dots
\end{cases}$$
(43)

5. Results and Discussions

The transformed Equations (10), (11), (13) and (14) along with the boundary conditions (15) and (16) were solved numerically by the bvp4c routine in MATLAB and the results thus obtained were developed into graphs in which the behaviour of non-dimensional parameters like N_1 , N_2 , N_2 , Re, Peh, Pem etc. on the simulated fluid velocity, microrotation profile and temperature profiles are shown through Figures 2–13.

Figures 2–4 depicts the effect of N_1 , N_2 and N_3 respectively on simulated velocity. As in Figure 2 when $\eta < -0.4545$ velocity decreases and after that it start increasing and as $\eta > 0.4949$ it again decreases. That is, N_1 has a dual effect on simulated velocity while on increasing N_2 and N_3 , the simulated velocity decreases (see Figures 3 and 4).

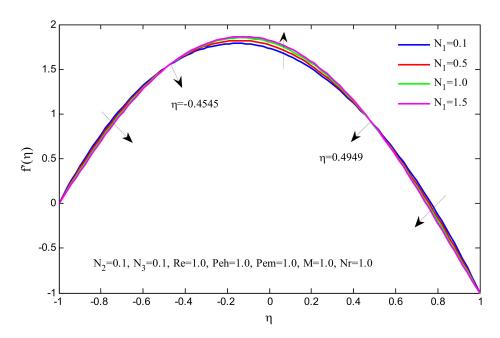


Figure 2. Effect of N_1 on simulated velocity.

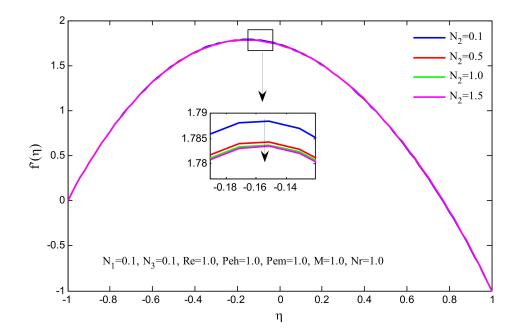
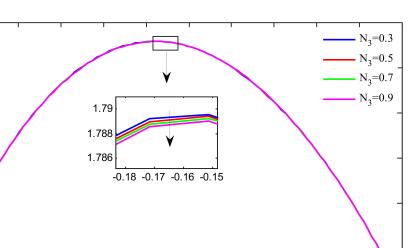


Figure 3. Effect of *N*₂ on simulated velocity.



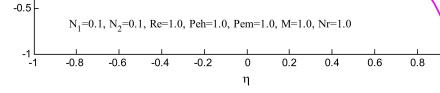


Figure 4. Effect of *N*³ on simulated velocity.

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It can be seen in Figure 5 that keeping the other parameters fixed, when $\eta < -0.6566$ velocity decreases for Re < 2.0 and an increase in velocity is shown for Re > 2.0, it starts decreasing when $-0.6566 < \eta < 0.3535$ and it start increasing when $\eta > 0.3535$. As the Reynolds number increases, the fluid velocity decreases in the middle of the channel, whereas near the lower wall of the channel it decreases when the Reynolds number remains below 2.0; it starts increasing when the Reynolds number is above 2.0, but near the upper wall of the channel, it appears to increase when the Reynolds number increases from 1.0 to 4.0.

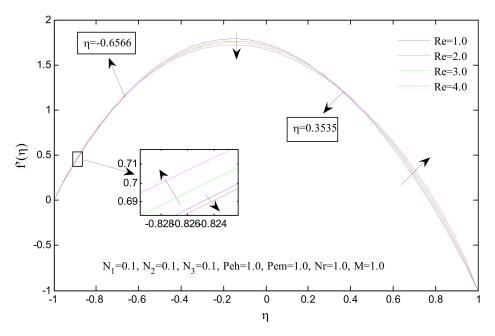


Figure 5. Effect of Re on simulated velocity.

Figure 6 portrays the effect of the magnetic field on simulated velocity. It increases as M increases, but after reaching $\eta = -0.05051$, the velocity decreases. In the presence of the magnetic field, the fluid oscillates irregularly in the middle of the channel.

Figure 7 shows that the micro-elements of the fluid irregularly oscillate around the middle of the channel as N_1 increases. As the coupling parameter gradually increases, it is reflected by the irregular oscillation of micro-elements around the middle of the channel.

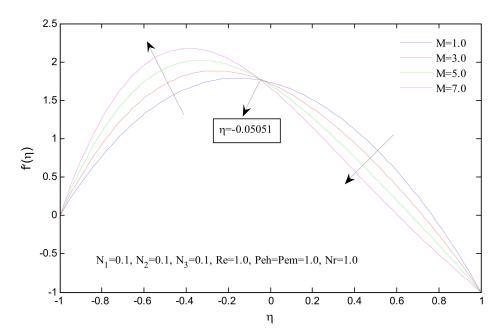


Figure 6. Effect of M on simulated velocity.

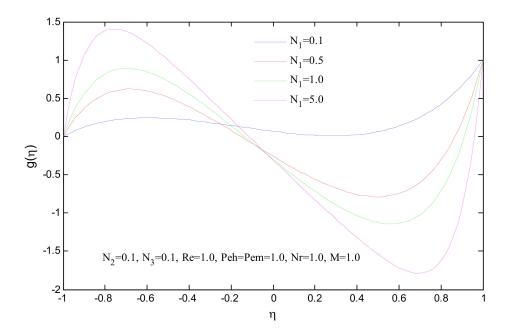


Figure 7. Effect of N_1 on microrotation profile.

Figure 8 shows that with an increase in N_2 , micro-elements irregularly oscillate around $\eta < -0.5$, that is, due to the increase of spin gradient viscosity, micro-elements oscillate in an irregular mode near the lower wall of the channel.

An increase in N_3 leads to the irregular oscillation of micro-elements around $\eta < -0.3$, that is, the micro-elements oscillate near the lower wall of the channel as N_3 increases (Figure 9).

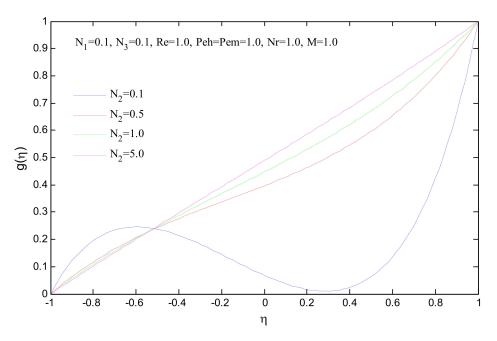


Figure 8. Effect of N₂ on microrotation profile.

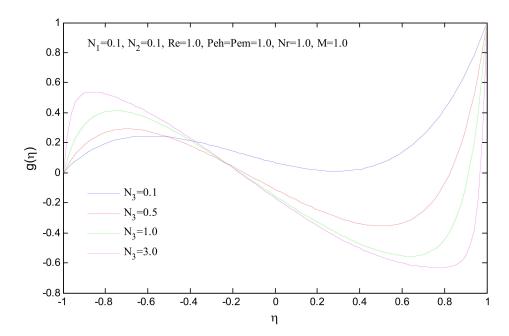


Figure 9. Effect of N_3 on microrotation profile.

Figure 10 demonstrates that the micro-elements irregularly oscillate near the lower wall of the channel at around (-0.6, -0.4) as Reynolds number increases.

Figure 11 shows that the increase in the value of N_r leads to a decrease in the temperature field and that the maximum decrease in temperature is at the middle of the channel, indicating that larger the radiation parameter lower the temperature in the middle of the channel.

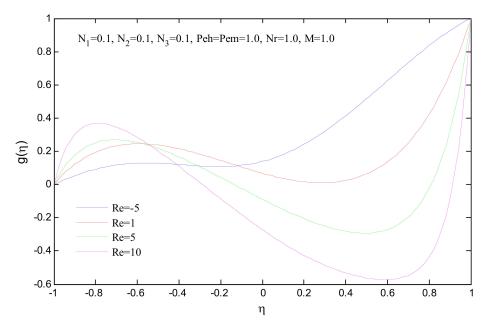


Figure 10. Effect of Re on microrotation profile.

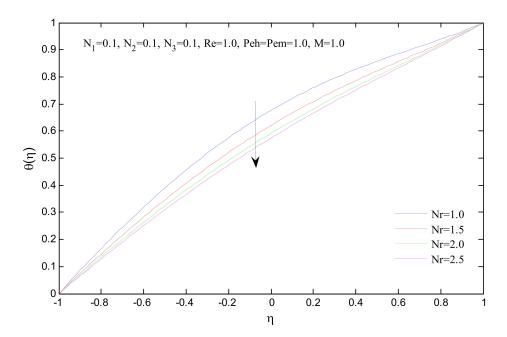


Figure 11. Effect of N_r on temperature profile.

In Figure 12, it can be observed that the fluid temperature increases in the middle of the channel when Peh = 0.5 to Peh = 1.5, and the temperature rapidly increases when Peh = 1.5 onwards.

Figure 13 shows the effect of Peclet number for the diffusion of mass in a concentration profile. The solute concentration will be at a maximum in the middle of the channel as the diffusion of mass increases but it remains non-zero at the upper wall of the channel.

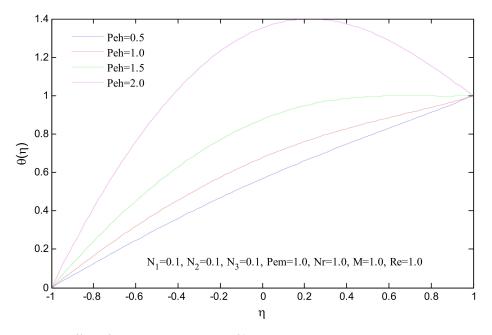


Figure 12. Effect of P_{eh} on temperature profile.

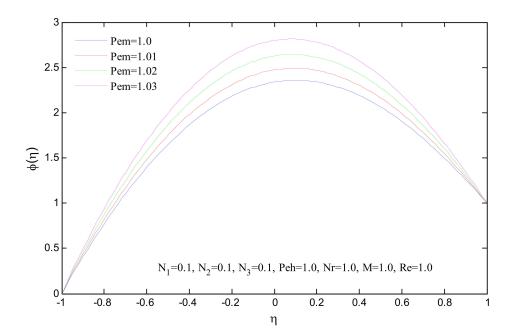


Figure 13. Effect of *P*_{em} on mass concentration profile.

6. Conclusions

The micropolar parameter N_1 has a dual effect on simulated velocity while the spin gradient viscosity parameter N_2 and N_3 both have an adverse effect on simulated velocity.

On increasing N_1 , the microrotation irregularly oscillates around the middle of the channel, whereas on increasing spin gradient viscosity N_2 , micro-elements irregularly

oscillate around $\eta < -0.5$;an increase in N_3 leads to irregular oscillation at an angular velocity around $\eta < -0.3$.

The Reynolds number impacts dual effect on simulated velocity about Re = 2.0 when $-1 < \eta < -0.6566$ and increasing the Reynolds number leads to irregular oscillations in microrotation.

The simulated velocity irregularly oscillates around $\eta = -0.05051$, when M increases.

 N_r plays a key role in decreases in the temperature profile and the maximum fall in temperature is noticed near middle of the channel.

The fluid temperature increases in the middle of the channel when Peh = 0.5 to Peh = 1.5 and the temperature rapidly increases when Peh = 1.5 onwards; the upper wall of the channel will experience increases in temperature but the lower wall will have negligible increases in temperature.

Peclet number *Pem* for diffusion of mass indicates that mass diffusion will be at a maximum in the middle of the channel.

From Table 1, it has been observed that local heat flux increases when M < 10 and starts decreasing when M > 10, and inversely depends on Reynolds number. Its dependence on N_2 and N_3 is inverse, while on N_1 it is directly proportional. The heat flux increases when the values of *Peh* increase, whereas it decreases when increasing the values of radiation parameter N_r .

Table 1. Numerical values of $-\theta'(-1)$ and $-\varphi'(-1)$ for different values of N_1 , N_2 , N_3 , Re, $M P_{eh}$, P_{em} and Nr.

N_1	N_2	N_3	Re	M	P _{eh}	Pem	N _r	$-\theta'(-1)$
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5535
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5536
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5537
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5537
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	15.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5536
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	20.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5535
1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5552
1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5538
1.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5532
1.0	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5532
1.0	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5530
1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5520
1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5533
1.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5532
1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5530
1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5537
1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5538
2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5539
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6167
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6922
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.7842
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5475
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5427
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5387
N_1	N_2	N_3	Re	M	P _{eh}	Pem	Nr	$-\varphi'(-1)$
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5613
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6355
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.7268
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.8420

Table 1 also predicts that the mass flux depends only on *Pem* and it starts increasing upon increasing *Pem*.

7. Comparison of This Work with Other Work

In the absence of the magnetic field and thermal radiation, the Equations (10), (13) and (14) reduce equations obtained by M. Sheikholeslami et al. [24], but we have taken different boundary conditions in our paper. If we take the same boundary conditions as taken by [24], then the graphical representation of microrotation in our Figures 7–10 will be reduced to the same as is shown in [24]. In the absence of the magnetic field and thermal radiation, the governing equations of our problem have been reduced to the governing equations as in A. Mirzaaghaian et al. [25], and if we take the boundary conditions to be the same as in [25], the graphical representation of the temperature profile matches with Figures 11 and 12 in our paper. Thus, in the presence of the magnetic field and thermal radiation, we have obtained the new results presented in the Results and Discussion section of this study.

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Nomenclature

- C species concentration
- *D** molecular diffusivity
- *K*₁ thermal conductivity
- B_0 strength of constant applied magnetic field
- f dimensionless stream function
- g dimensionless microrotation
- *h* half width of channel
- *j* micro-inertia density
- *M* magnetic parameter
- *N* microrotation/angular velocity
- $N_{1, 2, 3}$ dimensionless parameters
- *N_{ux}* Local Nusselt number
- *S_{ux}* Local Sherwood number
- Sc Schmidt number
- *P* pressure
- *Pr* Prandtl number
- P_{eh} Peclet number for diffusion of heat
- *P_{em}* Peclet number for diffusion of mass

- q_r radiative heat flux
- *Re* Reynolds number
- *T* fluid temperature
- *N_r* radiation parameter
- s microrotation boundary condition
- (u, v) Cartesian velocity components
- (*x*, *y*) Cartesian coordinate components parallel & normal to channel axis, respectively
- *HPM* homotopy perturbation method

Greek Symbols

- η similarity variable
- μ dynamic viscosity
- ρ Fluid density
- ψ stream function
- σ electric conductivity
- θ dimensionless temperature
- ϕ dimensionless mass transfer parameter
- κ coupling coefficient
- v_s microrotation/spin-gradient viscosity

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