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REVIEW



Hydromagnetic Nanofluid Film Flow over a Stretching Sheet with Prescribed Heat Flux and Viscous Dissipation

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ABSTRACT

Thermal radiative heat transfer through a thin horizontal liquid film of a Newtonian nanofluid subjected to a magnetic field is considered. The physical boundary conditions are a variable surface heat flux and a uniform concentration along the sheet. Moreover, viscous dissipation is present and concentration is assumed to be influenced by both thermophoresis and Brownian motion effects. Using a similarity method to turn the underlying Partial differential equations into a set of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) and a shooting technique to solve these equations, the skin-friction coefficient, the Nusselt number, and the Sherwood number are determined. Among other things, it is shown that large values of the thermal radiation heat transfer rate, thermal conductivity parameter, and the Brownian motion parameter can enhance the cooling of the sheet.

KEYWORDS

Nanofluid thin film; variable heat flux; viscous dissipation; unsteady stretching sheet; thermal radiation

1 Introduction

Nanofluids are novel fluids that have distinct thermal properties due to the presence of suspensions of nanoparticles that spread throughout the whole base fluid. The fundamental cause of increasing fluid thermophysical properties such as heat conduction, heat convection, fluid thermal conductivity, and fluid viscosity is the permanent presence of nanoparticles (Fig. 1) in the base fluid. Nanofluid is more efficient in a wide range of key industrial and engineering problems, including heat exchangers, solar panels, electronic equipment cooling, microchannels, and chemical processes, thanks to this artificial enhancement in fluid properties [1–3]. Fluid flow and heat transfer together with magneto-hydrodynamic and thermal radiation phenomena are encountered widely in several studies due to their important applications [4–13].

A body of important theoretical research regarding nanofluid flow, which is very beneficial, especially in the processes of heat transfer enhancement, has been obtainable in the literature [14–19] since the work of Vasu et al. [20] which discussed analytically the mechanism of convective heat transfer for the nanofluid that is saturated with nanostructured particles.



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Figure 1: Spreading nanoparticles in base fluid

Many major engineering and technological fields tackle fluid flow and heat mass transfer mechanisms, particularly those that occur through a region of thin liquid layer over an unstable stretched sheet [21]. Wire and fibre coating, heat exchanger design, extrusion procedures, chemical processing equipment, and food processing are all examples of key applications [22,23]. The degree of quality of the finished product, on the other hand, is mostly determined by the flow and heat transmission mechanisms. Therefore, the precise analysis of thermal energy transitions within a liquid thin film is very important for gaining some essential understanding of such significant processes [24–26]. Recently, Noor et al. [27] have extended the problem of Noor et al. [28] by studying the thermocapillarity and magnetic field effects on the flow and heat transfer in a thin liquid film due to an unsteady stretching sheet. Further contributions have been made since that time by many researchers [29–31]. They have discussed the various physical and thermal phenomena to obtain the accurate solutions valid for different physical assumptions. They also pointed out that the ability of the fluid on the drag based both on the physical parameters and the geometry of the proposed system. Several important researches regarding the topic of nanoliquids flow and heat mass transfer have been reported [32–38].

The major goal of this work is to use the shooting approach on Newtonian fluids to examine thin liquid film flow and heat mass transfer processes that are exposed to the magnetic field, viscous dissipation phenomenon, thermal radiation, and variable heat flux.

2 Formulation of the Problem

The effect of thermal radiation, variable heat flux, and the phenomenon of viscous dissipation on the liquid thin film flow of MHD nanofluid due to an unsteady stretching sheet is investigated in this study. As previously stated by Liu et al. [30], we assume that the thermal conductivity of nanofluids varies linearly with temperature. In this work, we assume an unsteady flow of an incompressible Newtonian fluid within a thin liquid film having a uniform thickness h(t) on a resilient sheet that emerges from a very narrow slit at the origin, as shown below in Fig. 2.



Figure 2: Schematic configuration of the physical problem

Firstly, we must refer that an exhaustive understanding and explanation about the variable heat flux $q_s(x, t)$ is introduced previously by Liu et al. [39] according to the following relation:

$$q_s(x, t) = -\kappa \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right) = dx^2 T_r (1 - at)^{\frac{-5}{2}},\tag{1}$$

where κ is the fluid thermal conductivity, d is a constant, a is a dimension constant which reciprocal time and T_r is the reference temperature. The nature of the nanofluid which characterized by the presence of the suspended particles results in the Brownian motion for these hanging particles with a coefficient called Brownian diffusion D_B and a thermophoretic diffusion coefficient D_T . Further, the nanofluid flow characteristics are affected by the impacts of the magnetic field in the absence of the Hall current effect, which is supposed to act only in the positive y direction as follows [40]:

$$\vec{B}(t) = B_0 (1 - at)^{\frac{-1}{2}} \vec{j},$$
(2)

where B_0 is the constant magnetic field strength. Additionally, the nanofluid is assumed to be controlled by the continuously sheet velocity which takes the form [40]:

$$u_s(x, t) = \frac{bx}{1 - at},\tag{3}$$

where b is a constant representing the rate of stretching for the elastic sheet. With the usual Rosseland diffusion approximations and Boussinesq assumptions and following Liu et al. [40], the fundamental equations for this physical problem are:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0,\tag{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\sigma |\vec{B}|^2}{\rho_f} u,$$
(5)

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\rho_f c_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{v}{c_p} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \tau \left(D_B \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \left(\frac{D_T}{T_0} \right) \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right) - \frac{1}{\rho_f c_p} \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y}, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{D_T}{T_0}\right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}.$$
(7)

In these previous equations, u and v are the components of the velocity of the nanofluid. Also, ρ_f , T, κ , v, τ and T_0 are the nanofluid density, the nanofluid temperature, the nanofluid thermal conductivity, the kinematic viscosity, the ratio of the micro-particles heat capacity to the fundamental fluid heat capacity and a slot constant temperature, respectively. Further, C is the nanoparticle volume fraction, c_p is the specific heat at constant pressure and σ is the electric conductivity of the nanofluid. In order to avoid making extensive calculations especially with the presence of the thermal radiation phenomenon, it is affirmed here to focus attention on the previously simplifications for the radiative heat flux q_r which presented by Raptis [41,42] in which he presented a linear simplification for q_r . Referring to the physical problem of the proposed nanofluid flow, the assumptions are fulfilled with the following conditions:

$$u = u_s(x, t), \quad v = 0, \quad -\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = q_s(x, t), \quad C_w = C_0 - C_r \left(\frac{bx^2}{2v}\right) (1 - at)^{\frac{-3}{2}}, \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0,$$
(8)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = 0, \quad v = \frac{dh}{dt} \quad \text{at} \quad y = h,$$
(9)

where T_r is the constant reference temperature, C_w is the sheet nanoparticle volume fraction, C_0 is the constant concentration at the slot and C_r is the constant reference nanoparticle volume fraction.

Substituting the following non-dimensional transformations [40]:

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{b}{v}} (1 - at)^{\frac{-1}{2}} y, \quad \psi = \sqrt{vb} (1 - at)^{\frac{-1}{2}} x f(\eta), \tag{10}$$

$$\theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_0}{T_r \frac{dx^2}{(1 - at)^2} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\nu}{b}}}{\kappa_0}}, \quad C = C_0 - C_r \left(\frac{bx^2(1 - at)^{\frac{-3}{2}}}{\nu}\right) \phi(\eta), \tag{11}$$

into the mathematical governing Eqs. (4)–(7) and the pertinent boundary conditions (8) and (9), we have

$$f''' + ff'' - f'^2 - S\left(\frac{\eta}{2}f'' + f'\right) - Mf' = 0,$$
(12)

$$\frac{1}{Pr}((1+R+\varepsilon\theta)\theta''+\varepsilon\theta'^2)+f\theta'-2f'\theta-S\left(2\theta+\frac{\eta}{2}\theta'\right)+Ecf''^2+Nt\theta'^2-Nb\theta'\phi'=0,$$
(13)

$$\phi'' + Sc\left(f\phi' - 2f'\phi - \frac{S}{2}(3\phi + \eta\phi')\right) + \frac{Nt}{Nb}\theta'' = 0,$$
(14)

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 1, \quad \theta'(0) = \frac{-1}{1 + R + \varepsilon \theta(0)}, \quad \phi(0) = 1,$$
(15)

$$f(\gamma) = \frac{\gamma}{2}S, \quad f''(\gamma) = 0, \quad \theta'(\gamma) = 0, \quad \phi'(\gamma) = 0, \tag{16}$$

where the governing parameters appeared above can be defined as $S = \frac{a}{b}$, $M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f b}$, $R = \frac{16\sigma^* T_0^3}{3k^*\kappa_0}$, $\Pr = \frac{v}{\alpha}$, $Nt = \frac{dx^2 \tau D_T T_r}{\kappa_0 \sqrt{vb}(1-at)^2 T_0}$, $Nb = \frac{\tau D_B(C_w - C_0)}{v}$, $Ec = \frac{\kappa_0 b^{\frac{5}{2}}}{dc_p T_r \sqrt{v}}$ and $Sc = \frac{v}{D_B}$, which named

respectively, the unsteadiness parameter, the magnetic number, the radiation parameter, the Prandtl number, the thermophoresis parameter, the Brownian motion parameter, the Eckert number and the Schmidt number. Furthermore, the parameter γ which represents the dimensionless film thickness can be calculated with the aid of Eq. (10) as follows:

$$\gamma = \left(\frac{b}{v(1-at)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}h(t).$$
(17)

Clearly that γ is an unknown constant which must be obtained for the group of governing Eqs. (12)–(16) as a whole.

Three important physical quantities in engineering and practical applications which they must be mentioned, respectively, the local skin-friction coefficient Cf_x , the local Nusselt number Nu_x and the wall concentration gradient Sh_x , and they are given as follows:

$$Cf_x Re^{\frac{1}{2}} = -f''(0), \quad Nu_x Re^{\frac{-1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\theta(0)}, \quad Sh_x Re^{\frac{-1}{2}} = -\phi'(0),$$
 (18)

where $Re = \frac{u_s x}{v}$ is the local Reynolds number.

3 Results and Discussion

The following tabular data (Table 1) comprises a comparison between our results and those previously published by Liu et al. [40], in order to assess the accuracy of our numerical results. This comparison is made between both the film thickness γ and the skin friction coefficient values -f'(0) for different values of the magnetic parameter M with S = 0.8. The present findings, then, are clearly in great accord with those previously obtained by Liu et al. [40] which confirm the thoroughness of the numerical method used.

М	Liu et al. [40]		Present results	
	γ	-f''(0)	γ	-f''(0)
0.0	2.151994	1.245806	2.15199399	1.24580588
1.0	1.616881	1.589392	1.61688101	1.58939175
3.0	1.184197	2.114432	1.18419688	2.11443179
5.0	0.979193	2.532666	0.97919287	2.53266567

Table 1: γ and -f''(0) for different value of M with S = 0.8

Variations in velocity, temperature, and concentration are depicted in figures for a variety of governing parameter values. It can be noted from Fig. 3, that, for an instant shown, a decrease in unsteadiness parameter *S* results in thickening of the thin film length, whereas the opposite trend is observed for both the free surface velocity $f(\gamma)$ and the velocity distribution $f(\eta)$ through the film region.



Figure 3: $f(\eta)$ for assorted values of *S*

In Fig. 4, the effect of the same parameter *S* on temperature profiles is illustrated. The diminution of the sheet temperature $\theta(0)$ as well as the temperature profiles beside the sheet for rising *S* is manifest. While the analysis refers to a opposite trend for the free surface temperature $\theta(\gamma)$.



Figure 4: $\theta(\eta)$ for assorted values of *S*

Fig. 5 shows the wall concentration variation along the thin film region with the *S* as an unsteadiness parameter. It is easily clear that *S* enhances both the concentration distribution $\phi(\eta)$ and the free surface concentration $\phi(\gamma)$ through the thin film layer.



Figure 5: $\phi(\eta)$ for assorted values of *S*

Fig. 6 shows the effect of the magnetic field on the flow characteristics, obtained by keeping all parameters constant and allowing M varying. It would appear, therefore, that the maximum free surface velocity $f(\gamma)$, maximum film thickness, and the highly velocity distributions $f(\eta)$ within the film region occurs for the absence of magnetic field M=0.



Figure 6: $f(\eta)$ for assorted values of *M*

Fig. 7 elucidates the temperature profiles for varying values of the magnetic parameter M, keeping the other physical parameters fixed. For the impact of M on the thermal film layer it can be shown that the temperature profile clearly varies with M, indicating strongly the heating character for the stretching sheet as well as increasing the free surface temperature $\theta(\gamma)$ as M increases. On the other hand, a similar behavior for the free surface concentration $\phi(\gamma)$ and the concentration distribution $\phi(\eta)$ is observed from Fig. 8 as this for thin film flow within the thermal film layer. Physically, the presence of magnetic field in this study acts as an internal heat factor within the thermal thin film layer.

Variation of the temperature field $\theta(\eta)$ as a function of η is shown in the following Fig. 9 for three various values of thermal radiation parameter R. It is observed that enhancing the radiation parameter can result in diminishing the temperature distribution along the sheet as well as the sheet temperature $\theta(0)$. As a result, the thermal radiation phenomena can be used as a coolant for the sheet in this physical model in the presence of a changing heat flux.

Fig. 10 depicts the influence of *R* on the concentration field $\phi(\eta)$ when the other parameters are taken as fixed values. The increase in the radiation parameter *R* has resulted in a somewhat lower nanofluid concentration.

Fig. 11 depicts the effect of the Eckert number Ec on the wall temperature using three curves. This graph clearly shows that Ec has a major influence on the temperature field. The temperature distribution within the thermal film layer clearly increases as the viscous dissipation parameter is increased. The temperature of the stretched sheet is then raised as a result of this.



Figure 8: $\phi(\eta)$ for assorted values of *M*

Fig. 12 shows a plot of the nanofluid concentration $\phi(\eta)$ against the similarity variable η for various values of the Eckert number *Ec*. Clearly that the major feature of the curve, the slightly variation in the value of the nanofluid concentration as *Ec* increases. Because the viscous dissipation phenomena impacts the thermal field directly, but not the nanofluid concentration, this behavior happens.



Figure 10: $\phi(\eta)$ for assorted values of *R*

In Fig. 13 we have given a graph of the temperature distribution $\theta(\eta)$ against the similarity variable η for assorted values of the thermophoresis parameter *Nt* in the inner region of the thin liquid film. It is seen that, for great values of *Nt*, higher temperature distribution exists within the liquid thin film region than for the smallest value of *Nt*. The cooling mechanism for the sheet can be performed physically for the least value of *Nt*.



Figure 12: $\phi(\eta)$ for assorted values of *Ec*

Fig. 14 shows the effect of the variation of the thermophoresis parameter Nt on the nanofluid concentration field $\phi(\eta)$. Thermophoresis force is a phenomenon which can be observed in a nanofluid where the suspended particles present several responses to the temperature gradient force. When Nt increases through values from zero to 0.2, the concentration of the nanofluid increases throughout the thin

film region. In terms of physics, this figure shows that larger thermophoresis parameter estimation enhances the concentration distribution through the thin film layer.



Figure 14: $\phi(\eta)$ for assorted values of *Nt*

In Fig. 15, the function of temperature $\theta(\eta)$ is plotted *vs.* η for for different values of the Brownian motion parameter *Nb*. The particles Brownian motion are the random motion of suspended particles in a nanofluid medium. Fig. 15 clearly shows that when the Brownian motion parameter *Nb* assumes a large value, the temperature drops and reaches a minimum near the sheet, resulting in a very important conclusion that the Brownian motion parameter can be used as a cooling factor for the nanofluid.



Figure 15: $\theta(\eta)$ for assorted values of *Nb*

Fig. 16 showes the theoretical data obtained for the nanofluid concentration field $\phi(\eta)$ which plotted against the similarity variable η . From Fig. 16 we see that enlargement of the Brownian motion parameter *Nb* results in diminishing for both the nanofluid concentration field $\phi(\eta)$ and the free surface concentration $\phi(\gamma)$. Physically, the mass diffusivity of nanofluids decreases as the Brownian motion parameter is increased. As a result, the concentration of nanofluid and all connected nanoparticles in the film layer degrades.

Fig. 17 demonstrates the effect of the dimensionless thermal conductivity parameter ε on the thermal field of the nanofluid flow within a liquid thin film together with the heat flux phenomenon. The graphic indicates that the higher the thermal conductivity parameter ε , the better the sheet cooling.



Figure 17: $\theta(\eta)$ for assorted values of ε

4 Conclusions

We investigated the influence of thermal radiation and variable thermal conductivity on the nanofluid flow of a liquid film in the presence of a magnetic field and a prescribed heat flux in the current study. Due to the effect of the viscous dissipation phenomena, we also evaluated the flow and heat mass properties of nanofluid thin films. The results are drawn after the resulting system of ordinary differential equations is numerically assessed using the shooting technique for various values of the physical governing factors. We may draw some useful conclusions regarding the process of heat and mass transmission through the flow of nanofluid film from the current study. The major reasons for controlling the sheet cooling process are the rise in thermal radiation parameter, thermal conductivity parameter, and Brownian motion of nanoparticles suspended in the base fluid. This clearly indicates that the thermal radiation phenomena, as well as temperature-dependent conductivity and Brownian motion, must be included in heat conduction mechanisms throughout the nanofluids research. Furthermore, for both large values of the magnetic parameter and the unsteadiness parameter, compactness of thin film thickness is clearly visible. Furthermore, the presence of the magnetic field force enhances both the nanofluid concentration and temperature distributions, while also assisting in the reduction of both the film thickness to decrease, while increasing the same value causes the free surface velocity to increase.

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