

## Mixed Convection Flow of a Jeffrey Nanofluid in a Vertical Channel

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**Abstract:** The laminar fully developed mixed convection flow of a Jeffrey Nanofluid in a vertical channel bounded by parallel plates with asymmetrical thermal and nanoparticle concentration conditions at the walls is investigated. The nanofluid model used here includes the effects of Brownian diffusion and thermophoresis. The expressions for the velocity, temperature and nanoparticle concentration profiles are obtained. Nusselt and Sherwood numbers at the left wall of the channel are determined and discussed in detail. When the Jeffrey parameter and heat source parameter tend to zero, the results deduced agree with the corresponding ones of Grosan and Pop [27]. It is observed that the velocity increases at the hot wall and decreases at the cold wall due to increasing Jeffrey parameter. But opposite behaviour is noticed in the case of the buoyancy ratio, thermophoresis, Brownian motion and heat source parameters. Further a numerical solution is also obtained and is compared with the analytical solution.

**Key words:** Vertical Channel • Mixed Convection flow • Jeffrey nanofluid

### INTRODUCTION

Combined forced convection and natural convection, or mixed convection, occurs when natural convection and forced convection mechanisms act together to transfer heat. This occurs where both pressure forces and buoyant forces interact. Heat transfer applications in a channel where both forced and free convection play a role in determining the velocity and temperature fields arise in many practical applications. A frequently encountered configuration in thermal engineering equipment is the vertical channel. This configuration is used to model, for example, collection of solar energy and cooling devices of electronic and microelectronic equipments. Literature review of the fully developed mixed convection flow in channels has been presented by Tao [1], Aung and Worku [2], Cheng *et al.* [3], Hamadah and Wirtz [4], Chen and Chung [5], Barletta [6], Barletta *et al.* [7, 8], Boulama and Galanis [9], etc. It is observed that conventional heat transfer fluids such as ethylene glycol mixture, etc.) are poor heat transfer fluids because of their low thermal conductivity. In order to increase the thermal conductivity of the base fluids, researchers have tried to suspend solid particles in fluids, since the thermal conductivity of solids is typically higher than that of liquids [10]. Fluids with particles of the order of nanometers suspended in liquids

are called nanofluids [11]. It is repeated that they have superior properties compared to usual heat transfer fluids. Successful application of nanofluids will support the current trend towards component miniaturization by enabling the design of smaller and lighter heat exchanger systems. The convective heat transfer characteristics of nanofluids depend on the thermophysical properties of the base fluid, the flow pattern and the volume fraction of the suspended particles and their dimensions, and the shape of these particles. Nanofluids have many important industrial applications also (for example nuclear reactors, nanodrug delivery, cancer therapeutics, sensing and imaging). Buongiorno [12] reported that the nanoparticle absolute velocity can be viewed as the sum of the base fluid velocity and a relative velocity. He calls it as the slip velocity. He has concluded that in the absence of turbulent effects, it is the Brownian diffusion and the thermophoresis that are important and he has suggested conservation equations based on these two effects. This model has been used by Nield and Kuznetsov [13], Kuznetsov and Nield [14], Khan and Pop [15] and several authors to study Convective flows of nanofluids. Numerical and experimental studies on nanofluids inside cavities are made by Kang *et al.*, Khanafer *et al.*, Tiwari *et al.* and Aminossadati *et al.* [16-19]. Important reviews on nanofluid flows are given by Daughthongsuk

and Wongwises [20], Wang and Mujumdar [21] and Kakac, and Pramuanjaroenkij [22]. Fully Developed Mixed Convection in a Vertical Channel Filled by a Nanofluid is studied by Grosan and Pop [23]. Natural convective boundary-layer flow of a nanofluid past a vertical plate is discussed by Kuznetsov and Nield [24]. Effects of Heat Generation or Absorption on Free Convection Flow of a Nanofluid past an Isothermal Inclined Plate are analysed by Akilu and Narahari [25]. MHD free Convection Flow of a Nanofluid past a vertical Plate in the Presence of heat generation/ absorption effects is studied by Chamkha and Aly [26]. Analytical solution for peristaltic flow of conducting nanofluids in an asymmetric channel with slip effect of velocity, temperature and concentration is studied by Sreenadh *et al.* [27].

In this paper mixed convection flow of a Jeffrey nanofluid in a vertical channel is studied.

#### Nomenclature:

A to G Constants

$C$  Nanoparticles volume fraction

$D_T$  Thermophoretic diffusion coefficient

$L$  Distance between parallel walls

$Gr$  Grashof number

$Nb$  Brownian motion parameter

$Nt$  Thermophoresis parameter

$Sh$  Sherwood number

$u, v$ , velocity components in the  $x$ - and  $y$ - directions

$\lambda_1$  Jeffrey parameter

$c$  heat capacity at constant pressure

$g$  Gravity acceleration vector

$D_B$  Brownian diffusion coefficient

$K$  Thermal conductivity

$T$  Jeffrey parameter

$Nr$  Buoyancy-ratio parameter

$Nu$  Nusselt number

$p$  Pressure

$T$  Fluid temperature

$x, y$  Cartesian coordinates

$\mathbf{v}$  velocity vector

$\gamma$  heat source parameter

#### Greek Symbols:

$\alpha$  Pressure parameter

$\beta$  Thermal expansion coefficient

$\phi$  Rescaled nanoparticle volume fraction

$\mu$  Dynamic viscosity

$\nu$  Kinematic viscosity

$\theta$  Dimensionless temperature

$\rho$  Density

#### Subscripts:

f Base fluid

p Solid particle

**Mathematical Formulation of the Problem:** Consider a Jeffrey nanofluid that steadily flows between two vertical and parallel plane walls apporportioned by a distance  $L$ . Let  $x$ -axis be aligned parallel to the gravitational acceleration vector  $\vec{g}$ , but with the positive direction and  $y$ -axis be taken orthogonal to the channel walls. Let  $y=0$  and  $y=L$  act as two vertical walls respectively. It is assumed that the temperature and the nano particles concentration at the wall at  $y = 0$  are  $T_1$  and  $C_1$  and at the wall at  $y = L$  are  $T_2$  and  $C_2$ , respectively.

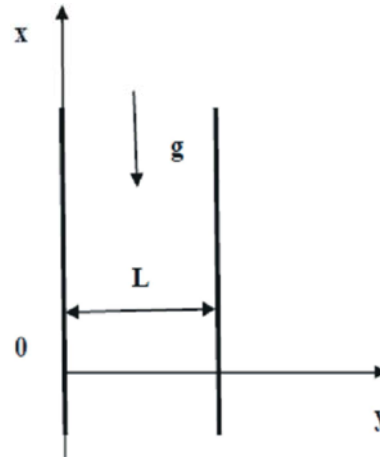


Fig. 1: Physical model

Assuming the Oberbeck-Boussinesq approximation, the governing equations reduce to [23].

$$v=0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}=0, \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}=0, \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}=0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}=0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}=\frac{dp}{dx}=\text{constant} \quad (1)$$

$$-\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{\mu}{1+\lambda_1} \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} + \left[ \frac{(1-C_0)\rho_{f_0}\beta(T-T_0)}{-(\rho_f - \rho_{f_0})(C-C_0)} \right] g = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$K \frac{d^2 T}{dy^2} + (\rho c)_p \left[ D_B \frac{dC}{dy} \frac{dT}{dy} + \left( \frac{D_T}{T_0} \right) \left( \frac{dT}{dy} \right)^2 \right] + Q_0 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$D_B \frac{d^2 C}{dy^2} + \left( \frac{D_T}{T_0} \right) \frac{d^2 T}{dy^2} = 0 \quad (4)$$

The boundary conditions are given by;

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 0, T = T_1, C = C_1 \text{ at } y = 0 \\ u &= 0, T = T_2, C = C_2 \text{ at } y = L \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

In order to determine the pressure gradient from equation(2), the mass flux conservation Q is required.

$$\int_0^L u dy = Q \quad (6)$$

We introduce now the following dimensionless variables:

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= y/L, U(Y) = u(y)/u_0, \\ P(Y) &= p(y)/(\rho u_0^2), \\ \theta(Y) &= (T - T_0)/(T_2 - T_0), \\ \phi(Y) &= (C - C_0)/(C_2 - C_0) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where, following Barleta and Zanchini [28], we assume that  $T_0 = (T_1 + T_2)/2$  and  $C_0 = (C_1 + C_2)/2$ . Substituting these variables into Eqs. (2)-(4), we get the following ordinary differential equations:

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dY^2} + \frac{Gr}{Re}(1 + \lambda_1)\theta(Y) - Nr(1 + \lambda_1)\phi(Y) + \alpha(1 + \lambda_1) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dY^2} + Nb \frac{d\theta}{dY} \frac{d\phi}{dY} + Nr \left( \frac{d\theta}{dY} \right)^2 + \gamma = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dY^2} + \frac{Nt}{Nb} \frac{d^2 \theta}{dY^2} = 0 \quad (10)$$

The boundary conditions (5) become

$$\begin{aligned} U(0) &= 0, \theta(0) = -1, \phi(0) = -1 \\ U(1) &= 0, \theta(1) = 1, \phi(1) = 1 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The mass flux conservation relation (6), becomes

$$\int_0^1 U dy = 1 \quad (12)$$

where we have taken  $Q = u_0 L$ .

In the above equations,  $\alpha = -\frac{dp}{dx}$  is the pressure parameter, Gr is the Grashof number, Re is the Reynolds number and Gr/Re is the mixed convection parameter, Nb is the Brownian motion parameter and Nt is the

thermophoresis parameter. These parameters are given by;

$$Gr = \frac{(1 - C_0)g\beta(T_2 - T_0)L^3}{\nu^2}, Re = \frac{u_0 L}{\nu} \quad (13)$$

The physical quantities of interest are the Nusselt (Nu) and the Sherwood (Sh) numbers defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} Nu &= -\frac{L}{T_2 - T_0} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0}, \\ Sh &= -\frac{L}{C_2 - C_0} \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Substituting Eq.(7) into Eq.(4), we get,

$$Nu = -\theta'(0), Sh = -\phi'(0) \quad (15)$$

**Solution of the Problem:** Equations (8)-(10) along with the boundary conditions (11) and the mass flux conservation equation (12) have been solved analytically. The expressions for velocity, temperature, concentration and the pressure gradient are given by;

$$U(Y) = (1 + \lambda_1) \left[ \left( \frac{E}{B^2} - \frac{E}{B^2} e^{-BY} - \frac{F}{6} Y^3 \right) + \left( \frac{-6}{1 + \lambda_1} - \frac{6E}{B^3} + \frac{3E}{B^2} + \frac{F}{4} + \frac{6E}{B^3} e^{-B} + \frac{3E}{B^2} e^{-B} \right) Y^2 + \left( \frac{6}{1 + \lambda_1} + \frac{6E}{B^3} - \frac{4E}{B^2} - \frac{F}{12} - \frac{6E}{B^3} e^{-B} - \frac{2E}{B^2} e^{-B} \right) Y \right] \quad (16)$$

$$\theta(Y) = C + D e^{-BY} - \frac{\gamma Y}{B} \quad (17)$$

$$\phi(Y) = -\frac{Nt}{Nb} \theta(Y) + AY - \frac{A}{2} \quad (18)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{12}{1 + \lambda_1} + \frac{12E}{B^3} (1 - e^{-B}) - \frac{6E}{B^2} (1 + e^{-B}) - \frac{F}{2} - G \quad (19)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 2 \left( 1 + \frac{Nt}{Nb} \right), B = ANb, C = \frac{1 + e^{-B} + \frac{\gamma}{B}}{1 - e^{-B}}, \\ D &= \frac{2 + \frac{\gamma}{B}}{e^{-B} - 1}, E = D \left( \frac{Gr}{Re} + Nr \frac{Nt}{Nb} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Table 1: Comparison between analytical and numerical results

$\frac{Gr}{Re}$	Nr	Nt	Nb	$\lambda_1$	$\gamma$	Pressure Gradient		Nusselt Number $\theta'(0)$		Sheerwood Number $\phi'(0)$	
						Analytic	Numeric	Analytic	Numeric	Analytic	Numeric
0	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.05	9.2308	9.23080	2.4533	2.45326	2	2.00000
	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.05	9.2308	9.23080	2.9338	2.93626	1.0662	1.08874
	5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.05	8.4151	8.41510	2.9338	2.93626	1.0662	1.08874
1000	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.05	-75.5273	-75.52730	2.4533	2.45326	2	2.00000
	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.05	-153.9121	-153.91210	2.9338	2.93626	1.0662	1.08874
	5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.05	-154.7278	-154.72780	2.9338	2.93626	1.0662	1.08874

$$F = - \left[ \left( \frac{Gr}{Re} + Nr \frac{Nt}{Nb} \right) \frac{\gamma}{B} + NrA \right],$$

$$G = C \left[ \left( \frac{Gr}{Re} + Nr \frac{Nt}{Nb} \right) + \frac{NrA}{2} \right] \quad (20)$$

Using Eqs.(17) and (18), the expressions for the Nusselt and Sherwood numbers defined by Eq. (15) become;

$$Nu = -\theta'(0) = BD + \frac{\gamma}{B},$$

$$Sh = -\phi'(0) = - \left[ \frac{Nt}{Nb} \left( BD + \frac{\gamma}{B} \right) + A \right] \quad (21)$$

In order to check the analytical solution (16), (17) and (18) with numerical solution, we applied RK method of fourth order along with Shooting technique. The comparison is presented in Table 1. A very good agreement is seen between exact and numerical results.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this paper, steady flow of a mixed convection through vertical channel filled by a Jeffrey nanofluid is examined and the results are discussed for various physical parameters such as the buoyancy ratio parameter Nr, the Brownian motion parameter Nb, the Thermophoresis parameter Nt, heat source parameter  $\gamma$  and Jeffrey parameter  $\lambda_1$ . In this analysis, for numerical calculation we used  $Nt = Nb = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$  and  $Nr = 100$ , for a fixed value of the mixed convection parameter  $Gr/Re=1000$ . These assigned values are kept as common in the entire study except for discrete values as displayed in Figures 2-13.

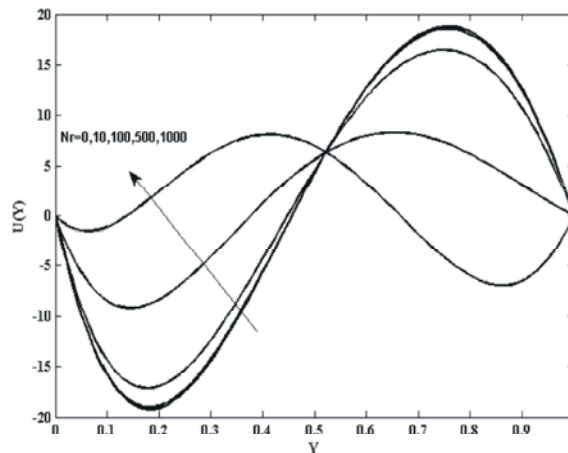


Fig. 2: Variation of dimensionless Velocity when  $Nr=0, 10, 100, 500, 1000$  and  $Nt=Nb=0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$

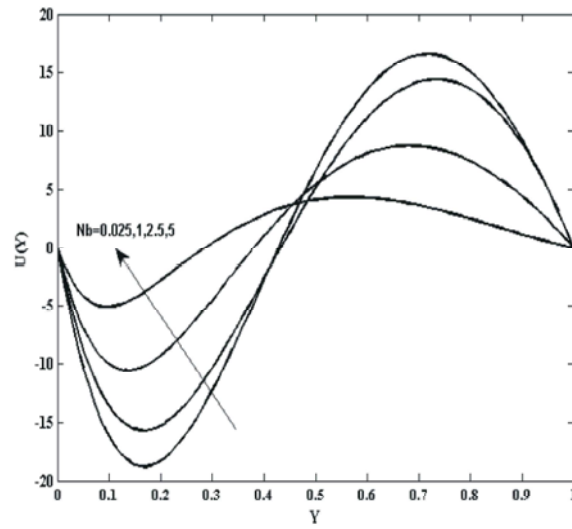


Fig. 3: Variation of dimensionless velocity When  $Nb=0.025, 1, 2.5, 5$ ,  $Nt=0.5$ ,  $Nr=100$ , and  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$   $\gamma = 0.5$

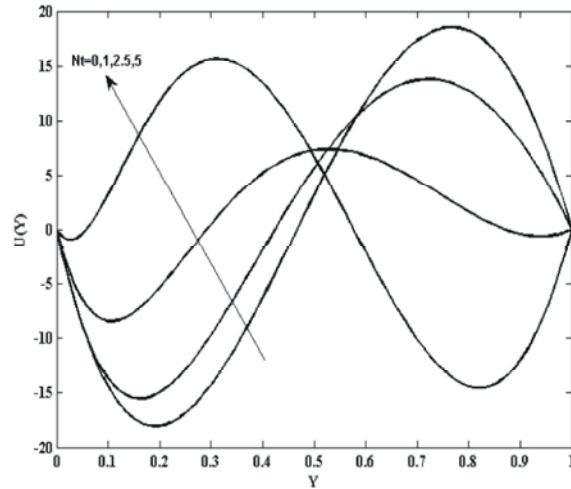


Fig. 4: Variation of dimensionless velocity when  $Nt=0.1, 2.5, 5$ ,  $Nr=100$ ,  $Nb=0.5$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$

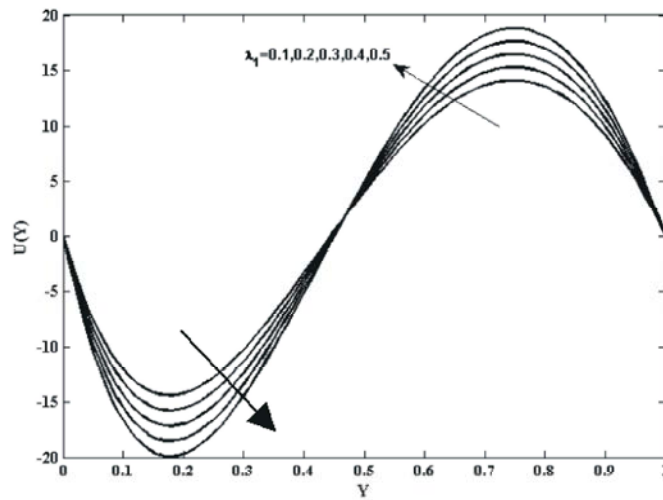


Fig. 5: Variation of dimensionless velocity when  $\lambda_1 = 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8$  and  $Nt=Nb=0.5$ ,  $Nr=100$ ,  $\gamma=0.5$

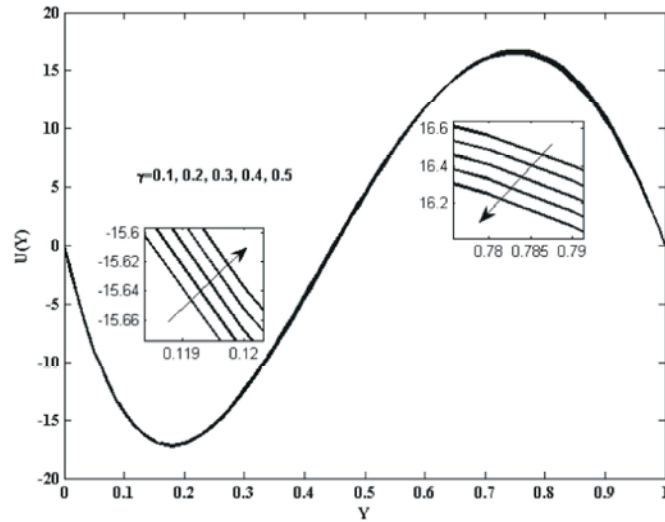


Fig. 6: Variation of dimensionless velocity when  $\gamma=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$ ,  $Nt=0.5$ ,  $Nr=100$ ,  $Nb=0.5$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$

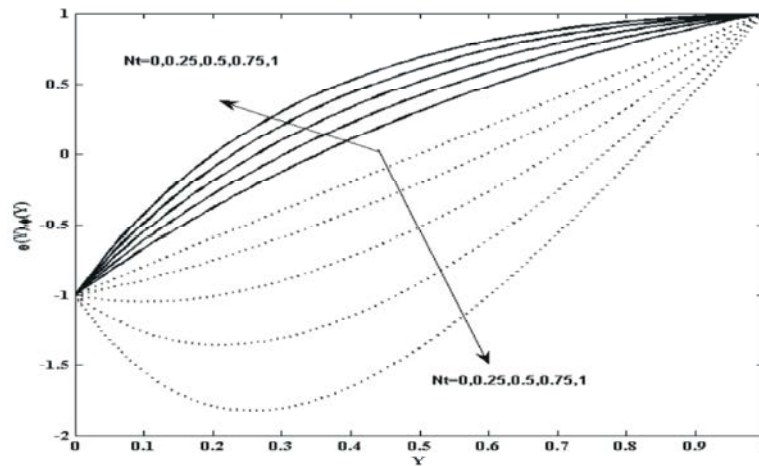


Fig. 7: Variation of dimensionless temperature (full line) and dimensionless concentration (dot line) when  $Nt=0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1$  and  $Nb=0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$

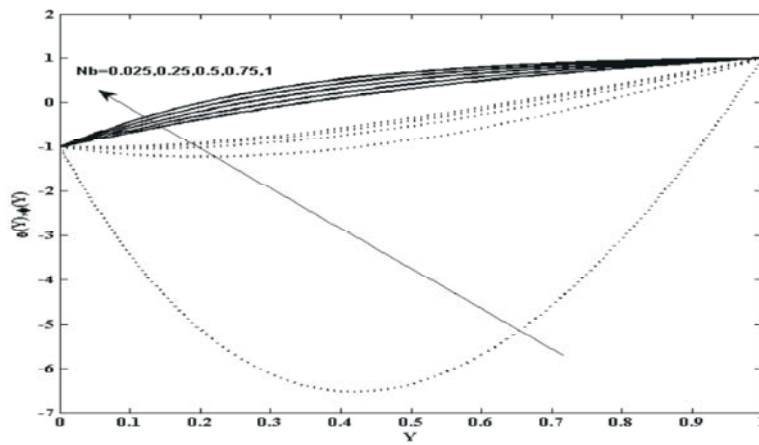


Fig. 8: Variation of dimensionless temperature (full line) and dimensionless concentration (dot line) when  $Nb=0.025, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1$  and  $Nt=0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ ,  $\gamma=0.5$

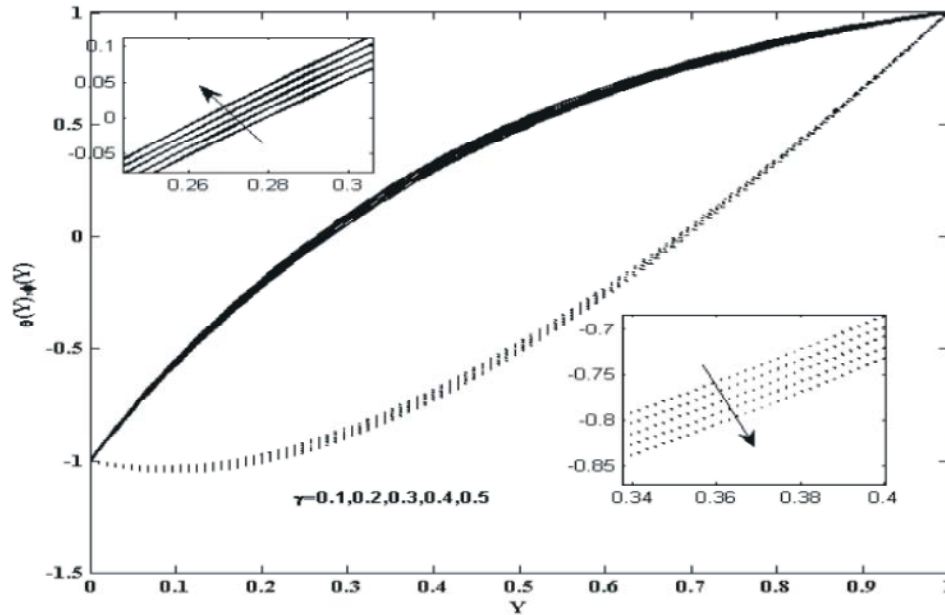


Fig. 9: Variation of dimensionless temperature (full line) and dimensionless concentration (dot line) when  $\gamma=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$ ,  $Nb=0.5$  and  $Nt=0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$

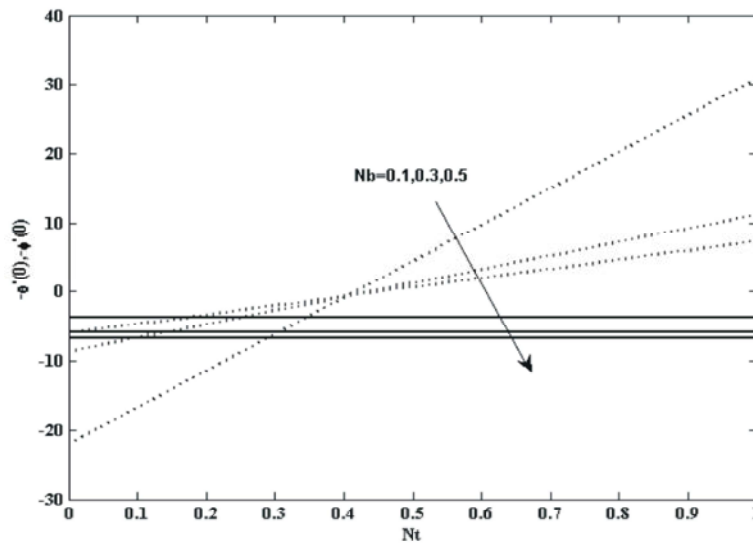


Fig. 10: Variation of reduced Nusselt number  $-\theta'(0)$  (full line) and reduced Sherwood number  $-\phi'(0)$  (dot line) with respect to  $Nt$  when  $Nb=0.1, 0.3, 0.5$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$

The variation of velocity with  $y$  is computed from equation (16) and is shown in Figures 2 to 6 for different values of  $Nt$ ,  $Nb$ ,  $Nr$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\lambda_1$ . It depicts that the velocity increases at cold wall and decreases at hot wall with increasing  $Nr$ ,  $Nt$ ,  $Nb$  and  $\gamma$ , whereas opposite phenomena is observed in Jeffrey parameter  $\lambda_1$ . The variation of temperature and nanoparticle volume fraction with  $y$  are computed from equations (17) and (18) for

different values of  $Nt$ ,  $Nb$  and  $\gamma$ . Figs. 7, 8 and 9 display the temperature and the nanoparticle volume fraction profiles for different values of  $Nb$ ,  $Nt$  and  $\gamma$ . Thus, we notice from Figs. 7, 8 and 9 that both temperature and nanoparticle volume fraction profiles increase with the increasing of the parameter  $Nb$ , whereas temperature profile increases and nanoparticle volume fraction decreases with the increasing of  $Nt$  and  $\gamma$ .

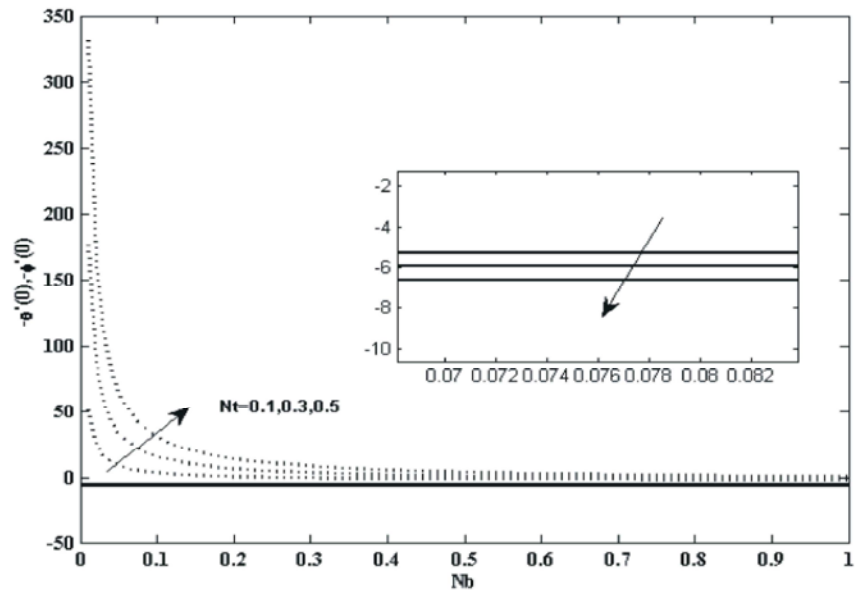


Fig. 11: Variation of reduced Nusselt number  $-\theta'(0)$  (full line) and reduced Sherwood number  $-\phi'(0)$  (dot line) with respect to  $Nb$  when  $Nt=0.1, 0.3, 0.5$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$

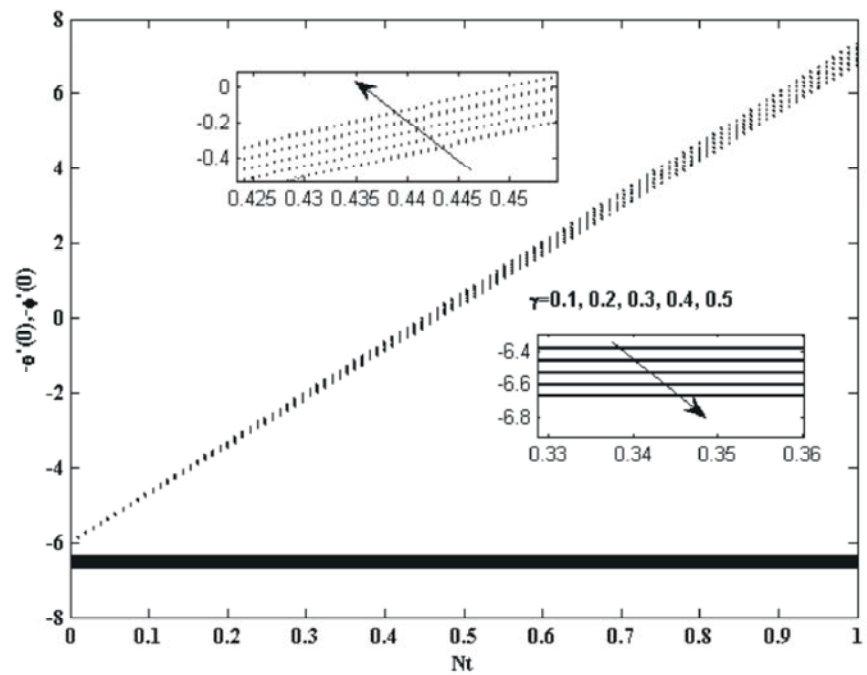


Fig. 12: Variation of reduced Nusselt number (full line) and reduced Sherwood number (dot line) with respect to  $Nt$  when  $\gamma = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$ ,  $Nb=0.5$

The variation of Nusselt and Sherwood numbers with  $Nt$ ,  $Nb$  and  $\gamma$  is computed from equation (21) and is shown in Figures 10 to 13 for different values of  $Nt$ ,  $Nb$  and  $\gamma$ . It is seen that the Nusselt number and Sherwood number both decreases with increasing

of  $Nb$  where as Nusselt number decreases and Sherwood number increases with increasing of  $Nt$  and Nusselt number increases where as Sherwood number decreases with increasing of  $\gamma$  at fixed values of  $Nt$  and  $Nb$ .



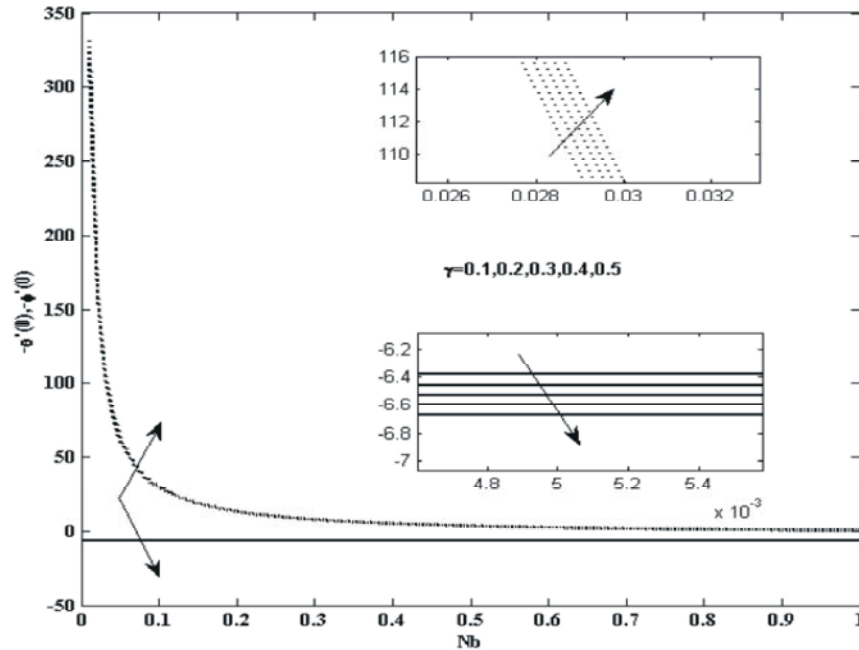


Fig. 13: Variation of reduced Nusselt number  $-\theta'(0)$  (full line) and reduced Sherwood number  $-\phi'(0)$  (dot line) with respect to  $Nb$  when  $\gamma=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5$ ,  $Nt=0.5$

## CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have studied the steady mixed convection flow in a vertical channel filled by a Jeffrey Nanofluid, using a model in which Brownian motion and thermophoresis effects are accounted for. This model authorizes a simple analytical solution which depends on six dimensionless parameters, namely the mixed convection parameter  $Gr/Re$ , the buoyancy ratio parameter  $Nr$ , the Brownian motion parameter  $Nb$ , the thermophoresis parameter  $Nt$ , the Jeffrey parameter  $\lambda_1$  and heat source parameter  $\gamma$ .

The obtained results show that the reduced Nusselt number is a decreasing function of  $Nb$ ,  $Nt$  and  $\gamma$ . On the other hand, the reduced Sherwood number is a decreasing function of  $Nb$  and an increasing function of  $Nt$  and  $\gamma$ . Also, we observed that the velocity increases at the hot wall and decreases at the cold wall due to increasing Jeffrey parameter. But opposite behaviour is noticed in the case of the buoyancy ratio, thermophoresis, Brownian motion and heat source parameters.

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