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# MHD and Viscous Dissipation Effects in Marangoni Mixed Flow of a Nanofluid over an Inclined Plate in the Presence of Ohmic Heating

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## ABSTRACT

The problem of Marangoni mixed convection in the presence of an inclined magnetic field with uniform strength in a nanofluid (formed by the dispersion of two metallic nanoparticles, i.e., Copper (Cu), and alumina ( $Al_2O_3$ ) in water) is addressed numerically. The effects of viscous dissipation and Ohmic heating are also considered. The original set of governing partial differential equations is reduced to a set of non-linear coupled ordinary differential equations employing the similarity transformation technique. The simplified equations are numerically solved through MATLAB 'bvp4c' algorithm. The results are presented in terms of graphs for several parameters. It is found that enhancing the stratification parameter leads to a decrease in the fluid temperature, and an increase in the aligned magnetic field angle reduces the flow velocity. Moreover, mixed convection tends to enhance both the Nusselt and Sherwood numbers. If the angle of inclination is made higher, the fluid velocity is reduced and the thickness of the thermal and concentration boundary layer grows.

## KEYWORDS

Viscous dissipation; inclined magnetic field; marangoni mixed convection; nanofluid

## 1 Introduction

Mathematical modeling of natural phenomena generally involves partial differential equations and nonlinear ordinary differential equations. Boundary-layer problems are the best examples in this case. Fluid flow, heat transfer, and mass transfer are relevant problems in many industrial processes like metal and polymer extrusion processes, crystal growing, glass-fiber, paper production, and so on. Since magneto-hydro-dynamics (MHD) is an electrically conducting fluid flow in presence of a magnetic field, it is significantly important in many areas of engineering and technology. The effect of the magnetic field over a stretching surface in various states is investigated by Andersson [1], and Parsa et al. [2]. Further, Hamad et al. [3] observed the hydrodynamic slip impact on Nusselt and Sherwood numbers over a plate that is moving with constant velocity. Over an inclined surface, Noor et al. [4] examined the effect of heat source over the flow behavior. The porosity effect is studied by Bhuvaneswari et al. [5] over an inclined plate. Effect of mixed convection on Heat and mass transfer over a non-linear stretching sheet is noticed by Pal et al. [6] along with Soret and Dufour effects. A non-Newtonian mixed convection flow



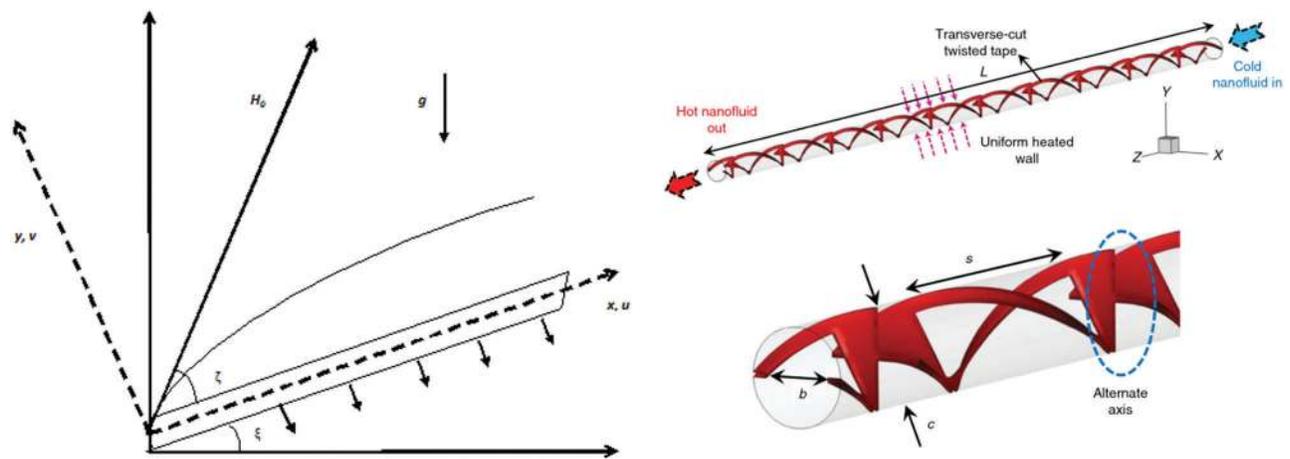
characteristics along an inclined plate are studied by Sui et al. [7]. The angle of inclination suppresses the skin friction and the heat transfer rate is observed by Orhan Aydin et al. [8]. A further effect of the magnetic parameter in unsteady natural convection over an inclined plate is studied by Ganesan et al. [9]. Scaling transformation for a free convective heat and mass transfer in an inclined plate is analyzed by Gnanaswar Reddy [10]. The surface tension gradients produce Marangoni convection. Wang et al. [11], found experimentally that the Marangoni effect is the most dominant force in shaping the weld pool. In semiconductors, Nishino et al. [12] found silicon crystals are influenced by Marangoni convection. Effect of temperature for melting parameter and Rayleigh number in a Marangoni convection is elevated by Sheikholeslami et al. [13]. Al-Mudhaf et al. [14] obtained a similarity solution for magneto hydrodynamic thermosolutal Marangoni convection. Flow equations are developed for the Marangoni forced convective boundary layers by Pop et al. [15]. Nanofluid flow over an inclined porous plate in presence of radiation and heat generation is studied by Sudarsana Reddy et al. [16]. Numerical study of turbulent flow of regular and nanofluid inside heat exchangers using perforated louvered strip inserts is investigated by Nakhchi et al. [17–19]. They noticed that an additional vortex flow near the holes is the main reason for Nu number enhancement. Hayat et al. [20] observed the impact of Cattaneo–Christov heat flux fluid model over a variable thicked surface. It is noticed that higher thermal relaxation decreases temperature profiles. Khan et al. [21] noticed the velocity profiles decrement with Hartmann number in their comparative study of Casson fluid with chemical reaction. Recently, Nayak et al. [22] observed a significant heat transfer rate for even small estimation of radiation parameter in rotating disk problem. Abbas et al. [23] have considered the entropy optimized Darcy–Forchheimer nanofluid and noticed a rise in temperature of the fluid particles in presence of Biot number. Later, Abbas et al. [24] solved the governing equations of motion using the shooting method and obtained numerical results. Further, they identified a significant impact of the magnetic field on the flow field and as well as entropy rate. Very recently, Muhammad et al. [25] considered a viscous material flow by a curved surface with the second order slip and entropy generation. It is found a numerical solution using MATHEMATICA. They noticed that both Bezan number and entropy generation is upsurged versus heterogeneous reaction parameter. Ijaz Khan et al. [26,27] analyzed the problem of the binary reaction effect in Walter–B nanofluid. The mixed convection parameter enhances the velocity field. Ibrahim et al. [28] studied the problem of carbon nanotubes flow over a stretchable sheet. They have used the finite element method to solve flow equations and found that single-walled carbon nanotubes move with faster velocity than that of multi-walled carbon nanotubes water-based nanofluid. Very recently, Ijaz Khan et al. [29] considered a micropolar ferrofluid with Darcy porous medium. Khan et al. [30] in their problem of unsteady heat and mass transfer in MHD Carreau nanofluid flow observed both Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are decreasing functions of thermophoresis parameter. Further, Azam et al. [31–33] have considered a notable amount of work over the flow of Cross nanofluid. The local heat transfer rate is reduced with an increase in the thermophoresis parameter. The magnitude of surface drag force is diminished for significant values of the Weissenberg number. Houda et al. [34] observed the viscous and thermal conductivity effects on heat transfer in Alumina–water based nanofluid. Heat transfer is enhanced only when the temperature exceeds 40°C. Steady convective slip flow with uniform heat and mass flux in the presence of Ohmic heating is numerically studied by Machireddy [35]. It is found that the Grashof numbers for heat transfer  $Gr$  and mass transfer  $Gm$  accelerate the flow velocity. Slama et al. [36] considered a mixed convective nanofluid flow over a vertical anisotropic porous channel. A stronger reverse flow is noticed by increasing the buoyancy force strength, the porous medium permeability, the heat flux ratio and by decreasing the anisotropic thermal conductivity ratio.

As mentioned above of the literature reveals that the majority of the researchers have explored the attributes of the Marangoni mixed convective heat transfer in MHD nanofluid flow over an inclined flat plate. However, to the best of our knowledge, such a phenomenon, along with viscous dissipation, is not

examined over the water-based nanofluid containing Copper, Alumina nanoparticles. The fourth-order RK scheme combined with the shooting method is implemented for solving the governing equations of flow and energy. The influence of numerous pertinent parameters on flow velocity, temperature, and heat transfer has been illustrated through graphs.

### 2 Problem Formulation

Consider a nanofluid flow containing two different nano-sized metallic particles namely Copper and Alumina through an inclined plate (Tab. 1). Assume the state of thermal equilibrium between nanoparticles and base fluid with no-slip condition. Further, assume that fluid is viscous dissipative, incompressible, and laminar. The geometry of the problem is shown in the Fig. 1. It is also assumed that flow takes place at  $y \geq 0$ . Further, the induced magnetic field is nullified when compared to the applied magnetic field by taking the magnetic Reynolds number less than unity. The nanofluid equations of motion are obtained as follows.



**Figure 1:** Schematic diagram of the physical problem and its application (Right)-Nakhchi et al. [19]

**Table 1:** Thermo physical properties of nanoparticles (Oztop et al. [37])

Physical property	Pure water	Cu	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Density, $\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	997.1	8933	3970
Specific heat at constant pressure, $C_p$ (J/kg K)	4179	385	765
Thermal conductivity, $k$ (W/m K)	0.613	401	40

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

$$\rho_{nf} \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \mu_{nf} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \delta^* H_0^2 u \sin^2 \zeta + \rho_{nf} \tilde{g} \beta (T - T_r) \sin \zeta \tag{2}$$

$$(\rho c_p)_{nf} \left( u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) = k_{nf} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \mu_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \delta^* H_0^2 u^2 \sin^2 \zeta \tag{3}$$

$$u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_S \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} - K_0(C - C_r) \quad (4)$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are the fluid velocity components along  $x$  and  $y$  axes respectively,  $\tilde{g}$  is the acceleration due to gravity,  $T$  is the fluid temperature,  $C$  is the solutal concentration,  $T_r$  is the reference temperature,  $C_r$  is reference concentration of the fluid,  $\beta$  is thermal expansion coefficient,  $D_S$  is the species diffusivity,  $\delta^*$  is the electrical conductivity of the fluid,  $H_0$  is the applied magnetic field and  $K_0$  is chemical reaction parameter of the first order. Further, the effective dynamic viscosity ( $\mu_{nf}$ ), effective density ( $\rho_{nf}$ ), effective thermal diffusivity ( $\alpha_{nf}$ ), effective heat capacitance ( $\rho c_p$ )<sub>nf</sub>, and effective thermal conductivity  $k_{nf}$  of the nanofluid are defined by

$$\mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}}, \rho_{nf} = (1 - \phi)\rho_f + \phi\rho_s, \alpha_{nf} = \frac{k_{nf}}{(\rho c_p)_{nf}}, (\rho c_p)_{nf} = (1 - \phi)(\rho c_p)_f + \phi(\rho c_p)_s \text{ and} \quad (5)$$

$$k_{nf} = k_f \left( \frac{k_s + 2k_f - 2\phi(k_f - k_s)}{k_s + 2k_f + \phi(k_f - k_s)} \right)$$

where volume fraction is denoted by  $\phi$ . The subscripts  $nf$ ,  $f$ , and  $s$  represent properties defined for nano, base fluids, and nano species, respectively. The convective boundary conditions for Eqs. (1)–(4) may be taken in the form:

$$\text{at } y = 0 : v = 0, T = T_r + ax^2, C = C_r + bx^2, \mu_{nf} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \gamma \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \gamma^* \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{and } u \rightarrow 0, T \rightarrow T_r, C \rightarrow C_r \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  are constants. Further, the values of  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma^*$  are obtained from the interfacial surface tension relation,  $\sigma = \sigma_0[1 - \gamma(T - T_r) - \gamma^*(C - C_r)]$ ,  $\sigma_0$  is interface surface tension and  $\gamma = -\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T}$ ,  $\gamma^* = -\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial C}$ .

The following similarity variables are taken into consideration to convert the governing equations of motion to a set of coupled nonlinear ordinary differential equations.

$$\psi = C_1 x f(\eta), \eta = C_2 y, T = T_r + \theta(\eta) a x^2, C = C_r + h(\eta) b x^2 \quad (7)$$

where  $\eta$  is the similarity variable,  $f(\eta)$ ,  $\theta(\eta)$  and  $h(\eta)$  are the dimensionless stream function, temperature, and concentration respectively. Further  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are taken as

$$C_1 = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \Big|_C \frac{a\mu_f}{\rho_f^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, C_2 = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \Big|_C \frac{a\rho_f}{\mu_f^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (8)$$

The incompressibility condition is identically satisfied and the governing Eqs. (2)–(4) are transformed to the following set of non-dimensional coupled ordinary differential equations.

$$f''' = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (f'^2 - ff'') + \lambda_1 M^2 f' \sin^2 \zeta - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda \theta \sin \zeta \quad (9)$$

$$\lambda_3 \theta'' = Pr \lambda_4 (2f'\theta - f\theta') - Pr Ec (M^2 f'^2 \sin^2 \zeta - f''^2) \quad (10)$$

$$h'' = Sc (2hf' - fh' + K^*h) \quad (11)$$

along with the boundary conditions in non-dimensional form

at  $\eta = 0$ :  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $\theta(0) = 1$ ,  $h(0) = 1$ ,  $f''(0) = -2\lambda_1(1 + \epsilon)$  and

as  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f'(\infty) = 0$ ,  $\theta(\infty) = 0$ ,  $h(\infty) = 0$  (12)

$$\lambda_1 = (1 - \phi)^{2.5}, \lambda_2 = 1 - \phi + \phi \left( \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_p} \right), \lambda_3 = \frac{k_s + 2k_f - 2\phi(k_f - k_s)}{k_s + 2k_f + \phi(k_f - k_s)}, \lambda_4 = 1 - \phi + \phi \left( \frac{(\rho C_p)_s}{(\rho C_p)_f} \right)$$

where Hartmann magneto hydrodynamic parameter ( $M$ ), scaled chemical reaction parameter ( $K^*$ ), Schmidt number ( $Sc$ ), mixed convection parameter ( $\lambda$ ), Eckert number ( $Ec$ ), marangoni parameter ( $\epsilon$ ), and Prandtl number ( $Pr$ ) may be taken as follows:

$$M = \frac{1}{\delta^*} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{H_0} \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{1}{\bar{b}}, K^* = k_0^3 \sqrt{\frac{\mu_f \rho_f}{\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \right|_C^2 a^2}}, Sc = \frac{v_f}{D_s}, \lambda = \frac{a \tilde{g} \beta x}{C_1^2 C_2^2}, Ec = \frac{C_1^2 C_2^2}{a(C_p)_f}, \epsilon = \frac{\Delta C \left. \frac{d\sigma}{dC} \right|_T}{\Delta T \left. \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \right|_C}, Pr = \frac{\epsilon_f (\rho C_p)_f}{k_f}$$

The quantities of practical interest, in this study, are local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  and local Sherwood number  $Sh_x$ . These parameters respectively characterize the heat and mass transfer rates near the wall. Heat transfer rate of the wall surface,

$$q(x) = -k_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} = -k_{nf} C_2 a x^2 \theta'(0) \quad (13)$$

The Nusselt number, a measure of heat transfer,

$$Nu_x = \frac{xq(x)}{k_f [T - T_r]} \quad (14)$$

Using the Eqs. (8), (13) and (14), one can get the dimensionless wall heat transfer rate as

$$\frac{Nu_x}{C_2 x} \left( \frac{k_f}{k_{nf}} \right) = -\theta'(0) \quad (15)$$

The mass flux at the wall,

$$m = -D_s \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} = -D_s C_2 b x^2 h'(0) \quad (16)$$

Sherwood number, measure of mass transfer,

$$Sh_x = \frac{xm}{D_s (C - C_r)} \quad (17)$$

From the Eqs. (8), (16) and (17), one can get the dimensionless mass transfer rate as

$$\frac{Sh_x}{C_{2x}} = -h'(0) \quad (18)$$

where  $C_{2x}$  is a dimensionless quantity.

### 3 Problem Solution

From Eqs. (9)–(12), we obtain the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= y_2 \\ y_2' &= y_3 \\ y_3' &= \lambda_1 \lambda_2 (y_2^2 - y_1 y_3) + \lambda_1 M^2 y_2 \sin^2 \zeta - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda y_4 \sin \zeta \\ y_4' &= y_5 \\ y_5' &= \frac{Pr}{\lambda_3} \lambda_4 (2y_2 y_4 - y_1 y_5) - PrEc (M^2 y_2^2 \sin^2 \zeta - y_3^2) \\ y_6' &= y_7 \\ y_7' &= Sc (2y_6 y_2 - y_1 y_7 + K^* y_6) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Initial conditions in terms of  $y_i$  are as follows:

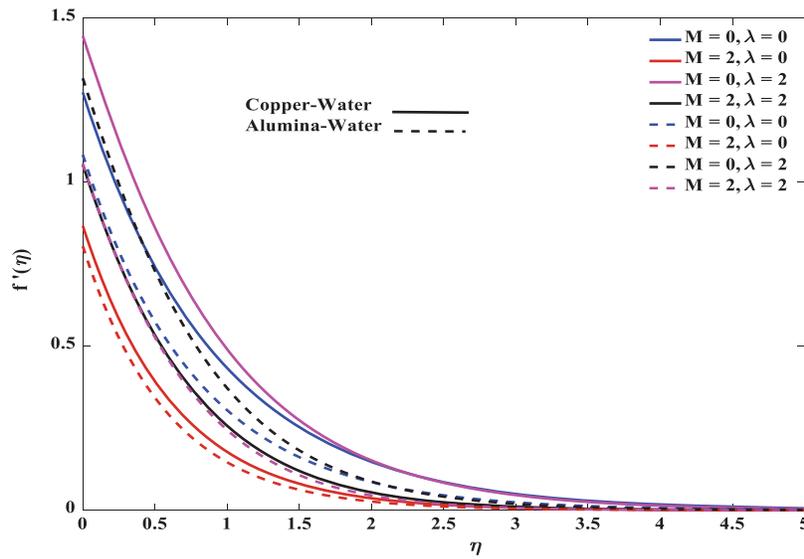
$$y_1(0) = 0, y_4(0) = 1, y_3(0) = -2\lambda_1(1 + \epsilon), y_6(0) = 1, y_2(\infty) = y_4(\infty) = y_6(\infty) = 0 \quad (20)$$

We obtained a numerical solution for (19) along with (20) through a fourth-order Runge–Kutta scheme of integration associated with shooting technique subject to an order of convergence  $10^{-6}$ .

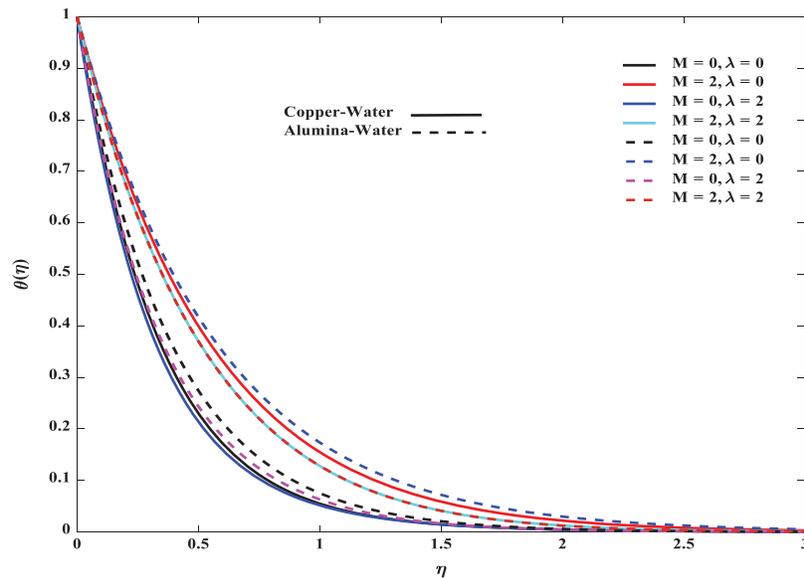
### 4 Results and Discussion

The analysis result is carried out by taking Prandtl number 6.785 (water) and various values for defined parameters. The influence of the magnetic parameter  $M$  on the velocity profile is displayed in Fig. 2. It is found that velocity decreases with an increase in  $M$ . This is due to the impact of the Lorentz force, induced by the transverse magnetic field. In both forced convection ( $\lambda = 0$ ) and mixed convection, Copper nano species experience higher momentum boundary layer thickness than Alumina species. Figs. 3 and 4 depict the effect of magnetic number  $M$  on temperature and concentration respectively. The temperature and concentration increase by an increase in the value of  $M$ .

The resistive force produces more heat which leads a hike in temperature. Both thermal and concentration boundary layers are predominant in Alumina nanofluid particles. The mixed convection parameter plays a vital role in reducing this dominance. Both momentum and thermal boundary layers are affected by mixed convection. Fluid gets momentum with increasing convection parameter and hence the thickness of the thermal boundary layer decreases. This change is impressive in nanofluids compared to regular fluids. Further, increase in volume fraction, reduces velocity profile. The combined effect of mixed convection parameter and volume fraction over temperature and velocity profiles can be investigated through Figs. 5 and 6, respectively. The velocity of the regular fluid is low compared to nanofluid. It is clear from the figure that the momentum boundary layer thickness is lower for nanofluid particles. Mixed convection parameter regulates both temperature and velocity profiles. Temperature decreases and velocity increases with increasing mixed convection parameter. This change is significant in nanofluid particles.

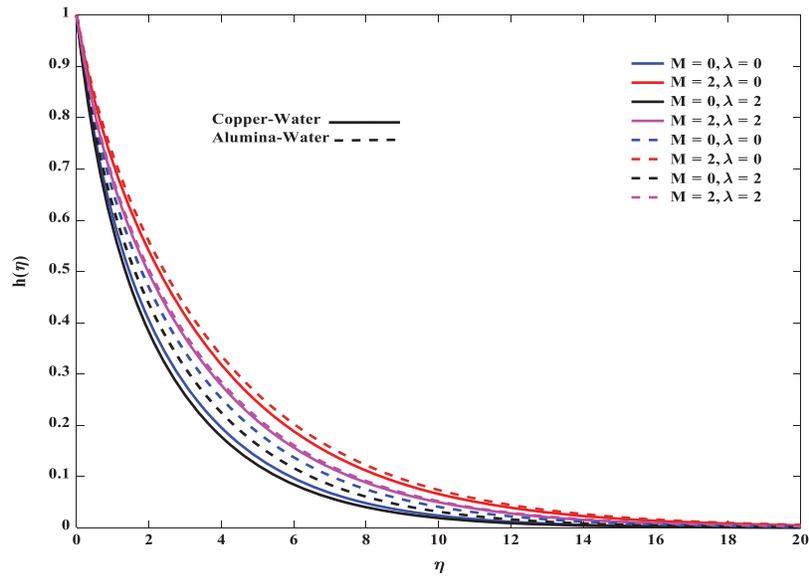


**Figure 2:** Influence of  $M$  on velocity in both forced and mixed convection flows for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2$

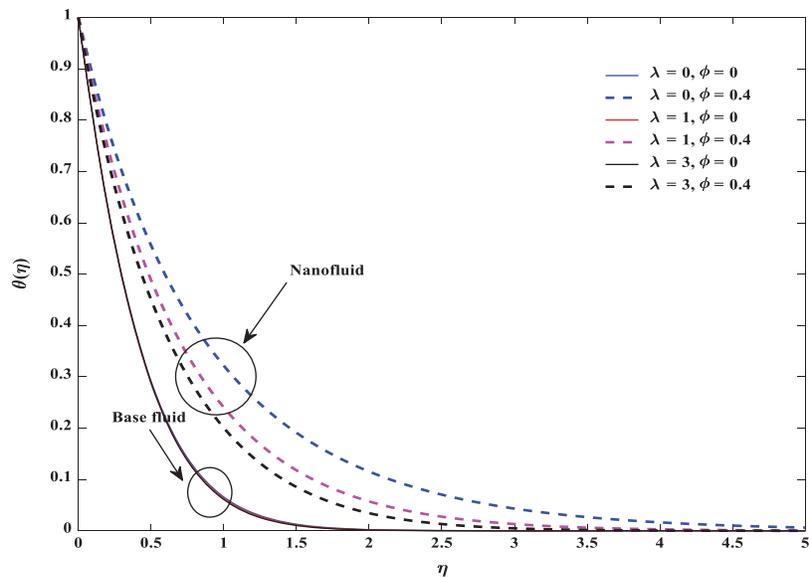


**Figure 3:** Influence of  $M$  on temperature in both forced and mixed convection flows for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2$

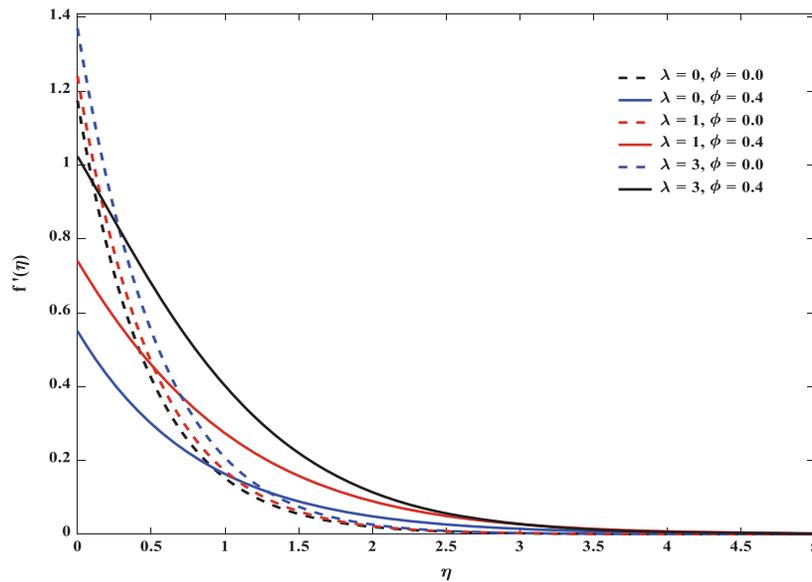
Fig. 7 shows how velocity is affected by the angle of inclination  $\zeta$ . Velocity decreases with an increase in that angle. The reason is that more angle of inclination provides a greater magnetic field which enhances the resistive force. Further Figs. 8 and 9 ensure, both temperature and concentration profiles whose boundary layer thickness increase with an increase in the angle of inclination.



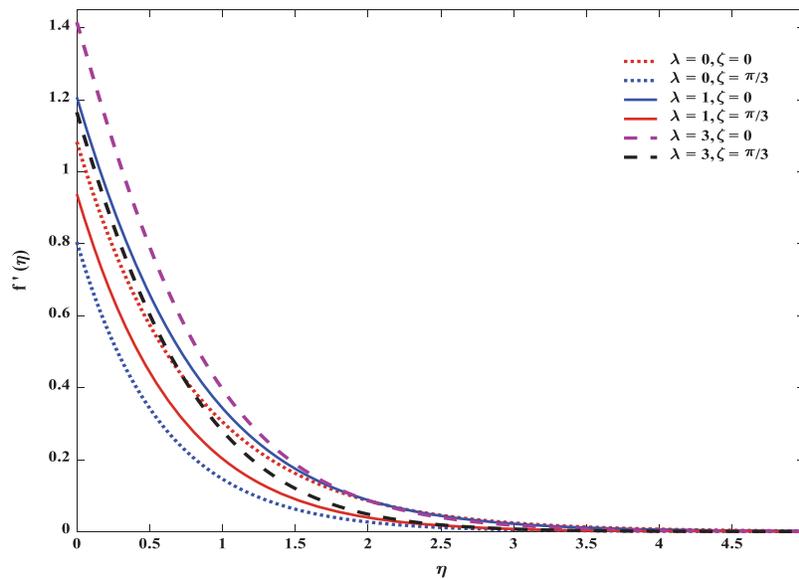
**Figure 4:** Influence of  $M$  on concentration in both forced and mixed convection flows for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2$



**Figure 5:** Influence of  $\lambda$  on temperature in both regular and nanofluid flows for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = 0.2, M = 2$

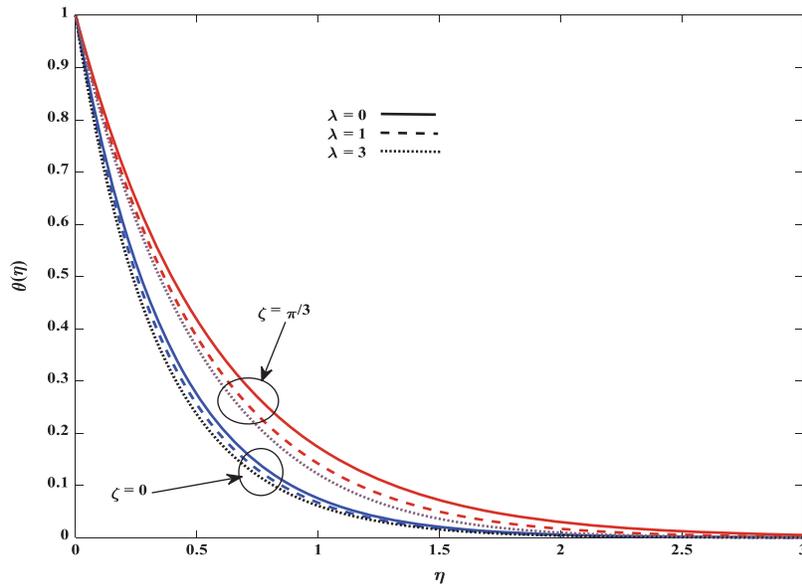


**Figure 6:** Influence of  $\lambda$  on velocity in both regular and nanofluid flows for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = 0.2, M = 2$

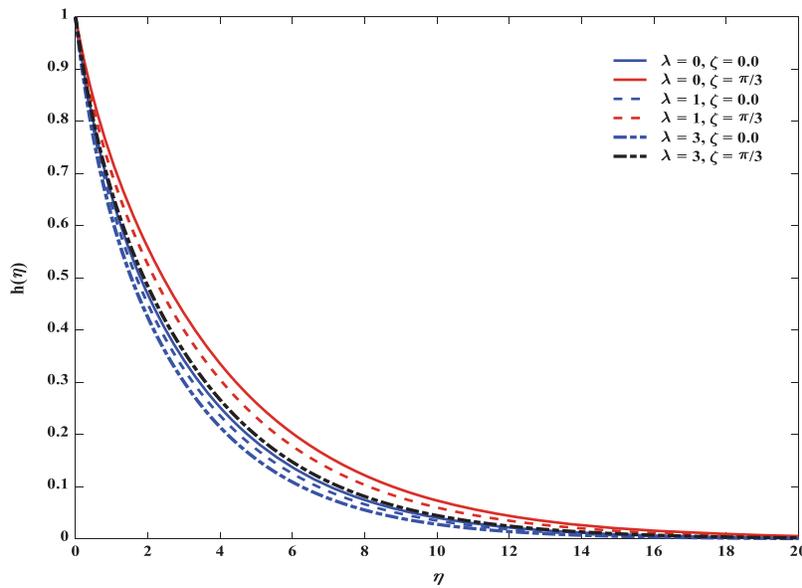


**Figure 7:** Influence of  $\zeta$  on velocity in both forced and mixed convection flows for  $\xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2, M = 2$

The variations in the temperature profiles along with Eckert number, mixed convection parameter and Marangoni parameter are exhibited in Fig. 10. Temperature and thermal boundary layer increase for an increase in the Eckert number. An increase in Eckert number takes place because of generation of more heat due to friction.

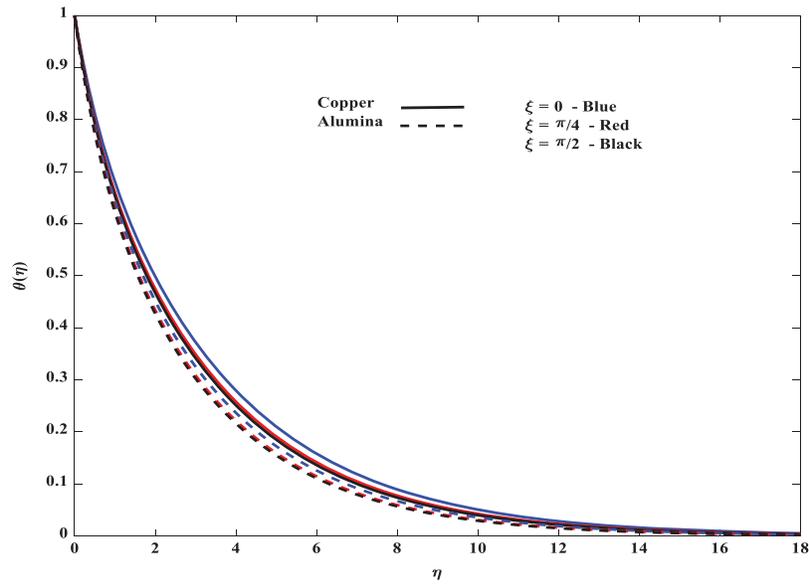


**Figure 8:** Influence of  $\zeta$  on temperature in both forced and mixed convection flows for  $\xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2, M = 2$

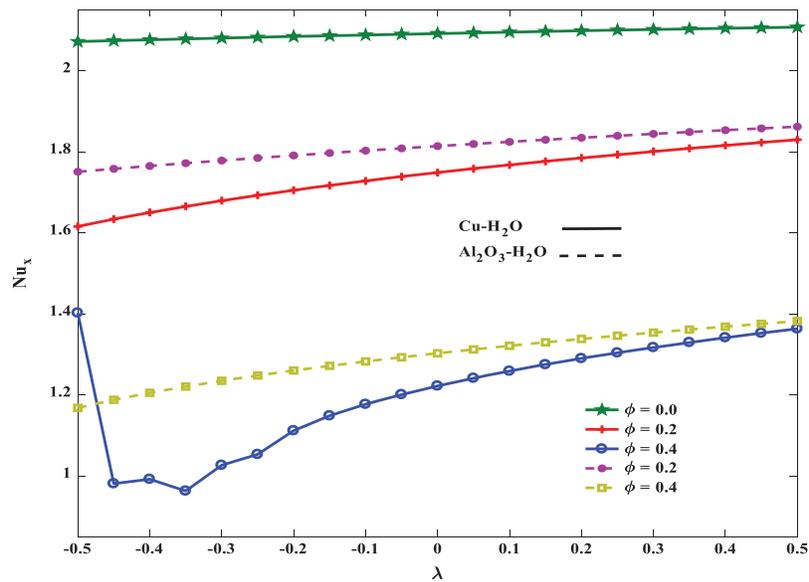


**Figure 9:** Influence of  $\zeta$  on concentration in both forced and mixed convection flows for  $\xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2, M = 2$

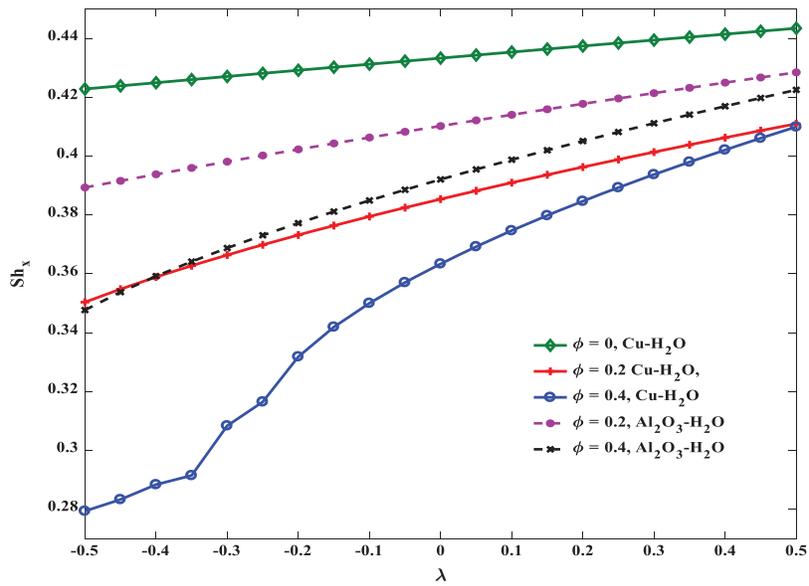




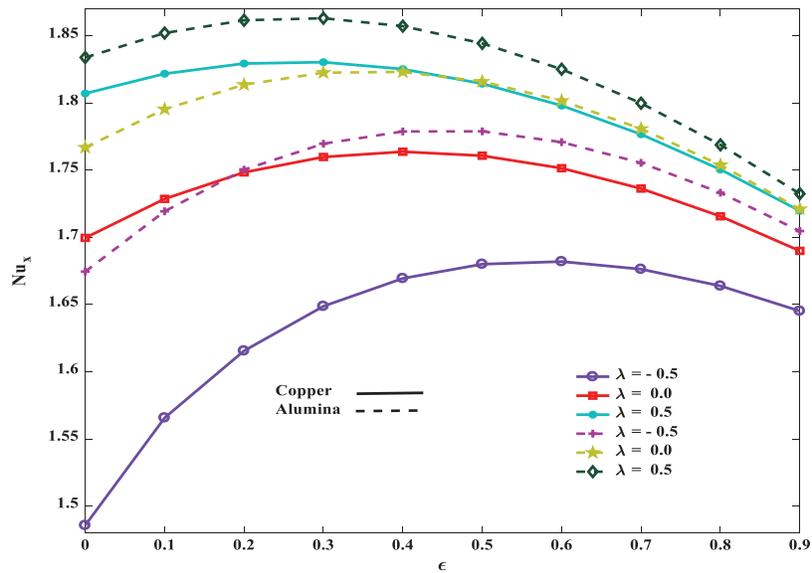
**Figure 11:** Influence of  $\xi$  on temperature profile for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = \phi = 0.2, M = 2, \lambda = 1$



**Figure 12:** Influence of  $\lambda$  on Nusselt number for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = 0.2, M = 2$



**Figure 13:** Influence of  $\lambda$  on Sherwood number for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \epsilon = 0.2, M = 2$



**Figure 14:** Influence of  $\epsilon$  on Nusselt number for  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \xi = \frac{\pi}{4}, Ec = Sc = K^* = \phi = 0.2, M = 2$

**Table 2:** Numerical values of Nusselt and Sherwood numbers ( $\lambda = 0.5, Pr = 7, Ec = 0.5, \phi = \epsilon = Sc = K^* = 0.2$ )

M	$\xi$	$\zeta$	$-\theta'(0)$	$-h'(0)$
0	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	1.7513774	0.6130236
1			1.0778538	0.5551374
2			0.0779554	0.4403472
1	$\pi/6$	$\pi/3$	1.0733784	0.5481664
	$\pi/4$		1.0778538	0.5551374
	$\pi/3$		1.0807824	0.5603990
1	$\pi/4$	$\pi/6$	1.4963598	0.5923827
		$\pi/4$	1.2733289	0.5731069
		$\pi/3$	1.0778538	0.5551374

**Table 3:** Comparison values of velocity and temperature gradients ( $\lambda = 0, Pr = 0.72, Ec = 0.1, \phi = 0, \epsilon = 1, Sc = 0.6, K^* = 0, \xi = 0, \zeta = \pi/2$ )

Al-Mudhaf et al. [14] (Tab. 2) for $f_w = 0$		Present	
$f'(0)$	$-\theta'(0)$	$f'(0)$	$-\theta'(0)$
1.587671	1.442203	1.586821	1.441506

## 5 Conclusions

The problem of Marangoni MHD mixed convective nanofluid flow subject to viscosity, chemical reaction effects past an inclined plate is considered. Results are carried over two different nanoparticles, Copper and Alumina. Heat and mass transfer effects along with velocity, temperature, and concentration profiles are discussed graphically. The following key points are observed:

- Mixed convection enhances both Nusselt and Sherwood numbers.
- Increase in the angle of inclination  $\zeta$ , velocity is reduced whereas thermal and concentration boundary layer thicknesses are enhanced.
- Solid volume fraction reduces the heat and mass transfer rates of the nanofluid.

Thermo-solutal surface tension ratio  $\epsilon$  accelerates the rate of heat transfer in Alumina-water nanofluid.

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