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# THERMPHORETIC ANALYSIS AND NON-UNIFORM HEAT SOURCE IN HYDROMAGNETIC MICROPOLAR FLUID FLOW PASSING AN INCLINDED SHEET IN A POROUS MEDIUM

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ABSTRACT. The investigation of heat and mass transfer engaging micropolar fluid is applicable in biomedical and engineering activities such as in blood flows, fluid flow in brain and porous pipe design. This research work reports on thermophoretic and non-uniform heat source in hydromagnetic micropolar fluid flow passing an inclined sheet in porous media and viscous dissipation. The work is analyzed based on the assumption of twodimensional, steady, viscous, incompressible flow through inclined porous media sheet with the impact of uniform external magnetic field. Similarity conversion approach has been adopted to simplify the modelled equations and then solved numerically by means of shooting scheme together with integrating Fehlberg-Runge-Kutta algorithm in company of shooting techniques. Various graphs have been sketched while tables are constructed to highlight and discuss the impact of the main controlling parameters influencing the flow, thermal and solutal fields. Besides, the current results depict a strong relationship with previously published works in the literature under limiting situations. It is found that the impact of thermophoretic reactive micropolar fluid is to enhance mass transfer, velocity and microrotation fields while lowering the viscosity of the species mass boundary layer.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The analysis of joint heat and mass diffusion is prominent in science, engineering and manufacturing activities due to huge applications

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derivable from such a study, for instance, in gas turbines, satellites and space vehicles, nuclear plants, electric transformers, etc. Many transport phenomena occur naturally and industrially where heat and mass transfer take place simultaneously by virtue of joint buoyancy influences of both heat transfer and species mass diffusion. These processes are encountered industrially in areas such as: food processing, crop damage due to freezing, polymer production, etc. [1-4].

The flow of fluids in a porous medium is consequential in different areas of science and technology due to its various relevance such as in spreading of chemical pollutants in saturated soil, ground water hydrology, irrigation systems, and in biomedical engineering such as, drug delivery and tissue implant. To this end, Nayak *et al.* [5] computationally offered the transfer of a reactive nanoliquid past a stretchable surface in permeable media. The authors narrated that the porous matrix offered a resistance force to the fluid flow whereas the thermal and solutal fields are enhanced by it. Olajuwon et al. [6] applied perturbation method to study such a phenomenon and showed that both Darcy and inertia parameters caused a decline in the velocity field. They stressed further that the temperature distribution may be altered by the impact of heat sink/generation and thus affect the flow field. More so, due to an extensive applications of studies that involved the impact of chemical reactions as found in hydrometallurgical and science of reacting species that includes, drying processes, food production, production of ceramics and polymers, etc., a number of researchers has investigated such phenomenon. For instance, Mohamed and Abo-Dahab [7] numerically discussed the radiating heat and reactive micropolar MHD flowing liquid along a vertical sheet which is being influenced by heat generation. Das *et al.* [8] scrutinized the impact of various parameters of the flowing reactive Casson liquid configured in permeable device. Mishra et al. [3] similarly offered a numerical report on the problem of MHD reactive micropolar flowing liquid with the inclusion thermo-diffusion along an impermeable stretching sheet whereas Fatunmbi and Odesola [9] considered such a system for unvarying thermal flux while Mishra *et al.* [10] addressed such a concept for a flowing micropolar liquid passing a semi-infinite flat sheet for the impact of radiation associated with constant heat source and magnetic field. The authors reported that the flow rate field rises for an enhancing values of microinertia term while the temperature field declines for a rising in both magnetic and porous terms in the presence/absence of heat source.

The thermophoresis concept is a phenomenon that usually occur when the force of temperature gradient act on the mixtures of mobile particles such that the various particles display different reactions to that force. In other words, this phenomenon relates to the transfer of colloidal particles due to varying temperature. The occurrence of gas thermal gradient stimulates the various unmixed particles to move towards the axis of low heat energy. This concept is commonly observed in the darkening of the shade of a kerosene lantern, during the combustion processes, the generated carbon particles are found to settle on the shade due to temperature gradient [11-12]. Such concept finds application in the control of micro-contamination, aerosol collection, gas streams removal of particles, etc [12-13]. In the initial study of such phenomenon, Goldsmith and May [14] explored the possibility of one-dimensional thermophoretic transport flow. Thereafter, various investigators [15-17] have improved on the subject by investigating the effect of diverse parameters under various configurations, assumptions and methods. None of these researchers however, has investigated such phenomenon on the non-Newtonian micropolar fluid inspite of its huge applications.

The concept of micropolar fluid consists of fluids with microstructures and rigid bar-like particles. Due to inherent microstructural features of micropolar fluids, they offer good mathematical framework in modelling and simulating complex and complicated fluids that could not be explained by the Navier-Stokes model (Newtonian model). Liquids that described micropolar formulation can be seen in: gas streams, exotic lubricants, colloids, animal blood and so on [18-19]. The theory of micropolar fluid as well as that of thermo-micropolar fluid was initiated by Eringen [20-21]. This model enables the coupling of microrotation and macro-velocity fields thereby displaying some microscopic effect leading to both translation and rotation of the fluid element. The flow analysis of some fluids such as: liquid crystals, blood flows, suspension solutions and various biological flows are the possible model for micropolar fluid [22]. There exists significant applications of such fluids in industrial activities and engineering such as, cap knee dynamics, blood arterial flows, synovial lubrication, slurry technologies, polymer extrusion, chemical science, bio-mechanic, a few of many [23-24].

Moreso, investigations of heat and mass transfer over various configurations with the application of non-Newtonian micropolar fluid have consequential relevance in biomedical and engineering activities such as in blood flows and dialysis, fluid flow in brain, flow in oxygenation, porous pipe design, design of filter [6, 23]. In view of these usefulness, several authors [1, 25-27] have investigated such studies with various parameters of interest, boundary conditions and assumptions.

Particularly, considering the immense applications of studies involving thermal and species distribution under the impact of thermophoresis and reacting species, it is worthwhile to investigate such a problem. However, in all studies above, the effects of thermophoresis along with viscous dissipation and non-uniform heat source have been ignored. Hence, this study aims to fill such a gap. Thus, this article examines non-Newtonian thermophoretic flow micropolar liquid passing an inclined sheet in permeable channel being characterized by reacting species, thermal dissipation and varying thermal absorption/generation effects. This research can be possibly applied in bio-technology such as drug distribution and tissue implant and other technological areas such as in extraction of crude oil, hydrology underground water, irrigation system, etc. A consistent and unconditionally stable shooting technique alongside Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg integration algorithm is adopted in this study. It is remarked that, in the absence of the porous medium, non-Newtonian micropolar fluid, microrotation vector, vortex viscosity and Darcy dissipation, the present investigation coincides with that of [17]. Hence, in such limiting situations, we have observed a good relationship between the report given by |17| and the references there-in with the present study.

## 2. MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS & FORMULATION

Considering a convective reacting magneto-micropolar steadily flowing liquid on a two-dimensional semi-infinite inclined sheet in a porous medium as showcased in Fig. 1. The inclined surface is at an angle  $\varphi$  to the vertical, the *x* direction magnitude is coordinated in the axis plate with *y* in perpendicular direction, with the assumption that induced magnetic field is ignored, an unvarying magnetic field  $B_0$  is used normal to the stream axis while suction is also imposed at the sheet surface. The transfer of heat is being influenced by viscous dissipation, varying heat source/sink (see equation 6), thermophoresis (see equation 7-8) while the flow characteristics have been taken to be uniform in nature apart from the density variation in buoyancy terms found in equation (2) which is approximated via Oberbeck-Boussinesq approximation.



Fig. 1 The Geometry of the Physical Model

In view of the aforementioned coupled with Oberbeck-Boussinesq approximation, the modelled equations presented an extension of the studies by ([17, 29]:

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

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) = (\mu + r)\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + r\frac{\partial B}{\partial y} + g\rho\beta_T \left(T - T_\infty\right)\cos\varphi + g\rho\beta_C \left(C - C_\infty\right)\cos\varphi - \sigma B_0^2 u - \frac{\mu}{k_p}u,$$
(2)

$$\rho j \left( u \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right) = A \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial y^2} - r \left( 2B + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right), \tag{3}$$

$$\rho c_p \left( u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + (\mu + r) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \sigma B^2 u^2 +$$

$$(4)$$

$$\frac{\mu}{k_p}u^2 + q^{'''} + \frac{DmK_T}{Cs}\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial \bar{y}^2},$$

$$u\frac{\partial C}{\partial \bar{y}} + v\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_m \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{DmK_T}{T_m} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - k_r \left(C - C_\infty\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(V_T C\right).$$
(5)  
With  $c'''$  in equation (4) presented as  $\left(\cos\left[20, 21\right]\right)$ 

With q''' in equation (4) presented as (see [30-31])

$$q^{\prime\prime\prime} = \frac{\kappa U_0}{2x\nu} \left[ (T_w - T_\infty) \left( \alpha e^{-\eta} + \beta \theta \right) \right], \tag{6}$$

The thermophoretic velocity  $V_T$  in equation (5) is written as:

$$V_T = -\frac{k_t^{\star}}{T_{ref}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y},\tag{7}$$

and the thermophoresis coefficient  $k_t^{\star}$  is defined to be

$$k_t^{\star} = \frac{2Cs\left(\kappa/k_s + C_t K_n\right)\left(C_1 + C_2 e^{C_3/K_n}\right)}{\left(1 + 3C_m K_n\right)\left(1 + 2\kappa/k_s + 2C_t K_n\right)}.$$
(8)

The associated conditions at the boundary are:

$$u = U_0, v = V_w, B = -s \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, T = T_w, C = C_w \text{ at } y = 0,$$
  

$$u = 0, \omega \longrightarrow 0, T \longrightarrow T_\infty, C \longrightarrow C_\infty \text{ as } y \to \infty.$$
(9)

From the governing equations (1-5), the component velocities are given respectively as u and v in x and y axis,  $\mu$  denotes dynamic viscosity while  $\nu$  denotes kinematic viscosity with  $\kappa$  symbolizing thermal conductivity,  $\rho$  stands for the liquid density whereas the vortex viscosity is denoted by r while j symbolizes micro-inertial density,  $c_p$  symbolizes constant pressure thermal capacity and Aconnotes the spin gradient viscosity. Similarly,  $T, T_w, T_\infty$  and Bcorrespond to fluid temperature, sheet and free stream temperature, microrotation component in that order.

The suction/injection term is denoted by  $V_w$ ,  $\sigma$  is the electrical conductivity while  $\beta_T$ ,  $\beta_C$ ,  $k_r$ ,  $k_p$ ,  $D_m$ , Cs and  $T_m$  describe heat coefficient expansivity, species expansivity coefficient, reacting species rate, porous permeability of the device, mass diffusivity, fluid susceptibility and mean fluid temperature in that order.

Meanwhile,  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  symbolize heat generation/sink and space respectively,  $C_1...C_3$ ,  $C_m$  and  $C_t$  are constants while  $k_s$  represents the diffused particles thermal conductivity whereas the Knudsen number is given as  $K_n$ . Typical value of  $\tau$  are 0.01, 0.05 and 0.1 correspondingly satisfying the values of  $-k_t^* (T_w - T_\infty)$  given rise to 3K, 15K and 30K for  $T_{ref} = 300K$ .

The parameter s in equation (9) stands for micropolar surface concentration parameter such that  $0 \le s \le 1$ . The case s = 0 depicts B = 0 as described by Jena and Mathur [32], it is a condition of strong microparticles species at the wall where the microparticles near the surface is incapable of rotation or translation. Meanwhile, Ahmadi [33] discussed a situation of weak concentration such that effect of microrotation influence becomes negligible in the neighbourhood of the boundary, in this case, s = 1/2becomes relevant. However, s = 1 is applicable for turbulent boundary layer situations as opined by Peddieson [34]. The level at which micropolar liquid deviates from the viscoplastic classical material concept may be discovered by the viscosity vortex size term r, therefore, with r = 0, then equation (3) is dissociated from equations (2) and (4), as a result, the formulation addressed in this study as well as the outcomes gotten corresponds to the Newtonian liquid formulation. In line with previous authors ([16-17, 37]) and to obtain a pure similarity solution, the following terms have been assumed to be proportional to x:  $V_w = V_0 x^{-1/2}$ ,  $\sigma = \sigma_0 x^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_T = \beta_0 x^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_C = \beta_0^* x^{-1}$ ,  $k_r = k_1 x^{-1}$ ,  $k_p = k_0 x$  where  $V_0, \sigma_0, \beta_0, \beta_0^*$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_0$  are constants.

The dimensionless quantities in equation (10) are introduced into the governing equations (1-8).

$$\eta = y \left(\frac{U_0}{2x\nu}\right)^{1/2}, \ \psi = (2U_0x\nu)^{1/2} f(\eta), \ B = U_0 \left(\frac{U_0}{2x\nu}\right)^{1/2} g(\eta),$$
$$A = \left(\mu + \frac{r}{2}\right) j, \ j = \frac{\nu x}{U_0}, \\ \phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}, \ \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty},$$
$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \\ v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}.$$
(10)

The use of quantities (10) ensures the validity of equation (1). Taking cognizance of equations (6-8) and using (10) equations (2-5) therefore translate to:

$$(1+K) f''' - [Da+M] f' + Kg' + ff'' + Gr\theta \cos\varphi + Gc\phi \cos\varphi = 0,$$
(11)

$$\left(1 + \frac{K}{2}\right)g'' - 2K\left(2g + f''\right) + \left(f'g + fg'\right) = 0, \tag{12}$$

$$\theta'' + \Pr\left[f\theta' + (1+K)Ecf''^2 + Ec\left(M + Da\right)f'^2 + \Pr Du\phi''\right] + \left(\alpha e^{-\eta} + \beta\theta\right) = 0,$$
(13)

$$\phi'' - Sc \left[\zeta \phi - (f - \tau \theta') \phi' - (Sr - \tau \phi) \theta''\right] = 0, \qquad (14)$$

the conditions at the boundary also become:

$$f'(0) = 1, \ f(0) = fw, \ g(0) = -sf'', \ \theta(0) = 1, \ \phi(0) = 1$$
  
$$f'(\infty) = 0 \ g(\infty) = 0, \ \theta(\infty) = 0, \ \phi(\infty) = 0.$$
 (15)

With

$$fw = \frac{-\sqrt{2}V_0}{\left(\sqrt{U_0\nu}\right)}, M = \frac{2\sigma_0 B_o^2}{\rho U_0}, Gr = \frac{2g\beta_0 \left(T_w - T_\infty\right)}{U_0^2}, \zeta = \frac{2k_1}{U_0},$$

$$Gc = \frac{2g\beta_0^* \left(C_w - C_\infty\right)}{U_0^2}, K = \frac{r}{\mu}, Ec = \frac{U_0^2}{cp \left(T_w - T_\infty\right)},$$

$$Da = \frac{2\nu}{k_o U_0}, Sc = \frac{\nu}{Dm}, Du = \frac{D_m K_T (C_w - C_\infty)}{Csc_p \nu (T_w - T_\infty)},$$

$$Sr = \frac{Dm K_T \left(T_w - T_\infty\right)}{T_m \nu \left(C_w - C_\infty\right)}, \tau = -\frac{k_t^* \left(T_w - T_\infty\right)}{T_{ref}}, Pr = \frac{\mu c_p}{\kappa}.$$
(16)

For engineering purposes, the essential variables of fascinating include the wall coefficient friction as well as thermal gradient and Sherwood number which are orderly described in equation (17) as

$$C_{fx} = \tau_w (\rho u_w^2)^{-1}, \ N u_x = x q_w [\kappa (T_w - T_\infty)]^{-1},$$
  

$$Sh_x = x q_m [D_m (C_w - C_\infty)]^{-1},$$
(17)

with  $\tau_w$  being shear stress,  $q_w$  thermal flux at the wall, meanwhile,  $q_m$  indicating the species flux at the plate wall such that

$$\tau_w = \left[ (\mu + r) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + rB \right]_{y=0}, \ q_w = -\left[ \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right]_{y=0}, q_m = -\left[ Dm \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right]_{y=0}$$
(18)

upon substituting (10) and (18) in (17), the skin friction coefficient yields

$$C_{fx} = [1 + (1 - s) K] Re_x^{-1/2} f''(0), \qquad (19)$$

whereas the thermal gradient and concentration gradient respectively transform to

$$Nu_x = -Re_x^{1/2}\theta'(0), Sh_x = -Re_x^{1/2}\phi'(0)$$
(20)

#### 3. METHOD OF SOLUTION

The equations (11-14) together with (15) constitutes highly nonlinear equations which the closed form analytical solution is not feasible. Thus, in this study, numerical solution has been sought by means shooting scheme in company with integrating Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg. By this approach, an appropriate definite  $\eta \to \infty$ value has been chosen (say  $\eta_{\infty}$ ) and the governing equations (11-14) are translated into a system of first-ninth order simultaneous linear equations and thereafter reduced into an initial value problem (IVP). For details on the shooting technique (see [38-39]). However,

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to solve this set of equations as an IVP requires nine initial solution conditions but only five are available. To start the process of solution therefore, some initial guess are selected for the unknown initial conditions  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  and  $h_4$  which correspond to  $\phi'(0), \theta'(0),$ g'(0) and f''(0). This process is done repeatedly with a larger  $\eta_{\infty}$ and continues until the successive outcome values for the unknown initial conditions  $\phi'(0), \theta'(0), g'(0)$  and f''(0) gives a difference for a noteworthy satisfying digit. Hence, the final  $\eta_{\infty}$  value is then selected as appropriate value of the limit  $\eta_{\infty}$  for some fluid controlling terms. The higher order equations have been translated into first order equations as follows:

Let

$$r_1 = f, r_2 = f', r_3 = f'', r_4 = g, r_5 = g', r_6 = \theta,$$
  

$$r_7 = \theta', r_8 = \phi, r_9 = \phi'$$
(21)

$$r'_{3} = -\left[\frac{Kr_{5} + r_{1}r_{3} + Gr \ r_{6}cos\varphi + Gc \ r_{8}\varphi + (Da + M)r_{2}}{(1+K)}\right], (22)$$

$$r_5' = \frac{2K(2r_4 + r_3) - (r_1r_4 + r_1r_5)}{(1 + K/2)},$$
(23)

$$r'_{7} = -\left[Pr \ r_{1}r_{7} + (1+K) \ Pr \ Ec \ r_{3} + Pr \ Ec \ (M+Da) \ r_{2} + (\alpha e^{-\eta} + \beta \ r_{6}) + PrDu \ r'_{9}\right],$$
(24)

$$r'_{9} = Sc \zeta r_{8} - Sc(Sr - \tau r_{8})r'_{7} - Sc(r_{1} - \tau r_{7})r_{8}, \qquad (25)$$

with the boundary conditions given as

$$r_1(0) = 0, r_2(0) = 1, r_3(0) = h_1, r_4(0) = -sf_3(0), r_5(0) = h_2,$$
  

$$r_6(0) = 1, r_7(0) = h_3, r_8(0) = 1, r_9(0) = h_4, r_2(\infty) \to 0,$$
  

$$r_4(\infty) \to 0, r_6(\infty) = \to 0, r_8(\infty) = \to 0$$
(26)

When all the initial conditions have been obtained, a computer algebra symbolic package (Maple 2016) is adopted for the resulted equations.

#### 4. ANALYSIS OF RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The trends of the emerging parameters listed in (16) on the flow profiles and on the coefficient of wall friction  $C_{fx}$ , thermal gradient  $Nu_x$  and mass gradient  $Sh_x$  are analyzed in this section using graphs. Firstly, the accuracy and authenticity of the computed code employed have been verified by comparing the results obtained in this study relating to  $C_{fx}$  and  $Nu_x$  with the Chebyshev collocation method and Runge-Kutta method as respectively given by [28] and [17] in the absence of  $K, \tau, \alpha, \beta, \zeta, \varphi, Ec$  and Da. These comparisons are offered in Table 1 and seen to be in good alliance with existing reports.

The computational default values used for the analysis in the current study are  $K = 2.0, M = 0.5, Gr = 6.0, Gc = 4.0, Du = 0.6, Sr = 0.2, Ec = 0.2, \alpha = 0.2, \beta = -0.5, Pr = 0.71, Sc = 0.62, r = Da = fw = 0.5, \varphi = \Pi/3, \tau = 0.2, \zeta = 2.0$ . Unless stated otherwise in various plots.

**Table 1:** Computed values of  $C_{f_x}$  and  $Nu_x$  as compared with [28] and [17]

Du	Sr	[28]			[17]		Present		
		$C_{fx}$	$Nu_x$	-	$C_{fx}$	$Nu_x$	$C_{fx}$	$Nu_x$	
0.030	2.0	6.2285	1.1565		6.238707	1.151932	6.229908	1.156453	
0.037	1.6	6.1491	1.1501		6.160867	1.144651	6.150610	1.150059	
0.050	1.2	6.0720	1.1428		6.087934	1.135752	6.073556	1.142710	
0.075	0.8	6.0006	1.1333		6.023187	1.123219	6.002251	1.133220	
0.150	0.4	5.9553	1.1157		5.996934	1.096560	5.957028	1.115613	

The variations in the material parameter K and the magnetic field term M on the flow field, temperature and microrotation fields are depicted in Figures 2a, 2b and 3a in that order. For figure 2a, the velocity reaches the maximum point near the inclined sheet and then descended asymptotically to the up stream condition. At a distance  $\eta \approx 1.5$  away from the sheet, there is an intersection of the profiles such that the trend is reversed as K continues to rise in magnitude, an increase in the fluid stream distribution is observed. This pattern is due to the dominance of the vortex viscosity over that of the dynamic viscosity as K advances. However, with advancement in the profile of M, a reducing motion takes place in the velocity field as observed in figure 2a. This behaviour corresponds to the action of the resistive force (electromagnetic force) created by the imposition of the transverse magnetic field to the micropolar conducting liquid. Thus, as M appreciates in strength, the fluid motion is resisted and lowered. Consequent upon the fluid locomotive resistance produced by the Lorentz force as M grows, the temperature distribution is enhanced due to higher friction between the fluid and the sheet as portrayed in Figure 2b. In the same behaviour, the micropolar fluid temperature is found to appreciate with rising values of the material term K.





Figure 2: Variation of micropolar material K and magnetic term M on (a) velocity profiles and (b) temperature fields.

The microrotation profile rises for a rising in both K and M values as presented in Figure 3a with a reverse microparticles rotation for a hike in K. The influence of thermal Grashof number Gr is to boost the liquid motion as depicted in Figure 3b. Physically, Grdescribes the buoyancy relation to the force of viscous, hence, growing values of Gr encourages the pressure gradient causing the fluid motion to advance. Conversely, increasing values of Darcy term Da leads to a decline in the momentum boundary layer, thereby, lowering the fluid locomotion as displayed Figure 3b.



Figure 3: Variation of micropolar material K and magnetic term Gr on (a) micropolar profiles and (b) elocity fields.

Figure 4a portrays the reaction of the thermal profile to a change

in Prandtl number Pr and space heat generation term  $\alpha > 0$ . Basically, Pr describes the rate at which thermal diffusion occurs as compared to momentum diffusion, an enhance in Pr propels the temperature boundary viscosity structure to decline and consequently lower the temperature distribution. On this premise, the Prandtl number may be employed to enhance the cooling rate of fluids. On the contrary, the temperature is seen as an increasing function of the space-dependent heat source  $\alpha$  as illustrated also in Figure 4a. This trend is due to a rise in  $\alpha$  leads to production of more heat thereby causing the micropolar fluid temperature to escalate. Figure 4b is a graph of the fluid heat versus  $\eta$  for varying values of Eckert number Ec and heat absorption term  $\beta < 0$ . Growing values of Ec causes an advancement in the temperature profiles owing to an additional heat generated by the frictional drag of the fluid particles whereas the opposite is the case for the heat absorption parameter  $\beta < 0$  by virtue of a fall in the thickness of the temperature boundary viscid with a growth in the heat absorption term.



**Figure 4:** Response of temperature profiles to variation in (a) Prandtl number  $Pr \& \alpha > 0$  (b) Eckert number  $Ec \& \beta < 0$ 

Figure 5a describes the graph of the concentration field versus  $\eta$  for changes that occur in the reacting species term  $\zeta$  in the presence of the Schmidt number Sc. The Schmidt number Sc physically describes the viscosity of the flow velocity and concentration boundary thickness and at such, it is proportionally inverse to the species diffusion. Thus, an uplift in Sc compels a decline in the mass diffusivity and resulted to a decrease in the mass profiles. In a related sense, the growth in the magnitudes of the chemical reaction term  $\zeta$  also causes a decrease in the mass transport profile as a result of

a thin solutal boundary layer structure. Here, a rise in  $\zeta$  depicts an increase in the reacting degenerative species along the species dissolves efficiently as a result, the concentration field is lowered. In the same vein, Figure 5b demonstrates that the influence of the thermophoresis term  $\tau$  is to dampen the structure of the boundary layer and consequently lower the concentration profiles.



**Figure 5:** Mass species propagation for various values of (a) chemical reactive  $\zeta$  & Schmidt *Sc* terms (b) thermophoresis  $\tau$  & Schmidt *Sc* parameters.



**Figure 6:** Combined impact of material K and magnetic field parameters M on (a) the wall coefficient friction  $C_{fx}$  and (b) on heat gradient  $Nu_x$ 

It is conspicuously noticed in Figure 6a that both the magnetic term M and the material micropolar term K act to reduce the wall coefficient friction  $C_{fx}$  in the occurrence of both injection (fw < 0) and suction (fw > 0) terms. However, the existence of injection is less than the suction,  $C_{fx}$  as noticed in this case. It is noted that the viscous drag can be reduced by fluids with microstructures and

rigid bar-like particles such as the micropolar liquid. In the same way, the response of the thermal gradient  $Nu_x$  as observed in Figure 6b is similar to that of  $C_{fx}$  that is,  $Nu_x$  reduces with growing values of both M and K. However, the heat transport at the sheet improves better for suction than that of injection. The reactions from these figures imply that suction/injection can be applied for stabilizing the boundary layer growth.



Figure 7: Combined impact of Schmidt number Sc, chemical reaction  $\zeta$  and thermophoresis  $\tau$  parameters on (a) Sherwood number and (b) skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$ .

Figures 7a and 7b describe the plots of the Sherwood number  $Sh_x$ against  $\zeta$  for variation in the thermophoresis parameter  $\tau$  when Schmidt number Sc is present. Revelation here points to the fact the mass transfer is enhanced by increasing thermophoresis term  $\tau$ , likewise, for any chosen value of  $\tau$  an increase  $\zeta$  facilitates a rise in  $Sh_x$ . However, in these cases, the Sherwood number  $Sh_x$  improves better for higher values Schmidt number Sc as noticed in Figure 7a. Increasing values of  $\tau$  has a declining influence on  $C_{fx}$  as depicted in Figure 7b, in the like manner, an increase in  $\zeta$  for any fixed value of  $\tau$  and Sc also dampen  $C_{fx}$ .

Figure 8a depicts a plot of  $Nu_x$  versus  $\zeta$  for changes in  $\tau$  in the presence of Sc. Clearly, the thermal gradient  $Nu_x$  is a reducing function of both  $\tau$  and  $\zeta$  as well as Sc as evidenced in this figure. The implication is that the heat transfer declines with a rise in magnitude of these parameters. Figure 8b informs that the mass transfer advances with enhancing Dufour number Du (or reducing Soret Sr) in the absence of the thermophoretic term  $\tau$  whereas the opposite is the case in the presence of  $\tau$ .



**Figure 8** Combined effects of (a) thermophoresis  $\tau$ , chemical reaction  $\zeta$  and Schmidt number Sc on  $Nu_x$  (b) Dufour(Soret) Du/Sr, thermophoresis  $\tau$  and chemical reaction parameter  $\zeta$  on  $Sh_x$ .

### 4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

This research study theoretically investigated the flow as well as thermal and species transport of thermophoretic magneto-micropolar reactive liquid configured in an inclined two-dimensional sheet in a porous enclosure. The stream field is impacted by vary heat generation/absorption, buoyancy forces, viscous dissipation as well as Soret-Dufour effects. The modelled equations have been numerically integrated by means of Fehlberg-Runge-Kutta technique in together with shooting technique. The outcomes gotten in the study have been examined with earlier reported results in literature as special cases of the current study and found to be in good relationship. Various graphs have been constructed to portray the impact of the main controlling terms on the non-dimensional quantities. From this analysis, the following points were deduced.

- The motion of fluid flow reduces with imposition of the magnetic field M and Darcy Da parameters whereas it rises with rising values of the buoyancy force Gr and material (micropolar) K terms.
- The mass transfer appreciates with growing thermophoresis term values  $\tau$  and Schmidt number Sc whereas both parameters act to lower the skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$ .
- The presence of the microstructure particles and the magnetic field parameter facilitate the reduction of the viscous drag stress  $C_{fx}$  and the heat transfer rate  $Nu_x$  across the boundary layer.

- An increment in the magnitudes of  $Ec, \alpha, M$  and K lead to the growth in the viscosity of the temperature boundary layer while an inverse behaviour is seen for rising magnitude of Pr and  $\beta < 0$ .
- The growth in magnitudes of the chemical reaction  $\zeta$ , Schmidt number Sc as well as thermophoresis parameters  $\tau$  tend to lower the viscosity of the mass boundary layer and consequently reduce the chemical reacting distribution.

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#### NOMENCLATURE

x, y: Cartesian coordinates [m] $u, \bar{v}$ : Velocity components  $[ms^{-1}]$ B: Microrotation component  $[s^{-1}]$ T: Fluid temperature [K]C: Species concentration  $[molm^{-3}]$  $C_w$ : Species concentration at the sheet  $[molm^{-3}]$  $C_{\infty}$ : Free stream species concentration [molm<sup>-3</sup>]  $T_w$ : Fluid temperature at wall [K]  $T_{\infty}$ : Free stream temperature [K]  $T_m$ : Mean fluid temperature [K] r: Vortex viscosity  $[kqm^{-1}s^{-1}]$ g: Acceleration due to gravity  $[ms^{-2}]$  $D_m$ : mass diffusivity  $[m^2 s^{-1}]$ q''': Non-uniform heat source/sink  $[Wm^{-3}K^{-1}]$  $k_r$ : Constant rate of chemical reaction [Mol/s] $k_n$ : Permeability of the porous media  $[m^2]$  $v_w$ : Suction/injection velocity  $[ms^{-1}]$  $B_0$ : Magnetic field strength [A/m]*j*: Micro-inertia per unit mass  $[m^2]$  $q_w$ : Heat flux at the surface of the plate  $[Wm^{-2}]$ A: Spin gradient viscosity  $[m^2 s^{-1}]$  $c_p$ : Specific heat at constant pressure [J/kqK] $q_w$ : Heat flux at the surface  $[Wm^{-2}]$  $q_m$ : Mass flux at surface  $[Wm^{-2}]$ f: Dimensionless stream function K: Material parameter

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Gr: Thermal Grashof number

- Gc: Solutal Grashof number
- Pr: Prandtl number
- Sc: Schmidt number
- fw: Suction/injection parameter
- *Ec*: Eckert number
- Da: Darcy number
- Fs: Forchheimer number
- Du: Dufour number
- Sr: Soret number
- M: Magnetic field parameter
- $C_{f_x}$ : dimensionless local skin friction coefficient

 $Nu_x$  Dimensionless local Nusselt number(rate of heat transfer at the surface)

 $Sh_x$  Dimensionless local Sherwood number (rate of mass transfer at the surface)

- $\varphi$ : Angle of inclination [rad]
- $\kappa$ : Thermal conductivity coefficient  $[Wm^{-1}K^{-1}]$
- $\rho$ : Density of the fluid  $[kgm^{-3}]$
- $\psi$ : Stream function  $[m^2 s^{-1}]$
- $\sigma$ : Electric conductivity  $[Sm^{-1}]$
- $\mu$ : Dynamic viscosity  $[kgm^{-1}s^{-1}]$
- $\nu$ : Kinematic viscosity  $[m^2 s^{-1}]$
- $\beta_T$ : Coefficient of thermal expansion  $[K^{-1}]$
- $\beta_C$ : Coefficient of concentration expansion  $[K^{-1}]$
- $\eta$ : Dimensionless scaling transformation variable
- $\zeta$ : Chemical reaction parameter
- $\tau$ : Thermophoresis parameter
- $\theta(\eta)$ : Dimensionless temperature
- $\phi(\eta)$ : Dimensionless species concentration

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