Non-Darcy Mixed Convection between Differentially Heated Vertical Walls Filled with a Porous Material: Application of New Modified Adomian Decomposition Method

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Abstract

This paper presents non-Darcy mixed convective flow of an incompressible and viscous fluid in a differentially heated vertical channel filled with a porous material in the presence of a temperature dependent source/sink. The analytical solution of fourth order non-linear ordinary differential equation for temperature field, which is formed by eliminating velocity field from system of governing equations in non-dimensional form, is obtained by using new modified Adomian decomposition method (NMADM) in terms of various parameters. In order to illustrate the interactive influences of governing parameters on the temperature and velocity fields, a numerical study of the analytical solution is performed with respect to three categories of transport processes i) when forced convection is dominated, ii) when forced and natural convection are equal and iii) when natural convection is dominated. Analysis of all categories has revealed that the temperature and velocity profiles are increasing function of modified Darcy number while decreasing function of Forchheimer number.

Keywords

Non-Darcy Mixed Convection, Porous Media, Differentially Heated, New Modified Adomian Decomposition Method (NMADM)

1. Introduction

Non-Darcy mixed convective flow and heat transfer between two vertical walls and annuli filled with porous...
materials have been extensively studied in the past and attracted attention of research workers due to its many engineering applications. Some of their related applications are, for example, geothermal energy extraction, nuclear waste disposal, thermal insulation, solid matrix heat exchanger, thermal energy storage in underground aquifers, etc. The analytic solutions corresponding to different physical situations in a vertical channel are presented by several authors [1]-[7].

The numerical calculation of the fully developed mixed convection in a heated vertical channel filled with a porous medium and imposed uniflux at the plates is performed by Chen et al. [8] using the Brinkman Forchheimer-extended Darcy model. In this paper, both the buoyancy assisted and buoyancy opposed flows are considered. Murlidhar [9] studied mixed convective flow and heat transfer in the annular region between concentric cylinders filled with fluid-saturated porous material by using the Darcy model. Hadim and Chen [10] showed the Darcy number effects on the buoyancy-assisted mixed convection in the entrance region of a vertical channel with asymmetric heating for fixed values of Reynolds number, Forchheimer number, Prandtl number and modified Darcy number. The study performed by Vafai and Kim [11] in case of forced convection in a porous medium bounded by two parallel plates has shown that for a high-permeability porous medium the thickness of the momentum boundary layer depends on both the Darcy number and the inertia parameter while that for a low-permeability porous medium depends only on the Darcy number. Nadeem and Akbar [12] presented an exact solution for the temperature field, while the velocity field of the model was solved by Adomian decomposition method. Neild et al. [13] have analyzed theoretically fully developed forced convection in a fluid saturated porous medium channel bounded by parallel plates by obtaining general solution which has no restrictions and exists for all values of the Darcy number and Forchheimer inertia coefficient as well as also for a porous medium having effective viscosity different from the fluid viscosity. A regular perturbation technique has been employed by Beckett [14] to further investigate the nature of the known equations governing fully developed forced and free convective flow between heated vertical walls. The work of Chamkha [15] is focused on the laminar fully developed mixed convection flow of an electrically conducting fluid in a vertical channel in the presence of a magnetic field and heat generation or absorption effects. In this study various analytical solutions for the velocity and temperature fields were obtained for different special cases of heating and cooling of the wall. Recently, Khan et al. [16] have given the exact solutions for the unsteady flow induced by the time-dependent motion of a plane wall between two side walls perpendicular to the plane through porous medium by means of Fourier sine transform.

The main purpose of the present paper is to examine non-Darcy mixed convection in a differentially heated vertical channel filled with a porous material in the presence of temperature dependent source/sink. The analytical solution of the temperature field has been obtained using new modified Adomian decomposition method given by Wazwaz and El-Sayed [17] in terms of the physical parameters appearing in the governing equations. Finally, results are presented by graphs corresponding to the temperature and velocity fields for different values of the governing parameters.

2. New Modified Adomian Decomposition Method

In order to illustrate the basic idea of this method, let us consider an ordinary differential equation taken by Wazwaz [18] as follows:

\[ Lu + Ru + Nu = f(x), \]

with prescribed boundary conditions. Here \( u \) is unknown function, \( L \) is an easily invertible linear operator having highest order derivative and \( R \) is a linear differential operator of order less than \( L \). \( Nu \) represents the non-linear terms and \( f \) is the source terms. Applying the inverse operator \( L^{-1} \) in both sides of Equation (1) and using the given boundary conditions, we have

\[ u = f(x) - L^{-1}(Ru) - L^{-1}(Nu). \]

Differences among different Adomian decomposition methods can be distinguish on the basis of dividing the source term \( f(x) \) into components. When \( f(x) \) is divided into

i) one component then it is known as ADM,

ii) two components then it is known as MADM,

iii) \( n \) components then it is known as NMADM, where \( n \) is the degree of \( f(x) \).

According to NMADM, we therefore express \( f(x) \) in the form
\[ f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} f_i(x). \] (3)

The standard Adomian method defines the solution of \( u(x) \) by the series
\[ u(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} u_i(x), \] (4)
where the components \( u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_n \) are usually determined recursively using the new relationship expressed in the form
\[ u_0(x) = f_0(x), \]
\[ u_1(x) = f_1(x) - L^{-1}\left(Ru_0(x)\right) - L^{-1}\left(Nu_0(x)\right), \]
\[ u_{k+2}(x) = f_{k+2}(x) - L^{-1}\left(Ru_{k+1}(x)\right) - L^{-1}\left(Nu_{k+1}(x)\right). \quad 0 \leq k \leq n \] (5)

3. Mathematical Analysis

Consider the non-Darcy mixed convective flow of a viscous incompressible fluid between two vertical plane walls separated by a distance \( 2H \) and filled with a porous material in the presence of a temperature dependent source/sink and under a constant pressure gradient. We employ here a Cartesian coordinate system with origin at the central line of the channel having \( x' \)-axis along the vertical direction and \( y' \)-axis perpendicular to the walls. For fully developed laminar flow, the velocity has only a vertical component and is a function of \( y' \) only. The equation of continuity is being identically satisfied. All the physical properties are assumed to be constant except the density variation in the buoyancy term which is satisfied by the Boussinesq’s approximation. If we define the dimensionless quantities as
\[ y = \frac{y'}{H}, \quad x = \frac{x'}{H}, \quad u = \frac{u'H}{v'P}, \quad \theta = \frac{T' - T_0}{T_1 - T_0}, \quad p = \frac{p'H^2}{\rho'v'^2}, \quad Gr = \frac{g\beta(T_1' - T_0')H^3}{v'^2}, \]
\[ Da = \frac{\mu_cK}{\mu_fH^2}, \quad F = \frac{F'H}{\sqrt{K}}, \quad Q = \frac{\alpha_m}{\alpha_m}, \quad m = \frac{T'_0 - T'_1}{T'_1 - T'_0}, \] (6)

the governing equations of the model such as conservation of momentum and thermal energy in non-dimensional form are obtained as follows (Chen et al. [7]):
\[ \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} - Fu^2 - \frac{1}{Da} u + \frac{Gr}{P} \theta = -1, \] (7)
\[ u = \frac{d^2\theta}{dy^2} + Q\theta. \] (8)

The first term in the R.H.S. of Equation (7) is the Brinkman term, the second is the Darcy and the third is the Forchheimer term, hence the momentum transfer in the porous region is based on the Brinkman-Forchheimer-extended Darcy model. The boundary conditions of the problem in non-dimensional form are obtained as
\[ u = 0, \quad \theta = 1 \quad \text{at} \quad y = 1; \quad u = 0, \quad \theta = m \quad \text{at} \quad y = -1. \] (9)

All the symbols used in the above equations are defined in the nomenclature.

Now, putting the value of \( u \) from Equation (8) into the Equation (7), we get a fourth order non-linear ordinary differential equation in of the form:
\[ \theta_{yy} - \theta_y \left( C_6 + 2FQ\theta + F\theta_y \right) - W_1\theta - FQ^2\theta^2 = -1, \] (10)
where
\[ C_6 = -\frac{1}{Da}Q, \quad W_1 = \frac{Q}{Da} \frac{Gr}{P}. \]

For the solution of Equation (10), we use new modified Adomian decomposition method, proposed by Waz-waz and El-Sayed [17] and for this purpose Equation (10) in operator form can be written as follows:
Applying the inverse operator $L_{y_{x_{y_{y_{y}}}}}^1$, Equation (11) can be written as

$$\theta = C_4 + C_3 y + C_2 y^2 + C_1 y^3 - \frac{y^4}{24} + L_{y_{x_{y_{y_{y}}}}}^{-1} \left[ L_{y_{y_{y_{y}}}} \left( C_6 + 2FQ \theta + FL_{y_{y_{y}}}, \theta \right) + W_i \theta + FQ^2 \theta^2 \right],$$

where $C_1, C_2, C_3$ and $C_4$ are constants and to be determined from the boundary conditions (9).

Now, we can decompose $\theta$ as

$$\theta = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \theta_i,$$

and according to Equation (12) source function $f(x)$ has the following form

$$f(x) = C_4 + C_3 y + C_2 y^2 + C_1 y^3 - \frac{y^4}{24}.$$

As suggested by Wazwaz and El-Sayed [17], we get

$$\theta_0(y) = C_4,$$

$$\theta_1(y) = C_3 y + W_2 C_3 y^4,$$

$$\theta_2(y) = C_2 y^2 + L_{y_{x_{y_{y_{y}}}}}^{-1} \left[ L_{y_{y_{y_{y}}}} \theta_1(y) \left( C_6 + 2FQ \theta_1(y) + FL_{y_{y_{y}}}, \theta_1(y) \right) - W_i \theta_0(y) - FQ^2 \theta_0^2(y) \right]$$

$$\theta_3(y) = C_1 y^3 + \left( \frac{Z_4}{491440} y^{28} + \frac{Z_2}{358800} y^{26} + \frac{Z_4}{255024} y^{24} + \frac{Z_2}{1680} y^{22} + \frac{Z_4}{180} y^{20} \right),$$

$$\theta_4(y) = y^4 + \left( \frac{U_1}{11703240} y^{60} + \frac{U_2}{10182480} y^{58} + \frac{U_3}{8814960} y^{56} + \frac{U_4}{7590024} y^{54} + \frac{U_5}{7027800} y^{52} \right).$$

$$\theta_5(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_6}{6497400} y^{52} + \frac{U_7}{5997600} y^{51} + \frac{U_8}{5527200} y^{50} + \frac{U_9}{5085024} y^{49} + \frac{U_{10}}{4669920} y^{48} \right)$$

$$\theta_6(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{11}}{4280760} y^{47} + \frac{U_{12}}{3916440} y^{46} + \frac{U_{13}}{3575880} y^{45} + \frac{U_{14}}{3258024} y^{44} + \frac{U_{15}}{2961840} y^{43} \right)$$

$$\theta_7(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{16}}{2686320} y^{42} + \frac{U_{17}}{2430480} y^{41} + \frac{U_{18}}{2193360} y^{40} + \frac{U_{19}}{1974024} y^{39} + \frac{U_{20}}{1771560} y^{38} \right)$$

$$\theta_8(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{21}}{1585080} y^{37} + \frac{U_{22}}{1413720} y^{36} + \frac{U_{23}}{1256640} y^{35} + \frac{U_{24}}{1113024} y^{34} + \frac{U_{25}}{982080} y^{33} + \frac{U_{26}}{863040} y^{32} \right)$$

$$\theta_9(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{27}}{755160} y^{31} + \frac{U_{28}}{657720} y^{30} + \frac{U_{29}}{570024} y^{29} + \frac{U_{30}}{491400} y^{28} + \frac{U_{31}}{421200} y^{27} + \frac{U_{32}}{358800} y^{26} \right)$$

$$\theta_{10}(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{33}}{303600} y^{25} + \frac{U_{34}}{255024} y^{24} + \frac{U_{35}}{212520} y^{23} + \frac{U_{36}}{175560} y^{22} + \frac{U_{37}}{143640} y^{21} + \frac{U_{38}}{116280} y^{20} \right)$$

$$\theta_{11}(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{39}}{93024} y^{19} + \frac{U_{40}}{73440} y^{18} + \frac{U_{41}}{57120} y^{17} + \frac{U_{42}}{436800} y^{16} + \frac{U_{43}}{32760} y^{15} + \frac{U_{44}}{24024} y^{14} + \frac{U_{45}}{17160} y^{13} \right)$$

$$\theta_{12}(y) = \frac{y^4}{24} + \left( \frac{U_{46}}{11880} y^{12} + \frac{U_{47}}{9720} y^{11} + \frac{U_{48}}{80} y^{10} + \frac{U_{49}}{80} y^{9} + \frac{U_{50}}{80} y^{8} + \frac{U_{51}}{80} y^{7} + \frac{U_{52}}{80} y^{6} + \frac{U_{53}}{80} y^{5} \right).
According to Equation (13), the expression for temperature field can be written as

$$\theta(y) = \theta_0(y) + \theta_1(y) + \theta_2(y) + \theta_3(y) + \theta_4(y).$$  \hspace{1cm} (16)

The symbols used in the above expressions as a constant are given in appendix. After obtaining the solution for temperature field in the form in Equation (16), we have derived the solution for velocity field by using Equation (8) but not presented here for the sake of brevity.

4. Skin Friction and Nusselt Number at the Walls

In order to measure the shear stress and the heat transfer rate at the boundaries, the expressions for the skin friction in non-dimensional form and Nusselt number on the channel walls have been obtained by using the following relations respectively:

$$\tau = \left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)_{y=\pm 1},$$ \hspace{1cm} (17a)

$$Nu = \left( \frac{d\theta}{dy} \right)_{y=\pm 1}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (17b)

But they are not given here for the sake of brevity.

5. Results and Discussions

We investigate the interactive effects of the dimensionless parameters such as modified Darcy number $Da$, Forchheimer number $F$, source/sink parameter $Q$ and wall temperature ratio $m$, on heat and fluid flow between two vertical walls having differentially heating corresponding to the following categories of flow formation:

i) when forced convection is dominated ($Gr < P$),

ii) when both convections are equal ($Gr = P$),

iii) when natural convection is dominated ($Gr > P$).

In the presence of source ($Q > 0$), the temperature and velocity profiles for different values of $Da$ and $F$ are presented in the Figures 1-3(a), Figures 1-3(b) for above mentioned categories respectively. Figure 1(a) reveals that the temperature profile decreases sharply very near to the walls and then by increasing rapidly it takes finally almost a flattened straight line in the middle region of the channel. As expected, we can observe from Figure 1(b) that reverse flow occurs near the walls and in the middle region flow is of parabolic type in case of forced convection dominated flow ($Gr < P$). When Grashof number is equal to the pressure gradient, then we can see by Figure 2(a), Figure 2(b) that by increasing near the walls both the temperature and velocity profiles attain almost same values in the middle region of the channel. In natural convection dominated flow ($Gr > P$), we can see from Figure 3(a) that the buoyancy force acts to increase the fluid temperature sharply in the region very close to the walls and then by decreasing attains almost same value in the central region of the channel. Almost same pattern can be seen from Figure 3(b) in the case of velocity profiles.

In all three cases, we observed that the temperature and velocity profiles are increasing function of modified Darcy number while decreasing function of Forchheimer number. The effect of Darcy number is more visible in the case of natural convective dominated flow. The fluid velocity near the wall region slowly increases with the increase of $Da$, but it is more significant in the region near to the walls when flow is dominated by natural convection.

We have plotted in the Figure 4(a) and Figure 4(b) the temperature and velocity profiles in the presence of sink ($Q < 0$) for different values of the physical parameters when $Gr < P$. In this case, we can observe that the temperature profiles have decreasing tendency and attain minimum values at the center. Effects of the parameters $Da$ and $F$ are only in the region near the walls. Figure 4(b) shows that reverse flow occurs near the walls due to increase in $F$ and decrease in $Da$. The velocity profiles are maximum at the center. It should be noted that the dimensionless axial velocity at the central line of the channel is independent of the values of $Da$ and $F$. Same type of flow formation is seen for other categories and hence not presented here.

Figures 5(a)-7(a), Figures 5(b)-7(b) illustrate the effects of wall temperature ratio ($m$) on temperature and velocity profiles corresponding to cases three types of categories. From these figures in the presence of source
Figure 1. Effects of the modified Darcy number $Da$ and Forchheimer number $F$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 1(a) and 1(b) respectively in the presence of source for when forced convection is dominated and here $Q = 5.0$, $m = 1.0$.

Figure 2. Effects of the modified Darcy number $Da$ and Forchheimer number $F$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 2(a) and 2(b) respectively in the presence of source for when both convections are equal and here $Q = 5.0$, $m = 1.0$.

Figure 3. Effects of the modified Darcy number $Da$ and Forchheimer number $F$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 3(a) and 3(b) respectively in the presence of source parameter for when natural convection is dominated and here $Q = 5.0$, $m = 1.0$. 
Figure 4. Effects of the modified Darcy number $Da$ and Forchheimer number $F$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 4(a) and 4(b) respectively in the presence of sink for when forced convection is dominated and here $Q = -5.0, m = 1.0$.

Figure 5. Effects of the modified Darcy number $Da$ and Forchheimer number $F$ on the velocity profiles by 5(b) in the presence of sink for when both convections are equal and here $Q = -5.0, m = 1.0$.

Figure 6. Effects of the wall temperature ratio $m$ and source/sink parameter $Q$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 6(a) and 6(b) respectively for when forced convection is dominated and here $Da = 0.01, F = 0.2$. 
Figure 7. Effects of the wall temperature ratio $m$ and source/sink parameter $Q$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 7(a) and 7(b) respectively for when both convections are equal and here $Da = 0.01$, $F = 0.2$.

Figure 8. Effects of the wall temperature ratio $m$ and source/sink parameter $Q$ on the temperature and the velocity profiles by 8(a) and 8(b) respectively for when natural convection is dominated and here $Da = 0.01$, $F = 0.2$.

parameter, it shows that when $m$ increases, the flow near wall 1 is more and more accelerated and flow reversal is observed in the vicinity of wall 2. Meanwhile wall 1 becomes increasingly hotter relatively to wall 2 and the temperature profiles approaches a linear distribution. In the presence of sink parameter, the temperature profile slopes on both walls remain constant in accordance with the differentially heating conditions. As $Gr > Pr$, i.e. forced convection to natural convection, wall 1 becomes increasingly cooler relatively to wall 2. This observation can be explained by the fact that the axial convective heat transport near the left wall becomes more and more important (Figure 6, Figure 7 and Figure 8(b)).

A close study of the Table 1 and Table 2 for different values of modified Darcy number $Da$, Forchheimer number $F$, wall temperature ratio $m$ and source/sink parameter $Q$ presents the dependence of skin friction and Nusselt number corresponding to three categories at the walls $y = \pm 1$ respectively. The values for skin friction and Nusselt number have been determined on both the walls by using the Equations (17a, b) and they are given in Table 1 and Table 2. It is clear from these tables that skin friction for each category increases with wall temperature ratio $m$ and Forchheimer number $F$. On comparing the skin friction for each category of the wall at $y = 1.0$ and $y = -1.0$, it is observed that it increases with $Da$ when $S \geq 0$ while when $S < 0$ decreases with $Da$ at the wall $y = 1$ and reverse behavior was found at wall $y = -1$. The Nusselt number at the left wall ($y = -1$) in each category becomes negative, which means physically that heat flows from porous region towards the walls.
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Table 1. Numerical values of dimensionless Skin-friction at channel walls.

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Table 2. Numerical values of dimensionless Nusselt number at channel walls.

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However, the Nusselt number at the right wall ($y = 1$) in each category positive, which indicates physically that heat flows from the walls into the porous region. We observed that Nusselt number for each category decreases with wall temperature ratio $m$ and increases with Forchheimer number $F$. On comparing the Nusselt number for each category of the wall at $y = 1.0$ and $y = -1.0$, it is observed that it increases with $Da$ while $S > 0$ decreases with $Da$ at the wall $y = 1$ and reverse behavior was found at wall $y = -1$.

6. Conclusion

New modified Adomian decomposition method has been used to find the analytical solution of the governing equations describing the non-Darcy mixed convective flow of an incompressible and viscous fluid in a differentially heated vertical channel filled with a porous material in the presence of a temperature dependent source/sink. The effect of all physical parameters appearing in the governing equations is more visible when natural convection is dominated in comparison with fully forced convection in the presence of source parameter. The impact of all categories is more effective in the presence of source than sink. Also, it has been observed that the numerical values of all skin friction components increase with the increase of wall temperature ratio ($m$) and Forchheimer number ($F$). Increasing value of $Gr$ from $P$ i.e. forced convection to natural convection induces flow acceleration near both walls and consequently flow deceleration in the central line of the channel. Even-
ually this tendency can lead to flow reversal at the centerline but the corresponding value of $Gr$ either greater, equal or less than $P$ is of questionable physical signification (see discussion by Barletta and Zanchini [19] on stability).

References


Nomenclature

$Da$ Modified Darcy number, defined in Equation (1)
$F$ Forchheimer number, defined in Equation (1)
$F'$ Inertial coefficient, defined in Equation (1)
$g$ Acceleration due to gravity
$Gr$ Grashof number or free convection parameter, defined in Equation (1)
$H'$ half distance between both walls
$K'$ Permeability of the porous medium
$m$ wall temperature ratio, defined in Equation (1)
$p'$ fluid pressure
$P$ constant pressure gradient, $P = -\frac{dp}{dx}$
$p$ Dimensionless fluid pressure defined in Equation (1)
$Q$ dimensionless source/sink parameter defined in Equation (1)
$Q'$ Source/sink parameter
$T'$ Fluid temperature
$T_0'$ mean temperature
$T_1'$ Temperature of the left wall
$T_2'$ Temperature of the right wall
$u$ Dimensionless velocity component
$u'$ Velocity component component
$x, y$ Dimensionless Cartesian coordinates
$x', y'$ Cartesian coordinates

Greek Symbols

$\alpha_e$ Effective thermal diffusivity
$\beta$ Volumetric coefficient of thermal expansion
$\theta$ Dimensionless fluid temperature, defined in Equation (1)
$\lambda$ Dimensionless frequency parameter defined in Equation (1)
$\lambda'$ Frequency parameter
$\mu_f$ Fluid viscosity
$\mu_e$ Effective viscosity
$\nu_e$ Effective kinematic viscosity
$\rho_f$ Fluid density