# UNSTEADY MHD BIO-NANOCONVECTIVE ANISTROPIC SLIP FLOW PAST A VERTICAL ROTATING CONE

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The MHD bioconvective of nanofluid flow past a rotating cone with anistropic velocity slips, thermal slip, mass slip and microorganism slips is studied theoretically and numerically. Suitable similarity transformations are used to transform the governing boundary-layer equations into non-linear ODE which were then solved numerically. The effect of the governing parameters on the dimensionless velocities, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction (concentration), density of motile microorganisms as well as on the local skin friction, local Nusselt, Sherwood number and the local motile microorganism numbers are examined. Results from this investigation were compared with previous related investigations and good agreement was found. It is found that for both in the presence and absence of magnetic field, increasing velocity slips reduce the friction factor. It is also found that increasing thermal slip, mass slip and microorganism slips strongly reduce heat, mass and microorganism transfer, respectively. This study is relevant in bio-chemical industries in which microfluidic devices involved.

Key words: rotating cone, anistropic slip, MHD, microorganisms

#### Introduction

The study of boundary-layer flow, heat and mass transfer involving rotating cones has attracted many researchers due to wide applications in the automobile and chemical industries. These industries extensively use rotating heat exchangers [1]. Spin stabilized missiles, containers of nuclear waste disposal and geothermal reservoirs are also some of the applications of rotating cones [1, 2]. The heat and mass transfer characteristics of cone bodies can be described by obtaining a self-similar solution of boundary-layer flows. Similar solutions for cone geometries exist when temperature is considered to vary as a power function of distance along a cone ray [3]. Many studies have been communicated deploying numerical and analytical methods to study various aspects of rotating cone problem [3-6]. Raju [7] has considered the influences of the thermophoresis and thermal radiation on mixed convection heat and mass transfer phenomena past a vertical rotating cone in a fluid saturated porous medium. Nadeem and Saleem [8] have investigated the effects of thermophoresis and Brownian motion on the heat and mass transfer of third grade nanofluid flow over a rotating vertical cone. Hashmi *et al.* [9] stated that fluid-flow incorporating a magnetic field avoids the adverse impact of temperature on lubrica-

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tion viscosity under extreme operating conditions. Nadeem and Saleem [10] applied the homotopy analysis method to examine the combined effects of buoyancy force and the magnetic field on a rotating cone body in a rotating frame. Nadeem and Saleem [2] analysed the heat and mass transfer effects of MHD mixed convection flow of rotating nanofluids over a rotating cone. Recent relevant study can be found in references [11-18].

Slip conditions exist on hydrophobic surfaces such as in micro-fluidics and nanofluidics devices used in microelectromechanical systems and nanoelectromechanical systems [19]. Thus, many researchers are interested to investigate the various aspects of fluid-flow, heat and mass transfer with velocity slip boundary conditions under various geometries and using various solution methods [20-29]. In the case of multiple slips boundary conditions under various geometries, Uddin *et al.* [30] analysed the influence of variable transport properties, momentum, thermal, and mass slip on MHD momentum, heat, and mass transfer in a Darcian porous medium. Uddin *et al.* [31] studied the effects of temperature dependent viscosity and thermal conductivity and concentration dependent mass diffusivity on the electrically conducting Newtonian fluid-flow along a moving stretching sheet embedded in a porous medium. Also, studies have been conducted on micro-scale devices focusing on slip flow over a rotating cone [32, 15, 14]. Most of the previous researchers used isotropic slip boundary conditions. In this paper we use anisotropic slip boundary conditions to get realistic results [23].

An innovation can be made to micro-fluidic devices by taking into account nanofluids and bioconvection. Bioconvection occurs due to the collective swimming of motile microorganisms in a particular direction and hence increasing the density of the base fluid [33]. Nield and Kuznetsov [34] stated that microorganisms can contribute toward the improvement in biomicrosystems since they play an important role in mass transport enhancement and mixing because traditional active mixers used are expensive and energy-intensive for fabrication. Some recent studies dealt with bioconvection phenomena under various geometries effect include Shen *et al.* [35] and Sameh *et al.* [36]. A recent study of bioconvection phenomena in rotating cone was conducted by Raju [37] who analysed the heat and mass transfer of bioconvection non-Newtonian fluid-flow over a rotating cone/plate taking into account non-linear thermal radiation and chemical reaction.

Therefore, the aim of this study is to extend the work of Saleem and Nadeem [14] by combining the effects of multiple slips, magnetic field, nanofluids, bioconvection, and rotating cone geometry. We apply the similarity variables to get the similarity equations and then solve them using the shooting method in MAPLE. The influences of various physical parameters

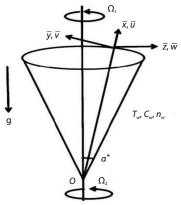


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of vertical rotating cone

on the velocity, temperature, concentration and microorganism fields are explored in detail. In addition, the effects of the emerging parameters on surface shear stress, wall heat, mass and microorganism transfer rate are also studied in detail. We believe that it can contribute a significant role to enhance heat, mass and microorganism transfer rate in micro-fluidic biodevices application.

## Mathematical formulations of the problem

Consider the unsteady, axi-symmetric, rotating cone of nanofluids flow with microorganisms. It is assumed that rotating cone with velocity as a function of time develops unsteadiness in the flow field. Also, it is assumed that the rectangular curvilinear co-ordinate system is fixed. The temperature, mass and microorgan-

isms difference in the flow field induce the existence of the buoyancy forces. The velocity components along the  $\bar{x}$ -,  $\bar{y}$ -, and  $\bar{z}$ -directions are represent by  $\bar{u}$ ,  $\bar{v}$ , and  $\bar{w}$ , respectively. A magnetic field normal to the rotating cone is applied. A schematic of the physical configuration is shown in fig. 1 which follows the work of Saleem and Nadeem [14]. Inside the boundary-layer, the fluid temperature, the nanoparticle volume friction and the density of motile microorganisms represent by T, C, and n, respectively. At the wall, the temperature, nanoparticle volume friction and density of motile microorganisms represent by  $T_w$ ,  $C_w$ , and  $n_w$ , respectively, and far away from the wall they are represent using  $T_\infty$ ,  $C_\infty$ , and  $n_\infty$ , respectively. By using these assumptions, the time-dependent governing equations for mass, momentum in the  $\bar{x}$ - and  $\bar{z}$ -directions, energy, concentration and microorganism conservation are given by:

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{x}} + \frac{\overline{u}}{\overline{x}} + \frac{\partial \overline{w}}{\partial \overline{z}} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{u} \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{x}} + \overline{w} \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{z}} - \frac{\overline{v}^{2}}{\overline{x}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho_{f}} \left( \frac{\partial^{2} \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{z}^{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho_{f}} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - C_{\infty}) \rho_{f \infty} \beta g (T - T_{\infty}) - \\ -(\rho_{p} - \rho_{f \infty}) g (C - C_{\infty}) - \\ -(n - n_{\infty}) g \gamma (\rho_{m} - \rho_{f \infty}) \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\sigma B^{2}}{\rho_{f}} \overline{u} \tag{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{u} \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial \overline{x}} + \overline{w} \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial \overline{z}} - \frac{\overline{u} \overline{v}}{\overline{x}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{z}^2} \right) - \frac{\sigma B^2}{\rho_f} \overline{v}$$
(3)

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{u} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \overline{x}} + \overline{w} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \overline{z}} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \overline{z}^2} + \tau D_B \frac{\partial T}{\partial \overline{z}} \frac{\partial C}{\partial \overline{z}} + \tau \frac{D_T}{T_{\infty}} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \overline{z}} \right)^2$$
(4)

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{u} \frac{\partial C}{\partial \overline{x}} + \overline{w} \frac{\partial C}{\partial \overline{z}} = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial \overline{z}^2} + \frac{D_T}{T_{co}} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \overline{z}^2}$$
 (5)

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{u} \frac{\partial n}{\partial \overline{x}} + \overline{w} \frac{\partial n}{\partial \overline{z}} + \frac{\tilde{b} W_c}{C_w - C_\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{z}} \left( n \frac{\partial C}{\partial \overline{z}} \right) \right] = D_n \left( \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial \overline{z}^2} \right)$$
 (6)

where  $\overline{t}$  is the time,  $\mu$  – the fluid viscosity, g – the acceleration due to gravity,  $\rho$  – the fluid density,  $\beta$  – the volumetric thermal expansion coefficient of the base fluid,  $\alpha$  – the fluid thermal diffusivity,  $\gamma$  – the average volume of a microorganism,  $\rho_m$  – the microorganisms density,  $\tau$  – the ratio of heat capacity of nanoparticle and heat capacity of fluid,  $D_B$  – the Brownian diffusion coefficient,  $D_T$  – the thermophoretic diffusion coefficient,  $\tilde{b}$ , – the chemotaxis constant,  $W_C$  – the maximum cell swimming speed, and  $D_n$  – the microorganism diffusivity coefficient. We assumed that the cone is subjected to  $\bar{u}$ - and  $\bar{v}$ -velocity, thermal, mass and microorganism slip, the boundary conditions become [26,14]:

$$\begin{split} \overline{w} &= 0, \ \overline{u} = N_1(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) v \left( \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right), \ \overline{v} = N_2(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) v \left( \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right) + \overline{x} \left( \Omega \sin \alpha \right) \left[ 1 - s \left( \Omega \sin \alpha \right) \overline{t} \right]^{-1} \\ T &= T_w(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) + D(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \overline{z}} \right), \ C &= C_w(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) + E(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial \overline{z}} \right) \\ n &= n_w(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) + F(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) \left( \frac{\partial n}{\partial \overline{z}} \right) \text{ at } \ \overline{y} = 0 \\ \overline{u} &= 0, \ \overline{v} = 0, \ \overline{T} \to \overline{T}_{\infty}, \ \overline{C} \to \overline{C}_{\infty}, \ \overline{n} \to 0 \ \text{ as } \ \overline{y} \to \infty \end{split}$$

## Similarity transformations

To proceed, we introduce the following transformations [14]:

$$\eta = \left(\frac{\Omega \sin \alpha^*}{\nu}\right)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2} \overline{z}, \quad \overline{u} = -\frac{1}{2} \Omega \overline{x} \sin \alpha^* (1 - st)^{-1} f(\eta)$$

$$\overline{v} = \Omega \overline{x} \sin \alpha^* (1 - st)^{-1} g(\eta), \quad \overline{w} = \left(\nu \Omega \sin \alpha^*\right)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2} f(\eta)$$

$$T = T_{\infty} + \left(T_{w} - T_{\infty}\right) \theta(\eta), \quad T_{w} - T_{\infty} = \left[\left(T_{w}\right)_{0} - T_{\infty}\right] \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{L}\right) (1 - st)^{-2}$$

$$C = C_{\infty} + \left(C_{w} - C_{\infty}\right) \phi(\eta), \quad C_{w} - C_{\infty} = \left[\left(C_{w}\right)_{0} - C_{\infty}\right] \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{L}\right) (1 - st)^{-2}$$

$$n = n_{w} \chi(\eta), \quad n_{w} = \left(n_{w}\right)_{0} \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{L}\right) (1 - st)^{-2}, \quad B(\overline{x}, \overline{t}) = B_{0} \sin \alpha^* (1 - st)^{-1}$$

$$t = \left(\Omega \sin \alpha^*\right) \overline{t}$$
(8)

Using eqs. (8), we have transformed eqs. (1)-(7) into a system of ODE:

$$f''' - f f'' + \frac{1}{2} f'^2 - 2g^2 - s \left( f' + \frac{1}{2} \eta f'' \right) - 2\lambda (\theta - Nr \phi - Rb \chi) - M f' = 0$$
 (9)

$$g'' - f g' + f' g - s \left( g + \frac{1}{2} \eta g' \right) - Mg = 0$$
 (10)

$$\theta'' - \Pr\left[s\left(\frac{1}{2}\eta\theta' + 2\theta\right) - \frac{1}{2}f'\theta + f\theta'\right] + Nb\theta'\phi' + Nt\theta'^2 = 0$$
(11)

$$\phi'' - \operatorname{Sc} \left[ s \left( \frac{1}{2} \eta \phi' + 2 \phi \right) - \frac{1}{2} f' \phi + f \phi' \right] + \frac{Nb}{Nt} \theta'' = 0$$
 (12)

$$\chi'' - \operatorname{Sb}\left[s\left(\frac{1}{2}\eta\chi' + 2\chi\right) - \frac{1}{2}f'\chi + f\chi'\right] - \operatorname{Pe}(\phi'' + \phi'\chi') = 0$$
 (13)

subjected to the boundary conditions:

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = \delta_u f''(0), \quad g(0) = 1 + \delta_v g'(0)$$

$$\theta(0) = 1 + \delta_T \theta'(0), \quad \phi(0) = 1 + \delta_C \phi'(0), \quad \chi(0) = 1 + \delta_n \chi'(0)$$

$$f'(+\infty) = g(+\infty) = \theta(+\infty) = \phi(+\infty) = \chi(+\infty) = 0$$
(14)

Here parameters are defined:

$$Nr = \frac{(C_0 - C_{\infty})(\rho_o - \rho_f)}{\beta(T_0 - T_{\infty})(1 - C_{\infty})\rho_f} \text{ (buoyancy ratio)},$$

$$Rb = \frac{\gamma n_0(\rho_m - \rho_f)}{\beta(T_0 - T_{\infty})(1 - C_{\infty})\rho_f} \text{ (bioconvection Rayleigh number)},$$

$$Pr = v/\alpha \text{ (Prandtl number)},$$

Sc = 
$$v/D_B$$
 (Schmidt number),  
Sb =  $v/D_m$  (bioconvection Schmidt number),  
Pe =  $\frac{\tilde{b}W_c}{D_m}$  (bioconvection Peclet number),  
 $\lambda = \text{Gr/Re}2L$  (mixed convection)

where

Gr = 
$$g\beta \cos \alpha^* (T_0 - T_\infty) (1 - C_\infty) \frac{L^3}{v^2}$$
 (Grashoff number), and 
$$Re_L^2 = \Omega \sin \alpha^* \frac{L^2}{v}$$
 (Rayleigh number), 
$$M^2 = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f} \frac{1}{\Omega}$$
 (magnetic fild), 
$$Nb = \frac{\tau D_B \Delta C}{\alpha}$$
 (Brownian motion), 
$$Nt = \frac{\tau D_T \Delta T}{\alpha T_\infty}$$
 (thermophoresis), 
$$\delta_u = (N_1)_0 v^{1/2} (\Omega \sin \alpha^*)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2}$$
 (*u*-velocity slip), 
$$\delta_v = (N_2)_0 v^{-1/2} (\Omega \sin \alpha^*)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2}$$
 (*v*-velocity slip), 
$$\delta_T = D_0 v^{-1/2} (\Omega \sin \alpha^*)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2}$$
 (thermal slip), 
$$\delta_C = E_0 v^{-1/2} (\Omega \sin \alpha^*)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2}$$
 (mass slip), 
$$\delta_n = F_0 v^{-1/2} (\Omega \sin \alpha^*)^{1/2} (1 - st)^{-1/2}$$
 (microorganisms slip)

and

## Physical quantities

The quantities of practical interest are the local skin friction in primary and secondary directions, the local Nusselt number, local Sherwood number, and the local wall motile microorganism number. These are, respectively, defined by:

$$C_{f\overline{x}} = \frac{\tau_{\overline{x}\overline{z}} \mid_{\overline{z}=0}}{\rho_{f} \left(\Omega \overline{x} \sin \alpha^{*} \left(1 - s\overline{t}\right)^{-1}\right)^{2}}, \quad C_{f\overline{y}} = \frac{\tau_{\overline{y}\overline{z}} \mid_{\overline{z}=0}}{\rho_{f} \left(\Omega \overline{x} \sin \alpha^{*} \left(1 - s\overline{t}\right)^{-1}\right)^{2}}$$

$$\operatorname{Nu}_{\overline{x}} = \frac{\overline{x} q_{w}}{k(\overline{T}_{w} - \overline{T}_{\infty})}, \quad \operatorname{Sh}_{\overline{x}} = \frac{\overline{x} m_{w}}{D_{B}(\overline{C}_{w} - \overline{C}_{\infty})}, \quad Q_{n\overline{x}} = \frac{\overline{x} q_{n}}{D_{n}\overline{n}_{w}}$$

$$(15)$$

where  $\tau_{xz}$ ,  $q_w$ ,  $m_w$  and  $q_n$  represent the shear stress in primary and secondary directions, surface heat flux, surface mass flux, and the surface motile microorganism flux, respectively. These quantities are defined:

$$\tau_{\overline{x}\overline{z}} = \mu \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right]_{\overline{z}=0}, \ \tau_{\overline{y}\overline{z}} = \mu \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right]_{\overline{z}=0}, \ q_w = -k \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{T}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right]_{\overline{z}=0},$$

$$m_w = -D_B \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{C}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right]_{\overline{z}=0}, \ q_n = -D_n \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{n}}{\partial \overline{z}} \right]_{\overline{z}=0}$$

$$(16)$$

The local skin friction in primary and secondary directions, the local Nusselt number, local Sherwood number, and the local wall motile microorganism number in dimensionless form are:

$$0.5 C_{f\bar{x}} \operatorname{Re}_{\bar{x}}^{1/2} = -f''(0), \quad 0.5 C_{f\bar{y}} \operatorname{Re}_{\bar{x}}^{1/2} = -g'(0), \quad \operatorname{Nu}_{\bar{x}} \operatorname{Re}_{\bar{x}}^{-1/2} = -\theta'(0)$$

$$\operatorname{Sh}_{\bar{x}} \operatorname{Re}_{\bar{x}}^{-1/2} = -\phi'(0), \quad Q_{n\bar{x}} \operatorname{Re}_{\bar{x}}^{-1/2} = -\chi'(0)$$
(17)

Here, 
$$\operatorname{Re}_{\overline{x}} = \frac{\Omega \overline{x}^2 \sin \alpha^* (1 - s\overline{t})^{-1}}{v}$$
 is the local Reynolds number.

#### Numerical solutions and validation

It is important to note that in the absence of microorganism equation, eq. (13), without magnetic field and slips, our problem reduces to the problem investigated by Saleem and Nadeem [14]. It is also noticed that in the absence of microorganism equation, without magnetic field and slips and also considering cone is rotating either in an ambient fluid or rotating with equal angular velocity in the same direction, this paper reduces to problem investigated by Anilkumar and Roy [1]. We used the shooting procedure in MAPLE to solve the transformed equations. In order to validate our results, we compare our numerical results with Anilkumar and Roy [1]. The comparison in listed in tab. 1 and shows a good agreement between these two results.

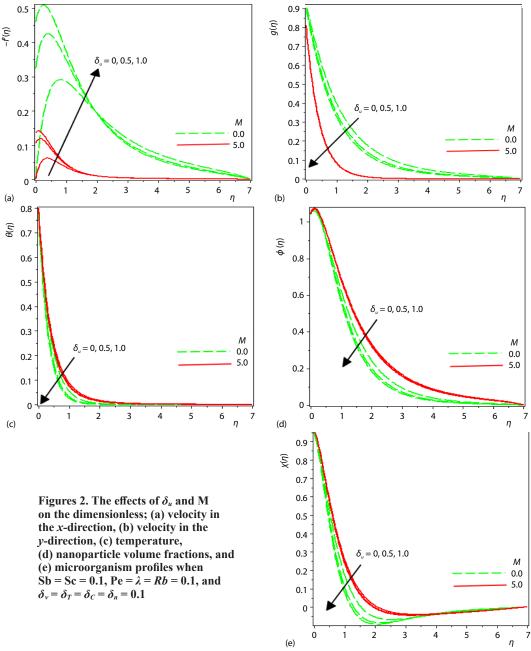
Table 1. Comparison of the skin friction in the x-, y-direction and heat transfer in the absence of concentration, microorganism equations and for values for  $\delta_u = \delta_v = \delta_T = \delta_C = s = 0$ 

Pr	1		Present		Anilkumar and Roy [1]		
PI	Λ	-f"(0)	-g'(0)	$-\theta'(0)$	-f"(0)	-g'(0)	$ \begin{array}{c c}  -\theta'(0) \\  0.4305 \\  0.6127 \end{array} $
0.7	0.0	1.0205	0.6159	0.4287	1.0199	0.6160	0.4305
	1.0	2.0789	0.8508	0.6120	2.1757	0.8499	0.6127
1.0	0.0	1.0204	0.6159	0.5180	1.0199	0.6160	0.5181
	1.0	2.0039	0.8249	0.7005	2.0627	0.8250	0.7005

## Results and discussion

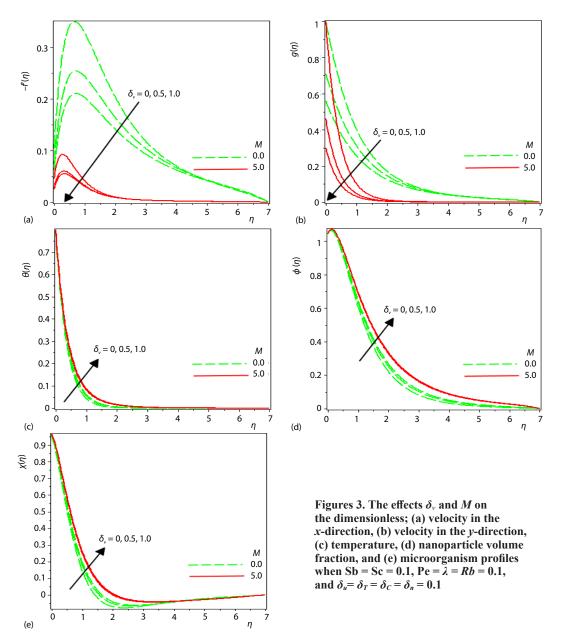
For the simulations, we consider water based nanofluid Pr = 6.8 (water),  $Nb = Nt = Nr = 1e^{-5}$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  (mixed convection) and s = 0.5. The numerical results of various parameters such as Sc, Sb, Pe,  $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_v$ ,  $\delta_T$ ,  $\delta_C$ , and  $\delta_n$  on the dimensionless velocity in the x- and y-directions, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction, microorganism are plotted over  $\eta$  which are plotted in figs. 2-8.

Figures 2(a)-2(e) show the effects of  $\delta_u$  on the dimensionless velocity in the x- and y-directions, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction, and microorganism profiles for different cases of magnetic field parameter (with magnetic or without magnetic). Increasing velocity



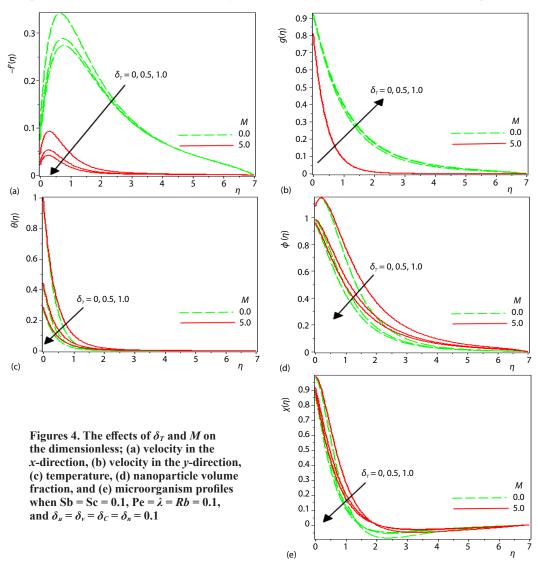
slip is due to high acceleration of nanofluid and hence it tends to effect nanofluid to slip near the wall. This phenomenon can be observed in fig. 2(a) where  $\delta_u$  with higher magnitude gives overshoot value on velocity along x-axis,  $-f(\eta)$ . However, it is observed in fig. 2(b) that increasing of  $\delta_u$  reduces the velocity along the y-axis,  $g(\eta)$ . The influence of the magnetic field, M, and slip parameter,  $\delta_u$  is to reduce the velocity in the y-axis. Figure 2(c) reveals that increasing  $\delta_u$ , the temperature is decreased without magnetic field effect. The high acceleration of nanofluids

occurs due to enhance of  $\delta_u$ . Therefore, it simultaneously cools the boundary-layer and hence decreases thermal boundary-layer thickness. Figures 2(d) and 2(e) show the effects of  $\delta_u$  and M on the nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism, respectively. Both functions follow the same trends as temperature distributions. With greater magnitude of  $\delta_u$ , both the nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism concentration profiles are decreased. It is should be mentioned that the motion of motile microorganisms is considered as being independent from the motion of nanoparticles. The motion of nanoparticle volume fraction is due to the Brownian motion in the nanofluids.



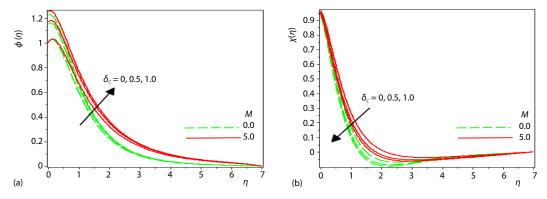
Figures 3(a)-3(e) represent the effects of  $\delta_v$  and magnetic field on the dimensionless velocity in the x- and y-directions, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction, microorganism, respectively. It can be found in figs. 3(a) and 3(b) that greater  $\delta_v$  induces flow to decelerate in x- and y-directions. Therefore, the combined effect of increasing  $\delta_v$  and the magnetic field causes the temperature to be increased fig. 3(c). Figures 3(d) and 3(e) show the effects of  $\delta_v$  and M on the nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism, respectively. Both functions follow the same trend as the temperature distribution. With greater magnitude of  $\delta_v$ , both the nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism concentration profiles are increased. As earlier, increasing  $\delta_u$  is found to suppress both nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism whereas increasing  $\delta_v$  generally increases them.

Figures 4(a)-4(e) illustrate the effects of thermal slip,  $\delta_T$ , on the velocities, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism with magnetic field. Greater thermal slip is found



to decelerate flow in x-direction and accelerate flow in y-direction. From fig. 4(a) it can be seen that greater thermal slip with no magnetic field effect significantly suppress the x-direction velocity and overshoot near the wall. When the flow passes the nearest surface, the temperature profile significantly reduces toward the free stream. However, velocity of fluid in y-direction with no magnetic field effect increases as the  $\delta_T$  increases. Figures 4(c)-4(e) presents the reduced values of temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism profiles as thermal slip increases.

Based on fig. 5(a), nanoparticle volume fraction concentrations are maximum at the wall as greater mass slip present. However, there is no significant different on nanoparticle volume fraction values near the wall as M is induced. In fig. 5(b), microorganism concentrations are conversely reducing its value as mass slip increases. Overall, both nanoparticles volume fraction and microorganisms function show no significant different near the wall as magnetic field increases. It is important to mention that the effect of mass slip on dimensionless velocities and temperature are not significant. Figure 6 illustrated the combined effect of microorganism slip and magnetic field on the dimensionless microorganism concentration. It can be found that with increasing microorganism slip, the dimensionless microorganism concentration profile decreases. Overall, magnetic field effect with no microorganism slip contributes a factor for dimensionless microorganism concentration to enhance. Also, there is no significant effect occurred on velocities, temperature and nanoparticle volume fraction as microorganism slip increases.



Figures 5. The effects of  $\delta_C$  and M on the dimensionless (a) nanoparticle volume fraction and (b) microorganism profiles when Sb = Sc = Rb = Pe =  $\lambda$  = 0.1, and  $\delta_u$  =  $\delta_v$  =  $\delta_T$  =  $\delta_n$  = 0.1

Figures 7(a) and 7(b) depict the effects of Schmidt number and magnetic field on the dimensionless nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism profiles. Physically, there are two situations which occur as Schmidt number increases. There is either lower solutal diffusivity for a uniform fluid dynamic viscosity or higher dynamic viscosity for uniform solutal diffusivity. Figure 7(a) shows that as the Schmidt number increases nanoparticle volume fraction decreases. This situation occurs due to mass diffusivity and depends on the nanoparticles concentration. Therefore, increasing Schmidt number reduces the nanoparticles volume fraction concentration as expected. From fig. 7(b) the combined effect of Schmidt number and M on the dimensionless microorganism profile follow the same trend as dimensionless nanoparticle volume fraction distributions. Figures 8(a) and 8(b) present the influence of the bioconvection Schmidt number and Peclet number with magnetic field, respectively. Physically, Sb parameter is defined as  $v/D_m$  which relates the ratio of momentum diffusivity to diffusivity of microorganisms. As Sb > 1 is used in this study, microorganism concentration in fig. 8(a) is reduced due to momentum diffusivity exceeds microorganism diffusivity. This situation creates

a significant difference between them and thus leads to a reduction in microorganism density number magnitudes,  $\chi(\eta)$ . Meanwhile, Peclet number is defined as  $bW_C/D_m$  which relates the product of chemotaxis constant,  $\vec{b}$ , and maximum microorganism swimming speed,  $W_C$ , to the diffusivity of microorganisms,  $D_m$ , in nanofluids. Therefore, higher Peclet number implies to the higher swimming speed of microorganisms and thus reduces microorganism concentration, see fig. 8(b). Based on the previous section, we have discussed the graphs plotted with respect to  $\eta$  for flow, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism concentration profiles. However, in reality application scientists and decision maker inter-

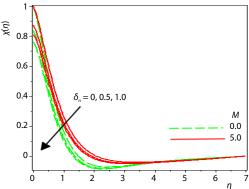


Figure 6. The effects of  $\delta_n$  and M on the dimensionless microorganism profile when  $Sb = Sc = Rb = Pe = \lambda = 0.1$  and  $\delta_n = \delta_v = \delta_T = \delta_C = 0.1$ 

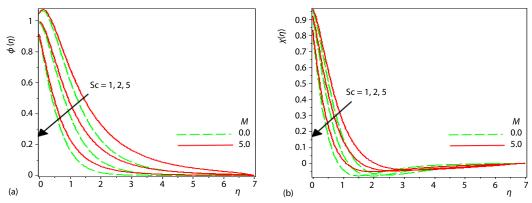


Figure 7. The effects of the Sc and M on the dimensionless; (a) nanoparticle volume fraction and (b) microorganisms when Sb = 0.1, Pe =  $\lambda$  = 0.1, Rb = 0.1, and  $\delta_u = \delta_v = \delta_T = \delta_C = \delta_n = 0.1$ 

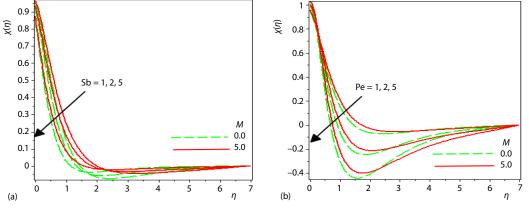


Figure 8. Dimensionless microorganisms profile as a function; (a) the bioconvection Schmidt number with magnetic field and (b) the Peclet number with magnetic field when Sc = Pe =  $\lambda$  = Rb = 0.1, and  $\delta_u = \delta_v = \delta_T = \delta_C = \delta_n = 0.1$ 

ested to investigate the characteristic of skin friction coefficient, heat transfer, mass transfer and microorganism transfer at the wall. Therefore, tabs. 2 and 3 summarize the effects of  $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_v$ ,  $\delta_T$ ,  $\delta_C$ , and  $\delta_n$  on the local skin friction in x-direction, local skin friction in y-direction, local Nusselt number, Sherwood number, and number of motile microorganism without and with induced magnetic field, respectively. For both cases (M = 0 and M = 1), the same pattern of local skin friction in x- and y-directions, local Nusselt number, Sherwood number, and number of motile microorganism are observed as  $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_v$ ,  $\delta_T$ ,  $\delta_C$ , and  $\delta_n$  increase. It is found that -f''(0) decreases with increasing of  $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_v$ , and  $\delta_T$ , relatively, weakly increases with increasing  $\delta_C$  and  $\delta_n$ . The -g'(0) is found to be increased with increasing  $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_C$ , and  $\delta_n$ . An enhancement effect of  $-\theta'(0)$  also can be observed as  $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_C$ , and  $\delta_n$  increase. It has to be noted that  $\delta_T$  plays an important roles to enhance  $-\chi'(0)$  and reduce  $-\theta'(0)$  with  $-\phi'(0)$  significantly. Also, it seen that both  $-\phi'(0)$  and  $-\chi'(0)$  reduce as  $\delta_C$  and  $\delta_n$  increase, respectively.

Table 2. Effect of multiple slips on physical quantities for non-magnetic flow (M = 0)

Parameters					f"(0)	-1(0)	(0)	41(0)	.4(0)
$\delta_u$	$\delta_{ u}$	$\delta_T$	$\delta_{C}$	$\delta_n$	-f''(0)	-g'(0)	$-\theta'(0)$	$-\phi'(0)$	$-\chi'(0)$
0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.06800	0.7588	2.0698	0.3941	0.4582
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9477	0.7961	2.1279	0.4155	0.4668
0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8502	0.8250	2.1730	0.4316	0.4744
0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0365	0.8827	2.1416	0.4140	0.4775
0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8781	0.7268	2.1171	0.4168	0.4581
0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.0348	0.8079	2.7229	0.7914	0.1685
0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.8910	0.7882	1.7491	0.1760	0.6672
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.9464	0.7956	2.1277	0.4596	0.4329
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.9489	0.7964	2.1282	0.3791	0.4951
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.9446	0.7954	2.1274	0.4156	0.5228
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.9503	0.7966	2.1284	0.4154	0.4216

Table 3. Effect of multiple slips on physical quantities for MHD flow (M = 1)

Parameters					£"(0)	-1(0)	01(0)	//(0)	.4(0)
$\delta_u$	$\delta_{ u}$	$\delta_T$	$\delta_{C}$	$\delta_n$	-f''(0)	-g'(0)	$-\theta'(0)$	$-\phi'(0)$	$-\chi'(0)$
0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7770	1.1018	2.0343	0.3941	0.4582
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6753	1.1210	2.0756	0.4393	0.4047
0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5963	1.1355	2.1067	0.4510	0.4089
0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7666	1.2734	2.0892	0.4394	0.4135
0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6099	1.0029	2.0657	0.4393	0.3983
0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7583	1.1286	2.6387	0.7994	0.1176
0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.6753	1.1210	2.0756	0.4393	0.4047
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.6741	1.1208	2.0753	0.4839	0.3708
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6763	1.1211	2.0758	0.4023	0.4333
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6727	1.1207	2.0751	0.4394	0.4506
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6774	1.1212	2.0759	0.4392	0.3673

#### Conclusion

The unsteady MHD bioconvective anistropic slip flow of a nanofluid with microorganism past a rotating cone is studied as an initial study to investigate heat, mass and microorganism transfer in biochemical industrial which microfluidic devices involved. Similarity transformation technique is used to convert the 2-D momentum, temperature, nanoparticle volume fraction and microorganism equations into a set of ODE which were then solved numerically. The effect of the selected governing parameters ( $\delta_u$ ,  $\delta_v$ ,  $\delta_T$ ,  $\delta_C$ , and  $\delta_n$ , also Sc, Sb, and Pe) on the primary and secondary flows, temperature, nanoparticle concentration, and density of motile microorganisms are described. Also, the values of the local skin friction in the x- and y-directions, local Nusselt numbers, Sherwood number, and the motile microorganisms number are summarized in tables. The computations show that increasing u-slip velocity,  $\delta_u$ , reduces primary local skin friction -f''(0). Increasing v-slip velocity,  $\delta_v$ , reduces secondary local skin friction. Also, increasing thermal slip, mass slip and microorganism slip strongly reduce heat, mass and microorganism transfer, respectively.

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#### **Nomenclature**

- chemotaxis constant, [m] - variable magnetic field strength, [T] - constant magnetic field strength, [T]  $C_{fx}$  – primary local skin friction coefficient  $C_{f\bar{y}}$  – secondary local skin friction coefficient nanoparticle volume fraction  $C_w$ – wall nanoparticle volume fraction nanoparticle volume fraction at origin  $C_{\infty}$  – ambient nanoparticle volume fraction D - local thermal slip factor  $D_B$  – Brownian diffusion coefficient, [m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]  $D_T$  – thermophoretic diffusion coefficient, [m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]  $D_m$  – diffusivity of microorganism, [m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]  $D_n$  – microorganism diffusion coefficient, [m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>] - local mass slip factor - local microorganism slip factor  $f(\eta)$  – dimensionless stream function Gr - Grashoff number - gravitational acceleration, [ms<sup>-2</sup>] - thermal conductivity of the fluid,  $[Wm^{-1}K^{-1}]$ - characteristics length, [m] magnetic field parameter  $m_w$  – surface mass flux - number of motile microorganism n - wall motile microorganisms - number of motile microorganism at origin - ambient motile microorganism local primary velocity slip factor  $N_1$  local secondary velocity slip factor *Nb* – Brownian motion parameter *Nr* – buoyancy ratio parameter

Nt – thermophoresis parameter  $Nu_{\bar{x}}$  – local Nusselt number Pe – bioconvection Peclet number Pr - Prandtl number  $q_w$  – surface heat flux, [Wm<sup>-2</sup>] surface microorganism flux *Rb* – bioconvection Rayleigh number  $Re_{\tau}^{2}$  - Rayleigh number  $Re_{\bar{x}}^{L}$  – Reynolds number unsteadiness parameter bioconvection Schmidt number Sb Sc - Schmidt number  $Sh_{\bar{x}}$  – local Sherwood number - nanofluid temperature, [K]  $T_0$ - temperature at origin, [K] - wall temperature, [K] - ambient temperature, [K]  $T_{\infty}$ - dimensional time, [s] – non-dimensional time, [s] - velocity component along the x-axis, [ms<sup>-1</sup>]  $\overline{u}$ - wall velocity, [ms<sup>-1</sup>]  $\overline{u}_w$ - free stream velocity, [ms<sup>-1</sup>]  $\bar{u}_{\infty}$ - velocity component along the y-axis, [ms<sup>-1</sup>]  $\bar{w}$ - velocity component along the z-axis, [ms<sup>-1</sup>] - maximum cell swimming speed, [ms<sup>-1</sup>]  $\bar{x}$ - dimensional co-ordinate along the x-axis, - dimensional co-ordinate along the y-axis, dimensional co-ordinate along the z-axis,

Greek	symbol	S
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- α thermal diffusivity, [m²s⁻¹]
- $\alpha^*$  semi-vertical angle of the cone
- β volumetric coefficient of expansion for temperature
- γ average volume of a microorganism, [m<sup>3</sup>]
- $\delta_u$  *u*-velocity slip parameter
- $\delta_v$  v-velocity slip parameter
- $\delta_T$  thermal slip parameter
- $\delta_C$  mass slip parameter
- $\delta_n$  microorganism slip parameter
- $\eta$  independent similarity variable
- $\theta(\eta)$  dimensionless temperature
- $\mu$  absolute viscosity of the fluid, [kgm<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]
- $v = \text{kinematic viscosity, } [\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}]$

- $\rho$  nanofluid density, [kgm<sup>-3</sup>]
- $\sigma$  variable electric conductivity, [Sm<sup>-1</sup>]
- $\Omega$  dimensionless angular velocity
- ratio of the effective heat capacity of the nanoparticle material to the fluid heat capacity, [Nm<sup>-2</sup>]
- $\tau_{\overline{xz}}$  primary wall shear stress, [Nm<sup>-2</sup>]
- $\tau_{\overline{yz}}$  primary wall shear stress, [Nm<sup>-2</sup>]
- $\phi(\eta)$  dimensionless nanoparticle volume fraction
- $\chi(\eta)$  dimensionless number of motile microorganism
- $\psi$  tream function, [m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]

#### Subscript

( )' – ordinary differentiation with respect to  $\eta$ 

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