

# Homogeneous/heterogeneous reactions of the water based Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SWCNTs on MHD Stagnation-point flow over stretching/shrinking sheet with generalized slip condition

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## Abstract

An investigation is performed to analyze the homogeneous–heterogeneous reactions of water based Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SWCNTs on MHD stagnation-point over a permeable stretching/shrinking sheet with generalized slip condition. In this study we employed the refined model of a homogeneous–heterogeneous reaction in boundary layer nanofluid flow with equal diffusivities for reactant and autocatalysis. The governing PDEs in terms of continuity, momentum and concentration are transformed into ODEs and then solved numerically using fourth or fifth order Runge-Kutta Fehlberg method with shooting technique. The results show that for the shrinking sheet, the concentration of SWCNTs-water of heterogeneous reaction is stronger as compare with homogeneous reaction. Comparison of the present results with previously published work is given and found in good agreement.

**Keywords:** Stagnation point flow, Nanofluids, Homogeneous-heterogeneous reaction, Shrinking sheet, SWCNTs-water, Slip condition.

## 1. Introduction

The study of the stagnation-point flow of a viscous fluid over a stretching/shrinking sheet has gained attention of many researchers due to its wide range of applications in many industrial manufacturing processes. These processes include glass blowing, aerodynamic extrusion of plastic sheet, continuous casting and spinning of fibers, the cooling and drying of papers and textiles, etc. Hiemenz [1], Paulet and Weidman [2], Sharma and Singh [3], Ishak et al. [4], Hayat et al. [5], Ali et al. [6], Subhashini et al. [7], Bhattacharyya et al. [8] and Al-Sudais [9]. Additionally, it is noted that flow due to a shrinking sheet was studied by Miklavčič and Wang [10], Wang [11], Bhattacharyya and Layek [12], Bhattacharyya and Vajravelu [13], Ashraf and Ahmad [14], Rohni et al. [15] and Saleh et al. [16]. It is worth mentioning here that there are two conditions for the flow of a shrinking sheet to exist, namely, whether a sufficient suction is added on the boundary (Miklavčič and Wang [10]) or a stagnation flow is considered (Wang [11]) to maintain the velocity of shrinking sheet in the boundary layer. In fluid dynamics, the no-slip condition for viscous fluids states that at a solid boundary, the fluid will have zero velocity relative to the boundary, but in slip flow, the flow velocity is non-zero at the solid wall, Navier [17], Maxwell [18], Wang [19], Thompson and Troian [20], Mathews and Hill [21], Wang [22] and Sajid et al. [23].

Chemical reactions can be classified as either homogeneous or heterogeneous process depending on whether they occur in bulk of the fluid (homogeneous) or occur on some catalytic surfaces (heterogeneous). Homogeneity and heterogeneity are concepts often used in the sciences and statistics relating to the uniformity in a substance or organism. A material or image that is homogeneous is uniform in composition or character (i.e. color, shape, size, weight, height, distribution, texture, language, income, disease, temperature, radioactivity, architectural design, etc.); one that is heterogeneous is distinctly non-uniform in one of these qualities, [24–26]. The correlation between homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions associated with formation and consumption of reactant species at different rates both within the fluid and on the catalytic surfaces is usually very complex, Chaudhary and Merkin [27–29], Merkin [30], Khan and Pop [31], Bachok et al. [32], Khan and Pop [33] and Kameswaran et al. [34]. Moreover, Kameswaran et al. [35] analyzed the impact of homogeneous–heterogeneous reactions over a stretching sheet in a porous medium saturated with a nanofluid. Shaw et al. [36] investigated the role of homogeneous–heterogeneous reactions on a boundary layer flow of a micropolar fluid over a permeable stretching/shrinking sheet in a porous medium.

Suspended nanoparticles in conventional fluids, called nanofluids, have been the subject of intensive study worldwide since pioneering researchers recently discovered the anomalous thermal behavior of these fluids. The enhanced thermal conductivity of these fluids with small-particle concentration was surprising and could not be explained by existing theories. Micrometer-sized particle-fluid suspensions exhibit no such dramatic

enhancement. Liu et al. [37], Ahuja [38] and Eastman et al., [39] investigated that the fluids with suspended large particles have little practical application in heat transfer enhancement. Some researchers tried to suspend nanoparticles into fluids to form high effective heat transfer fluids. Choi [40] is the first who used the term nanofluids to refer to the fluids with suspended nanoparticles. By suspending nanophase particles in heating or cooling fluids, the heat transfer performance of the fluid can be significantly improved. The vital reasons may be indexed as follows: (i) the suspended nanoparticles enhance the surface area and the heat capacity of the fluid. (ii) the suspended nanoparticles raise the effective (or apparent) thermal conductivity of the fluid. (iii) the interaction and collision among particles, fluid and the flow passage surface are intensified. (iv) the dispersion of nanoparticles flattens the transverse temperature gradient of the fluid.

The most important feature observed in nanofluids was an abnormal rise in thermal conductivity, far beyond expectations and much higher than any theory could predict. Nanofluids have been reported to be stable over months using a stabilizing agent [41, 42]. Bhattacharya et al. [43] also investigated that the Brownian dynamics simulation to determine the effective conductivity of nanofluids. The simulation results were within 3% of experimental data for  $Al_2O_3$ -ethylene glycol and in nearly full agreement with Cu-ethylene glycol. Recently, Xuan and Yao [44] developed a Lattice Boltzmann model to investigate nanoparticle distribution and flow pattern and found that the main flow and rising temperature of the fluid can improve nanoparticle distribution, which is beneficial to energy transport enhancement of the nanofluids. Nan et al. [45] have presented a simple formula for thermal conductivity enhancement in CNT composites that is derived from the Maxwell-Garnett model [46] by the effective medium approach. The model over predicts the enhancement in the thermal conductivity of CNT suspensions when calculated with typical values of CNT thermal conductivities. The same authors have also developed a new model [47] by incorporating interface thermal resistance with an effective medium approach. However, the model needs the thermal resistance value at the surface of CNTs, which is difficult to get for different types of CNTs and their combinations with different solvents. The researchers, led by Sivasankaran Harish et al. [48] found that their single-walled carbon nanotube (SWCNT) nanofluid exhibits an increase in conductivity of up to almost 15%; a value significantly higher than what has been achieved with nanoparticle-based nanofluids.

The purpose of the current investigation is to study the effects of the water based Cu,  $Al_2O_3$  and SWCNTs on MHD stagnation-point flow over a permeable stretching/shrinking sheet with homogeneous-heterogeneous reactions and generalized slip at the boundary. Numerical and analytical solution of transformed similarity equations are obtained for both stretching and shrinking sheet in terms of velocity and concentration profiles for several values of the governing parameters. The physical significance of the controlling nanofluid (water based Cu,  $Al_2O_3$  and SWCNTs) parameters on the flow field and concentration profiles are analyzed graphically.

## 2. Mathematical analysis

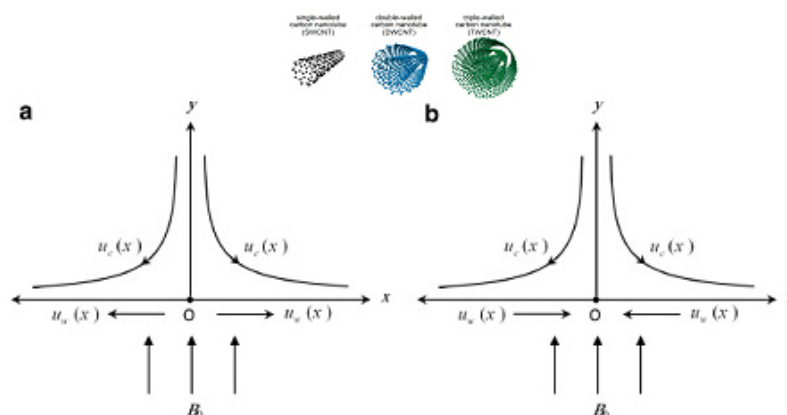


Fig. 1: Physical significance of (a) stretching sheet and (b) shrinking sheet [49]

We consider the steady two-dimensional MHD stagnation-point flow of an incompressible water based Cu,  $Al_2O_3$  and SWCNTs over a horizontal linearly stretching/shrinking sheet in its own plane with a velocity proportional to the distance from the stagnation-point. The sheet is in the plane  $y=0$  and the stretched/shrunk

sheet is in the  $x$  - direction with the velocity varying linearly along it ie.  $u_w(x) = mx$ , where  $m > 0$  is for the stretching sheet,  $m = 0$  is for the static sheet and  $m < 0$  is for the shrinking sheet, respectively. The free stream velocity is assumed as  $u_e(x) = cx$ , where  $c > 0$  is the strength of the stagnation-point flow. A uniform external magnetic field of strength  $B_0$  is applied normal to the stretching/shrinking surface. Under the assumption of small magnetic Reynolds number, the induced magnetic field is negligible and external electric field is zero. We also assume a simple model for the interaction between a homogeneous (or bulk) and heterogeneous (on sheet) reactions involving the two chemical species  $A$  and  $B$  in a boundary layer flow as stated by Chaudhary and Merkin [29] and Merkin [30]:



$a$  and  $b$  are the concentrations of the chemical species  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively whereas  $K_h$  and  $K_s$  are the rate of homogeneous and heterogeneous reactant. It is expected that both reaction processes are isothermal and far away from the sheet at the ambient fluid, there is a uniform concentration  $a_0$  of reactant  $A$  and there is no auto catalyst in reactant  $B$ . Under the boundary layer approximations and all the above mentioned assumptions, the governing equations can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\rho_{nf} \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = u_e \frac{du_e}{dx} + \mu_{fn} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \sigma_{nf} B_0^2 (u - u_e) \quad (4)$$

$$u \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial a}{\partial y} = (D_A)_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial y^2} - K_h ab^2 \right) \quad (5)$$

$$u \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} = (D_B)_{nf} \left( \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y^2} + K_h ab^2 \right) \quad (6)$$

$u$  and  $v$  - the velocity components in  $x$  and  $y$  directions,  $\nu_f$  - kinematic viscosity of the base fluid,  $\sigma_{nf}$  - electrical conductivity of the nanofluid and,  $(D_A)_{nf}$  and  $(D_B)_{nf}$  - diffusion coefficients of nanofluid. Following Thompson and Troian [20], we assume generalized slip boundary condition by the relation

$$u_t = \alpha^* (1 - \beta^* \tau_w)^{-0.5} \tau_w \quad (7)$$

$u_t$  - tangential velocity,  $\alpha^*$  -Navier's constant slip length,  $\beta^*$  - reciprocal of some critical shear rate and  $\tau_w$  - shear rate at the wall. The boundary conditions for the problem under consideration are

$$u(0) = u_w(x) = mx + \alpha^* (1 - \beta^* \frac{\partial u}{\partial y})^{-0.5} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, v(0) = -v_w(x), u(\infty) = u_e(x) = cx,$$

$$(D_A)_f \frac{\partial a}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = K_s a(0), (D_B)_f \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = -K_s a(0), a(\infty) = a_0, b(\infty) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$m$  and  $c$  - constants having dimension  $(time)^{-1}$ ,  $v_w > 0$  - constant mass transfer (suction) velocity and  $a_0$  - constant.  $\rho_{nf}$  - effective density of the nanofluid,  $\mu_{nf}$  - effective dynamic viscosity of the nanofluid and  $D_{nf}$  - mass diffusivity of the nanofluid are defined by Magyari [55] and Mamut [56] as

$$\rho_{nf} = (1 - \zeta)\rho_f + \zeta\rho_s, \mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \zeta)^{2.5}}, D_{nf} = (1 - \zeta)D_f, \frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f} = \left\{ \frac{3\left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} - 1\right)\zeta}{\left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} + 2\right) - \left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} - 1\right)\zeta} \right\} \quad (9)$$

$\zeta$  - Nanoparticle volume fraction,  $\mu_f$  - dynamic viscosity of the base fluid,  $\sigma_f$  and  $\sigma_s$  - electrical conductivity of the base fluid and nanoparticle,  $\rho_f$  and  $\rho_s$  - density of the base fluid and nanoparticle,  $D_f$  - mass diffusivity of the nanofluid,  $\sigma_{nf}$  - electrical conductivity of the nanofluid. By using following similarity transformations, the governing equations take the non-dimensional form

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{c}{\nu_f}}y, \psi = \sqrt{c\nu_f}xf(\eta), u = cxf'(\eta), v = -\sqrt{c\nu_f}f(\eta), g(\eta) = \frac{a}{a_0}, h(\eta) = \frac{b}{a_0} \quad (10)$$

The Eqs. (3)–(6) become

$$f''' + A1\left(f f'' - f'^2 + \frac{A2.A3}{A1}M(1 - f') + 1\right) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$g'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4}(fg' - Kgh^2) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$h'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4}(fh' + Kgh^2) = 0 \quad (13)$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$f(0) = S, f'(0) = \lambda + \alpha + (1 - \beta(x)f''(0))^{-0.5}f''(0), f'(\infty) = 1$$

$$g'(0) = \frac{K_c g(0)}{A_4}, g(\infty) = 1, \frac{D_B}{D_A}h'(0) = -\frac{K_c h(0)}{A_4}, h(\infty) = 0, \quad (14)$$

where  $A1 = (1 - \zeta)^{2.5}\left(1 - \zeta + \zeta\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f}\right)$ ,  $A2 = (1 - \zeta)^{2.5}$ ,  $A3 = \left\{ \frac{3\left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} - 1\right)\zeta}{\left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} + 2\right) - \left(\frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f} - 1\right)\zeta} \right\}$ ,  $A4 = (1 - \zeta)$ ,  $M = \frac{B_0^2 \sigma_f x}{\rho_f \mu_e}$

magnetic parameter,  $S = \frac{v_w}{\sqrt{c\nu_f}}$  - suction parameter if  $S > 0$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{m}{c}$  - ratio of stretching rate to external flow

rate with  $\lambda > 0$  for a stretching sheet,  $\lambda < 0$  for a shrinking sheet and  $\lambda = 0$  for a static sheet,  $Sc = \frac{\nu_f}{D_A}$  - Schmidt

number,  $\delta = \frac{D_B}{D_A}$  - ratio of the diffusion coefficients,  $\frac{K_h a_0^2 x}{u_e}$  - strength of the homogeneous reaction and

$\frac{K_s Re^{-0.5}}{(D_A)_f}$  - strength of heterogeneous reaction and  $Re = \frac{c}{\nu_f}$  - Reynolds number. In Equ. (14),  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the

dimensionless velocity slip parameter and the dimensionless critical shear rate, which are defined as

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{c}{\nu_f}}\alpha^*, \beta(x) = \sqrt{\frac{c}{\nu_f}}\beta^*(x)x \quad (15)$$

As it was suggested by Aziz [47], for Equs. (10)–(12) to have a similarity solution, the quantities  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  must be constants and not functions of variable  $x$  as in Equ. (15). This condition can be met if  $\beta^*(x)$  is proportional to  $x^{-1}$ . We therefore assume

$$\alpha^*(x) = \alpha^*, \beta^*(x) = b^* x^{-1} \quad (16)$$

where  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  are constants. With the introduction of (16) into (15), we have

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{c}{v_f}} \alpha^*, \beta = \sqrt{\frac{c}{v_f}} b^* \quad (17)$$

We mention that with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  defined by Equ.(6), the solution of Equs. (10)–(12) yield the similarity solutions. However, with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  defined by Equ.(15), the solutions generated are the local similarity solutions. Generally, in most applications diffusion coefficients of chemical species  $A$  and  $B$  are to be of a comparable size, which undergo for further supposition that the diffusion coefficients  $(D_A)_f$  and  $(D_B)_f$  are equal ( $\delta = 1$ , see [30]). As a result of this assumption, we have a following relation

$$g(\eta) + h(\eta) = 1 \quad (18)$$

Therefore, Equs. (11) and (12) become

$$g'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (fg' - Kg(1-g)^2) = 0 \quad (19)$$

with boundary conditions

$$g'(0) = \frac{K_c g(0)}{A_4}, g(\infty) = 1 \quad (20)$$

The physical quantity of interest here is the skin friction coefficient  $C_f$  and  $\tau_w$  is the shear stress at the surface of the wall which are given by

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_f u_w^2} \text{ and } \tau_w = \mu_f \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} \quad (21)$$

using Equ. (10) we get

$$R_{ex}^{0.5} C_f = f''(0) \quad (23)$$

$$R_{ex} = \frac{u_w x}{\nu_f} - \text{Local Reynolds number.}$$

### 3. Numerical solution

Equs. (11) and (19) subjected to the boundary condition (14) are converted into the following simultaneous system of first order differential equations as follows:

$$f'(\eta) = u(\eta), u'f(\eta) = v(\eta), v'(\eta) = -A1 \left( f(\eta) f''(\eta) - f'^2(\eta) + \frac{A2.A3}{A1} M(1 - f'(\eta)) + 1 \right) \quad (24)$$

$$g'(\eta) = p(\eta), p'(\eta) = -\frac{Sc}{A_4} (f(\eta) g'(\eta) - Kg(\eta)(1-g(\eta))^2) \quad (25)$$

The boundary conditions

$$f(0) = S, u(0) = \lambda + \alpha(1 - \beta\tau)^{-0.5} \tau, g(0) = \frac{A4.\gamma}{Kc}, v(0) = \tau, p(0) = \gamma, u(L) = 1, g(L) = 1 \quad (26)$$

where  $\tau$  and  $\gamma$  are priori unknowns to be determined as a part of the solution.

By using DSolve subroutine in MAPLE 18 we can get a solution for the system of Eqs. (24)-(25) with conditions (26). This software uses a fourth-fifth order Runge–Kutta–Fehlberg method with shooting technique as default to solve the boundary value problems numerically using the Dsolve command. The values of  $\tau$  and  $\gamma$  are determined upon solving the boundary conditions  $v(0) = \tau, p(0) = \gamma$  with trial and error basis. The numerical results are represented in the form of the dimensionless velocity and concentration in the presence of water based SWCNT, Cu and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

#### 4. Analytical solution using optimal homotopy asymptotic method (OHAM)

Based on the optimal homotopy asymptotic method, the nonlinear ordinary differential equations (11) and (19) with boundary conditions (14) can be assumed as

$$f = f_0 + pf_1 + p^2 f_2, \quad g = g_0 + pg_1 + p^2 g_2, \quad H_1(p) = pC_1 + p^2 C_2 \text{ and } H_2(p) = pC_3 + p^2 C_4$$

where  $p \in [0,1]$  is an embedding parameter,  $H_p$  is a nonzero auxiliary function,  $C_i$  are constants, Marinca and Herisanu[50].

##### 4.1. Approximation of the momentum boundary layer problem

Based on the optimal homotopy asymptotic method, Equ. (11) and the boundary conditions (14) can be written as

$$L = f'' + f' \text{ and } N = f''' + A1 \left( f f'' - f'^2 + \frac{A2.A3}{A1} M (1 - f') + 1 \right) - f'' - f' \quad (27)$$

$L$  and  $N$  be the linear operator and the nonlinear operator. After applied OHAM to the Equ. (8) with respect to Equ. (11), we have

$$(1 - p)[f'' + f'] = H_p \left[ f''' + A1 \left( f f'' - f'^2 + \frac{A2.A3}{A1} M (1 - f') + 1 \right) \right] \quad (28)$$

The zeroth-order equation  $p^0$  of the boundary condition

$$f_0'' + f_0' = 0, \quad f_0(0) = S, \quad f_0'(0) = \lambda + \alpha(1 - \beta.f_0'')^{-0.5} f_0'' \quad (29)$$

The solution of the zeroth-order equation as

$$f_0(\xi) = - \frac{e^{-\xi} (1 - e^{\xi} + n - ne^{\xi} - \alpha e^{\xi} + \alpha ne^{\xi})}{1 + n} \quad (30)$$

The first-order equation  $p^1$ :

$$f_1'' + f_1' = f_0'' + f_0' + C_1 \left[ f_0''' + A1 \left( f_0 f_0'' - f_0'^2 + \frac{A2.A3}{A1} M (1 - f_0') + 1 \right) \right], \quad (31)$$

$$f_1(0) = 0, \quad f_1'(0) = 0$$

The second-order equation  $p^2$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} f_2'' + f_2' &= f_1'' + f_1' + C_1 \left[ f_1''' + A1 \left( f_0 f_1'' + f_1 f_0'' - 2 f_0' f_1' - \frac{A2.A3}{A1} M f_1' \right) \right] \\ &+ C_2 \left[ f_0''' + A1 \left( f_0 f_0'' - f_0'^2 + \frac{A2.A3}{A1} M (1 - f_0') + 1 \right) \right], \quad f_2(0) = 0, \quad f_2'(0) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (32)$$

Solving the Eqs. (31) and (32) with the boundary conditions with the help of Equ. (30), then the

solution of Equ. (8) can be determined approximately in the form:

$$f(\xi) = f_0(\xi) + f_1(\xi) + f_2(\xi) \quad (33)$$

Therefore the residual equation become

$$R_1(\xi, C_1, C_2) = \left[ f'''(\xi) + A1 \left( f(\xi) f''(\xi) - f'^2(\xi) + \frac{A2 \cdot A3}{A1} M (1 - f'(\xi)) + 1 \right) \right] \quad (34)$$

The constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  can be optimally identified from the conditions:

$$\frac{\partial J_1}{\partial C_1} = \frac{\partial J_1}{\partial C_2} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad J_1(C_i) = \int_0^\infty R_1^2(\xi, C_i) d\xi \quad (35)$$

#### 4.2. Approximation of the energy boundary layer problem

Based on the OHAM, the Equ. (19) with the boundary conditions (14) can be applied as

$$L = g' + g \quad \text{and} \quad N = g'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (fg' - Kg(1-g)^2) - (g' + g)$$

$L$  and  $N$  - the nonlinear operator. Again by OHAM on Equ. (19) with respect to Eq. (14), we have

$$(1-p)[g' + g] = H_p \left[ g'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (fg' - Kg(1-g)^2) \right] \quad (36)$$

The zeroth-order equation  $p^0$ :

$$(g_0' + g_0) = 0, \quad g_0(0) = \frac{A4 \cdot g_0'}{Kc} \quad (37)$$

Therefore the solution of zeroth-order equation as

$$\theta_0(\xi) = e^{-\xi} \quad (38)$$

The first-order equation  $p^1$ :

$$g_1' + g_1 = g_0' + g_0 + C_3 \left[ g_0'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (f_0 g_0' - K g_0 (1 - g_0)^2) \right], \quad g_1(0) = 0 \quad (39)$$

The second-order equation  $p^2$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} g_2' + g_2 &= g_1' + g_1 + C_3 \left[ g_1'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (f_0 g_1' + f_1 g_0' - K g_1 ((1 - g_0)^2 + 2 K g_0 g_1)) \right] \\ &+ C_4 \left[ g_0'' + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (f_0 g_0' - K g_0 (1 - g_0)^2) \right], \quad g_2(0) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (40)$$

Solving the Eqs. (39) and (40) with the boundary conditions with the help of Equ. (38), the solution

of Equ. (19) can be determined approximately as

$$\theta(\xi) = \theta_0(\xi) + \theta_1(\xi) + \theta_2(\xi) \quad (41)$$

The residual equation becomes

$$R_2(\xi, C_3, C_4) = g''(\xi) + \frac{Sc}{A_4} (f(\xi)g'(\xi) - Kg(\xi)(1-g(\xi))^2) \quad (42)$$

The constants  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  can be optimally derived from

$$\frac{\partial J_2}{\partial C_3} = \frac{\partial J_2}{\partial C_4} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad J_2(C_i) = \int_0^\infty R_2^2(\xi, C_i) d\xi \quad (43)$$

### 5. Results and Discussion

Calculations are performed by the OHAM method and the numerical method for different values of magnetic parameter, homogeneous and heterogeneous parameter, slip parameter, stretching/shrinking Schmidt number and

the nanoparticle volume fraction. Equations (11) and (19) subjected to the boundary conditions (14) have been solved numerically and analytically for some values of the governing parameters using computer algebra software Maple 18 (Numeric) and Mathematica 5.2 (Analytic). Throughout this calculation we have considered  $Sc = 1.0$  corresponds to nanofluids unless otherwise specified. In order to validate our method, we have compared the results of  $f''(0)$  with those of wang [11], Bhattacharyya [53] and Abbas [54] and found them in excellent agreement, Table 2.

Table 1: Thermophysical properties of fluid and nanoparticles Chaoli Zhang et al. [52]

	$\rho(kg/m^3)$	$c_p(J/kgK)$	$k(W/mK)$	$\sigma(S/m)$
Pure water	997.1	4179	0.613	$5.5 \times 10^{-6}$
Copper (Cu)	8933	385	401	$59.6 \times 10^6$
Alumina ( $Al_2O_3$ )	3970	765	40	$35 \times 10^6$
SWCNTs	2600	425	6600	$101.32 \times 10^6$

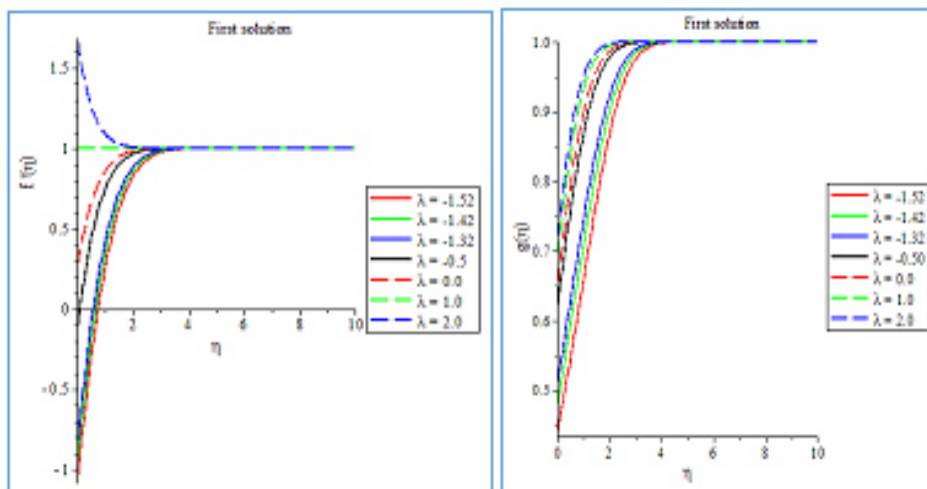


Fig.2: Comparison of velocity and concentration profiles with Mariam and Zaheer [51]

It is predicted from the Fig. 2 that the agreement with the solution of velocity and concentration profile for various values of stretching/shrinking parameter is significantly correlates with Fig. 1 of Mariam and Zaheer [51].



Table2: Comparison of numerical and OHAM values of  $f''(0)$  with  $S = \alpha = \beta = M = 0.0$

$\lambda$	Wang[11]	Bhattacharyya[53]	Abbas et al.[54]	present result	
				Numerical	OHAM
0	1.232588		1.232587	1.23258766	1.23258032
0.1	1.14656		1.146561	1.14656100	1.14656098
0.2	1.05113		1.051129	1.05112999	1.05112992
0.5	0.71330		0.713294	0.71329495	0.71329489
-0.25	1.40224	1.4022405	1.402240	1.40224083	1.40224078
-0.5	1.49567	1.4956697	1.495669	1.49566980	1.49566971
-0.75	1.48930	1.4892981	1.489298	1.48929830	1.48929826
-1.0	1.32882	1.3288169	1.328816	1.32881700	1.32881694

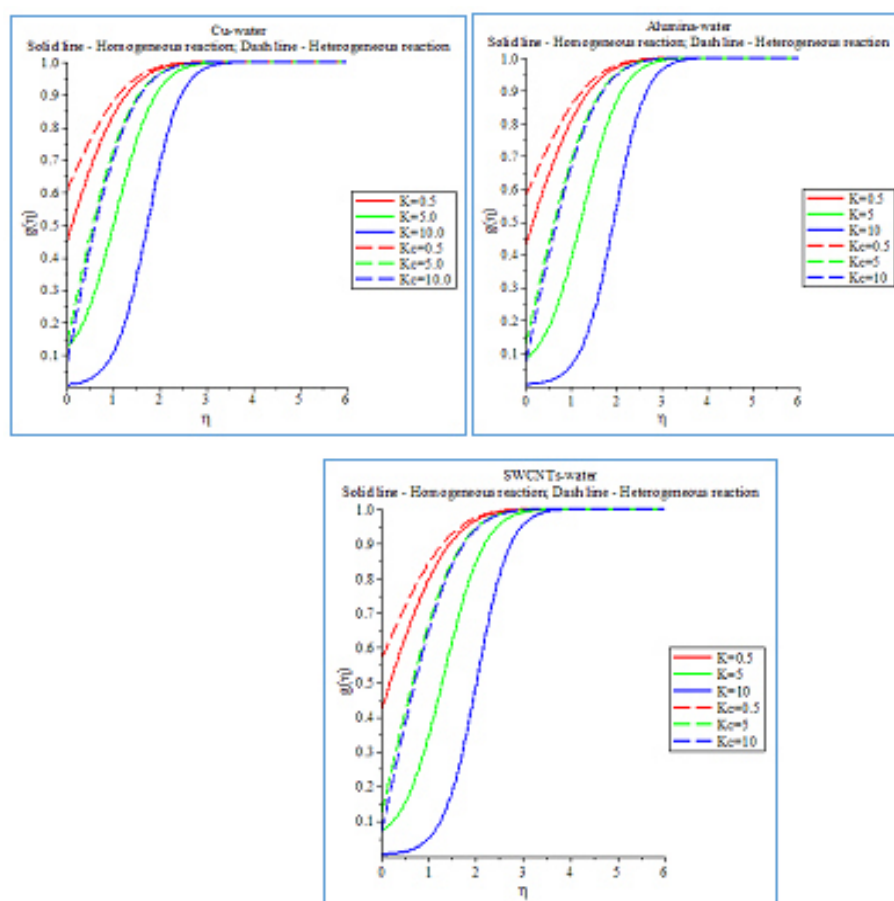


Fig 3: Homogeneous – heterogeneous reactions on concentration profiles

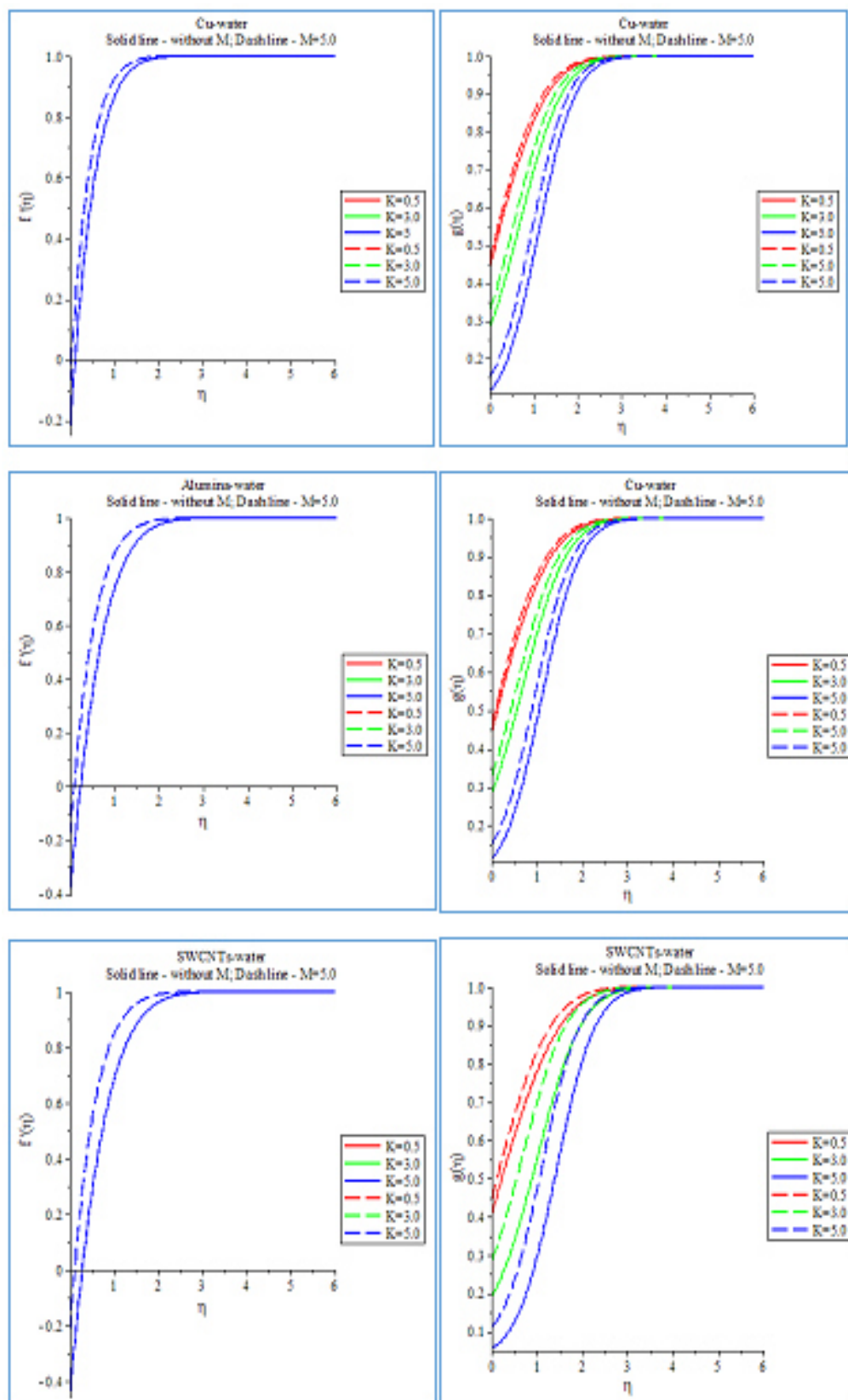


Fig 4: Homogeneous reactions on velocity and concentration profiles

Table 3: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $K$  and  $Kc$  with  $S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, \zeta = 0.1, \alpha = 0.2, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, M = 1.0$

Nanofluid	Homogeneous reaction			Heterogeneous reaction		
	K	Kc	$-g'(0)$	Kc	K	$-g'(0)$
Cu-water	0.5	1.0	-0.4959839	0.5	1.0	-0.3352171
	5.0		-0.1358555	5.0		-0.7240844
	10.0		-0.0088982	10.0		-0.7823376
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.5	1.0	-0.4712281	0.5	1.0	-0.3206595
	5.0		-0.0910489	5.0		-0.6623447
	10.0		-0.0047769	10.0		-0.7127256
SWCNTs-water	0.5	1.0	-0.4619637	0.5	1.0	-0.3149175
	5.0		-0.0779066	5.0		-0.6399790
	10.0		-0.0037578	10.0		-0.6877162

Table 4: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $K$  with  $S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, \zeta = 0.1, \alpha = 0.2, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, Kc = 1.0$

Nanofluid	K	Homogeneous reaction	
		$M = 0.0$	$M = 5.0$
Cu-water	0.5	-0.4905997	-0.5107121
	3.0	-0.3138822	-0.3621996
	5.0	-0.1251638	-0.1692825
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.5	-0.4607455	-0.4961405
	3.0	-0.2397028	-0.3267015
	5.0	-0.0769082	-0.1349660
SWCNTs-water	0.5	-0.4489701	-0.4911852
	3.0	-0.2117509	-0.3142713
	5.0	-0.0629854	-0.1245872

Table 5: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $Kc$  with  $S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, \zeta = 0.1, \alpha = 0.2, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, K = 1.0$

Nanofluid	Kc	Heterogeneous reaction	
		$M = 0.0$	$M = 5.0$
Cu-water	0.5	-0.3321455	-0.3433937
	3.0	-0.6497180	-0.6940262
	5.0	-0.7104507	-0.7621699
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.5	-0.3141638	-0.3352922
	3.0	-0.5859930	-0.6616713
	5.0	-0.6371820	-0.7243347
SWCNTs-water	0.5	-0.3065798	-0.3324607
	3.0	-0.5615432	-0.6508058
	5.0	-0.6094139	-0.7116734

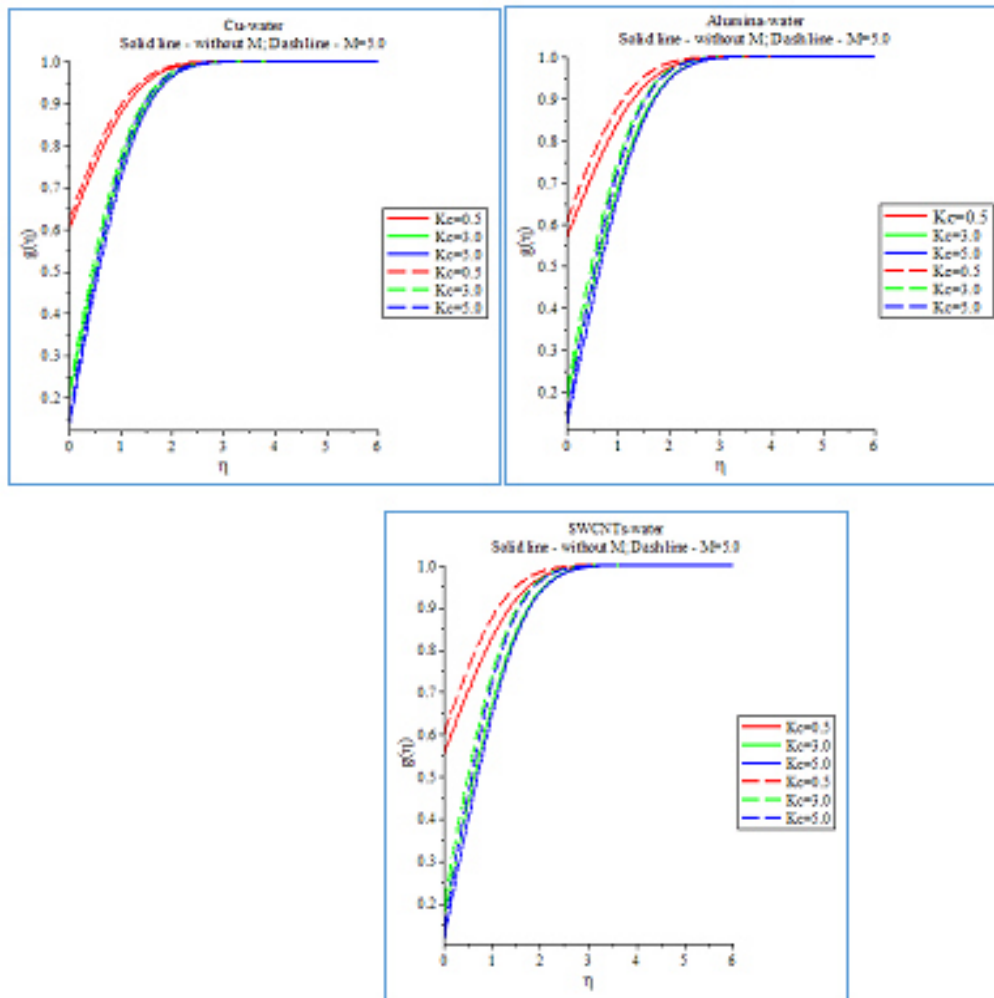


Fig.5: Heterogeneous reactions on concentration profiles

Table 6: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $Kc$  with  $M = 5.0, S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, \zeta = 0.1, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, K = 0.0$

Nanofluid	$Kc$	Heterogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
Cu-water	0.5	-0.3244125	-0.3582453
	3.0	-0.6319135	-0.7743634
	5.0	-0.6837630	-0.8536915
$Al_2O_3$ -water	0.5	-0.0166181	-0.3523986
	3.0	-0.6080867	-0.7475542
	5.0	-0.6559518	-0.8212233
SWCNTs-water	0.5	-0.3159493	-0.3504078
	3.0	-0.6005773	-0.7386519
	5.0	-0.6472221	-0.8104925

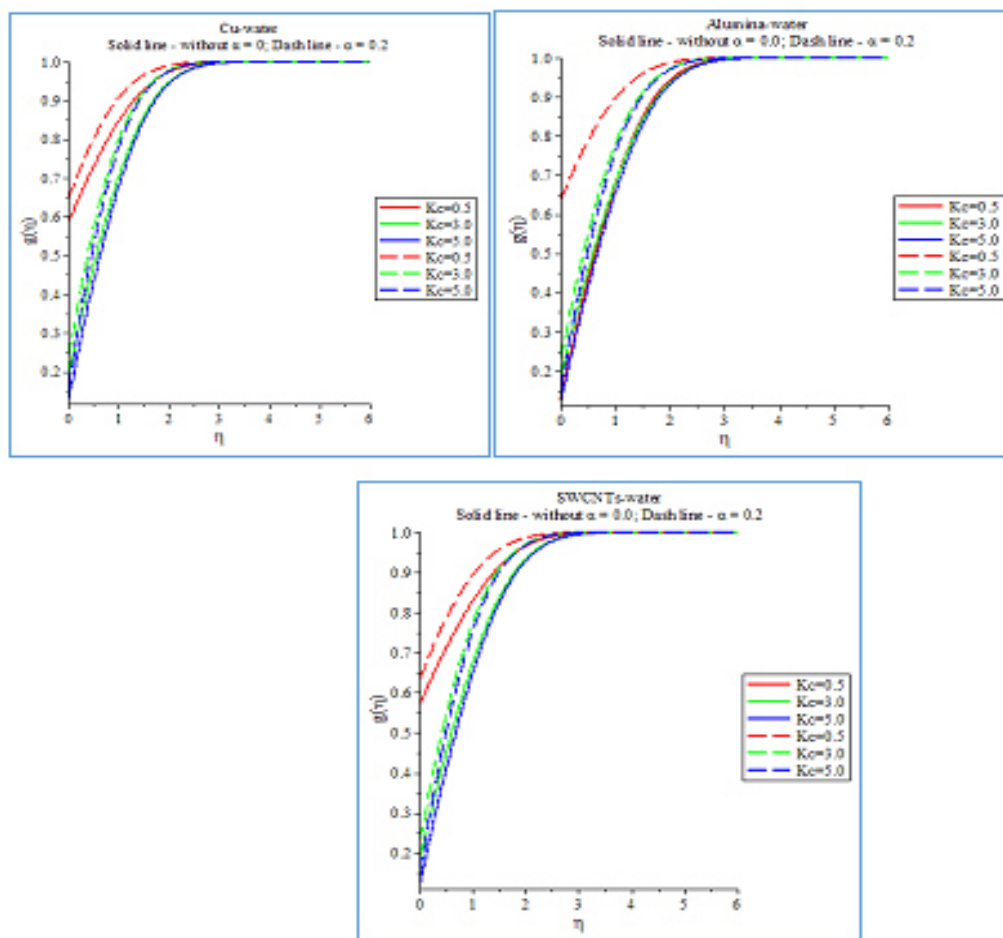


Fig.6: Heterogeneous reactions on concentration profiles in the presence of slip parameter

Table 6: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $Kc$  with  $M = 5.0, S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, \zeta = 0.1, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, K = 0.0$

Nanofluid	$Kc$	Heterogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
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	3.0	-0.6319135	-0.7743634
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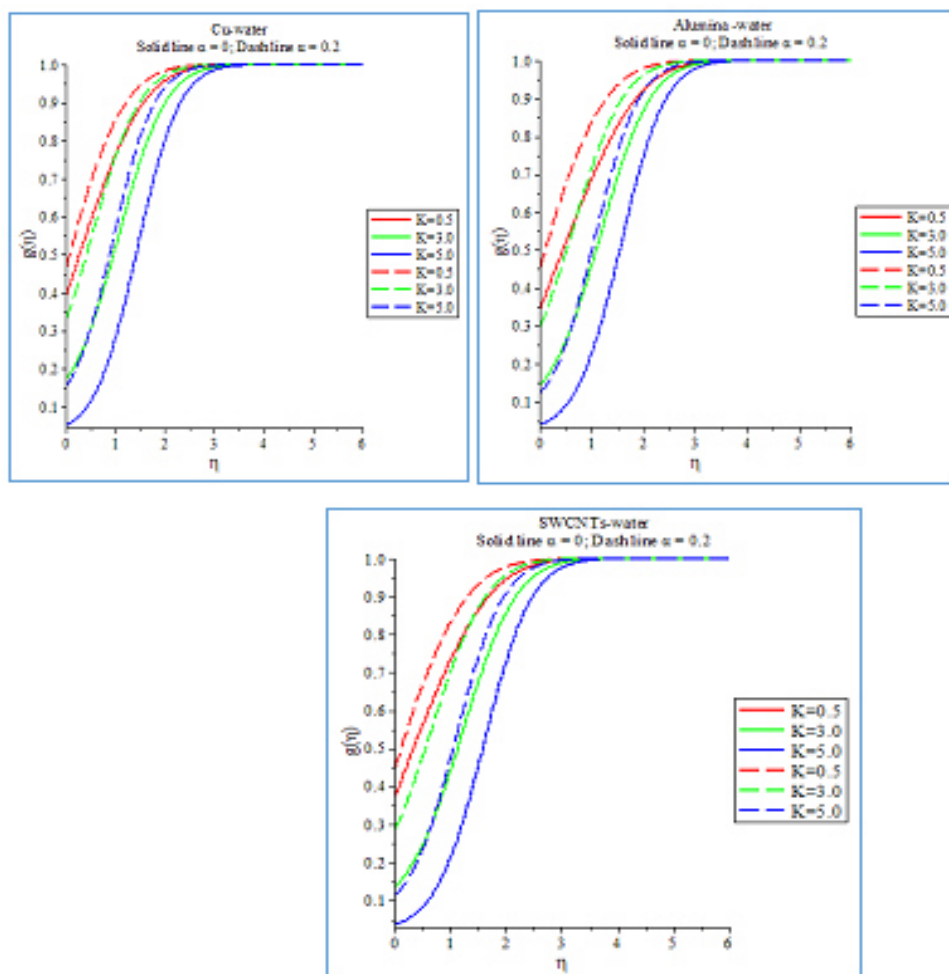


Fig.7: Homogeneous reactions on concentration profiles in the presence of slip parameter

Table 7: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $K$  with  $M = 5.0, S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, \zeta = 0.1, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, Kc = 1.0$

Nanofluid	$K$	Homogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
Cu-water	0.5	-0.4285015	-0.5107060
	3.0	-0.1874988	-0.3621771
	5.0	-0.0567523	-0.1692386
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.5	-0.3765418	-0.4961307
	3.0	-0.1570446	-0.3266626
	5.0	-0.0436761	-0.1349028
SWCNTs-water	0.5	-0.4077608	-0.4911737
	3.0	-0.1479059	-0.3142244
	5.0	-0.0400412	-0.1245158

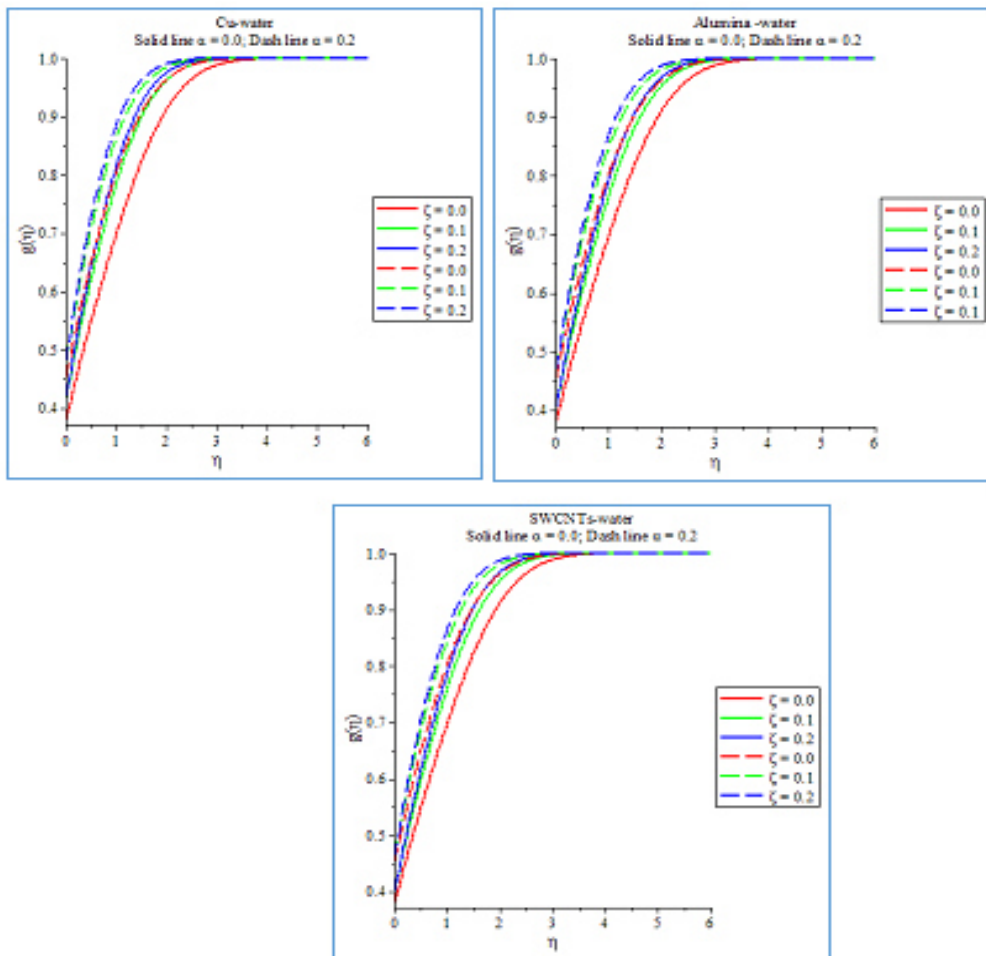


Fig. 8: Nanoparticle volume fraction on concentration profiles in the presence of slip parameter with heterogeneous reaction

Table 8: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $\zeta$  with  $M = 5.0, S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, K = 0.0, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, Kc = 1.0$

Nanofluid	$\zeta$	Heterogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
Cu-water	0.0	-0.3756943	-0.4478159
	0.1	-0.4581912	-0.5287135
	0.2	-0.5145962	-0.5918442
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.0	-0.3756943	-0.4478159
	0.1	-0.4455330	-0.5160769
	0.2	-0.4987162	-0.5761351
SWCNTs-water	0.0	-0.3756943	-0.4478159
	0.1	-0.4414885	-0.5118185
	0.2	-0.4935427	-0.5706037

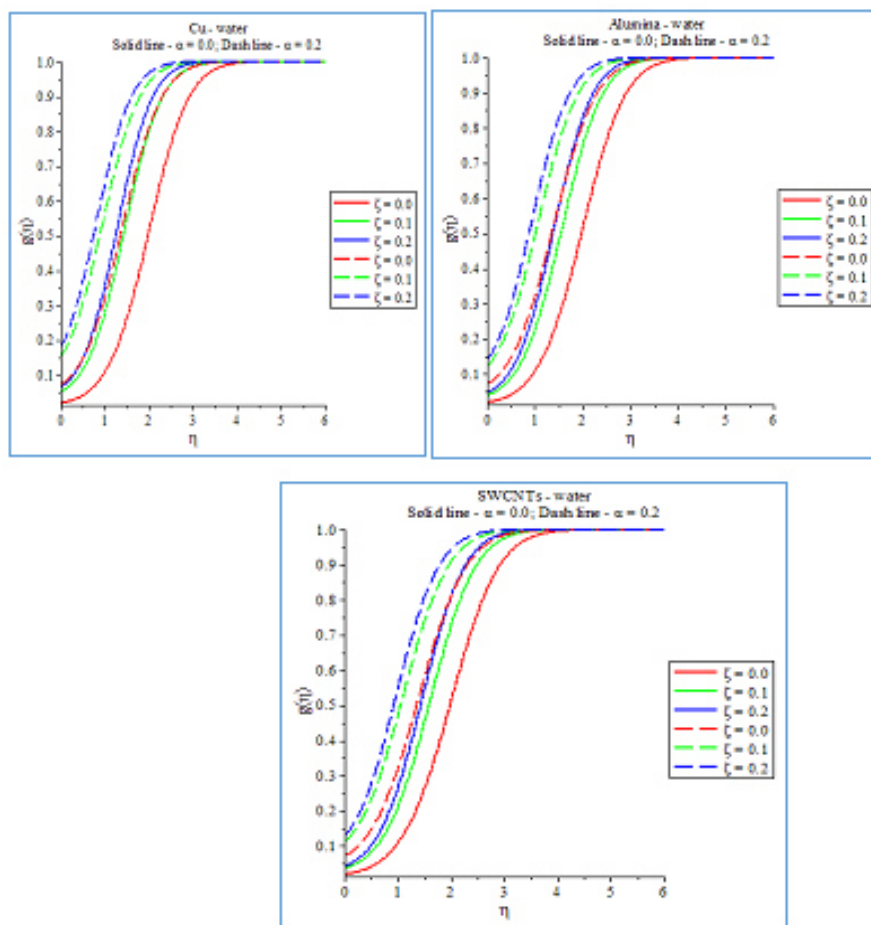


Fig.9: Nanoparticle volume fraction on concentration profiles in the presence of slip parameter with homogeneous reaction

Table 9: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $\zeta$  with  $M = 5.0, S = 0.5, Sc = 1.0, K = 5.0, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, Kc = 1.0$

Nanofluid	$\zeta$	Homogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
Cu-water	0.0	-0.0187644	-0.0713608
	0.1	-0.0567523	-0.1692386
	0.2	-0.0777319	-0.2224368
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.0	-0.0187644	-0.0713608
	0.2	-0.0436761	-0.1349028
	0.2	-0.0578153	-0.1742693
SWCNTs-water	0.0	-0.0187644	-0.0713608
	0.1	-0.0400412	-0.1245158
	0.2	-0.0522299	-0.1589195



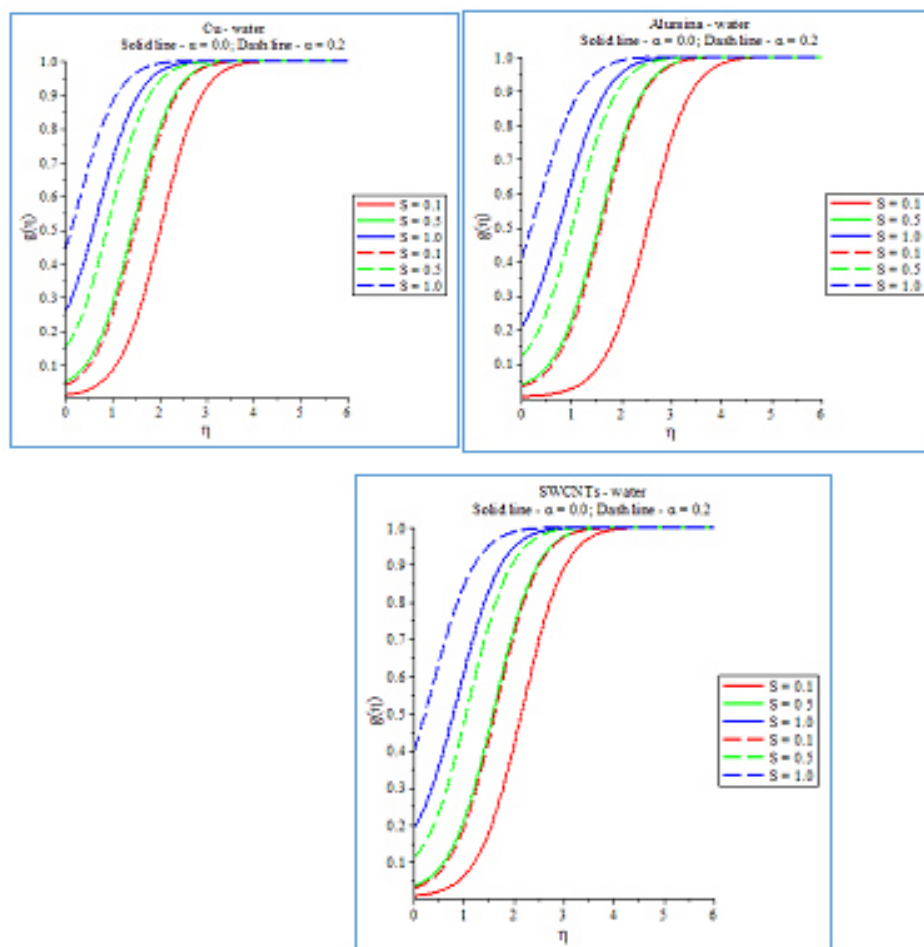


Fig.10: Suction effects on concentration profiles in the presence of slip parameter with homogeneous reaction

Table 10: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $S$  with  $M = 5.0, \zeta = 0.1, Sc = 1.0, K = 5.0, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, K\kappa = 1.0$

Nanofluid	$S$	Homogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
Cu-water	0.0	-0.0122590	-0.0459533
	0.1	-0.0567523	-0.1692386
	0.2	-0.2836026	-0.4849162
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -water	0.0	-0.0035430	-0.0358247
	0.2	-0.0436761	-0.1349028
	0.2	-0.2286255	-0.4504160
SWCNTs-water	0.0	-0.0089460	-0.0329624
	0.1	-0.0400412	-0.1245158
	0.2	-0.2114921	-0.4367594

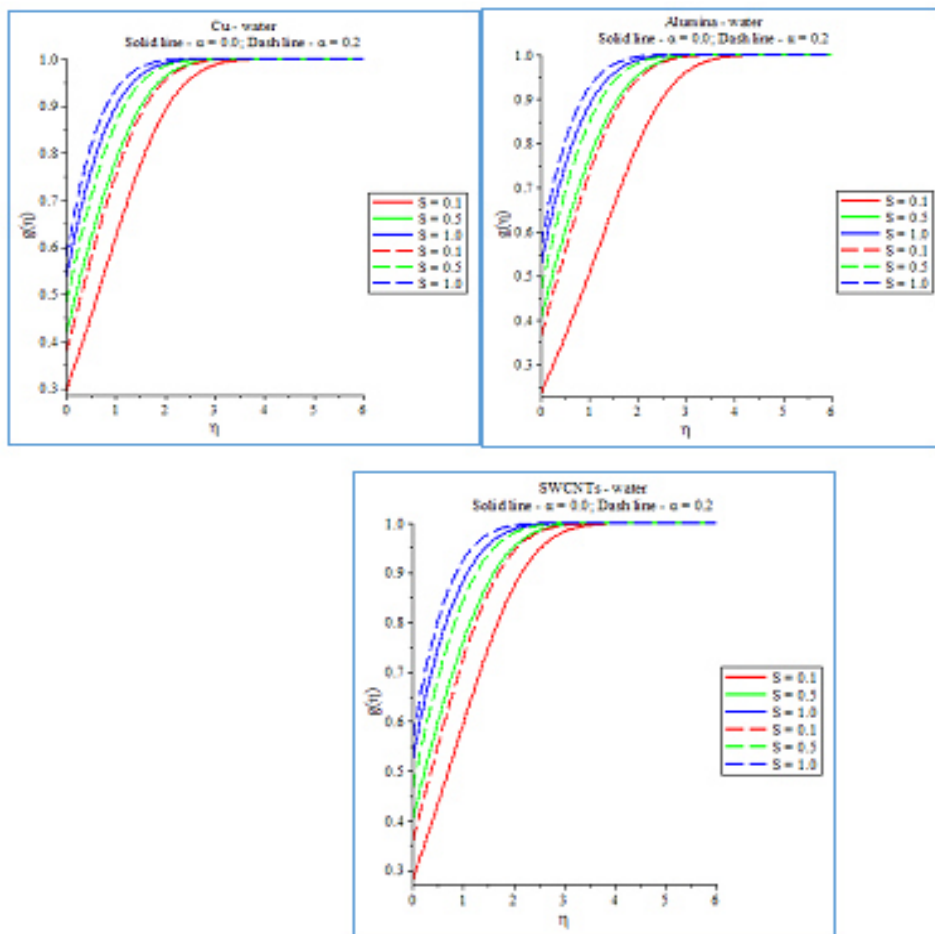


Fig.11: Suction effects on concentration profiles in the presence of slip parameter with heterogeneous reaction

Table 11: Value of  $-g'(0)$  of  $S$  with  $M = 5.0, \zeta = 0.1, Sc = 1.0, K = 0.0, \beta = 0.3, \lambda = -1.0, K_2 = 1.0$

Nanofluid	$S$	Heterogeneous reaction	
		$\alpha = 0.0$	$\alpha = 0.2$
Cu-water	0.0	-0.3226681	-0.4141491
	0.1	-0.4581912	-0.5287135
	0.2	-0.588682	-0.6355776
$Al_2O_3$ -water	0.0	-0.2580273	-0.3997047
	0.2	-0.4455330	-0.5160769
	0.2	-0.5787753	-0.6267347
SWCNTs-water	0.0	-0.3070789	-0.3950418
	0.1	-0.4414885	-0.5118185
	0.2	-0.5755443	-0.6236029

Figs. 3 shows that the concentration profiles of the water based Cu,  $Al_2O_3$  and SWCNTs in the presence of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction. It is observed that the concentration of the nanofluids decreases with

increase of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction while the diffusion boundary layer thickness for homogeneous reaction is stronger than heterogeneous reaction. It is interesting to note that the concentration of the water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs decreases and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids increases with increase of homogeneous reaction (exist the mechanism of diffusion properties) whereas the concentration and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids decreases with increase of heterogeneous reaction (abnormal to the mechanism of diffusion properties), Fig. 3 and Table 3. Both the homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, it is also noticed that the rate of mass transfer of SWCNTs - water is stronger as compare with the water based Cu and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  because of the strength of density of the SWCNTs is lower than Cu and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , Table 1.

Both  $M = 0.0$  and  $M = 5.0$ , it is predicted that the concentration of the nanofluids decreases and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) increases with increase of homogeneous reaction, Fig. 4 and Table 4 whereas the concentration and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) decreases with increase of heterogeneous reaction, Fig. 5 and Tables 5. Both homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, it is important to note that the concentration of the SWCNTs - water of  $M = 5.0$  is stronger than  $M = 0.0$  whereas rate of mass transfer decreases with increase of magnetic strength.

In the presence of  $\alpha = 0.0$  and  $\alpha = 0.2$ , it is noticed that the concentration of the nanofluids decreases and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) increases with increase of homogeneous reaction, Fig. 6 and Table 7 whereas the concentration and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) decreases with increase of heterogeneous reaction, Fig. 7 and Tables 7. Both homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, it is noted that the diffusion boundary layer thickness of the SWCNTs - water of  $\alpha = 0.2$  is higher than  $\alpha = 0.0$  whereas rate of mass transfer decreases with increase of slip parameter.

In the presence of  $\alpha = 0.0$  and  $\alpha = 0.2$ , it is interesting to predict that the concentration of water based Cu and SWCNTs is stronger than  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - water for heterogeneous reaction whereas the concentration of water based  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs is stronger than Cu- water for homogeneous reaction. It is observed that the concentration of the nanofluids increases and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) decreases with increase of nanoparticle volume fraction (exist the mechanism of diffusion properties) in the presence of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, Figs. 8 and 9 and Tables 8 and 9. Both homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, it is noted that the diffusion boundary layer thickness of the SWCNTs - water of  $\alpha = 0.2$  is higher than  $\alpha = 0.0$  with increase of the nanoparticle volume fraction. In the presence of heterogeneous and homogeneous reaction with slip factor, it is important to observe that the rate of mass transfer of water based SWCNTs - water is stronger than the water based Cu and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - water, Tables 8 and 9.

The concentration of the nanofluids increases and the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) decreases with increase of suction in the presence of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, Figs. 10 and 11 and Tables 10 and 11. Both homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction, it is found that the concentration of the SWCNTs - water of  $\alpha = 0.2$  is higher than  $\alpha = 0.0$  with increase of suction. In the presence of heterogeneous and homogeneous reaction with slip factor, it is important to note that the rate of mass transfer of water based SWCNTs - water is stronger than the water based Cu and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ - water, Tables 10 and 11. It is also observed that the diffusion boundary layer thickness of homogeneous reaction is stronger as compare with heterogeneous reaction.

## 6. Conclusion

The outcome of generalized homogenous-heterogeneous reactions of the water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs on the boundary layer MHD stagnation point flow over a stretching/shrinking sheet with slip and uniform suction are investigated. The dimensionless governing ODEs of the problem are solved numerically and analytically using fourth or fifth order Runge-Kutta Fehlberg method with shooting technique and OHAM. The importance of involving parameters on velocity and concentration profiles are graphically illustrated and analyzed in detail. The capital finding of this investigation can be summarized as:

- The concentration of the nanofluids (water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs) decreases with increase of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction while the diffusion boundary layer thickness for heterogeneous reaction is stronger than homogeneous reaction.
- It is interesting to note that the concentration of the nanofluids decreases and the rate of mass transfer of the water based Cu,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and SWCNTs increases with increase of homogeneous reaction (exist the mechanism of diffusion properties) whereas the concentration and the rate of mass transfer of the

nanofluids decreases with increase of heterogeneous reaction (abnormal to the mechanism of diffusion properties) in the presence of magnetic field and slip parameter.

- The concentration and the rate of mass transfer of the SWCNTs - water is stronger as compare with the water based Cu and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with increase of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction and suction of the surface in the presence of magnetic field and slip parameter whereas the rate of mass transfer of the nanofluids decreases with increase of magnetic strength and slip parameter.
- It is important to predict that the concentration of the nanofluids increases and the rate of mass transfer of the water based Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SWCNTs decreases with increase of nanoparticle volume fraction and suction parameter (exist the mechanism of diffusion properties) in the presence of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction with slip parameter. The diffusion boundary layer thickness for  $\alpha = 0.2$  is higher than  $\alpha = 0.0$  with increase of nanoparticle volume fraction and suction of the surface in the presence of homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction with slip factor of the surface.
- Homogeneous reaction on the water based Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SWCNTs agree the physical significance of diffusion properties as compared to the heterogeneous reaction.

Reactions which are significantly affected by mass transfer of water based Cu, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SWCNTs are called mass-transfer limited or diffusion-limited reactions. It is also possible to distinguish the relative influence of internal and external mass transfer. Improvement of mass transfer of SWCNTs-water and the elimination of mass-transfer limitations are desired objectives in heterogeneous reactions as compared to the other mixture in the flow region.

## Nomenclature

$B_0$	Magnetic flux density, $kg\ s^{-2}A^{-1}$
$a$	Concentration of the chemical species A, $K$
$b$	Concentration of the chemical species B, $K$
$(D_A)_f$	Specific Diffusivity of the chemical species A, $m^2\ s^{-1}$
$(D_B)_f$	Specific Diffusivity of the chemical species B, $m^2\ s^{-1}$
$(D_A)_{nf}$	Specific Diffusivity of the chemical species A in base fluid, $m^2\ s^{-1}$
$(D_B)_{nf}$	Specific Diffusivity of the chemical species B in base fluid, $m^2\ s^{-1}$
$K_h, K_s$	First order rate of heterogeneous and homogeneous reaction, $s^{-1}$
$M$	Magnetic parameter, $\frac{B_0^2 \sigma_f x}{\rho_f u_e}, \left( \frac{\Omega^{-1} m^{-1} B_0^2 m}{m\ s^{-1} kg\ m^{-3}} \right) (-)$
Re	Reynolds number, $\frac{u_e x}{\nu_f}, \frac{m\ s^{-1} m}{m^2\ s^{-1}} (-)$
Sc	Schmidt number, $\frac{\nu_f}{(D_A)_f}, \frac{m^2\ s^{-1}}{m^2\ s^{-1}} (-)$
$x, y$	Stream-wise coordinate and cross-stream coordinate, $m$
$u, v$	Velocity components in x and y direction, $m\ s^{-1}$
$u_w, u_e$	Flow velocity of the fluid away from the plate, $m\ s^{-1}$

### Greek symbols

$\rho_f$	Density of the base fluid, $kg\ m^{-3}$
$\rho_s$	Density of the nanoparticle, $kg\ m^{-3}$
$\rho_{nf}$	Effective density of the nanofluid, $kg\ m^{-3}$
$\sigma$	Electric conductivity, $\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$
$\mu_f$	Dynamic viscosity of the base fluid, $kg\ m^{-1}\ s^{-1}$
$\mu_{nf}$	Effective dynamic viscosity of the nanofluid, $kg\ m^{-1}\ s^{-1}$
$K$	Homogeneous reaction parameter, $\frac{K_h a_0^2 x}{u_e}, \frac{s^{-1}m^2}{m^2\ s^{-1}}$ (-)
$K_c$	Heterogeneous reaction parameter, $= \frac{K_s Re^{-0.5}}{(D_A)_f}, \frac{s^{-1}m^2}{m^2\ s^{-1}}$ (-)
$\nu_f$	Dynamic viscosity of the nanofluid, $m^2\ s^{-1}$
$\zeta$	Nanoparticle volume fraction, (-)
$\psi$	Dimensionless stream function, (-)
$\eta$	Similarity variable, (-)
$f$	Dimensionless stream function, (-)

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