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Peristaltic Sisko nano fluid in an asymmetric channel

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Abstract The present article deals with the peristaltic flow of a Sisko nanofluid in an asymmetric channel. Here the governing flow equations for nano Sisko fluid are formulated in Cartesian coordinates system. The flow analysis is developed in a wave frame of reference moving with velocity of the wave *c*. The fourth- and fifth-order Runge–Kutta–Fehlberg method is used to calculate the numerical solutions of simplified coupled nonlinear equations and find the expressions of velocity, stream function, pressure rise, temperature and nanoparticle phenomena graphically. Numerical solutions are also presented in tabulated form.

Keywords Peristaltic flow · Nano fluid · Sisko fluid model · Asymmetric channel · Numerical solution

Introduction

Peristalsis is the wavelike strapping contractions in tubular structures, particularly organs of the digestive system such as the oesophagus and the bowels. Peristalsis is characterized by swap reduction and leisure, which pushes foodstuff in the course of the digestive area towards its let go at the anus. Worms impel themselves through peristaltic association. Latham (Latham 1966) first discussed the peristaltic flow in his MS thesis in 1960. According to him a peristaltic force is an organic siphon which employs episodic wavelike squeezing movement which voyages down a vessel and forces the stuffing of the vessel. After Latham, peristaltic pumping feature in detail was offered by Jaffrin and Shapiro

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DBS&H, CEME, National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan e-mail: noreensher@yahoo.com (1971). Elshehawey et al. (2000) presented peristaltic motion of a generalized Newtonian fluid under the effect of transverse magnetic field. Peristaltic pumping by a sinusoidal travelling wave in the porous walls of a two-dimensional channel filled with a viscous incompressible conducting fluid under the effect of transverse magnetic field is investigated theoretically and graphically by El-Shehawey et al. (2002) Peristaltic transport of an incompressible viscous fluid in an inclined asymmetric channel through a porous medium is studied by Kothandapani and Srinivas (2008) under longwavelength and low Reynolds number assumptions. In another article, Srinivas and Kothandapani (2009) discussed the effects of heat and mass transfer on peristaltic transport in a porous space with compliant walls. They considered that the fluid is electrically conducting in the presence of a uniform magnetic field. Analytic solution is carried out under long-wavelength and low Reynolds number approximations. A number of systematic, geometric and tentative (Mekheimer 2008; Akbar et al. 2012a; Akbar and Nadeem 2012a Nadeem and Akbar 2010) studies of peristaltic flows of different fluids have been reported under different circumstances with orientation to physiological and mechanical situations.

Nanofluids simultaneously make and disperse the nanoparticles directly into a base fluid and prevent oxidation of pure metal particles. The nanofluid has been highly developed after the first investigation done by Choi (1995) who showed substantial growth of heat related in suspensions of copper or aluminium nanoparticles in water and other liquids. Heat transfer enhancement using nanofluids in forced convection flows is discussed by Marga et al. (2005) They depicted that enclosure of nanoparticles into the underneath fluids has bent a considerable expansion of the heat transfer coefficient that evidently increases with an increase of the particle absorption. Sadik and



Pramuanjaroenkij (2009) give the review of convective heat transfer enhancement with nanofluids. Natural convection heat transfer in a nanofluid-filled trapezoidal enclosure is investigated by Saleh et al. (2011). They developed a new correlation for the average Nusselt number as a function of the angle of the sloping wall, effective thermal conductivity and viscosity as well as Grashof number. Another chronological study on nanofluids is cited in the Refs. (Akbar and Nadeem 2011, 2012b; Aziz and Khan 2012; Hamad and Ferdows 2012; Akbar et al. 2012b, c; Akram et al. 2012).

The aim of the current study was to look at the peristaltic flow of a nano Sisko fluid in an asymmetric channel. the nano Sisko model for peristaltic flow problems. So consequently, to fill this stare in the current psychoanalysis we have discussed the peristaltic flow of Sisko fluid model with nano particle phenomena in an asymmetric channel. Next section describes the mathematical formulation of the problem. Numerical solution graphically for velocity, pressure rise, temperature, nanoparticle phenomena and streamlines are presented in section three. The summary of the present work is presented in the last section of the article.

Mathematical formulation

Let us consider an incompressible Sisko fluid with nano particle in an asymmetric channel of width $d_1 + d_2$. The channel has a sinusoidal wave propagating with constant speed *c* on the channel walls induces the flow. The asymmetry of the channel is due to different amplitudes. Temperature \overline{T}_0 , \overline{T}_1 and Nano particle concentrations \overline{C}_0 , \overline{C}_1 are given for the upper and lower wall of the channel. The wall surfaces are selected that satisfy the following expressions:

$$Y = H_1 = d_1 + a_1 \cos\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(X - c_1 t)\right],$$

$$Y = H_2 = -d_2 - b_1 \cos\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(X - c_1 t) + \phi\right].$$
(1)

In the above equations a_1 and b_1 are the waves amplitudes, λ is the wave length, $d_1 + d_2$ is the channel width, c_1 is the wave speed, t is the time, X is the direction of wave propagation and Y is perpendicular to X. The phase difference ϕ varies in the range $0 \le \phi \le \pi$. When $\phi = 0$ then symmetric channel with waves out of phase can be described and for $\phi = \pi$ the waves are in phase. Moreover, a_1 , b_1 , d_1 , d_2 and ϕ satisfy the following relation:

$$a_1^2 + b_1^2 + 2a_1b_1\cos\phi \le (d_1 + d_2)^2$$
.

The coordinates, velocity components and pressure between fixed and wave frames are related by the following transformations:



$$\bar{x} = \bar{X} - c_1 t, \ \bar{y} = \bar{Y}, \ \bar{u} = \bar{U} - c_1, \ \bar{v} = \bar{V}, \ p(\bar{x})$$

$$= P(\bar{X}, t),$$
(2)

in which (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) , (\bar{u}, \bar{v}) and \bar{p} are the coordinates, velocity components and pressure in the wave frame.

Expression of an extra stress tensor for Sisko fluid is (Nadeem and Akbar 2010)

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \left[a + b \left(\sqrt{\bar{\Pi}} \right)^{n-1} \right] \bar{A}_1, \tag{3}$$

$$\bar{A}_1 = \bar{\mathbf{L}} + \bar{\mathbf{L}}^{\mathbf{T}}, \ \bar{\mathbf{L}} = \operatorname{grad} \bar{\mathbf{V}}, \ \bar{\Pi} = \frac{1}{2} tr(\bar{A}_1^2),$$
(4)

in which $\bar{\mathbf{S}}$ is the extra stress tensor, *a* and *b* are material constant of Sisko fluid model.

Velocity stream function relation and non-dimensional quantities are $u = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial v}$, $v = -\delta \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{2\pi\bar{x}}{\lambda}, \ y = \frac{\bar{y}}{d_1}, \ u = \frac{\bar{u}}{c_1}, \ v = \frac{\bar{v}}{c_1}, \ t = \frac{2\pi t}{\lambda}, \ \delta = \frac{2\pi d_1}{\lambda}, \\ d &= \frac{d_2}{d_1}, \ P = \frac{2\pi d_1^2 P}{\mu c_1 \lambda}, \\ h_1 &= \frac{\bar{h}_1}{d_1}, \ h_2 = \frac{\bar{h}_2}{d_2}, \ \text{Re} = \frac{\rho c_1 d_1}{\mu}, \ a &= \frac{a_1}{d_1}, \ b = \frac{a_2}{d_1}, \\ d &= \frac{d_2}{d_1}, \ S = \frac{\bar{S} d_1}{\mu c_1}, \\ \theta &= \frac{\bar{T} - \bar{T}_0}{\bar{T}_1 - \bar{T}_0}, \ \sigma = \frac{\bar{C} - \bar{C}_0}{\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_0}, \ \alpha = \frac{k}{(\rho c)_f}, \\ N_b &= \frac{(\rho c)_p D_B (\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_0)}{(\rho c)_f v}, \ b^* = \frac{b}{a(d_1/c)^{n-1}}, \\ P_r &= \frac{v}{\alpha}, N_t = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_{\bar{T}} (\bar{T}_1 - \bar{T}_0)^2}{\bar{T}_0 (\rho c)_f v}, \ G_r = \frac{g\alpha d_1^2 (\bar{T}_1 - \bar{T}_0)}{v c_1}, \\ B_r &= \frac{g\alpha d_1^2 (\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_0)}{v c_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Eqs. (2) to (5) after using the long-wavelength and low Reynold's number approximation, we finally obtain the following system of equations:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left[\left(1 + b^* \left| \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} \right|^{n-1} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} - M^2 \Psi \right] + G_r \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + B_r \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y} = 0,$$

$$(6)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\left(1 + b^* \left| \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} \right|^{\kappa} \right] \right] \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} - M^2 \Psi \right] + G_\mathrm{r}\theta + B_\mathrm{r}\sigma,$$
(7)

$$0 = \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + \Pr N_b \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + \Pr N_t \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}\right)^2, \tag{8}$$

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$$0 = \left(\frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial y^2}\right) + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2}\right). \tag{9}$$

Where P_r is the Prandtl number, N_b the Brownian motion parameter, N_t the thermophoresis parameter, G_r the local temperature Grashof number, M the Hartmann number and B_r the local nanoparticle Grashof number.

Corresponding boundary conditions for asymmetric channel in nondimensional form take the following form:

$$\psi = \frac{F}{2}, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -1, \text{ at } y = h_1 = 1 + a \cos x,$$
 (10)

$$\psi = -\frac{F}{2}, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -1, \text{ at } y = h_2 = -d - b\cos(x + \phi),$$
(11)

$$\theta = 0, \sigma = 0, y = h_1 = 1 + a\cos x, \tag{12}$$

$$\theta = 1, \sigma = 1, y = h_2 = -d - b\cos(x + \phi)$$
 (13)

The time mean Q (in the wave frame) are defined as

$$Q = F + 1 + d. \tag{14}$$

and the dimensionless pressure rise ΔP is defined as



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Fig. 1 a-d Pressure rise versus flow rate. e-h Velocity profile

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$$\Delta P = \int_{0}^{1} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}P}{\mathrm{d}x}\right) \mathrm{d}x. \tag{15}$$

in numerical analysis for the numerical solution of ordinary differential equations. This gives us better convergent result as compared with some analytical techniques.

Numerical Solution

The system of coupled nonlinear coupled differential Eqs. (6–9) along with the boundary conditions (11, 13) is solved numerically using fourth-order Runge–Kutta-Fehlberg method with a shooting technique. The step size $\Delta y = 0.001$ is used to obtain the numerical solution with y_{max} and an accuracy to the fifth decimal place is chosen as the criterion of convergence. The Runge–Kutta–Fehlberg method (or Fehlberg method) is an algorithm



Results and discussion

We have examined the pressure rise, velocity, temperature, nanoparticle phenomena and streamlines for Sisko nano fluid model numerically and examined them through graphs. Three cases have been discussed with the different values of n. Here, we analyse the pressure rise per wavelength against volume flow rate which are portrayed in Figs. 1a–d, 2, 3a–d. It is observed that the pressure rise and volume flow rate show opposite behaviour. From Fig. 1a–d it is also noticed that in pumping region ($\Delta P > 0$), the pressure rise increases with the increase in Hartmann number M and temperature Grashof number G_r . For the thermophoresis parameter N_t and amplitude ratio a, the pressure rise decreases when we increase the value of a and M. Figure 1a–d also shows that in the augmented pumping region for ($\Delta P < 0$), the pressure rise gives the opposite results for all the parameters as compared with peristaltic pumping region. Free pumping region holds when ($\Delta P = 0$). Figure 3e depicts that with an increase in Sisko fluid parameter b^* pressure rise increases in the peristaltic pumping region while decreasing in the augmented pumping region. Variation of fluid parameters on velocity profile is shown in the Figs. 1e–h, 2, 3f–j. It depicts that the behaviour of velocity near the channel walls and at centre is not similar in view of the Hartmann number M. The velocity field increases with the increase in M near the channel walls; however, it decreases in the centre of the channel. Velocity field increases with an increase in flow rate Q. It is observed that by increasing N_t and G_r velocity field increases in the region $y \in [-1.5, 0]$ and decreases otherwise in the region $y \in [-1.5, 0]$ and increases otherwise in the region $y \in [-1.5, 0]$ and increases otherwise in the



Fig. 2 a-d Pressure rise versus flow rate. e-h Nano particle profile

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region $y \in [0.1, 1.1]$ when the value of Sisko fluid parameter b^* increases.

The trapping for different values of Sisko fluid parameter b^* is shown in Fig. 4a, b. It is seen from Fig. 4a, b that the size of the trapping bolus increases with an increase in b^* while the number of bolus decreases.

The variation of temperature profile and Nano particle phenomena for different values of thermophoresis parameter N_t Prandtl parameter P_r and Brownian motion parameter N_b are plotted in the Figs 5 and 6. Here the temperature profile increases when thermophoresis parameter N_t Prandtl parameter P_r and Brownian motion parameter N_b are increased, and nanoparticle phenomena



decreases when there is an increase in the values of thermophoresis parameter $N_{\rm t}$, Prandtl parameter $P_{\rm r}$ and increases with an increase in Brownian motion parameter $N_{\rm b}$.

Concluding remarks

The present study discussed the peristaltic flow of a Nano Sisko fluid in an asymmetric channel. The key points of the performed analysis are as follows:

1. The pressure rise increases with the increase in Hartmann number M and temperature Grashof

number $G_{\rm r}$. For the thermophoresis parameter $N_{\rm t}$ and amplitude ratio *a*, the pressure rise decreases when we increased the value of *a* and *M*.

- 2. The pressure rise gives the opposite results for all the parameters as compared with peristaltic pumping region.
- 3. Free pumping region holds when $(\Delta P = 0)$.
- 4. With an increase in Sisko fluid parameter b^* pressure rise increases in the peristaltic pumping region while decreasing in the augmented pumping region.
- 5. The behaviour of velocity near the channel walls and at center is not similar in view of the Hartmann number M.
- 6. The velocity field increases with the increase in M near the channel walls; however, it decreases in the centre of the channel.
- 7. Velocity field increases with an increase in flow rate Q.
- 8. Velocity field decreases in the region $y \in [-1.5, 0]$ and increases otherwise in the region $y \in [0.1, 1.1]$ when the value of Sisko fluid parameter b^* increases.



Fig. 3 a-e Pressure rise versus flow rate. f-j Pressure rise versus flow rate





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Fig. 4 Streamlines (a, b) $b^* = 0.2$, 0.4. The other parameters are a = 0.5, b = 0.5, d = 1, $\phi = 0.4$, $G_r = 2$, $B_r = 2$, $N_b = 0.5$, $N_t = 0.5$, M = 1, $P_r = 1$



Fig. 5 a–c Temperature profile





Fig. 6 a-c Nano particle profile

- 9. The temperature profile increases when thermophoresis parameter $N_{\rm t}$, Prandtl parameter $P_{\rm r}$ and Brownian motion parameter $N_{\rm b}$ are increased.
- 10. Nanoparticle phenomena decreases when there is an increase in the values of thermophoresis parameter $N_{\rm t}$, Prandtl parameter $P_{\rm r}$ and increases with an increase in Brownian motion parameter $N_{\rm b}$
- 11. The size of the trapping bolus increases with an increase in b^* while number of bolus decreases.

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