

Nanofluid Flow and Heat Convection in a Channel Filled with Porous Medium

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Abstract: The nanofluid flow and heat convection in a horizontal parallel-plates channel filled with porous medium is investigated. The upper plate of the channel is considered porous, subjected with a constant suction while there is no cross-flow at the lower plate. Flow and heat convection in the channel is influenced by a static transverse magnetic field by means of Lorenzian force and Joule heating effect. The velocity and temperature profiles are derived by differential transform method (DTM), computed and discussed through graphs. Convection of heat in the nanofluids Al_2O_3/H_2O , Cu/H_2O and Ag/H_2O are compared in terms of Nusselt number and investigated the effects of various physical parameters Reynolds number, Hartmann number and Prandtl number. The skin-friction coefficients at the plates are also calculated and discussed through graphs.

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Nomenclature

<p>u: velocity component along x direction fluid</p> <p>v: velocity component along y direction</p> <p>β: Coefficient of thermal expansion</p> <p>ρ_s: Density of solid</p> <p>ρ_f: Density of fluid</p>	<p>μ_f: Dynamic viscosity of base fluid</p> <p>p: fluid pressure</p> <p>μ_{nf}: viscosity of nano particles</p> <p>ρ_{nf}: Density of nano fluid</p> <p>T_w: Free stream temperature</p>
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κ_{nf} : Thermal conductivity of nanoparticles	η : similarity variable
κ_f : Thermal conductivity of base fluid	M: Hartman number
θ : Non dimensional temperature	Ec: Eckert number
B_0 : Applied magnetic field	Pr : Prandtl number
ϕ : volume fraction of solid particles	Nu: Nusselt number
κ_s : thermal conductivity of fluid	$(\rho Cp)_f$:heat capacity of fluid
U_0 : characteristic velocity	
$(\rho Cp)_s$: heat capacity of nanoparticles	ν_f : kinematic viscosity of fluid
$(\rho Cp)_{nf}$: heat capacity of nano fluid	Da: Darcy number

1. Introduction

Nanofluid is the mixture of solid-liquid in which metallic or non-metallic nanoparticles are suspended in base fluid with some special requirements of even and stable suspension, durable suspension, negligible agglomeration of particles and no chemical change of fluid. Generally, the size of nanoparticles lies between 1-100 nm. Nanofluid, a name conceived by Choi (Argonne National Laboratory at 1995). Saidus et al¹ give their excellent contribution to the application and challenges of the nanofluids. Sarit et al² reviewed the works done on heat transfer in nanofluids. Soundalgekar and Patil³ studied Stoke's problem for a vertical infinite plate with variable temperature. Raptis and Tzivanidis⁴ studied mass transfer and free convective MHD flow past and accelerated vertical porous plate under consideration of transverse magnetic field. The governing equations are solved with the help of power series.

The differential transformation method (DTM) was first applied in the engineering domain by Zhou. DTM obtains an analytical solution in the form of a polynomial by means of an iterative procedure. DTM is an alternative procedure for obtaining analytic Taylor series solution of the differential equations. Chen and Liu⁵ used DTM to solve two point boundary value problems, Ayaz⁶ applied DTM to solve differential-algebraic equation, Kangalgil and Ayaz⁷ used DTM to solve the KdV and mKdV equations, Kanth and Aruna⁸ applied DTM to the Schrodinger equations and Arikoglu and Ozkol⁹ solve fractional differential equations by using DTM. Yahyazadeh et al¹⁰ evaluated natural convection flow of a nanofluid over a linearly stretching sheet in the presence of magnetic field by the differential transformation method.

A wide range of applications of porous media in practical problems can be found in¹¹⁻¹³. The role of MHD flow is very important because the influence of a magnetic field on the viscous flow of electrically conducting fluid which is applicable in many industrial processes, such as in magnetic materials processing, purification of crude oil, magneto hydrodynamic electrical power generation, glass manufacturing, geophysics and paper production, etc. The heat transfer by natural convection with Cu-H₂O nanofluid in a three dimensional annulus enclosure filled with porous media (silica sand) between two horizontal concentric cylinders is analyzed by Saleh¹⁴. Chamkha and his co-workers have carried out a number of investigations relating to a variety of convective flows (free, forced or mixed convection) involving nanofluids in the presence of porous media¹⁵⁻¹⁸ or without permeable media¹⁹⁻²¹. Wang et al²² conducted a study on natural convection in nanofluid filled vertical and horizontal enclosures. Polidori et al.²³ analyzed the heat transfer enhancement in natural convection using nanofluids.

The purpose of present study is to investigate the effect of different physical parameters on flow profile of velocity and temperature. The variation in Nusselt number and skin friction coefficient for different nanofluids is calculated.

2. Formulation of the Problem

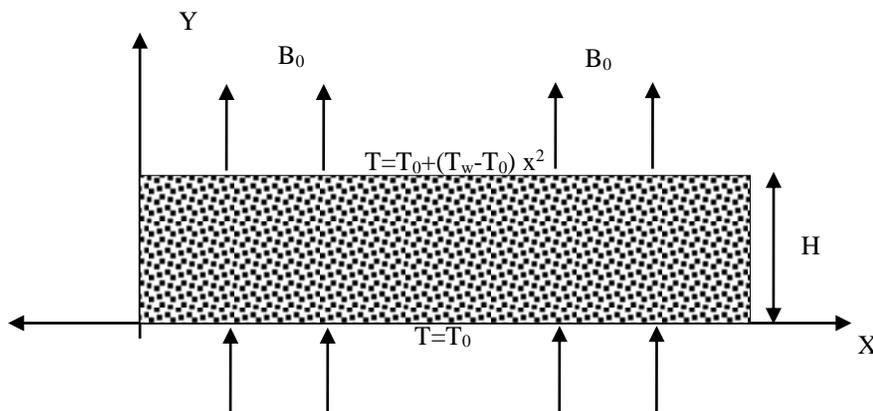


Fig.1. Physical model of the problem

The flow and heat convection in nanofluid flowing through parallel plates horizontal channel filled with porous media is considered. The lower plate is taken along x -axis and upper plate is at a distance H apart. The axis of y is taken normal to the channel. The upper plate is permeable while

lower one is non-permeable. A nanofluid is flowing in the influence of state transverse magnetic field $B(0, B_0, 0)$ and suction at the upper plate. The upper plate is kept at constant temperature while the lower is subjected to variable temperature.

Under these conditions the governing equations of motion are given by Equation of continuity

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

The governing equation of motion in x- direction

$$(2.2) \quad \rho_{nf} \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu_{nf} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \sigma B_0^2 u - \mu_{nf} \frac{u}{k}$$

The governing equation of motion in y- direction

$$(2.3) \quad \rho_{nf} \left(u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu_{nf} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) - \mu_{nf} \frac{v}{k}$$

The equation of energy

$$(2.4) \quad (\rho C p)_{nf} \left(u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) = \kappa_{nf} \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) + \sigma B_0^2 u^2$$

Boundary conditions are

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} y=0; u=0, v=0, \\ T=T_0, \quad y=h; \\ u=0, \quad v=-U_0 \\ T=T_0 + (T_w - T_0)x^2 \end{cases}$$

3. Mathematical Analysis

Using the following non-dimensional parameters

$$(3.1) \quad \left\{ \bar{u} = \frac{u}{U_0}, \bar{v} = \frac{v}{U_0}, \bar{x} = \frac{x}{H}, \bar{y} = \frac{y}{H}, \bar{p} = \frac{p}{\rho_f U_0^2}, \theta = \frac{T - T_0}{T_w - T_0} \right.$$

And following expressions of nanofluid given by Oztop and Nada²⁴

$$(3.2) \quad \rho_{nf} = (1 - \phi)\rho_f + \phi\rho_s$$

$$(3.3) \quad (\rho C_p)_{nf} = (1 - \phi)(\rho C_p)_f + \phi(\rho C_p)_s$$

$$(3.4) \quad \mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}} \quad [\text{Maxwell model}]$$

The effective thermal conductivity of the nano-fluid is approximated by Hamilton-Crosser²⁵ model as:

$$(3.5) \quad \kappa_{nf} = \kappa_f \frac{\kappa_s + 2\kappa_f - 2\phi(\kappa_f - \kappa_s)}{\kappa_s + 2\kappa_f + \phi(\kappa_f - \kappa_s)}$$

Into the equation (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4), we get

$$(3.6) \quad A \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{B}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \left(\frac{M^2}{\text{Re}} + \frac{B}{\text{Re} Da} \right) u$$

$$(3.7) \quad A \left(u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{B}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) - \left(\frac{B}{\text{Re} Da} \right) v$$

$$(3.8) \quad D \left(u \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{E}{\text{Re} \text{Pr}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right) + \left(\frac{M^2 Ec}{\text{Re}} \right) u^2$$

where $A = (1 - \phi) + \phi \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f}$, $B = \frac{1}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}}$ $D = (1 - \phi) + \phi \frac{(\rho C_p)_s}{(\rho C_p)_f}$

$$E = \frac{\kappa_s + 2\kappa_f - 2\phi(\kappa_f - \kappa_s)}{\kappa_s + 2\kappa_f + \phi(\kappa_f - \kappa_s)}, \quad Da = \frac{K}{H^2}, \quad \text{Re} = \frac{U_0 H}{\mu_f}, \quad Ec = \frac{U_0^2}{(Cp)_f (T_w - T_0)}$$

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{(\rho C_p)_f v_f}{\kappa_f}, \quad M^2 = \frac{\sigma B_0^2 H^2}{\mu_f}.$$

Using $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$, $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$ the equation of motion and differentiating

equation of motion in x and y direction w. r. t. 'y' and 'x' respectively to eliminate pressure term, resulting equation is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (3.9) \quad & A \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y \partial x^2} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3} \right) \\ & = \frac{B}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial y^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 \psi}{\partial y^4} \right) - \frac{B}{\text{Re} Da} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \right) \\ & \quad - \frac{M^2}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Energy equation reduces to

$$(3.10) \quad D \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{E}{\text{Re Pr}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right) + \left(\frac{M^2 Ec}{\text{Re}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right)^2.$$

Corresponding boundary conditions are reduced to

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{cases} y = 0; \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 0, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0, \theta = 0, \\ y = 1; \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 0, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 1, \theta = x^2 \end{cases}$$

Using the similarity transformations into equation (3.9) and (3.10)

$$(3.12) \quad y = \eta, \quad \psi = x f(\eta), \quad \theta = x^2 \hat{\theta}(\eta)$$

we get ODEs as

$$(3.13) \quad A(f' f'' - f f''') = S f^{iv} - R f''$$

$$(3.14) \quad D(2f'\hat{\theta} - f\hat{\theta}') = G\hat{\theta}'' + \frac{EcM^2}{Re}(f')^2,$$

where $S = \frac{B}{Re}, R = \frac{B}{Re Da} + \frac{M^2}{Re}, G = \frac{E}{Pr Re}$.

Corresponding boundary conditions are reduced to

$$(3.15) \quad \eta = 0; f = 0, f' = 0, \hat{\theta} = 0, \eta = 1; f = 1, f' = 0, \hat{\theta} = 1$$

Now applying DTM on (3.13) and (3.14) with (3.15)

where $F(k)$ and $\tilde{\theta}(k)$ is DTM of $f(\eta)$ and $\theta(\eta)$ respectively.

$$(3.16) \quad F(k+4) = \frac{1}{S(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)(k+4)} \left(A \left(\begin{array}{l} \sum_{h=0}^k (h+1)(k-h+1)(k-h+2)F(h+1)F(k-h+2) \\ - \sum_{h=0}^k (k-h+1)(k-h+2)(k-h+3)F(h)F(k-h+3) \end{array} \right) + R(k+1)(k+2)F(k+2) \right)$$

$$(3.17) \quad D \left(2 \sum_{h=0}^k (h+1)F(h+1)\hat{\theta}(k-h) - \sum_{h=0}^k (k-h+1)F(h)\hat{\theta}(k-h+1) \right) = G(k+1)(k+2)\hat{\theta}(k+2) + \frac{M^2 Ec}{Re} \left(\sum_{h=0}^k (h+1)(k-h+1)F(h+1)F(k-h+1) \right)$$

corresponding boundary conditions are given by

$$(3.18) \quad \eta = 0; F(0) = 0, F(1) = 0, \hat{\theta}(0) = 0$$

Suppose that

$$(3.19) \quad F(2) = b, F(3) = c, \hat{\theta}(1) = d$$

Now applying inversion of DTM, we get

$$(3.20) \quad f(\eta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta^k F(k) = F(0) + \eta F(1) + \eta^2 F(2) + \eta^3 F(3) \\ + \eta^4 F(4) + \eta^5 F(5) + \eta^6 F(6) + \eta^7 F(7) + \eta^8 F(8)$$

Using the (3.15) we can find the value of unknown i.e. a and b. Now applying inversion of DTM, we get

$$(3.21) \quad \theta(\eta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta^k \hat{\theta}(k) = \hat{\theta}(0) + \eta \hat{\theta}(1) + \eta^2 \hat{\theta}(2) + \eta^3 \hat{\theta}(3) \\ + \eta^4 \hat{\theta}(4) + \eta^5 \hat{\theta}(5) + \eta^6 \hat{\theta}(6) + \eta^7 \hat{\theta}(7) + \eta^8 \hat{\theta}(8)$$

Velocity Components:

$$(3.22) \quad u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \therefore u = x f'(\eta)$$

$$(3.23) \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad \therefore v = -f(\eta)$$

Heat Transfer Coefficient: Local heat transfer coefficient (Nu_x) in dimensionless is defined as

$$(3.24) \quad Nu_x = -\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right) = -(2x\hat{\theta}(\eta) + x^2\hat{\theta}'(\eta))$$

For $x=L$;

$$(3.25) \quad Nu = -(2\hat{\theta}(\eta) + \hat{\theta}'(\eta)) \Big|_{\eta=1}$$

Coefficient of local skin friction is given by

$$(3.26) \quad C_{f,x} = \frac{2\tau_w}{\rho U_0^2} = \frac{2B}{\text{Re}} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{2x B f''(\eta)}{\text{Re}}$$

For $x=L$; At upper plate

$$(3.27) \quad C_f = \frac{2Bf''(\eta)}{Re} \Big|_{\eta=1}$$

Table 1: Thermodynamics Properties of Water and nanoparticles

	ρ [kg m ⁻³]	C_p [J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹]	k [Wm ⁻¹ K ⁻¹]	$\beta \cdot 10^5$ [K ⁻¹]
Pure water	997.1	4179	0.613	21
Copper (Cu)	8933	385	401	1.67
Silver (Ag)	10500	235	429	1.89
Alumina (Al2O3)	3970	765	40	0.85
Titanium oxide	4250	686.2	8.9538	0.9

Table 2: Computation showing skin friction for $\phi=0.04$, $Ec=0.01=Da$, $Re=1, Pr=5.784$

M	$C_f(H_2O-Al_2O_3)$	$C_f(H_2O-Cu)$	$C_f(H_2O-Ag)$
1	-125.981798	-125.981565	-125.981491
2	-126.746463	-126.746299	-126.746247
3	-127.939156	-127.939072	-127.939046
4	-129.458423	-129.458405	-129.458399
5	-131.194755	-131.194778	-131.194785
6	-133.047027	-133.047067	-133.047079

Table 3: Computation showing skin friction for $Re=M=1$, $Ec=0.01=Da$, $Pr=5.784$

ϕ	$C_f(H_2O-Al_2O_3)$	$C_f(H_2O-Cu)$	$C_f(H_2O-Ag)$
0	-113.784389	-113.784389	-113.784389
0.01	-116.672889	-116.672831	-116.672813
0.02	-119.665337	-119.665221	-119.665185
0.03	-122.766593	-122.766419	-122.766364
0.04	-125.981798	-125.981565	-125.981491
0.05	-129.31639	-129.316098	-129.316006
0.06	-132.776132	-132.775781	-132.77567
0.07	-136.367127	-136.366716	-136.366586
0.08	-140.095849	-140.095378	-140.095229
0.09	-143.969163	-143.968631	-143.968463
0.1	-147.994359	-147.993767	-147.99358

4. Results and Discussion

We study the velocity and temperature profiles for Cu-Water type nanofluid. The velocity profiles in horizontal direction for different parameters like Solid volume fraction parameter, Hartmann number, Reynolds number, Eckert number and Darcy number and effect of same parameters including Prandtl number on temperature are depicted by figures. The values of the parameters considered are the solid volume fraction parameter (ϕ)=0, 0.02,0.04, Reynold number(Re)= 0.1,0.5,1,2 and Hartman number(M)=0,3,6 ,Eckert number(Ec)=0.01,0.02,0.04 .

4. 1. Velocity Profiles with Parameter Variation: In figure(2) when Reynold number (Re) is increased, keeping all other parameters constant the horizontal velocity distribution $f'(\eta)$ is slightly increasing after four decimal points. The result shows a good agreement with Fakour et al.²⁶. Figure(3) shows the effects of Hartman number on the velocity distribution $f'(\eta)$. It is observed by figure that velocity is gradually decreasing for increasing value of M and changes are more between limits 0.85-0.95. It is noteworthy from figure (4) that $f'(\eta)$ is increasing with growing amount of Da upto $\eta=0.657$ (approx.) after that start decreasing. The effect of solid volume fraction on $f'(\eta)$ is depicted in figure (5). Different type nanofluids have almost same velocity profile as demonstrated by figure (6).

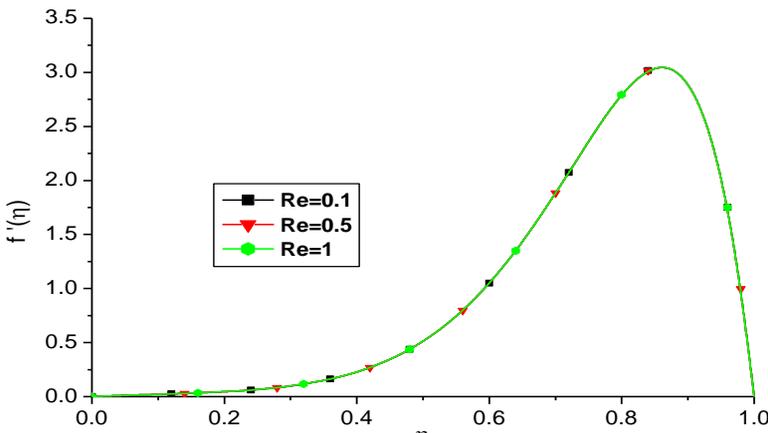


Fig.2:Ec=0.01=Da,Pr=5.784,M=1, $\phi=0.04$ (H₂O-Cu)

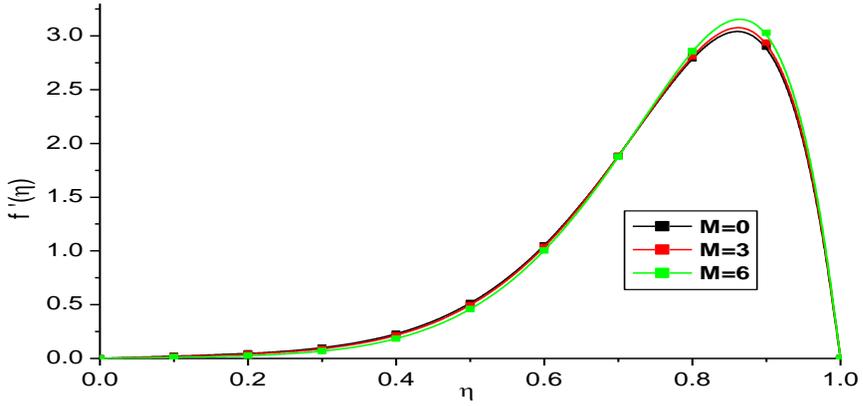


Fig.3: $Re=M=1, Da=Ec=0.01, Pr=5.784, \phi=0.04(H_2O-Cu)$

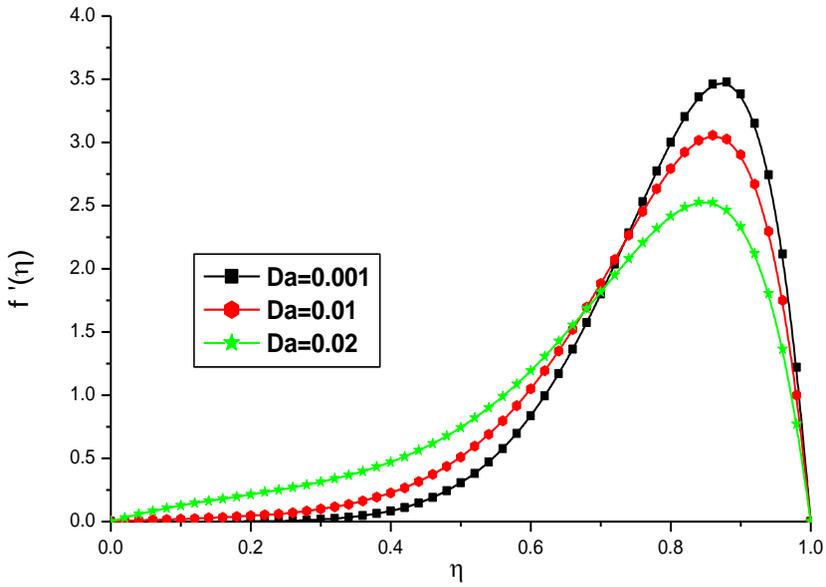


Fig.4: $M=Re=1, Ec=0.01, Pr=5.784, \phi=0.04(H_2O-Cu)$

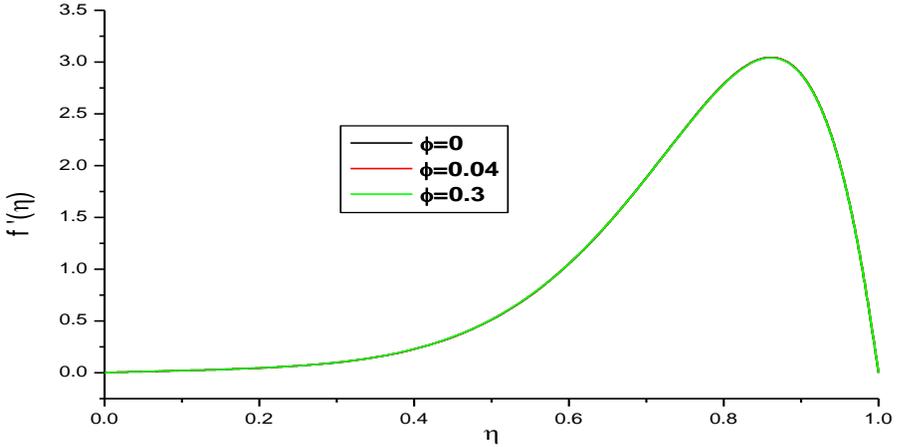


Fig.5: $Re=M=1, Ec=Da=0.01, Pr=5.784, H_2O-Cu$

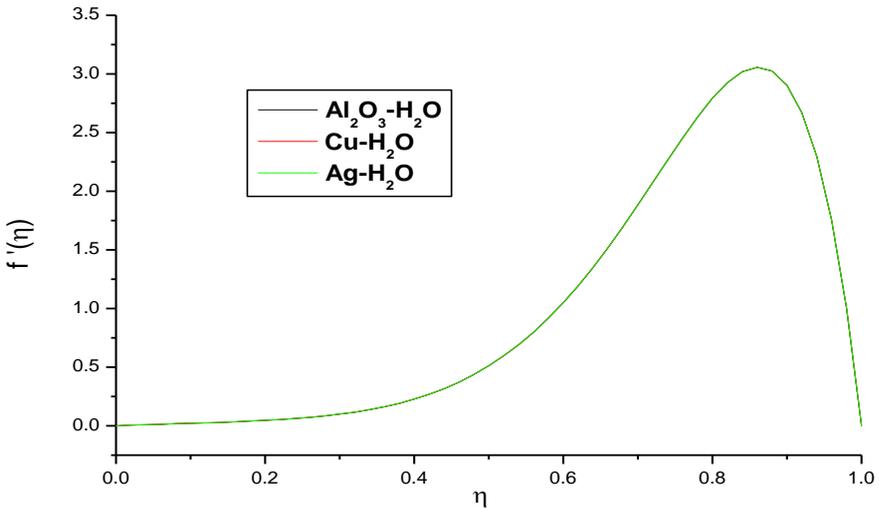


Fig.6: $Re=M=1, Ec=Da=0.01, Pr=5.784, \phi=0.04(H_2O-Cu)$

a. Temperature Profiles with Parameter Variation: The effects of Da on temperature profile is shown in figure (7). It is noteworthy that temperature of H_2O-Ag nanofluid is generally higher than that of H_2O-Cu and $H_2O-Al_2O_3$ nanofluids is indicated in figure (8). Figure (9) depicts that increment in value of Re causes decrement in temperature profile $\theta(\eta)$ due to increment of viscosity. Figure(10) displays that $\theta(\eta)$

is increasing with increment in M . It is observed by the figure(11) that temperature profile is increasing in increasing direction of Ec . The flow is same as Makinde et al.²⁷. It is noticed that the nanofluid temperature increases with growing in nanoparticles volume fraction due to enhanced properties of nanofluid which is shown in figure (12).

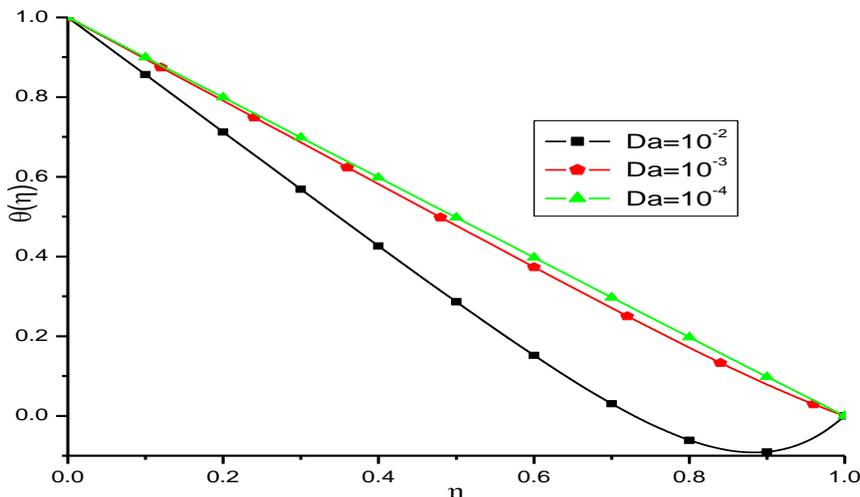


Fig.7: $\phi=5.784, \Phi=5.784, Re=M=1, Ec=0.01$

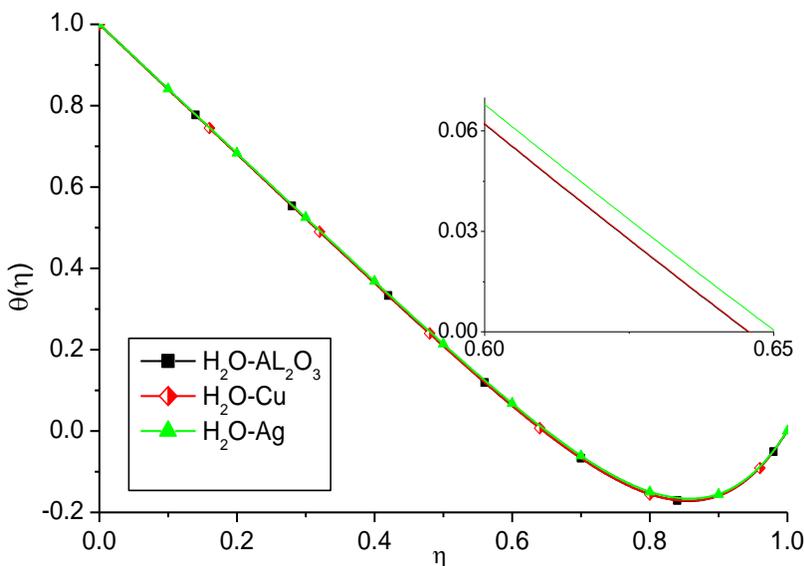


Fig.8: $Re=M=1, Ec=Da=0.01, Pr=7, \phi=0.04$

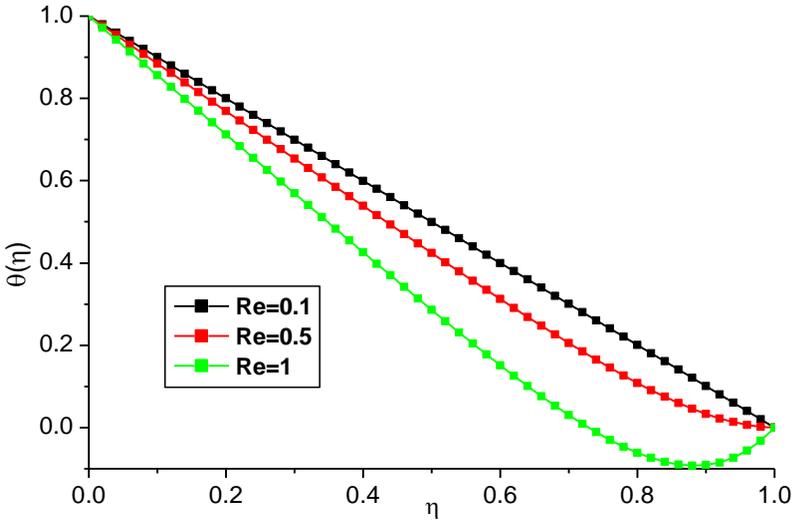


Fig.9: $Pr=5.784, Ec=0.01=Da, M=1=Re, \phi=0.04(H_2O-Cu)$

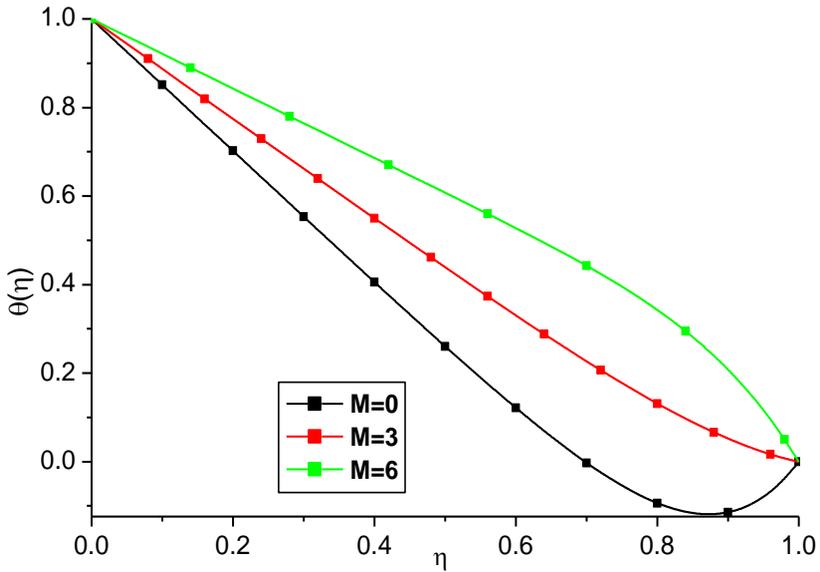


Fig.10: $Pr=5.784, Re=1, Ec=Da=0.01, \phi=0.04(H_2O-Cu)$

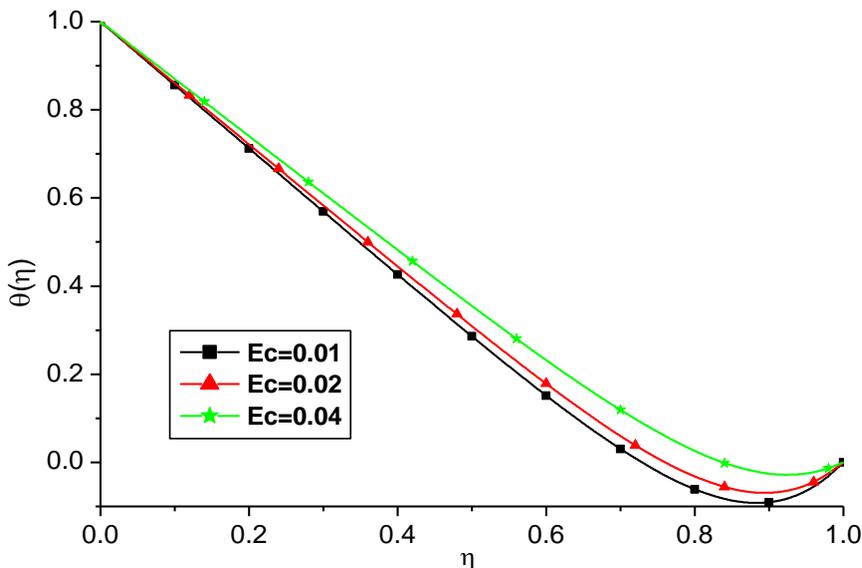


Fig.11:Pr=5.784,M=Re=1, Da=0.01, $\phi=0.04$ (H₂O-Cu)

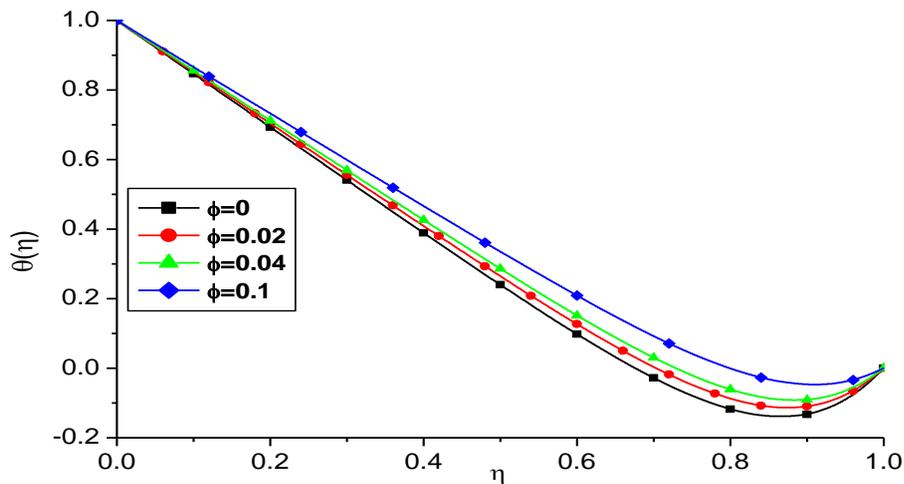


Fig.12:M=Re=1, Ec=Da=0.01, pr=5.784(H₂O-Cu)

b. Nusselt Number and Skin Friction: The effect of Da on Nusselt Number is depicted in figure (13). Figure (14) elucidates the Nusselt number profile for different values of Ec. It is displayed by figure (15)

that Nusselt number is highest in case of H₂O-Ag nanofluid with growing M. Increment in solid volume fraction increases Nusselt number and decreases Skin friction which is visible in figures 16-17. Skin friction increases with growing value of Da as indicated in figure (18). In figure (19), it is noticed that skin friction increases with increasing value of Reynold number. Figure (20) demonstrates that Nusselt number for is decreasing when Re is increasing.

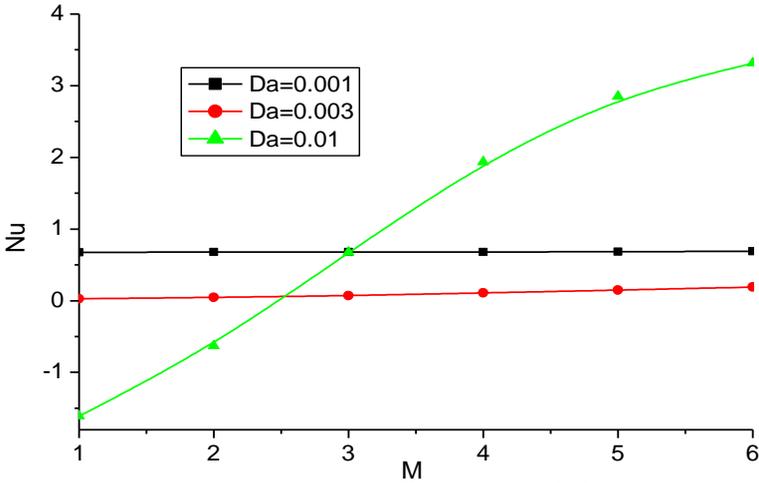


Fig.13:Re=1, Ec=0.01, Pr=5.784, φ=0.04(H₂O-Cu)

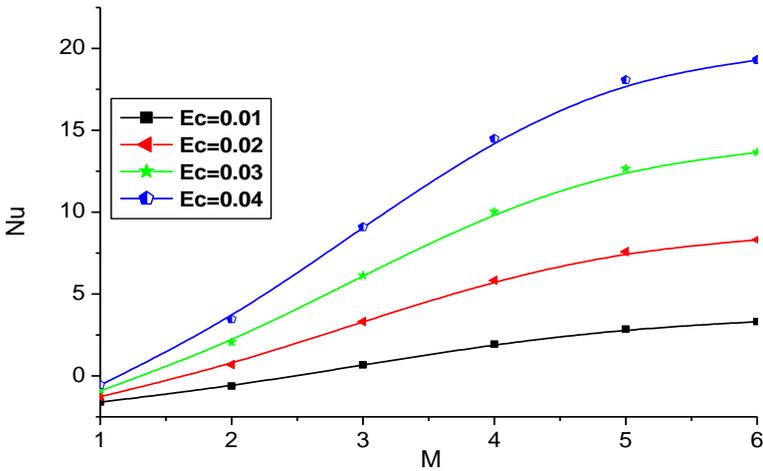


Fig.14:Re=1, Da=0.01, Pr=5.784, φ=0.04(H₂O-Cu)

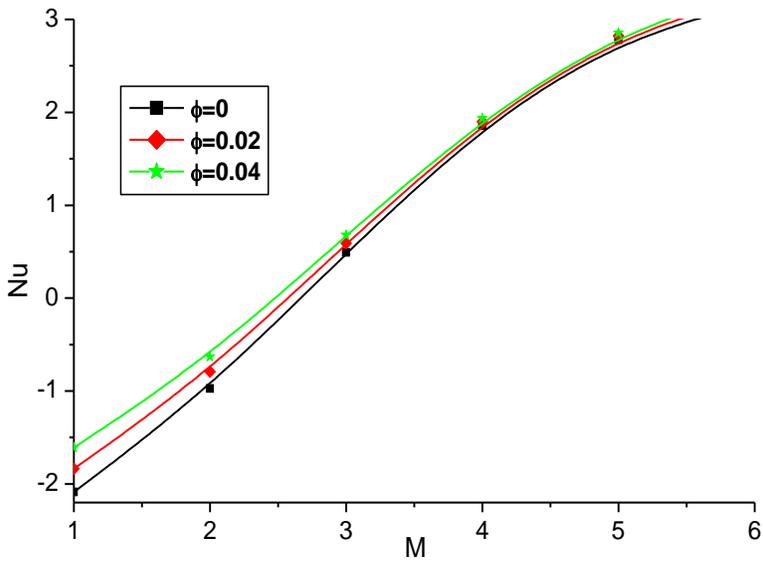


Fig.16:Re=1, Da=Ec=0.01, Pr=5.784(H₂O-Cu)

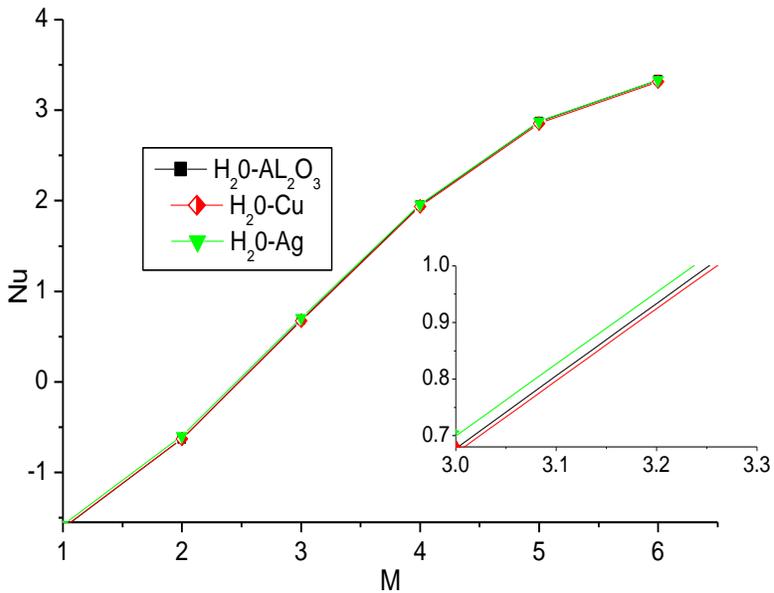


Fig.15:Re=1, Ec=Da=0.01, Pr=5.784, $\phi=0.04$

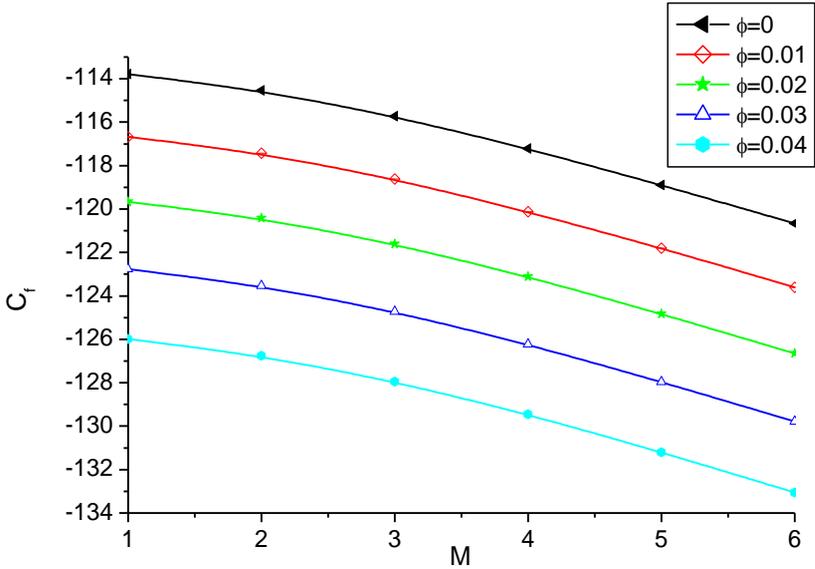


Fig.17: $Re=1, Ec=Da=0.01, Pr=5.784, (H_2O-Cu)$

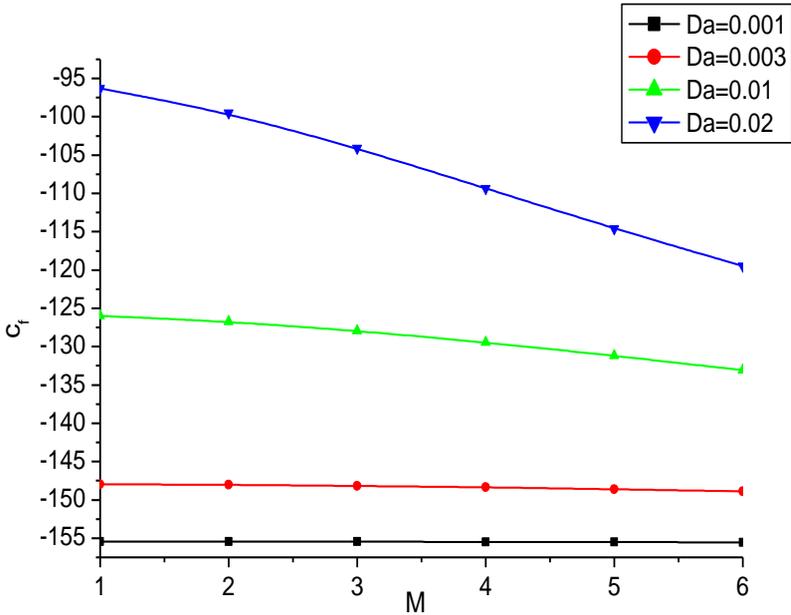


Fig.18: $Re=1, Ec=0.01, Pr=5.784, \phi=0.04 (H_2O-Cu)$

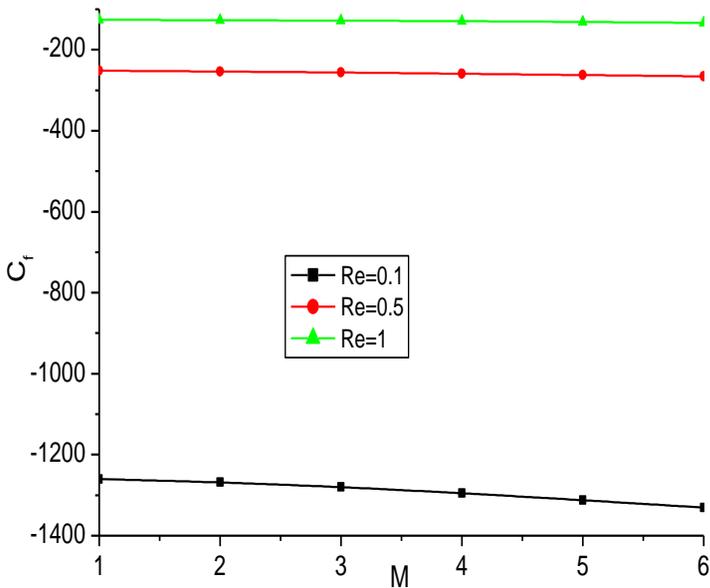


Fig.19: $M=1, Ec=Da=0.01, Pr=5.784, \phi=0.04(H_2O-Cu)$

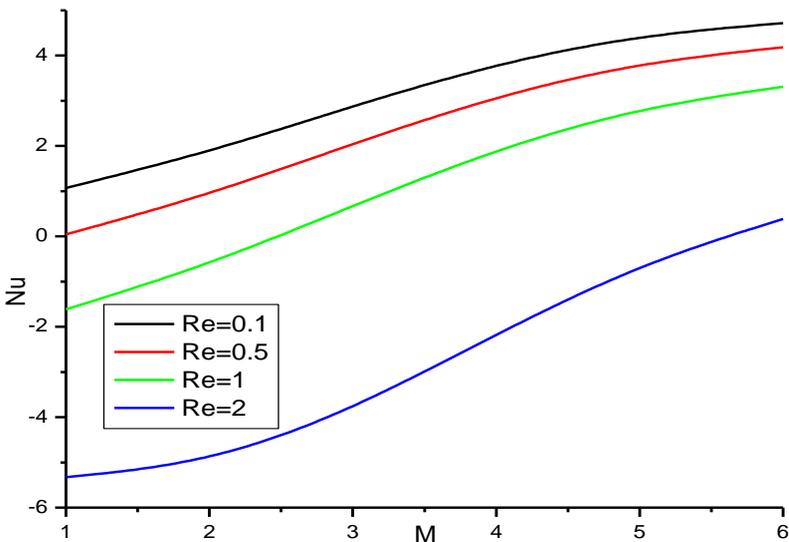


Fig.20: $Ec=0.01=Da, Pr=5.784, \phi=0.04$

5. Conclusion

In this study, differential transformation method (DTM) is applied to solve the problem of flow and heat convection of nanofluid in a porous channel. By solution of this problem the following points is concluded:

- (1) In general, by M velocity in the channel is reduced and temperature attains maximum amount.
- (2) Increment in amount of Re causes slightly increment in velocity and decrement in temperature.
- (3) Growing Ec causes increment in temperature profile.
- (4) Temperature and Nu is highest in case of H_2O -Ag nanofluid but C_f is lowest.
- (5) Temperature as well as Nu increases with solid volume fraction of nanoparticles.
- (6) Skin friction increases with increasing value of Re .
- (7) Skin friction decreases with increasing value of M .
- (8) Increment in amount of ϕ increases Nu and decreases C_f .

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