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# EXPLORING THE EFFECT OF PECLET NUMBER ON THE TRANSIENT THERMAL RESPONSE OF A CONVECTIVE-RADIATIVE MOVING POROUS FIN

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Abstract. In the thermal analysis of moving fins, there have been conflicting results as well as discussion on the effects of Peclet number on the thermal responses of fins. While some authors agreed the increase in Peclet number, increases the fin temperature, the other class of researchers is of the opinion that when the Peclet number increases, the fin temperature decreases. It could be said that many of these divergence views arose from the physics of the problem as well as the mathematical model governing the heat transfer problem. Therefore, in this work, through modeling from the first principle, the effect of Peclet number on the thermal behaviour of convective-radiative moving porous fin is explored. First, a transient thermal model of a convective-radiative rectangular moving porous fin with temperature-dependent internal heat generation is developed. The developed thermal model is nondimensionalized to bring up the needed Peclet number in the adimensional governing equation of the heat transfer process. Thereafter, the model is solved analytically using the Laplace transform method and the effect of Peclet number on the thermal behaviour of the fin is investigated and discussed. It is hoped that the present study will help for a better understanding of the thermal problems in

extended surfaces.

#### *Keywords*

Moving fin, peclet number, porous fin, thermal analysis, transient response.

#### 1. Introduction

In order to augment the rate of heat transfer on thermal and electronic components, fins are widely used as a passive method. In practice, the extended surfaces are attached to heat transfer devices and components to facilitate the rate of heat transfer from the prime surface. Such an important passive method of heat transfer enhancements has provoked several studies over the past decades [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59]. The study of thermal behavior of continuously moving surfaces such as extrusion, hot rolling, glass sheet or wire drawing, casting, powder metallurgy techniques for the fabrication of rod and sheet have become an area of increasing research interest. In the processes such as rolling of strips, hot rolling, glass fiber drawing, casting, extrusion, and drawing of sheets and wires, there is usually the presence of heat exchange between the surrounding and the stationary or moving material as depicted in Fig. 1 where hot plate/billet emerges from a die or furnace.

Since the schematic depicted in Figure 1 satisfies the approximate working condition of a heatexchanging device, they can be modeled as fins moving uninterruptedly. Due to these adaptable and wide areas of applications, there have been extensive research works on the continuous moving fins. Moreover, in industrial processes, control of the cooling rate of the sheets is very important to obtain desired material structure. As a result, numerous works on thermal investigation of moving fins have been offered in previous studies [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30]. Various heat transfer techniques in variable thermal conductivity moving fin with and without heat generation have been presented [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59]. However, scanning through all the reviewed published works as presented in literature, there are different and opposing results as well as discussion on the effect of Peclet number on the thermal responses of fins. Such conflicting results and discussions show a great deal of disagreement even among the titans of heat transfer enhancements by the passive device. The present study seeks to explore the mathematics and the physics of the heat transfer problem in order to establish some facts among the existing different schools of thought on the thermal problem. Therefore, in this work, a transient thermal model of a convective-radiative rectangular moving porous fin with temperature-dependent thermal conductivity and internal heat generation is developed and presented. The developed thermal model is nondimensionalized to bring up the needed Peclet number in the adimensional governing equation of the heat transfer process. Thereafter, the model is solved analytically us-

ing the Laplace transform method and the effect of Peclet number on the thermal behaviour of the fin is discussed.

### 2. Model Development for the Transient Thermal Flow Process

Fig. 1 presents an internally heated longitudinal porous moving fin of length L, thickness  $\delta$ and perfectly and thermally attached to a prime surface at temperature Tb. Assuming that the porous fin tip is considered under adiabatic condition and the porous medium with fin material is homogeneous and isotropic for the unidirectional heat flow along the fin length. Also, local thermodynamic equilibrium prevails between the porous medium and the saturated with a single-phase fluid. The thermophysical properties of the fin material and the fluid are constant, and the fluid density variation follows Boussinesq approximation.

Using the assumptions stated above, the thermal energy balance equation of the extended surface is given by the following equation

#### Energy in left face + heat generated in element

- = energy outright face
  - $+ \, energy lost by convection$
  - + energy lost by immersed fluid
  - + energy lost by radiation
  - + energy lost by moving + accumulated heat

(1)

$$q_{x} + q^{\prime\prime\prime}(T) A_{cr} dx = \left(q_{x} + \frac{\delta q}{\delta x} dx\right) + h(T) A_{suf}(T - T_{a}) (1 - \phi) + \dot{m}c_{p}(T - T_{a}) + \sigma \varepsilon (T) A_{suf}(T^{4} - T_{s}^{4}) + (\rho c_{p})_{eff} A_{cr} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx + (\rho c_{p})_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

$$\tag{2}$$

Eq. (2) can be written as

$$q_x + (1-\phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}(T) A_{cr} dx = \left(q_x + \frac{\delta q}{\delta x} dx\right) + hP(T-T_a) (1-\phi) dx + \dot{m}c_p (T-T_a) + \sigma \varepsilon P(T^4 - T_s^4) dx + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

$$(3)$$

The rate of flow of fluid through the porous Eq. (8) can be written as medium is given by

$$\dot{m} = \phi \rho_f V_w W dx \tag{4}$$

While the fluid flow velocity is and

$$V_w = \frac{gK\beta}{v} \left(T - T_a\right) \tag{5}$$

Therefore, after the substitution of Eq. (5) into Eq. (4), the mass flow rate of the fluid is given as

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\rho_f g K \beta W \phi}{v} \left( T - T_a \right) dx \tag{6}$$

The introduction of Eq. (7) into Eq. (3) produces Eq. (7)

$$-\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + (1 - \phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime} (T) A_{cr} dx$$
  
=  $hP (1 - \phi) (T - T_a) dx$   
+  $\frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v} dx$   
+  $\sigma \varepsilon P (T^4 - T_s^4) dx + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$   
+  $(\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$  (7)

Dividing Eq. (7) through by

$$-\frac{1}{A_{cr}}\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + (1-\phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}(T)$$

$$= \frac{hP(1-\phi)(T-T_a)}{A_{cr}}$$

$$+ \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T-T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}}$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P (T^4 - T_s^4)}{A_{cr}}$$

$$+ (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(8)

$$-\frac{1}{A_{cr}}\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + (1-\phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}(T)$$

$$= \frac{hP(1-\phi)(T-T_a)}{A_{cr}}$$

$$+ \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T-T_a)^2}{v \delta}$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P (T^4 - T_s^4)}{A_{cr}}$$

$$+ (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(9)

The heat conduction rate through the solid portion of the fin is given by Fourier's law as given

$$q_s = -k_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \tag{10}$$

The radiation heat transfer rate in the porous medium is given as

$$q_p = -\frac{4\sigma A_{cr}\phi}{3\beta_R}\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \tag{11}$$

Therefore, the total rate of heat transfer is given by

$$q = -k_{eff}A_{cr}\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - \frac{4\sigma A_{cr}\phi}{3\beta_R}\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \qquad (12)$$

The introduction of Eq. (12) into Eq. (9) provides,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( k_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \right) + (1-\phi) \, \dot{q}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime} (T)$$

$$= \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T-T_a)^2}{v \delta}$$

$$+ \frac{h P \left(1-\phi\right) (T-T_{\infty})}{A_{cr}} + \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P (T^4-T_s^4)}{A_{cr}}$$

$$+ \left(\rho c_p\right)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \left(\rho c_p\right)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$
(13)



(c)

Fig. 1: (a) Schematic diagram of rolling and extrusion, (b) Schematic of a longitudinal moving porous fin with perfect thermal contact and insulated tip, (c) Thermal energy balance in the elemental strip.

differential equation for the fin becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( k_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \right) 
- \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v \delta} 
- \frac{h P (1 - \phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) - \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P}{A_{cr}} (T^4 - T_s^4)^{(14)} 
+ (1 - \phi) q''' (T) = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} 
+ (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

The temperature-dependent thermal conductivity and internal heat generation are respectively given by the linear expressions as

$$k_{eff} = (1 - \phi) k_s + \phi k_f \tag{15}$$

where,

$$q'''(T) = q'''_{o} \left[1 + \gamma(T - T_a)\right]$$
(16)

And

$$(\rho c_p)_{eff} = (1 - \phi) (\rho c_p)_s + \phi (\rho c_p)_f$$
 (17)

Therefore, the governing equation becomes

$$k_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x}\right) - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v\delta} - \frac{h_b P \left(1 - \phi\right) (T - T_a)}{A_{cr}} - \frac{\sigma\varepsilon_b P}{A_{cr}} \left(T^4 - T_s^4\right) + (1 - \phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_o \left[1 + \gamma (T - T_a)\right] = \left(\rho c_p\right)_{eff} \left[u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right]$$
(18)

For the case when the temperature between the base and tip of the fin is small, the radiative term can be linearized. Using Roseland's approximation for the radiative term in the model, with the aid of Taylor series, expanding about

$$T^{4} \cong T_{a}^{4} + 4T_{a}^{3} (T - T_{a}) + 6T_{a}^{2} (T - T_{a})^{2} (19) + 4T_{a} (T - T_{a})^{3} + \dots$$
(25)

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Further simplification of Eq. (13) the governing and ignoring the higher order components in Eq. (21a), we have

$$T^4 \cong 4T_a^3 T - 3T_a^4 \tag{20}$$

Therefore,

$$T^4 - T_a^4 \cong 4T_a^3 \left(T - T_a\right)$$
 (21)

Substituting Eq. (21) into the second term in the Eq. (18), we have

$$-\frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R}\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} = -\frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R}\frac{\partial(4T_a^3T - 3T_a^3)}{\partial x} \quad (22)$$
$$= -\frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R}\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

Substituting Eqs. (21c) and (21d) into Eq. (18), we have

$$k_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} - \frac{h P (1 - \phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a)$$
(23)  
$$- \frac{4\sigma \varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) + (1 - \phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_o [1 + \gamma (T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

The initial condition is

$$T = T_0$$
, when  $t = 0$ , for  $0 < x < L$ , (24)

The boundary conditions for the fin with insulated tip are given as

$$T = T_b, \quad \text{at } x = 0, \tag{25a}$$

for 
$$t > 0$$
,

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = 0, \quad \text{at } x = L, \tag{25b}$$
  
for  $t > 0,$ 

Eq. (23) can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} k_{eff} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \\ - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} \\ - \frac{h P (1 - \phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a)$$
(26)  
$$- \frac{4\sigma \varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) + (1 - \phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_o [1 + \gamma (T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u_o \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \\ + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

The temperature-dependent internal heat generation in the porous fin can be expressed as

$$q^{\prime\prime\prime}(T) = (1-\phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_{o} + (1-\phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_{o} \gamma T (27) - (1-\phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_{o} \gamma T_{a}$$

Therefore

$$\left(k_{eff} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R}\right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \\
- \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} \\
- \frac{h P (1 - \phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) \qquad (28) \\
- \frac{4\sigma \varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) + (1 - \phi) q^{\prime\prime\prime}{}_o [1 \\
+ \gamma (T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \\
+ (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Collecting like terms, we have

$$\begin{split} & \left(k_{eff} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R}\right)\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f}gK\beta W\phi(T-T_a)^2}{vA_{er}} - \left[\frac{hP\left(1-\phi\right)}{A_{er}} + \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon PT_a^3}{A_{er}}\right]\left(T-T_a\right) \\ & + \left(1-\phi\right)q'''_{o} = \left(\rho c_p\right)_{eff}u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \left(\rho c_p\right)_{eff}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \end{split}$$

$$\tag{29}$$

Which can be written as

Applying the following dimensionless variables

$$X = \frac{x}{L}, \ \theta = \frac{T - T_a}{T_b - T_a}, \ \tau = \frac{k_{eff}t}{(\rho c_p)_{eff}L^2}$$
(31)

Which implies that

$$x = XL, T$$

$$= \theta (T_b - T_a) + T_a, T - T_a$$

$$= \theta (T_b - T_a), t$$

$$= \frac{\tau (\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}}$$
(32)

When Eq. (32) is substituted into Eq. (30), we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}} \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \left[ \theta \left( T_b - T_a \right) + T_a \right]}{\partial (XL)^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi \left[ \theta \left( T_b - T_a \right) \right]^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} \\ - \left[ \frac{h P \left( 1 - \phi \right)}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma \varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} \right] \\ - \frac{\left( \gamma \left( 1 - \phi \right) q'''_o \right)}{k_{eff}} \end{bmatrix} \theta \left( T_b - T_a \right) + \frac{\left( 1 - \phi \right) q'''_o}{k_{eff}} \\ = \frac{\left( \rho c_p \right)_{eff} u}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial \left[ \theta \left( T_b - T_a \right) + T_a \right]}{\partial \left( XL \right)} + \frac{\left( \rho c_p \right)_{eff}}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial \left[ \theta \left( T_b - T_a \right) + T_a \right]}{\partial \left( \frac{\left( \rho c_p \right)_{eff} L^2 \tau}{k_{eff}} \right)} \\ \end{cases}$$
(33)

Further simplification provides,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}} \end{pmatrix} \frac{(T_b - T_a)}{L^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - (T_b - T_a)^2 \frac{\rho_f c_{p,fg} K \beta W \phi \theta^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} \\ - (T_b - T_a) \left[ \frac{hP (1 - \phi)}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma \varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \frac{(\gamma (1 - \phi) q'''_{o})}{k_{eff}} \right] \theta \\ + \frac{(1 - \phi) q'''_{o}}{k_{eff}} = \frac{(T_b - T_a)}{L} \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} u}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \frac{(T_b - T_a)}{L^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau}$$
(34)

Which gives

$$\left(1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}}\right) \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi L^2 \left(T_b - T_a\right) \theta^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \left[\frac{h P \left(1 - \phi\right) L^2}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma \varepsilon P T_a^3 L^2}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \frac{\left(\gamma \left(1 - \phi\right) q'''_o\right) L^2}{k_{eff}}\right] \theta + \frac{\left(\left(1 - \phi\right) q'''_o\right) L^2}{k_{eff} \left(T_b - T_a\right)} = \frac{\left(\rho c_p\right)_{eff} u L}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau}$$

$$(35)$$

The above equation can be written as

$$(1+4R)\frac{\partial^2\theta}{\partial X^2} - S_h\theta^2 - (Mc + Mr - Q_{\gamma e})\theta + Q_e = Pe_e\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial\tau}$$
(36)

where

Eq. (36) is alternative written as

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - S_p \theta^2 - (Nc + Nr - Q_\gamma) \theta + Q (38)$$
$$= Pe_R \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \zeta \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau}$$

where

$$Nc = \frac{Mc}{1+4R}, \quad Nr = \frac{Mr}{1+4R}, \quad S_p = \frac{S_h}{1+4R}, \quad Q_\gamma = \frac{Q_{\gamma e}}{1+4R}, \quad Q_{\gamma} = \frac{Q_{\gamma e}}{1+4R}$$

Also, the nondimensionalization for the initial and boundary conditions can be done by substituting Eq. (32) into Eqs. (24) and (25)

The initial condition is

$$\theta \left( T_b - T_a \right) + T_a = T_0 \quad \text{when} \frac{\tau(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}} = 0,$$
(40)
for  $0 < XL < L$ ,

The boundary conditions for the fin with insulated tip are given as

$$\theta \left(T_b - T_a\right) + T_a = T_b \quad \text{at } XL = 0 \quad (41a)$$

$$\text{for } \frac{\tau(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}} > 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \left[\theta \left(T_b - T_a\right) + T_a\right]}{\partial (XL)} = 0 \quad \text{at } XL = L, \quad (41b)$$

$$\tau(aa) = L^2$$

for 
$$\frac{\tau(\rho c_p)_{eff}L^2}{k_{eff}} > 0$$
,

(41)

Therefore, the adimensional initial condition is

$$\theta = \theta_0$$
, when  $\tau = 0$ , for  $0 < X < 1$ , (42)

Also, the dimensionless boundary conditions are given as

$$\theta = 1, \quad \text{at } X = 0 \quad \text{for } \tau > 0,$$
 (43a)

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} = 0, \quad \text{at } X = 1, \quad \text{for } \tau > 0, \qquad (43b)$$

(43)

## 3. Numerical Solution of the Nonlinear Transient thermal model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} - 2\theta_i^{n+1} + \theta_{i-1}^{n+1} + \theta_{i+1}^n - 2\theta_i^n + \theta_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta^2 X} \end{pmatrix} - S_p(\theta_i^n)^2 - (Nc + Nr - Q_\gamma) \theta_i^n + Q$$

$$= Pe_R \left( \frac{\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} - \theta_{i-1}^{n+1} + \theta_{i+1}^n - \theta_{i-1}^n}{4\Delta X} \right) + \zeta \left( \frac{\theta_i^{n+1} - \theta_i^n}{\Delta \tau} \right)$$

$$(44)$$

Which can be arranged as

We can write Eq. (45) as

$$A\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} + B\theta_i^{n+1} + C\theta_{i-1}^{n+1} + D\theta_{i+1}^n \qquad (46)$$
$$+ E\theta_i^n + F(\theta_i^n)^2 + G\theta_{i-1}^n + H = 0$$

where

$$\begin{split} A &= \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta^2 X} - \frac{Pe_R}{4\Delta X}\right), B = -\left(\frac{2}{2\Delta^2 X} + \frac{\zeta}{\Delta \tau}\right), \\ C &= \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta^2 X} + \frac{Pe_R}{4\Delta X}\right), D = \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta^2 X} - \frac{Pe_R}{4\Delta X}\right), \\ E &= -\left(\frac{2}{2\Delta^2 X} - \frac{\zeta}{\Delta \tau} + (Nc + Nr - Q_{\gamma})\right), F = -S_p, \\ G &= \left(\frac{1}{2\Delta^2 X} + \frac{Pe_R}{4\Delta X}\right), H = Q, \end{split}$$

The finite difference discretization of the initial condition is

$$\theta_i^o = 0 , \qquad (47)$$

While FDM for boundary conditions become

$$\frac{\theta_1^n - \theta_{-1}^n}{2\Delta X} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta_1^n = \theta_{-1}^n \qquad (48)$$
$$\theta_M^n = 1$$

### 4. Development of Exact Analytical Solution for the Linearized Model

In order to generate an exact analytical solution for the nonlinear model, we can linearize the nonlinear term in the porous term in Eq. (38).

$$\theta^2 = \theta_a^2 + 2\theta_a \left(\theta - \theta_a\right) = 2\theta_a \theta - \theta_a^2 \qquad (49)$$

When Eq. (38) is substituted into Eq. (36), we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - S_p \left( 2\theta_a \theta - \theta_a^2 \right) - \left( Nc + Nr - Q_\gamma \right) \theta (50) + Q = Pe_R \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \zeta \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau}$$

Collecting the like terms provides

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - (Nc + Nr + 2\theta_a S_p - Q_\gamma) \theta \quad (51)$$
$$+ Q + S_p \theta_a^2 = Pe_R \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \zeta \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau}$$

Applying Laplace transform to the transient thermal model in Eq. (51), we have

$$\frac{d^{2}\bar{\theta}}{dX^{2}} - (Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})\bar{\theta}$$

$$+ \frac{Q + S_{p}\theta_{a}^{2}}{s} = Pe_{R}\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dX} + \zeta \left(s\bar{\theta} - \theta_{0}\right)$$
(52)

Collection of like terms provides

$$\frac{d^{2}\bar{\theta}}{dX^{2}} - Pe_{R}\frac{d\bar{\theta}}{dX} - (\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})\bar{\theta} = -\left(\frac{Q + S_{p}\theta_{a}^{2}}{s} + \zeta\theta_{0}\right)$$
(53)

Also, the adimensional boundary conditions in the Laplace domain are

$$\theta = \frac{1}{s}, \quad \text{at } X = 0 \quad \text{for } s > 0,$$
 (54a)

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} = 0, \quad \text{at } X = 1, \quad \text{for } s > 0, \qquad (54b)$$

(54)

On solving the above equation, one arrives at

$$\begin{split} \theta\left(X,s\right) &= Ae^{\left(\frac{Pe_R + \sqrt{Pe_R^2 + 4\left(s+N < + Nr + 2\theta_a S_P - Q_\gamma\right)}}{2}\right)X} + Be^{\left(\frac{Pe_R - \sqrt{Pe_R^2 + 4\left(s+Nr + Nr + 2\theta_a S_P - Q_\gamma\right)}}{2}\right)X} \\ &+ \frac{\left(Q + S_P \theta_a^2 + s\left(\theta_0\right)}{s\left(\zeta s + Nr + Nr + 2\theta_a S_P - Q_\gamma\right)}\right)} \end{split}$$

$$(55)$$

After applying the boundary conditions in Eq. (54a) and (54b), we have

$$A(s) = \frac{-\left[\left(\frac{Pe_{R}-\sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2}+4(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{Pe_{R}-\sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2}+4(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)}\right]\left[1-\frac{(Q+S_{p}\theta_{a}^{2}+s\zeta\theta_{0})}{(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}\right]}{s\left[\left(\frac{Pe_{R}+\sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2}+4(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{Pe_{R}+\sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2}+4(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)}\right]-\left(\frac{Pe_{R}-\sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2}+4(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{Pe_{R}-\sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2}+4(\zeta s+Nc+Nr+2\theta_{a}S_{p}-Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)}\right]$$
(56)

$$B(s) = \frac{\left[ \left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right) e^{\left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right)} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{(Q + S_{p}\theta_{a}^{2} + s\zeta\theta_{0})}{(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})} \right]}{s \left[ \left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right) e^{\left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right)} \right]} - \left( \frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right) e^{\left( \frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(\zeta s + Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right)} \right]} \right]$$

$$(57)$$

On substituting A and B into the solution in Eqs. (56) and (57), we have



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$$A = \frac{-\left[\left(\frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)}\right]\left[1 - \frac{Q + S_{p}\theta_{a}^{2}}{(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}\right]}{\left[\left(\frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)}\right]}-\left(\frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2}\right)}\right]}$$

$$(63)$$

$$B = \frac{\left[ \left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right) e^{\left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right)} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{Q + S_{p}\theta_{a}^{2}}{(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})} \right]}{\left[ \left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right) e^{\left( \frac{Pe_{R} + \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right)} \right]} - \left( \frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right) e^{\left( \frac{Pe_{R} - \sqrt{Pe_{R}^{2} + 4(Nc + Nr + 2\theta_{a}S_{p} - Q_{\gamma})}}{2} \right)} \right]}$$

$$(64)$$



On substituting Eqs. (63) and (64) into the solution in Eq. (65), we have

#### 5. Results and Discussion

The simulated results and parametric studies on the passive device are presented in this section. The effect of each parameter of the thermal model on the thermal behaviour of the extended surface is investigated. The results are presented in various sub-sections for better analysis and understanding.

The Fig. 2a and 2b show the effect of Peclet number on the thermal response of the fin. While Fig. 2a illustrate the impact of low Peclet number on the thermal characteristics of the passive device, Fig. 2a shows the influence of very high Peclet number on the thermal performance of the extended surface. The results presented that the fin temperature increases with increases in the Peclet number. A low Peclet number depict a significant change in the fin temperature distribution from the fin base to the tip while for a very high Peclet number, there is marginal or negligible temperature difference between the fin base and its tip. This is because when the speed of the fin increases, the material moves faster and consequently, the material exposure time to the environment (the surrounding fluid) gets shortened and the rate of heat loss from the surface of the fin surface reduces, thereby causing increase in the fin temperature. Therefore, it could be stated that when cooling enhancement is needed, it is preferable to use a low Peclet number.

Figs. 3a-d and 4a-d displays the impacts of convective-conductive and radiative-conductive parameters under varying Peclet on the thermal behaviour of the fin. It is shown in the figures that the convective-conductive and radiative-

conductive and Peclet numbers have significant effects on the heat transfer in the porous fin. The results depicted that as the convectiveconductive and radiative-conductive parameters increase, the dimensionless temperature distribution in the fin decreases and consequently, the rate of heat transfer by the fin increases. The swift reduction in temperature is because as these parameters increase, more heat is lost from the fin because the heat transfer rate is enhanced, and more cooling of the fin occurs which shows a decrease in the temperature profile. Consequently, the fin thermal performance is increased. However, it is still shown that the fin temperature increases with increases in the Peclet number.

The effects of ambient and surface temperature on temperature distribution in the moving porous fin are shown in Figs. 5a-d and 6a-b. An increase in the Peclet number, ambient and surface temperatures resulted in increase the values of thermal distribution within the extended surface. This is expected because when the ambient and surface temperatures are increased, the rate convective and radiative heat loss form the surface of the fin will be reduced and more heat will be absorbed by the fin, thereby, the fin temperature history intensifies. Further simulations show that the temperature history increases with increasing time value. This is expected because with increasing heat transfer rate, the porous fin conducts more heat, thus temperature increases.

Figs. 8a-d analyze the effect of porosity parameters under varying Peclet on the thermal behaviour of the fin. It is shown in the figures that the porous term effect the fin ther-



Fig. 2: (a) Effect of low Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.8 Nr=0.2,  $\theta_a$ =0.1  $\theta_s$ =0.2, (b) Effect of high Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.8 Nr=0.2,  $\theta_a$ =0.1  $\theta_s$ =0.2, (b)

mal behaviour in a significant way. It is shown that when the porous term increases, there is decreases in the fin dimensionless temperature distribution which causes the rate of heat transfer by the fin to increase. The is due to increased porosity of the fin which enhances the rate at which heat is lost form the fin surface to the atmosphere. It is also shown in the figure that when the fin speed increases, which indicate an increase in the Peclet number, interactive time between the surface and surrounding drops. Therefore, it takes small time for the fin to release heat to the environment or being cooled by the surrounding fluid. Consequently, the temperature of the fin increases.

Fig. 9a-d depict the effect of internally generated heat on temperature distribution in the moving porous fin. From the plot, it is evident that an augmentation in the internally generated heat increases the magnitude of thermal distribution within the fin. This is expected because when the heat generation parameter is increased, more heat will be absorbed by the fin which consequently increases the fin temperature.

The results of the present study are compared and verified with the results of our past study using regular perturbation method (RPM) as presented in Tables 1 and 2. The excellent agreements between the two methods are shown as presented in the Tables

Tab. 1:	Comparison of result	s of $\theta(X)$	when M	$\Lambda =$	0.8,
	Nr = 0.2 Sp = 0.0, Pe	=0.			

Х	EXACT	RPM [62]	Difference
0.00	0.64805427	0.64805427	0.00000000
0.20	0.66105862	0.66105862	0.00000000
0.40	0.70059357	0.70059357	0.00000000
0.60	0.76824580	0.76824580	0.00000000
0.80	0.86673043	0.86673043	0.00000000
1.00	1.000000000	1.000000000	0.00000000

**Tab. 2:** Comparison of results of  $\theta(X)$  when Nc = 0.40, Nr = 0.1, Sp= 0.0, Pe=0.0.

Х	EXACT	RPM [62]	Difference
0.00	0.886818883	0.886818884	0.000000001
0.20	0.891256674	0.891256674	0.000000000
0.40	0.904614461	0.904614462	0.000000000
0.60	0.927025934	0.927025934	0.000000000
0.80	0.958715394	0.958715394	0.000000000
1.00	1.000000000	1.000000000	0.000000000

### 6. Conclusion

In this work, the effect of Peclet number on thermal behaviour of a porous fin is investigated. The results showed that the fin temperature increases with increase in the Peclet number. Therefore, it could be stated that when cooling enhancement is needed, it is preferable to use a low Peclet number. Also, under varying Peclet number, the fin thermal distribution decreases as porosity, conductive-convective



Fig. 3: (a) Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, (b) Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2, Effect of Peclet number on the fin thermal behaviour when Nc=0.5 Nr=0.0,  $\theta_a$ =0.3,  $\theta_s$ =0.2.

and conductive-radiative terms increase. However, the temperature of the extended surface increases as internal heat generation, ambient and surface temperatures increase. It is hoped that the present study will help better understanding of the thermal problems in extended surfaces, especially on the effect of Peclet number on moving fin.

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