**Squeezing Flow Analysis of Nanofluid Under the Effects of Magnetic Field and Slip Boundary Conditions Using Chebychev Spectral Collocation Method**

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**Abstract:** In this work, analysis of two-dimensional squeezing flow of a nanofluid under the influences of a uniform transverse magnetic field and slip boundary conditions is carried out using Chebychev spectral collocation method. The analytical solutions are used to investigate the effects of fluid properties, magnetic field and slip parameters on the squeezing flow. It is revealed from the results that the velocity of the fluid increases with increase in the magnetic parameter under the influence of slip condition while an opposite trend is recorded during no-slip condition. Also, the velocity of the fluid increases as the slip parameter increases but it decreases with increase in the magnetic field parameter and Reynolds number under the no-slip condition. The results of the Chebychev spectral collocation method are in excellent agreement with the results of the conventional numerical method using Runge-Kutta coupled with shooting method. The findings in this work can be used to further study the squeezing flow in applications such as power transmission, polymer processing and hydraulic lifts.

**Keywords:** Nanofluid, Squeezing Flow, Slip Boundary, Magnetic Field, Chebychev Collocation Method

1. Introduction

In recent times, the research interests of squeezing flow of fluid between two parallel plates have increased tremendously. This is because of the various industrial and biological applications of squeezing flow such as in moving pistons, chocolate fillers, hydraulic lifts, electric motors, flow inside syringes and nasogastric tubes, compression, injection modeling, power transmission squeezed film and polymers show the important of the area. Although, the pioneer work and the basic formulations of the squeezing flows under lubrication assumptions are given by Stefan [1], there have been improved works on the flow phenomena. However, the earlier studies on squeezing flow were based on Reynolds equation [1-3] in which the insufficiencies for some cases have been shown by Jackson [4] and Usha and Sridharan [5]. Consequently, in recent times, there have been several attempts and renewed research interests by different researchers to properly analyze and understand the squeezing flows using different analytical and numerical methods [5-26]. Also, effects of magnetic field, flow characteristics and fluid properties on the squeezing flow have been widely studied under no-slip conditions [27–42]. However, in polymeric liquids, there is slip at the boundary when the weight of molecule is high. Indisputably, the no-slip boundary condition is not applicable in the flow analysis of such liquid. Additionally, in many cases such as thin film problems, nanofluids, rarefied fluid problems, fluids containing concentrated suspensions, and flow on multiple interfaces, the no-slip boundary condition fails to work. Therefore, Navier [43] proposed the general boundary condition which demonstrates the fluid slip at the surface. The slip condition is of great importance especially when fluids with elastic character are under consideration.
Ebaid [45] studied the effects of magnetic field and wall slip conditions on the peristaltic transport in an asymmetric channel. The influence of slip on the peristaltic motion of third-order fluid in asymmetric channel is studied by Hayat et al. [46]. The effects of slip condition on the rotating flow of a third grade fluid in a non-porous medium are investigated by Hayat and Abelman [47]. Abelman et al. [48] extended their work to a porous medium and obtained the numerical solutions for the steady magnetohydrodynamics flow of a third grade fluid in a rotating frame. The past efforts in analyzing the squeezing flow problems have been largely based on the applications of various approximate analytical methods such as differential transformation method (DTM), Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM), homotopy analysis method (HAM), homotopy perturbation method (HPM), variational iteration method (VIM). Numerical methods such as Euler and Runge–Kutta methods are limited to solving initial value problems. With the aid of shooting method, the methods could be carried out iteratively to solve boundary value problems. However, these numerical methods are only useful for solving ordinary differential equations. On the other hand, numerical methods such as finite difference method (FDM), finite element methods (FEM) and finite volume method (FVM) can be adopted to analyze nonlinear equations with single and multiple independent variables as they have been used to solve different linear and non-linear differential equations in literatures. On the other hand, the fast rate of convergence and a very large converging speed of spectral methods over most of the commonly used numerical methods have been established in the field of numerical simulations. The converging speed of the approximated numerical solution to the primitive problem is faster than any one expressed by any power-index of $N^{-1}$. Numerical methods such as finite element method (FEM) and the finite volume method (FVM) provide linear convergence, while, the spectral methods provide exponential convergence [49, 50]. Spectral methods have been widely applied in computational fluid dynamics [51, 52], electrodynamics [53] and magnetohydrodynamics [54, 55]. From the view of approximation to the original equation, the spectral method can be classified as the collocation method which presents discretization in physical space, the Galerkin method which seeks solution in spectral space, and the pseudo-spectral method which provides discrete integration in physical space at first and then presents transformation into spectral space for seeking the solution. Among the three methods, the collocation method is much more suitable for treating with non-linear problems. Recent numerical work concerned with the solution of non-linear differential equations has also provided more and more evidence of the applicability and accuracy of the Chebyshev collocation method [56-61]. The main advantage of spectral methods lies in their accuracy for a given number of unknowns. For smooth problems in simple geometries, they offer exponential rates of convergence/spectral accuracy [62-64]. Despite the high accuracy and efficiency of the method, it has not been significantly applied to nonlinear heat transfer problems. Therefore, in the paper, axisymmetric magnetohydrodynamic squeezing flow of nanofluid in porous media under the influence of slip boundary condition is analyzed using Chebychev spectral collocation method. Also, the effects of the various flow parameters on the squeezing flow are investigated.

### 2. Problem Formulation

Consider a squeezing flow of an incompressible Newtonian fluid with constant density $\rho$ and viscosity $\mu$, squeezed between two large planar parallel plates separated by a small distance $2h$ approaching each other with a low constant velocity $v$ in the presence of a magnetic field, as shown in Figure 1.

![Figure 1. Model of the squeezing flow of nanofluid under transverse uniform magnetic field.](image)

Assume that the flow is quasi steady, and the Navier-Stokes equations governing such flow when inertial terms are retained, the equations of motion governing the flow are:

\[ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \]  
\[ \rho_{nf} \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\nabla \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla p + \mu_{nf} \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mu_{nf} \mathbf{v}}{k} - \sigma \mathbf{B}_0^2 \mathbf{v} \]  

where

\[ \rho_{nf} = \rho_f (1 - \phi) + \rho_s \phi \]  
\[ \mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}} \]

For axial symmetry, $\mathbf{v}$ is represented by $\mathbf{v} = (v_r, 0, v_z)$, the Navier-Stokes equation [1, 6, and 10] in cylindrical coordinates with negligible body force are given by:
\[
\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v_r}{r} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0
\]
(3)

\[-\rho \left( \tilde{\nabla} \times \tilde{w} \right) + \tilde{\nabla} \left( \frac{\rho \tilde{v}}{2} + p \right) + \frac{\mu}{k} \tilde{v} = -\sigma B_0^2 \tilde{v}
\]
(4)

where

\[
\Omega (r, z) = -\frac{1}{r} E^2 \psi
\]
(5)

Introducing the stream function \( \psi (r, z) \), gives

\[
v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}, \quad v_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}. \]
(6)

Eliminating the pressure term from Eqs. (3) and (4), one arrives at

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial (r, z)} \left[ \frac{\partial (\psi E^2 \psi / r^2)}{\partial (r, z)} \right] = -\frac{\mu}{r} E^4 \psi + \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\mu}{k} + \sigma B_0^2 \right) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2}
\]
(7)

where

\[
E^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}
\]
(8)

The compatibility Eq. (7) reduces to Eq. (9) after defining the stream function as \( p = \frac{\rho \mu}{2} \left( v_r^2 + v_z^2 \right) \)

\[
f^{(m)} (z) = \left[ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right] f'' (z) + \frac{2 \rho \mu}{\mu} f (z) f'' (z) = 0
\]
(9)

And the slip boundary conditions are

\[
f(0) = 0, \quad f' (0) = 0,
\]
\[
f(h) = \frac{v}{2}, \quad f'(h) = \beta f'' (h)
\]
(10)

Using the following dimensionless parameters in Eq. (11)

\[
F^* = \frac{f}{v/2}, \quad z^* = \frac{z}{h}, \quad \text{Re} = \frac{\rho f H v}{\mu f},
\]
\[
G = h \left[ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\mu} \right] = \sqrt{(Da + m^2)}
\]
(11)

and omitting the * for the sake of conveniences, Eq. (9) and Eq. (10) becomes

\[
f^{(m)} (z) + \text{Re} \left[ (1-\phi) + \phi \frac{\mu}{\rho f} \right] (1-\phi)^2 F^* (z) F'' (z) - G^2 F'' (z) = 0
\]
(12)

And the boundary conditions are

\[
F(0) = 0, \quad F' (0) = 0,
\]
\[
F(1) = 1, \quad F'(1) = \gamma F'' (1)
\]
(13)

With \( \gamma = \beta / h \) and \( R, m \) are Reynolds and Hartmann numbers respectively.

3. The Procedure of Chebychev Collocation Spectral Method

The nonlinearity in governing equation Eqs. (12) makes it very difficult to develop a closed-form solution to the nonlinear equation. Therefore, in this work, a spectral collocation method of the Chebyshev type is employed to solve the heat transfer equation. The Chebyshev collocation spectral method is based on the expansion by virtue of the Chebyshev polynomials. At first, it expands the variable at collocation points and seeks the variable derivatives at these points, then substitutes the expansions into the differential equations and finally seeks the approximated solution in physical space. This means that Chebyshev collocation spectral method is accomplished through, starting with Chebyshev approximation for the approximate solution and generating approximations for the higher-order derivatives through successive differentiation of the approximate solution.

Looking for an approximate solution, which is a global Chebyshev polynomial of degree \( N \) defined on the interval \([-1, 1]\), the interval is discretized by using collocation points to define the Chebyshev nodes in \([-1, 1]\), namely

\[
x_j = \cos \left( \frac{j \pi}{N} \right), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, ..., N
\]
(14)

The derivatives of the functions at the collocation points are given by:

\[
f^n (x_j) = \sum_{j=0}^{N} d_{ij} f (x_j), \quad n = 1, 2.
\]
(15)

where \( d_{ij} \) represents the differential matrix of order \( n \) and are given by

\[
d_{ij} = \frac{4 \gamma_j}{N} \sum_{n=0, l=0, n+l=odd}^{N} \frac{n \gamma_i}{c_l} T_n (x_j),
\]
(16a)
\[
\gamma_j = 0, 1, ..., N,
\]
\[
d_{ij} = \frac{2 \gamma_j}{N} \sum_{n=0, l=0, n+l=even}^{N} \frac{n \gamma_i}{c_l} T_n (x_j),
\]
(16b)
\[
k, j = 0, 1, ..., N,
\]

where \( T_n (x_j) \) are the Chebyshev polynomial and coefficients \( \gamma_j \) and \( c_l \) are defined as:
As described above, the Chebyshev polynomials are defined on the finite interval \([-1, 1]\). Therefore, to apply Chebyshev spectral method to Eq. (12), we make a suitable linear transformation and transform the physical domain \([-1, 1]\) to Chebyshev computational domain \([-1,1]\). We sample the unknown function \(w\) at the Chebyshev points to obtain the data vector \(w = [w(x_1), w(x_2), \ldots, w(x_N)]^T\). The next step is to find a Chebyshev polynomial \(P\) of degree \(N\) that interpolates the data \(i.e., P(x_j) = w_j, j = 0, 1, \ldots, N\) and obtains the spectral derivative vector \(w\) by differentiating \(P\) and evaluating at the grid points \(i.e., w_j = P(x_j) = w_j, j = 0, 1, \ldots, N\). This transforms the nonlinear differential equation into system nonlinear algebraic equations, which are solved by Newton’s iterative method starting with an initial guess.

Making a suitable transformation to map the physical domain \([0, 1]\) to a computational domain \([-1,1]\) to facilitate our computations.

Eqs. (14) are transformed to the following equations:

\[
\hat{F}(z) + \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{F}(z) - G(\gamma) \hat{F}(z) = 0 \tag{18}
\]

And the slip boundary conditions are:

\[
\hat{F}(0) = 0, \quad \hat{F}'(0) = 0, \quad \hat{F}(1) = 1, \quad \hat{F}'(1) = \gamma \hat{F}'(1) \tag{19}
\]

After applying CSCM to Eq. (15) and the boundary conditions in Eq. (16), the governing equation and boundary conditions are transformed into a system of nonlinear algebraic equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\sum_{j=0}^{N} d_{j}^{(2)} \hat{F}(\eta_j) + & \rho \sum_{j=0}^{N} d_{j}^{(1)} \hat{F}(\eta_j) + \left(1 - \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \hat{F}(\eta_j) = 0 \\
\sum_{j=0}^{N} d_{j}^{(3)} \hat{F}(\eta_j) - & G \sum_{j=0}^{N} d_{j}^{(2)} \hat{F}(\eta_j) = 0
\end{align*} \tag{20}
\]

4. Results and Discussion

The above procedures show the analysis of a steady two-dimensional axisymmetric flow of a nanofluid fluid under the influence of a uniform transverse magnetic field with slip boundary condition. Using CSCM, a closed form series solution was obtained as it provides excellent approximations to the solution of the non-linear equation with excellent accuracy as shown in Table 1. Also, the Table depicts the prediction of the fluid velocity by including the slip parameter in the model. From the results in the Table, there is an over-prediction of the flow velocity when the slip parameter, \(\gamma\) is assumed zero or neglected i.e. when there is an assumption of no slip in the flow process.

![Figure 2. Effects of magnetic parameter on the flow behavior of the fluid under the influence of slip condition.](image-url)
In order to get an insight into the problem, the effects of pertinent flow, magnetic field and slip parameters on the velocity profile of the fluid are investigated. Figure 2 shows the effects of magnetic field parameter, Hartmann number $m$ on the velocity of the fluid under the influence of slip condition, while Figure 3 depicts the influence of the magnetic field parameter on the velocity of the fluid under no-slip condition. It could be inferred from the figures that the velocity of the fluid increases with increase in the magnetic parameter under slip condition while an opposite trend was recorded during no-slip condition.

Figure 4 shows the influence of the slip parameter on the fluid velocity. By increasing the slip parameter, it is observed that the velocity of the fluid increases. Figure 5 presents the effects of Reynold’s number on the velocity of the fluid. It is observed from the figure that by increasing the value $R$, the velocity of the fluid decreases.

5. Conclusion

In this work, Chebychev spectral collocation method has been applied to analyze two-dimensional squeezing flow of a nanofluid under the influence of a uniform transverse magnetic field and slip boundary condition. The approximate analytical solutions have been used to investigate the influence of pertinent model parameters on the squeezing flow. The results that the velocity of the fluid increases with increase in the magnetic parameter under the influence of slip condition while an opposite trend is recorded during no-slip condition. Also, the velocity of the fluid increases as the slip parameter increases but it decreases with increase in the magnetic field parameter and Reynold number under the no-slip condition. The verification of the Chebychev spectral collocation method revealed excellent agreement and accuracy between the results of approximate analytical method and numerical method. The results in this work can be used to further study the squeezing flow in applications such as power transmission, polymer processing and hydraulic lifts.

Nomenclature

- $b$: induced magnetic fields
- $B$: total magnetic field
- $Bo$: imposed magnetic field
- $E$: electric field
- $h$: half of the gap distance between the plates
- $J$: electric current density
- $M$: Hartmann number
- $p$: pressure
- $r$: radius of the pipe
- $Re$: Reynold number
- $t$: time
- $T$: Cauchy stress tensor
- $u$: velocity component in r-direction
- $v$: velocity component in z-direction
\[ z \text{ axis perpendicular to plates} \]
\[ \rho \text{ density of the fluid} \]
\[ \sigma \text{ electrical conductivity} \]
\[ \gamma \text{ slip parameter} \]
\[ \mu_m \text{ magnetic permeability} \]
\[ \nabla \text{ material time derivatives,} \]
\[ \mu \text{ dynamic viscosity} \]

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