Hybrid Nanofluid Flow in a Porous Medium with Second-Order Velocity Slip, Suction and Heat Absorption

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Abstract

The foremost objective of this study is to reflect the behaviour of hybrid nanofluid towards a permeable porous medium, with consideration of second-order velocity slip and heat absorption impacts on the fluid flow. Two distinct fluids of copper (Cu) and aluminium oxide (Al₂O₃) are reviewed in this study to work out as a hybrid nanofluid flow. The equations of boundary layer flow in the form of partial differential equations are reduced to a system of ODEs by conducting a similarity transformation technique, and the findings that obtained from this study are presented in the respective tables and figures. The effects of involving parameters such as suction, porous medium permeability, heat absorption and second order velocity slip are perceived, as well as our intention in observing the impact of traditional nanofluid and hybrid nanofluid on the fluid flow. Our findings revealed that the hybrid Cu-Al₂O₃/water nanofluid performs well on the fluid flow behaviour against the mono Al₂O₃/water nanofluid. Moreover, the participating parameters of porous medium permeability, suction and nanoparticle volume fraction are said to improve the boundary layer thickness, while second-order velocity slip parameter is deemed to decay the fluid flow.

Keywords: hybrid nanofluid; porous medium; free convection; second-order velocity slip; suction.
1 Introduction

Nowadays, various ways of enhancing heat transfer such as changing boundary conditions, flow geometry or thermal conductivity of the fluid are proposed. However, the large size of the suspended particles may result in erosion and microchannels logging. Hence, the smaller sized particles, or nanoparticles, are proposed as in the case of nanofluids. Nanofluids are used to increase the effectiveness of thermal conductivity on base fluid like water, ethylene glycol, kerosene and others. Copper, oxides, carbides, nitrides, and materials that are chemically stable are among of those generated in nanoparticles. The materials in nanofluids which are in nanometer size possess unique chemical and physical properties. They can flow through micro-channels smoothly without clogging because of their sufficiently small to similar behave as liquid molecules. This fact of nanofluids has attracted much research in this area of heat transfer investigations. Choi and Eastman [3] showed that a small number of nanoparticles added into the system can double up the performance of thermal conductivity in the fluids. Recently, an extensive combination of two nanoparticles was carried out by many researchers due to its great significance impact in various industries, including generator cooling management, microfluidics, naval structures, medical lubrication, and solar heating. The combination of these two nanoparticles conjoint a technique known as ‘hybrid nanofluid’. In modern industries applications, Nieh et al. [17] used TiO$_2$ and Al$_2$O$_3$ in an air-cooled radiator to increase the heat dissipation, while Hung et al. [11] described the influence of hybrid nanoliquids in an air-cooled heat exchanger (ACHE), see Figure 1.

Figure 1: Liquid CPU cooler heat exchanger with hybrid nanoliquids, see Hung et al. [11].
The reason of this combination is due to the weakness that each nanoparticle should bares. For instance, aluminium oxide ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$) has beneficial features like good chemical inertness and stability but exhibits lower thermal conductivity ($k = 40$). In a contrary, other metallic nanoparticles such as copper (Cu) and silver (Ag) are benefited with great thermal conductivities (Cu with $k = 401$, Ag with $k = 429$). Due to this, the bad condition of Al$_2$O$_3$ can stabilize when the combination of Cu and Al$_2$O$_3$; or Ag and Al$_2$O$_3$; is carried out. In a bigger scope, the vulnerable side of one material can be balance out by a properly composition of two nanomaterials, and thus enhance the positive features of each other. Hence, this combination of hybrid nanofluid was initiated to perform better due to its physical properties, and yet able to minimize the production cost, as explained by Ghadikolaei et al. [8]. Many previous reports and experimental studies claimed remarkable results based on the hybrid nanofluid performances, such as by Suresh et al. [19], where they elaborated the hybrid Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$/water nanofluid and its thermophysical properties by using two step method. Their proposed study created a new nanomaterial concept design, and thus positively performed on the properties of mechanical and thermal. Devi and Devi [6] performed a study on the effect of suction in Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$/water over a stretching sheet with hydro-magnetic. From this study, they intended to conclude that the fluid flow is consistent and improves the rate of heat transfer by considering hybrid nanofluid under the magnetic field environment. Usman et al. [21] examined a study of nonlinear radiation and variable thermal conductivity on a permeable surface of hybrid Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$/water nanofluid, where they finalised that the impact of hybrid Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$ nanofluid gives more dominance on velocity and temperature profiles as compared to single Al$_2$O$_3$/water nanoparticle and single Cu/water nanoparticle. Another work on hybrid nanofluid flow was successfully reported by Chu et al. [4] and their study concluded that the nanoparticle fraction uplifted the velocity in assisting flow while decelerating in opposing flow. Ezhil et al. [7] then reported that the hybrid nanofluid is best to use as a heater with growing magnetic parameter, while Yan et al. [25] explained the existence of dual solutions is possessed, but do not exist beyond the critical value of suction and magnetic parameters at the same time.

On the other hand, the concept of hybrid nanofluid flow in a porous medium attracts much considerable interest due to its application scenarios in heat transfer theory and thus, since the porosity structure is encountered in many conditions and applications, including in technology and nature. The significance of hybrid nanofluid in porous channel has been considered by Das et al. [5] with consideration of MHD and entropy generation. The result of theirs concluded the hybrid nanofluid possesses a positive performance through thermal conductivities in the rate of heat transfer augmentation. Waini et al. [23] analyzed the mixed convection of a hybrid nanofluid flow embedded in a porous medium past a vertical surface, and they concluded the appearance of nanoparticle volume parameter enhances the rate of heat transfer. Lund et al. [15] then confirmed that by comparison of hybrid nanofluid, viscous fluid and mono-nanofluid with a porous medium, hybrid nanofluid showed the most efficient method in cooling processes due to hybrid nanoparticle volume fraction of copper-alumina possessed the highest boundary layer separation and thus elevate the fluid flow. Haider et al. [10] then scrutinised the conclusion of porosity parameter does the elevation of skin friction coefficient. Jamshed et al. [13] later examined a silver-copper nanoparticle dispersed on non-Newtonian engine oil in a Williamson porous medium with shape factor over a stretching surface, while Venkateswarlu and Narayana [22] explored a hybrid nanofluid flow over a porous stretching sheet due to temperature-dependent viscosity and viscous dissipation.

The significance of permeable surface (suction/injection) in a fluid flow is to affect and change the heat transfer rate from the fluid surface. Al-Sanea [2] explained that the suction is a method of physically increase the rate of heat transfer and skin friction coefficient, while injection tends to decrease both. The appearance of suction/injection through the surface, such as in electronic or engine cooling system, is applied widely in various engineering and technical applications. A suction machine, for instance, is also known as aspirator and presented widely as a medical device.
that is primarily used for removing obstructions such as blood, mucus or saliva. This characteristic of suction/injection that practically essential attracted researchers and academicians to work the hybrid nanofluid flow over a permeable surface. The study of hybrid nanofluid flow over a permeable stretching/shrinking surface with MHD and radiation is successfully scrutinized by Yashkun et al. [26], while Abu Bakar et al. [1] examined the flow of hybrid nanofluid past a permeable shrinking sheet in a Darcy-Forchheimer porous medium. Recently, Gokulavani et al. [9] explained in their study that suction possessed efficient rate of heat transfer compared to injection. The Nusselt number is also reported to be increase by 2% with the addition of nanofluidic volume particle.

In view of the aforementioned literatures, we intend to analyze the hybrid nanofluids of copper (Cu)/water and aluminium oxide (Al₂O₃)/water flow embedded in a porous medium with the appearance of suction, second-order velocity slip and internal heat absorption. Our mathematical models in this recent work are thoroughly under the assumption by Manjunatha et al. [16] where we extend the flow with conditions of second-order velocity slip and suction on the boundary limitations. In addition, we associated with three research questions that arise throughout this study:

1. Which model of nanoparticle between mono and hybrid that achieves better behaviour on the fluid flow?
2. Does velocity slip parameters \(d_1\) and \(d_2\) improve or decay the thermal transmittance and fluid flow?
3. Does suction parameter \(S\) improve or decay the thermal transmittance and fluid flow?

Hence, this current research will provide the answers and outcomes on the three research questions. A system of ordinary differential equations ODEs is deducted from a governing set of partial differential equations PDEs to work as a current mathematical model with the consideration of similarity transformation technique, and the results are solved numerically with the aid of shooting technique via Maple software. In the following sections, the model is formulated, analyzed and numerically solved. The results of all profiles are graphically presented and thoroughly discussed.

2 Current Mathematical Formulation

2.1 Modelling of the Fluid Flow

Let us consider a theoretical analysis on the steady and incompressible permeability of a porous medium and second-order velocity slip boundary layer through a water grounded by Cu-Al₂O₃ nanoparticles in the presence of internal heat absorption and permeable surface. We employed the Boussinesq approximation and the local thermal equilibrium with homogeneity in the porous medium are presumed. Figure 2 presented the geometry sketch of the hybrid nanofluid flow with permeable and velocity slip surrounded on the boundary limitations. With foregoing assumptions, the continuity, momentum and energy equations of hybrid nanofluid flow are written as
\[
\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (1)
\]

\[
\rho_{hnf} \left( u_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + v_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} \right) = \mu_{hnf} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} - \frac{u_1}{\kappa} \right) + \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \mu_{hnf}}{\partial y}, \quad (2)
\]

\[
(\rho C_p)_{hnf} \left( u_1 \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial x} + v_1 \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial y} \right) = k_{hnf} \frac{\partial^2 T_1}{\partial y^2} + Q_1 (T_1 - T_\infty). \quad (3)
\]

The appropriate boundary conditions are as follows:

\[
\begin{cases}
    u_1 = u_w + u_{slip}, \quad v_1 = v_w, \quad T_1 = T_w \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0, \\
    u_1 \to 0, \quad v_1 \to 0, \quad T_1 \to T_\infty \quad \text{as} \quad y \to \infty. 
\end{cases} \quad (4)
\]

Here the velocity components of hybrid nanofluid are presented by \( u_1 \) and \( v_1 \) along the \( x \)- and \( y \)-directions, respectively, while \( \rho, \mu, C_p, k \) represent density, dynamic viscosity, thermal capacity, thermal conductivity, with \( hnf \) notes the hybrid nanoparticles, respectively, \( \kappa \) is porous medium permeability, the rate of heat generation/absorption denoted by \( Q_1 \) with \( Q_1 > 0 \) being heat generation and \( Q_1 < 0 \) is heat absorption, \( T_1 \) is the temperature of hybrid nanofluid, \( T_\infty \) is the ambient of hybrid nanofluid temperature, as well as the velocity slip factor and velocity of suction are represented by \( u_w \) and \( v_w \), accordingly. The respective hybrid nanofluid thermophysical properties are listed in Table 1, while the thermophysical properties values of nanoparticles are exhibited in Table 2.
Table 1: Thermophysical models of hybrid nanofluids.

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<tr>
<th>Properties</th>
<th>Hybrid Nanofluid</th>
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<td>Density</td>
<td>( \rho_{hnf} = (1 - \phi_2)[(1 - \phi_1)\rho_f + \phi_1 \rho_{s1}] + \phi_2 \rho_{s2} )</td>
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<td>Dynamic viscosity</td>
<td>( \mu_{hnf} = \frac{(1 - \phi_1)^{2.5}(1 - \phi_2)^{2.5}}{\mu_f} )</td>
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<td>Heat capacity</td>
<td>( (\rho C_p)<em>{hnf} = (1 - \phi_2)[(1 - \phi_1)(\rho C_p)<em>f + \phi_1(\rho C_p)</em>{s1}] + \phi_2(\rho C_p)</em>{s2} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thermal conductivity</td>
<td>( \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_f} = \frac{k_{s2} + 2k_{nf} + \phi_2(k_{nf} - k_{s2})}{k_{s1} + 2k_f + \phi_1(k_f - k_{s1})} ) where ( \frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} = \frac{k_{s1} + 2k_{nf} - 2\phi_1(k_{nf} - k_{s1})}{k_{s1} + 2k_f + \phi_1(k_f - k_{s1})} )</td>
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As suggested by Wu [24] and Ibrahim [12], the slip velocity \( u_{slip} \) is introduced as

\[
 u_{slip} = \alpha \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} + \beta \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2}, \tag{5}
\]

where \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are constants. In order to reduce the PDEs in Equations (1)-(3), the following dimensionless variables are instigated by

\[
 u_1 = \frac{u_0 x}{1 - \xi} f'(\eta), \quad v_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{u_0 \nu_f}{1 - \xi}} f(\eta), \quad \theta(\eta) = \frac{T_1 - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \tag{6}
\]

where \( \eta \) is similarity variable and defined as \( \eta = y\sqrt{\frac{u_0}{\nu_f(1 - \xi)}} \). The dimensionless variables in Equation (6), together with similarity variable \( \eta \), are proposed based on the standard application for the reduction of similarity transformation as in Equations (1)-(3).

Due to this, Equation (1) is clearly satisfied, and Equations (2)-(3) can reduced to

\[
 f'''' - K f' - A_1 f f'' + A_1 f f'' = 0, \tag{7}
\]

\[
 \frac{k_{hnf}}{k_f} \theta'' + A_2 Prf \theta' + Pr G \theta = 0, \tag{8}
\]

and the boundary limitation as in Equation (4) is imposed to

\[
 \begin{cases}
 f(0) = S, & f'(0) = 1 + d_1 f''(0) + d_2 f'''(0), \quad \theta(0) = 1, \\
 f'(\infty) \to 0, & \theta(\infty) \to 0, 
\end{cases} \tag{9}
\]

Table 2: Value of thermophysical properties for \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \) and corresponding nanoparticles.

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<tr>
<th>Physical Properties</th>
<th>Density, ( \rho )</th>
<th>Thermal capacity, ( C_p )</th>
<th>Thermal conductivity, ( k )</th>
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<tr>
<td>( \text{H}_2\text{O} )</td>
<td>997.1</td>
<td>4179</td>
<td>0.613</td>
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<td>( \text{Cu} )</td>
<td>8933</td>
<td>385</td>
<td>401</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 )</td>
<td>3970</td>
<td>765</td>
<td>40</td>
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where \( K \) is porous medium permeability parameter, \( Pr \) is the local Prandtl number, \( G \) is heat absorption parameter, suction parameter is \( S \), while the first-order and second-order velocity slips parameters are represented by \( d_1 \) and \( d_2 \), accordingly, which are defined as

\[
\begin{align*}
K &= \frac{\nu_f (1 - \xi)}{u_0 \kappa}, \\
Pr &= \frac{\nu_f (\rho C_p)}{k_f}, \\
G &= \frac{Q_1 (1 - \xi)}{u_0 (\rho C_p)} f, \\
S &= -\frac{\nu w_1 - \xi}{\nu_f}, \\
d_1 &= \alpha \sqrt{\frac{u_0}{\nu_f}}, \\
d_2 &= \beta \sqrt{\frac{u_0}{\nu_f}},
\end{align*}
\] (10)

and the notation of \( A_1 \) and \( A_2 \) are denoted as

\[
\begin{align*}
A_1 &= \frac{1}{(1 - \phi_1)^2 [1 - \phi_2]^{2.5} (1 - \phi_2) (1 - \phi_1) + \phi_1 \left( \frac{\rho s_1}{\rho f} \right) + \phi_2 \left( \frac{\rho s_2}{\rho f} \right)}, \\
A_2 &= \left\{ (1 - \phi_2) \left[ (1 - \phi_1) + \phi_1 \left( \frac{\rho C_p s_1}{\rho C_p f} \right) \right] + \phi_2 \left( \frac{\rho C_p s_2}{\rho C_p f} \right) \right\}.
\end{align*}
\] (11)

Here \( \phi \) is volume particle parameter, where \( \phi_1 \) being nanoparticle parameter for Cu and \( \phi_2 \) being nanoparticle parameter for Al\(_2\)O\(_3\).

2.2 Important Physical Quantities

The skin friction factor \( C_f \) and the specific Nusselt number \( Nu_x \) are the substantial important quantities regarding on the heat transfer, which are obtained as

\[
\begin{align*}
C_f &= \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_f u_0^2}, \\
Nu_x &= \frac{x q_w}{k_f (T_w - T_\infty)},
\end{align*}
\] (12)

where the surface shear stress along the sheet is \( \tau_w \) and the surface heat flux at the wall is \( q_w \), which are given by

\[
\begin{align*}
\tau_w &= \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} \mu_{hf}, \\
q_w &= -\left( \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} k_{hf}.
\end{align*}
\] (13)

Implementing Equation (6) in Equation (12), we finally have

\[
\begin{align*}
C_f Re_x^{1/2} &= \frac{1}{(1 - \phi_1)^2 [1 - \phi_2]^{2.5} f''(0)}, \\
Nu_x Re_x^{-1/2} &= -\frac{k_{hf}}{k_f} \theta'(0),
\end{align*}
\] (14)

where the local Reynolds number is denoted as \( Re_x = \frac{u_w x}{\nu_f} \).
3 Results and Discussions

3.1 Comparative Analysis

The flow of hybrid Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$/H$_2$O nanofluid and free convection in a permeable non-Darcy porous medium with internal heat absorption and second order velocity slip is numerically studied in this current problem. The number of nanoparticles in this study is assumed to be 5% (volume of 0.05) for Cu, 2% (volume of 0.02) for Al$_2$O$_3$ and 93% (volume of 0.93) for H$_2$O, in order to prepare the hybrid nanofluid form. To validate the accuracy of our current findings, Table 3 listed the comparison of skin friction coefficient analysis $C_f\sqrt{Re_x}$ between our present result, Oyelakin et al. [18] and Tulu and Ibrahim [20]; while Table 4 presented the comparison of temperature gradient analysis $Nu_xRe_x^{-1/2}$ between Manjunatha et al. [16], Khan and Pop [14] and present finding. Other parameters, including volume particle parameter, are fixed to be 0% in order to perceive the comparison. Based on these comparisons, we discovered a good consensus throughout the numerical findings and this leads confidence in the numerical results to be investigated subsequently.

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<th>$d_1$</th>
<th>Present outcome</th>
<th>Oyelakin et al. [18]</th>
<th>Tulu and Ibrahim [20]</th>
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<tr>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>1.000022</td>
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<td>0.3</td>
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<td>5.0</td>
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<td>0.7</td>
<td>0.453980</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
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<td>70.0</td>
<td>6.462194</td>
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Further, the comparisons of skin friction coefficient $C_f\sqrt{Re_x}$ and the local Nusselt number $Nu_xRe_x^{-1/2}$ between mono Al$_2$O$_3$/water nanofluid ($\phi_1 = 0\%$, $\phi_2 = 2\%$) and hybrid Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$/H$_2$O nanofluid ($\phi_1 = 5\%$, $\phi_2 = 2\%$) are displayed in Figures 3 and 4, respectively. The numbers of $C_f\sqrt{Re_x}$ and $Nu_xRe_x^{-1/2}$ tend to enhance gradually with the increasing amount of suction parameter $S$ and first-order velocity slip $d_1$. In addition, we observe that the hybrid Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$/water nanofluid impact on the boundary layer thickness tends to show a promising improvement rather than the traditional Al$_2$O$_3$/water nanoparticle. This positive improvement of fluid behaviour can
be related to numerous works and reports that claiming the benefit of hybrid nanofluid in improving heat transfer rate, as emphasized by Ghadikolaei et al. [8]. Hence, we are positively agreed that the form of hybrid nanofluid can display a greater performance in the fluid flow rather than traditional nanofluid.

![Figure 3: Skin friction coefficient $C_f \sqrt{Re_x}$ against $d_1$ when $S = 0.3$ and $S = 0.7$.](image)

![Figure 4: Local heat transfer rate $Nu_x Re_x^{-1/2}$ against $d_1$ when $S = 0.3$ and $S = 0.7$.](image)

### 3.2 Physical Description of Fluid Profiles

The behaviour of velocity profiles $f'(\eta)$ with second-order velocity slip parameter $d_2$ is displayed in Figure 5 where we observed the decreasing pattern of the boundary layer flow. Tulu and Ibrahim [20] explained that the parameter of $d_2$ improves the fluid motion resistance, which decrease the field of fluid flow and the hybrid nanofluid boundary layer thickness. Hence, the
consideration of second-order velocity slip condition in the flow of hybrid nanofluid especially in the nanotechnology sectors should not be neglected and derelict as it can plays a very important subject in the respective field. Figure 6 plotted the profiles of hybrid nanofluid velocity $f'(\eta)$ versus several numbers of porous medium permeability parameter $K$, where we confirmed that the thickness of boundary layer is improving against the additional number of $K$. The reason behind this increasing pattern is due to more fluid speed is scrutinized in entire fluid region when additional permeability is applied. Further, Figure 7 illustrated the temperature profiles $\theta\eta$ against several numbers of heat absorption parameter $G$. The thermal boundary layer thickness enhances when $G$ increases, due to more heat in the fluid is produced and this causes a stronger boundary layer thickness and higher temperature, simultaneously.
Figure 7: Temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$ with heat absorption parameter $G$.

Figure 8 is plotted to display the effect of Cu-nanoparticle volume parameter $\phi_1$ hybrid nanofluid velocity profiles $f'(\eta)$, while Figure 9 presented the temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$ against the same parameters. It is obviously noted that both profiles increase when we improves the $\phi_1$ from 0% to 10% due to higher nanoparticles in the fluid system that enhances the resistance and improving both boundary layer thickness at the same time. Further, Figures 10 and 11 illustrated the $f'(\eta)$ and $\theta(\eta)$, accordingly, against the effect of suction parameter $S$. Since the other parameters are in a constant value, we notified that the impact of $S$ will enhances the hybrid nanofluid velocity but performs a reverse behaviour through temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$. The reason of this pattern might be explained by demonstrating the added number of $S$ will stabilizes the growth of boundary layer. However, the decaying pattern of thermal transmittance in Figures 11 may be elaborated by the $S$ parameter seems to decelerate the fluid particles along the porous wall and thus retards the heat transfer broadening.
Figure 9: Temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$ with Cu-nanoparticle volume parameter $\phi_1$.

Figure 10: Velocity profiles $f'(\eta)$ with suction parameter $S$.

Figure 11: Temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$ with suction parameter $S$. 
The influence of Prandtl number $Pr$ on temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$ is depicted in Figure 12. This figure displayed the thermal boundary layer thickness to decrease against the additional numbers of $Pr$. It is noticeable that Prandtl number represents the ratio of momentum diffusivity against thermal diffusivity, where any increasing number of $Pr$ corresponds the fluid to generate weaker thermal diffusivity. Hence, the thickness of thermal boundary layer in fluid flow corresponding to a large number of $Pr$ is considered small and less efficient to compared with lesser amount of Prandtl number in any fluid system. Nevertheless, the importance of Prandtl number should not be underestimated as $Pr$ plays a significant role in cooling process where it was used to control the thermal and momentum boundary layer thicknesses.

**Figure 12: Temperature profiles $\theta(\eta)$ with Prandtl number $Pr$.**

4 Conclusions

In this current study, we analyzed and thoroughly discussed the study of natural convection of hybrid nanofluid conjoined by Cu-Al$_2$O$_3$ nanoparticles while H$_2$O worked as a base fluid in a permeable non-Darcy porous medium with consideration of second-order velocity slip and internal heat absorption. The mathematical outputs were obtained by converting the respective PDEs into ODEs with a method of similarity transformation. The final outcomes throughout this work include

i) It is found that the performance of boundary layer flow reflects better with the hybrid of two distinct nanoparticles between copper (Cu) and aluminium oxide (Al$_2$O$_3$), rather than the impact of mono aluminium oxide (Al$_2$O$_3$) nanoparticle.

ii) The skin friction coefficient factor $C_f$ and the local Nusselt number $Nu_x$ are improving alongside the nanoparticles of hybrid nanofluid.

iii) It is monitored that volume particle parameter $\phi$, porous medium permeability parameter $K$ and suction parameter $S$ contribute the fluid velocity of nanofluids to rise, except the second-order velocity slip parameter $d_2$. 

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iv) Volume particle parameter $\phi$ and heat absorption parameter $G$ tend to enhance the rate of thermal transmittance, while a declining pattern is observed against the suction parameter $S$ and Prandtl number $Pr$.

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