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The consideration of the stagnation point flow over a stretching/shrinking sheet in carbon nanotubes (CNTs) is investigated. Mathematical models are derived for three boundary layer flow problems over a linearly, nonlinearly and exponentially stretching/shrinking sheet in CNTs with the presence of slip at the surface. Both single- and multi-wall CNTs are used along with two base fluids which are water and kerosene. Similarity transformation are used to transform the partial differential equations into a nonlinear ordinary differential equations. The stability analysis is derived for linear case by introducing the partial differential equations in unsteady case. These equations are then solved by using bvp4c solver in Matlab.

Numerical results of skin friction coefficient and local Nusselt number are exhibited in forms of table and graph and also for profiles of velocity and temperature for a range of numerous parameters such as Prandtl number Pr , CNTs volume fraction φ , velocity slip parameter σ , thermal slip parameter σ_t , heat generation parameter Q , suction/injection parameter S , stretching/shrinking parameter ϵ and nonlinear parameter β . These parameters are observed to have a major influence on coefficient of skin friction and the local Nusselt number which illustrates the rate of heat transfer at the surface. The results show that solutions for shrinking sheet are dual solutions while unique solutions for stretching sheet. It is noticed that slip parameter, suction/injection parameter and nonlinear parameter widens the range in which the dual solutions exist. Furthermore, the first solution is found stable meanwhile the second solution is unstable and it is obtained by performing a stability analysis.

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Pertimbangan aliran titik gengangan pada permukaan meregang atau mengecut dalam karbon nanotub (KNT) disiasat. Model matematik diterbitkan bagi tiga masalah dalam aliran putaran lapisan sempadan terhadap permukaan meregang atau mengecut dalam KNT secara linear, tak linear dan eksponen dengan kehadiran kesan slip pada permukaan. Kedua-dua satu- dan pelbagai-dinding KNT digunakan bersama dua bendalir asas iaitu air dan minyak tanah. Penjelmaan keserupaan digunakan untuk menjelmakan persamaan perbezaan separa kepada persamaan perbezaan biasa tak linear. Analisis kestabilan diperolehi dengan memperkenalkan persamaan pembezaan separa dalam kes aliran tak mantap. Persamaan ini seterusnya diselesaikan dengan menggunakan kaedah `bvp4c` dalam perisian Matlab.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

a, b constants

C_f	skin-friction coefficient
C_p	specific heat at constant pressure
f	dimensionless stream function
k	thermal conductivity
Nu_x	local Nusselt number
Pr	Prandtl number
q_w	surface heat flux
Re_x	local Reynolds number
T	fluid temperature
T_w	plate temperature
T_∞	ambient temperature
u, v	velocity components along the x - and y - direction
U_w	stretching/shrinking velocity
U_∞	ambient fluid velocity
x, y	Cartesian coordinates measured along the plate and normal to it
S	suction/injection parameter
Q	heat generation parameter

Greek symbols

α	thermal diffusivity
φ	carbon nanotube volume fraction
η	similarity variable
ν	kinematic viscosity
μ	dynamic viscosity
θ	dimensionless temperature
ε	stretching/shrinking parameter
σ	velocity slip parameter
σ_t	thermal slip parameter
ρ_f	fluid density
ρ_{CNT}	carbon nanotube density
$(\rho C_p)_f$	heat capacity of the fluid
$(\rho C_p)_{CNT}$	heat capacity of the carbon nanotube
τ_w	shear stress
ψ	stream function

Subscripts

c	critical value
w	condition at the surface of the plate
∞	ambient condition
nf	nanofluid
f	fluid
CNT	carbon nanotube



CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Throughout physics and engineering, fluid dynamics is a subdiscipline of fluid mechanics that explains the flow of fluids liquids and gases. They have several subdisciplines, including aerodynamics (moving air and other gases) and hydrodynamics (moving liquids). Fluid dynamics has a broad variety of applications, including measuring aircraft forces and moments, assessing petroleum mass flow rate across pipelines, predicting patterns of weather, understanding nebulae in outer space and modeling detonation of fission bombs.

Boundary layer refers to the fluid layer in the surrounding neighborhoods of a bounding surface where the viscosity effects are important. In 1908, it was Blasius who solved the boundary layer problem for a free stream past a fixed flat plate using a similarity transformation technique, while the boundary layer on a continuous moving surface was first examined by Sakiadis (1961).

Heat transfer is a method of transferring heat from an object of higher temperature to a subject of lower temperature. Following the First Law of Thermodynamics, heat transfer affects the internal energy of all systems involved. There are four basic heat transfer models, where the first is that advection is a method of transportation of a fluid from one position to another, which relies on the movement which momentum of that fluid. Second is conduction/diffusion. Conduction is a transfer of energy between objects which in physical contact. Third, convection is a transfer of energy between an object, due to fluid motion, and its environment. And lastly, radiation which a transfer of energy by electromagnetic radiation emission. This research, however, only took into consideration convection heat transfer.

Prandtl number, Pr can be referred to as a dimensionless parameter used to measure the transfer of heat between a moving fluid and a solid object. The Prandtl number is also used in heat transfer and the measurement of free and forced convection. These values depend on the fluid properties. This Prandtl

number was proposed by the German physicist, Ludwig Prandtl in 1904 and it can be stated as

$$Pr = \frac{\text{viscous diffusion rate}}{\text{thermal diffusion rate}} = \frac{v}{\alpha} = \frac{\mu C \rho}{k},$$

where μ is the dynamic viscosity, C is the specific heat, ρ is the density of fluid, k is the thermal conductivity, v is the kinematic viscosity and α is thermal diffusivity.

1.2 Research Background

Fluid dynamics apply to many science and engineering fields and have taken into consideration many aspects of our daily lives. Some important keywords in the thesis will be introduced in this subsection.

1.2.1 Stagnation Point Flow

A stagnation point is a point in a flow region where the fluid's local velocity is zero. Stagnation points occur in the flow field at the object's surface, where the object brings the fluid to rest. At the point of stagnation, fluid does not accumulate; it flows away one way or the other. It runs very slowly at the stagnation point and the nearer you go the slower it runs. Streamlines can terminate at a stagnation point. Due to their significance in many engineering disciplines, e.g. cooling of electronic devices or nuclear reactors, and other hydrodynamics processes, the analysis of stagnation point flows has received considerable attention.

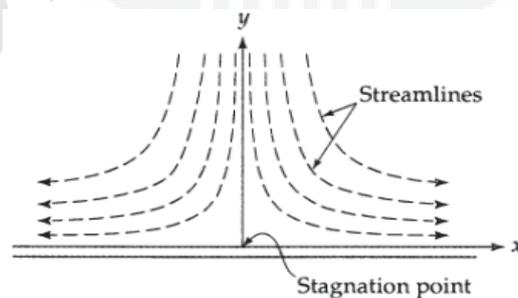


Figure 1.1: Physical model of stagnation point
(<https://www.transtutors.com/questions/potential-flow-near-a-stagnation-point-fig-4b-6-a-show-375083.htm>)

1.2.2 Stretching/shrinking Sheet

Stretching surface is a surface that is extended in its own plane, or that happens when the boundary velocity moves away from a fixed point. Several examples of this flow in industrial processes and engineering are plastic and rubber sheet aerodynamic extrusion, hot rolling, wire drawing, and development of glass-fibre. While, shrinking surface is a surface that shrunk where the boundary velocity is going towards a fixed point. Some common applications regarding the shrinking surface, including the shrinking film for packing of bulk products and effects of capillary in small pores.

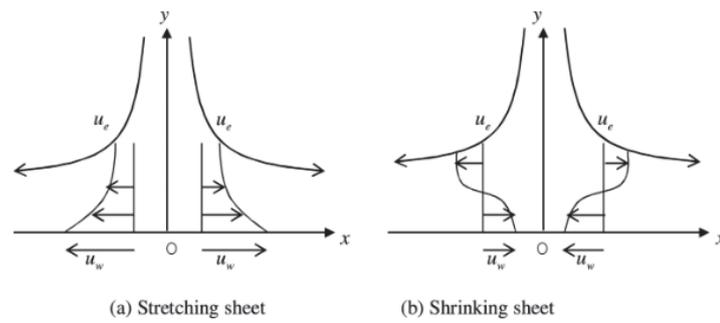


Figure 1.2: Physical model of stretching or shrinking (see Awaludin et al. (2016))

1.2.3 Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs)

Iijima (1991) was credited because he is the first person who did the first observation about the multi-walled CNTs. He discovered multi-walled CNTs by the arc-discharge method. Many scientists in the area have credited him with the first visual experience of the tubes of atoms rolling up and being covered with fullerene molecules. Iijima and Ichihashi (1993) and Bethune et al. (1993) discovered buckytubes known as single-walled nanotubes and they were produced using metal catalyst in the arc-discharge method. Continuing work has shown that three specific forms of nanotubes exist (zigzag, armchair, and chiral), as well as single-walled and multi-walled CNTs. CNTs is a carbon allotrope, a tube-shaped form made of carbon with a nanometer-scale measurement of diameter. Nanotubes are part of the structured family of fullerenes. Their name derives from their long, hollow structure, with carbon sheets of one atom thick, called graphene, forming the walls.

CNTs are peculiar due to the very strong bonding between the atoms, and the tubes may have extreme aspect ratios. CNTs have many different structures, varying in length, thickness and number of layers. The characteristics of nanotubes depend upon how the graphene sheet has rolled up to form the tube. There are several different types of CNTs but usually, they are known as either single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) or multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs). A SWCNTs is like a normal straw, where they only have one layer or wall. In the meantime, MWCNTs are a series of continuously growing diameters of nested tubes.

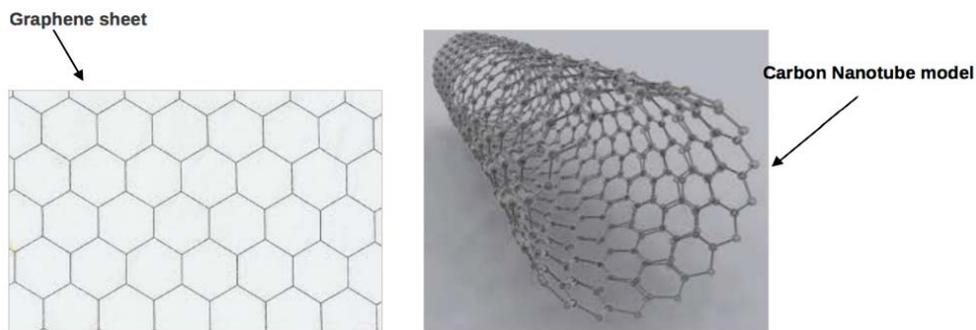


Figure 1.3: Physical model of carbon nanotubes (<https://steemit.com/technology/@eng.ramy/carbon-nanotubes-what-is-it>)

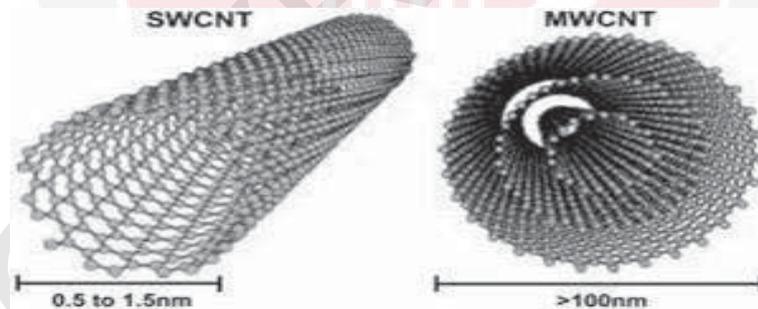


Figure 1.4: Physical model of SWCNT and MWCNT (see Ribeiro et al. (2017))

1.2.4 Slip Effects

Slip occurs when the fluid and the plate cannot stick together due to slippery surface of the plate. Some of the researchers investigated the boundary layer flow with no-slip condition. Sometimes, in certain cases, the no-slip condition can be changed to the partial slip condition, which is given by

$$u(x, y) = L \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

where u is the velocity of the fluid, L (λ as in Figure 1.5) is the length of the slip.

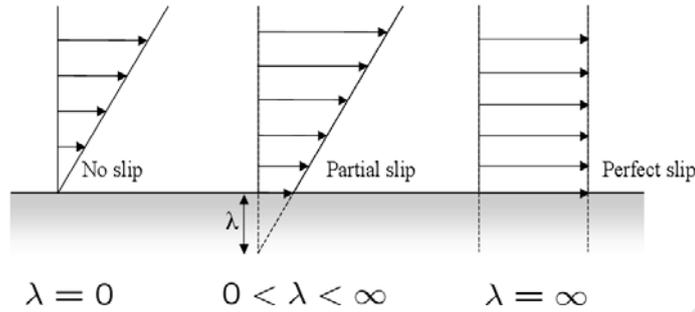


Figure 1.5: Physical model of slip (see Lauga et al. (2005))

1.2.5 Heat generation Effects

Research into the generation/absorption of heat in moving fluids is crucial for problems concerned with reactions of chemical and dissociating fluids. Heat generation is known as the convection of some sort of energy in the medium into sensible heat energy. Examples of energy are electrical, chemical and nuclear energy. Heat generation occurs throughout the medium and exhibits itself as a rise in temperature. Temperature distribution may be modified by possible heat generation effects, which may influence particle deposition and distribution rate.

1.2.6 Suction/injection Effects

The fluid suction/injection through the bounding surface will ultimately affect the flow field and as a result, change the rate of heat transfer from the plate. Generally, suction appears to increase skin friction coefficients and heat transfer, while the injection acts in the opposite manner (see Al-Sanea (2004)). For practical problems such as film cooling, boundary layer control, etc the injection or removal of fluid through a heated or cooled porous bounding wall is of general interest. It can help to boost the system of heating or cooling which can help slow the transition of the laminar flow. (see Chaudhary and Merkin (1993)).

1.3 Problem Statement

The problems regarding the stagnation point flow due to a stretching/shrinking sheet in CNTs have been given attention by many authors. For the present study, the term stagnation point flow over three different problems which are

linear, nonlinear and exponential stretching/shrinking sheet with slip effects at the surface are studied. Some of the issues about the stagnation point flow are:

1. What are the differences in the range of the dual solutions exist for stagnation point flow due to linear, nonlinear and exponential stretching/shrinking sheet problems?
2. What happens to the nature of skin friction coefficient and local Nusselt number when considering velocity slip parameter, thermal slip parameter, heat generation parameter, suction/injection parameter, nonlinear parameter and different types of CNTs?
3. How does the presence of CNTs give impact on the flow and heat transfer characteristics over a stretching/shrinking sheet?
4. What will happen to flow characteristics when we used stretching and shrinking surface?

1.4 Objective and Scope

The objectives of the present study are to

1. construct and derive the mathematical model,
2. solve the mathematical model numerically via bvp4c solver in Matlab software,
3. analyze the influence of the considered parameters on the characteristics of the fluid flow and heat transfer,

for the following problems of:

1. stagnation point flow in a carbon nanotubes with slip effects over:
 - a **linearly** stretching/shrinking sheet,
 - a **nonlinearly** stretching/shrinking sheet together with suction/injection effects,
 - an **exponentially** stretching/shrinking sheet together with heat generation effects,and also
2. conduct stability analysis for dual solutions exist in first problem (linear) by finding the smallest unknown eigenvalues.

The scope is limited to the two-dimensional boundary layer flow, steady, laminar and incompressible in the region $y > 0$ driven by a stretching/shrinking surface located at $y = 0$ with a fixed stagnation point $x = 0$. Both single-walled and multi-walled CNTs are used together with two base fluids which are water and kerosene.

1.5 Significant of Study

CNTs have been an important new class of technical materials since the discovery of CNTs in 1991 which have various useful properties. These impressive structures have a variety of interesting electrical, magnetic and chemical properties. They are at least 100 times stronger than steel but one-sixth heavier than steel. There are numerous properties and applications of CNTs.

Jorio et al. (2007) stated that CNTs occupy important properties and qualities as structural materials. In textiles, CNTs can produce waterproof and tear-resistant fabrics. Besides, they presented that from sheets of parallel CNTs, loudspeakers can be created which use to generate sound. CNTs fibres are also being used as combat jackets which used to provide protection from bullets in body armor. Next, CNTs can be manufactured as electrical conductors, semiconductors and insulators. Jorner and Akyildiz (2010) declared that by using multi-walled CNTs, a strong magnetic field can be produced. They also declared that CNTs can act as an antenna for radio due to its durability and light in weight.

As in air pollution filters, CNTs are one of the best materials because they occupy high absorption capacity and dominate large specific area. And for water filters, CNTs membranes can benefit in filtration because their tubes are so thin that small particles can move through them, thus blocking larger particles such as chloride ions in salt. In mechanical field, CNTs oscillators have achieved higher speeds than other technologies due to low friction and low wear bearing properties of multi-walled CNTs. In addition, in the biomedical sector, since a large part of the human body is made up of carbon, it is usually a very biocompatible material, though. Cells on CNTs have been shown to expand, so they do not appear to have any toxic effect. Even the cells do not follow the CNTs, possibly giving rise to applications like prosthetic coatings. The ability to functionalize (chemically modify) the sidewalls of CNTs also contributes to biomedical applications including vascular stents, and growth and regeneration of neurons.

1.6 Outline of Thesis

Chapter 1 represents an introduction, research background where the definitions of the terms are discussed, problem statements, objective and scopes, study's significance and also the thesis's outline. Chapter 2 addresses the literature review of previous studies applicable to our thesis in detail.

In addition, the mathematical formulas in which partial differential equations (PDEs) are reduced using similarity transformation into ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are described in Chapter 3. Often discussed in detail through this section was the numerical method used to solve the current problems.

Chapter 4, 5 and 6, respectively, present the mathematical formulations for stagnation point flow due to a linear, nonlinear and exponential stretching/shrinking sheet in CNTs with slip effects. The influence of the nanoparticle volume fraction, velocity slip, thermal slip, heat generation, suction/injection, nonlinear as well as stretching and shrinking parameters on the flow are found and have discussed in detail here.

Next, the stability analysis is carried out to identify which solutions are stable that is included in Chapter 4. Last but not least, Chapter 7 discusses the results of study and some recommendations for further analysis.

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