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Entropy Analysis in Double-Diffusive Convection in Nanofluids through Electro-Osmotically Induced Peristaltic Microchannel

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Abstract: A theoretical study is presented to examine entropy generation in double-diffusive convection in an Electro-osmotic flow (EOF) of nanofluids via a peristaltic microchannel. Buoyancy effects due to change in temperature, solute concentration and nanoparticle volume fraction are also considered. This study was performed under lubrication and Debye-Hückel linearization approximation. The governing equations are solved exactly. The effect of dominant hydrodynamic parameters (thermophoresis, Brownian motion, Soret and Dufour), Grashof numbers (thermal, concentration and nanoparticle) and electro-osmotic parameters on double-diffusive convective flow are discussed. Moreover, trapping, pumping, entropy generation number, Bejan number and heat transfer rate were also examined under the influence of pertinent parameters such as the thermophoresis parameter, the Brownian motion parameter, the Soret parameter, the Dufour parameter, the thermal Grashof number, the solutal Grashof number, the nanoparticle Grashof number, the electro-osmotic parameter and Helmholtz–Smoluchowski velocity. The electro-osmotic parameter powerfully affected the velocity profile. The magnitude of total entropy generation increased as the thermophoresis parameter and Brownian motion parameter increased. Soret and the Dufour parameter had a strong tendency to control the temperature profile and Bejan number. The findings of the present analysis can be used in clinical purposes such as cell therapy, drug delivery systems, pharmaco-dynamic pumps and particles filtration.

Keywords: entropy generation; double-diffusive convection; electro-osmosis; nanofluid; bio-microfluidics; exact solution

1. Introduction

In 1809, Resuss [1] illustrated an electrokinetic phenomenon known as electroosmosis or Electro-osmotic flow (EOF). It is defined as the flow of fluid in any conduit (e.g., microchannel, capillary tube) under the effect of the external electric field. EOF has many applications in micro-flow injection analysis, micro-liquid chromatography and micro-energy system. Patankar et al. [2] investigated the behavior of electro-osmotic flow through a microchannel. Yang et al. [3] studied the EOF in microfluidics. Tang et al. [4] scrutinized the EOF for a Power-law model. Later, Miller et al. [5] predicted EOF through a carbon nanotube membrane.

Peristaltic transport of a fluid is a special type of fluid transport that occurs due to the propagation of progressive waves of area contraction/expansion. This is a natural process of transport in living beings. The literature reveals that different studies have explained this phenomenon under various impacts. Some recent readings are cited in [6–11].

Nanofluids have been found to exhibit enhanced thermophysical properties (thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, the viscosity of convective heat transport coefficient) compared to base fluids. Nanofluids dynamics have shown tremendous potential applications in many fields. The endoscopic impact of nanofluid in peristalsis was analyzed by Akbar et al. [12]. Noreen [13] investigated nanofluids under induced magnetic field and mixed convection. Furthermore, Tripathi et al. [14] studied the peristaltic motion of nanofluid. Reddy et al. [15] recommended the peristaltic flow of nanofluid through compliant walls. Ebaid et al. [16] examined the peristaltic motion of nanofluid with convective conditions.

Shao et al. [17] studied a reference solution for double-diffusion convection. Double-diffusive convection is a fluid dynamics phenomenon that describes a form of convection driven by two different density gradients (temperature and concentration) that have different diffusion rates. If the temperature difference is held constant, thermal diffusion produces a concentration gradient. Considering the wide applications of double-diffusive convection, it was studied in a nanofluidic flow model with peristaltic pumping. Huppert et al. [18] discussed the applications of double-diffusion convection. Similarly, Bég et al. [19] described the peristaltic pumping of nanofluids through double-diffusive convection. Kefayati [20] explained double-diffusion convection for pseudoplastic fluids. The peristaltic motion of MHD flow through double-diffusive convection was studied by Rout et al. [21]. Gaffar et al. [22] observed the double-diffusive convection under the effect of heat absorption. Furthermore, Mohan et al. [23] also described the influence of double-diffusive convection in a lid-driven cavity.

Peristaltic flow and EOF have guaranteed biomedical and engineering applications. Today, the collective effect of peristalsis and electroosmosis is of supreme importance in many applications, such as biomicrofluidic devices and biomimetic pumping. Some mathematical models with various physical applications and various flow regimes have been studied. Bandopadhyay et al. [24] inspected peristaltic motion of viscous fluid in the microchannel. Unsteady electrokinetic transport through peristaltic microchannel was studied by Tripathi et al. [25]. Tripathi et al. [26] explored the peristaltic motion of the couple-stress fluid through the microchannel. Prakash et al. [27] examined the peristaltic motion of Williamson ionic nanofluid in the tapered microchannel. Tripathi et al. [28] also studied blood flow modulated by electroosmosis. Moreover, Tripathi et al. [29] worked on the combined effect of electroosmosis and peristalsis through the microchannel. In addition, Tripathi et al. [30] revealed the peristaltic transport of nanofluids with buoyancy effect via a microchannel. The impact of heat and mass transport for the combined effect of electroosmosis and peristalsis was studied by Waheed et al. [31]. Noreen et al. [32] scrutinized the effect of heat on EOF through peristaltic pumping. In another study, Noreen et al. [33] recommended the transport of MHD nanofluid through the peristaltic microchannel.

Entropy generation in peristaltically induced microchannels is a rapidly emerging area of interest. Entropy production is related to thermodynamic irreversibility, which exists in all types of heat and mass transfer processes. The study of entropy generation within the system is important because it helps to track the sources of the available energy. Different sources of irreversibility include heat flow through the finite temperature gradient, convective heat transfer characteristics, viscosity and diffusion effects. Entropy can be minimized to preserve the energy quality for the optimal design of any thermal system. At present, the research topic of minimizing entropy generation has gained special status amongst scientists worldwide. Limited studies have investigated the entropy production in electro-osmotically induced peristaltic microchannels. Kefayati [34] explained entropy production for Non-Newtonian nanofluids through a porous cavity. Kefayati [35] has also described entropy production and double-diffusive convection for power-law fluids. In his study [36], the entropy

production in double-diffusive convection in an open cavity was explained. He also explained entropy production for EOF through FDLBM simulation [37]. Ranjit et al. [38] explained entropy production for EOF regulated by peristaltic pumping. Bhatti et al. [39] analyzed entropy production for nanofluid through a microchannel. Kefayati [40] presented the simulation of entropy production using Buongiorno's mathematical model. Kefayati et al. [41,42] discovered entropy production for MHD flow and inclined channel flow. Ranjit et al. [43] demonstrated an entropy analysis for EMHD flow through an asymmetric microchannel. Moreover, Noreen et al. [44] studied the entropy production in peristaltically flowing viscous fluid.

All the above-cited work was obtained through two solutions approaches, i.e., analytical and numerical. The authors computed the exact solutions, as they are error free and more efficient than numerical solutions. This study was motivated by applications in novel nanofluid drug delivery systems where a small volume of drugs can be transported in the diseased portion of physiological vessels with the help of organ-on-chip devices. Thermal enhancement mechanism analysis of double-diffusive convection in nanofluids transported by peristaltic microchannel has not been discussed previously. Therefore, the current investigation aimed to fill this gap. The findings of the present analysis can be used in clinical purposes such as cell therapy, drug delivery systems, pharmaco-dynamic pumps and particles filtration. In addition, in order to deepen our understanding of thermosolutal convection, special attention was paid to study entropy generation. The detailed mathematical formulation is given and solution expressions are also reported.

2. Mathematical Formulation

2.1. Flow Regime

The physical model (shown in Figure 1) consists of a two-dimensional EOF of nanofluid with double-diffusive convection through a microfluidic channel.

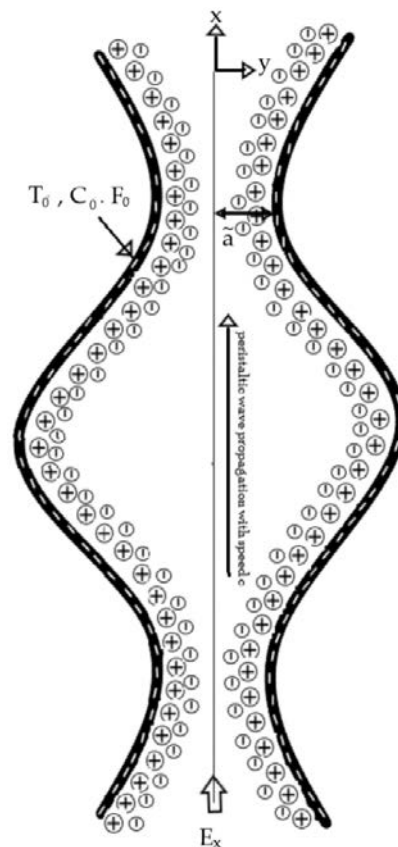


Figure 1. Schematic of the geometry.

The medium is induced by propagating a peristaltic wave at velocity c along the microchannel. The temperature, solutal concentration and nanoparticle fraction for the lower channel wall are taken as T_0 , C_0 and F_0 , respectively.

Mathematically, microchannel wall's geometry is expressed as [23]

$$\tilde{h}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{t}) = \tilde{a} + \tilde{b} \sin\left(2\pi \frac{(\tilde{X} - c\tilde{t})}{\lambda}\right) \quad (1)$$

where \tilde{h} represents the transverse vibration of the wall, \tilde{a} is the half width of channel, \tilde{b} is the amplitude of wave, \tilde{X} represents the axial coordinate, c is the speed of the wave, λ represents the wavelength and \tilde{t} is the time.

2.2. Governing Equations

The equations governing the physical flow problem for nanofluid with double-diffusive convection in electrohydrodynamic (EHD) are [19]

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} = 0. \quad (2)$$

$$\rho_f \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right) = -\frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{U}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{U}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right) + g \{ (1 - F_0) \rho_0 (\beta_t (\tilde{T} - T_0) + \beta_c (\tilde{C} - C_0)) - (\rho_p - \rho_0) (\tilde{F} - F_0) \} + \rho_e E_x, \quad (3)$$

$$\rho_f \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right) = -\frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right) + g \{ (1 - F_0) \rho_0 (\beta_t (\tilde{T} - T_0) + \beta_c (\tilde{C} - C_0)) - (\rho_p - \rho_0) (\tilde{F} - F_0) \}. \quad (4)$$

$$(\rho C_p)_f \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right) = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right) + D_{tc} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right) + (\rho C_p)_p \left\{ D_b \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{X}} \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right) + \frac{D_t}{T_0} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{X}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right)^2 \right) \right\}. \quad (5)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right) = D_s \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{C}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right) + D_{ct} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right). \quad (6)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{X}} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{Y}} \right) = D_b \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{F}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right) + \frac{D_t}{T_0} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{Y}^2} \right). \quad (7)$$

Here, ρ_e is the electrical charge density, ρ_f is the fluid density, ρ_p is the nanoparticle mass density, ρ_0 is the nanofluid density at reference temperature (T_0), E_x is the applied electric field, \tilde{U} represents the velocity along the \tilde{X} direction, \tilde{V} represents the velocity along the \tilde{Y} direction, \tilde{T} is the temperature, \tilde{C} is the solutal concentration, \tilde{F} is the nanoparticle volume fraction, \tilde{P} is the pressure, μ is the fluid viscosity, g is the acceleration due to gravity, β_t is the volumetric thermal expansion coefficient of fluid, β_c is the volumetric solutal expansion coefficient of fluid, $(\rho C_p)_f$ is the heat capacity of fluid, $(\rho C_p)_p$ is the effective heat capacity of nanoparticle, k is the thermal conductivity, D_{tc} is the Dufour diffusivity, D_{ct} is the Soret diffusivity, D_b is Brownian diffusion coefficient, D_t is Thermophoretic diffusion coefficient and D_s is solutal diffusivity.

The Poisson–Boltzmann equation [26] in a microchannel is defined as

$$\nabla^2 \tilde{\phi} = -\frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon}. \quad (8)$$

Here, $\rho_e (= -z_v e (\tilde{n}^- - \tilde{n}^+))$ is the total charge density, ϵ is the dielectric permittivity, $\tilde{\phi}$ is the electric potential, \tilde{n}^- is the anion, \tilde{n}^+ is the cation and defined as $\tilde{n}^\pm = \tilde{n}_0 e^{\left(\pm \frac{z_v}{T_{av} K_B} \tilde{\phi}\right)}$.

Moreover, \tilde{n}_0 , z_v , e , K_B and T_{av} are the bulk concentration, charge balance, electronic charge, Boltzmann constant and average temperature, respectively.

The translational transformation between fixed coordinate system (\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) and moving coordinate system (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is [8]

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x} &= \tilde{X} - c\tilde{t}, \tilde{y} = \tilde{Y}, \tilde{u}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \tilde{U}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{t}) - c, \tilde{v}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \tilde{V}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{t}), \\ \tilde{p}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) &= \tilde{P}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{t}), T(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \tilde{T}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{t}). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Using the transformations (9) in Equations (2)–(7), after introducing the dimensionless parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{\tilde{x}}{\lambda}, y = \frac{\tilde{y}}{\tilde{a}}, t = \frac{c\tilde{t}}{\lambda}, u = \frac{\tilde{u}}{c}, v = \frac{\tilde{v}}{\alpha c}, p = \frac{\tilde{a}^2}{\lambda c \mu} \tilde{p}, \alpha = \frac{\tilde{a}}{\lambda}, h = \frac{\tilde{h}}{\tilde{a}}, n = \frac{\tilde{n}}{n_0}, m_e = \frac{\tilde{a}}{\lambda_d}, \varepsilon = \frac{\tilde{b}}{\tilde{a}}, \\ \theta &= \frac{\tilde{T} - T_0}{T_0}, \Omega = \frac{\tilde{C} - C_0}{C_0}, \gamma = \frac{\tilde{F} - F_0}{F_0}, \lambda_d^2 = \frac{\varepsilon K_B T_0}{2n_0(ez_v)^2}, \phi = \frac{ez_v}{T_{av} K_B} \tilde{\phi}, P_e = \frac{c\tilde{a}}{D}, R_e = \frac{\rho_f c\tilde{a}}{\mu}, \\ P_r &= \frac{\mu(\rho c_p)_f}{\rho_f k}, U_{hs} = -\frac{T_{av} K_B E_x \varepsilon}{ez_v c \mu}, u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}, G_{rt} = \frac{\rho_0 g \tilde{a}^2 \beta_t T_0 (1 - F_0)}{c \mu}, f = \frac{q}{c\tilde{a}}, \\ G_{rc} &= \frac{\rho_0 g \tilde{a}^2 \beta_c C_0 (1 - F_0)}{c \mu}, G_{rf} = \frac{g \tilde{a}^2 (\rho_p - \rho_0) F_0}{c \mu}, N_t = \frac{D_t (\rho c_p)_p}{k}, S_s = \frac{c\tilde{a}}{D_s}, S_b = \frac{c\tilde{a}}{D_b}, \\ N_b &= \frac{D_b (\rho c_p)_p F_0}{k}, N_{ct} = \frac{D_{ct} T_0}{D_s C_0}, N_{tc} = \frac{D_{tc} C_0}{k T_0}, \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where $x, y, m_e, \alpha, \lambda_d, p, U_{hs}, \varepsilon, \theta, \Omega, \gamma, P_e, R_e, P_r, G_{rt}, G_{rc}, G_{rf}, N_t, N_b, N_{ct}, N_{tc}, f$ and Θ are non-dimensional axial coordinate, non-dimensional transverse coordinate, electro-osmotic parameter, peristaltic wave number, Debye length, non-dimensional pressure, Helmholtz-Smoluchowski velocity, amplitude ratio, dimensionless temperature, dimensionless species concentration, dimensionless nanoparticle volume fraction, ionic Peclet number, Reynolds number, Prandtl number, thermal Grashof number, solutal Grashof number, nanoparticle Grashof number, thermophoresis parameter, Brownian motion parameter, Soret parameter, Dufour parameter, dimensionless volume flow rate in moving frame and dimensionless volume flow rate in fixed frame, respectively.

Applying Debye-Hückel linearization approximation [27] and Equation (10), Equation (8) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dy^2} = m_e^2 \phi, \tag{11}$$

where m_e is the electro-osmotic parameter. The analytical solution of Equation (11) subject to boundary condition $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0$, at $y = 0$ and $\phi = 1$, at $y = h(x)$ yeild

$$\phi(y) = \frac{\cosh(m_e y)}{\cosh(m_e h)}. \tag{12}$$

Using Equation (10), followed by long wavelength approximation [8], Equations (3)–(7) can be reduced to following form:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + G_{rt} \theta + G_{rc} \Omega - G_{rf} \gamma + m_e^2 U_{hs} \phi, \tag{13}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0, \tag{14}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + N_{tc} \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial y^2} + N_b \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial y} + N_t \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right)^2 = 0, \tag{15}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial y^2} + N_{ct} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0, \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial y^2} + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0. \quad (17)$$

The dimensionless boundary conditions are:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \theta = 0, \quad \Omega = 0, \quad \gamma = 0, \quad \text{at } y = 0, \quad (18a)$$

$$u = 0, \quad \theta = 1, \quad \Omega = 1, \quad \gamma = 1, \quad \text{at } y = h(x) = 1 + \varepsilon \sin x, \quad (18b)$$

3. Solution Procedure

Analytical Solution

The analytical solutions [17] of temperature, solutal concentration and nanoparticle volume fraction field are obtained after solving simultaneous Equations (15)–(17) subject to boundary condition (18a,b):

$$\theta = \frac{e^{-N_0 y} - 1}{e^{-N_0 h} - 1}, \quad (19)$$

$$\Omega = \frac{N_t}{N_b} \left(\frac{e^{-N_0 y} - 1}{1 - e^{-N_0 h}} \right) + \frac{1}{h} \left(1 + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \right) y, \quad (20)$$

$$\gamma = N_{ct} \left(\frac{e^{-N_0 y} - 1}{1 - e^{-N_0 h}} \right) + \frac{1}{h} (1 + N_{ct}) y. \quad (21)$$

Using Equations (19)–(21) in Equation (13) and using boundary condition (18a) and (18b), the analytical solution of axial velocity is obtained as:

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (y^2 - h^2) - N_1 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (y^2 - h^2) - \frac{1}{N_0^2} (e^{-N_0 y} - e^{-N_0 h}) - \frac{1}{N_0} (y - h) \right\} - \frac{N_2}{6} (y^3 - h^3) + U_{hs} \left(1 - \frac{\cosh(m_e y)}{\cosh(m_e h)} \right), \quad (22)$$

where

$$N_0 = \frac{1}{h} \left(\frac{N_t + N_b}{1 - N_{ct} N_{tc}} \right),$$

$$N_1 = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-N_0 h}} \left(G_{rt} - G_{rc} \Omega N_{ct} + \frac{N_t}{N_b} G_{rf} \right),$$

$$N_2 = \frac{1}{h} \left(G_{rc} (1 + N_{ct}) - \left(1 + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \right) G_{rf} \right).$$

The volume flow rate is given by

$$Q = \int_0^h u dy, \quad (23)$$

Using Equation (22) after rearranging the terms, pressure gradient is obtained as

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{-3Q}{h^3} - N_1 \left\{ \frac{3e^{-N_0 h}}{N_0^3 h^3} (1 + N_0 h) - \frac{3}{N_0^3 h^3} + \frac{3}{2N_0 h} - 1 \right\} + \frac{3N_2}{8} h + \frac{3U_{hs}}{h^3} \left(h - \frac{\sinh(m_e h)}{m_e \cosh(m_e h)} \right). \quad (24)$$

The pressure rise across one wavelength ΔP is as follows:

$$\Delta P = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx. \quad (25)$$

The volume flow rate in fixed frame is given by

$$Q = \int_0^h \bar{U}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{t}) d\bar{Y}. \quad (26)$$

Using Equation (9) in Equation (26) and after integration, we obtain

$$Q = q + ch. \quad (27)$$

The time average flow rate over one time period is defined as

$$\bar{Q} = \int_0^1 Q dt. \quad (28)$$

Using Equations (10) and (27) in Equation (28), we obtain

$$\Theta = f + 1. \quad (29)$$

The stream function $(u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x})$ in wave frame takes the following form:

$$\psi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{3} y^3 - h^2 y \right) - N_1 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} y^3 - h^2 y \right) + \frac{1}{N_0^2} \left(\frac{1}{N_0} e^{-N_0 y} + y e^{-N_0 h} + \frac{1}{N_0} \right) - \frac{1}{N_0} \left(\frac{1}{2} y^2 - h y \right) \right\} - \frac{N_2}{6} \left(\frac{1}{4} y^4 - y h^3 \right) - y + U_{hs} \left(y - \frac{\sinh(m_e h)}{m_e \cosh(m_e h)} \right). \quad (30)$$

The heat transfer coefficient Z at the wall ($y = h(x)$) is as follows:

$$Z = h_x \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=h}. \quad (31)$$

4. Entropy Generation Analysis

The dimensional volumetric entropy generation during nanofluid flow with double diffusive convection is given by

$$S_{gen} = \frac{k}{T^2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{X}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{Y}} \right)^2 \right) + \left[\frac{D_{tc}}{T} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{X}^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{Y}^2} \right) \bar{C} + \frac{(\rho C_p)}{T} \left\{ D_b \left(\frac{\partial \bar{F} \partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{X} \partial \bar{X}} + \frac{\partial \bar{F} \partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{Y} \partial \bar{Y}} \right) + \frac{D_t}{T_0} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{X}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{Y}} \right)^2 \right) \right\} \right] \quad (32)$$

Equation (32) comprises two parts: one part consists of entropy generation due to heat transfer and the second part consists of entropy generation due to solutal concentration.

The characteristics entropy generation is given as

$$S_g = \frac{k}{a^2}. \quad (33)$$

Using Equations (10) and (33), the non-dimensional volumetric entropy generation can be expressed as

$$N_s = \frac{S_{gen}}{S_g} = \frac{1}{(1 + \theta)^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{1 + \theta} \left[N_{tc} \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial y^2} + N_b \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial y} + N_t \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right], \quad (34)$$

The total entropy generation or entropy generation number N_s in Equation (34) can be written as sum of

$$N_s = N_{HT} + N_{DC}. \quad (35)$$

Here, N_{HT} is the dimensionless entropy generation due to heat transfer and N_{DC} represent the dimensionless entropy generation due to solutal concentration.

The thermal irreversibility of the system is defined as the Bejan number B_e [38]:

$$B_e = \frac{N_{HT}}{N_{HT} + N_{DC}} = \frac{N_{HT}}{N_s} = \frac{\frac{1}{(1+\theta)^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2}}{\frac{1}{(1+\theta)^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{1+\theta} \left[N_{tc} \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial y^2} + N_b \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial y} + N_t \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right]}. \quad (36)$$

5. Results and Discussion

The main objective of this section is to explain the effects of various parameters (i.e., thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} , Dufour parameter N_{tc} , thermal Grashof number G_{rt} , solutal Grashof number G_{rc} , nanoparticle Grashof number G_{rf} , electro-osmotic parameter m_e and Helmholtz-Smoluchowski velocity U_{hs}) on the velocity profile u , pressure rise ΔP , pressure gradient dp/dx , temperature profile θ , solutal concentration profile Ω , nanoparticle volume fraction profile γ , entropy generation number N_s , Bejan number B_e and heat transfer coefficient Z . Moreover, the trapping phenomenon is also illustrated. The graphical results are shown in Figures 2–17.

5.1. Flow Characteristics

Figure 2a–i is displayed to show the advancements of physical parameters in velocity across the microchannel. Figure 2a,b shows that the magnitude of axial velocity u decreased for increasing values of N_t and N_b . As a result, the deposition of thermophoretic particles was reduced and the central axes of the micro channel had an increased particle accumulation. This sedimentation of the nanoparticles can be adjusted by controlling the thermal gradient, applied externally to the fluid. This is significant as nanoparticle suspension in the nanofluid blocks the fluid flow which affects the system's performance. Consequently, monitoring the deposition of nanoparticles in the fluid is the main requirement. Figure 2c demonstrates that the magnitude of u was reduced for increasing values of N_{ct} , although in Figure 2d, a contrary response is observed for N_{tc} . Figure 2e,f portrays that the magnitude of u increased with the increase in G_{rt} and G_{rc} . However, it declined for increasing values of G_{rf} , as shown in Figure 2g. This demonstrates that the change in concentration of nanoparticles reduced velocity while with a changing temperature and solutal concentration, velocity progresses. Figure 2h predicts that m_e will enhance the magnitude of axial velocity u . Since m_e is the ratio of the channel height to the Debye length λ_d , it indicates that λ_d is inversely proportional to electric double layer thickness. Hence, more fluid flows in the central region. Figure 2i visualizes that U_{hs} develops the magnitude of u . That means velocity of the fluid can be improved by increasing the magnitude of external electric field.

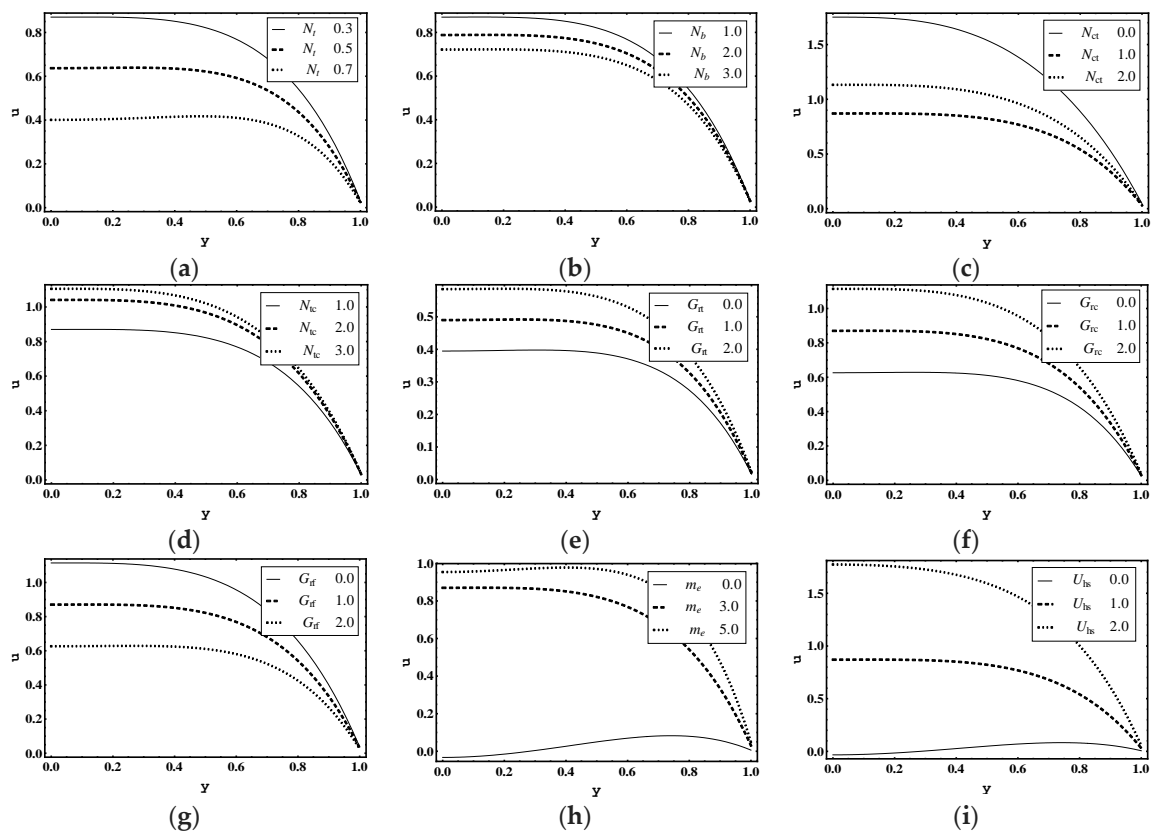


Figure 2. Axial velocity u profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , (e) G_{rt} , (f) G_{rc} , (g) G_{rf} , (h) m_e , (i) U_{hs} , while other parameters are $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 1, x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.01, \Theta = 0.9, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

5.2. Pumping Characteristics

Figure 3a–i shows the variation of pressure difference across one wavelength ΔP against the average flow rate Θ . These figures show the linear relationship between ΔP and Θ . The pumping phenomenon was divided into four segments: pumping region (adverse pressure gradient $\Delta P > 0$, Positive pumping $\Theta > 0$), backward/retrograde pumping ($\Delta P > 0, \Theta < 0$), augmented pumping (favorable pressure gradient $\Delta P < 0$, Positive pumping $\Theta > 0$) and free pumping ($\Delta P = 0$). Figure 3a,b represents ΔP for increasing values of N_t and N_b . This shows that pumping decreased throughout the whole region. This is very helpful in nanofluid drug delivery systems [11]. Figure 3c–i highlights that pumping increased as the Soret parameter N_{ct} , the Dufour parameter N_{tc} , the thermal Grashof number G_{rt} , the solutal Grashof number G_{rc} , the nanoparticle Grashof number G_{rf} , the electro-osmotic parameter m_e and Helmholtz–Smoluchowski velocity U_{hs} increased. Here, ΔP is in a linear relationship with flow rate Θ .

The variation of pressure gradient dp/dx is presented in Figure 4a–i for different physical flow parameters. Figure 4a,b highlights that the magnitude of dp/dx decreased as N_t and N_b increased. Figure 4c–f shows that the Soret parameter N_{ct} , the Dufour parameter N_{tc} , the thermal Grashof number G_{rt} and the solutal Grashof number G_{rc} distinctly enhanced the magnitude of dp/dx . Conversely, nanoparticle Grashof number G_{rf} acted to strongly reduce dp/dx values, as shown in Figure 4g. This demonstrates that dp/dx can be controlled by adjusting the G_{rf} . However, Figure 4h,i shows that the values of dp/dx were enhanced for increasing values of electro-osmotic parameter m_e and the Helmholtz–Smoluchowski velocity U_{hs} .

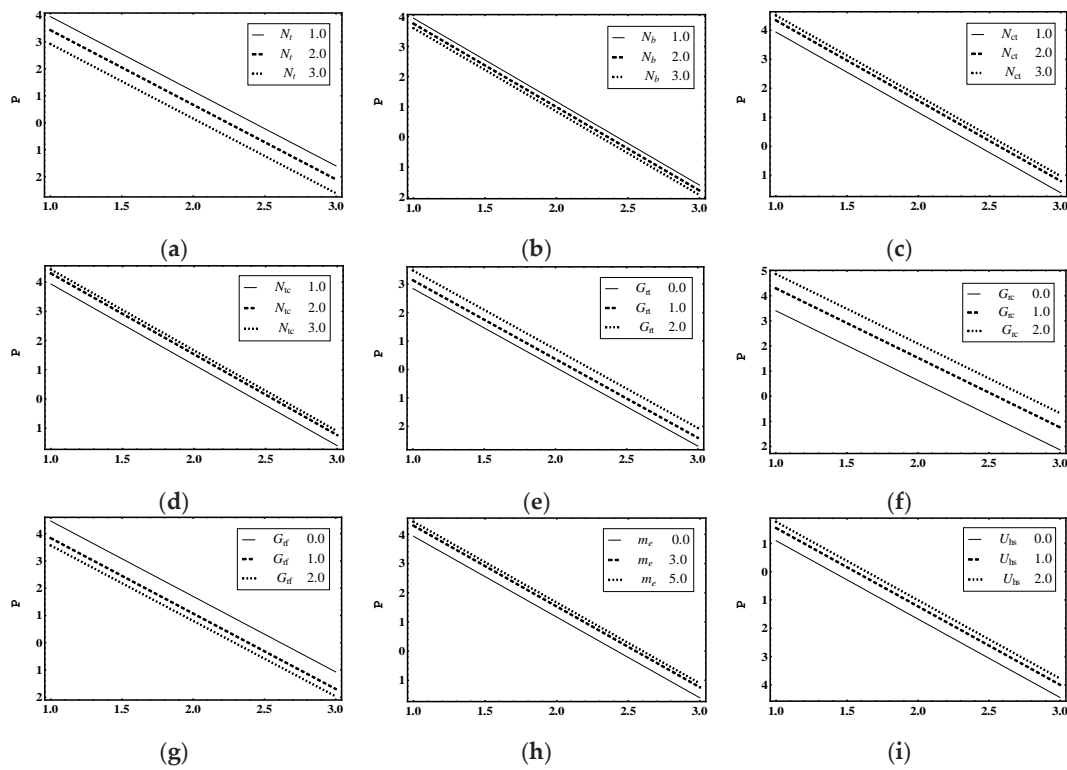


Figure 3. Pressure rise ΔP profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , (e) G_{rt} , (f) G_{rc} , (g) G_{rf} , (h) m_e , (i) U_{hs} , while the other parameters are $\gamma = 0, \epsilon = 0.06, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

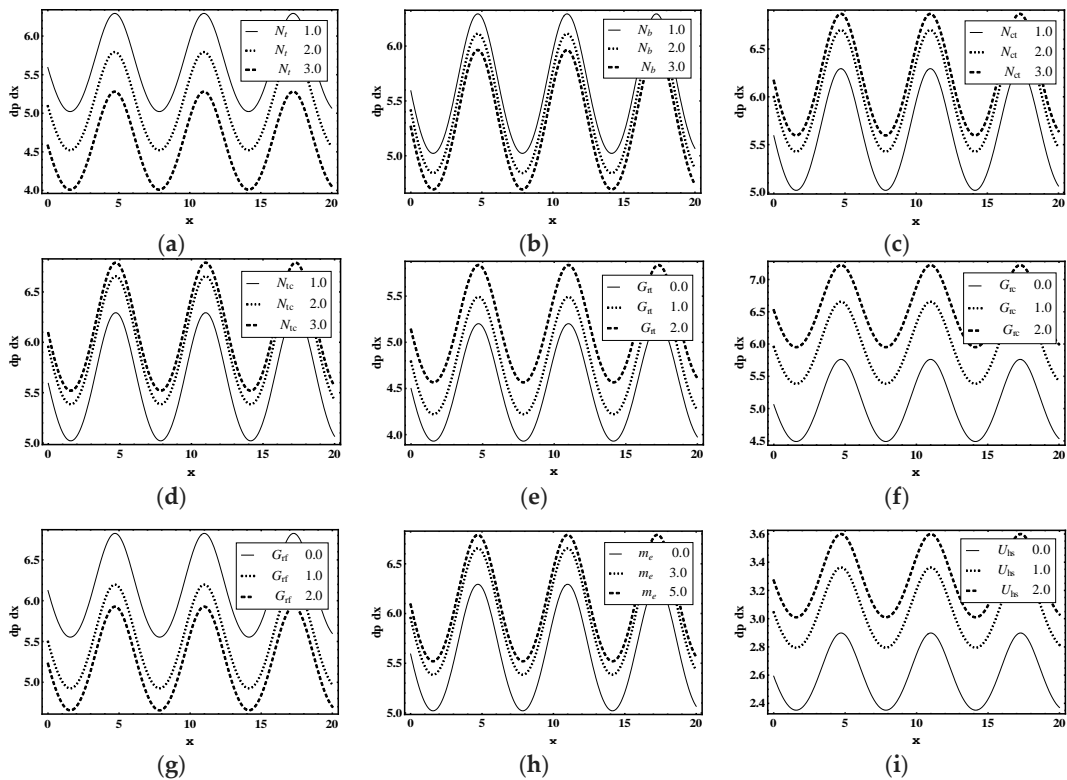


Figure 4. Pressure gradient dp/dx profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , (e) G_{rt} , (f) G_{rc} , (g) G_{rf} , (h) m_e , (i) U_{hs} , while other parameters are $\gamma = 0, \epsilon = 0.06, \Theta = 0.9, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

5.3. Trapping Characteristics

Trapping for different values of the thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} , Dufour parameter N_{tc} , thermal Grashof number G_{rt} , solutal Grashof number G_{rc} , nanoparticle Grashof number G_{rf} , electro-osmotic parameter m_e and Helmholtz-Smoluchowski velocity U_{hs} are shown in Figures 5–11. Figures 5a–c and 6a–c display streamline structure for different values of N_t and N_b . These reveal that the number and size of trapped bolus increased as N_t and N_b increases. Figure 7a–c shows that the size of trapped bolus expanded with increasing G_{rt} . However, a reverse trend for solutal Grashof number G_{rc} , nanoparticle Grashof number G_{rf} and electro-osmotic parameter m_e (shown in Figures 8–10). Furthermore, Figure 11a–c discloses that the number of trapped bolus increased for dissimilar values of U_{hs} .

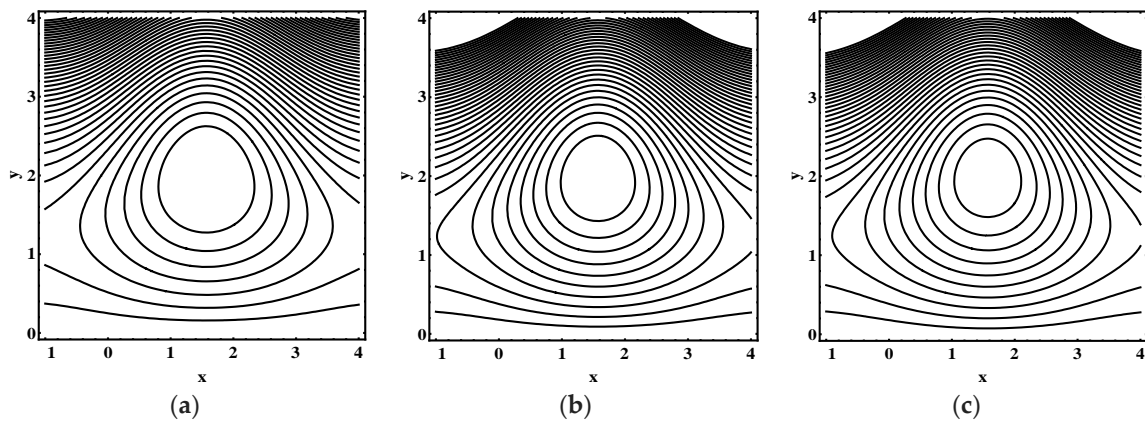


Figure 5. Streamline distribution for (a) $N_t = 1.0$, (b) $N_t = 1.5$, (c) $N_t = 2.0$, while other parameters are $\varepsilon = 0.06$, $\Theta = 0.9$, $N_b = 1$, $N_{ct} = 1$, $N_{tc} = 0.1$, $G_{rt} = 0.1$, $G_{rc} = 1$, $G_{rf} = 1$, $m_e = 0.8$, $U_{hs} = -1$.

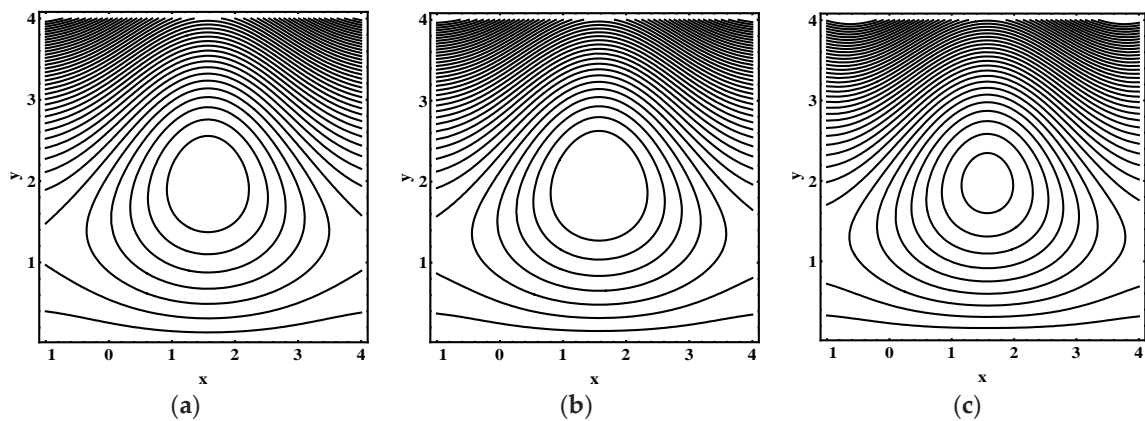


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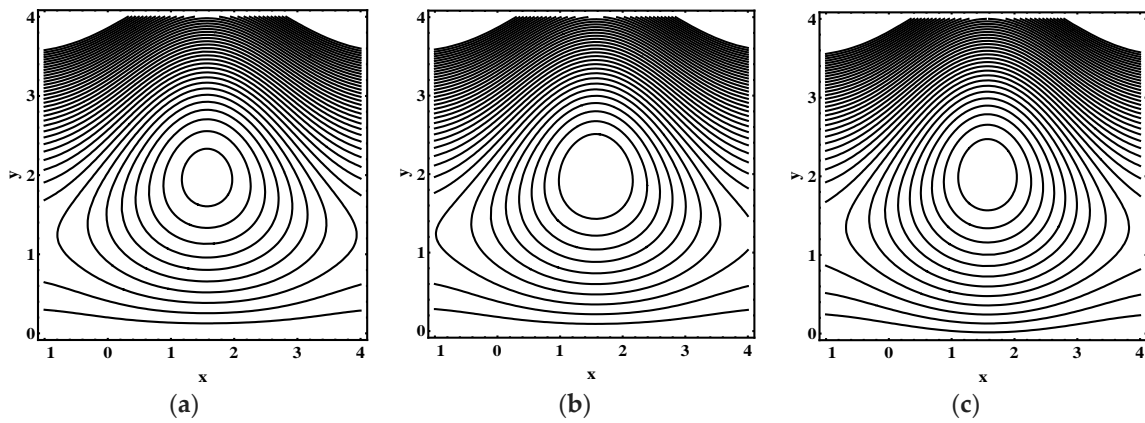


Figure 7. Streamline distribution for (a) $G_{rt} = 0.0$, (b) $G_{rt} = 0.1$, (c) $G_{rt} = 0.2$, while other parameters are $\varepsilon = 0.06$, $\Theta = 0.9$, $N_t = 1$, $N_b = 1$, $N_{ct} = 1$, $N_{tc} = 0.1$, $G_{rc} = 1$, $G_{rf} = 1$, $m_e = 0.8$, $U_{hs} = -1$.

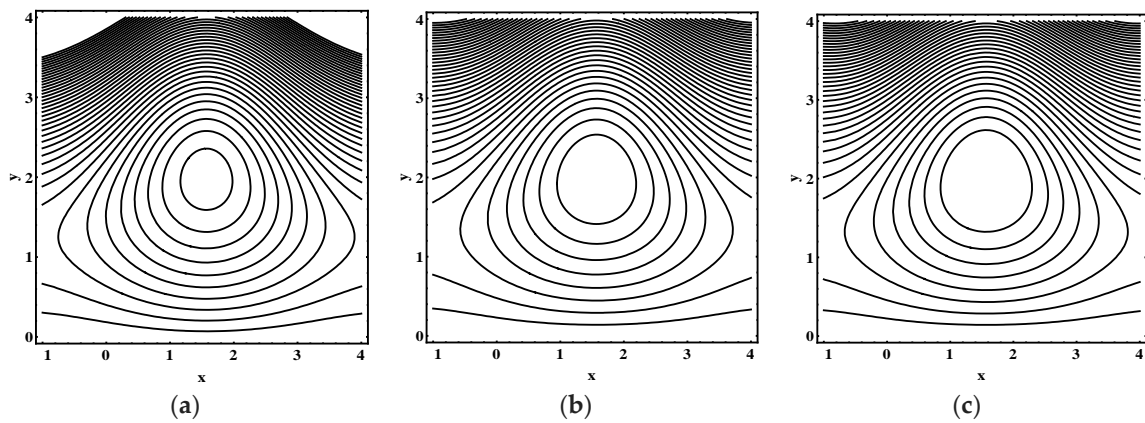


Figure 8. Streamline distribution for (a) $G_{rc} = 1.0$, (b) $G_{rc} = 1.5$, (c) $G_{rc} = 2.0$, while other parameters are $\varepsilon = 0.06$, $\Theta = 0.9$, $N_t = 1$, $N_b = 1$, $N_{ct} = 1$, $N_{tc} = 0.1$, $G_{rt} = 0.1$, $G_{rf} = 1$, $m_e = 0.8$, $U_{hs} = -1$.

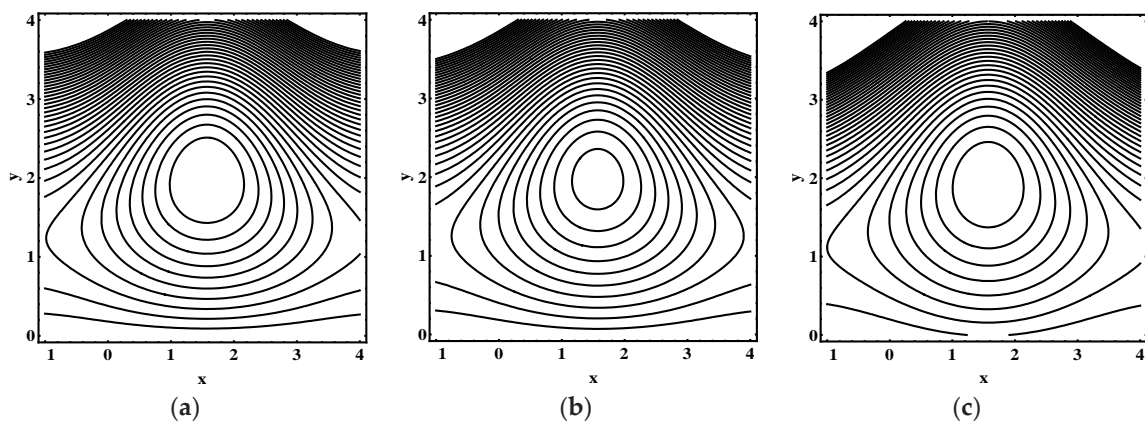


Figure 9. Streamline distribution for (a) $G_{rf} = 1.0$, (b) $G_{rf} = 1.5$, (c) $G_{rf} = 2.0$, while other parameters are $\varepsilon = 0.06$, $\Theta = 0.9$, $N_t = 1$, $N_b = 1$, $N_{ct} = 1$, $N_{tc} = 0.1$, $G_{rt} = 0.1$, $G_{rc} = 1$, $m_e = 0.8$, $U_{hs} = -1$.

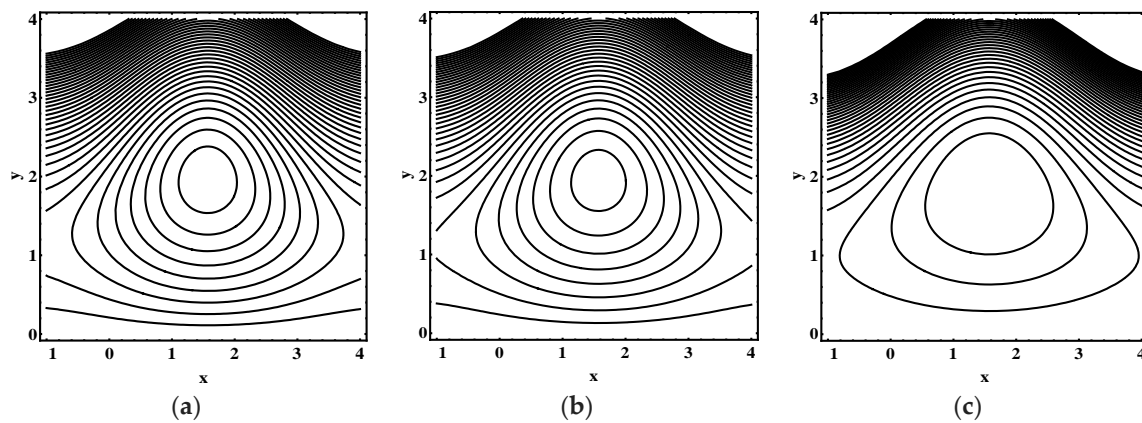


Figure 10. Streamline distribution for (a) $m_e \rightarrow 0.0$, (b) $m_e = 1.0$, (c) $m_e = 1.5$, while other parameters are $\varepsilon = 0.06$, $\Theta = 0.9$, $N_t = 1$, $N_b = 1$, $N_{ct} = 1$, $N_{tc} = 0.1$, $G_{rt} = 0.1$, $G_{rc} = 1$, $G_{rf} = 1$, $U_{hs} = -1$.

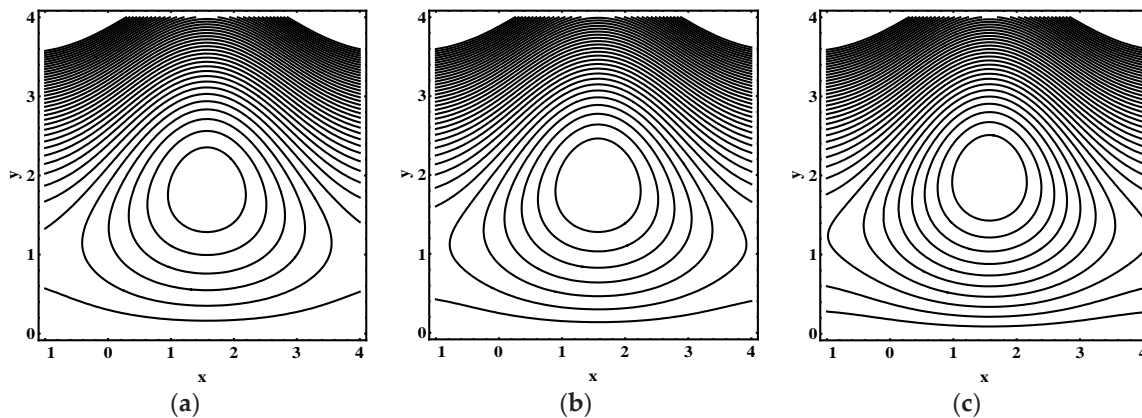


Figure 11. Streamline distribution for (a) $U_{hs} = -3.0$, (b) $U_{hs} = -2.0$, (c) $U_{hs} = 1.0$, while other parameters are $\varepsilon = 0.06$, $\Theta = 0.9$, $N_t = 1$, $N_b = 1$, $N_{ct} = 1$, $N_{tc} = 0.1$, $G_{rt} = 0.1$, $G_{rc} = 1$, $G_{rf} = 1$, $m_e = 0.8$.

5.4. Temperature Characteristics

The effects of thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} were examined for heat profile θ . Figure 12a,b demonstrates that the magnitude of temperature distribution θ declines for values of N_t and N_b . In addition, Figure 12c displays that the magnitude of temperature distribution θ was enhanced for more values of N_{ct} . As, Soret parameter N_{ct} is the ratio of temperature to concentration, hence, bigger N_{ct} stands for a higher temperature. Figure 12d shows that the magnitude of temperature distribution θ was boosted for higher values of N_{tc} . Since N_{tc} shows the contribution of concentration gradient to thermal energy flux in the flow, it is evident that the increase in N_{tc} caused a rise in temperature.

5.5. Concentration Characteristics

The influence of thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} are observed for concentration profile Ω . Figure 13a,b concludes that the magnitude of Ω increased for more values of N_t and N_b . Moreover, Figure 13c displays that the magnitude of Ω decayed for more values of N_{ct} . In addition, Soret parameter N_{ct} is the ratio of temperature to concentration. Hence, higher values of N_{ct} lead to decay in concentration. Figure 13d shows that the magnitude of Ω declined for higher values of N_{tc} .

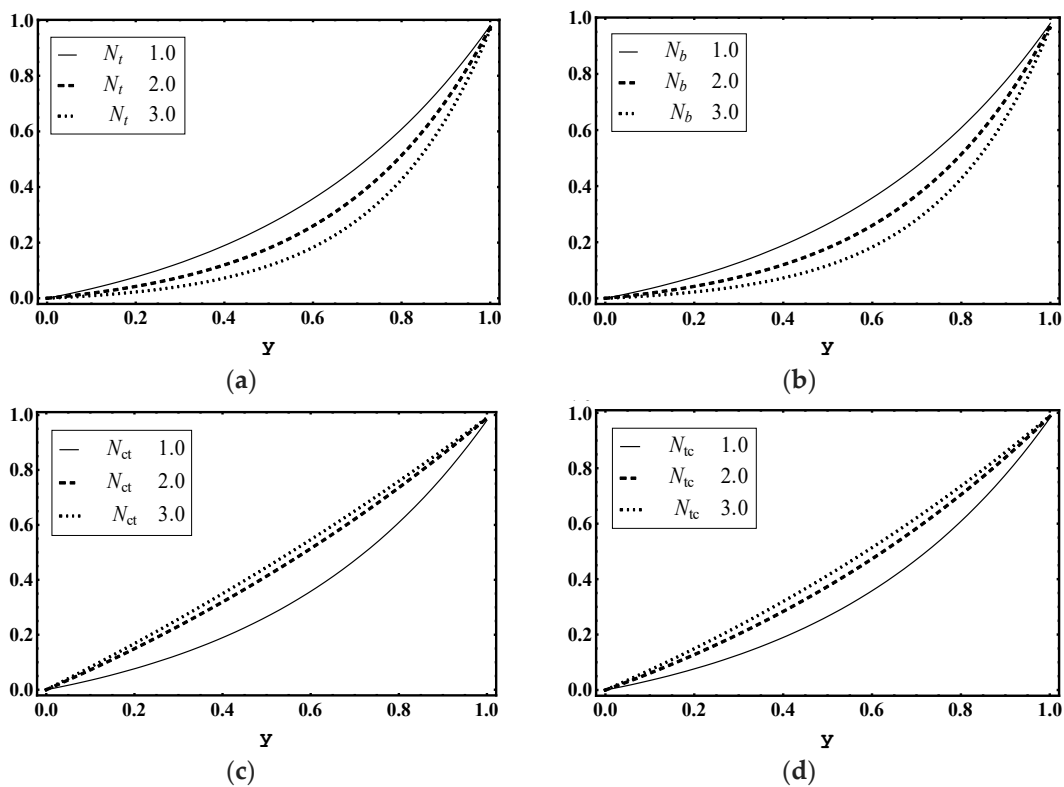


Figure 12. Temperature θ profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , while other parameters are $x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.01, \Theta = 0.9, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

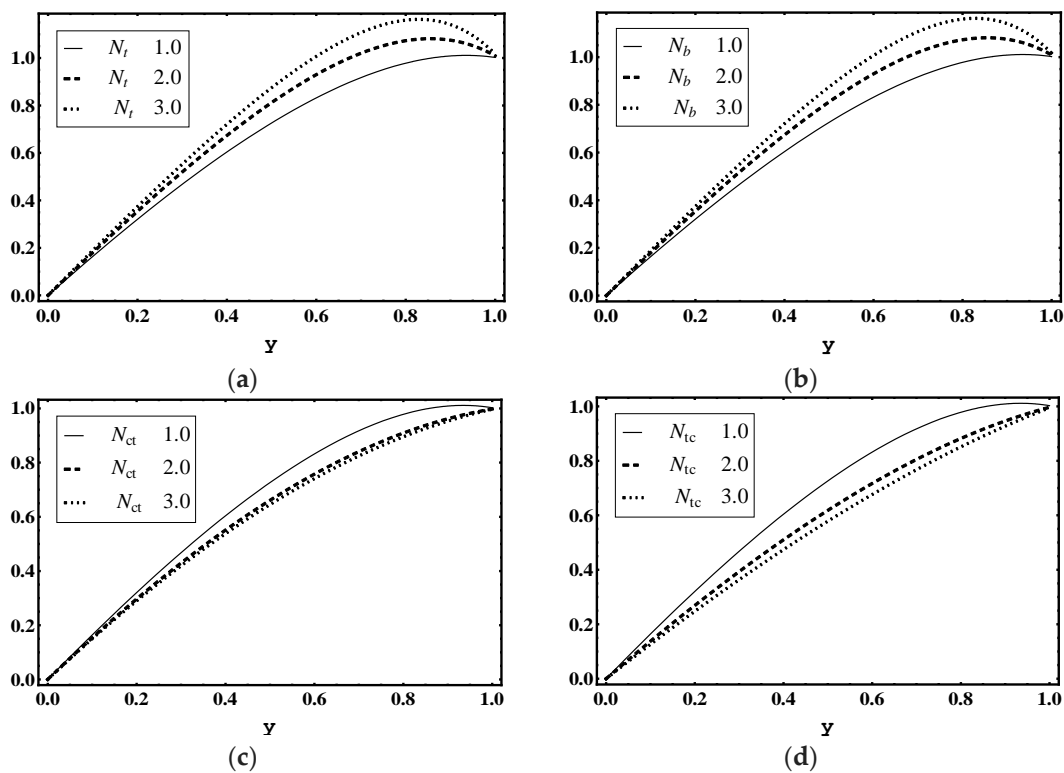


Figure 13. Concentration Ω profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , while other parameters are $x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.01, \Theta = 0.9, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

5.6. Nanoparticle Volume Fraction Characteristics

The influence of thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} is noticed for nanoparticle volume fraction profile γ . Figure 14a demonstrates that the magnitude of γ increased for more values of N_t . However, Figure 14b–d shows that the magnitude of γ declined for higher values of Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} .

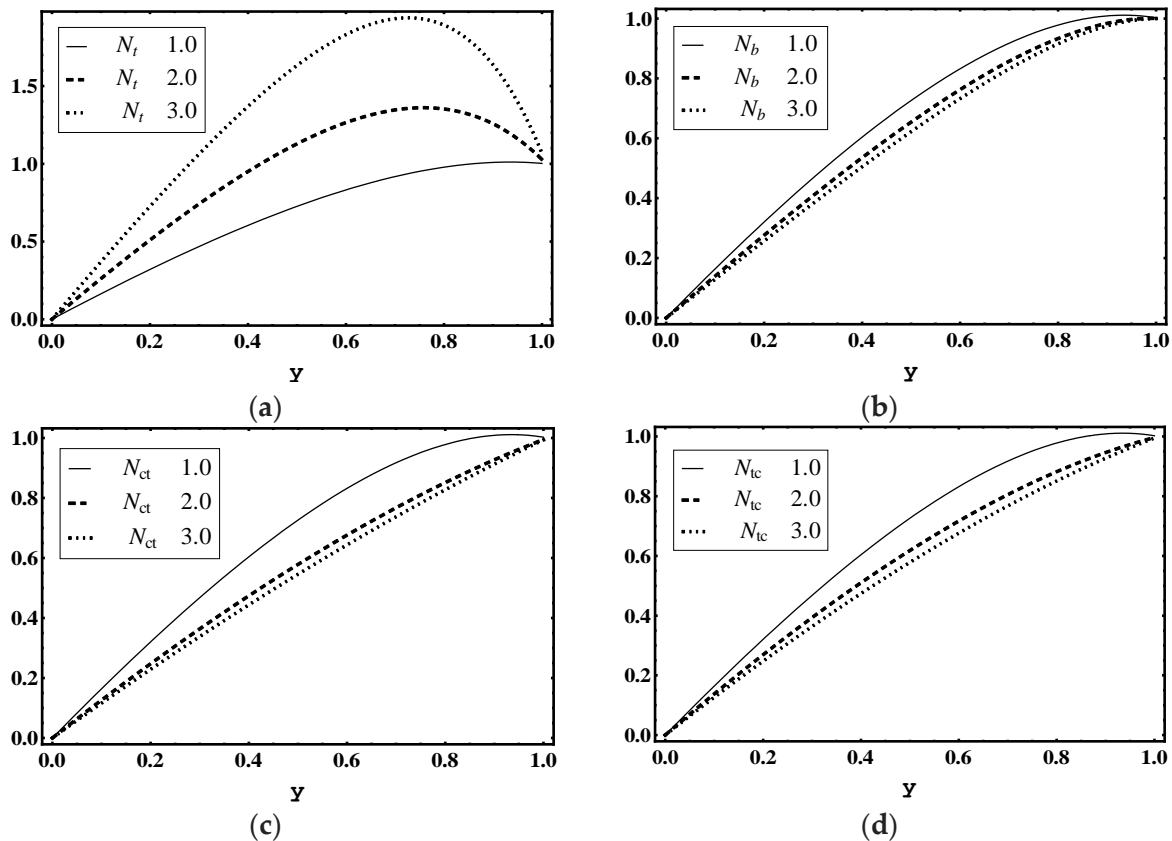


Figure 14. Nanoparticle fraction γ profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , while other parameters are $x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.01, \Theta = 0.9, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

5.7. Entropy Production

Figure 15a–d illustrates the impact of thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} on entropy generation number N_s . Figure 15a,b demonstrates that the magnitude of N_s increased for added values of N_t and N_b . This was due to thermal irreversibility, i.e., for higher value of N_t and N_b , thermal irreversibility increased very quickly, near the wall. Moreover, Figure 15c displays that the magnitude of N_s decayed for more values of N_{ct} . Figure 15d shows that the magnitude of N_s increased for higher values of N_{tc} .

Figure 16a–d demonstrates the effect of thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} on Bejan number B_e . Figure 16a,b implies that the magnitude of B_e declined for more values of N_t and N_b . In addition, Figure 16c displays that the magnitude of B_e enhanced for more values of N_{ct} near $y = 0$. Figure 16d shows that the magnitude of N_s ascended near $y = 0$ for higher values of N_{tc} .

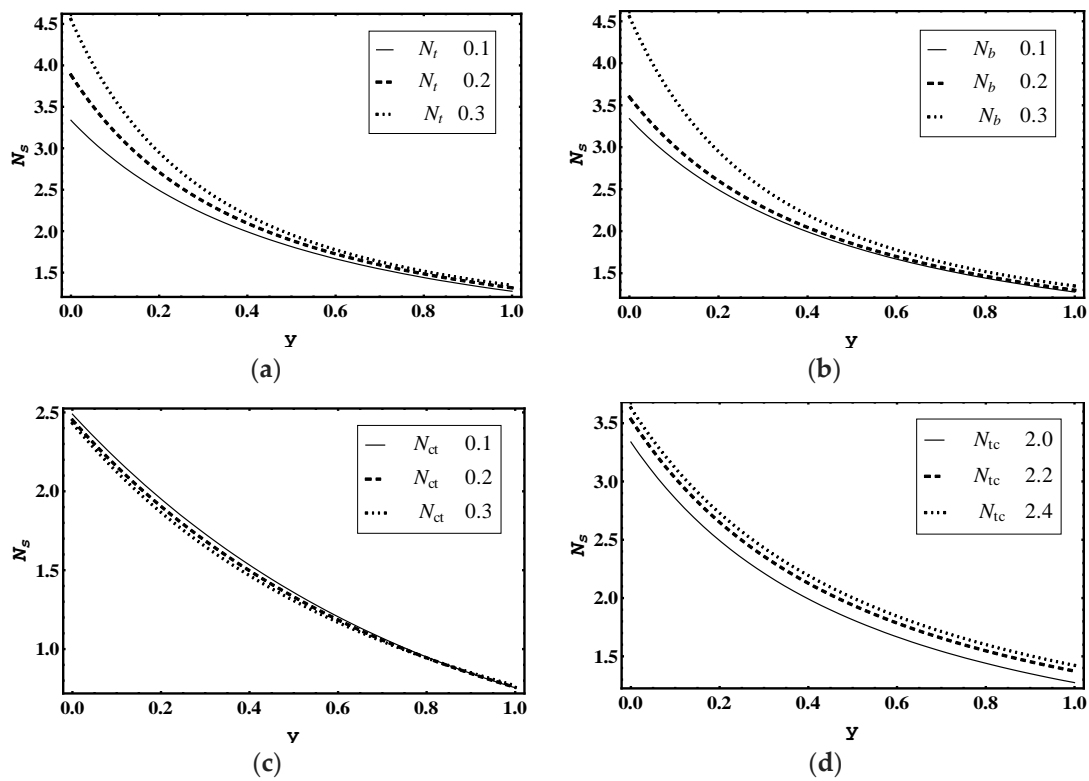


Figure 15. Heat generation number N_s profile for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , while other parameters are $x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.02, \Theta = 0.5, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

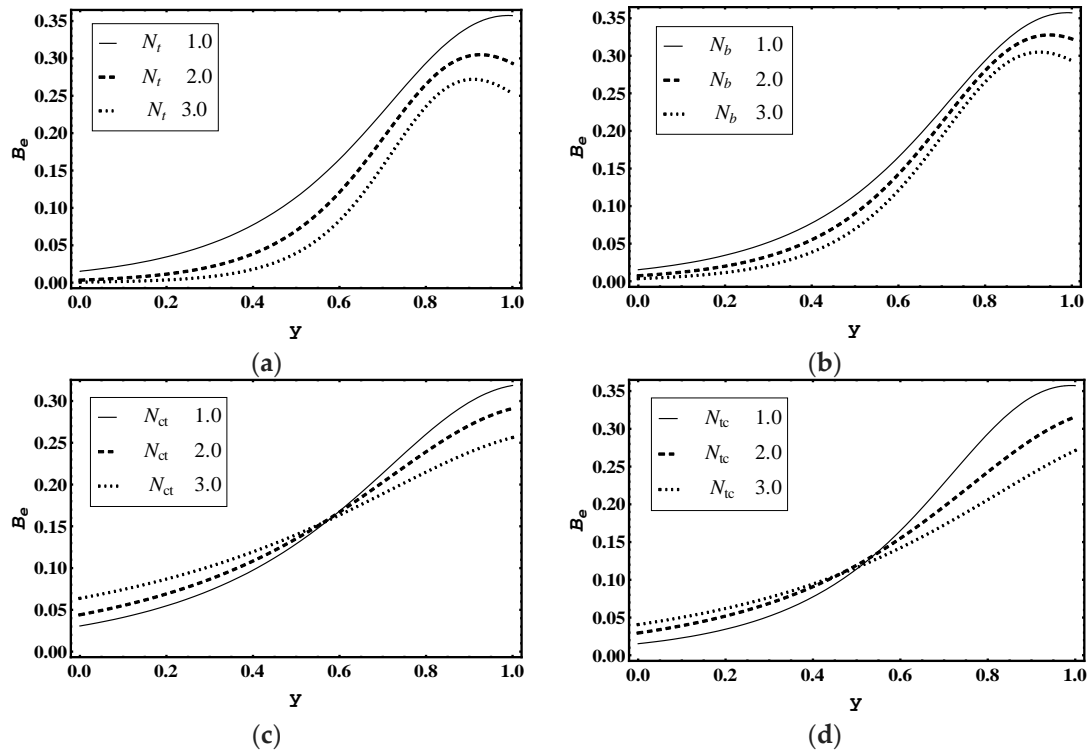


Figure 16. Bejan number B_e for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , while other parameters are $x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.02, \Theta = 0.8, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

5.8. Heat Transfer Coefficient

Figure 17a–d reveals the changes in heat transfer coefficient Z for different values of thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter N_b , Soret parameter N_{ct} and Dufour parameter N_{tc} . This infers that for various values of N_t and N_b , the magnitude of heat transfer coefficient Z increased. However, the magnitude of heat transfer coefficient Z declined for bigger values of N_{ct} and N_{tc} , respectively.

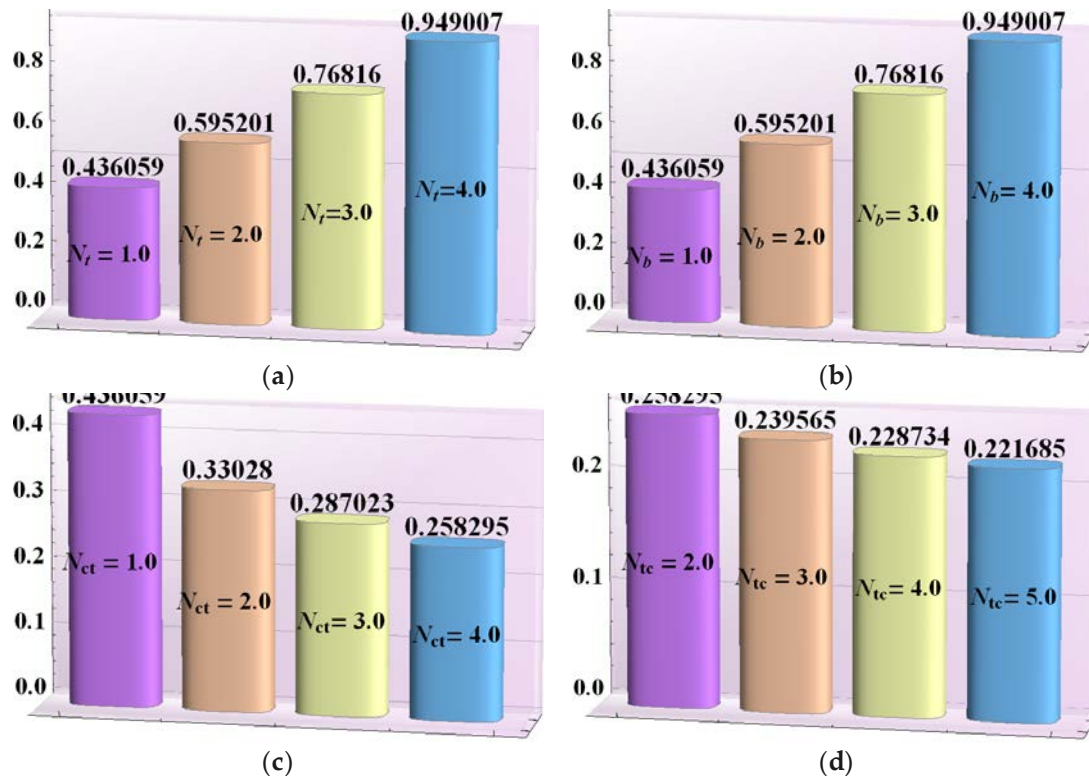


Figure 17. Heat transfer rate Z for (a) N_t , (b) N_b , (c) N_{ct} , (d) N_{tc} , while other parameters are $x = 1, \varepsilon = 0.01, \Theta = 0.9, N_t = 1, N_b = 1, N_{ct} = 1, N_{tc} = 2, G_{rt} = 5, G_{rc} = 1, G_{rf} = 1, m_e = 3, U_{hs} = 1$.

6. Concluding Remarks

A theoretical model for the entropy generation in electro-osmotic peristaltic flow of nanofluid with double-diffusive convection through microchannel is reported. The exact solutions are presented for quantities of interest. The results of this study are similar to the results of [11], when $U_{hs} = 0$. Moreover, results of this study are comparable to the results of [6], when $G_{rt} = G_{rc} = G_{rf} = U_{hs} = 0$. From the current analysis, we conclude that

- The magnitude of total entropy generation increased as the thermophoresis parameter and Brownian motion parameter increases.
- Soret parameter and Dufour parameter N_{tc} strongly controlled the temperature profile and Bejan number profile.
- The velocity, pressure difference, pressure rise, temperature and Bejan number profile decreased as thermophoresis parameter and Brownian motion parameter increased.
- Electro-osmotic parameter strongly affected the velocity profile.
- The magnitude of pressure difference and pressure gradient enhances in the pumping region with the increase in Soret parameter, Dufour parameter, thermal Grashof number, solutal Grashof number, nanoparticle Grashof number, electro-osmotic parameter and Helmholtz-Smoluchowski velocity.

- The volume and number of trapped bolus increased as the thermophoresis parameter N_t , Brownian motion parameter, thermal Grashof number and Helmholtz-Smoluchowski velocity increases.
- Heat transfer coefficient, entropy generation number and nanoparticles volume fraction strongly surged with the thermophoresis parameter and the Brownian motion parameter increased.

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Nomenclature

\bar{a}	Half width of channel [L]
\bar{b}	Amplitude of wave [L]
B_e	Bejan number [-]
c	Wave speed [L/T]
C	Solutal concentration
C_0	Solutal concentration for lower wall
c_f	Specific heat [ML ² /T ² K]
c_p	Heat capacity of fluid [ML ² /T ² K]
D_b	Brownian diffusion coefficient [L ² /T]
D_t	Thermophoretic diffusion coefficient [L ² /T]
D_s	Solutal diffusivity [L ² /T]
D_{ct}	Soret diffusivity [L ² /TK]
D_{tc}	Dufour diffusivity [ML/T ³]
e	Electron charge [C]
E_x	Electric field [M/T ³ A]
\bar{f}	Dimensionless volume flow rate in fixed frame [L ³ /T]
\bar{F}	Nanoparticle volume fraction
F_0	Nanoparticle volume fraction for lower wall
g	Acceleration due to gravity [L ² /T]
G_{rt}	Thermal Grashof number [-]
G_{rc}	Solutal Grashof number [-]
G_{rf}	Nanoparticle Grashof number [-]
\bar{h}	Transverse vibration of wall [L]
K_B	Boltzmann constant
k	Thermal conductivity [ML/T ³ K]
m_e	Electroosmotic parameter [-]
n^\pm	Positive, negative ions
n_0	Average number of n^+ or n^- ions
N_b	Brownian motion parameter [-]
N_t	Thermophoresis parameter [-]
N_{ct}	Soret parameter [-]
N_{tc}	Dufour parameter [-]
N_s	Entropy generation number [-]
N_{HT}	Dimensionless entropy generation due to heat transfer [-]

N_{DC}	Dimensionless entropy generation due to solutal concentration [-]
\bar{P}	Pressure field [ML/T ²]
p	Pressure field [-]
P_r	Prandtl number [-]
P_e	Peclet number [-]
R_e	Reynolds number [-]
S_c	Schmidt number [-]
\tilde{t}	Dimensional time [T]
t	Dimensionless time [-]
\tilde{T}	Temperature field [K]
T_0	Temperature of fluid at lower wall [K]
T_{av}	Average temperature [K]
U_{hs}	Helmholtz-Smoluchowski velocity
\tilde{U}, \tilde{V}	Dimensional velocity components in stationary frame [L/T]
u, v	Non-dimensional velocity components in wave frame [-]
\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}	Dimensional coordinates in stationary frame [L]
x, y	Non-dimensional coordinates in wave frame [-]
z_v	Valence of ions
Z	Heat transfer coefficient [-]
α	Wave number [-]
β_t	Volumetric thermal expansion coefficient of fluid [1/K]
β_c	Volumetric solutal expansion coefficient of fluid [-]
γ	Dimensionless nanoparticle volume fraction [-]
ϵ	Dielectric permittivity [-]
ε	Amplitude ratio [-]
Θ	Non-dimensional volume flow rate [-]
θ	Dimensionless temperature [-]
λ	Wavelength of peristaltic wave [L]
λ_d	Debye length [-]
μ	Fluid viscosity [M/LT]
ρ_0	Nanofluid density at reference temperature T_0 [M/L ³]
ρ_p	Nanoparticle mass density [M/L ³]
ρ_f	Density of fluid [M/L ³]
ρ_e	Net ionic charge density [M/L ³]
$(\rho c)_f$	Heat capacity of fluid [ML ² /T ² K]
$(\rho c)_p$	Effective heat capacity of nanoparticle [ML ² /T ² K]
$\tilde{\phi}$	Dimensional electric potential distribution [ML ² /T ² I]
ϕ	Non-dimensional electric potential distribution [-]
ψ	Dimensional Stream function [L ² /T]
Ω	Non-dimensional concentration field [-]

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