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Fractal View and Thermal Behavior of Fractional Metallic Porous Fins in Response to Changing Convective Conditions

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ABSTRACT Porous, permeable, and structured fins enhance heat transfer due to their thermophysical properties. Understanding the thermal gradients in these fins is critical for a variety of engineering applications. This study applies the Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM) to nonlinear fractional differential equations describing porous fins, focusing on factors such as porosity, permeability, and convection. Thermal analysis with an insulated tip of a copper alloy reveals that porosity has the greatest impact on heat transfer. The study highlights the effectiveness of HPM in analyzing these thermal systems. The system's porosity is found to be more influential than any other factor.

INDEX TERMSconvection, heat transfer, fins, fractional analysis, Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM), permeability, porous, thermal.

I. INTRODUCTION

The investigation of thermophysical properties in convective flow through a porous permeable medium is crucial for various engineering challenges. Porous permeable metallic and ceramic materials find extensive industrial and biomedical applications. Their potential as advanced materials is evident due to their wide range of uses. Numerous mathematical and experimental studies have been conducted to provide a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of heat transfer within porous permeable media. Such media have numerous applications including catalytic bed reactors, enhancing drying efficiency, filtration, separation, and petroleum recovery processes. Thermionic conductive porous permeable materials are utilized to improve forced convective heat transfer in various technological applications, such as reactor design, thermal components including heat exchangers, and parabolic solar plate heaters [\[1\]](#page-9-0)–[\[5\]](#page-9-1).

Swift advancement of electronic equipment has led to significant developments in these areas. In various manufacturing, business, and ecological enterprises, advancements have been paralleled by improvements in heat dissipation (cooling) methods. Enhancing natural convection has been, and will remain, essential to optimize the performance of heat dissipation systems in integrated circuit technology. A wonderful functional element to improve heat transmission from the heated areas and surfaces is a fin or stretched surface. It has been widely used in automobiles, heat transfer equipment, and atmospheric heat conditioning, among other applications. Several studies have aimed to eliminate the fin-based system's material cost and dimensional/geometrical viewpoints [\[3\]](#page-9-2)– [\[8\]](#page-9-3). The improvement of heat dissipation in extended surfaces or fins has been focused in research and development, leading to the exploration of porous fins. This area of study has seen extensive investigation into the use of porous finned structures (PFS).

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Two key factors in these systems are permeability (which refers to the interconnectivity and scale of the pores in PFS) and the convective load. [\[7\]](#page-9-4), [\[8\]](#page-9-3) conducted a preliminary investigation on heat transfer in fins. They studied the heat transfer characteristics of fins and found that using porous fins enhances heat transfer due to their geometrical advantages. Such fins can improve heat dissipation for a given area while reducing material mass by incorporating holes and cavities. It is important to note that Kiwan and Al-Nimr [\[9\]](#page-9-5) were the first to propose the concept of using porous fins to enhance heat dissipation. Additionally, Kiwan $[10]$ introduced the Darcy approach to model the solid-gas/air interfaces in porous fin structures. Khaled $[11]$ investigated heat dissipation in quadrangular porous fins and found that these fins improved the heat dissipation rate. Kiwan and Zeitoun [\[12\]](#page-10-2) demonstrated that cylindrical porous fins enhance thermionic transitions. Ghasemi et al. [\[13\]](#page-10-3) also contributed to this field. Kiwan [\[14\]](#page-10-4) examined the impact of thermionic radiation on heat dissipation in PFS. E. Cuce and P. M. Cuce [\[15\]](#page-10-5) effectively utilized HPM to evaluate the efficiency and performance of quadrangular permeable fins. Ma et al. [\[16\]](#page-10-6) employed a numerical approach to study the thermal capacity of convective-radiative permeable fins. Moradi et al. [\[17\]](#page-10-7) used an HPM model to analyze convective capacity and thermal dissipation in movable porous permeable fins. Bhanja et al. [\[18\]](#page-10-8) developed an analytical model to determine fin performance and optimize geometric design constraints for a movable porousstructured fin in a convective-radiative environment. Additionally, Das [\[19\]](#page-10-9) validated the inverse results of the convection-radiation approach for cylindrical porous permeable fins. Numerous applications are related to the

parameters of permeability, porosity, and internal heat evolved/generated in the system.

The properties of the linked solid components and the fluids contained in porous membranes and structures have been used to examine the various physiothermal characteristics of such structures in metals and ceramics [\[20\]](#page-10-10)– [\[29\]](#page-11-0). A comprehensive overview of convective heat transfer of nanofluids in porous media is given by Mohammad Hemmat Esfe et al. [\[30\]](#page-11-1). Liaqat Ali et al. [\[31\]](#page-11-2) investigated the thin-film flow of a magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) fluid over a porous, constantly stretching surface with a magnetic field and radioactive heat fluctuation in the presence of thermal conductivity and variable viscosity. L. Ndlovu [\[32\]](#page-12-0) examined the temperature distribution and fluctuation and fin efficiency in a porous moving fin of a rectangular partner. Fractional calculus, encompassing the concepts of nonintegral order differentiation and integration, extends the principles of classical calculus. Over recent years, numerous mathematicians, researchers, and scientists have recognized the significant role of noninteger operators in describing the characteristics of various physical phenomena $\left[33\right] - \left[37\right]$. Fractional differentiation and integration have been effectively employed to elucidate many procedures and apparatus. Comparative studies between classical models and fractional models have been conducted extensively $[20]$ – $[25]$. HPM has emerged as a rapidly convergent technique, compared to others. Its reliability and effectiveness have been well documented in literature across diverse applications in science and engineering. This paper is divided into four sections. Section 2 formulates the governing equation based on

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the heat transfer equation. Section 3 provides computational remarks for the solution using HPM.

II. GOVERNING EQUATION

In this study, a quadrangular fin contour, as illustrated in Figure 1, has been chosen to analyze the behavior of convective effects. The system's convection is described using a differential equation. The geometric dimensions of the fin are specified as follows: length is represented by "L," width by "w," and thickness by "t." The fin's cross-sectional area remains constant and is not subject to variation. Due to its distinctive porosity, the heat stream can flow through this fin. The system is analyzed using Darcy's porous-medium approach and the total energy balance of the system is represented as follows:

$$
q(x) - q(x + \Delta x) + q * A\Delta(x)
$$

= $m *C(p)[\tau - \tau\infty] + h(p) \Delta x [\tau - \tau\infty]$. (1)

In contrast, the mass flow rate of the convective fluid streaming PFS is given as follows:

$$
m * = \rho \cdot v \cdot w(x) \bigtriangleup (x). \tag{2}
$$

Velocity as flow-steam is given as follows:

$$
Uw = \frac{g k \beta (\tau - \tau \infty)}{U}.
$$
 (3)

It is assumed in this system that the fin's heat energy changes with temperature. Here, the steady state condition is determined using the idea of energy balance

$$
\frac{d^{\alpha}U}{dx_{\alpha}} - ShU^{2}(x) - m^{2}U(x) + m^{2}G(1 + \varepsilon U) = 0,
$$
\n(4)

where

$$
U = \frac{(\tau - \tau \infty)}{(\tau b - \tau \infty)} \text{ and } X = \frac{x}{L}.
$$
 (5)

Porous value $S_k = \frac{D_a R_a}{k} (\frac{L}{t})$, while the t convection parameter $m = \binom{h_p}{k_A}$ $\frac{P}{A}$ ¹/₂. In this case, S is a porosity-related metric that describes the buoyancy effect and the porous structure's permeability. The larger interconnected porousness of PSF or larger buoyantic forces are indicated by a higher value of Sh. The result of convection from the fin's surface is indicated by the convective parameter m. The requirements for the task are for a fin of finite length with an insulated tip $U(0) = 1$, $\frac{dU}{dx}|_{X=1} = 0$.

The perturbation approach has been used with the concept of homotopy to tackle non-linear issues. Kiwan and Al-Nim [\[9\]](#page-9-5) carried out an investigation by applying HPM. Marinca et al. developed a unique method that they call HPM [\[29\]](#page-11-0). HPM has the advantage of establishing its convergence criteria more pliablely than HAM. The three-dimensional (3D) analysis for Casson-nanofluid and Carreaunanofluid flows caused by a flat body in MHD flow is provided by R. Kumar $[38]$. HPM is used by Nawaz *et al.* [\[39\]](#page-12-4) to solve a linked system of nonlinear partial differential equations (PDEs). $[40]$ – $[44]$ demonstrate the value, generalizability, and reliability of this approach in a number of publications. They also produce solutions that can be relied upon and provide significant applications in science and engineering. This study presents an articulated concept of HPM. It offers rational and reliable solutions to PDEs and differential equations that are timedependent, linear, non-linear, and fractional in space and time.

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Fig 1. Sketch of porous fin structure

III. BASIC DEFINITIONS OF FRACTIONAL CALCULUS

We provide some elementary definitions of real valued functions in this section. A realvalued function $f(t)$, where $t > 0$, is defined as follows: c_{μ} , $\mu \in R$. Precisely defined as $[44]$, $[45]$,

$$
f(t) = t^p f_1(t),
$$

where $f1(t) \in c(0, \infty)$ is presumed to be in space c_μ^m if and only if

$$
f^m \in c_\mu, m \in N.
$$

The fractional order $\alpha > 0, \mu \ge$ −1 Riemann-Liouville sense integral operator of a function $f \in c_\mu$ is defined as

$$
RL_{D}^{~-\alpha}_{a,t}f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{a}^{t} (t - \mu)^{\alpha - 1} f(\mu) d\mu, t > 0, a \quad 0, k - 1 < \alpha < k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}.
$$
 (6)

For a function f(t) of fractional order α > 0, the Riemann-Liouville sense derivative operator is defined as

$$
RL_{D}^{\alpha}_{a,t}f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{d^{k}}{dt^{k}} \int_{-1}^{t} (t - \mu)^{k-\alpha-1} f(\mu) d\mu, a
$$

> 0, t > 0, k - 1
> \alpha < k, k \in Z^{+}. (7)

Caputo sense derivative operator of a function f(y) of fractional order $\alpha > 0$ is defined as

$$
C_{D_{\alpha,t}}^{\alpha} f(t)
$$

= $\frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - \mu)^{k-\alpha-1} f^{k}(\mu) d\mu, \alpha > 0, t > 0, k-1 < \alpha < k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ . (8)$

$$
If \ j - 1 < \alpha < j, and \ f \in c^m, \mu \geq 0
$$
\n
$$
-1, then \quad R L_{D}^{-\alpha} (C_{D}^{\alpha} f(t)) = f(t) - \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} f^i(\alpha) \frac{(t-a)^j}{\Gamma(i+1)}, > 0. \tag{9}
$$

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$$
\frac{d^{\alpha}U}{dx^{\alpha}} - S_h U^2(x) - m^2 U(x) + m^2 G(1 + \epsilon U) = 0, \quad (10)
$$

where $U = \frac{(\tau - \tau \infty)}{(\tau b - \tau \infty)}$ and $X = \frac{x}{L}$,
 $U(0) = 1$, $\frac{dU}{dx}|_{x=1} = 0$.

Using the HPM approach, we can create an ideal homotopy in the given equation as follows:

$$
U^{\alpha} + P[-SU^2 - m^2 \dot{\mathbf{e}} + m^2 G (1 + \epsilon U)] =
$$

0. (11)

In the following, p^0 , p^1 , p^2 , and p^3 are problems of the zeroth, first, second, and third orders.

$$
\frac{d^{\alpha}u_0}{dx^{\alpha}} = 0
$$
\n(12)

 v^0 :

 p^2 :

 p^3 :

$$
\frac{d^{\alpha}U_1}{dx^{\alpha}} = S(U_0)(U_0) + m^2U_0 - m^2G(1 + \epsilon U_0)
$$
\n(13)

$$
\frac{d^{\alpha}U_2}{dx^{\alpha}} = m^2(U_1) - Gm^2 \epsilon(U_1) + 2(U_0)(U_1)
$$
\n(14)

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$$
\frac{d^{\alpha}U_3}{dx^{\alpha}} = S(U_1)^2 + m^2U_2 - Gm^2\epsilon U_2 + 2S(U_0)(U_2)
$$
\n(15)

In the following, U_0 , U_1 , U_2 and U_3 are zeroth-order, first-order, and third-order solutions. Using these three solutions in equation 12, we get U solution.

$$
U_0 = 1\tag{16}
$$

$$
U_1 = \frac{S + m^2(1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \chi^{\alpha} \tag{17}
$$

$$
U_2 = m^2 \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} x^{2\alpha} \right]
$$

$$
-Gm^2 \epsilon \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} x^{2\alpha} \right] +
$$

$$
2 \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} x^{2\alpha} \right]
$$
(18)

 U_{3}

$$
= S \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right]^2 \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(3\alpha + 1)} x^{3\alpha}
$$

+
$$
m^4 \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(3\alpha + 1)} x^{3\alpha} \right] -
$$

$$
G m^2 \epsilon \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(3\alpha + 1)} \right] +
$$

$$
2 \left[\frac{S + m^2 (1 - G - G\epsilon)}{\Gamma(3\alpha + 1)} x^{3\alpha} \right]
$$
 (19)

$$
U = 1 + \frac{2y^{2\alpha}(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[1+2\alpha]} + \frac{m^2y^{2\alpha}(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[1+2\alpha]} - \frac{Gm^2y^{2\alpha}\epsilon(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[1+2\alpha]} + \frac{2y^{3\alpha}(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[1+3\alpha]} + \frac{m^4y^{3\alpha}(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[1+3\alpha]} - \frac{Gm^2y^{3\alpha}\epsilon(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[1+3\alpha]} + \frac{sy^{3\alpha}(s+m^2(1-G-G\epsilon))^2Gamma[1+2\alpha]}{\Gamma[1+\alpha]^2\Gamma[1+3\alpha]} + \frac{y^{\alpha}(s+m^2[1-G-G\epsilon])}{\Gamma[1+\alpha]^2\Gamma[1+3\alpha]}
$$
(20)

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$$
R = \frac{d^{\alpha}U}{dx^{\alpha}} - S_h U^2(x) - m^2 U(x) + m^2 G (1 + \epsilon U)
$$
 (21)

B. AVERAGE VELOCITY AND FLOW RATE

$$
W = \sum_{0}^{1} u(x) dx
$$

\n
$$
W = 1 + \frac{s}{\Gamma[2+\alpha]} +
$$

\n
$$
\frac{(-2+m^2(-1+G\epsilon))(-s+m^2(-1+G+G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[2+2\alpha]} -
$$

\n
$$
\frac{(2+m^4-Gm^2\epsilon)(-s+m^2(-1+G+G\epsilon))}{\Gamma[2+3\alpha]} +
$$

\n
$$
\frac{4^{\alpha} s (s-m^2(-1+G+G\epsilon))^2 \Gamma[\frac{1}{2}+\alpha]}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma[1+\alpha] \Gamma[2+3\alpha]} + \frac{m^2(1-G(1+\epsilon))}{\Gamma[2+\alpha]}
$$

\n(22)

The fractional metallic porous fin on varying convective loads Jeffery-Hamel flow's average velocity \overline{U} Is determined by

$\bar{u} = w$

The fractional Jeffery-Hamel flow result, as shown graphically.

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V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Without using any spatial discretization, the HPM algorithm for the temporal fractional order heat transfer equation described in Sec. 3 and the formulation explanation given in Sec. 4 yield incredibly valid solutions. It is not necessary to compute higher order answers while using HPM. Material property values are derived from [\[33\]](#page-12-1). Da = 0.0003; L/t = 10, Ra = 10000, Kr = 954, ε = 0.5, Ks = 411. Tables 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 represent the approximate results which also represent the validity and accuracy of the method.

A. CASE 1 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF **α***)*

Fractional thermal analysis for α fluctuations is provided in this instance.

FIGURE 2. 2D Temperature Gradient Analysis for Case 1

TABLE I

RESULTS OF CASE 1 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF α)

Х	$\alpha = 1.2$	$\alpha = 1.4$	$\alpha = 1.6$	$\alpha = 1.8$	$\alpha = 2$
0.1	1.18141663906182		1.0984704278 1.0532846382428 1.0285103606638 1.0150433589880		
0.2	1.454156682204560 1.2713641407 1.1650490167101 1.1003435974915 1.0604889697639				
0.3	1.826278280854757 1.5095481482 1.3264887670270 1.2118930395974 1.1373676284255				
0.4	2.332170890627507 1.8269586813 1.5420107346364 1.3649270693253 1.247677977344				
0.5	3.016423605847851 2.2482467334 1.8232366180731 1.5649264368583 1.3948074784765				
0.6	3.931330828423049 2.8073040662 2.1887805960676 1.8214901935378 1.584121776004				
0.7	5.135830421546348 3.5469882460 2.6648158229219 2.1491817538552 1.8237224482930				
0.8	6.694882891059962 4.5191565779 3.2858657279452 2.5685834056658 2.1253731491840				
0.9	8.679044449553565 5.7847993381 4.0956729919871 3.1074860593097 2.5055941386030				
	11.16414484687866 7.4142059099 5.1480952315169 3.8021821809219				2.9869252025

TABLE II

RESULTS OF CASE 2 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF \in)

B. CASE 2 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF ∈*)*

In this case, fractional thermal analysis for variations in \in is given. For \in = $1 with m = 0.3, s = 4, G = 0.4, \alpha = 1.4.$

FIGURE 3. 2D Temperature Gradient Analysis for Case 2

C. CASE 3 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF G)

In this case, fractional thermal analysis for variations in G is given. For G=1 with m=0.3, s=5, ϵ =0.6, α = 1.4

FIGURE 4. 2D Temperature Gradient Results for Case 3

TABLE III RESULTS OF CASE 3 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF G)

\mathbf{x}	$= 0.4$	$= 0.6$	$= 0.8$	$=1$			
0.1	1.16653535378245	1.1645948744811394	1.1636250249942968	1.1626554356166625			
0.2		1.467043938730760 1.4613146182142676	1.4584535326313142	1.4555948301652226			
0.3	1.910296468580126	1.8982678908884087	1.8922680098111981	1.8862777339130858			
0.4		2.563543874724515 2.5410409277095947	2.529830108296882	2.518646391614001			
0.5		3.533476230842525 3.4938352155470347	3.4741080242660383	3.4544430438962057			
0.6°	4.965047416136141	4.8982796898985335	4.865082685257754	4.832010252935658			
0.7	7.042067895942152	6.933996549445583	6.880300256272839	6.826830216483786			
0.8		9.988155594407614 9.819524485829396	9.735781693331614	9.652420742028042			
0.9	14.06773941802519	13.813296279039129	13.686987500041873	13.561287248041793			
		19.58703234799686 19.214588000396848	19.02975509653562	18.845848372633565			

D. CASE 4 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF m) E. CASE 5 (DIFFERENT VALUES OF S_h)

In this case, fractional thermal analysis for m fluctuations is provided. Regarding $m =$ 0.4 with $G = 0.4$, $s = 3$, $\epsilon = 0.6$, $\alpha = 1.6$.

FIGURE 5. 2D Temperature Gradient Results for Case 4

In this case, fractional thermal analysis for fluctuations in S is provided.

For S of 5 with $G = 0.4, m = 0.3, \in \equiv$ $0.6, \alpha = 1.4.$

FIGURE 6. 2D Solutions of Case 4 Showing Temperature Variations with Different S_h Values

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TABLE IV

A. CONCLUSION

The fractional thermal porous fin model mentioned above is a second-order nonlinear ODE. This work uses HPM to illustrate the model solution numerically. It is shown that the HPM approach provides a straightforward, accurate, and suitable way to predict the consequences of heat dissipation in PFS when a thermionic system occurs. Here, the research on heat transmission is restricted to porous fins of finite length with insulated tips. We have two different situations that are susceptible to the fin's tip situation. The thermal gradients resulting from the dissimilarity of m with respect to the evolved heat energy and temperature propagation by varied values of α are depicted in Figure 1. Whereas, the thermal gradients that result from the differences in the evolution of heat energy and the propagation of temperature at different values are depicted in Figures 2 and 3. Here, it is determined that, as indicated in Figure 4 provided in $[19]-[24]$ $[19]-[24]$ $[19]-[24]$, when impacted by m, S value increases, temperature drops quickly, and the fin quickly meets the ambient temperature. Figure 5 illustrates how S primarily influences thermal gradients. S is mostly attributable to the Darcy factor, which is the primary driver of heat transfer rate in this thermal system. Along with explaining the dissimilarity behavior, the results also provide an explanation for fin porosity and solidity in terms of the heat transfer rate with parameter kr $[45]$, $[46]$. The percentage of porous fin to solid fin heat transmission rate differs in both scenarios as kr increases. The findings indicate that the values and variations of Da and Ra have a significant impact on the thermal dispersion of metallic Cu-Al-Ag porous

structures. Figure 1 makes it clear that as the Darcy parameter decreases, the magnitude of thermal gradients and thermionic levels increases. As a result, the amount of dimensionless temperature decreases over the fin span. Here, it is determined that the S parameter mostly influences PFS because higher permeability results in increased convection and heat transferability. Greater heat transmission is possible at higher S values. Hence, this research concludes that porous finned structures or PFS are suitable for a variety of industrial uses, particularly in the electronics and biomedical sectors.

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