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Keywords: Entropy generation; Bejan number; Nanofluid; Twisted tape turbulator; Heat transfer; Turbulent flow.

Nomenclature

D pipe diameter

Greek symbols

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f	Darcy friction factor	α	Thermal diffusivity
BR	Height ratio	μ	Dynamic viscosity of
			nanofluid
L	length of pipe	ρ	Density
b	Height of the twisted	ϕ	Volume fraction of nanofluid
Nu	Nusselt number	Subscrip	ts
t	Thickness of the fin	i	inner
Pr	Prandtl number	0	outer
Р	Pressure	nf	nanofluid
р	twisted pitch length	S	particles
PR	Pitch ratio $(= p/D)$	f	Base fluid
Be	Bejan Number		
S gen	Entropy generation		
Т	Fluid temperature		
Re	Reynolds number		

1. Introduction

Recently, second law analysis and entropy generation minimization were considered by several scientists to obtain the optimal design of the thermal systems. Techniques for improving thermal performance of heat exchanger are categorized as

passive and active techniques. Hassan et al. [1] investigated particle shape influences on nanofluid heat transfer in existence of Lorentz forces. They used water and iron nanoparticles of three different shapes like sphere, oblate ellipsoid and prolate ellipsoid. Raju et al. [2] demonstrated non-Newtonian nanofluid natural convection over a cone. They considered magnetic field effect. They found that the non-uniform heat source/sink parameter is a major controlling parameter of the nanofluid flow and heat transfer rate. Sheikholeslami et al. [3] investigated CuO nanoparticles transportation in a heat exchanger equipped with helical turbulators. They found that temperature gradient enhances with decrease of pitch ratio. Ellahi et al. [4] investigated mixed convection flow of nanofluid on a vertical stretching porous plate. They presented the correlations of Nusselt number and skin friction corresponding to active parameters. Mwesigye et al. [5] reported the influence of using twisted tape inserts on Bejan number. Sheikholeslami [6] reported the Nano-enhanced PCM solidification process by means of finite element method. He showed that dispersing nanoparticles in to pure PCM can accelerate the solidification.

Suri et al. [7] demonstrated the thermal analysis for a pipe with perforated twisted tapes turbulator. Their indicated that numerous perforated twist tape had better thermal performance. Mehmood et al. [8] demonstrated the migration of nanoparticles in ethylene glycol under the impact of electric field. They used the similarity transformations to reduce the equations in similar forms, then solved by Runge–Kutta scheme. Bhatti et al. [9] investigated entropy generation of ferrofluid in a microchannel. They proved that the entropy profile shows a positive response due to the greater impact of Brinkmann number, magnetic field, and the Joule heating parameter. Influence of Cattaneo-Christov heat flux model on the flow of Maxwell ferromagnetic liquid was analyzed by Rehman et al. [10]. They showed that velocity of the fluid decreases, while

temperature augments by increasing the values of ferromagnetic interaction parameter. Ahmad and Mustafa [11] studied the rotating flow of nanofluid due to convectively heated exponentially stretching sheet. They found that thermal boundary layer thickness augments and heat transfer rate reduces upon increasing the angular velocity of the rotating fluid. Sheikholeslami and Zeeshan [12] employed LBM for nanofluid flow in an enclosure with elliptic heat source. They showed that convective flow enhances with rise of buoyancy forces. Kumar et al. [13] investigated three dimensional flow of a Prandtl liquid over a flat plate. They considered chemical reaction effect on governing equations. Makinde et al. [14] demonstrated the nanofluid flow considering non uniform viscosity. Haq et al. [15] studied the influences of aligned magnetic field on nanofluid flow over a slip surface. They concluded that SWCNTs-kerosene depicts the high friction and heat transfer rate at the surface as compare to the rest of the mixtures. Raju et al. [16] studied the nanofluid flow over a wedge. They found that the decelerating flow over a wedge is very useful for cooling applications. Zin et al. [17] demonstrated the unsteady MHD natural convection flow of rotating Jeffrey nanofluid saturated in a porous medium. They found that, the rotation parameter tends to decrease the primary velocity but reverse effect is observed in the secondary velocity. Recently, nanofluid considered as interesting passive techniques [18-39].

In this paper, effect of twisted tape turbulator on nanofluid entropy generation in a heat exchanger is studied numerically using FVM. Roles of height ratio, Reynolds number, and pitch ratio on entropy generation of nanofluid have been depicted.

2. Physical model

Geometry of turbolentor and sample mesh are shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Lengths, outer and inner diameters of the pipe are 900, 20 and 5 *mm*, respectively. We separate the length to three regions: inlet section, test section and outlet section. Twisted tape is situated in second section and two other sections are considered to prevent any probable back flow streams. Tables 1 and 2 illustrate properties of CuO and water.

3. Mathematical model

To simulate this article, the governing equations for turbulent flow and forced convection heat transfer of nanofluid are:

$$\frac{\partial(u_i)}{\partial x_i} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}}\left(u_{i}u_{j}\rho_{nf}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_{i}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}}\left(-\rho_{nf}\overline{u_{j}'u_{i}'}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}}\left(\mu_{nf}\left(\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} + \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}}\right)\right)$$
(2)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} \left(\rho_{nf} T u_{i} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} \left(\left(\Gamma + \Gamma_{t} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_{i}} \right), \\
\left(\Gamma = \mu_{nf} / \Pr_{nf} \right), \quad \left(\Gamma_{t} = \mu_{t} / \Pr_{t} \right)$$
(3)

 $\rho_{nf} \overline{u'_{j}u'_{i}}$ and μ_{i} are:

$$-\overline{u'_{j}u'_{i}}\rho_{nf} = \mu_{t}\left(\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}} + \frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}}\right) - \frac{2}{3}\rho_{nf}k\,\delta_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}\mu_{t}\frac{\partial u_{k}}{\partial x_{k}}\delta_{ij}$$
(4)

$$\mu_{t} = \rho_{\eta f} C_{\mu} k^{2} / \varepsilon \tag{5}$$

 k, ε can be predicted as:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}} \left(\left(\frac{\mu_{i}}{\sigma_{k}} + \mu_{nf} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_{j}} \right) - \rho_{nf} \varepsilon + G_{k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} (u_{i} \rho_{nf} k), \quad G_{k} = -\frac{\partial u_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} \rho_{nf} \overline{u_{j}' u_{i}'} \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} (u_{i} \rho_{nf} \varepsilon) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}} \left(\left(\frac{\mu_{i}}{\sigma_{\varepsilon}} + \mu_{nf} \right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x_{j}} \right) + \frac{\varepsilon}{k} G_{k} C_{1\varepsilon} - \rho_{nf} \frac{\varepsilon^{2}}{k} C_{2\varepsilon} \tag{7}$$

$$C_{1\varepsilon} = 1.42, \quad C_{\mu} = 0.0845, \quad C_{2\varepsilon} = 1.68, \quad \Pr_{i} = 0.85, \quad \sigma_{k} = 1, \quad \sigma_{\varepsilon} = 1.3 \tag{8}$$

ANSYS Fluent software selected as simulation tool. k-ε (RNG) model was chosen as turbulent model. Table 3 shows more details of setting.

$$\rho_{nf}$$
, $(\rho C_p)_{nf}$, k_{nf} and μ_{nf} are:

$$\rho_{nf} = \rho_f \left(1 - \phi\right) + \rho_s \phi \tag{9}$$

$$\left(\rho C_{p}\right)_{nf} = -(\phi - 1)\left(\rho C_{p}\right)_{f} + \left(\rho C_{p}\right)_{s}\phi$$

$$\tag{10}$$

$$\frac{k_{nf}}{k_{f}} = 1 + 3 \frac{\phi(k_{p} / k_{f} - 1)}{-\phi(k_{p} / k_{f} - 1) + (2 + k_{p} / k_{f})} + 5 \times 10^{4} g'(\phi, T, d_{p}) \phi \rho_{f} c_{p,f} \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_{b} T}{\rho_{p} d_{p}}}$$

$$g'(\phi, T, d_{p}) = \left(a_{1} + a_{2} Ln(d_{p}) + a_{5} Ln(d_{p})^{2} + a_{3} Ln(\phi) + a_{4} Ln(\phi) \ln(d_{p})\right) Ln(T) + \left(a_{6} + a_{7} Ln(d_{p}) + a_{10} Ln(d_{p})^{2} + a_{8} Ln(\phi) + a_{9} \ln(d_{p}) Ln(\phi)\right),$$

$$\frac{4 \times 10^{-8}}{d_{p}} = -\frac{1}{k_{p}} + \frac{1}{k_{p,eff}} + \frac{1}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}}$$
(12)

Boundary conditions at z=0 and z=900 are:

$$v_i = 0, u_i = 0, w_i = cte, T_i = cte, I = 0.16(Re)^{\frac{-1}{8}}$$
 (13)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}}{\partial z} = 0, \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial z} = 0$$
(14)

In this paper, the hydraulic diameter, Re, Nu, and *f* can be defined as:

$$D_h = \frac{4A}{C} \tag{15}$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho v_i D_h}{\mu}$$
(16)

$$Nu = \frac{hD_h}{k}$$
(17)

$$f = \frac{\Delta p}{\frac{\rho v_m^2}{2} \frac{L}{D_h}}$$
(18)

The entropy generation and Bejan number can be defined as [40]:

$$S_{gen,total} \approx \frac{q''^2 PD_h L}{Nu.k.T_1 T_2} + \frac{8n8^2 fL}{\rho^2 T_{avg} D_h^3 P^2} = S_{gen,th} + S_{gen,f} , \qquad (19)$$

$$T_{avg} = \frac{\left(T_1 - T_2\right)}{\ln(T_1/T_2)}$$

$$Be = \frac{S_{gen,th}}{S_{gen,f} + S_{gen,th}} \qquad (20)$$

Outputs should not depend on mesh size. Table 4 shows various meshes for one case as an example. According to this table, the grid size of 1378654 cells is chosen for numerical modeling. The value of y^+ parameter should be less than 5 for our selected model (see table 5) to satisfy the limitation of k- ϵ (Enhanced wall treatment) model $(Y^+ < 5)$. To verify the present code, local convective coefficients are verified with previous published article [41]. Fig. 3 demonstrated correctness of this code.

4. Results and discussion

CuO-water turbulent forced convection inside a pipe with turbulator is studied. Entropy generations of nanofluid are investigated and obtained result are shown as contours and related correlations. Brownian motion impact on thermal conductivity of CuO-water is taken into account. Influence pitch ratio (PR = 5 to 15), Reynolds number (Re = 5000 to 20000) and height ratio (BR = 0.3 to 0.5) on nanofluid entropy generation are illustrated.

Fig. 4 depicts the stream tracer contours for various values of active parameters. Using lower pitch ratio leads to better nanofluid mixing due to stronger secondary flows. Besides, similar behavior is observed for Reynolds number and height ratio. As Reynolds number augments, pressure loss augments and temperature boundary layer thickness reduces. Increasing height ratio and decreasing pitch ratio lead to higher temperature gradient but with cost of higher pressure loss.

Related formulas for entropy generation and Bejan number are:

$$S_{gen,f}^{*} = 10^{5} \times S_{gen,f} = 0.91 - 0.33PR + 0.26BR + 1.55Re -0.17(PR)(BR) - 0.19(PR)(Re) + 0.32(Re)(BR) + 0.73Re^{2}$$
(21)

$$S_{gen,th} = 0.032 + 1.8 \times 10^{-3} PR - 1.3 \times 10^{-3} BR - 0.022 Re + 6 \times 10^{-4} (PR) (BR) - 8.54 \times 10^{-4} (PR) (Re) + 5.4 \times 10^{-4} (Re) (BR) + 0.014 Re^{2}$$
(22)

$$S_{gen,total} = 0.032 + 1.81 \times 10^{-3} PR - 1.3 \times 10^{-3} BR - 0.022 Re$$

+5.9×10⁻⁴ (PR)(BR) - 8.58×10⁻⁴ (PR)(Re) + 5.5×10⁻⁴ (Re)(BR) + 0.014 Re² (23)

$$Be = 1 + 1.61 \times 10^{-3} PR - 1.3 \times 10^{-4} BR - 7.04 \times 10^{-4} Re + 9 \times 10^{-5} (PR)(BR) + 2.1 \times 10^{-4} (PR)(Re) - 1.7 \times 10^{-4} (Re)(BR) - 4.42 \times 10^{-4} Re^{2}$$
(24)

Effects of Reynolds number, pitch ratio and height ratio on $S_{gen,f}$, $S_{gen,th}$, $S_{gen,tota}$ and Bejan number are shown in Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8. $S_{gen,f}$ is an increasing function of Reynolds number and height ratio. This is due to increase in velocity gradient with increase if Re, BR. Opposite behavior is reported for $S_{gen,th}$. Effect of active parameters on $S_{gen,totd}$ is similar to those of $S_{gen,th}$ because $S_{gen,f}$ is obtanied to be too lower than $S_{gen,totd}$. The ratio of the thermal and total entropy generation rates has been introduced as Bejan number. Bejan number at low Reynolds number is close to 1 because the thermal entropy generation is prominent. Bejan number enhances with augment of pitch ratio. Also, it decreases with rise of Reynolds number and height ratio.

5. Conclusion

In this article, heat exchanger with twisted tape turbulators is simulated via FVM. Working fluid is water based nanofluid and experimental correlations are used to estimate its properties. Entropy generation and Bejan number are presented as suitable formulas according to results. Results show that Bejan number can enhance with augment of pitch ratio. Total entropy generation has reverse relationship with Nusselt number.

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Fig 1. Geometry of the problem.





Fig.3. Comparison of Local convective heat transfer coefficient between the

present result and previous work [24].

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PR=15, BR=0.5



PR=5, BR=0.5







PR = 10











PR = 10





PR = 10





Coefficient values	CuO –Water
a_1	-26.5933108
a_2	-0.403818333
a_3	-33.3516805
a_4	-1.915825591
a_5	6.421858E-02
a_6	48.40336955
<i>a</i> ₇	-9.787756683
a_8	190.245610009
a_{g}	10.9285386565
a_{10}	-0.72009983664

Table1. The coefficient values of CuO-Water nanofluid

Table2. Thermo physical properties of water and nanoparticles

	$\rho(kg/m^3)$	$C_p(j/kgk)$	k(W/m.k)	µ(Pa.s)
Pure water	997.1	4179	0.613	0.0010003
СиО	6500	540	18	-

Table3.	Solver	Setting	of	ANS	YS	FL	UEN	IT
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Solver	Pressure-Based, Steady		
Viscous model	K- <i>\varepsilon</i> , RNG, Enhanced wall treatment		
Y	Pressure-velocity coupling	SIMPLE	
Solution methods	Gradient	Green-Gauss node based	
	Pressure	Standard	
	Momentum	Second order upwind	
Spatial Discretization	Turbulent kinetic energy	Second order upwind	
	Turbulent dissipation rate	Second order upwind	

Mesh	Total element	Ν	£	
refinement	number	INU	J	
Very coarse mesh	201134	180.105	0.092	
Coarse mesh	310221	180.024	0.094	
Normal mesh	522892	179.876	0.095	
Fine mesh	1001312	179.581	0.096	
Very fine mesh	1378654	179.478	0.096	

Table4. Grid inde	pendence test for	PR = 5, BR	= 0.5, Re = 20000
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Table5. Ranges of Y^+ for when Re = 20000

Case	Surface	Y ⁺
PR = 15 BR = 0.3	Outer Wall	3.653840085
111 10,211 010	twisted tape wall	3.329417279
PR = 15 RR = 0.5	Outer Wall	3.162444045
111 10,011 0.0	twisted tape wall	2.958740417
PR = 5 BR = 0.3	Outer Wall	4.252006463
The State of State	twisted tape wall	3.592632247
PR = 5 BR = 0.5	Outer Wall	4.419943403
11X = 5, DIX = 5,5	twisted tape wall	3.678451027
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Highlights

- > Entropy generation for nanofluid turbulent flow is presented.
- FVM is selected for numerical approach.
- Bejan number enhance with augment of BR and PR
- > Total entropy generation increases with augment of BR and PR

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