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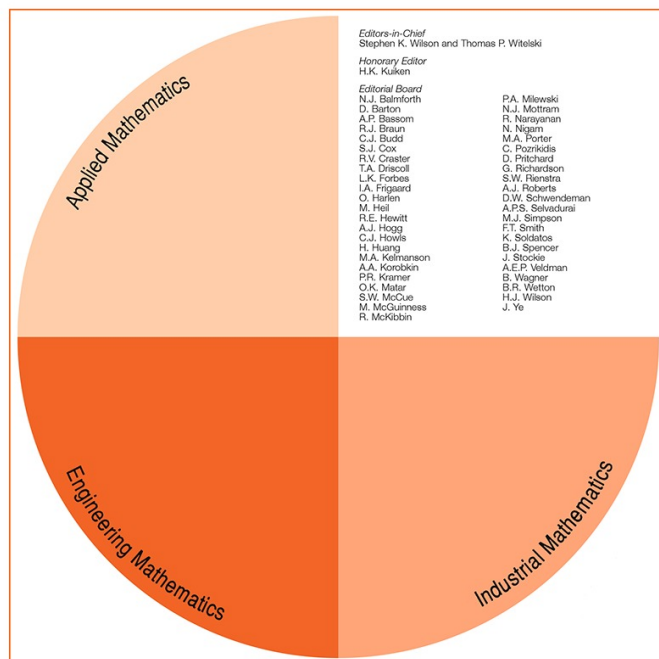
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Abstract The classical Graetz problem, which is the problem of the hydrodynamically developed, thermally developing laminar flow of an incompressible fluid inside a tube neglecting axial conduction and viscous dissipation, is one of the fundamental problems of internal-flow studies. This study is an extension of the Graetz problem to include the rarefaction effect, viscous dissipation term and axial conduction with a constant wall temperature thermal boundary condition. The energy equation is solved to determine the temperature field analytically using general eigenfunction expansion with a fully developed velocity profile. To analyze the low-Peclet-number nature of the flow, the flow domain is extended from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$. To model the rarefaction effect, a second-order slip model is implemented. The temperature distribution, local Nusselt number, and local entropy generation are determined in terms of confluent hypergeometric functions. This kind of theoretical study is important for a fundamental understanding of the convective heat transfer characteristics of flows at the microscale and for the optimum design of thermal systems, which includes convective heat transfer at the microscale, especially operating at low Reynolds numbers.

Keywords Extended-Graetz problem · Low Pe · Microtube · Second-order slip model

1 Introduction

Analysis of the hydrodynamically developed, thermally developing laminar flow of an incompressible fluid inside a tube neglecting axial conduction and viscous dissipation is known as the Graetz problem and is one of the fundamental problems of internal-flow studies. The Graetz problem was solved analytically by Graetz [1,2] and Nusselt [3] more than a century ago. Many studies extended the Graetz problem to include additional effects (such as axial conduction and viscous dissipation) and different channel geometries at the macroscale. An excellent review of the solution to the Graetz problem at the macroscale can be found elsewhere [4]. Recently, the Graetz problem

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Table 1 Coefficients used in Eqs. (1) and (2) [21]

a_1	a_2	b_1	b_2
1.0	0.5	$\frac{2 - F_T}{F_T} \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma + 1} \frac{1}{Pr}$	$\frac{2 - F_T}{F_T} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} \frac{1}{Pr}$

has also been extended to study Hartmann flow [5,6], electrokinetic flow [7,8], and microscale flows by including the rarefaction effect [9–19].

With today’s facilities, the fabrication of channels with a size on the order of micrometers is not an issue (even the fabrication of microtubes with diameters of several micrometers/nanometers has become possible [20]). These kinds of small channels can easily constitute the elements of micro heat exchangers. For an effective and economical design of micro heat exchangers, the heat transfer characteristics of flow inside these microchannels need to be well understood. As the characteristic length (L) of the flow approaches the mean free path (λ) of the fluid, the continuum approach is no longer valid, and fluid flow modeling moves from a continuum to a molecular model. The ratio of the mean free path to the characteristic length of the flow is known as the Knudsen number ($Kn = \lambda/L$). For Kn varying between 0.01 and 0.1 (which corresponds to the flow of air in standard atmospheric conditions through a channel with a characteristic length of 0.7–7 μm), the regime is known as a slip-flow regime. In this regime, flow can be modeled by continuum modeling as long as the boundary conditions are modified to take into account rarefaction effects.

The general form of the boundary conditions for velocity and temperature can be written as follows:

$$u - u_w = a_1\lambda \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right)_{\text{wall}} + a_2\lambda^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial n^2}\right)_{\text{wall}} + a_3\lambda^2 \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right)_{\text{wall}}, \tag{1}$$

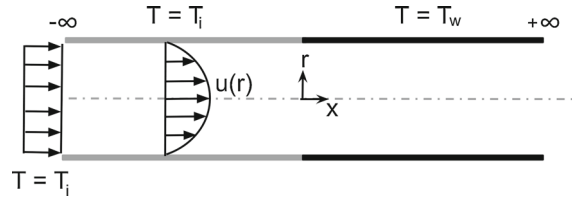
$$T - T_w = b_1\lambda \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial n}\right)_{\text{wall}} + b_2\lambda^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2}\right)_{\text{wall}}, \tag{2}$$

where n and t are the normal and tangential directions, respectively. The first terms of Eqs. (1) and (2) are known as first-order boundary conditions, and the second terms are known as second-order boundary conditions [21]. The last term of Eq. (1) is known as thermal creep, which is the fluid flow in the direction from cold to hot if a tangential temperature gradient exists along the channel walls [22] (since the thermal boundary condition is constant wall temperature in this study, thermal creep term is set to zero). As the modeling moves to the edge of the slip flow regime (i.e., Kn approaches 0.1), the inclusion of the second-order terms improves the accuracy of the solution. There are many different second-order models with different coefficients [23]. In this study, the second-order model proposed by Beskok and Karniadakis [21], which is an accepted model for a slip-flow regime, is used. However, different second-order models can also be implemented in the current mathematical model by introducing the appropriate slip coefficients. The coefficients for the second-order model proposed by Beskok and Karniadakis [21] are given in Table 1.

The characteristic lengths of the microchannels are very small; thus, viscous forces dominate inertial forces, leading to a low Reynolds number (i.e., $Re \sim 1.0$) and a low Peclet number ($Pe = Re Pr \sim 1.0$). For flows with a small Peclet number, the characteristic time of the convection and the diffusion becomes comparable, and the convection term no longer dominates the conduction term in the longitudinal direction. In this case, the axial conduction term cannot be neglected. The Graetz problem involving the inclusion of the axial conduction term has proven to be an interesting problem due to the existence of the non-self-adjoint eigenvalue problem. Accordingly, linearly independent eigenfunctions become nonorthogonal [24]. This interesting problem has been studied by many researchers for flows in macrochannels [25–35]. More recently, the effect of axial conduction is also discussed for Hartmann flow [5,6], for mixed electroosmotic and pressure-driven microflows [7,8], for slip flow in a slit channel [15,18], and for slip flow in a microtube [19].

This study extends the Graetz problem to include the rarefaction effect, viscous dissipation term, and axial conduction in a fluid in constant wall temperature boundary conditions. By defining the appropriate nondimensional

Fig. 1 Geometry of problem



parameters, the given problem is formulated in a similar form with its macroscale counterpart. The temperature distribution, Nusselt number, and local entropy generation are determined analytically using a general eigenfunction expansion and are obtained in terms of confluent hypergeometric functions. To fully explore the effect of axial conduction, the solution domain is extended from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ and a step change in the wall temperature is implemented. A two-part solution of the temperature field is obtained, and the two solutions are matched at the entrance of the heated region. The present study is an extension of the previous study of Çetin et al. [19]. The extensions to the previous study can be stated as the (1) use of a constant wall temperature thermal boundary condition, (2) inclusion of a second-order slip model, (3) extension of the solution domain from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$, and (4) inclusion of the analysis of the entropy generation. The mathematical model is implemented using the *Mathematica* software package by which a wide range of results are possible to be obtained rapidly by using this analytical model with high precision compared to numerical solutions.

2 Mathematical model

Consider the laminar flow of an incompressible, viscous fluid flowing into a microtube at a constant temperature, T_i , as shown in Fig. 1. The flow is assumed to be steady-state, hydrodynamically developed flow. The microtube walls are maintained at temperature T_i for $x \leq 0$ and T_w for $x > 0$. The thermophysical fluid properties are assumed to be constant, and the free convection due to the temperature difference is neglected. The solution domain is separated into two regions: upstream ($-\infty < x < 0$) and downstream ($0 < x < +\infty$) regions. The solutions are obtained for two regions, and the matching conditions are applied at the interface. By introducing the following dimensionless parameters [36],

$$\bar{r} = \frac{r}{R}, \quad \bar{x} = \frac{x}{\text{Pe} R}, \quad \theta_j = \frac{T_j - T_w}{T_i - T_w} \quad (j = 1, 2), \quad \bar{u} = \frac{u}{u_m}, \quad \text{Pe} = \text{Re} \text{Pr}, \quad \text{Br} = \frac{\mu u_m^2}{k(T_i - T_w)}, \quad (3)$$

the governing energy equation, including the axial conduction, the viscous dissipation term, and the corresponding boundary conditions for the two regimes, can be written as

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{2} \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{1}{\bar{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{r}} \left(\bar{r} \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \bar{r}} \right) + \frac{1}{\text{Pe}^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta_j}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{32 \text{Br}}{(1 + 8 \text{Kn} - 8 \text{Kn}^2)^2} \bar{r}^2 \quad \begin{cases} \text{for } j = 1, & -\infty < \bar{x} < 0, \\ \text{for } j = 2, & 0 < \bar{x} < +\infty, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \bar{r}} = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2) \quad \text{at } \bar{r} = 0 \quad \text{for } -\infty < \bar{x} < +\infty, \quad (5a)$$

$$\theta_j = (2 - j) - 2b_1 \text{Kn} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \bar{r}} \right) + 4b_2 \text{Kn}^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta_j}{\partial \bar{r}^2} \right) \quad \text{at } \bar{r} = 1 \quad (j = 1, 2), \quad (5b)$$

$$\theta_1 \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } \bar{x} \rightarrow -\infty, \quad (5c)$$

$$\theta_2 \rightarrow \theta_{2,\infty} \quad \text{as } \bar{x} \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (5d)$$

where $\theta_{j\infty}$ is the dimensionless fully developed temperature profile, and \bar{u} is the dimensionless fully developed velocity profile for the slip-flow regime defined as [36]

$$\bar{u} = \frac{2(1 - \bar{r}^2 + 4 \text{Kn} - 4 \text{Kn}^2)}{1 + 8 \text{Kn} - 8 \text{Kn}^2}. \quad (6)$$

The dimensionless numbers used in these equations are the Reynolds number ($Re = u_m D/\nu$), Prandtl number ($Pr = \nu/\alpha$), Knudsen number ($Kn = \lambda/D$), and Brinkman number (which indicates the relative importance of the heating of the fluid due to viscous dissipation for the heating of the wall). The matching conditions for the two solutions are the continuity of the temperature and the continuity of the heat flux at the entrance and can be written as

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 \quad \text{at } \bar{x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}} \quad \text{at } \bar{x} = 0. \tag{7}$$

The solution to the energy equation, Eq. (4), can be said to be the superposition of two solutions as

$$\theta_j(\bar{r}, \bar{x}) = \phi_j(\bar{r}, \bar{x}) + \theta_{j,\infty}(\bar{r}) \quad (j = 1, 2), \tag{8}$$

where $\theta_{j,\infty}$ are the particular solutions for two regions, and the $\phi_j(\bar{r}, \bar{x})$ are the homogeneous solutions. The governing equation and the boundary conditions can be separated. The governing equations and the corresponding boundary conditions for the particular solutions can be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{r}} \left(\bar{r} \frac{\partial \theta_{j,\infty}}{\partial \bar{r}} \right) = - \frac{32 Br}{(1 + 8 Kn - 8 Kn^2)^2} \bar{r}^3 \quad (j = 1, 2), \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta_{j,\infty}}{\partial \bar{r}} = 0, \tag{10a}$$

$$\theta_{j,\infty} = (2 - j) - 2b_1 Kn \left(\frac{\partial \theta_{j,\infty}}{\partial \bar{r}} \right) + 4b_2 Kn^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{j,\infty}}{\partial \bar{r}^2} \right) \quad \text{at } \bar{r} = 1, \tag{10b}$$

and the solutions can be obtained as

$$\theta_{j,\infty} = (2 - j) + \left[\frac{2Br}{(1 + 8 Kn - 8 Kn^2)^2} \right] \left[1 - \bar{r}^4 + 8b_1 Kn - 48b_2 Kn^2 \right] \quad (j = 1, 2). \tag{11}$$

The homogeneous solutions, ϕ_j , can be further arranged by defining the following dimensionless parameters:

$$\eta = \bar{r} \rho_s, \quad \xi = \rho_s^2 (2 - \rho_s^2) x, \quad \widetilde{Pe} = \frac{Pe}{\rho_s (2 - \rho_s^2)}, \quad \rho_s^2 = \frac{1}{1 + 4 Kn - 4 Kn^2}, \tag{12}$$

where ρ_s is the slip radius defined by Larrode et al. [11], which is a parameter that takes into account the rarefaction effect. The introduction of these variables allows us to write the equation and the boundary conditions associated with $\phi_j(\bar{r}, \bar{x})$ as follows:

$$(1 - \eta^2) \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{\eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\eta \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \eta} \right) + \frac{1}{\widetilde{Pe}^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_j}{\partial \xi^2} \quad (j = 1, 2), \tag{13}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \eta} = 0 \quad \text{at } \eta = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2), \tag{14a}$$

$$\phi_j = -2b_1 Kn \rho_s \left(\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \eta} \right) + 4b_2 Kn^2 \rho_s^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi_j}{\partial \eta^2} \right) \quad \text{at } \eta = \rho_s \quad (j = 1, 2), \tag{14b}$$

and the matching conditions read as follows:

$$\phi_1 = \phi_2 \quad \text{at } \xi = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial \xi} \quad \text{at } \xi = 0. \tag{15}$$

Equation (13) has the same form as its macroscopic counterpart (i.e., macrotube flow without viscous dissipation). The differences are the viscous dissipation term and the temperature-jump boundary conditions, Eq. (14b) (although the temperature-jump boundary condition is different from that of the macrotube flow; from a mathematical point of view it is a homogeneous mixed-type boundary condition, which is an appropriate boundary condition to apply eigenfunction expansion). Setting $Br = 0$ and $Kn = 0$ would result in exactly the same problem for macrochannel

flow. Macrochannel flow with low Pe was solved for both constant wall temperature [35] and constant wall heat flux [34] boundary conditions. Therefore, a solution procedure similar to that of [35] will be extended to take into account rarefaction and viscous dissipation effects.

The solutions of the temperature profiles in the upstream and the downstream regions can be represented by infinite series of eigenfunctions [5, 6, 34, 35] as

$$\phi_1(\eta, \xi) = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m F_m(\eta) e^{\lambda_m^2 \xi}, \quad \phi_2(\eta, \xi) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m G_m(\eta) e^{-\beta_m^2 \xi}. \tag{16}$$

Introducing these solutions into Eq. (13) makes it possible to show that the functions $F_m(\eta)$ and $G_m(\eta)$ and the eigenvalues λ_m and β_m satisfy the following eigenvalue problems:

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\eta \frac{dF_m}{d\eta} \right) + \lambda_m^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} - 1 + \eta^2 \right) \eta F_m(\eta) = 0, \tag{17a}$$

$$\frac{dF_m}{d\eta} = 0 \quad \text{at } \eta = 0, \tag{17b}$$

$$F_m(\eta) = -2b_1 \text{Kn} \rho_s \left(\frac{dF_m}{d\eta} \right) + 4b_2 \text{Kn}^2 \rho_s^2 \left(\frac{d^2 F_m}{d\eta^2} \right) \quad \text{at } \eta = \rho_s, \tag{17c}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} \left(\eta \frac{dG_m}{d\eta} \right) + \beta_m^2 \left(\frac{\beta_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} - 1 + \eta^2 \right) \eta G_m(\eta) = 0, \tag{18a}$$

$$\frac{dG_m}{d\eta} = 0 \quad \text{at } \eta = 0, \tag{18b}$$

$$G_m(\eta) = -2b_1 \text{Kn} \rho_s \left(\frac{dG_m}{d\eta} \right) + 4b_2 \text{Kn}^2 \rho_s^2 \left(\frac{d^2 G_m}{d\eta^2} \right) \quad \text{at } \eta = \rho_s. \tag{18c}$$

The solutions to Eqs. (17) and (18) can be expressed in terms of confluent hypergeometric functions as

$$F_m(\eta) = {}_1F_1(a_1; b_1; z_1) e^{\lambda_m \eta^2 / 2}, \tag{19}$$

$$G_m(\eta) = {}_1F_1(a_2; b_2; z_2) e^{-\beta_m \eta^2 / 2}. \tag{20}$$

The arguments for the confluent hypergeometric functions are given as

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\lambda_m}{4} \left(\frac{\lambda_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} - 1 \right), \quad b_1 = 1, \quad z_1 = \lambda_m \eta^2, \tag{21a}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\beta_m}{4} \left(\frac{\beta_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} + 1 \right), \quad b_2 = 1, \quad z_2 = \beta_m \eta^2. \tag{21b}$$

Clearly, Eqs. (19) and (20) do not belong to the usual Sturm–Liouville system. However, it can be shown that the eigenfunctions $F_m(\eta)$ and $G_m(\eta)$ satisfy the following properties [35]:

$$\int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{\lambda_n^2 + \lambda_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} - 1 + \eta^2 \right) F_m F_n \eta \, d\eta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m = n, \\ N(\lambda_m) & \text{if } m \neq 0, \end{cases} \tag{22a}$$

$$\int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{\beta_n^2 + \beta_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} + 1 - \eta^2 \right) G_m G_n \eta \, d\eta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m = n, \\ N(\beta_m) & \text{if } m \neq 0, \end{cases} \tag{22b}$$

where

$$N(\lambda_m) = \int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{2\lambda_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} - 1 + \eta^2 \right) F_m^2 \eta \, d\eta, \tag{23a}$$

$$N(\beta_m) = \int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{2\beta_m^2}{\text{Pe}^2} + 1 - \eta^2 \right) G_m^2 \eta \, d\eta. \tag{23b}$$

At this point, the eigenvalues λ_m and β_m and the coefficients A_m and B_m need to be evaluated. The eigenvalues can be evaluated using the wall boundary conditions. The coefficients can be determined using the matching conditions at $\xi = 0$ with the following equations:

$$1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m F_m(\eta) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m G_m(\eta), \tag{24a}$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_m^2 A_m F_m(\eta) = - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \beta_m^2 B_m G_m(\eta). \tag{24b}$$

Note that the eigenfunctions F_m and G_m are not mutually orthogonal (with reference to the standard Sturm–Liouville problem) since the eigenvalues occur nonlinearly. By utilizing the boundary conditions and the expressions in Eqs. (22) and (23), the coefficients A_m and B_m can be written as ratios of two integrals as follows (the details of this derivation can be found elsewhere [35]):

$$A_m = - \frac{\int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{\lambda_m^2}{\text{Pe}} - (1 - \eta^2) \right) F_m \eta \, d\eta}{\int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{2\lambda_m^2}{\text{Pe}} - (1 - \eta^2) \right) F_m^2 \eta \, d\eta}, \tag{25a}$$

$$B_m = \frac{\int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{\beta_m^2}{\text{Pe}} + (1 - \eta^2) \right) G_m \eta \, d\eta}{\int_0^{\rho_s} \left(\frac{2\beta_m^2}{\text{Pe}} + (1 - \eta^2) \right) G_m^2 \eta \, d\eta}. \tag{25b}$$

Knowing that the eigenvalues, eigenfunctions, and the coefficients A_m , the temperature field, $\theta(\bar{r}, \bar{x})$, can be determined. Knowing the temperature field, the local Nu can be determined from

$$\text{Nu}_{\bar{x}} = - \frac{D}{T_{\text{mean}} - T_{\text{wall}}} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right)_{r=R} = - \frac{\left(2 \frac{d\theta}{d\bar{r}} \right)_{\bar{r}=1}}{\theta_{\text{mean}}(\bar{x})} \quad \text{at } \bar{r} = 1, \tag{26}$$

where θ_{mean} is the dimensionless mean temperature defined as

$$\theta_{\text{mean}}(\bar{x}) = 2 \int_0^1 \bar{u} \theta(\bar{r}, \bar{x}) \bar{r} \, d\bar{r}. \tag{27}$$

Knowing the temperature field and the velocity field, the volumetric rate of entropy generation due to heat transfer and fluid friction losses can be written as [37]

$$S_G = \frac{k}{T_0^2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{\mu}{T_0} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2, \tag{28}$$

where the first term represents the entropy generation due to heat transfer, and the second term represents the entropy generation due to fluid friction (i.e., viscous dissipation). The volumetric rate of entropy generation can be put in dimensionless form, using the entropy generation number $N_s(\bar{r}, \bar{x})$, as

$$N_s = \frac{S_G}{S_{G,c}} = \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \bar{r}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{\text{Pe}^2} \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^2 + \frac{\text{Br}}{\Omega} \left(\frac{d\bar{u}}{d\bar{r}} \right)^2, \tag{29}$$

Table 2 Typical run-time values for different Kn and Pe (Br = 0)

Kn	Run time (s)	Pe
0	18.8	1
0.04	28.0	
0.08	26.5	
0	16.7	∞
0.04	28.6	
0.08	27.7	

where Ω is the dimensionless temperature difference, and $S_{G,c}$ is the characteristic entropy generation. Ω and $S_{G,c}$ are defined as

$$\Omega = \frac{T_i - T_w}{T_0}, \quad S_{G,c} = \frac{k(T_i - T_w)^2}{R^2 T_0^2}, \tag{30}$$

where T_0 is the absolute reference temperature.

3 Results and discussion

The heat transfer characteristics of the extended Graetz problem is analyzed by solving the governing equation, Eq. (4), using superposition and a general eigenfunction expansion. Since the eigenvalues are not self-adjoint, the results are presented in terms of confluent hypergeometric functions. The procedure described in the previous section is coded using *Mathematica*. During the calculation, to improve the precision of the calculations, quadruple precision is achieved by use of the `N` function. The eigenvalues are obtained using the built-in `FindRoot` function, and the numerical integrations are performed using the built-in `NIntegrate` function. Kn is varied between 0 and 0.12, which are the applicability limits of the slip-flow regime. The coefficients b_1 and b_2 are taken respectively as 1.667 and 0.833 ($F_T = 1.0$ [38], $\gamma = 1.4$, $Pr = 0.7$), which are the typical values for air, which is the working fluid in many engineering applications.

The number of eigenvalues is observed to be important when the close vicinity of the entrance of the heating region is involved. It was observed that the convergence of the infinite series are slow in the vicinity of $\xi = 0$. This issue was also discussed in previous studies [35,39]. Following some test runs with different N , eigenvalues of $N = 20$ are used in the evaluation of the temperature distribution in this study. The results are plotted starting from different ξ values for the sake of the clarity of the figure. Concerning the 20 eigenvalues, the lower limit of 0.001 is chosen for ξ .

With the current mathematical model, the temperature profile within the channel can be obtained for a wide range of parameters. The results are presented in terms of the local Nu (which is the dimensionless heat transfer coefficient) and the average entropy generation number (which is the dimensionless entropy generation averaged over the cross-sectional area), which are the main parameters of interest to engineers in the design of thermal systems (e.g., optimal thermal design based on entropy generation minimization) [37].

The computations were performed on a HP Z400 Workstation (Intel Xeon W3550, Quad core, 3.06 GHz, 16 GB RAM). It was observed with the present model that both the local Nu and the average entropy generation number can be evaluated rapidly. Some typical run-time values for the evaluation with 20 eigenvalues are given in Table 2.

A discussion of the effects of axial conduction, viscous dissipation, and rarefaction can be found elsewhere [10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 36]. In this study, the main focus is the analysis of heat transfer, including the second-order model. Therefore, the figures are plotted to discuss the effect of the second-order model. Pe is varied between 1 and 5, and it is taken to be 10^6 to demonstrate the $Pe \rightarrow \infty$ case. Figure 2 shows the local Nu variation for different Kn, Pe, and Br. Both the first-order and second-order results are included in the figure. For the Br = 0 case (Fig. 2a),

the inclusion of the second-order model affects Nu in different ways in the thermally developing and thermally developed regions. At the inlet, the temperature is almost uniform; therefore, the gradient of the temperature profile is very steep within the thermal boundary layer in the developing region. The inclusion of the temperature jump actually decreases heat conduction at the wall, which also reduces the local Nu . Since the temperature jump increases with Kn and the first-order model predicts a higher temperature jump than the second-order model, the local Nu decreases with increasing Kn and as the modeling moves from the first-order model to the second-order model. As the flow develops thermally, the gradient of the temperature profile within the thermal boundary layer decreases, and although the conclusion about the decreasing Nu for increasing Kn is still valid, the situation between the first-order and second-order models changes. Conduction heat transfer at the wall in the case with the second-order model decreases in the longitudinal direction, and eventually the Nu predicted by the first-order model somewhere in the developing region becomes higher than that of the second-order model. The Br number indicates the relative importance to the heating of the wall of the heating of the fluid due to viscous dissipation.

For gaseous flow in a microchannel, order-of-magnitude estimates for some parameters can be summarized as $O(\mu) \sim 10^{-5}$ Ns/m², $O(U_0) \sim 10^{-1} - 10$ m/s, $O(k) \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$ W/mK, and $O(|T_i - T_w|) \sim 10$ K. With these values, $O(|Br|) \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-2}$. A positive Br number means fluid is being cooled (i.e., the inlet temperature is higher than the wall temperature). In this case, with $Br = 0.1$ (Fig. 2b), Nu decreases in the developing region but then experiences an increase as the flow develops thermally. This increase is common in flow with viscous dissipation [17,36]. In previous studies, it was shown that the decrease in Br pushes the point where the increase begins further downstream. Because of this, Br is taken as $|Br| = 0.1$ since this case covers all the characteristics of the flow. At the region where the flow develops thermally, the heat generated within the fluid due to viscous dissipation becomes equal to the conduction heat transfer at the wall. Since with the inclusion of the slip flow at the wall, the gradient of the velocity profile decreases, which results in a reduction of viscous dissipation. This is why Nu decreases as Kn increases.

For a comparison of the results from the first- and second-order models, the combined effect of the slip flow and the temperature jump needs to be considered. The first-order model predicts a higher slip velocity at the wall, and hence lower viscous dissipation within the fluid, and lower conduction heat transfer at the wall. As a result, the first-order model predicts a higher bulk mean temperature and lower Nu than does the second-order model. Negative Br means fluid is being heated (i.e., the inlet temperature is lower than the wall temperature). In this case, with $Br = -0.1$ (Fig. 2c), there exists a singular point where Nu goes to infinity. This is the point where the bulk mean temperature of the fluid becomes equal to the wall temperature. Beyond that location, fluid starts to heat the wall, which would be the undesired case in most practical applications that aim to heat the fluid. Again, the location of this singular point depends on Pe , but it does not depend on Kn or the slip model (the location of this singular point also moves further downstream with increasing Br). In the case where $Br \neq 0$, the effect of the slip models on Nu is more severe compared to the $Br = 0$ case. This is because for $Br = 0$, Nu changes mainly due to what is happening to the convection mechanism at the wall through the slip velocity and temperature jump. However, in the case where $Br \neq 0$, viscous dissipation is a result of the velocity field. On top of the convection mechanism at the wall, the thermal characteristics also change due to changes in the flow field. The second-order model predicts a velocity profile with a lower slip velocity compared to that of the first-order, which results in a steeper profile and, hence, higher viscous dissipation.

The present results are compared with the available results in the literature. A comparison of the results for $Pe \rightarrow \infty$ (i.e., without axial conduction) and $Br = 0$ (i.e., no viscous dissipation) is presented in Table 3 and plotted in Fig. 2a for different Kn . As seen from the table and the graph, a good agreement is achieved with 20 eigenvalues. Fully developed Nu values (that is, the Nusselt number for a fully developed flow) for cases without viscous dissipation ($Br = 0$) and with viscous dissipation ($Br \neq 0$) are given in Fig. 3 and tabulated for different Br in Table 4. For the case with $Br \neq 0$, the fully developed Nu is not function of Br and Pe . Therefore, in Table 4 only single values are given for different Br and Pe . Nu_∞ decreases with increasing Kn and increases as it moves from the first-order to the second-order model. Moreover, the deviation between the first- and second-order models increases as Kn increases, which indicates the necessity of the second-order model as rarefaction increases.

Fig. 2 Variation of local Nu as a function of dimensionless axial coordinate for different Kn. **a** Br = 0. **b** Br = 0.1. **c** Br = -0.1

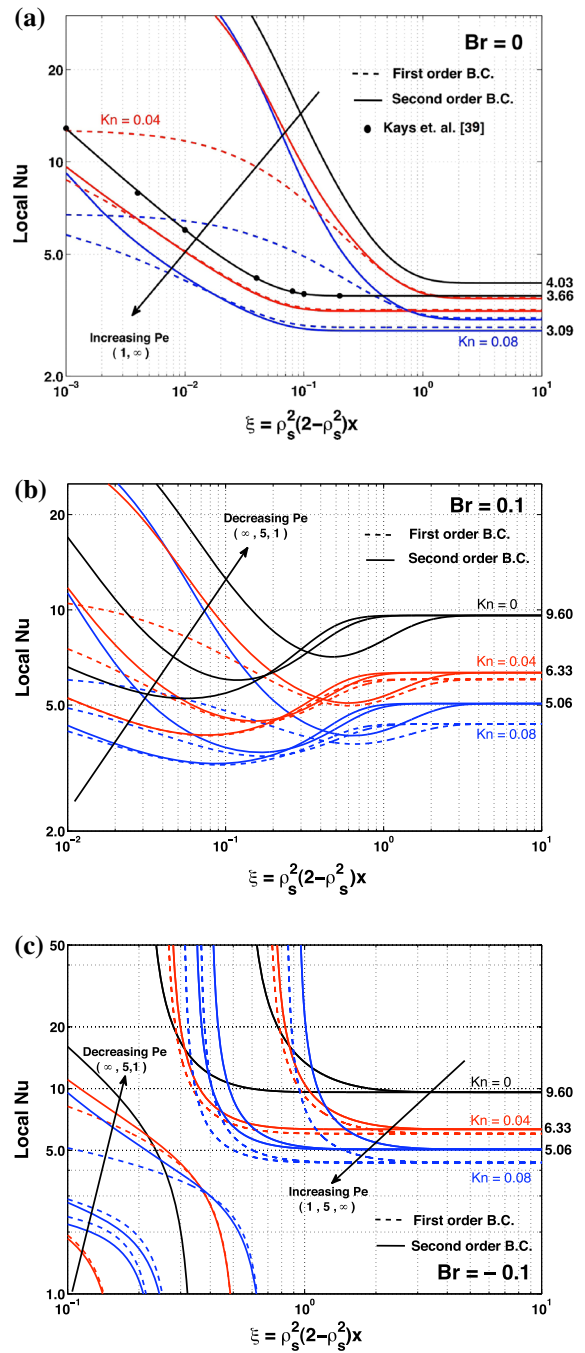
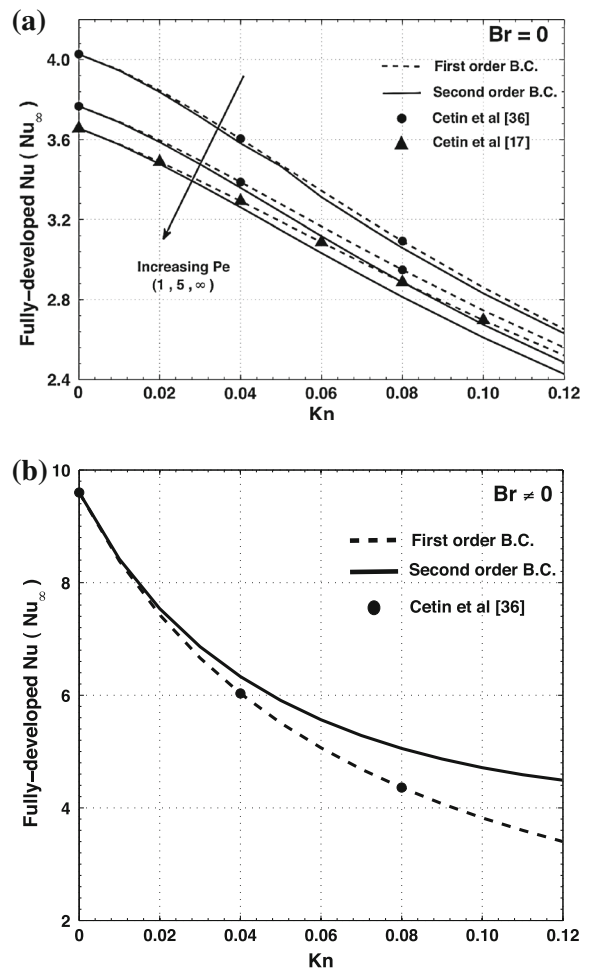


Figure 4 illustrates the average entropy generation number for different Kn, Br, and Pe using the second-order model. For zero Br, the curves approach zero due to fact that the temperature of the fluid tends to be uniform and equal to the wall temperature, which diminishes entropy generation. For Br different than zero, since viscous dissipation is a source of heat generation, entropy generation does not diminish due to the finite temperature gradients within the microchannel. For high Pe, the temperature profile at the entrance of the heated section is close to being uniform;

Table 3 Comparison of Nu_{∞} for present study with first-order model and available results from literature ($Br = 0$)

Kn	Pe = 1.0			Pe = 5.0			Pe $\rightarrow \infty$		
	Nu_{∞}	[36]	[4]	Nu_{∞}	[36]	[35]	Nu_{∞}	[36]	[17]
0.00	4.027	4.028	4.030	3.767	3.767	3.767	3.656	3.656	3.656
0.04	3.603	3.604	–	3.387	3.387	–	3.292	3.292	3.292
0.08	3.093	3.093	–	2.949	2.949	–	2.886	2.887	2.887

Fig. 3 Fully developed Nu for different Kn. **a** $Br = 0$. **b** $|Br| = 0.1$



therefore, high temperature gradients exist in both the radial (close to the wall) and axial directions. As Pe decreases, these gradients decrease. With increasing Kn, the temperature jump at the wall decreases the gradient. Therefore, the entropy generation number decreases as Pe decreases and Kn increases.

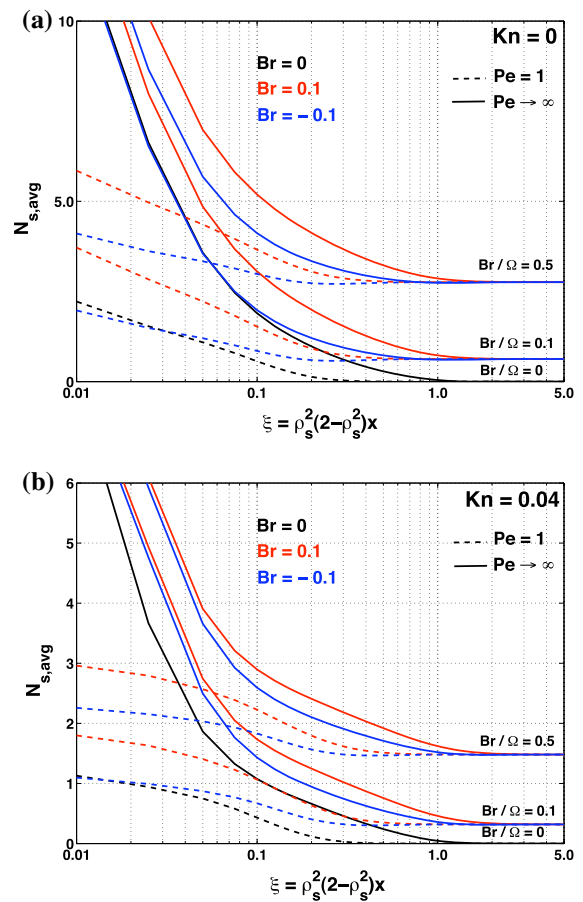
4 Summary and future work

In this study, the extended Graetz problem, which includes the rarefaction effect, viscous dissipation term, and axial conduction within a fluid for constant wall temperature boundary conditions, is analyzed. A mathematical

Table 4 Fully developed Nu values for different Kn, Pe, and Br

Kn	Pe = 1.0		Pe = 5.0		Pe → ∞		Br
	First-order	Second-order	First-order	Second-order	First-order	Second-order	
0.00	4.027	4.027	3.767	3.767	3.656	3.656	0
0.04	3.063	3.581	3.387	3.358	3.292	3.261	
0.08	3.092	3.059	2.949	2.886	2.886	2.813	
0.12	2.651	2.631	2.559	2.485	2.521	2.427	
0.00	9.600	9.600	9.600	9.600	9.600	9.600	∓0.1
0.04	6.031	6.331	6.031	6.331	6.031	6.331	
0.08	4.359	5.056	4.359	5.056	4.359	5.056	
0.12	3.401	4.491	3.401	4.491	3.401	4.491	

Fig. 4 Variation in average entropy generation number as a function of dimensionless axial coordinate for different Pe. **a** Kn = 0. **b** Kn = 0.04



model is developed using a general eigenfunction expansion. The temperature distribution, local Nu, and local entropy generation are obtained in terms of confluent hypergeometric functions. To fully explore the effect of axial conduction, the solution domain is extended from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$, and a step change in the wall temperature is implemented. A two-part solution of the temperature field is obtained, and the two-parts of the solution are matched at the entrance of the heated region. The mathematical model is implemented using *Mathematica*. Using the current mathematical model, it is possible to obtain a wide range of results rapidly with high precision, as desired. These

parameters may be the key parameters in the design of thermal systems at the microscale. The effects of Kn , Br , and Pe on the local Nu , fully developed Nu , and local entropy generation are discussed. First- and second-order slip models are implemented to discuss the effect of rarefaction. It is found that for zero Br , the local Nu decreases with increasing Kn and decreases when the modeling moves from the first-order to the second-order model. In the case with viscous dissipation ($Br \neq 0$), the first-order model is found to predict a higher bulk mean temperature and lower Nu than the second-order model. It is also observed that the local entropy generation number decreases as Pe decreases and Kn increases.

The extension of the thermal boundary condition to constant wall heat flux seems to be straightforward. However, since this is a second-order model with a constant wall heat flux boundary condition, thermal creep enters the picture, which makes the velocity profile dependent on the tangential temperature gradient within the channel wall. Extension of the present study to include constant wall heat flux thermal boundary conditions will be one of our future research directions. Another important parameter (also associated with a constant wall heat flux thermal boundary condition) that is important at the microscale is the heat transfer that occurs within the channel wall since heat flow in a channel wall is comparable to heat flow within a microchannel due to the thick microchannel walls. Inclusion of axial conduction in channel walls will be another future research direction.

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