

# Hybrid Method for Predictive Transient Nonlinear Analysis of a Radiative-Convective Moving Porous Fin with Temperature-variant Internal Heat Generation

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## Abstract

In this work, Laplace transform-Legendre-wavelet collocation method is adopted for a semi-numerical analysis of predicting transient nonlinear behaviour of a radiative-convective fin with temperature-variant internal heat generation. The verification of the results of the hybrid method shown good agreements with the direct numerical and approximate analytical methods in previous works. Parametric analysis depicts the significance of the model parameters in a way that it is found that as the convective-conductive and radiative-conductive parameters increase, temperature distribution decreases in the extended surface. The thermal distribution is augmented in the passive device as thermal conductivity is amplified. At the different positions in the fin, the temperature is enhanced as time progress. The semi-numerical solution provides a very good platform for the predictive analyses of the extended surfaces.

**Keywords:** Convective-radiative fin. Moving fin. Semi-numerical solution. Laplace transform-Legendre Wavelet Collocation method.

## 1. Introduction

Fins are used for augmentations of heat transfer rate in thermal and electronic components. Such important passive method of heat transfer enhancements has provoked several studies over the past decades [1-59]. The study of thermal behavior of continuous moving surfaces such as extrusion,

hot rolling, glass sheet or wire drawing, casting, powder metallurgy techniques for the fabrication of rod and sheet have become an area of increasing research interests. In the processes such as rolling of strip, hot rolling, glass fiber drawing, casting, extrusion, drawing of sheets and wires, there is usually the presence of heat exchange between surrounding and the stationary or moving material as depicted in Fig. 1 where hot plate/billet emerges from a die or furnace.

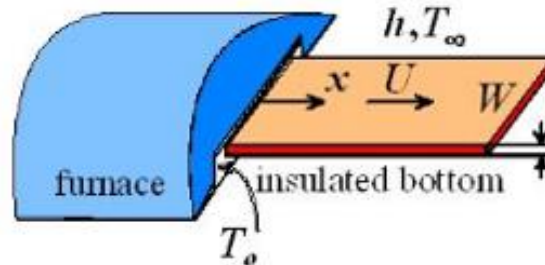


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of rolling and extrusion

Since the schematic depicted in Figure 1 satisfies the approximate working condition of a heat exchanging device, they can be modeled as fins moving uninterruptedly. Due to these adaptable and wide areas of applications, there have been extensive research works on the continuous moving fins. Moreover, in industrial processes, control of cooling rate of the sheets is very important to obtain desired material structure. As a result, Torabi *et al.* [1], Aziz and Lopez [2], Aziz and Khani [3], Singh *et al.* [4], Aziz and Torabi [5], Ma *et al.* [6], Sun [7], Kanth and Kumar [8] and the other authors [8-66] explored the thermal behaviour of a radiative-convective moving fins with temperature-variant thermal properties. These authors adopted various mathematical techniques to analyze the thermal problems [1-66].

The obvious non-power series semi-numerical solutions to the nonlinear problems are very much important. Such solutions allow effective thermal predictions of the extended surface over a large domain and time. Also, the semi-numerical solutions reduce the complex mathematical analysis that gives analytic expressions involving large number terms, high computational cost and time. Therefore, there is a need for comparatively flexible, simple, generic and highly accurate solutions. Legendre wavelet collocation is an easy and simple mathematical method with fast rate of convergence. To the best of the authors' knowledge, such application of the hybrid semi-numerical method for the heat transfer model of a moving convective-radiative porous fin under temperature-reliant internal heat generation has not been presented in literature. Such solutions provide effective predictions to extended surfaces' thermal performances. Therefore, in this study, Laplace transform-Legendre-wavelet collocation method is used to develop semi-numerical solutions for the nonlinear thermals of a moving convective-radiative porous fin under temperature-variant thermal conductivity.

## 2. Model Development for the Transient Thermal Flow Process

Fig. 2 presents an internally heated longitudinal porous moving fin of length  $L$ , thickness  $\delta$  and perfectly and thermally attached to a prime surface at temperature  $T_b$ . Assuming that the porous fin tip is considered under adiabatic condition and the porous medium with fin material is homogeneous and isotropic for the unidirectional heat flow along the fin length. Also, local thermodynamic equilibrium prevails between the porous medium and the saturated with a single-phase fluid. The thermo-physical properties of the fin material and the fluid are constant, and the fluid density variation follows Boussinesq approximation.

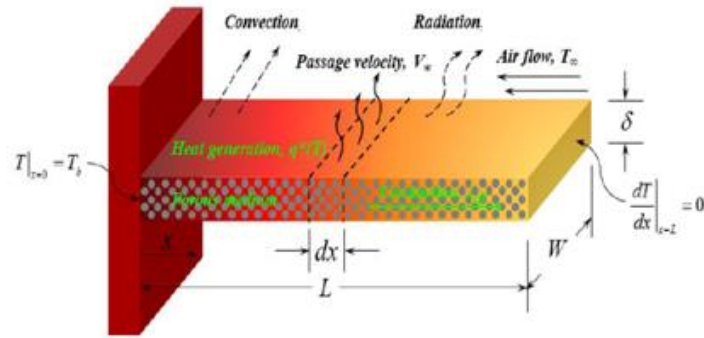


Fig. 2 Schematic of a longitudinal moving porous fin with perfect thermal contact and insulated tip

Using the assumptions stated above, the thermal energy balance equation (Fig. 3) of the extended surface is given by the following equation

*Energy in left face + heat generated in element = energy out right face + energy lost by convection + energy lost by immersed fluid + energy lost by radiation + energy lost by moving + accumulated heat*

(1)

$$q_x + q'''(T) A_{cr} dx = \left( q_x + \frac{\delta q}{\delta x} dx \right) + h(T) A_{suf} (T - T_a)(1 - \phi) + \dot{m} c_p (T - T_a)$$

(2)

$$+ \sigma \varepsilon (T) A_{suf} (T^4 - T_s^4) + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

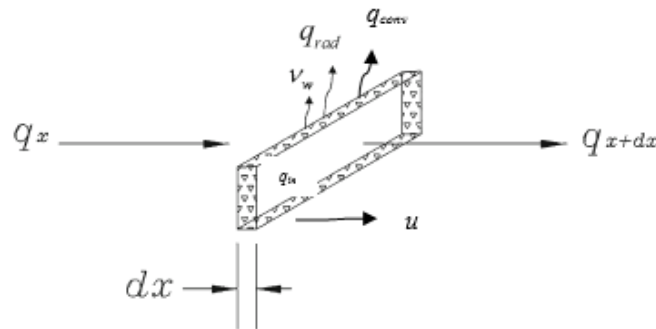


Fig. 3 Thermal energy balance in the elemental strip

Eq. (2) can be written as

$$q_x + (1 - \phi) q'''(T) A_{cr} dx = \left( q_x + \frac{\delta q}{\delta x} dx \right) + hP(T - T_a)(1 - \phi) dx + \dot{m} c_p (T - T_a)$$

(3)

$$+ \sigma \varepsilon P(T^4 - T_s^4) dx + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx$$

The rate of flow of fluid through the porous medium is given by

$$\dot{m} = \phi \rho_f V_w dx$$

(4)

While the fluid flow velocity is and

$$V_w = \frac{gK\beta}{\nu}(T - T_a) \quad (5)$$

Therefore, after the substitution of Eq. (5) into Eq. (4), the mass flow rate of the fluid is given as

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\rho_f gK\beta W \phi}{\nu}(T - T_a) dx \quad (6)$$

The introduction of Eq. (7) into Eq. (3) produces Eq. (7)

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + (1-\phi)q'''(T)A_{cr} dx = hP(1-\phi)(T - T_a) dx + \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} gK\beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{\nu} dx \\ + \sigma \varepsilon P(T^4 - T_s^4) dx + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dx \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Dividing Eq. (7) through by  $A_{cr} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{A_{cr}} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + (1-\phi)q'''(T) = \frac{hP(1-\phi)(T - T_a)}{A_{cr}} + \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} gK\beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{\nu A_{cr}} \\ + \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P(T^4 - T_s^4)}{A_{cr}} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Eq. (8) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{A_{cr}} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} + (1-\phi)q'''(T) = \frac{hP(1-\phi)(T - T_a)}{A_{cr}} + \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} gK\beta \phi (T - T_a)^2}{\nu \delta} \\ + \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P(T^4 - T_s^4)}{A_{cr}} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The heat conduction rate through the solid portion of the fin is given by Fourier's law as given

$$q_s = -k_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \quad (10)$$

The radiation heat transfer rate in the porous medium is given as

$$q_p = -\frac{4\sigma A_{cr} \phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \quad (11)$$

Therefore, the total rate of heat transfer is given by

$$q = -k_{eff} A_{cr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - \frac{4\sigma A_{cr} \phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \quad (12)$$

The introduction of Eq. (12) into Eq. (9) provides,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( k_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \right) + (1-\phi) \dot{q}'''(T) = \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v\delta} + \frac{hP(1-\phi)(T - T_\infty)}{A_{cr}} + \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P (T^4 - T_s^4)}{A_{cr}} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (13)$$

Further simplification of Eq. (13) the governing differential equation for the fin becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( k_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v\delta} - \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) - \frac{\sigma \varepsilon P}{A_{cr}} (T^4 - T_s^4) + (1-\phi) \dot{q}'''(T) = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (14)$$

The temperature-dependent thermal conductivity and internal heat generation are respectively given by the linear expressions as

$$k_{eff} = (1-\phi)k_s + \phi k_f \quad (15)$$

where,

$$\dot{q}'''(T) = \dot{q}'''_o [1 + \gamma(T - T_a)] \quad (16)$$

And

$$(\rho c_p)_{eff} = (1-\phi)(\rho c_p)_s + \phi(\rho c_p)_f \quad (17)$$

Therefore, the governing equation becomes

$$k_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v\delta} - \frac{h_b P (1-\phi)(T - T_a)}{A_{cr}} - \frac{\sigma \varepsilon_b P}{A_{cr}} (T^4 - T_s^4) + (1-\phi) \dot{q}'''_o [1 + \gamma(T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} \left[ u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right] \quad (18)$$

For the case when the temperature between the base and tip of the fin is small, the radiative term can be linearized. Using Roseland's approximation for the radiative term in the model, with the aid of Taylor series, expanding  $T^4$  about  $T_a$

$$T^4 \cong T_a^4 + 4T_a^3(T - T_a) + 6T_a^2(T - T_a)^2 + 4T_a(T - T_a)^3 + \dots \quad (19)$$

and ignoring the higher order components in Eq. (21a), we have

$$T^4 \cong 4T_a^3 T - 3T_a^4 \quad (20)$$

Therefore,

$$T^4 - T_a^4 \cong 4T_a^3(T - T_a) \quad (21)$$

Substituting Eq. (21) into the second term in the Eq. (18), we have

$$\frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial x} = -\frac{4\sigma\phi}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial(4T_a^3 T - 3T_a^3)}{\partial x} = -\frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \quad (22)$$

Substituting Eqs. (21) and (22) into Eq. (18), we have

$$k_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} - \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) - \frac{4\sigma\epsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) + (1-\phi) q_o''' [1 + \gamma(T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (23)$$

The initial condition is

$$T = T_0, \quad \text{when } t = 0, \quad \text{for } 0 < x < L, \quad (24)$$

The boundary conditions for the fin with insulated tip are given as

$$T = T_b, \quad \text{at } x = 0, \quad \text{for } t > 0, \quad (25a)$$

$$\frac{dT}{dx} = 0, \quad \text{at } x = L, \quad \text{for } t > 0, \quad (25b)$$

Eq. (23) can be expressed as

$$\left( k_{eff} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} - \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) - \frac{4\sigma\epsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) + (1-\phi) q_o''' [1 + \gamma(T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (26)$$

The temperature-dependent internal heat generation in the porous fin can be expressed as

$$q'''(T) = (1-\phi) q_o''' + (1-\phi) q_o''' \gamma T - (1-\phi) q_o''' \gamma T_a \quad (27)$$

Therefore

$$\left( k_{eff} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} - \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) - \frac{4\sigma\epsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} (T - T_a) + (1-\phi) q_o''' [1 + \gamma(T - T_a)] = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (28)$$

Collecting like terms, we have

$$\left( k_{eff} + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R} \right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr}} - \left[ \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr}} + \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr}} \right] (T - T_a) - (\gamma(1-\phi) q_o''') \tag{29}$$

$$+ (1-\phi) q_o''' = (\rho c_p)_{eff} u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + (\rho c_p)_{eff} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Which can be written as

$$\left( 1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi (T - T_a)^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \left[ \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} \right] (T - T_a) - \frac{(\gamma(1-\phi) q_o''')}{k_{eff}} \tag{30}$$

$$+ \frac{(1-\phi) q_o'''}{k_{eff}} = \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} u}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff}}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Applying the following dimensionless variables

$$X = \frac{x}{L}, \quad \theta = \frac{T - T_a}{T_b - T_a}, \quad \tau = \frac{k_{eff} t}{(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2} \tag{31}$$

Which implies that

$$x = XL, \quad T = \theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a, \quad T - T_a = \theta(T_b - T_a), \quad t = \frac{\tau (\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}} \tag{32}$$

When Eq. (32) is substituted into Eq. (30), we have

$$\left( 1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 [\theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a]}{\partial (XL)^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi [\theta(T_b - T_a)]^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \left[ \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} \right] \theta(T_b - T_a) + \frac{(1-\phi) q_o'''}{k_{eff}} - \frac{(\gamma(1-\phi) q_o''')}{k_{eff}} \tag{33}$$

$$= \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} u}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial [\theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a]}{\partial (XL)} + \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff}}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial [\theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a]}{\partial \left( \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2 \tau}{k_{eff}} \right)}$$

Further simplification provides,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}}\right) \frac{(T_b - T_a)}{L^2} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - (T_b - T_a)^2 \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi \theta^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} \\ & - (T_b - T_a) \left[ \frac{hP(1-\phi)}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon P T_a^3}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \frac{(\gamma(1-\phi) q_o''')}{k_{eff}} \right] \theta \\ & + \frac{(1-\phi) q_o'''}{k_{eff}} = \frac{(T_b - T_a)}{L} \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} u}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \frac{(T_b - T_a)}{L^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Which gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 + \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}}\right) \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi L^2 (T_b - T_a) \theta^2}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} \\ & - \left[ \frac{hP(1-\phi) L^2}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} + \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon P T_a^3 L^2}{A_{cr} k_{eff}} - \frac{(\gamma(1-\phi) q_o''') L^2}{k_{eff}} \right] \theta \\ & + \frac{((1-\phi) q_o''') L^2}{k_{eff} (T_b - T_a)} = \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} u L}{k_{eff}} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau} \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

The above equation can be written as

$$(1+4R) \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - S_h \theta^2 - (Mc + Mr - Q_{\gamma e}) \theta + Q_e = Pe_e \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau} \quad (36)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Rd &= \frac{16\sigma\phi T_a^3}{3\beta_R k_{eff}}, \quad Mc^2 = \frac{hP(1-\phi) L^2}{A_{cr} k_{eff}}, \quad Mr = \frac{4\sigma\varepsilon P T_a^3 L^2}{A_{cr} k_{eff}}, \quad Q = \frac{(1-\phi) q_o''') L^2}{k_{eff} (T_b - T_a)}, \\ Pe &= \frac{(\rho c_p)_{eff} u_o L}{k_{eff}}, \quad S_h = \frac{\rho_f c_{p,f} g K \beta W \phi L^2 (T_b - T_a)}{v A_{cr} k_{eff}} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Eq. (36) is alternative written as

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial X^2} - S_p \theta^2 - (Mc + Nr - \gamma Q) \theta + Q = Pe_R \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} + \zeta \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau} \quad (38)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Nc &= \frac{Mc}{1+4R}, \quad Nr = \frac{Mr}{1+4R}, \quad S_p = \frac{S_h}{1+4R}, \quad Q_\gamma = \frac{Q_{\gamma e}}{1+4R}, \\ Q &= \frac{Q_e}{(1+4R)}, \quad Pe_R = \frac{Pe_e}{(1+4R)}, \quad \zeta = \frac{1}{(1+4R)} \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$



Also, the nondimensionalization for the initial and boundary conditions can be done by substituting Eq. (32) into Eqs. (24) and (25)

The initial condition is

$$\theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a = T_0 \quad \text{when} \quad \frac{\tau(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}} = 0, \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < XL < L, \quad (40)$$

The boundary conditions for the fin with insulated tip are given as

$$\theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a = T_b, \quad \text{at} \quad XL = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{\tau(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}} > 0, \quad (41a)$$

$$\frac{\partial [\theta(T_b - T_a) + T_a]}{\partial (XL)} = 0, \quad \text{at} \quad XL = L, \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{\tau(\rho c_p)_{eff} L^2}{k_{eff}} > 0, \quad (41b)$$

Therefore, the adimensional initial condition is

$$\theta = \theta_0 \quad \text{when} \quad \tau = 0, \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < X < 1, \quad (42)$$

Also, the dimensionless boundary conditions are given as

$$\theta = 1, \quad \text{at} \quad X = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \tau > 0, \quad (43a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial X} = 0, \quad \text{at} \quad X = 1, \quad \text{for} \quad \tau > 0, \quad (43b)$$

### 3. Method of Solution: Laplace transform-Legendre Wavelet Collocation Method

The developed nonlinear in Eq. (38) alongside with the initial and boundary conditions are solved using the hybrid method. The procedures of the applications are stated as follows:

#### 3.1. Laplace transform method (LT)

The LT of function  $f(t)$  and corresponding inversion are enumerated as

$$\Theta(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s\tau} \theta(\tau) d\tau \quad (44)$$

$$\theta(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{s-i\infty}^{s+i\infty} e^{-s\tau} \Theta(s) ds \quad (45)$$

where  $s = a + ib$  ( $a, b \in R$ ) is a complex number.

#### 3.2 Applying Laplace Transform method to the Nonlinear Thermal Model

Applying Laplace transform to Eq. (38), provides the following solutions

$$\frac{d^2\tilde{\theta}}{dX^2} - S_h\tilde{\theta}^2 - Mc\tilde{\theta} - Nr\tilde{\theta} + \frac{Q}{s} + Q\gamma\tilde{\theta} = \zeta s\tilde{\theta} + Pe_R \frac{\partial\tilde{\theta}}{\partial X} \quad (46)$$

Collecting like terms, we have

$$\frac{d^2\tilde{\theta}}{dX^2} - Pe_R \frac{d\tilde{\theta}}{dX} - S_h\tilde{\theta}^2 - (\zeta s + Mc + Nr + Q\gamma)\tilde{\theta} + \frac{Q}{s} = 0 \quad (47)$$

with boundary conditions in Laplace domain are

$$\begin{aligned} s > 0, \quad X = 0, \quad \frac{\partial\tilde{\theta}}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ s > 0, \quad X = 1, \quad \tilde{\theta} &= \frac{1}{s} \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

### 3.3 The Principle and Procedure of Legendre Wavelet Collocation Method

Eq. (47) is still nonlinear after finding the Laplace transform of the governing equation, in order to solve the nonlinear equation, Legendre wavelet collocation method is applied. The principle and the procedure of the method is described as given below.

Wavelets: The formula for the continuous wavelet are defined as

$$\tilde{\psi}_{a,b}(X) = |a|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{\psi}\left(\frac{X-b}{a}\right), a, b \in R, a \neq 0 \quad (49)$$

The dilation and translation parameters are given as  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively.

The Legendre wavelets defined on the interval  $[0, 1]$  is given by

$$\tilde{\psi}_{n,m}(X) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{(m+\frac{1}{2})} 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \tilde{P}_m(2^k X - \hat{n}), & \frac{\hat{n}-1}{2^k} \leq \frac{\hat{n}-1}{2^k} \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases} \quad (50)$$

where  $m=0,1,\dots,M-1$  and  $n=1,2,\dots,2^{k-1}$ .  $\tilde{P}_m(X)$  is the Legendre polynomial of order  $m$  in Laplace domain.

$$\tilde{P}_0(X) = \frac{1}{s}, \tilde{P}_1(X) = \frac{X}{s},$$

$$\tilde{P}_{m+1}(X) = \frac{2m+1}{m+1} X\tilde{P}_m(X) - \frac{m}{m+1} \tilde{P}_{m-1}(X), \quad (51)$$

$$m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, M-1.$$

A function  $\tilde{f}(X)$  defined in domain  $[0, 1]$  can be expressed as

$$\tilde{f}(X) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{n,m} \tilde{\psi}_{n,m}(X) \tag{52}$$

where  $c_{n,m} \leq \langle \tilde{f}(X), \tilde{\psi}_{n,m}(X) \rangle$  in which  $\langle \dots \rangle$  denotes the inner product

Taking some terms in infinite series, then Eq. (52) can be written as

$$\tilde{f}(X) = \sum_{n=1}^{2^{k-1}} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} c_{n,m} \tilde{\psi}_{n,m}(X) = C^T \tilde{\psi}(X) \tag{53}$$

Where C and  $\tilde{\psi}(X)$  are  $M \times I$  matrices given by

$$C = [c_1, 0, c_1, 1, \dots, c_1, M-1, c_2, 1, \dots, c_2, M-1, c_{2^{k-1}}, 1, \dots, c_{2^{k-1}}, M-1]^T \tag{54}$$

$$\tilde{\psi}(X) = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\psi}_{1,0}(X), \tilde{\psi}_{1,1}(X), \dots, \tilde{\psi}_{1,M-1}(X), \tilde{\psi}_{2,0}(X), \dots, \\ \tilde{\psi}_{2,M-1}(X), \dots, \tilde{\psi}_{2^{k-1},0}(X), \tilde{\psi}_{2^{k-1},1}(X), \dots, \tilde{\psi}_{2^{k-1},M-1}(X) \end{array} \right]^T$$

- (i) Property of the product of two Legendre wavelets

The following property can be written if E is a given wavelets vector,

$$E^T \tilde{\psi} \tilde{\psi}^T = \tilde{\psi}^T \hat{E} \tag{55}$$

- (ii) Operational matrix of integration: From Eq. (52), the integration of wavelets  $\tilde{\psi}(X)$  can be written as

$$\int_0^X \tilde{\psi}(s) ds = \tilde{P} \tilde{\psi}(X), X \in [0,1]$$

where P is  $2^{k-1}M \times 2^{k-1}M$ , the operational matrix of integration is given by

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \frac{\sqrt{2M-3}}{(2M-3)\sqrt{2M-1}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \frac{-\sqrt{2M-3}}{(2M-3)\sqrt{2M-1}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{56}$$

### 3.4 Application of Legendre Wavelet Collocation Method to the Nonlinear Thermal Model

In order to apply the Legendre wavelet collocation method to the nonlinear thermal model, let

$$\text{Let } \tilde{\theta}''(X) = C^T \tilde{\psi}(X) \tag{57}$$

If we integrate Eq. (57) with respect to  $X$  from 0 to  $X$ , one obtains

$$\tilde{\theta}'(X) = \tilde{\theta}'(0) + C^T \tilde{P} \tilde{\psi}(x) \Rightarrow \tilde{\theta}'(X) = C^T \tilde{P} \tilde{\psi}(x) \text{ since } \tilde{\theta}'(0) = 0 \tag{58}$$

Now, on integrating Eq. (58) and apply the boundary conditions, we get

$$\tilde{\theta}(X) = \tilde{\theta}(0) + C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(X) \tag{59}$$

If we Put  $X=1$  in Eq. (59), we have

$$\tilde{\theta}(0) = \frac{1}{s} - C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(1), \text{ since } \theta(1) = 1, \text{ we obtain} \tag{60}$$

If we substitute Eq. (60) into Eq. (58)

$$\tilde{\theta}'(X) = \frac{1}{s} - C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(1) + C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(X) \tag{61}$$

Again, the integrating of Eq. (61), with respect to  $X$  from 0 to  $X$ , one arrives at

$$\tilde{\theta}(X) = \frac{1}{s} - C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(1) d' \tilde{P} \tilde{\psi}(X) + C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(X) \tag{62}$$

The Substitution of  $\tilde{\theta}''(X)$ ,  $\tilde{\theta}'(X)$  and  $\tilde{\theta}(X)$  in Eqs. (57), (61) and (62) into Eq. (47), produced

$$\begin{aligned} & C^T \tilde{\psi}(X) - Pe_r \left( \frac{1}{s} - C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(1) + C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(X) \right) - S_h \left( \frac{1}{s} - C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(1) d' \tilde{P} \tilde{\psi}(X) + C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(X) \right)^2 \\ & - (\zeta s + Mc + Nr + Q\gamma) \left( \frac{1}{s} - C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(1) d' \tilde{P} \tilde{\psi}(X) + C^T \tilde{P}^2 \tilde{\psi}(X) \right) + \frac{Q}{s} = R(X, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

$n$  collocation points is chosen i.e.  $X_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  in the interval (0,1), at which residual  $R(X, c_i)$  equal to zero. It should be noted that the number of such points gives the number of coefficient  $c_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

$$C = \left[ c_1, 0, c_1, 1, \dots, c_1, M-1, c_2, 1, \dots, c_2, M-1, c_{2^{k-1}}, 1, \dots, c_{2^{k-1}}, M-1 \right]^T \tag{64}$$

Thus, we arrives at  $R(X, c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n) = 0, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

The above Eq. (63) gives a system of nonlinear equations which are solved simultaneously using Newton-Raphson method after the numerical inversion of the Laplace transform [67] and the values of  $C$  are obtained. When the values of  $C$  are substituted into Eq. (62), the solution of  $\theta(X)$  is found.

### 4. Results and Discussion

The simulated results and parametric studies on the passive device are presented in this section. The effect of each parameter of the thermal model on the thermal behaviour of the extended surface is investigated. The results are presented in various sub-sections for better analysis and understanding. In Table 1, the results of the present study are compared with the results of the previous studies in literature using the following parameters  $Nc=0.30$ ,  $S_h=0.10$ ,  $Q=0.40$  and  $\gamma=0.20$ .

Table 1: Comparison of results

$X$	NUM	LTLWCM	HPM [68]	VPM [69]
0.00	0.934213428	0.934213444	0.934213428	0.934213432
0.10	0.934856715	0.934856727	0.934856715	0.934856719
0.20	0.936788309	0.936788323	0.936788310	0.936788315
0.30	0.940013429	0.940013444	0.940013429	0.940013435
0.40	0.944540802	0.944540815	0.944540802	0.944540807
0.50	0.950382714	0.950382725	0.950382714	0.950382721
0.60	0.957555079	0.957555090	0.957555080	0.957555084
0.70	0.966077531	0.966077540	0.966077531	0.966077536
0.80	0.975973531	0.975973539	0.975973531	0.975973535
0.90	0.987270505	0.987270501	0.987270505	0.987270508
1.00	1.000000000	1.000000000	1.000000000	1.000000000

The influence of dimensionless time on moving porous fin thermal distribution is shown in Fig. 4. The temperature history increases with increasing time value. This is expected because with increasing heat transfer rate, the porous fin conducts more heat, thus temperature increases.

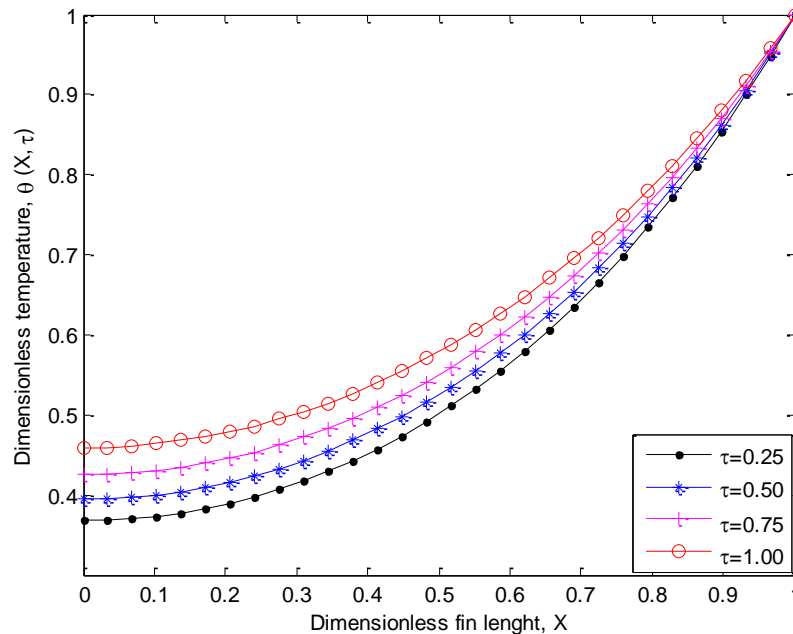


Fig. 4 Dimensionless temperature distribution at different time in the fin

Figures 5-8 displays the impacts of porous, convective-conductive, radiative-conductive and Peclet numbers on the thermal behaviour of the fin. It is shown in the figures that the porous, convective-conductive, radiative-conductive and Peclet numbers have significant effects on the heat transfer in the porous fin. The results depicted that as the porous, convective-conductive, radiative-conductive

and Peclet numbers increase, the dimensionless temperature distribution in the fin decreases and consequently, the rate of heat transfer by the fin increases.

The swift reduction in temperature is because as these parameters increase, more heat is lost from the fin because the heat transfer rate is enhanced, and more cooling of the fin occurs which shows a decrease in the temperature profile and consequently, the fin thermal performance is increased. The effect of  $Pe$  on temperature distribution in the moving porous fin is shown in Fig. 8. An increase in  $Pe$  resulted in decreasing values of thermal distribution within the extended surface. This is expected because increasing  $Pe$  augments material motion and reduces exposure time to environment. Hence, fin temperature history intensifies.

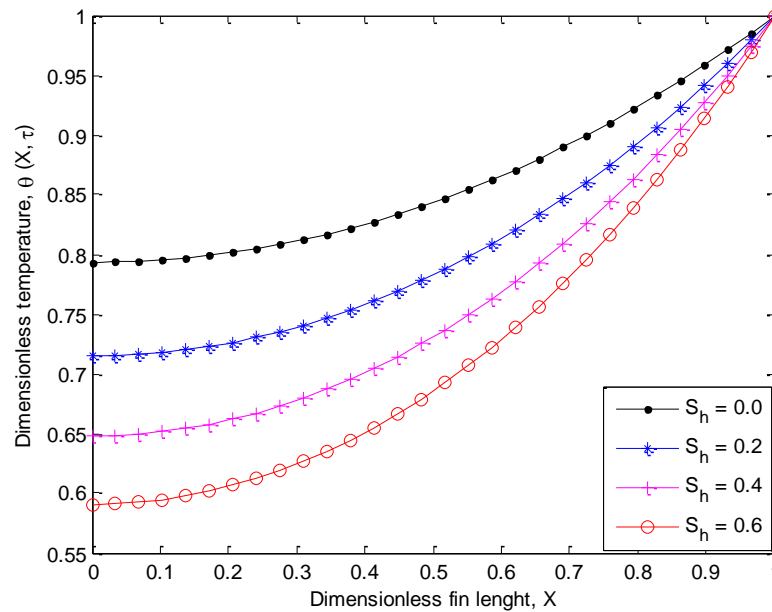


Fig. 5 Effect of porosity on the dimensionless temperature distribution in the fin

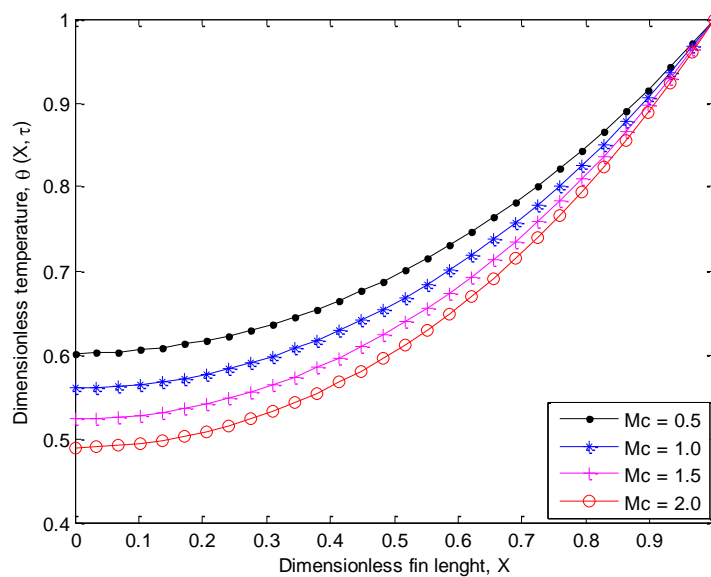


Fig. 6 Effect of convective-conductive number on the temperature distribution in the fin

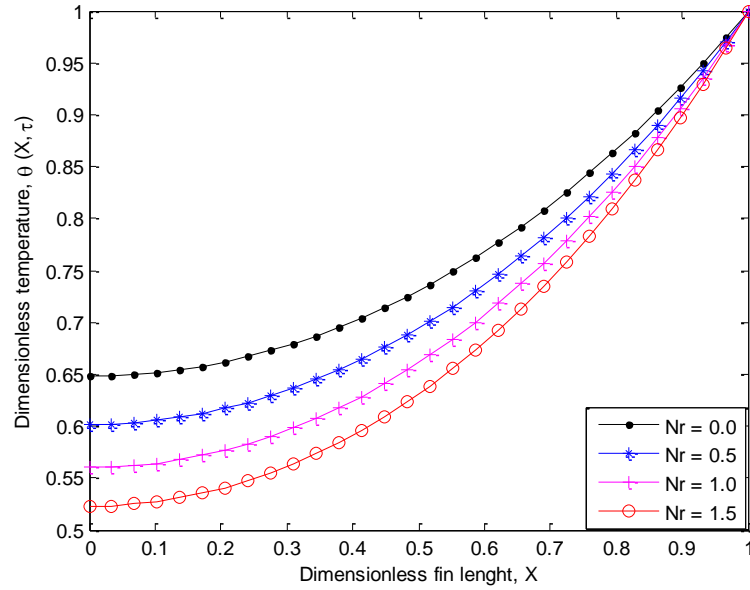


Fig. 7 Effect of radiative-conductive number on the temperature distribution in the fin

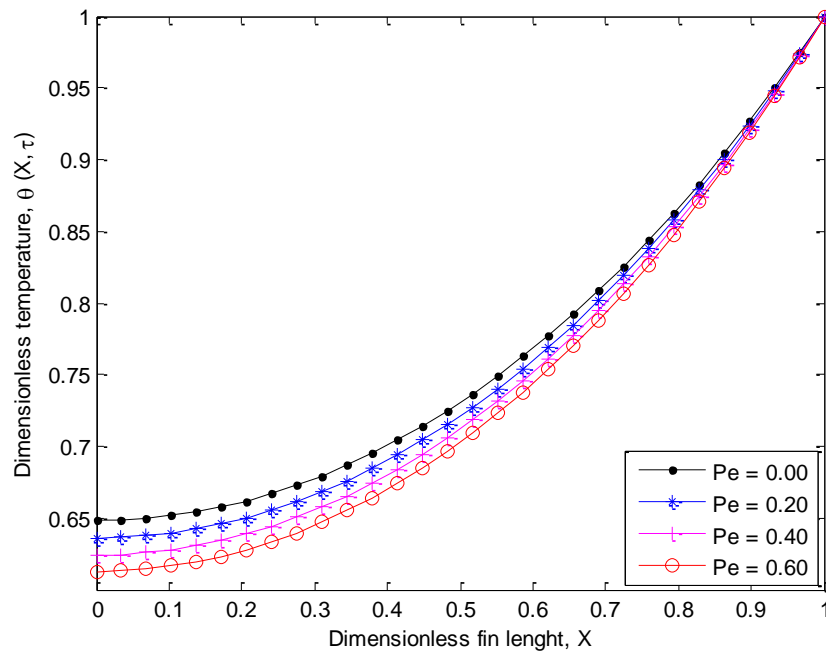


Fig. 8 Effect of convective-conductive number on the temperature distribution in the fin

The effect of internal heat generation on temperature distribution in the moving porous fin is shown in Fig. 9. An increase in internal heat generation resulted in increasing values of thermal distribution within the extended surface. This is expected because increasing  $Pe$  augments material motion and reduces exposure time to environment. Hence, fin temperature history intensifies.

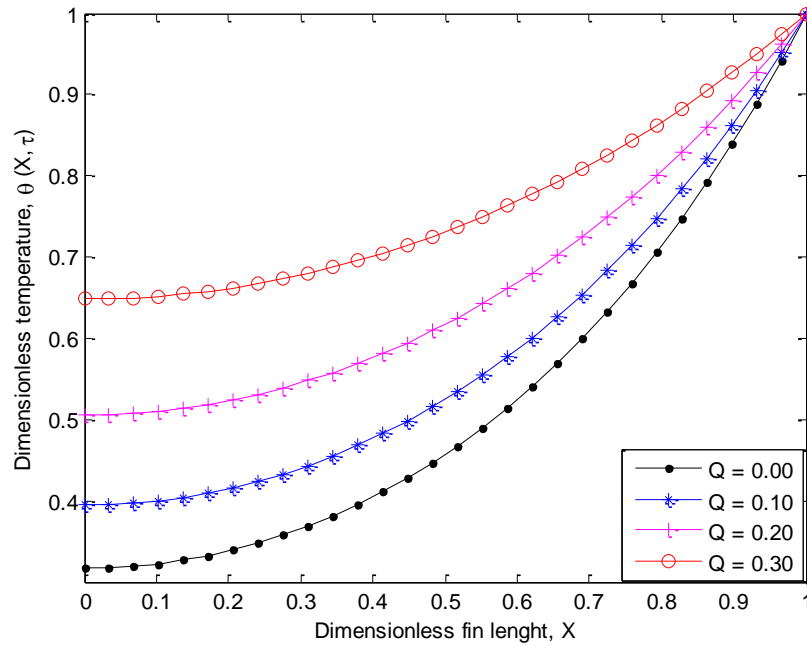


Fig. 9 Effect of internal heat generation on the temperature distribution in the fin

Fig. 10 shows the impacts of radiative number on the dimensionless temperature profiles along the fin length. It is shown in the figures that the radiative number,  $Rd$  has considerable impact on the fin thermal performance. The results depicted that as the radiative number increases, the dimensionless temperature distribution in the fin also increases and consequently, the rate of heat transfer by the fin decreases.

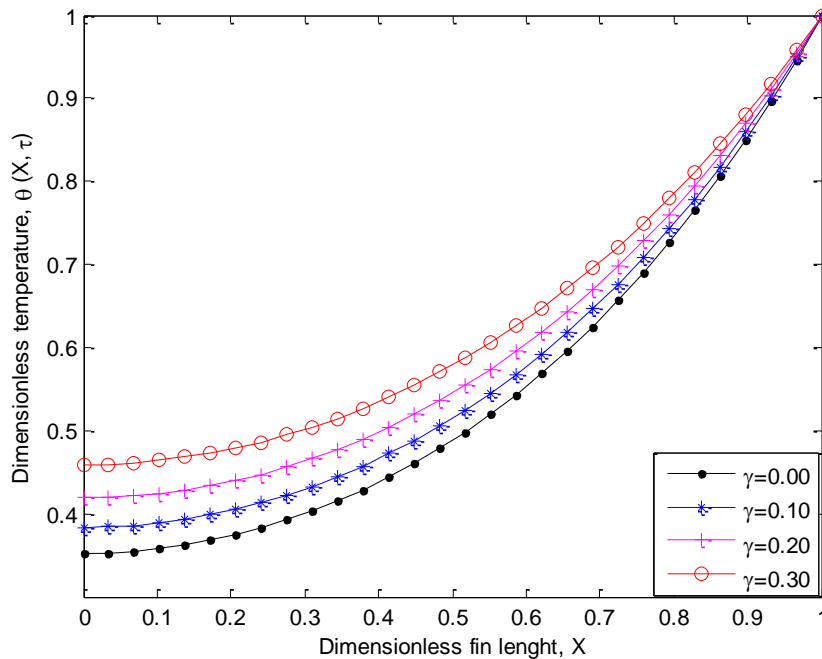


Fig. 10 Effect of temperature-dependent internal heat generation parameter on the temperature distribution in the fin



## 5. Conclusion

The present study developed a semi-numerical analysis of transient nonlinear thermal model of radiative-convective fin with varying internal heat generation using Laplace transform-Legendre-wavelet collocation method. Thereafter, parametric studies were carried out. The research outcomes establish that the temperature history increases with increasing time value. When the porous, convective-conductive and radiative-conductive parameters increase, the dimensionless temperature distribution in the fin decreases and consequently, the rate of heat transfer by the fin increases. An increase in  $Pe$  resulted in increasing values of thermal distribution within the extended surface. However, as the radiative number increases, the dimensionless temperature distribution in the fin also increases and consequently, the rate of heat transfer by the fin decreases. The semi-numerical solutions in the present work will serve as basis for comparisons for the numerical and approximate analytical solutions of the subsequent works on the thermal analysis of the extended surfaces. Moreover, the parametric studies established that the controlling parameters of the fin during operation should be prudently selected to make sure that it retains its principal function of heat removal from the main surface.

## Nomenclature

$A_{cr}$	fin cross sectional area, $m^2$
$B_o$	magnetic field intensity, Tesla or $kg/sec^2Amp$
$c_{pa}$	specific heat capacity, $J/kgK$
$h$	coefficient of convective heat transfer, $W/m^2K$
$J_c$	conduction current intensity, A
$k$	fin thermal conductivity, $W/mK$
$k_b$	fin thermal conductivity at the base temperature, $W/mK$
$L$	fin length, M
$Mc$	adimensional convective parameter
$Nr$	adimensional radiation parameter
$P$	fin perimeter, m
$Pe$	Peclet number
$t$	time, sec.
$T$	fin temperature, K
$T_\infty$	ambient temperature, K
$T_b$	fin temperature at the base, K
$x$	fin axial distance, m
$X$	adimensional fin length

## Greek Symbols

$\delta$	fin thickness, m
$\theta$	adimensional temperature
$\theta_b$	adimensional temperature at the fin base
$\rho$	fin material density, $kg/m^3$
$\sigma$	Stefan-Boltzmann constant, $W/m^2K^4$
$\sigma$	Electrical conductivity, $\Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$ or $sec^2Amp^2/kgm^3$

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