ABSTRACT: The conjugate heat transfer process of cooling a horizontal plate at the leading edge, in steady state condition, was solved considering the fluid flowing in laminar condition and hydro dynamically developed before interacting with a heated plate. The fluid was considered deep enough to allow the growth of a thermal boundary layer with no restrictions. The conservation of mass, momentum and energy equations at the solid and fluid were converted into a non dimensional form. The heated body presents a constant heat flux at the bottom side, and convective heat transfer at the top side. The interface temperature was obtained using the Chebyshev polynomial approximation. In order to verify the results obtained using the Chebyshev polynomial approximation, the results obtained from the analytical solution for the solid, were compared with the results attained with commercial CFD software, FIDAP®. The solution considered the calculation of the local and average heat transfer coefficient, the local and average Nusselt number, the local and average Biot number, and different temperature distributions at the interface.

KEYWORDS: Chebyshev’s polynomial, conjugate heat transfer.

1. INTRODUCTION

The conjugate heat transfer problem is present when heat is exchanged between a solid and a fluid. The common approximation considers a boundary condition between the solid and the fluid that uncouples the phenomena, to solve the conduction heat transfer situation for the solid, and the convection heat transfer situation for the fluid. This can be accomplished by a linear combination of orthogonal Chebyshev polynomials that guarantees the solution of the partial differential equation at the solid, and helps to find the non dimensional parameters that control the convection heat transfer problem. Analytical and numerical solutions for cooling electronic components have allowed proposing...
some geometrical configurations that enhance the heat transfer process, in order to obtain the temperature distribution inside electronics boards [1, 2, 3]. The analytical part helped to optimize the selection of materials, configuration and location to the components in order to reduce the maximum temperature in the substrate, and allowed estimation of heat released by the source and its effect on the temperature distribution. In 1998 [4] presented experimental results correlated through empirical expressions for flat plates with constant heat sources. The conjugate heat transfer process has been studied numerically [5, 6] presenting numerical solutions for jets impinging over flat surfaces under laminar flow. Numerical results were compared to experimental data gathered by [7]. A work by [8] used a Chebyshev approximation in order to solve a two dimensional, incompressible, viscous flow of a biomagnetic fluid over a heated plate. The numerical solution obtained for the coupled non linear boundary value problem achieved high accuracy, and it was compared to a finite difference method solution showing the efficiency of the Chebyshev approximation. Complex problems [9], such as the modeling of magneto hydrodynamic flow of micro polar, viscous, incompressible and electric conducting fluid from an isothermal stretching with suction and blowing in a porous media has also used the Chebyshev approximation. [10] developed a hybrid finite difference code for the simulation of unsteady incompressible pipe flow, using the Chebyshev approximation for the radial coordinate. The effectiveness of the Chebyshev approximation was studied by [11], he presented a new approximation in order to achieve better results when using this technique, especially in the modeling of hydrodynamic problems that include Bénard convection problem, and Orr-Sommerfeld for parallel flow. The heat transfer process between a flat plate and a fluid is a thermal model with many applications, and in order to have a solution for the leading edge area, the Chebyshev approximation will be used to introduce an interface boundary condition depending on the fluid and flow characteristics.

2. MATHEMATICAL MODEL

The orthogonal Chebyshev polynomials result from the solution of the following equation

\[(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha^2 y = 0\]  

(1)

The nth grade polynomial is represented by:

\[T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos x)\]  

(2)

And the trigonometric expressions from (3) are used for solving the polynomial,

\[T_0(x) = 1\]
\[T_1(x) = x\]
\[T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1\]
\[T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x\]
\[T_4(x) = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1\]
\[T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x)\]

The Chebyshev polynomials are orthogonals in the interval [-1, 1], and the weight function is \((1 - x^2)^{1/2}\). For this case,

\[\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{T_i(x)T_j(x)}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \, dx = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ \pi & i = j = 0 \\ \pi & i = j \neq 0 \end{cases}\]  

(4)

The polynomial \(T_n(x)\) has \(n\) ceros, a maximum and a minimum, located according to the following equations,

\[x = \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{n}\right) \quad k = 1, 2, 3..n\]  

(5)

\[x = \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{n}\right) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3..n\]  

(6)

Because of this property, the Chebyshev polynomials are used for polynomial approximations, and they also satisfy a discrete orthogonal condition, if \(x_k (k = 1, 2, \ldots, m)\) are the \(m\) ceros for \(T_m(x)\). Then,
\[
\sum_{k=1}^{m} T_j(x_k) T_j(x_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \\ \frac{m}{2}, & i = j \neq 0 \\ m, & i = j = 0 \end{cases} \quad (7)
\]

The combination of (1 - 7) helps to obtain an approximation function under the following conditions, \( f(x) \) is an arbitrary function in an interval \([-1,1]\), there are \( N \) coefficients \( c_j, J = 0, N-1 \), defined by:

\[
c_j = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} f(x_k) T_j(x_k) \quad (8)
\]

Replacing (6) into (8),

\[
c_j = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\pi (k-1/2)}{N} \right) \right] \cos \left( \frac{\pi j (k-1/2)}{N} \right) \quad (9)
\]

With this, the approximation becomes:

\[
f(x) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{N} c_k T_k(x) = \frac{c_0}{2} \quad (10)
\]

For any limits, \([a, b]\), and changing variables,

\[
x^* = \left[ x - \frac{1}{2} (b + a) \right] \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (b - a)} \quad (11)
\]

2.1 Governing equations and boundary conditions

\[
\text{Fluid,} \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (12)
\]

\[
U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (13)
\]

\[
U \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial y} = \alpha_f \left( \frac{\partial^2 T_f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_f}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (14)
\]

\[
\left( \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 \quad (15)
\]

Equations (12 - 15) are subjected to the following boundary conditions,

At \( x = 0, y > b \): \( U = U_\infty, V = 0 \) \quad (16)

At \( 0 < x \leq L, y \to \infty \): \( U = U_\infty, V = 0 \) \quad (17)

At \( 0 < x \leq L, y = b \): \( U = V = 0 \) \quad (18)

At \( x = 0, y \geq b \): \( T_f = T_\infty \) \quad (19)

At \( 0 < x \leq L, y \to \infty \): \( T_f = T_\infty \) \quad (20)

\[
0 < x \leq L, y = b: -k_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial y} = -k_f \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial y}, T_s = T_f \quad (21)
\]

At \( x = 0, 0 \leq y \leq b \): \( \frac{\partial T_\infty}{\partial y} = 0 \) \quad (22)

At \( x = L, 0 \leq y \leq b \): \( \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x} = 0 \) \quad (23)

At \( 0 < x \leq L, y = 0 \): \( -k_s \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial y} = q_0 \) \quad (24)

Equations (12 - 15) and the boundary conditions (16 - 24) were converted in a dimensionless form, using the following non dimensional terms,

\[
x^* = \left( x/L \right) \quad (25)
\]

\[
y^* = \left( y/b \right) \quad (26)
\]

\[
L^* = \left( b/L \right) \quad (27)
\]
Using the dimensionless variables presented in (25 – 31), the equations turned into the following dimensionless form:

### Fluid

\[
L^* \frac{\partial U^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial V^*}{\partial y^*} = 0
\]

\[
U^* \frac{\partial^2 U^*}{\partial x^*^2} + \frac{V^* \partial U^*}{L^* \partial y^*}
= \frac{1}{Re_L} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 U^*}{\partial x^*^2} + \frac{1}{L^*} \frac{\partial^2 U^*}{\partial y^*^2} \right]
\]

### Solid

\[
L^* \frac{\partial^2 U^*}{\partial x^*^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U^*}{\partial y^*^2} = 0
\]

Where:

\[
Re_L = \frac{U_{\infty} L}{V_f}
\]

\[
Pec_L = \frac{U_{\infty} L}{a_f}
\]

The boundary conditions for (32 – 35) are,

\[
x^* = 0, \ y^* > 1, \ U^* = 1, \ V^* = 0
\]

\[
0 \leq x^* \leq 1, \ y^* \to \infty, \ U^* = 1, \ V^* = 0
\]

\[
0 \leq x^* \leq 1, \ y^* = 1, \ U^* = V^* = 0
\]

\[
x^* = 0, \ y^* > 1, \ \theta_f = 0
\]

\[
0 \leq x^* \leq 1, \ y^* \to \infty, \ \theta_f = 0
\]

### 2.2 Two dimensional heat conduction at the solid in Chebyshev form

In order to obtain an analytic solution to the heat conduction problem in the solid, the temperature at the interface must be known. This temperature can be represented as a linear combination of Chebyshev polynomials according to (47)

\[
\theta_k(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m} \beta_k T_k
\]

Where:

\( T_k(x) \): Temperature at the solid - fluid interface.

\( \beta_k \): Coefficients of the linear combination.

\( T_k \): order k, Chebyshev polynomial.

This equation represents the solution for the problem presented in Fig. (2)

\[
\begin{align*}
\theta_s &= \sum_{k=0}^{m} \beta_k T_k \\
\frac{\partial \theta_s}{\partial x^*} &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial \theta_s}{\partial y^*} &= 0 \\
-\frac{\partial \theta_s}{\partial y^*} &= 1
\end{align*}
\]

**Figure 2.** Two dimensional heat conduction problem at the plate

Due to non homogeneous boundary conditions at the \( y^* \) coordinate, a substitution is used to take care of one the non homogeneity. The substitution is as follows:
\[ \theta_s(x^*, y^*) = \theta_s'(x^*, y^*) - y^* + 1 \] (48)

The boundary conditions for the substitution variables are:

\[ x^* = 0, \quad 0 \leq y^* \leq 1 \]
\[ \frac{\partial \theta_s(0, y^*)}{\partial x^*} = \frac{\partial \theta_s'(0, y^*)}{\partial x^*} = 0 \] (49)

\[ 0 \leq x^* \leq 1, \quad y^* = 0 \]
\[ \frac{\partial \theta_s(x^*, 0)}{\partial y^*} = \frac{\partial \theta_s'(x^*, 0)}{\partial y^*} = 0 \] (50)

\[ 0 \leq x^* \leq 1, \quad y^* = 1 \]
\[ \theta_s(x^*, 1) = \theta_s'(x^*, 1) \] (51)

\[ x^* = 1, \quad 0 \leq y^* \leq 1 \]
\[ \frac{\partial \theta_s(1, y^*)}{\partial x^*} = \frac{\partial \theta_s'(1, y^*)}{\partial x^*} = 0 \] (52)

The Sturm-Liouville problem is present in the \( x^* \) axis, due to the homogeneous conditions. The solution is as follows:

\[ X(x^*) = c_1 \cos(\lambda_n x^*); \quad \lambda = n\pi, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \] (53)

The solution for the differential equation \( Y(y^*) \) is the following:

\[ Y(y^*) = c_4 \cosh(\lambda_n L^* y^*) \] (54)

The general solution is,

\[ \theta_s(x^*, y^*) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos(\lambda_n x^*) \cosh(\lambda_n L^* y^*) \] (55)

Where:

\[ c_n = a \cdot c_4 \] (56)

To obtain \( c_n \), the boundary condition at the solid fluid interface is evaluated.

\[ \theta_s'(x^*, 1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot \cos(\lambda_n x^*) \cosh(\lambda_n L^*) = \theta_s'(1) \] (57)

Where,

\[ -x = 2 \cdot x^* - 1 \] (58)

This is due to the orthogonal properties of the Chebyshev polynomials at the \([-1, 1]\) interval. Using this condition:

\[ c_o \cosh(\lambda_n L^*) \int_{-1}^{1} \cos^2(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* \]
\[ = \int_{-1}^{1} \theta_k(x) \cos(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* \] (59)

\[ \lambda = 0, \quad \int_{-1}^{1} \cos^2(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* = N(\lambda) = 1 \] (60)

\[ \lambda \neq 0, \quad \int_{-1}^{1} \cos^2(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* = N(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \] (61)

Accordingly,

\[ c_o = \int_{-1}^{1} \theta_k(x) dx^* \] (62)

\[ c_o = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \theta_k(x) dx^* = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \sum_{k=0}^{m} \beta_k T_k d x \] (63)

\[ c_o = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{m} \beta_0 \int_{-1}^{1} T_0 d x \] (64)

From the orthogonal condition of the Chebyshev polynomials,

\[ k = 0, \quad \beta_o \int_{-1}^{1} T_o d x = 2 \beta_o \] (65)

\[ k \neq 0, \quad \beta_k \int_{-1}^{1} T_k d x = \begin{cases} 0 & k \text{ odd} \\ -2 \beta_{2k} & 2k \end{cases} \] (66)

And,

\[ c_o = \beta_o - \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{\beta_{2k}}{(2k+1)(2k-1)} \] (67)

For \( n \neq 0 \)

\[ c_n = \frac{1}{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*)} \int_{-1}^{1} \theta_k(x) \cos(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* \] (68)
From the boundary conditions:

\[ c_n = 2 \frac{\int_0^1 \theta_k(x) \cos(\lambda_n x) \, dx}{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (69)

The solution of (48) is as follows

\[ \theta_s(x^*, y^*) = c_n + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\lambda_n L^*) \cos(\lambda_n x^*)}{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*)} \int_0^1 \theta_k(x) \cos(\lambda_n x) \, dx \]  \hspace{1cm} (70)

\[ \int_0^1 \theta_k(x) \cos(\lambda_n x) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \theta_k(x) \cos \left( \lambda_n \left( \frac{x+1}{2} \right) \right) \, dx \]  \hspace{1cm} (71)

The non-dimensional temperature solution for the solid,

\[ \theta_s(x^*, y^*) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*) \cos(\lambda_n x^*)}{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*)} \int_0^1 \theta_k(x) \cos(\lambda_n x) \, dx + c_n - y^* + 1 \]  \hspace{1cm} (72)

2.3 Local convective heat transfer coefficient and local Nusselt number

From an energy balance at the interface,

\[ h_x = \left[ q_i'' / (T(x, b) - T_\infty) \right] \]  \hspace{1cm} (73)

From the boundary conditions:

\[ q_i'' = -k_s \frac{\partial T_x}{\partial y} \bigg|_{x,b} \]  \hspace{1cm} (74)

Introducing the non-dimensional variables,

\[ -k_s \frac{\partial T_x}{\partial y} \bigg|_{x,b} = -k_s \frac{\partial \theta_s q_o b / k_s}{\partial (y^* b)} \bigg|_{x^*,1} \]  \hspace{1cm} (75)

From the Chebyshev polynomial solution:

\[ \theta_k(x) = \left[ (T(x, b) - T_\infty) / (q_o b / k_s) \right] \]  \hspace{1cm} (76)

\[ T(x, b) - T_\infty = \theta_k(x) q_o b / k_s \]  \hspace{1cm} (77)

Replacing in (76),

\[ h_x = \frac{h_x b}{k_s} \left[ \frac{-\partial \theta_s}{\partial y^* x^*} \bigg|_{x^*,1} \right] \bigg[ \theta_k(x) \bigg] \]  \hspace{1cm} (78)

\[ \frac{h_x b}{k_s} = \frac{\left[ -\partial \theta_s / \partial y^* x^* \bigg|_{x^*,1} \right]}{\left[ \theta_k(x) \right]} \]  \hspace{1cm} (79)

\[ B_i = \left[ -\partial \theta_s / \partial y^* x^* \bigg|_{x^*,1} \right] / \left[ \theta_k(x) \right] \]  \hspace{1cm} (80)

Derivation of \( \frac{\partial \theta_s}{\partial y^* x^*} \bigg|_{x^*,1} \), and evaluating at \((x^*,1), \) and replacing in (80),

\[ B_i = \frac{(1 - 2L^*)}{L^*} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n \cos(\lambda_n x^*)}{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (81)

The local Nusselt number can be obtained from:

\[ \mathcal{N}_x = \frac{h_x x^* / k_f}{B_i} \]  \hspace{1cm} (82)

Manipulating the equation,

\[ \mathcal{N}_x = \frac{B_i \cdot k_s x / k_f b}{B_i \cdot x^* / k^* L^*} \]  \hspace{1cm} (83)

Using the non-dimensional variables,

\[ \mathcal{N}_x = \left( B_i \cdot x^* / k^* L^* \right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (84)

Replacing (85) in (88),
Replacing Biot number from (81) into (95),

\[
\int_0^L h_s(T_s(x, b) - T_x) \, dx = q_o L
\]

From the Chebyshev polynomials properties,

\[
\int_0^L h_s(T_s(x, b) - T_x) \, dx = q_o L
\]

Replacing (88) and (97) in (86),

\[
h = \left[-k_s \sqrt{\frac{m}{b} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_{2k} \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k-1)}} \right]
\]

The average Biot number can be calculated according to the following equation,

\[
\bar{Bi} = \frac{h b}{k_s} = \left[-1 \sqrt{\frac{m}{b} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_{2k} \frac{1}{(2k+1)(2k-1)}} \right]
\]

The average Nusselt number can be calculated according to the following equation,
\[
\overline{Nu} = \left( \frac{-hL}{k_f} \right) \tag{100}
\]

\[
\widetilde{Nu} = \left[ -1/ \left( k^* L^* \sum_{k=0}^{m} \beta_{2k} / (2k+1)(2k-1) \right) \right] \tag{101}
\]

Different temperature distributions can be considered, and for each one of them, Biot and Nusselt number, as well as expressions for the average values of the heat transfer coefficient, can be developed. In this case, only cubic temperature profile will be considered.

### 2.5 Cubic temperature profile

The temperature at the interface is represented by the following expression,

\[
T = T_0 + c_1 x^* + c_2 x^{*2} + c_3 x^{*3} \tag{102}
\]

In a non-dimensional form,

\[
\theta_k (\overline{x}) = \frac{k^*_x}{q_0 b} \left( c_1 x^* + c_2 x^{*2} + c_3 x^{*3} \right) = \alpha_1 x^* + \alpha_2 x^{*2} + \alpha_3 x^{*3} \tag{103}
\]

The Chebyshev polynomials parameters and the equation are: for this case are,

\[
\beta_0 = \frac{\alpha_0}{2}, \quad \beta_1 = \frac{\alpha_1}{2}, \quad \beta_2 = \frac{\alpha_2}{2}, \quad \beta_3 = \frac{\alpha_3}{32} \tag{104}
\]

\[
\theta_k (\overline{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 T_1 (\overline{x}) + \beta_2 T_2 (\overline{x}) + \beta_3 T_3 (\overline{x}) \tag{105}
\]

The temperature in the plate,

\[
\theta_s (x^*, y^*) = +\beta_0 - y^* + 1
\]

\[
+ 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\lambda_n x^*) \cdot \cosh(\lambda_n L^*)}{\cosh(\lambda_n L^*)} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{3} \beta_k I_k \right] \tag{106}
\]

Where,

\[
I_1 = \int_0^1 T_1 (\overline{x}) \cos(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* - \frac{2}{\lambda_n^2} [\cos(\lambda_n) - 1] \tag{107}
\]

\[
I_2 = \int_0^1 T_2 (\overline{x}) \cos(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* = \frac{8}{\lambda_n^2} [\cos(\lambda_n) + 1] \tag{108}
\]

\[
I_3 = \int_0^1 T_3 (\overline{x}) \cos(\lambda_n x^*) dx^* = \frac{1}{\lambda_n^4} \left[ (\cos(\lambda_n) - 1)(18 \lambda_n^2 - 192) \right] \tag{109}
\]

The local Biot number, Biot number, average heat transfer coefficient, local Nusselt number, and average Nusselt number, are presented in the following equations,

\[
\tilde{h} = [3k_x / b(3\beta_o - \beta_2)] \tag{110}
\]

\[
\widetilde{Bi}_h = [3/(3\beta_o - \beta_2)] \tag{111}
\]

\[
\widetilde{Bi}_k = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k T_k (\overline{x}) - 2L^*} \cdot \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \cos(\lambda_n x^*) \cdot \tanh(\lambda_n L^*) \sum_{k=1}^{3} \beta_k I_k}{\sum_{k=0}^{3} \beta_k T_k (\overline{x})} \tag{112}
\]
\[ Nu_x = \frac{1}{k^* \cdot L^* \cdot \left( \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x^* + \alpha_3 x^* x^2 \right)} - 2L^* \]
\[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \cos(\lambda_n x^*) \cdot \text{Tanh}(\lambda_n L^*) \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{1} \beta_k L_k \right] \]  
(113)
\[ Nu = \left[ \frac{3}{(3 \beta_0 + \beta_2) k^* L^*} \right] \]  
(114)

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A computational program was developed to solve the general heat conduction equation in the solid, taking into consideration the boundary condition at the interface represented by the Chebyshev polynomial. In order to validate the model, the non-dimensional conjugate heat transfer problem was solved using commercial CFD software, FIDAP®. The domain design considered the growth of the hydrodynamic and thermal boundary layer, and the height was calculated considering the maximum Reynolds number, Prandtl number, and the thickness to plate length ratio to be used. In order to determine the number of elements for accurate numerical solution, computation was performed for several combinations of grid distribution in the radial and vertical directions covering the solid and fluid regions. It was noticed that the solution became grid independent when the number of divisions in the horizontal direction was increased to 20 and at least 36 in the vertical direction. The comparison considered three different Reynolds numbers, with different order of magnitude, \(5 \times 10^5\), \(5 \times 10^4\), and \(1 \times 10^3\), representing constant temperature, linear temperature, and cubic temperature profiles respectively. Figures 3 and 4, present the non-dimensional isothermal lines inside the solid, using FIDAP and the solution of the semi-analytical model, for a Reynolds number of \(5 \times 10^5\). It can be observed that there is an excellent agreement between the two solutions presented, and the assumption of a constant temperature at the interface is valid due to the one dimensional temperature distribution.

Figure 3. Solid temperature distribution.
Numerical simulation in FIDAP
(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = 5x10^{5}, L^* = 0.5)

Figure 4. Solid temperature distribution.
Solution of the semi analytical model
(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = 5x10^{5}, L^* = 0.5)

Figure 5. Temperature at the interface and error from the mathematical model and FIDAP solution
(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = 5x10^{5}, L^* = 0.5)

Figure 5 presents the temperature at the interface, calculated using FIDAP and the semi analytical model, as well as the error between the solutions. It can be seen that the error ranges between cero and 0.5%, presenting the maximum deviation in the right hand side, where the fluid gets in contact with the solid. The temperature at the interface is quite constant, ranging from cero to \(6 \times 10^{-3}\).
Figures 6 and 7 present the temperature distribution inside the solid for the numerical solution and the semi analytical model for a Reynolds number in the fluid of $5 \times 10^4$. It is noticed a good agreement between the two solutions. In this case, there is almost a one dimensional distribution with a tendency of the isothermal lines to concentrate around the point where the fluid gets in contact with the solid.

![Figure 6. Solid temperature distribution. Numerical simulation in FIDAP](Image)

(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = $5 \times 10^4$, $L^* = 0.5$)

![Figure 7. Solid temperature distribution. Solution of the semi analytical model](Image)

(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = $5 \times 10^4$, $L^* = 0.5$)

Figure 8 presents the temperature at the interface, calculated using FIDAP and the semi analytical model, as well as the error between the solutions. It can be seen that the error goes up to 3%, presenting the maximum deviation in the right hand side, where the fluid gets in contact with the solid. The non dimensional temperature at the interface presents an almost linear behavior, going from zero to 0.07.

![Figure 8. Temperature at the interface and error from the mathematical model and FIDAP solution](Image)

(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = $5 \times 10^4$, $L^* = 0.5$)

Figure 9 and 10 present the temperature distribution inside the solid for the numerical solution and the semi analytical model for a Reynolds number in the fluid of $1 \times 10^3$. It is observed there is a good agreement between the two solutions. In this case, it is noticed that the effect of the slow motion of the fluid turns the temperature distribution in the solid completely two dimensional, and the isothermal lines become concentric around the point where the fluid gets in contact with the solid.

![Figure 9. Solid temperature distribution. Numerical simulation in FIDAP](Image)

(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = $1 \times 10^3$, $L^* = 0.5$)

![Figure 10. Solid temperature distribution. Solution of the semi analytical model](Image)

(Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, Re = $1 \times 10^3$, $L^* = 0.5$)
Figure 11 presents the temperature at the interface, calculated using FIDAP and the semi analytical model, as well as the error between the solutions. It can be seen that the error goes up to 0.3%, presenting the maximum deviation in the right hand side, where the fluid gets in contact with the solid. The behavior of the non dimensional temperature at the interface could be approximated by a second order polynomial, and it ranges from zero to 3.

\[ \text{Figure 11. Temperature at the interface and error from the mathematical model and FIDAP solution. (Oil MIL 7808 - Constantan, } \text{Re} = 1 \times 10^3, L^* = 0.5) \]

Figure 12 shows the variation of average Nusselt number with Reynolds number. In this figure is compared the classic average Nusselt number and the average Nusselt number obtained from simulation in FIDAP and the semi analytical model. The variation of average Nusselt number is similar to FIDAP and the semi analytical mathematical model, but in both cases, the classic average Nusselt number is lower than the one obtained by numerical methods. This shows that the classic average Nusselt number is conservative.

4. CONCLUSIONS

According to these results, it can be concluded that the Chebyshev polynomial approximation can be used to uncouple the conjugate heat transfer problem, accommodating the temperature distribution at the interface depending on the Reynolds number. Also, the constant temperature and linear temperature approximation for the interface temperature could be discarded, considering a third order polynomial, which accommodate for the different temperature distributions.

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NOMENCLATURE

\( B \) Plate thickness
\( B_i \) Local Biot number, \( B_i = \frac{h_x b / k_s}{k_s} \)
\( \overline{B_i} \) Average Biot number, \( \overline{B_i} = \frac{\bar{h} / k_s}{k_s} \)
\( h_x \) Local convective heat transfer coefficient
\( k \) Thermal conductivity,
\( k^* \) Thermal conductivity ratio, \( \left( k_f / k_s \right) \)
\( L \) Length of the plate
\( L^* \) Dimensionless length, \( L^* = \frac{b}{L} \)
\( \overline{Nu}_x \) Local Nusselt number, \( \overline{Nu}_x = \frac{\bar{h} / k_f}{k_f} \)
\( \overline{Nu} \) Average Nusselt number, \( \overline{Nu} = \frac{\bar{h} / L}{k_f} \)
\( Pe_x \) Local Peclet number, \( Pe_x = \frac{U_x}{a_f} \)
\( Pr \) Prandtl number
\( q^\prime \) Heat flow per unit area
\( q^\prime\prime \) Heat flow at the solid-fluid interface
\( Re \) Reynolds number in L, \( Re = \frac{U_x L}{\nu_f} \)
\( T \) Temperature
\( T_c \) Fluid free stream temperature
\( T_i(x) \) Chebyshev polynomial, i order.
\( U \) Horizontal Velocity
\( U^* \) Dimensionless Horizontal Velocity
\( V \) Vertical Velocity
\( V^* \) Dimensionless Vertical Velocity
\( x \) Position in the horizontal axis
\( x^* \) Dimensionless position, horizontal axis
\( x \) Chebyshev variable
\( y \) Position in the vertical axis
\( y^* \) Dimensionless position, vertical axis

Greek symbols
\( \nu \) Kinematic viscosity
\( \theta \) Dimensionless temperature
\( \rho \) Density

Subscripts
\( \infty \) Infinite
\( b \) Plate thickness
\( f \) Fluid
\( int \) Interface
\( L \) Length of the plate
\( s \) Solid
\( x \) Along the x axis