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## Research Article

# Analytical Assessment of MHD Flow of Nanoliquid Subject to Thermal Radiation and Brownian Effect

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This manuscript studies the impact of the heat and mass flow and chemical reaction with electromagnetic field and heat flow of non-Newtonian Walter-B nanofluid via the uniform magnetic field. A mathematical model is used to simulate the arisen nonlinear partial differential equations (PDEs). By employing the suitable transformations, the system of PDEs is then transformed to a nonlinear system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs). The impact of the pertinent parameters on the velocity profile, energy, and concentration distribution has been discussed. These nonlinear coupled equations were addressed analytically by implementing an efficient and validated analytical method, where Mathematica 11.0 programming code is established for simulating the flow system. Stability and convergence analysis have been performed in order to improve the accuracy of the flow system. In order to gain physical insight, the effects of dimensionless parameters on flow fields are investigated. In addition, the impression of system parameters on skin-friction, heat transfer coefficient, and mass flow rate profiles is also debated.

#### 1. Introduction

Nanomaterials have been of great interest to engineers as well as to scientists during the previous decades. As a matter of fact, nanomaterials are known to enhance the thermal conductivity of base fluids. The first one who suggested the addition of carbon nanotubes and solid particles in base fluids was Maxwell [1]. The results achieved were motivational; however, some problems were raised such as pressure drop enhancement and pipe erosion. Then, Choi et al. [2] proposed the notion of carbon nanotubes and nanoscaled particles in base fluids and named them as nanofluids.

Metals, such as Ag and Cu, and metal oxides, such as  ${\rm Al_2O_3}$  and CuO, are the most widely used nanoparticles. Improved nanofluids' thermal conductivity has important applications not only in domestic heating but also in heat exchangers and cooling systems. Nanofluids, discovered by Choi [3], are colloids composed of nanoparticles and base fluid. Nanoparticles have thermal conductivity, typically greater in magnitude than base fluids and significantly smaller in size than  $100\,\mathrm{nm}$ . The work of nanoparticles greatly improves the heat transfer efficiency of the base fluids. Basic fluids can be water, synthetic liquids, fats, lubricants and blood. Nanoparticles are synthetic materials with

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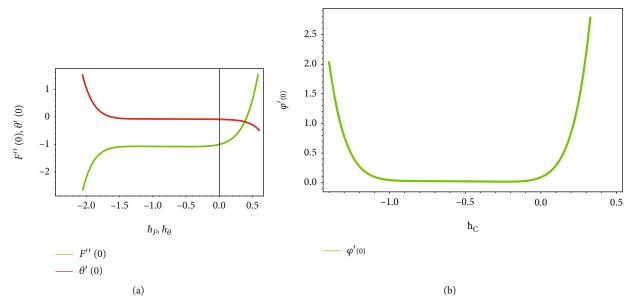


FIGURE 1: (a)  $\hbar$  – curves for  $F(\varsigma)$  and  $\theta(\varsigma)$  functions. (b)  $\hbar$  – curves for  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  function.

substantial use in biomedicine because of the special manner in which they interact with matter. Hybrid nanofluids are a particular type of nanofluid. Hybrid nanofluids are formed by the suspension in the base fluid of two or more kinds of nanoparticles with hybrid nanoparticles. Hybrid nanoparticle is a specific substance that integrates the physical and chemical characteristics of different materials at the same time and has been commonly used in the production of antitumor medicines. Some studies that discuss nanofluids and hybrid nanofluids are reported in the refs. [4–10]. Magnetic fluid flow due to the rotating body has potential applications in biomedical sciences, electronic devices, and aerodynamics [11]. Hafeez et al. investigated the flow of an Oldroyd-B fluid type's magnetic fluid in a rotating system using modified Fourier's law [12]. Reddy et al. reported the influence of hybrid nanoparticles in a swirling flow using an activation energy model [13]. Fluid flow investigation in biomicrofluidic systems is implemented by the electroosmosis process. The latter is the principal instrument for the stream activation in a wide scope of utilization. This electroosmotic transition takes place in such a way that, as long as the polar outer layer is connected to the electrolyte device, the counterparts of the electrolyte should be allowed to pass through the surface of the capacitor and ultimately to build a membrane with a high convergence of counteractors, which is commonly named after the Stern layer. In addition to the exterior diffuse coat, the Electric Double Layer (EDL) is produced in the area of the charged board. Applying the ambient electrical field to the electroosmotic flow (EOF), the functional particles in the dispersed area of the EOF are induced to travel and accomplish fluid displacement, which is typically known as the "EOF." Propelled by the monumental use of the stream of the electroassimilation, various experiments are investigated [14-18]. Christopher et al. [19] discussed the chemical reaction consequence on the flow of hybrid nanoliquid on an SS with Cattaneo-

TABLE 1: The allowable ranges for convergence solutions.

Approximate solutions	Auxiliary parameters	Convergent intervals
$F(\varsigma)$	$\hbar_F$	$-1.4 \le \hbar_F \le -0.4$
heta(arsigma)	$\hbar_{ heta}$	$-1.2 \le \hbar_\theta \le -0.5$
$\varphi(\varsigma)$	$\hbar_{arphi}$	$-0.7 \le \hbar_{\varphi} \le -0.3$

Christov heat flux. Gowda et al. [20] examined the convective stream of second grade fluid on a coiled SS with Dufour and Soret effects. Alhadhrami et al. [21] pondered the LTNE impact on the flow of Casson liquid on an SS with a porous medium. Recently, Ali et al. [22-26] conferred the flow of different fluid past stretching surfaces with several influencing factors by considering different nanoparticles' suspension. Another significant nonmechanical micropump is the electromagnetohydrodynamic (EMHD) which has different applications, some of which, fluid mixing and pumping along with flow control in microfluidic systems [27-29]. Lorentz force is generated because of an electric field force applied across the channel in the presence of a perpendicular magnetic field force. Reddy et al. reported the influence of hybrid nanoparticles in a swirling flow using an activation energy model [13]. Khan demonstrated the transportation of hybrid nanoparticles in convective flow due to a rotating plate [30]. Hayat et al. considered the viscous dissipation and Joule heating in the flow due to a rotating plate with variable thickness [31]. The following references [32–37] provide more about thermal radiation and activation energy.

In this study, we explored the nature of stagnation point flow of nanoliquid driven by stretching surface. The role of Brownian motion and thermophoresis is also considered in modeling the flow system. The mechanisms of heat and

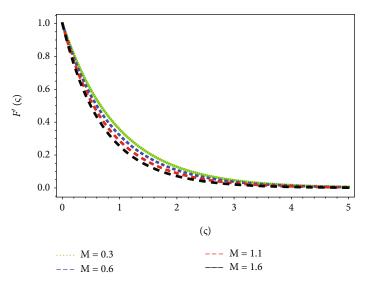


FIGURE 2: Plot of  $F'(\varsigma)$  via diverse M.

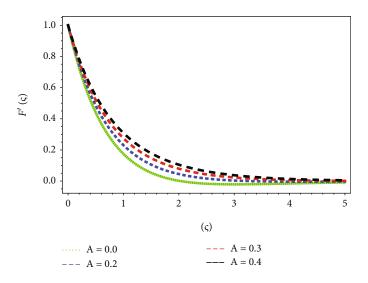


FIGURE 3: Plot of  $F'(\varsigma)$  via diverse A.

mass flow are also are examined. The arisen nonlinear partial differential equations are altered to ODEs via transformations and then solved analytically [38–40]. Following are the key points of this investigation:

- (i) The main goal of this study is to examine the twodimensional incompressible Walters-B nanofluid flow over a stretching sheet. Furthermore, the graphs are also used to discuss the variations in detailed profiles as a consequence of several dimensionless parameters
- (ii) To study time subservient Walter-B fluid flow resulting from the impression of heat and mass transfer
- (iii) Mathematical modeling of the fundamental flow equations comprises momentum, energy, and diffusion balances

## 2. Problem Formulation

Consider the magnetohydrodynamic MHD flow of a Walter-B non-Newtonian nanofluid with heat transfer transient through a two-dimensional conduit. The impact of Brownian and thermophoretic effects is considered into the account. Additionally, the thermal radiation, Joule heating, viscous dissipation, and heat generation/absorption characteristics are taken into consideration. The fluid is electrically conductive in nature along with uniform magnetic field  $B_0$  in normal direction. Based on these assumptions with the approximations of the boundary layer, the basic equations of Walter-B fluid reduced as follow [31]:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \bar{x}} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{y}} = 0, \tag{1}$$

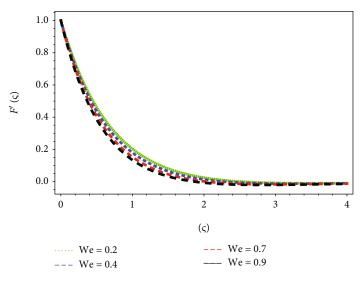


FIGURE 4: Plot of  $F'(\varsigma)$  via diverse We.

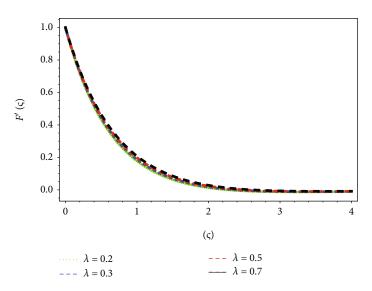


FIGURE 5: Plot of  $F'(\varsigma)$  via diverse  $\lambda$ .

$$\begin{split} \bar{u}\frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{x}} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{y}} &= u_e \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial\bar{x}} + v \frac{\partial^2\bar{u}}{\partial(\bar{y})^2} - \frac{k_0}{\rho_f} \left( \bar{u} \frac{\partial^3\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{x}\partial(\bar{y})^2} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial^3\bar{u}}{\partial(\bar{y})^3} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{x}} \frac{\partial^2\bar{u}}{\partial(\bar{y})^2} - \frac{\partial\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{y}} \frac{\partial^2\bar{u}}{\partial\bar{x}\partial\bar{y}} \right) + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f} (u_e - \bar{u}) \\ &\quad + g\beta_T (\bar{T} - \bar{T}_\infty) - g\beta_C (\bar{C} - \bar{C}_\infty), \end{split} \tag{2}$$

$$\bar{u}\frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{x}} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}^2} - \frac{1}{(\rho c)_f} \frac{16\sigma^*}{3k^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{y}} \left( \bar{T}^3 \frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}} \right) + \frac{\sigma B_0^2\bar{u}^2}{(\rho c)_f} \\ &\quad + \tau \left[ D_B \frac{\partial\bar{C}}{\partial\bar{y}} \frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}} + \frac{D_T}{\bar{T}_\infty} \left( \frac{\partial\bar{T}}{\partial\bar{y}} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{Q_0}{(\rho c)_f} (\bar{T} - \bar{T}_\infty), \tag{3} \end{split}$$

$$\bar{u}\frac{\partial \bar{C}}{\partial \bar{x}} + v^* \frac{\partial \bar{C}}{\partial \bar{y}} = D_B \left(\frac{\partial^2 \bar{C}}{\partial (\bar{y})^2}\right) + \frac{D_T}{\bar{T}_{\infty}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial (\bar{y})^2}\right) \\
- k_T^2 e^{-E_a/kT^*} \left(\frac{\bar{T}}{\bar{T}_{\infty}}\right)^m (\bar{C} - \bar{C}_{\infty}), \tag{4}$$

with boundary postulates [31]

$$\bar{u} = u_w(\bar{x}) = c_1 \bar{x}, v = 0, -k \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial \bar{y}} = (\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}) h_1, -D_B \frac{\partial \bar{C}}{\partial \bar{y}} = (\bar{C}_s - \bar{C}) h_2 : \bar{y} = 0$$

$$\bar{u} = u_e = c_2 \bar{x}, \bar{T} \longrightarrow \bar{T}_\infty, \bar{C} \longrightarrow \bar{C}_\infty : \bar{y} \longrightarrow \infty,$$
(5)

whereas  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  are velocity component in  $\bar{x}$  – and  $\bar{y}$  – direction,  $u_e$  is the free stream velocity,  $D_B$  Brownian motion,  $D_T$  thermophoretic coefficient, g gravitational acceleration,  $\bar{C}$  fluid concentration,  $\bar{T}$  temperature;  $\alpha = k/\rho c_f$  thermal

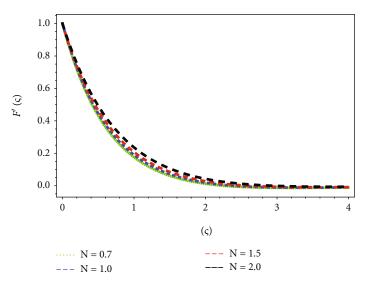


FIGURE 6: Plot of  $F'(\varsigma)$  via diverse N.

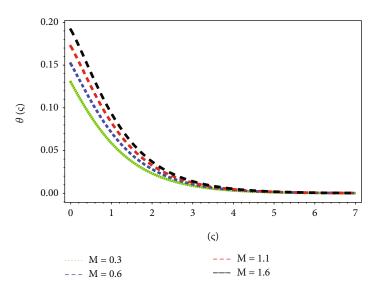


Figure 7: Impact of M on temperature field.

diffusion coefficient,  $v=\mu_0/\rho_f$  kinematic viscosity,  $\sigma^*$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant,  $k^*$  absorption coefficient,  $\beta_{\bar{C}}$  denote the solutal expansion coefficient,  $\beta_{\bar{T}}$  thermal expansion coefficient,  $\tau$  heat capacity ratio,  $\sigma$  electrical conductivity,  $Q_0$  heat generation/absorption, Ea activation energy,  $\bar{T}_s$  surface temperature,  $\bar{C}_s$ surface concentration,  $h_1$  heat transfer coefficient,  $h_2$  mass transfer coefficient, m fitted rate constant, kr reaction rate,  $\bar{T}_\infty$  ambient temperature,  $\bar{C}_\infty$  ambient concentration, and  $k_0$  short memory coefficient.

Adopting the local transformation similarity [31]:

$$\bar{u} = c_1 \bar{x} F'(\varsigma), \, \bar{v} = -(c_1 v)^{1/2} F(\varsigma), \, \varsigma = \sqrt{\frac{c_1}{v}} \bar{y}, \, \theta = \frac{\bar{T} - \bar{T}_{\infty}}{\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_{\infty}}, \, \varphi = \frac{\bar{C} - \bar{C}_{\infty}}{\bar{C}_s - \bar{C}_{\infty}},$$

$$(6)$$

After incorporating Equation (6), one gets the dimensional Equations (2)–(5) into dimensionless form:

$$F''' - F'2 + FF'' + We \left(F''2 - 2F'F''' + FF''''\right) + M(A - F') + A^2 + \lambda(\theta + N\varphi) = 0,$$
(7)

$$\left( \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4}R\left( 1 + (\theta_f - 1)\theta \right)^3 \right) \theta' \right)' 
+ \Pr\left( F\theta' + Nb\theta' \varphi' + Nt\theta' 2 + MEcF'^2 + S\theta \right) = 0,$$
(8)

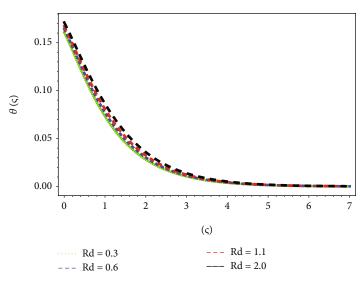


FIGURE 8: Impact of *R* on temperature field.

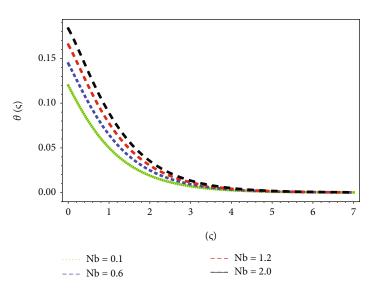


Figure 9: Impact of Nb on temperature field.

$$\varphi'' + ScF\varphi' + \left(\frac{Nt}{Nb}\right)\theta'' - Sc\sigma(1 + \delta_1\theta)^m \varphi \exp\left[\frac{-E_1}{1 + \delta_1\theta}\right] = 0,$$
(9)

$$F = 0, F' = 1, \theta' = -\alpha(1 - \theta), \varphi' = -\beta(1 - \varphi):$$

$$\varsigma = 0 \text{ and } F' = A, \theta = 0, \varphi = 0 : \varsigma = \infty$$
(10)

where We =  $k_0c_1/\mu_0$  is the Weissenberg number,  $\lambda = g\beta_{\bar{T}}/c_1^2$   $\bar{x}(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_\infty)$  mixed convection parameter,  $M = \sigma B_0^2/\rho_f c_1$  magnetic parameter,  $N = g\beta_{\bar{C}}/c_1^2\bar{x}(\bar{C}_s - \bar{C}_\infty)$  ratio of thermal to concentration buoyancy forces,  $Nt = \tau D_T/T_\infty^* \nu(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_\infty)$  thermophoresis force,  $Nb = \tau D_B/\nu(\bar{C}_s - \bar{C}_\infty)$  Brownian motion,  $\delta_1 = \bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_\infty/\bar{T}_\infty$  temperature difference,  $R = 4\sigma^*$   $(\bar{T}_\infty)^3/kk^*$  radiation factor,  $S = Q_0/(\rho c)_f c_1$  heat generation factor,  $Ec = \bar{u}_w^2/c_f(\bar{T}_s - \bar{T}_\infty)$  Eckert number,  $B_1 = h_1/k\sqrt{\nu/y}$ 

thermal Biot number,  $B_2 = h_2/D_B\sqrt{v/y}$  Biot number,  $Pr = \mu c_p/k$  Prandtl number,  $Sc = v/D_B$  Schmidt number,  $\sigma = k_r^2/c_1$  dimensionless reaction rate,  $A = c_2/c_1$  ratio of constants,  $\theta_F = \bar{T}_w/\bar{T}_\infty$  temperature ratio parameter, and  $E_1 = E_a/\kappa\bar{T}_\infty$  activation energy.

The physical quantities for the engineering practical and usefulness are the local skin friction, temperature gradient, and concentration gradient. The dimensionless form of these quantities is, respectively, expressed as follows

$$\sqrt{Re_x}Cf_x = \left(1 - 3B\frac{dF}{d\varsigma}\frac{d^2F}{d\varsigma^2}\right)_{\varsigma=0},\tag{11}$$

$$\frac{Nu_x}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_x}} = -\left(1 + \frac{4}{3}R\left(1 + \left(T_f - 1\right)T\right)^3\right)\frac{d\theta}{d\varsigma}\bigg|_{\varsigma=0},\tag{12}$$

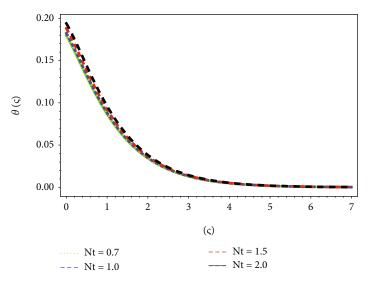


Figure 10: Impact of Nt on temperature field.

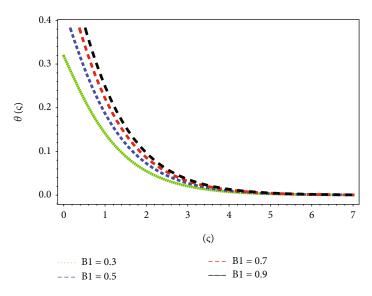


Figure 11: Impact of  $B_1$  on temperature field.

One can obtain the  $Cf_x$  in nondimensional form by substituting Equation (12) in Equation (12):

$$\frac{Sh_x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} = -\frac{d\varphi}{d\varsigma}\bigg|_{\varsigma=0},\tag{13}$$

 $Re_x = c_1 x^2 / v$  is the local Reynold number.

## 3. Convergence and Stability Analysis

The series solutions developed by the homotopic analysis method (HAM) comprise the convergence control parameters  $\hbar_F$ ,  $\hbar_\theta$  and  $\hbar_\varphi$  [36–38]. These convergence control parameters are effective at regulating and controlling the series solution convergence region. The admissible values are attained by the flat parts of the  $\hbar$  – curves. Figure 1 displays the acceptable ranges of  $\hbar_F$ ,  $\hbar_\theta$  and  $\hbar_\varphi$  are  $-1.4 \le$ 

 $h_F \le -0.4$ ,  $-1.2 \le h_\theta \le -0.5$  and  $-0.7 \le h_\phi \le -0.3$ . Table 1 display the convergence region for the approximate solutions.

#### 4. Discussions

This section discusses the graphical implications of the physical dimensionless quantities on the relevant profiles. By selecting appropriate similarity variables, the equations that reflect the specified flow are converted first into ODEs. To clearly understand the behavior of flow profiles, an analytical scheme is adopted, which is strategized and debated using graphs.

Figure 2 portrays the sway of M on velocity  $F'(\varsigma)$  portraits of stagnation point flow of nanofluids. It is noticed that velocity distributions diminish with higher values of magnetic parameter M. In reality, the fluid viscosity increases as M apply to any fluid due to which magnetic field power

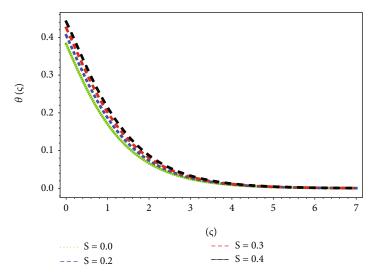


Figure 12: Impact of *S* on temperature field.

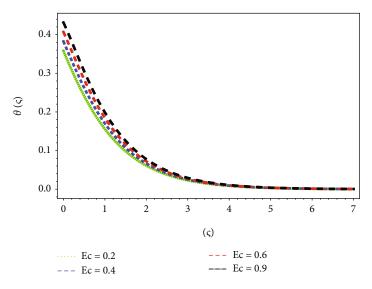


FIGURE 13: Impact of *Ec* on temperature field.

increase. In consequences, Lorentz force is produced which slows down the fluid flow significantly. It is observed from Figure 3 that the velocity sketches are enhance in the entire flow domain of nanofluid with the increasing values of ratio parameter A. Figure 4 reveals the sway of Weissenberg number We on velocity sketches of stagnation point flow of nanofluid. It is pointed out that in the intensification in  $F'(\varsigma)$  field with step up values of Wenumber. The sketches of velocity fields with augmented values of mixed convection parameter  $\lambda$  in the flow domain are illustrated through Figure 5. This is owing to the fact that the increasing values of  $\lambda$  increase the buoyancy force. Consequently,  $F'(\varsigma)$  profiles increase. It is detected from Figure 6 that the  $F'(\varsigma)$  profiles of the nanofluid intensify in the fluid region with higher estimation of ratio of thermal to concentration buoyancy forces N.

The distribution of  $\theta(\varsigma)$  temperature of nanofluid with step up values of M is presented in Figure 7. It is observed

that boundary layer thickness improves with incrementing values of M. This is due to the fact that Lorentz force which acts against the fluid flow direction, hence the enhancement in  $\theta(\varsigma)$  profiles with increasing values of *M* in the entire fluid flow. Attributes' features of radiation parameter R on  $\theta(\varsigma)$ are exposed in Figure 8. It is perceived from this plot that the  $\theta(\varsigma)$  sketches enhance in the entire flow of nanofluid with increasing data of R. The sketches of  $\theta(\varsigma)$  field with augmented values of Nb in the flow region are describes through Figure 9. The energy sketches are enlarged with increasing data of Nb. This owes due to the motion of nanoparticles in the base fluid that is influenced by the motion of particles, and it moves from hot surface region and is related to the size and agglomeration of molecules. It is observed in Figure 10 that  $\theta(\varsigma)$  intensify subject to increasing value of Nt parameter. In reality, the thermophoretic forces and the nanoscale solid particles in the base liquid produce warm surfaces in the boundary layer region. Thus,  $\theta(\varsigma)$  of nanofluid in the entire fluid flow boosts. The effect of thermal

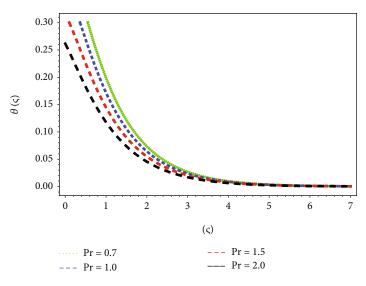


FIGURE 14: Impact of Pr on temperature field.

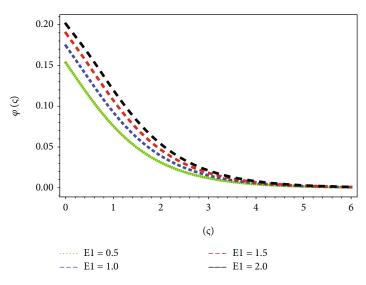


Figure 15: Nanoparticle volume fraction via  $E_1$ .

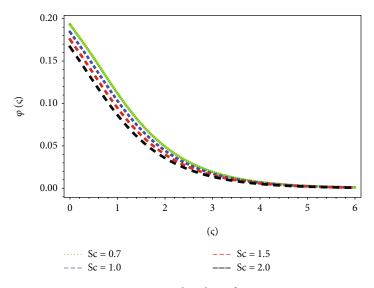


Figure 16: Nanoparticle volume fraction via Sc.

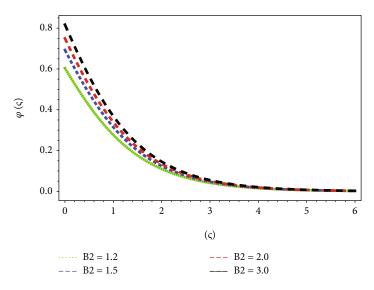


Figure 17: Nanoparticle volume fraction via  $B_2$ .

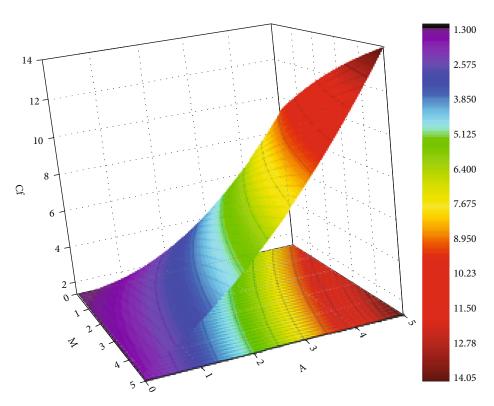


Figure 18: Results of M and A via  $Cf_x$ .

Biot number  $B_1$  on  $\theta(\varsigma)$  is portrayed in Figure 11. It is cognized that temperature profiles of nanofluid increase with rising values of  $B_1$ . Figure 12 explains the effect of heat generation parameter S on  $\theta(\varsigma)$  thermal curves. The energy field of the nanofluid increases with larger estimation of S. Physically, upsurging values of S add extra thermal energy to the entire flow domain. Variation in  $\theta(\varsigma)$  energy profiles is shown in Figure 13. The thermal field  $\theta(\varsigma)$  sketches enhance in the entire flow of nanofluid with increasing data of Ec. Figure 14 discloses the sway of Pr on  $\theta(\varsigma)$  sketches of

nanofluid. It is noticed that thermal diffusivity decreases with the incrementing values of Pr. Hence,  $\theta(\varsigma)$  curves decline.

Figure 15 describes the power of  $E_1$  on  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  concentration distribution nanofluids. It is pointed out that  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  augmented with upsurging values of  $E_1$ . Figure 16 shows the role of Sc on  $\varphi(\varsigma)$ . The improving values of Sc diminish the concentration profiles. The lower values of Sc correspond to the uppermost  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  of nanoscale materials. In an increment in the Sc, there is a decline in the  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  due to the

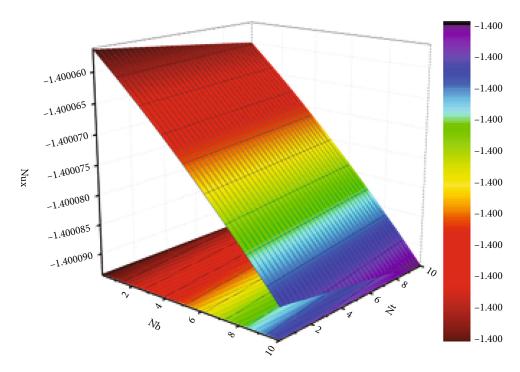


FIGURE 19: Results of Nb and Nt via  $Nu_x$ .

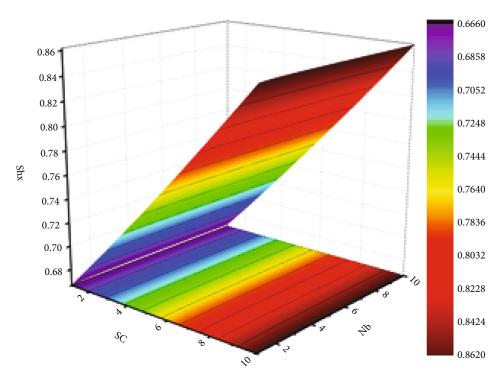


FIGURE 20: Results of Sc and Nb via  $Sh_x$ .

mass diffusion. The impression of  $B_2$  on  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  is revealed in Figure 17. The increasing data of  $B_2$  enhances  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  profiles. One can observe that  $\varphi(\varsigma)$  is the increasing function of  $B_2$ . Figure 18 displays the variation of  $Cf_x$  for diverse values of M and A. As expected, both parameter the surface drag force with larger estimation of these factors.

Figure 19 shows the variation of  $Nu_x$  for unlike values of Nb and Nt. It has been detected from this plot that  $Nu_x$  gets dwindled for higher values of these parameters. Figure 20 shows the deviation in mass flow rate coefficient  $Sh_x$ . As witnessed, mass transfer rate increases for increasing data of Nb and Sc.

#### 5. Conclusions

From this study, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- (i) It has been noticed that boundary layers in  $F'(\varsigma)$  profiles diminish for incrementing data of M and We, whereas increasing the A, N, and  $\lambda$  caused the  $F'(\varsigma)$  profiles to upsurge
- (ii) The thermal field curves and heat transfer rates got boost due to augmentation in *M*, *R*, *S*, and *Ec* along with *Nb*, *Nt*, and *B*<sub>1</sub>
- (iii) With the upsurge in the Pr, the fluid thermal energy and related thickness dwindle
- (iv) The fluid concentration curves increase owing to increase  $B_2$ ,  $E_1$ , and Nt. Moreover, increasing Nb and Sc caused the temperature profiles to diminish
- (v) The surface drag force coefficient  $Cf_x$  enhances with higher data of M and A parameters
- (vi) It has been found that the heat transfer coefficient  $Nu_x$  decays via increasing values of Nb and Nt parameters
- (vii) Uprising of mass flow rate  $Sh_x$  is detected for the increasing values of Sc and Nb parameters

## Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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