

# DOUBLE STRATIFIED FLOW OF NANOFLUID SUBJECT TO TEMPERATURE BASED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY AND HEAT SOURCE

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**Abstract:** *Stratified hydromagnetic flow of nanomaterial in the zone of stagnation point is addressed. An exponential base space dependent heat source, temperature dependent thermal conductivity and viscous dissipation are accounted. In addition, first order chemical reaction is present. The obtained nonlinear system is computed by employing homotopic procedure. Convergent solutions are obtained. Plots and tabulated values are arranged for interpretation of sundry variables. Clearly temperature and concentration distributions are decayed in presence of stratification. Moreover skin friction and temperature are reduced via wall thickness parameter.*

**Keywords:** *Exponential space dependent heat source; Double stratification; nanomaterials; variable conductivity.*

## Introduction

A stratified fluid is named as the fluid with density fluctuations in the transverse direction. Density difference emerges through various sources such as pressure difference, temperature difference and dissolved phases. The characteristics of thermal and solutal stratifications of hydrogen and oxygen in the lakes and rivers are very significant. Occurrence of wave process and smog in air flow across the mountains are the demonstrations of the influence of stratification in atmosphere. System of thermal storage like solar ponds and heat transfer from thermal sources like condenser of power plant, rivers and seas, heat rejection from environment like lake, geothermal systems, geological transport, thermohydraulic etc. are few examples of applications of stratification. Having such in view, Bansod and Jadhav [1] addressed double stratification in fluid saturated porous medium. Takhar et al. [2] and Chamkha [3] used different methods to explore the free convection flows. They inspected that stratification parameter reduces the temperature and skin friction. Further they found that buoyancy parameter augments the velocity and it diminishes thermal layer thickness. Double stratification in boundary layer flow of nanofluid by a vertical plate is discussed by Ibrahim and Makinde [4]. Hussain et al. [5] inspected the impact of double stratification in MHD mixed convection flow of Maxwell nanofluid. Hayat et al. [6] presented analysis of mixed convection in doubly stratified flow of Oldroyd-B nanofluid.

Heat transfer liquids have remarkable role in numerous industries such as automotive industry, electronic industries etc. Therefore liquids are frequently utilized as heat transport bearer in the heat transfer apparatus. However the conventional fluids (oil, ethylene glycol, water) are poor heat conducting and usually not fulfilling the heat transfer requirement of recent industrial needs. In order to enhance their conductivity, nanometer sized particles are immersed in base fluids to form nanomaterials. By addition of such particles, thermal heat transfer properties of these liquids can be improved. It is worth to mention here that thermal conductivity, particle size, volume fraction and temperature all participate in advancement of thermal conductivity of nanofluids. The incitement in nanofluid research streams from the heat transfer augmentation in process involving micro-manufacturing, space cooling, microchips in computer processors, fuel cells, nuclear energy, hybridpowered engines, diesel engine oil, air

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refrigerators/air-conditioners and other high energy equipments. The word nanofluid was initially given by Choi [7] which refers to the liquid in which nanometer-sized (less than 100nm) disseminated. He found that addition of very less amount of nanoparticles to traditional heat transfer liquids augmented the thermal conductivity up to two times. This experimental analysis witnessed thermal conductivity enhancement of nanofluid. Buongiorno [8] further constructed a two-phases model to explore the thermal energy transport through nanofluid. Eastman et al. [9] remarked that a small amount (<1% volume fraction) of *Cu* nano-particles or carbon nanotubes immersed in oil or ethylene glycol remarkably boost up the thermal conductivity of a liquid by 50% and 40% respectively. Thus nanomaterials are recognized more significant in micro/nano electromechanical devices, large scale thermal management systems through evaporators, advance cooling systems, industrial cooling applications and heat exchangers. Some other related studies of nanofluids can be seen via refs. [10-22]. Further the magneto nanofluids (also known as ferrofluid) are special kind of materials which are suspensions of magnetic nanoparticles like magnetite, cobalt ferrite, hematite or some other compound consisting of iron in ordinary base fluid. These particles are more useful in the sense that their physical characteristics are more tunable through the external magnetic field. Also it is worth to noted that in the absence of magnetic field these fluids behave as normal fluids. Magneto nanofluids are profitable to guide the particles up the blood stream to a tumor with magnets. It is because that magnetic nanoparticles are regarded more adhesive to tumor cells when compared with non-malignant cells. Such particles absorb more power than microparticles in alternating current magnetic fields tolerable in humans. Hyperthermia, contrast enhancement in magnetic resonance imaging, magnetic cells separation and delivery are process where magneto nanofluids involve. In view of such applications many scientists and engineers have interest in investigations of ferrofluids through various aspects. Stretched flow of heated ferrofluid in presence of a magnetic dipole is investigated by Andersson and Valnes [23]. Selimefendigil et al. [24] analyzed forced convection flow of ferrofluid. Rotating flow of magnetite water nanofluid over a radiative stretching sheet is studied by Mustafa et al. [25]. Hayat et al. [26] examined the partial slip in flow of magnetite-  $Fe_3O_3$  nanoparticles between rotating stretchable disks. MHD three dimensional flow of second grade nanofluid is addressed by Hayat et al. [27]. Sheikholeslami et al. [28] explained external magnetic field effect in force convection flow of nanofluid. Present work aimed to examined combined effects of double stratification and chemical reaction in stagnation point flow of Williamson nanofluid with variable thermal conductivity. Nonlinear stretching sheet of variable thickness generates the flow. Incompressible electrically conducted fluid is considered with uniform applied magnetic field. Thermal properties of fluid are examined with viscous dissipation, Brownian motion, exponential based heat source and thermophoresis. Boundary layer approach develops the relevant mathematical formulation. Obtained system of equations is solved through homotopic algorithm [29-42]. Physical quantities of interest are analyzed in detail.

## Mathematical development

Here we consider stagnation point flow of Williamson nanofluid towards nonlinear stretching sheet of variable thickness characterized by  $y = \delta(x+b)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$ . Here small  $\delta$  characterizes that sheet is sufficiently thin. Stretching velocity of sheet is denoted by  $U_w = U_0(x+b)^n$ . Note that  $n=1$  corresponds to case linear stretching. A uniform magnetic field with strength  $B_0$  is applied in transverse direction to the flow. Stratification phenomenon for both heat and mass transfer are addressed. Flow analysis comprises Brownian diffusion and thermophoresis effects. Energy expression is characterize through viscous dissipation and exponential space dependent heat source. Moreover first order chemical reaction are considered. The boundary layer problems satisfy [43-46]:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2M \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + U_e \frac{\partial U_e}{\partial x} + \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho} (U_e - u), \quad (2)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{(\rho c)_f} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( k(T) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) + \frac{(\rho c)_p}{(\rho c)_f} \left( D_B \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{\mu_0}{(\rho c)_f} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\mu_0}{(\rho c)_f} \Gamma \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^3 + \frac{Q_0 (T - T_\infty)}{(\rho c)_f} e^{-n_1 \xi}, \quad (3)$$

$$u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - k_1 (C_w - C_\infty). \quad (4)$$

$$u = U_w = U_0 (b+x)^n, \quad v = 0, \quad T = T_w = T_0 + d_1 (b+x), \quad \left. \begin{aligned} C = C_w = C_0 + d_2 (b+x) \quad \text{at } y = \delta (b+x)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

$$u \rightarrow U_e = U_\infty (x+b)^n, \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty = T_0 + e_1 (b+x), \quad C \rightarrow C_\infty = C_0 + e_2 (b+x) \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow \infty. \quad (6)$$

In above equations the respective velocity components along  $(x, y)$  directions are represented by  $(u, v)$ ,  $\nu = \frac{\mu_0}{\rho_f}$  the kinematic viscosity,  $(b, d_1, d_2, e_1, e_2)$  the dimensional constants,  $Q_0$  the heat source parameter,  $\mu_0$  the dynamic viscosity,  $n_1$  the exponential index,  $\rho_f$  the base liquid density,  $U_e$  the free stream velocity,  $\Gamma$  the time constant,  $n$  the velocity power index,  $\sigma$  the electrical conductivity,  $T$  the temperature,  $T_0$  the reference temperature,  $(\rho c)_f$  the heat capacity of liquid,  $(\rho c)_p$  nanoparticles effective heat capacity,  $k_1$  chemical reaction rate,  $D_B$  the diffusion coefficient,  $C_0$  reference concentration,  $C$  the concentration,  $D_T$  the coefficient of thermophoretic diffusion,  $T_\infty$  and  $C_\infty$  the ambient liquid temperature and concentration respectively and  $U_0$  the reference velocity. Consider the variable thermal conductivity in the form [47]:

$$k(T) = k_\infty \left[ 1 + \varepsilon \frac{T - T_\infty}{\Delta T} \right], \quad (7)$$

where  $\Delta T = T_w - T_0$  and  $k_\infty$  the ambient conductivity. With the help of following transformations

$$u = U_0 (x+b)^n F'(\eta), \quad v = -\sqrt{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \nu U_0 (x+b)^{n-1} \left[ F(\eta) + \eta F'(\eta) \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) \right], \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \eta = y \sqrt{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \frac{U_0 (x+b)^{n-1}}{\nu}}, \quad \Theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_0}, \quad \Phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_0}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8)$$

equation (1) is trivially verified while other Eqs. (2)–(7) yield

$$F''' + FF'' - \left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right) F'^2 + We \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}} F'' F''' + \left(\frac{2}{n+1}\right) M^2 (\lambda - F') + \left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right) \lambda^2 = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1 + \varepsilon \Theta) \Theta'' + \varepsilon \Theta' + Pr \left( F \Theta' + N'_b \Theta' \Phi' + N_t \Theta'^2 - \frac{2}{n+1} (\varepsilon_1 + \Theta) F' \right) \\ + We Pr Ec F''^3 + Pr Ec F''^2 + \left(\frac{2}{n+1}\right) Pr Q \exp(-n_1 \xi) \Theta = 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$

$$\Phi'' + Sc \left( F \Phi' - \frac{2}{n+1} \varepsilon_2 F' \right) + \left(\frac{N_t}{N_b}\right) \Theta'' - \left(\frac{2}{n+1}\right) Sc \gamma_1 \Phi = 0, \quad (11)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F(\alpha) &= \alpha \left( \frac{1-n}{1+n} \right), F'(\alpha) = 1, F'(\infty) \rightarrow \lambda, \\ \Theta(\alpha) &= 1 - \varepsilon_1, \Theta(\infty) \rightarrow 0, \\ \Phi(\alpha) &= 1 - \varepsilon_2, \Phi(\infty) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (12)$$

In above expressions prime signifies derivative with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\alpha = \delta \sqrt{\left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \frac{U_0}{\nu}}$  designates wall thickness parameter and  $\alpha = \eta = \delta \sqrt{\left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \frac{U_0}{\nu}}$ .

Considering the following expression  $F(\eta) = f(\eta - \alpha) = f(\xi)$ ,  $\Theta(\eta) = \theta(\eta - \alpha) = \theta(\xi)$ ,  $\Phi(\eta) = \phi(\eta - \alpha) = \phi(\xi)$  Eqs. (9)–(12) become

$$f''' + ff'' - \left( \frac{2n}{n+1} \right) f'^2 + We \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}} f f''' + \left( \frac{2}{n+1} \right) M^2 (\lambda - f') + \left( \frac{2n}{n+1} \right) \lambda^2 = 0, \quad (13)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1 + \varepsilon\theta)\theta'' + \varepsilon\theta' + Pr \left( f\theta' + N_b\theta'\phi' + N_t\theta'^2 - \frac{2}{n+1}(\varepsilon_1 + \theta)f' \right) \\ + We Pr Ec f''' + Pr Ec f''^2 + \left( \frac{2}{n+1} \right) Pr Q \exp(-n_1\xi)\theta = 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (14)$$

$$\phi'' + Sc \left( f\phi' - \frac{2}{n+1} \varepsilon_2 f' \right) + \left( \frac{N_t}{N_b} \right) \theta'' - \frac{2}{n+1} Sc \gamma_1 \phi = 0, \quad (15)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(0) &= \alpha \left( \frac{1-n}{1+n} \right), f'(0) = 1, f'(\infty) \rightarrow \lambda, \\ \theta(0) &= 1 - \varepsilon_1, \theta(\infty) \rightarrow 0, \\ \phi(0) &= 1 - \varepsilon_2, \phi(\infty) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (16)$$

Here  $We$  shows Weissenberg number,  $Q$  for exponential space based heat source (ESHS) parameter,  $Ec$  for Eckert number,  $Pr$  for Prandtl number,  $\lambda$  for the ratio of velocities,  $M$  for magnetic parameter,  $N_t$  for thermophoresis parameter,  $N_b$  for Brownian motion parameter,  $\gamma_1$  for chemical reaction,  $Sc$  for Schmidt number,  $\varepsilon_1$  for thermal stratified parameter,  $\varepsilon$  for variable thermal conductivity and  $\varepsilon_2$  for solutal stratified parameter. The non-dimensional quantities are defined by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} We &= \Gamma \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)U_0^3(x+b)^{3n-1}}{\nu}}, \lambda = \frac{U_\infty}{U_0}, Ec = \frac{U_w^2}{c_p(T_w - T_0)}, Pr = \frac{\mu c_p}{k_\infty}, \\ \varepsilon_1 &= \frac{e_1}{d_1}, \varepsilon_2 = \frac{e_2}{d_2}, \gamma_1 = \frac{k_1}{U_0} (x+b)^{1-n}, M^2 = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho U_0 (x+b)^{n-1}}, \\ Q &= \frac{Q_0}{(\rho c)_f U_0 (x+b)^{n-1}}, Sc = \frac{\nu}{D_B}, N_b = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_B (C_w - C_0)}{(\rho c)_f \nu}, N_t = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_T (T_w - T_0)}{(\rho c)_f T_\infty \nu}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (17)$$

Expressions of skin friction and rates of heat and mass transfer rates at the surface are

$$C_{fx} = \frac{\tau_{yx} \Big|_{y=\delta(b+x)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}}}{1/2\rho U_w^2} = \frac{\mu_0 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\Gamma}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right) \Big|_{y=\delta(x+b)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}}}{\rho U_w^2}, \quad (18)$$

$$Nu_x = \frac{(x+b)q_w \Big|_{y=\delta(b+x)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}}}{k_\infty(T_w - T_\infty)} = - \frac{\left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) \Big|_{y=\delta(x+b)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}}}{(T_w - T_\infty)}. \quad (19)$$

$$Sh_x = \frac{(x+b)q_m \Big|_{y=\delta(b+x)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}}}{D_B(C_w - C_\infty)} = - \frac{\left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial y}\right)_{y=\delta(x+b)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}}}{(C_w - C_\infty)}. \quad (20)$$

In dimensionless form we have

$$(\text{Re}_x)^{0.5} C_{f_x} = \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)}{2}} f''(0) + \left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right) We f''^2(0), \quad (21)$$

$$(\text{Re}_x)^{-0.5} Nu_x = - \sqrt{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \theta'(0), \quad (22)$$

$$(\text{Re}_x)^{-0.5} Sh_x = - \sqrt{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} \phi'(0), \quad (23)$$

where  $\text{Re}_x = U_w(b+x)/\nu$  depicts the local Reynolds number.

## Homotopic solutions and convergence analysis

The initial approximations  $(f_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)$  and linear operators  $(\bar{\mathbf{L}}_f, \bar{\mathbf{L}}_\theta, \bar{\mathbf{L}}_\phi)$  are defined as follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_0(\xi) &= \alpha \left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right) + (1-\lambda)(1-e^{-\xi}) + \lambda \xi, \\ \theta_0(\xi) &= (1-\varepsilon_1)e^{-\xi}, \\ \phi_0(\xi) &= (1-\varepsilon_2)e^{-\xi}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

with

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{L}}_f [\beta_1^{**} + \beta_2^{**} e^\xi + \beta_3^{**} e^{-\xi}] &= 0, \\ \bar{\mathbf{L}}_\theta [\beta_4^{**} e^\xi + \beta_5^{**} e^{-\xi}] &= 0, \\ \bar{\mathbf{L}}_\phi [\beta_6^{**} e^\xi + \beta_7^{**} e^{-\xi}] &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (25)$$

in which  $\beta_j^{**}$  ( $j=1-7$ ) depict the arbitrary constants.

$$(1-\tilde{p})\mathbf{L}_f [\hat{f}(\xi, \tilde{p}) - f_0(\xi)] = \tilde{p} \hbar_f \mathbf{N}_f [\hat{f}(\xi, \tilde{p})], \quad (26)$$

$$(1-\tilde{p})\mathbf{L}_\theta [\hat{\theta}(\xi, \tilde{p}) - \theta_0(\xi)] = \tilde{p} \hbar_\theta \mathbf{N}_\theta [\hat{f}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{\theta}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{\phi}(\xi, \tilde{p})], \quad (27)$$

$$(1-\tilde{p})\mathbf{L}_\phi [\hat{\phi}(\xi, \tilde{p}) - \phi_0(\xi)] = \tilde{p} \hbar_\phi \mathbf{N}_\phi [\hat{f}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{\theta}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{\phi}(\xi, \tilde{p})], \quad (28)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{f}(0, \tilde{p}) &= \alpha \left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right), \quad \hat{f}'(0, \tilde{p}) = 1, \quad \hat{f}'(\infty, \tilde{p}) = 0, \\ \hat{\theta}(0, \tilde{p}) &= (1-\varepsilon_1), \quad \hat{\theta}(\infty, \tilde{p}) = 0, \\ \hat{\phi}(0, \tilde{p}) &= (1-\varepsilon_2), \quad \hat{\phi}(\infty, \tilde{p}) = 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (29)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_f [\hat{f}(\xi; \tilde{p})] &= \frac{\partial^3 \hat{f}}{\partial \xi^3} + \hat{f} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{f}}{\partial \xi^2} - \frac{2n}{n+1} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi}\right)^2 + We \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{f}}{\partial \xi^2} \frac{\partial^3 \hat{f}}{\partial \xi^3} \\ &+ \frac{2}{n+1} M^2 \left(\lambda - \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi}\right) + \frac{2n}{n+1} \lambda^2, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (30)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_\theta \left[ \hat{\theta}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{\phi}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{f}(\xi; \tilde{p}) \right] &= (1 + \varepsilon \hat{\theta}) \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi^2} + \varepsilon \hat{\theta}' + \Pr \hat{f} \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi} + \Pr N_b \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \xi} \\ + \Pr N_t \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 - \Pr \frac{2}{n+1} (\varepsilon_1 + \hat{\theta}) \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} + We \Pr Ec \left( \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} \right)^3 + \Pr Ec \left( \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{2}{n+1} \right) \Pr Q \exp(-n_1 \xi) \hat{\theta}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (31)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_\phi \left[ \hat{\phi}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{\theta}(\xi, \tilde{p}), \hat{f}(\xi; \tilde{p}) \right] &= \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\phi}}{\partial \xi^2} + Sc \hat{f} \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \xi} + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\theta}}{\partial \xi^2} \\ - Sc \varepsilon_2 \frac{2}{n+1} \frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi} - \frac{2}{n+1} Sc \gamma_1 \hat{\phi}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_f \left[ f_m(\xi) - \chi_m f_{m-1}(\xi) \right] = \hbar_f \mathbf{R}_f^m(\xi), \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_\theta \left[ \theta_m(\xi) - \chi_m \theta_{m-1}(\xi) \right] = \hbar_\theta \mathbf{R}_\theta^m(\xi), \quad (34)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_\phi \left[ \phi_m(\xi) - \chi_m \phi_{m-1}(\xi) \right] = \hbar_\phi \mathbf{R}_\phi^m(\xi), \quad (35)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_m(0) = f_m'(0) = f_m'(\infty) = 0, \quad \theta_m(0) = 0, \\ \theta_m(\infty) = 0, \quad \phi_m(0) = 0, \quad \phi_m(\infty) = 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (36)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_f^m(\xi) &= f_{m-1}'''(\xi) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} f_k'' - \frac{2n}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} f_k' + \\ We \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} f_k''' - \frac{2}{n+1} M^2 (1 - \chi_m) - \frac{2}{n+1} M^2 f_{m-1} + \frac{2n}{n+1} \lambda (1 - \chi_m), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (37)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_\theta^m(\xi) &= (1 + \varepsilon \theta_{m-1}(\xi)) \theta_{m-1}''(\xi) + \varepsilon \theta_{m-1}'(\xi) + \Pr \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} \theta_k' + \Pr N_b \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \phi_{m-1-k}' \theta_k' \\ + \Pr N_t \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \theta_{m-1-k}' \theta_k' - \frac{2}{n+1} \Pr \varepsilon_1 f_{m-1}'(\xi) - \frac{2}{n+1} \Pr \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} \theta_k \\ + We \Pr Ec f_{m-1}''(\xi) \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k}'' \sum_{l=0}^k f_{k-l}'' f_l'' + \Pr Ec \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k}'' f_k'' + \left( \frac{2}{n+1} \right) \Pr Q \exp(-n_1 \xi) \theta_{m-1}(\xi), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (38)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\phi^m(\xi) = \phi_{m-1}''(\xi) + Sc \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} \phi_k' + \left( \frac{N_t}{N_b} \right) \theta_{m-1}''(\xi) - \frac{2}{n+1} \varepsilon_2 f_{m-1}'(\xi) - \frac{2}{n+1} Sc \gamma_1 \phi_{m-1}(\xi), \quad (39)$$

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1, \\ 1, & m > 1. \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

The general solutions  $(f_m(\xi), \theta_m(\xi), \phi_m(\xi))$  of the governing in the form of special solutions  $(f_m^*(\xi), \theta_m^*(\xi), \phi_m^*(\xi))$  are:

$$f_m(\xi) = f_m^*(\xi) + \beta_1^{**} + \beta_2^{**} e^\xi + \beta_3^{**} e^{-\xi}, \quad (41)$$

$$\theta_m(\xi) = \theta_m^*(\xi) + \beta_4^{**} e^\xi + \beta_5^{**} e^{-\xi}, \quad (42)$$

$$\phi_m(\xi) = \phi_m^*(\xi) + \beta_6^{**} e^\xi + \beta_7^{**} e^{-\xi}, \quad (43)$$

Obviously homotopic procedure for local similar solutions involves embedding variables which gives the flexibility to enlarge the convergence region. Thus  $h$ -curves are displayed which enable us to find the acceptable values of  $\hbar_f$ ,  $\hbar_\theta$  and  $\hbar_\phi$  (Figs. 1 & 2). Allowed ranges of  $\hbar_f$ ,  $\hbar_\theta$  and  $\hbar_\phi$  are  $\left\langle -1.10 \leq \hbar_f \leq -2.00 \right\rangle$ ,  $\left[ -0.40 \leq \hbar_\theta \leq -1.40 \right]$  and  $\left[ -0.50 \leq \hbar_\phi \leq -1.63 \right]$ . Further HAM solutions

converge when  $\hbar_f = -5.0 = \hbar_\theta$  and  $\hbar_\phi = -0.6$  (see Table 1).

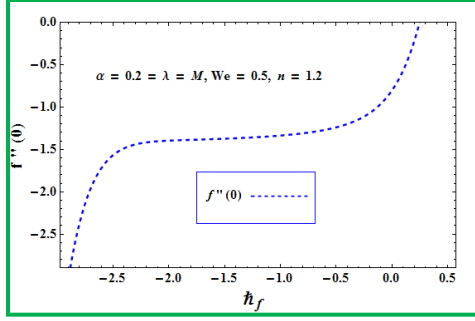


Figure 1:  $\hbar$  – curves for  $f'(\xi)$ .

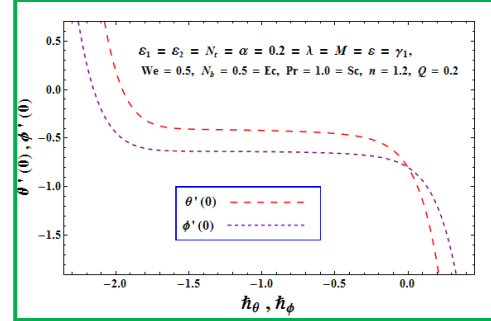


Figure 2:  $\hbar$  – curves for  $\theta(\xi)$  and  $\varphi(\xi)$ .

**Table 1:** Convergence of solutions when  $Ec = N_b = 0.5 = We$

$Q = M = \alpha = 0.2 = n = \lambda = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$  and  $Pr = 1.0 = Sc$ .

Order of estimations	$-f''(0)$	$\theta'(0)$	$\phi'(0)$
1	0.88582	0.88582	0.75752
10	1.21754	1.21754	0.65816
15	1.28024	1.28024	0.64700
20	1.32201	1.32201	0.64057
25	1.33218	1.33218	0.63923
30	1.33218	1.33218	0.63912
40	1.33218	1.33218	0.63911

## Discussion

The transformed problems defined in eqs.(13)-(16) is solved analytically via homotopic technique. Influence of some sundry variables like Weissenberg number ( $We$ ), velocities ratio parameter ( $\lambda$ ), (ESHS) parameter ( $Q$ ), magnetic parameter ( $M$ ), variable thermal conductivity parameter ( $\varepsilon$ ), velocity power index ( $n$ ), Prandtl number ( $Pr$ ), thermophoresis parameter ( $N_t$ ), Eckert number ( $Ec$ ), Brownian motion parameter ( $N_b$ ), thermal stratified parameter ( $\varepsilon_1$ ), solutal stratified parameter ( $\varepsilon_2$ ), Schmidt number ( $Sc$ ), chemical reaction ( $\gamma_1$ ) and wall thickness parameter ( $\alpha$ ) velocity, temperature, concentration, local Nusselt and Sherwood numbers. For such intention Figs. 3–22 have been interpreted. The role of wall thickness parameter  $\alpha$  on  $f'(\xi)$  is depicted in Figs. 3 and 4. It is noted here that  $f'(\xi)$  near the plate decays as  $\alpha$  increases for  $n > 1$  (see Fig. 3) and opposite trend is seen for  $n < 1$  (see Fig. 4). Graphical presentation for velocity field as a function of  $n$  is elucidated through Fig. 5. It appears that larger  $n$  cause to enhanced the stretching velocity which accelerates the fluid motion and consequently the fluid velocity increases. Thickness of momentum layer becomes thin as  $n$  increases. Impact of  $We$  on  $f'(\xi)$  is presented in Fig. 6. In physical sense,  $We$  increases the fluid thickness and consequently velocity profile  $f'(\xi)$  decays. Behavior of  $\lambda$  on  $f'(\xi)$  is disclosed via Fig. 7. It is examined that velocity enhances with increment in  $\lambda$ . Thickness of momentum layer

increases for  $A < 1$ . Here stretching velocity dominates the free stream velocity. Variation in  $\theta(\xi)$  via  $\varepsilon$  is examined in Fig. 8. Here increment in  $\varepsilon$  boosts up liquid temperature significantly. Fig. 9 is portrayed to see the changes in  $N_t$  for  $\theta(\xi)$ . It is noticed that when we strengthen  $N_t$  from  $N_t = 0.2$  to  $N_t = 1.0$ , it sharply rises  $\theta(\xi)$  and thermal layer thickness. More precisely we can say that thermophoresis force has the property that nanoparticles near the hot surface are being pushed towards the cold region at the boundary. Thus in presence of  $N_t$  one can expect thermal layer to become thicker. Feature of  $Pr$  on  $\theta(\xi)$  is portrayed in Fig. 10. Reduction in  $\theta(\xi)$  is noticed for higher  $Pr$ . By increasing  $Pr$  the thermal diffusivity diminishes because heat rapidly transfers that causes a drop in temperature distribution. Analysis for behavior of  $Ec$  is depicted in Fig. 11. It is concluded that  $\theta(\xi)$  is an increasing function of  $Ec$ . Physically frictional heating is associated with higher  $Ec$  thus have  $\theta(\xi)$  increases. Effects of wall thickness parameter  $\alpha$  on  $\theta(\xi)$  is illustrated in Fig. 12. It is concluded that  $\theta(\xi)$  is decaying function of  $\alpha$ . In fact significant amount of heat transferred from surface to fluid when  $\alpha$  is incriminated. Fig. 13 displays characteristics of  $\varepsilon_1$  on  $\theta(\xi)$ . Clearly  $\theta(\xi)$  reduces for larger thermal stratification parameter. It is because of the fact that temperature difference slowly decays between the sheet and ambient liquid. Temperature is an increasing function of  $Q$  (see Fig. 14). Influence of  $N_t$  on  $\phi(\xi)$  is drawn in Fig. 15. Here  $\phi(\xi)$  is higher for  $N_t$ . Salient feature of  $N_b$  on nanoparticles concentration  $\phi(\xi)$  is declared in Fig. 16. For larger  $N_b$  a decreasing trend of  $\phi(\xi)$  is noticed. Concentration distribution is reduced via  $Sc$  (see Fig. 17). Fig. 18 shows effects of  $\varepsilon_2$  on  $\phi(\xi)$ . It is revealed that  $\phi(\xi)$  decreases via  $\varepsilon_2$ . This is due to small difference of surface and ambient concentration. Role of  $\gamma_1$  on  $\phi(\xi)$  is captured in Fig. 19. Clearly stronger  $\gamma_1$  lead to reduce  $\phi(\xi)$  and solutal boundary layer thickness. Fig. 20 shows  $N_b$  and  $N_t$  variations for Nusselt number. It is found that heat transfer rate diminishes for larger  $N_b$  while it increases via  $N_t$ . Fig. 21 shows that Nusselt number for higher  $M$  while reverse is seen for larger  $n$ . It is noticed that Nusselt number increases for. Variations of  $n$  and  $Sc$  on Sherwood number ( $Sh_x Re_x^{-0.5}$ ) are portrayed in Fig. 22. Clearly  $Sh_x Re_x^{-0.5}$  boosts up for higher values of  $Sc$  and  $n$ . Numerical data of  $-f''(0)$ ,  $-\theta'(0)$  and  $-\phi'(0)$  for various order of estimations are demonstrated in Table 1 when  $Q = M = \alpha = 0.2 = n = \lambda = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$ ,  $Ec = N_b = 0.5 = We$ ,  $Pr = 1.0 = Sc$ , and  $\hbar_f = \hbar_\theta = -0.4 = \hbar_\phi$ . It is depicted that  $30^{th}$  order of estimations are enough for convergence of homotopic solutions. Numerical results of skin friction  $-(Re)^{1/2} C_{fx}$  for various values of  $\lambda$ ,  $We$ ,  $M$ ,  $n$  and  $\alpha$  are presented in Table 2. Here skin friction is enhanced via  $\lambda$ ,  $M$ ,  $We$  and  $\alpha$ .



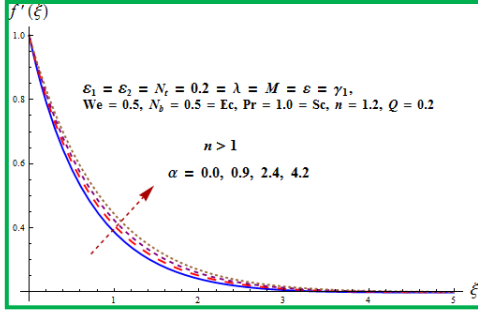


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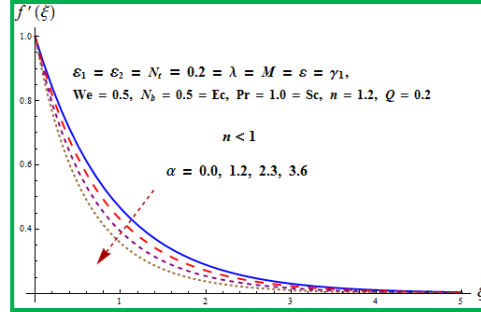


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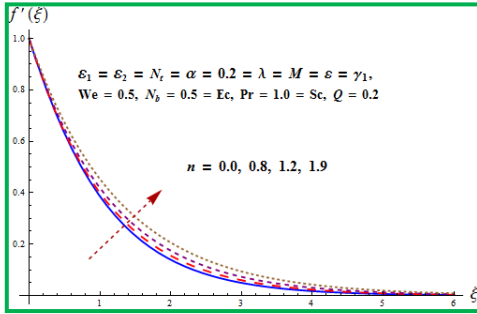


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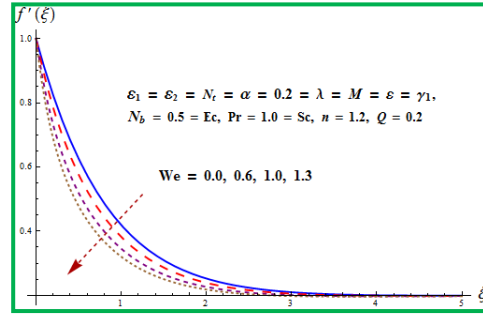


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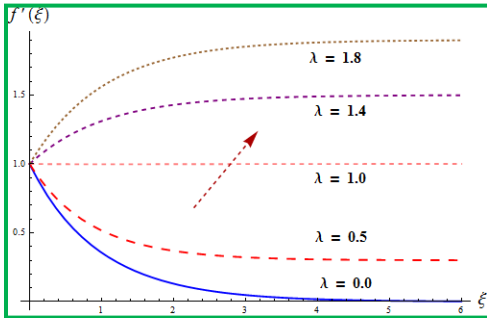


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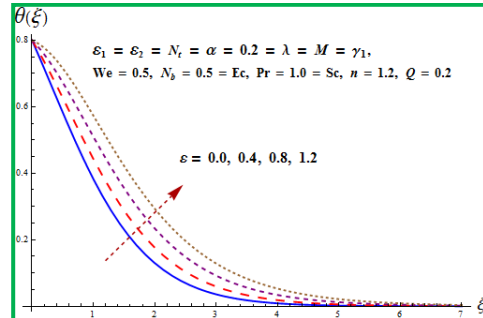


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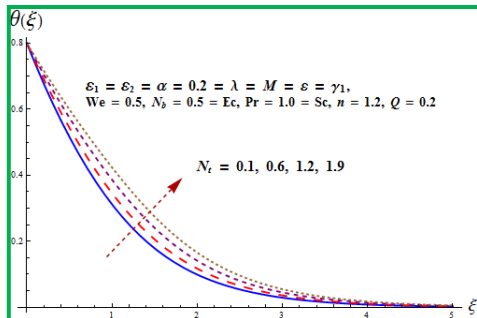


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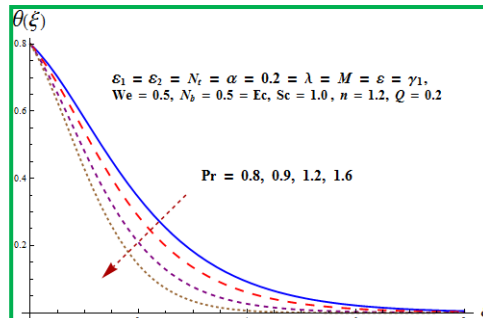


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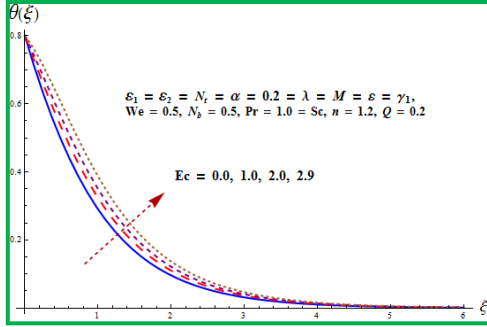


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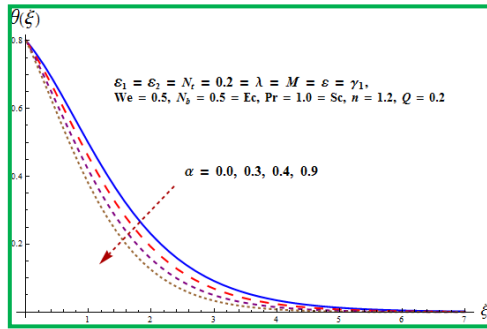


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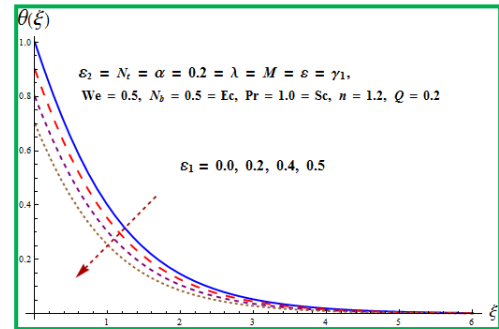


Figure 13: Impact of  $\theta(\xi)$  via  $\epsilon_1$ .

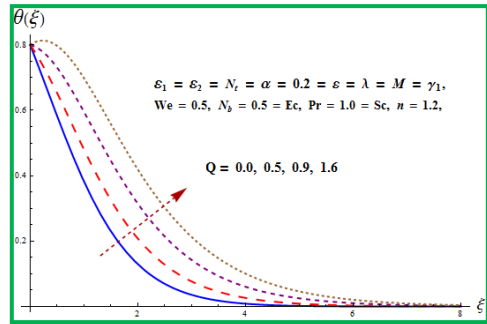


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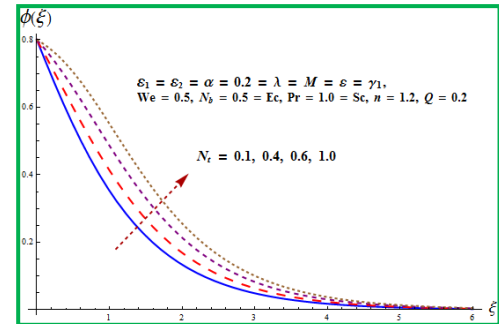


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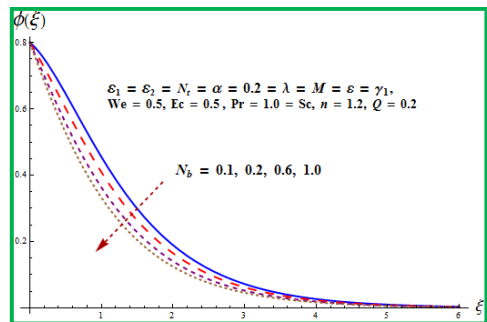


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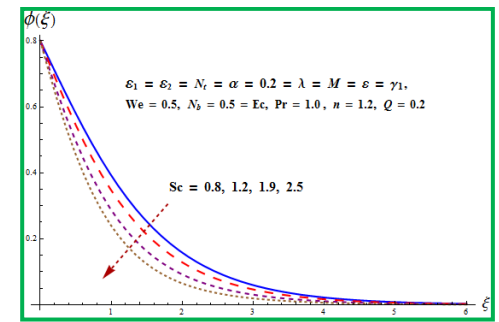


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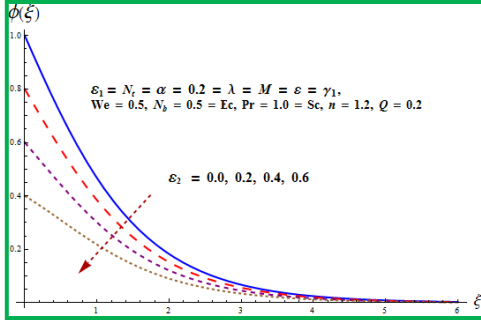


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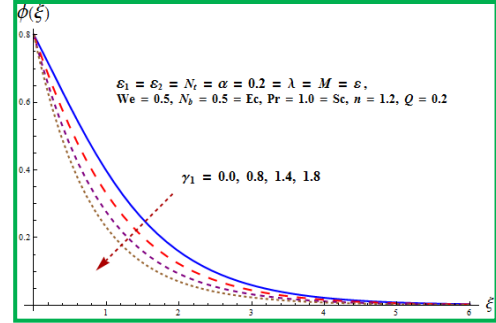


Figure 19: Impact of  $\phi(\xi)$  via  $\gamma_1$ .

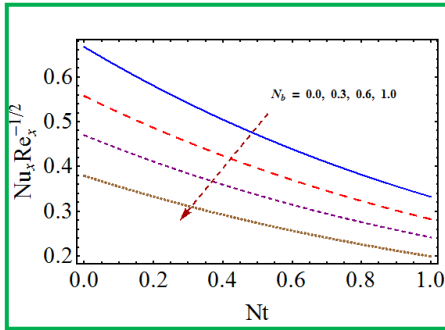


Figure 20: Impact of  $N_b$  via  $N_t$  on  $Nu_x Re_x^{-0.5}$ .

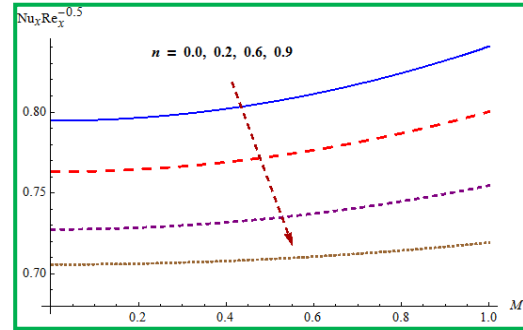


Figure 21: Impact of  $n$  via  $M$  on  $Nu_x Re_x^{-0.5}$ .

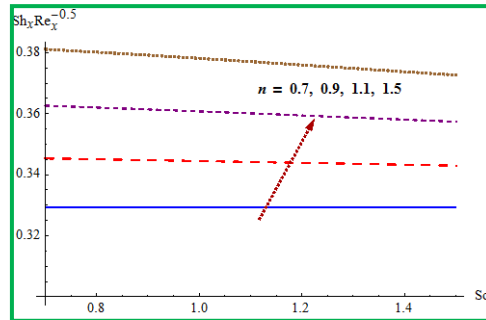


Figure 22: Impact of  $n$  via  $Sc$  on  $Sh_x Re_x^{-0.5}$ .

**Table 2:** Computation for numerical data of surface drag force  $-(\text{Re})^{0.5} C_{fx}$  for distinct values of  $We$ ,  $M$ ,  $n$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$ .

Parameters (fixed values)	Parameters		$-\text{Re}^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{fx}$
$Q = \alpha = 0.2 = n = \lambda = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$ , $Ec = N_b = 0.5 = We, Pr = 1.0 = Sc.$	$M$	0.0	0.930131
		0.3	0.946343
		0.6	0.983631
$Q = M = \alpha = 0.2 = n = \lambda = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$ , $Ec = N_b = 0.5, Pr = 1.0 = Sc.$	$We$	0.0	1.94118
		0.4	1.245294
		0.8	0.478471
$Q = M = \alpha = 0.2 = n = \lambda = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$ , $Ec = N_b = 0.5 = We, Pr = 1.0 = Sc.$	$n$	0.5	0.865803
		1.0	0.961150
		1.5	0.975210
$Q = M = 0.2 = n = \lambda = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$ , $Ec = N_b = 0.5 = We, Pr = 1.0 = Sc.$	$\alpha$	0.2	0.951138
		0.6	0.938785
		0.8	0.928758
$Q = M = \alpha = 0.2 = n = \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = N_t = \gamma_1$ , $Ec = N_b = 0.5 = We, Pr = 1.0 = Sc.$	$\lambda$	0.2	0.930158
		0.5	0.887362
		0.8	0.125043

## Concluding remarks

Main observations of carried out analysis are outlined below:

- Wall thickness parameter  $\alpha$  decreases both velocity and temperature.
- Increment in  $We$  reduces the velocity field.
- Both  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  have similar effects on temperature and concentration.
- Higher values of  $\varepsilon$  augment fluid temperature.
- Temperature and concentration show increasing behavior when  $N_t$  is enhanced.
- Skin friction reduces for higher  $n$ .
- Features of  $N_t$  and  $N_b$  on Nusselt number are quite reverse.

## Nomenclature

$u, v$ – velocity components	$\varepsilon$ – variable thermal conductivity parameter
$x, y$ – Cartesian coordinates	$b, d_1, d_2, e_1, e_2$ – dimensional constants
$T_w, T$ – wall and liquid temperatures	$n$ – velocity power index
$D_B, D_T$ – coefficients of Brownian and thermophoretic diffusion	$n_1$ – exponential index
$C_{fx}$ – skin friction	$(\rho c)_p$ – heat capacity of liquid
$\mu_0$ – dynamic viscosity	$(\rho c)_f$ – nanoparticles effective capacity

$U_e$ – free stream velocity	$\phi, \Phi$ – dimensionless concentration
$\sigma$ – electrical conductivity	$\rho$ – fluid density
$U_w, U_0$ – stretching and reference velocities	$k_\infty$ – ambient thermal conductivity
$Re_x$ – local Reynolds number	$\theta, \Theta$ – dimensionless temperatures
$C, C_w$ – nanoparticles and wall concentrations	$N_t$ – Thermopherasis parameter
$C_\infty, C_0$ – ambient and reference concentrations	$N_b$ – Brownian motion parameter
$Q_0$ – heat source parameter	Pr – Prandtl number
$\Gamma$ – time constant	$\alpha$ – wall thickness parameter
$T_\infty, T_0$ – ambient and reference temperatures	$We$ – Weissenberg number
$f', F$ – dimensionless velocities	$M$ – magnetic parameter
$\mu_0$ – dynamic viscosity	$\lambda$ – ratio of velocities
$\nu$ – kinematic viscosity	$Q$ – ESHS parameter
$\delta$ – small parameter regarding the surface sufficiently thin	$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ – thermal and solutal stratified parameters
$k_1$ – chemical reaction rate	$\gamma_1$ – chemical reaction parameter
$Sc$ – Schmidt number	$Ec$ – Eckert number
$Sh_x$ – Sherwood number	$Nu_x$ – Nusselt number

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