

Review



Numerical solution of boundary layer flow of MHD nanofluid over a stretching surface with chemical reaction and viscous dissipation effects

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Abstract: A numerical study has been carried out in the analysis of two dimensional, incompressible and steady convective flow over a stretching surface in the presence of chemical reaction along with viscous dissipation. A mathematical model which resembles the physical flow problem has been developed. Similarity transformations are used to convert the fundamental partial differential equations into a system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations. The resulting system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations are then solved by using the shooting method along with Adams-Moultan method. The numerical solution obtained for the velocity, temperature and concentration profiles has been presented through graphs for different choice of the physical parameters.

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1. Introduction

he study of flow and heat transfer generated by means of stretching medium has plenty of significance in numerous industrialized developments, (e.g., in the process of rubber and plastic sheets manufacturing, upgrading the solid materials like crystal, turning fibers etc.). The most widely used coolant liquid among them is water. In above cases, flow and heat transfer investigation is of major importance because final product quality be determined to bulk level on the basis of coefficient of skin friction and heat transfer surface rate. Numerous investigators talked over different traits of stretching flow problem. Some of them are Crane [1], Chaim [2], Liao and Pop [3], Khan and Sanjayanand [4], and Fang *et al.* [5].

Currently, in the fields of engineering and fluid science, heat transfer and boundary layer flow of nanofluid are the thrust areas of research. Many researchers examined the convective boundary layer flow of nanofluid past a stretched sheet. In future, advancement in nano-technology is expected for making unbelievable changes in our lives. A very big number of researchers are working in this area due to its great use in the engineering and its linked areas. In the process of air cleaning, development of microelectronics, safety of nuclear reactors etc., heat and mass transfer of thermophoretic magnetohydrodynamic flow consumes prospective uses. Choi [6] was the first who introduced the idea of "nanofluids" and presented the report on the heat transfer properties of nano-fluids. The thorough exposure on thermophoretic flow was examined by Derjaguin and Yalamov [7]. Heat and mass transfer of MHD thermophoretic stream above plane surface was also studied by Issac and Chamka [8]. Thermophoresis effect on aerosol particles was investigated by Tsai [9].

In fluid temperature, no doubt, viscous dissipation produces a considerable ascend. This would happen because of change in kinetic motion of fluid into thermal energy. Viscous dissipation is unavoidable in case of flow field in high gravitational field. Viscous flow past a nonlinearly stretching sheet was deliberated by Vajravelu [10]. For external natural convention flow over a stretching medium, the effect of viscous dissipation

was also studied by Mollendroff and Gebhart [11], whereas the impact of Joule heating and viscous dissipation on the forced convection flow with thermal radiation was presented by Duwairi [12].

The chemical reaction with the diffusion of species for the boundary layer fluid have numerous applications in atmosphere pollution, water, fluids relevant to atmosphere and many other problems of chemical engineering. For boundary layer laminar flow of reactive chemically species with the diffusion which are used by a body over the surface considered by Chamber and Young [13]. For non-Newtonian fluids and their solution for the species of diffusion with chemical reactive in a flow over a stretching sheet with porous medium reported by Akyildiz *et al.* [14]. Cortell [15] also discuss the two types of viscoelastic fluid over a porous stretching sheet with the chemically reactive species. Hiemenz flow through porous media considered by Chamka and Khaled [16] with the presence of magnetic field. Heat transfer with steady condition considered by Sriramalu *et al.* [17] for incompressible viscous fluid with porous type species over a stretching surface. Khan *et al.* [18] discussed MHD viscoelastic fluid, transfer of mass and heat over a permeable stretching surface with stress work and energy dissipation. The fluid on stretching surface close with stagnation-point discussed by Tripathy *et al.* [19]. Seddeek and Salem [20] observed that the mass and heat transfer distribution on stretching type surface with thermal diffusivity and variable viscosity.

In this article, we provide a review study of M. G. Reddy [21] and then extend the flow analysis with chemical reaction parameter and viscous dissipation properties. There are many practical applications for the boundary layer flow over a stretching sheet in the presence of chemical reaction parameter and viscous dissipation effects.

2. Problem formulation

Let us consider the numerical investigation of MHD boundary layer flow of an incompressible nanofluid. The flow is two-dimensional, steady, laminar, viscous flow of an electrically conducting electrically conducting fluid towards a stretching surface with chemically reactive species undergoing chemical reaction is considered. The schematic diagram of the system under investigation is shown in the Figure 1.



Figure 1. Geometry of the flow under consideration.

The plate has been stretched with velocity $u_w(x) = ax$, (a > 0) along x- direction. In addition, fluid is flowing in the presence of magnetic field. The magnetic field is supposed to be applied along the y-direction. The temperature at surface is T_f , u_w , C_w represent fluid velocity, nanoparticle concentration at surface respectively.

The following system of equations are incorporated for mathematical model [21]. shows that in the presence of magnetic field over the surface, the governing equations of conservation of momentum, energy, mass and nanoparticle fraction, under the boundary layer approximation, are as follows:

• Continuity equation:

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

• Momentum equation:

$$u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho_f}\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - \frac{\sigma B_0^2(x)}{\rho_f}(u) + v\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right),\tag{2}$$

$$u\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho_f}\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - \frac{\sigma B_0^2(x)}{\rho_f}(v) + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}\right),\tag{3}$$

• Energy equation:

$$u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{\mu}{C_p} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \omega \left[D_B \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \frac{D_T}{T_{\infty}} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)^2\right] - \frac{\alpha}{\rho_f} \left(\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y}\right)$$
(4)

• Concentration equation:

$$u\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} - k_0 (C - C_\infty)$$
(5)

where *u* and *v* are the components of velocity respectively in the *x* and *y* directions, *p* is the fluid pressure, ρ_f is the density of base fluid, ρ_p is the density of the particles, *v* is the kinematic viscosity of the base fluid, σ is electrical conductivity, ρ is density, *T* is temperature, α is thermal diffusivity, $\tau = \frac{(\rho c)_p}{(\rho c)_f}$ is the ratio of nanoparticle heat capacity and the base fluid heat capacity, D_B is Brownian diffusion coefficient, D_T is thermophoretic diffusion coefficient, μ is dynamic viscosity, *c* is specific heat at constant pressure.

The boundary conditions for Equations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) are

$$u = u_w + L\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, v = v_w, \quad -k\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = h\left(T_f - T\right), \quad C = C_w \text{ at } y = 0$$

$$u = 0, \quad v = 0, \quad T \to T_{\infty}, \quad C \to C_{\infty} \text{ as } y \to \infty$$

$$\left.\right\}$$
(6)

The radiative heat flux q_r , by using the Rosseland approximation for radiation, can be written as

$$q_r = \frac{-4\sigma^*}{3k^*} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial y} \tag{7}$$

where σ^* and k^* stand for the Stefan-Boltzmann constant and coefficient of mean absorption.

Expansion of T^4 about T_{∞} by making use of Taylor's series is:

$$T^{4} = T_{\infty}^{4} + \frac{4T_{\infty}^{3}}{1!}(T - T_{\infty})^{1} + \frac{12T_{\infty}^{2}}{2!}(T - T_{\infty})^{2} + \frac{24T_{\infty}}{3!}(T - T_{\infty})^{3} + \frac{24}{4!}(T - T_{\infty})^{4}$$
(8)

Disregarding the higher order terms, we have

$$T^{4} = T^{4}_{\infty} + 4T^{3}_{\infty} (T - T_{\infty})$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial T^{4}}{\partial y} = 4T^{3} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$$
(9)

Using (8) in (6) and the differentiate with respect to y, we get

$$\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} = -\frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3\kappa^*} \ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \tag{10}$$

We use similarity transformation to solve Equations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5)

$$\psi = \sqrt{a\nu} x f(\eta), \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_m}{T_\infty - T_m}, \beta(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}, \eta = y \sqrt{\frac{a}{\nu}},$$
(11)

the velocity component of stream function which is defined as

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \ v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \tag{12}$$

So, we have

$$u = axf'(\eta), u = -\sqrt{av}f(\eta)$$
(13)

where prime shows differentiation with respect to η .

Using Equation (11) in Equation (1) that will be satisfied, also using Equations (6)-(12) in Equations (2)-(4), we will get the following ordinary differential equations.

$$f''' + ff'' - (f')^2 - Mf' = 0$$
(14)

$$\left(1+\frac{4}{3}R\right)\theta'' + \Pr[f\theta' + Nb\theta'\beta' + Nt(\theta')^2 + Ec(f'')^2] = 0$$
(15)

$$\beta'' + Lef\beta' + \frac{Nt}{Nb}\theta'' - Le\gamma\beta = 0$$
⁽¹⁶⁾

with the boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} f(0) = S, f'(0) = 1 + Af''(0), \theta'(0) = -Bi(1 - \theta(0)), = 0, \beta(0) = 1 \text{ at } \eta = 0, \\ f'(\infty) \to 0, \theta(\infty) \to 0, \beta(\infty) \to 0 \text{ as } \eta \to \infty \end{cases}$$

$$(17)$$

The dimensionless constants M, S, R, A, Pr, Nb, Nt, Ec, Le, γ , Bi represent the magnetic parameter, a suction parameter, the radiation parameter, the velocity slip parameter, the Prandtl number, the Browian motion parameter, the thermophoresis parameter, the Eckert number, the Lewis number, the chemical rate parameter, the Biot number respectively, which are defined as

$$M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho a}, S = -\frac{v_w}{\sqrt{av}}, A = L\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{v}}\right), R = \frac{-4T_\infty^3 \sigma^*}{3k^*k}, Pr = \frac{v}{\alpha}, Nb = \frac{\tau D_B \left(C_w - C_\infty\right)}{v},$$
$$Nt = \frac{\tau D_T \left(T_f - T_\infty\right)}{v T_\infty}, Ec = \frac{u_w^2}{\rho_f \left(T_f - T_\infty\right)}, Le = \frac{v}{D_B}, \gamma = \frac{k_0 U \left(C_w - C_\infty\right)}{v}, Bi = \frac{h(v/a)^{1/2}}{k}.$$

The quantities of practical interest in this study are the Nusselt number Nu_x , the skin friction coefficient C_f , and the Sherwood number Sh_x , respectively.

These are expressed as:

$$Nu_x = \frac{xq_w}{k((T_w - T_\infty))}, C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho U_w^2}, and Sh_x = \frac{xq_m}{D_B((C_w - C_\infty))}$$
(18)

where, τ_w is the shear stress, q_m is the wall mass flux from the surface, and q_w is the heat flux at the wall surface, given by:

$$q_w = -k \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}, q_m = -D_B \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}$$
(19)

Using the dimensionless variables, we get

$$\frac{Nu_x}{\sqrt{R_x}} = -1 + R \theta'(0), \frac{Sh_x}{\sqrt{R_x}} = -\beta'(0), C_f \sqrt{R_x} = -f''(0)$$
(20)

where Re_x denotes the Reynolds number and is expressed as:

$$Re_x = \frac{xU_w(x)}{v}$$

3. Method for solution

The set of non-linear coupled differential equations (14), (25) and (16) with the conditions (17) is solved numerically in the following manner. Firstly, it is noticed that heurist infinity for the independent variable chosen as η_{max} . The comment on the choice on the η_{max} , for solving is presented at the end of the section.

Equation (23) is solved with f''(0) = r, assumed number using the initial conditions

$$f(0) = S, f'(0) = 1 + \lambda \times r, f''(0) = r$$
(21)

r is iteratively found using Newton's method using $F'(\eta_{max}) = \frac{\partial f'(max)}{\partial \alpha}$ which is obtain by solving,

$$F''' = 2f'F' - fF'' - f''F' + Mf'$$
(22)

with

$$F(0) = 0, F'(0) = \lambda \text{ and } F''(0) = 1$$
 (23)

After finding $f(\eta)$ we solved the equations 15 & 16 with the initial conditions.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y'_{1} \\ y'_{2} \\ y'_{3} \\ y'_{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{2} \\ \frac{-\Pr(FF(I)y_{2} + Nby_{2}y_{4} + Nty_{2}^{2} + Ec \ D2FF(I) * *2)}{(1 + \frac{4R}{3})} \\ y_{4} \\ -LeFF(I)y_{4} - \frac{Nb}{Nt}y_{2}^{1} + Lefly_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
(24)

Associated boundary conditions in Equation (17) can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{1}(0) \\ y_{2}(0) \\ y_{3}(0) \\ y_{4}(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{1} \\ Bi(p_{1}-1) \\ 1 \\ p_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(25)

Here $p_1 = \theta(0)$ and $p_2(0) = \beta'(0)$.

 p_1, p_2 are to be found satisfying end conditions $y_1 \rightarrow 0, y_3 \rightarrow 0$ as $\eta \rightarrow \infty$. Adams Moultan fourth order method (with the corresponding predictor) is used to solve the initial value problem. Assumed values of p_1 and p_2 are corrected using Newton method.

Derivatives of $\theta(\infty, p_1, p_2)$ and $\phi(\infty, p_1, p_2)$ with respect to any parameter $p(p_1 or p_2)$ are found by solving the equation which are obtained by differentiating system (21). $Y_i = \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial p}$ for all i = 1, 2, 3, 4.

These equations are

$$Y'_{1} = Y(2),$$

$$Y'_{2} = \frac{-Pr}{\left(1 + \frac{4Ra}{3}\right)} [FF(I)Y(2) + Nb(y(2)Y(4) - Y(2)y(4)) + 2Nty(2)Y(2)],$$

$$Y'_{3} = Y(4),$$

$$Y'_{4} = -LeFF(I)y(4) - \frac{Nt}{Nb}Y'_{2} + Le\gamma y(3)$$

This system is solved with three different sets of initial conditions $y_i(0) = 0$ for all i = 1, 2, 3, 4.

Newton's method is

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix}^{New} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix}^{Old} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial p_2} \\ \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial p_2} \end{bmatrix}_{\eta=\infty}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
(26)

It may be noticed that the choice of initial guess of p_1 , p_2 is very crucial. Once we obtain solution for a set of physical parameters, a single parameter changed slightly to achieve convergence of newton's method. The choice of $\eta_{max} = 6$ was more than enough for end condition. The convergence criteria is chosen to be successive value agree up to 3 significant digits.

4. Results with discussion

The objective of this section, the numerical results have been displayed in the form of graphs and tables. The computations are carried out for various values of the magnetic parameter M, Prandtl number Pr, a radiation parameter R, a Brownian motion parameter Nb, a thermophoresis parameter Nt, a Lewis number Le, Eckert number Ec, slip parameter A, chemical reaction parameter γ and the impact of these parameters on velocity f', temperature θ and concentration β have been analyzed.

For the validity of our results, the skin friction factor, the local Nusselt number and Sherwood number have been compared with those already published in literature as shown in Tables 1 and 2. From tables it can be seen that the results achieved by the present code are found convincingly very closed to the published results [21].

M	S	Α		$-f^{''}(0)$
			M. G. Reddy [21]	Present value
0.5	0.2	0.1	1.13992	1.136756
1.0	0.2	0.1	1.28430	1.282955
0.5	0.5	0.1	1.26830	1.265184
0.5	0.2	0.5	0.800331	0.8066351

Table 1. Comparison of results of skin friction coefficient -f''(0) for various values of *M*, *S* and *A*

Table 2. Comparison of results of local Nusselt number $-\theta'(0)$ and Sherwood number $-\beta'(0)$

Nt	Nb		- heta'(0)	$-eta^\prime(0)$	
		M. G. Reddy [21]	Present value	M. G. Reddy [21]	Present value
0.1	0.1	0.0840676	0.0822515300	2.96584	2.9588820000
0.5	0.1	0.0813944	0.0792839800	3.00253	3.0008590000
0.1	0.5	0.0838497	0.0819882600	2.79651	2.7606710000
0.5	0.5	0.0811044	0.0789362500	2.97637	2.9675340000

In every one of these estimations, we have considered Pr = 2, M = 2, R = 2, $Nb = Nt = S = A = Ec = \gamma = 0.5$, Bi = 0.1 and Le = 5.

4.1. Impact of slip parameter (A)

The effect of slip parameter *A* on the dimensionless velocity profile $f'(\eta)$ is presented in Figure 2. Increasing the values of the slip parameter *A* reduces the velocity field and particular boundary thickness as depicted in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Dimensionless Velocity vs A.

4.2. Impact of Magnetic parameter (M).

Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5 shows the variations in the velocity profile $f'(\eta)$, energy profile $\theta(\eta)$ and dimensionless concentration profile $\beta(\eta)$ for different estimations of Magnetic Parameter *M*. It is analyzed that the temperature profile $\theta(\eta)$, concentration profile $\beta(\eta)$ and thermal boundary layer thickens are increasing functions of Magnetic Parameter, however on the opposite side velocity profile $f'(\eta)$ decreases when we increase Magnetic Parameter *M*. The reason beyond this electrically conducting fluid produces a resistive force known as Lorentz force, which opposes the flow and has a tendency to make the fluid motion slow down in the boundary layer and therefore reduces the profile of velocity whereas its temperature $\theta(\eta)$ increases with the increase in magnetic parameter.



Figure 3. Dimensionless Velocity vs M.



Figure 4. Dimensionless Temperature vs M.



Figure 5. Dimensionless Temperature vs M.

4.3. Impact of suction parameter (*S*).

The impact of the section parameter *S* on the dimensionless velocity profile $f'(\eta)$ is presented in Figure 6. Velocity profile diminishes and accompanied with boundary layer width increases for gradually growing values of the suction parameter *S*. Figure 7 displays the variation of temperature with suction parameter. As the values of suction parameter *S* increase, the temperature graph is decreasing. Moreover, the thermal boundary layer thickness and surface temperature is also decreasing. Figure 8 shows that by increasing suction parameter *S*, concentration profile decreases. By an increasing in the suction, concentration profile as well as boundary layer thickness decrease.



Figure 6. Dimensionless Temperature vs S.



Figure 7. Dimensionless Temperature vs S.

4.4. Impact of Prandtl number (*Pr*).

Figure 8 presents that an elevation in Prandtl number Pr shows a reduction in the temperature profile $\theta(\eta)$. Obviously, greater Prandtl number Pr has weaker thermal diffusivity due to which low range temperature is seen in Figure 9. This indicates resection in energy exchange ability and finally it causes an reduction in thermal boundary surface.



Figure 8. Dimensionless Temperature vs Pr.



Figure 9. Dimensionless Temperature vs S.

4.5. Impact of Radiation parameter (*R*).

The influence of radiation parameter on profile of temperature distribution is displayed in Figure 10. From the figure it is observed that by increasing the radiation parameter, temperature profile decreases significantly. It is because of the fact that the increasing values of radiation parameter lead to decrease the thickness of the boundary layer and enhance the heat transfer rate with chemical effect on the melting surface.



Figure 10. Dimensionless Temperature vs R.

4.6. Impact of Convective Heating (*Bi*).

Figure 11 describes the effect of the convective heating which is also known as the Biot number on the temperature profile $\theta(\eta)$. Numerically, it can be calculated by dividing the convection on the surface to the conduction into the surface of an object. When *Bi* increases, it causes increase in the temperature on surface which sequels in the thickening of the thermal boundary layer.



Figure 11. T Dimensionless Temperature vs Bi.

4.7. Impact of Brownian motion and the thermophoresis on unitless energy profile

Figure 12 show the impact of Brownian motion and the thermophoresis parameters on the temperature distributions $\theta(\eta)$ in the thermal boundary layer. Thermophoresis is a component that drives small materials away from hot layer to the cooler end. It is noticed that as thermophoresis parameter increases the thermal boundary layer thickness increases and the temperature gradient at the surface decrease (in absolute value) as both *Nb* and *Nt* increase.



Figure 12. Dimensionless Temperature vs Nt and Nb.

4.8. Impact of Lewis number (*Le*)

Lewis number *Le* is decreasing function of $\beta(\eta)$. Increase Lewis number may decrease Brownian diffusion coefficient because Lewis number is the ratio of momentum diffusivity to Brownian diffusion coefficient, shown in Figure 13.



Figure 13. Dimensionless Concentration vs Le.

4.9. Impact of Eckert number (*Ec*).

Figure 14 displays the influence of Eckert number *Ec* on the energy profile. Energy profile increases when the Eckert number is increased. Due to friction, the heat energy is kept in owing to accelerating values of Eckert number, which results in the enhancement of the temperature profile.



Figure 14. Dimensionless Temperature vs Ec.

4.10. Impact of chemical reaction parameter

Figure 15 explains the influence of the chemical reaction parameter on the profile of concentration. It is noted that increasing values of chemical reaction parameter concentration as well as the thickness of concentration decrease. It is because of the fact that the chemical reaction in this system results in chemical dissipation and therefore results in decrease in the profile of concentration. The most significant influence is that chemical reaction tends to increase the overshoot in the concentration profiles and their associated boundary layer.



Figure 15. Dimensionless Concentration $vs \gamma$.

5. Conclusion

From the above discussion, we can make the following conclusions.

- 1. Higher values of *M* yield an increment in the energy profile and Concentration profile whereas an opposite effect has noticed for the velocity profile.
- 2. By increasing in the suction parameter *S*, velocity profile increases whereas temperature profile decreases with an increase in suction while due to increasing blowing, it increases.
- 3. The thickness of concentration boundary layers reduces due to increasing in the suction parameter.
- 4. Increase of Prandtl number *Pr* and Radiation parameter *R* causes decrease in temperature profile.
- 5. Temperature increase by enlarging thermophoresis parameter Nt and Brownian motion parameter Nb
- 6. For larger values of Lewis number *Le* and chemical reaction parameter γ , concentration field $\beta(\eta)$ shows decreasing behavior.
- 7. Temperature profile will increase due to increases in the Eckert number.

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