A Thematic Review on Mathematical Model for Convective Boundary Layer Flow

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\textbf{Abstract}  
Convection refers to the heat transfer that occurs between moving fluid and surface at a different temperature. Nowadays, there has been a great deal of interest in the convective boundary layer fluid flow problems. Despite its popularity, the review paper discussing the mathematical model for various fluid types regarding various geometry and boundary conditions has been observed to fall short. This review paper adopts a thematic review based on the mathematical model captured in published fluid flow problems from 2015 until 2020. The articles were analysed using thematic analysis ATLAS.ti 8 software. Using keyword search and filtering criteria from Scopus and Web of Science (WOS) databases, 198 peer-reviewed journal articles were identified. However, after the exclusion and inclusion processes, only 50 articles were reviewed as final articles. The thematic review of these articles has further identified 120 initial codes characterising the mathematical model, grouped into 7 clusters: Viscoelastic, Williamson, Casson, Brinkman, Jeffrey, Nanofluid and hybrid Nanofluid. The report from the code-to-document in ATLAS.ti 8 found that the boundary condition, geometry and method were highlighted in the literature. The outcomes of this study will benefit the future research direction to identify the gap for future studies, specifically in extending the mathematical model for fluid flow problems as well as choosing the suitable geometry and boundary condition.

\textbf{Keywords:}  
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1. Introduction

Convection refers to the heat transfer generated by the random motion of molecules and the energy transmitted by fluid’s motion. Additionally, the boundary condition and surface geometry are the dual elements that influence the heat transfer process. Due to its significance in many industrial...
and technical applications, interest in convective boundary layer flow problems has increased substantially over the year.

About a dozen articles have been published on convective boundary layer problems in various fluid types with different surface geometry. For example, the fluid flow problem along a flat plate [1-4], fluid flow over the circular cylinder [5-7], fluid flow over a stretching sheet [8-12], fluid flow over a sphere [13-15] and fluid flow over an inclined stretching sheet [16-18].

The theoretical investigations in non-Newtonian fluids are more challenging due to the complexity of their constitutive equations. A non-Newtonian fluid is a fluid that does not obey Newton’s law in which the viscosity will change to either liquid or more solid under stress. The most frequently highlighted mathematical model for non-Newtonian in the literature comprehend the Jeffrey fluid [19-22], Nanofluid [23-25], Viscoelastic fluid [26-28], Brinkman fluid [29-31], Casson fluid [32-34] and Williamson fluid models [35-36]. Even though the convective boundary layer flow has been widely explored, the review paper on different mathematical models with dissimilar boundary conditions, surface geometry, and method has been very scarce.

Therefore, the underpinning of this paper is to perform a systematic review of the mathematical model discussed in convective boundary layer flow. The discussion will be specifically directed to boundary condition, surface geometry and methods used in each problem based on the following research question; What are the mathematical models of the non-Newtonian fluid on convective boundary layer flow being discussed in the publication from 2015 to 2020?

2. Thematic Review Process

This section discusses in detail the materials and methods used in this study. The main concept of this study is the thematic review process introduced by [37], implemented using ATLAS.ti 8 software. He applied the thematic analysis technique in the literature review. The thematic analysis identifies the trend and constructs the themes through detailed reading on the topic [38]. In this study, the first step is defining the pattern and constructing a mathematical model category to understand the trend of publication in various countries. The research concept is to analyse and interpret the findings on the types of a mathematical model in the convective boundary layer for recommendations of future study. Literature selection was carried out according to different selection criteria, which are 1) publication from 2015-2020, 2) has at least keyword(s) of the convective boundary layer or fluid flow, and 3) focus on a mathematical model. The decision to limit the fluid type was made to help define the model used in fluid flow problems. The literature discovery was conducted using the search strings in the Scopus and WOS database, as illustrated in Table 1.

| Table 1 |
| Search strings from Scopus and WOS |
| Database | Keyword | Result |
| Scopus | TITLE-ABS-KEY ("Convective Boundary Layer" AND fluid flow) **PUBYEAR** (2015-2020) | 129 articles |
| WOS | TITLE-ABS-KEY ("Convective Boundary Layer" AND fluid flow) **PUBYEAR** (2015-2020) | 69 articles |

In this study, the systematic review of articles was performed in the Scopus and WOS search to identify the mathematical model of the convective boundary layer. The inclusion and exclusion criteria are carried out in the current study, as displayed in Figure 1. The initial search was made with 129 (Scopus) and 69 (WOS) articles. However, 125 papers have been removed and not matched due to their premature outcomes, while 23 overlapping articles also have been excluded. Some of these
articles were incomplete, or the full articles cannot be accessed and have a broken link. Therefore, the final paper to be reviewed is 50 articles, including conference proceeding and journals.

![Diagram of inclusion and exclusion criteria in thematic review]

**Fig. 1.** Inclusion and exclusion criteria in the thematic review

The articles were uploaded in the ATLAS.ti 8 as primary documents, grouped into author, issue number, periodical, publisher and year of publication. In the first round, the initial coding resulted in 120 codings and later was categorised into seven main categories: Viscoelastic, Williamson, Casson, Brinkman, Jeffreys, Nanofluid, and hybrid Nanofluid models. In a thematic review, clustering the initial coding into the group classifies a common code under a similar category. However, it is also common for a code to belong to several categories, namely code group.

### 3. Past Studies on Convective Boundary Layer Flow

In this section, the tables and figures are displayed based on the following subject: journals and year, authors and fluid models, country and year as well as fluid models and year. Firstly, these research strings are directly referenced in the identified 50 articles through several journals listed in Table 2. As can be seen from the table, many publications highlighted the convective boundary layer fluid flow problems in 2017. The trends of publication are shown in a normal distribution. It is also noted that the involved journals are not necessarily heat and fluid-related journals such as Advanced Powder Technology, AIP Conference Proceedings and Journal of Symmetry.
Table 2  
Reviewed articles based on journals and year

| Journals                                      | Year |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
|                                               | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Advanced Powder Technology                    | 1    | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |
| Ain Shams Engineering Journal                 |      |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| AIP Conference Proceedings                    | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| American Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer    |      |      |      | 1    | 1    |      |
| Archives of Thermodynamics                    |      |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| ARPN Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Canadian Journal of Physics                   | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Chemical Engineering Science                  |      |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Engineering Computations (Swansea, Wales)     | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Engineering Science and Technology, an International Journal |      | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Frontiers in Heat and Mass Transfer           | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| International Journal of Ambient Energy       | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| International Journal of Applied and Computational Mathematics | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| International Journal of Numerical Methods for Heat and Fluid Flow |      | 1    | 2    | 1    | 1    |      |
| IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Journal of Aerospace Engineering              | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Journal of Applied Fluid Mechanics            |      |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Journal of Engineering Physics and Thermophysics | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Journal of King Saud University – Science     |      |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Journal of the Brazilian Society of Mechanical Sciences and Engineering | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry   |      |      |      |      | 1    |      |
| MATEC Web of Conferences                      | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Materials Today: Proceedings                  | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Mathematical Modelling of Engineering Problems |      |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Physics Letters, Section A: General, Atomic and Solid State Physics | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| PloS ONE                                       |      |      |      |      | 1    |      |
| Procedia Engineering                          | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part N: Journal of Nanomaterials, Nanoengineering and Nanosystems | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Sains Malaysiana                              | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Scientia Iranica                              |      |      | 1    | 1    |      |      |
| Symmetry                                      |      |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Thermal Science                               | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| Water                                         |      |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Journal of Mechanical Engineering Science     |      |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Case Studies in Thermal Engineering           | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Mathematics                                   |      |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| Heliyon                                       | 1    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Chinese Journal of Physics                    |      |      |      |      |      | 1    |
| Totals                                        | 7    | 6    | 15   | 11   | 6    | 5    |

Next, research articles were analysed in an iterative process as tabulated in Table 3. The comparison was made according to its similarity and differences to ensure consistency in the resulting sub-categories. These articles were assigned to the types of fluid models. It was noticed that the Nanofluid model, which is Buongiorno and Tiwari and Das, are very popular models among the considered articles. Recently, the hybrid Nanofluid model has been extensively explored by researchers.
### Table 3
The classification of authors based on a fluid model

| Author                        | Model         | Brinkman | Buongiorno | Casson | Jeffrey | Tiwari | Viscoelastic | Williamson | Hybrid Nanofluid |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Thumma et al., [39]           |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Thumma et al., [40]           |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Sravanthi [41]                |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Kumar & Kumar [42]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Sohail et al., [3]            |               |          |            | 1      |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Reddy [43]                    |               |          |            | 1      |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Rajesh et al., [44]           |               |          |            |        | 1       |        |              |            |                  |
| Narahari et al., [45]         |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Narahari et al., [46]         |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Metri et al., [47]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Makinde et al., [48]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Krishna & Reddy [49]          |               |          |            | 1      |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Izani & Ali [50]              |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Devi & Suriyakumar [51]       |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Aziz et al., [26]             |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Archana et al., [52]          |               |          |            | 1      |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Akbar et al., [53]            |               |          |            | 1      |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Ahmed et al., [54]            |               |          |            |        |         | 1      |              |            |                  |
| Ahmed et al., [55]            |               |          |            |        |         | 1      |              |            |                  |
| Reddy & Shankar [56]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Uddin et al., [57]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Al-Sharifi et al., [22]       |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Kumar & Kumar [58]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Saranya et al., [59]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Reddy [60]                    |               |          |            | 1      |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Parmar [61]                   |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Nayak et al., [62]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Maleque [63]                  |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Khan et al., [64]             |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Isa et al., [65]              |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Hashim et al., [66]           |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Eswaramoorthi et al., [67]    |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Dinarvand et al., [68]        |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Dinarvand et al., [69]        |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Basir et al., [70]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Arifin et al., [36]           |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Zokri et al., [20]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Gangadhar et al., [71]        |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Tili [72]                     |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Siyal et al., [73]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            | 1                |
| Chu et al., [74]              |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Suganya et al., [75]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| U. Khan et al., [76]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Waini et al., [77]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Waini et al., [78]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Manjunata et al., [79]        |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Junoh et al., [80]            |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Rostaimi et al., [25]         |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Yousefi et al., [81]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Mehryan et al., [82]          |               |          |            |        |         |        |              |            |                  |
| Totals                        |               |          |            | 2      | 14      | 6      | 4            | 8          | 3                | 3                | 10               |
After that, the trends were analysed following the country and year of the conducted study, as exhibited in Table 4. The trend was seen as rather popular in India and Malaysia. The publications from other countries are also reported, such as Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden and China. This shows that trends of convective boundary layer have increased over the varying country with different types of the fluid model.

| Country      | Year | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Totals |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Bangladesh   |      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    |        |
| Egypt        |      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2    |        |
| India        |      | 2    | 2    | 7    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 19     |
| Iran         |      | 2    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 5      |
| Malaysia     |      | 1    | 2    | 5    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 13     |
| Pakistan     |      | 2    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 6      |
| Saudi Arabia |      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1      |
| South Africa |      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1      |
| Sweden       |      | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1      |
| China        |      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |        |

Lastly, in this paper, the mathematical model for convective boundary layer flow problems is discussed over various fluid types. As can be seen from the Table 5, the most popular mathematical model is the Nanofluid model, which is Buongiorno (28%), and Tiwari and Das (16%). These two models have attracted more attention in engineering applications for the Nanofluid type over the years. Besides, the Hybrid nanofluid model (20%) has gained much attraction from 2017 to 2020. It is then followed by Casson (12%), Jeffrey (8%), Williamson (6%), Viscoelastic (6%) and Brinkman (4%). The pattern of the mathematical model shows that there is limited work focusing on Williamson, Viscoelastic and Brinkman Models.

| Models       | Year | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Totals |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Brinkman     |      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 2      |
| Nanofluid    | Buongiorno | 4    | 1    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 14     |
|              | Tiwari and Das | 1    | 1    | 5    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 8      |
| Casson       |      | 1    | 1    | 3    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 6      |
| Jeffrey      |      | 0    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 4      |
| Viscoelastic |      | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3      |
| Williamson   |      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 3      |
| Hybrid Nanofluid |      | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 10     |

This final section discusses the mathematical models with the related boundary condition, surface geometry, and method illustrated in figures and tables for every section below.

### 3.1 Viscoelastic Model

Viscoelasticity is the property of materials that exhibit both viscous and elastic properties deformation. Some examples of viscoelastic materials include biopolymers, metals at very high temperatures, and bitumen materials. Cracking happens when the pressure is strongly applied and
beyond the elastic limit. The study of boundary layer flow and heat transfer of viscoelastic fluid has been addressed in many engineering applications. Figure 2 shows the network diagram of the Viscoelastic model, while the summary of previous research topic based on boundary condition, surface geometry and method are listed in Table 6. Eswaramoorthi et al., [67] studied the problem of unsteady three-dimensional magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) in stretching surface with constant wall temperature (CWT) boundary condition. They derived the analytical solutions using Homotopy Analysis Method (HAM). In another study of MHD mixed convection boundary layer embedded in a porous medium over a similar geometry, Metri et al., [47] used two types of the heating process, namely the constant heat flux (CHF) and constant wall temperature (CWT). The numerical solutions were then solved using Runge Kutta Fehlberg Method with shooting technique. Meanwhile, Aziz et al., [26] investigated the effect of aligned MHD on a mixed convective boundary layer past a circular cylinder for the case of Newtonian Heating (NH). They used the Keller Box method to solve the numerical solution.

![Network Diagram of Viscoelastic Model](image)

**Fig. 2. A network of Viscoelastic model**

### Table 6
Summary of authors based on boundary condition, geometry, and method

| Authors           | Boundary Condition | Geometry          | Method                        |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eswaramoorthi et al., [67] | CWT                | Stretching Surface | Homotopy Analysis Method      |
| Metri et al., [47]  | CHF & CWT          | Stretching Surface | Runge Kutta Fehlberg          |
| Aziz et al., [26]   | NH                 | Circular Cylinder | Keller Box                    |

### 3.2 Casson Model

Casson fluid can be described as a shear-thinning liquid having infinite viscosity at zero shear rate, yield stress below regions with no flow, and zero viscosity at an infinite shear rate Mehta and Dash [83]. Numerous researchers have studied on Casson fluid model owing to its special yield stress characteristic. The overall network diagram of the Casson model is shown in Figure 3, while Table 7 shows the summary of authors based on boundary condition, geometry and method. The investigation involving flow over a stretching sheet with constant wall temperature was conducted.
by many researchers ([54, 60, 65]). They used the “built-in” Matlab program (BVP4C), the Shooting method and Runge Kutta 4th order integration, respectively, to solve the numerical solution. In other theoretical studies, Reddy [43] and Maleque [63] investigated the MHD convective boundary layer flow over the inclined stretching surface and vertical plate in the presence of thermal radiation and chemical reaction, respectively. It was noticed that the CBC is rarely used in the recent study. Therefore, Saranya et al., [59] considered the convective boundary condition to investigate steady convective boundary layer flow and heat transfer of base fluids with magnetic/non-magnetic nanoparticles over a flat plate, incorporating non-linear thermal radiation slip effects.

![Diagram of Casson model](image)

**Fig. 3. A network of Casson model**

| Authors          | Boundary Condition | Geometry                | Method                        |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reddy [60]       | CWT                | Stretching Sheet        | Shooting method               |
| Reddy [43]       | CWT                | Inclined Stretching Sheet | Runge Kutta 4th order         |
| Ahmed et al., [54]| CWT                | Stretching Sheet        | BVP4C                         |
| Maleque [63]     | CWT                | Vertical Plate          | Runge Kutta 6th order         |
| Isa et al., [65] | CWT                | Stretching Sheet        | Runge Kutta 4th Integration    |
| Saranya et al., [59]| CBC                   | Flat Plate              | Runge Kutta 4th Integration    |

### 3.3 Williamson Model

Figure 4 shows a network diagram of the Williamson fluid model. It is characterised as a non-Newtonian fluid with a shear-thinning property where the viscosity decreases with an increasing shear stress rate. According to Williamson [84], yield stress does not influence fluid behaviour and cannot be molded. Several studies on the flow behaviour of Williamson fluid under the thermal...
condition of CBC were considered by Arifin et al., [36], Hashim et al., [61] and Parmar [66], as can be seen in Table 8. They applied different numerical solutions such as Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th and 5th order and Runge Kutta Integration. Arifin et al., [36] analysed Williamson fluid on the convective boundary layer flow and heat transfer over a horizontal stretching sheet. Meanwhile, Hashim et al., [66] investigated the effect of thermal radiation due to an expanding cylinder. They revealed that friction and heat transfer coefficients are greatly increased by the magnetic parameter for upper branch solutions. In another study, Parmar [61] discussed the effect of MHD Williamson fluid over an inclined stretching sheet. Therefore, it can be concluded that the most used boundary condition in the literature is CBC. Hence, other boundary condition can be considered for future study with different geometry and effect.

![Fig. 4. A network of Williamson model](image)

### Table 8

| Authors       | Boundary Condition | Geometry                  | Method                                |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Parmar [61]   | CBC                | Inclined Stretching Sheet | Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th 5th          |
| Hashim et al., [66] | CBC               | Expanding Cylinder        | Runge Kutta Integration               |
| Arifin et al., [36] | CBC               | Stretching Sheet          | Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th 5th          |

#### 3.4 Jeffrey Model

The Jeffrey fluid model can explain the stress relaxation property of non-Newtonian fluids. It is also known as the relaxation and retardation time which cannot be defined in the normal viscous fluid model. Figure 5 illustrated a network diagram of the Jeffrey Model. The flow induced by various surfaces such as stretching sheet, inclined stretching sheet, exponential stretching and horizontal circular cylinder have been considered by Zokri et al., [20], Al-Sharifi et al., [22], Izani & Ali [50] and Tlili [72], as can be seen in Table 9. The most frequently highlighted boundary condition in the literature is the CWT and was solved using different methods such as Keller Box, Quasi linearisation
and Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th 5th order. Based on this review, it can be observed that very few researchers used CBC in their problems.

![Network Diagram](image)

**Fig. 5.** A network of Jeffrey model

| Authors          | Boundary Condition | Geometry                  | Method                                    |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Izani & Ali [50] | CWT                | Exponential Stretching Sheet | Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th 5th              |
| Al-Sharifi et al., [22] | CBC                | Stretching Sheet          | Keller Box                               |
| Zokri et al., [20] | CWT                | Horizontal Circular Cylinder | Keller Box                               |
| Tlili [72]       | CWT                | Inclined Stretching Sheet | Quasi Linearization                       |

### 3.5 Brinkman Model

The overall network diagram of the Brinkman model is illustrated in Figure 6. It describes the incompressible flow in porous media where momentum transport by shear stress in the fluid is crucial. The model considers the viscous transport, momentum balance and introduces velocity in the spatial direction as the dependent variable. Based on Table 10, Krishna & Reddy [49] studied the MHD free convection in a boundary layer fluid flow through a porous medium over a moving infinite vertical plate by considering radiation and mass transfer. They used the CBC and solved the problem numerically using Runge Kutta 4th order. Another study in a porous medium by Siyal et al., [73] discussed how the heat flow changes due to temperature or time on the rheology of magnetohydrodynamic Brinkman fluid over the oscillation heated plate subjected to CWT. They analysed the analytical solution using the Laplace Transform Technique. The Brinkman model is applicable for high porous surface and important in numerous engineering application. However, limited researchers have been working on this Brinkman fluid type.
3.6 Nanofluid Models
3.6.1 Tiwari and Das

Tiwari and Das’s model is one of the mathematical models for nanofluid. It takes into consideration the impact of the volume fraction of nanoparticles. The model ignores the velocity slip effect of nanoparticles, which is important in describing the existence of nanoparticles in the base fluid. Several studies in the flow analysis for nanoparticles are based on this model, as portrayed in Figure 7 and listed in Table 11. Thumma et al., [39] considered water-based nanofluids containing metallic nano-particles to investigate the transient dissipative magnetohydrodynamic double diffusive free convective boundary layer flow passing the rotating vertical plate. They used the CWT and solved using the finite element method in numerical computation. Another study by Thumma et al., [40] applied the same boundary condition and method focusing on MHD free convective boundary layer flow of nanofluids but in different geometry. It moves inclined porous plate by considering temperature and concentration gradients with suction effects. These two studies are relevant to high temperature rotating chemical engineering systems. Based on Table 11, most of them are using CWT with various surface geometry and effect. However, Sravanthi [41], used the CHF to study axisymmetric mixed convective boundary layer flow of a nanofluid past a stretching vertical circular cylinder in the presence of non-linear radiative heat flux. The different surface geometry and boundary condition will be among the factors that affect the heat transfer parameter.
Table 11
Summary of authors based on boundary condition, geometry and method

| Authors              | Boundary Condition | Geometry                               | Method                                |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dinarvand et al., [68]| CWT                | Vertical Cylinder                      | Homotopy Analysis Method              |
| Devi & Suriyakumar [51]| CWT               | Inclined Stretching Sheet              | BVP4C (Collocation Method)            |
| Rajesh et al., [44]  | CWT                | Vertical Cylinder                      | FDM Crank Nicolson                    |
| Thumma et al., [39]  | CWT                | Rotating Vertical porous plate         | Finite Element Method                 |
| Thumma et al., [40]  | CWT                | Moving Inclined porous Plate           | Finite Element Method                 |
| Kumar & Kumar [42]   | CWT                | Stretching Sheet                       | Runge Kutta 4th order                 |
| Kumar & Kumar [58]   | CWT                | Vertical Plate                         | Laplace Transform                     |
| Sravanthi [41]       | CHF                | Stretching Vertical Cylinder           | Homotopy Analysis Method              |

3.6.2 Buongiorno

Buongiorno model is another mathematical model for nanofluid. The network diagram of the Buongiorno model is illustrated in Figure 8. Several papers working on this model are shown in Table 12, which consider the velocity slip that combines Brownian motion and thermophoresis diffusion parameters. The effect of Brownian motion and thermophoresis parameter were examined by Narahari et al., [45] and Narahari et al., [46] with CWT and CHF, respectively. They investigated the two-dimensional transient natural convective boundary-layer flow past a vertical plate using the Finite-Difference Crank Nicolson method. In another study, Uddin et al., [57] and Sohail et al., [3] discussed the numerical solution of nanofluid over a vertical plate using the FDM Quasi Linear method and Collocation method, respectively, subjected to the CBC. Nayak et al., [62] also explored the steady mixed convective boundary layer flow of nanofluid over a stretching sheet with CBC. This model affects the temperature and concentration profile but not the velocity profile. The literature
review clearly shows the CWT and CBC considered by many researchers. Nevertheless, the CHF has been given less consideration even this boundary condition is crucial in many industrial and engineering applications.

Table 12
Summary of authors based on boundary condition, geometry and method

| Authors          | Boundary Condition | Geometry          | Method                      |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dinarvand et al., [69] | CWT                | Vertical Surface  | Keller Box                  |
| Khan et al., [64]   | CBC                | Vertical Cone     | Implicit FDM                |
| Narahari et al., [45] | CWT                | Vertical Plate    | FDM Crank Nicolson          |
| Uddin et al., [57]  | CBC                | Vertical Plate    | FDM Quasi Linear            |
| Akbar et al., [53]  | CWT                | Stretching Sheet  | Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th    |
| Sohail et al., [3]  | CBC                | Vertical Plate    | Collocation Method          |
| Basir et al., [70]  | CWT                | Flat Surface      | Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th 5th |
| Narahari et al., [46] | CHF                | Vertical Plate    | FDM Crank Nicolson          |
| Reddy & Shankar [56] | CWT                | Stretching Sheet  | Keller Box                  |
| Gangadharam et al., [71] | CWT             | Stretching Sheet  | Spectral relaxation Method  |
| Makinde et al., [48] | CWT                | Stretching Sheet  | Homotopy Analysis method    |
| Ahmed et al., [55]  | CWT                | Vertical Cylinder | BVP4C                       |
| Archana et al., [52] | CWT                | Horizontal Plate  | Runge Kutta Fehlberg 4th 5th |
| Nayak et al., [62]  | CBC                | Stretching Sheet  | Spectral QuasiLinear        |
3.7 Hybrid Nanofluid Models

Recent years have seen a rise in several researches utilising hybrid nanofluid models. When two nanomaterials are suspended into regular fluid, it is known as hybrid nanofluid. Chu et al., [74] studied the hybrid of Molybdenemdisulfide and graphene oxide over an upright cylinder for mixed convection together with thermal radiation effect. The water hybrid nanofluid flow for unsteady natural convection under the radiation and chemical reaction was discussed by [75]. It is found that the heat transfer rate grows by increasing radiation parameter and oscillation frequency. Note that constant wall temperature has been chosen as a preferred boundary condition using the “built-in” bvp4c method to solve the problem. The convective boundary layer problem of hybrid nanofluid has been well described by the researchers, as shown in Table 13.

Table 13
Summary of authors based on boundary condition, geometry and method

| Authors          | Boundary Condition | Geometry                        | Method                  |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chu et al. [74]  | CWT                | Stretching cylinder              | bvp4c                   |
| Suganya et al., [75] | CWT                | Oscillating surface              | Laplace Transform       |
| Khan et al., [76] | CWT                | Shrinking/Stretching Sheet       | bvp4c                   |
| Waini et al., [77] | CWT                | Moving Thin Needle              | bvp4c                   |
| Waini et al., [78] | CWT                | Shrinking/Stretching Sheet       | bvp4c                   |
| Manjunata et al., [79] | CWT              | Stretching Sheet                | Runge Kutta Fehlberg    |
| Junoh et al., [80] | CWT                | Shrinking/Stretching Sheet       | bvp4c                   |
| Rostaimi et al., [25] | CWT            | Vertical Plate                  | bvp4c                   |
| Yousefi et al., [81] | CWT              | Wavy Cylinder                   | bvp4c                   |
| Mehrryan et al., [82] | CWT              | The cavity in porous Media       | Finite Element Method   |

4. Conclusion and Recommendation for Future Studies

This article reviews the patterns and trends of the mathematical model used in convective boundary layer problems to give researchers some idea in choosing the fluid model that fits the future study. The findings from the code-to-document analysis in ATLAS.ti 8 indicate that the patterns and trends on the mathematical model highlight the boundary condition, different geometry and methods used in the previous study. This paper examines the trends of fluid models by further defining the thematic codes within the fluid models from 2015 to 2020 to assess the models’ trends to date.

Based on the findings of this report, there is a void in the study of Brinkman fluid over bluff body with the highlighted boundary condition. It is interesting to be researched due to its imperative applications in porous medium to enhance understanding of fluid flow phenomena. Furthermore, the research output will improve the development of related industries such as engineering equipment and the manufacturing industry. Therefore, it is also a good move to explore the new fluid flow model. In terms of contribution, this review paper provides potential new research of fluid flow model for researchers to explore the gaps that this paper addresses for future studies.

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