FLUID FLOW AND HEAT TRANSFER OVER A STRETCHING SHEET WITH TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT PRANDTL NUMBER AND VISCOSITY

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ABSTRACT

A numerical study of fluid flow over stretching sheet with temperature dependent properties has been performed induced by mixed convection. The significant variation of the Prandtl number and viscosity in the temperature is observed [see table 1]. Viscosity and Prandtl number are vary in inverse of the linear function. The physical problem modeled in the mathematical equations in dimension form, which is converted to the non-dimensional equations by applying similarity transformations and suitable boundary conditions. The mathematical modelling problem is transformed PDE’s are numerically solved using Quasilinearization technique and FDM. The current numerical data has been presented in terms of velocity and heat transfer profiles and including the appropriate physical reason. The graphically represented the temperature and velocity distribution has been analyzed in detail. It has been found that the temperature and velocity profiles increases with decrease of $m$. The various parameter values of buoyancy force, Ratio between free stream velocity and the reference velocity and stream function are increases with higher value $m = 1$ acting in near to the plate on the velocity profile but temperature profile acting on away from the plate. The skin friction and heat transfer fluid flow enhance the buoyancy force. In particular 82 percentage and 2 percentage increment in skin friction and heat transfer is observed that buoyancy force increases from 2 to 3 at other parameters are fixed. The stretching sheet fluid flow behaviors enrich the solution and understand the boundary layers.

Keywords: Power law Stretching Sheet, Mixed Convection, Water Boundary Layer, Variable Physical Parameters, Quasilinearization Technique.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this study, the heat transfer through fluid flow moving over a stretching surface with various physical parameter due to its significant application in engineering and industry fields, such as wire drawing, continuous casting of fibers and paper production, fabricate of plastic/rubber sheets, aerodynamic extrusion of plastic sheets, cooling of metallic plate, glass blowing. Recently, the fluid flow over stretching sheet has been got special attention because of many practical applications in industry as different characteristics of final product depending the cooling in the processes and stretching surface. In order to understand the phenomenon of stretching surface, Crane (1970) first time presented the mixed convection flow over stretching surface.

Later, various authors have been investigated many problems using Boundary layer theory. Patil et al., (2010) discussed the momentum and thermal profiles using power law in form of the skin friction, composite velocity and buoyancy force. Makinde et al., (2013) analyzed the mixed convection nanofluid flow moving over stretching sheet. It is found that nusselt number decreases with increase of buoyancy force. Afzal (2003) examined laminar fluid flow over stretching surface using power law with measure the ratio of free stream velocity and stretching sheet velocity. Nadeem et al., (2014) studied the linear stretching MHD flow in two lateral direction.

Sravanthi (2019) analyzed the heat transfer flow due to the rotating disk with variable thickness and using the homotopy method. They found that the nonlinear radiation small effect of the temperature. Sravanthi (2009) discussed the MHD fluid flow due to porous rotating disk with variable thickness is high impact of the fluid velocity, temperature, and concentration. Sravanthi (2019) examined the nonlinear thermal radiation of the nanofluid flow over cone with heat source and sink. The nonlinear thermal radiation increases as compare to the linear thermal radiation. The porous media of MHD flow of ciliary propulsion of microscopic organism. They found that the Hartmann number, Hall and ion slip parameters on the velocity field has been presented by Krishnnaa et al., (2020). Sravanthi (2018) studied the nanofluid flow moving over a stretching vertical cylinder. The heat transfer decreases with increase of both space and heat source/sink parameter. Sravanthi and Gorla (2018) analyzed the MHD maxwell nanofluid moving over exponential stretching sheet with chemical reaction of the various set of parameters. Sravanthi and Gorla (2018) discussed the chemical reaction of the rivlin ericksen flow moving over porous plate. The temperature and velocity are controlled by thermal absorption. Sheikholeslami et al., (2020) examined the acceleration discharge process of clean energy with nanofluid enhance the paraffin. Heat transfer to air reduces with increase of lower temperature of outer air. Rezaeianjouybari et al., (2020) presented the bayesian flow condensation enhancement using nanorefrigerant. The nanoparticle concentration increases with decrease of heat flux. Sheikholeslami

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(2019) examined the porous media of the nanofluid flow of impact of lorentz force. The energy drop detracts with reduce of magnetic force. Sheikholeslamii et al., (2019) studied the nano refrigerant for boiling heat transfer flow increased the nanoparticle concentration term.

A detail study of the three dimensional nanofluid flow over an exponentially stretching sheet has been done by Nadeem et al., (2014). Chen (2000) presented the heat transfer fluid flow upon moving stretching sheet and they found that the nusselt number, skin friction coefficient and buoyancy force for VFT and VHF. Ismail et al., (2016) analyzed the two dimensional fluid flow upon flat plate moving in similar direction to the free stream with constant heat flux. Mureithi et al., (2013) examined the boundary layer fluid flow over moving heated surface with temperature dependent viscosity and streaming flow velocity. The viscosity variation parameter plays a vital role on the velocity and temperature distribution.

Kandasamy et al., (2018) studied the mixed convection nanofluid flow over a porous plate and included the thermal and solutal stratification. The temperature and concentration decreases with increase thermal and solutal stratification. Alreshidi et al., (2020) presented the MHD flow due to the rotating disc for heat and mass transformation and viscous dissipation. Shah et al., (2020) examined nanofluid flow moving over a stationary channel with thermal radiation. Revathi et al., (2014) studied the fluid flow over yawed cylinder and effect of yaw angle. The yaw angle increased with skin friction and heat transfer decreased. Elbashbeshy (2001) numerically analyzed the quiescent fluid moving over exponentially stretching sheet. The variation of heat transfer rate is proportional to Prandtl number whereas inversely proportional of suction parameter. Hayat et al., (2014) investigated three dimensional fluid flow over exponential stretching sheet. They presented the effects of various parameters on temperature and volume friction with impact of three different types of chemical reactions. Mabood and Shateyi (2019) analyzed the unsteady fluid flow with thermal and MHD effects. Govindaraj et al., (2019) discussed the heat transfer and skin friction coefficient fluid flow over an exponentially stretching sheet. Umavathi et al., (2016) examined convection flow moving over a vertical channel with viscous dissipation. It is found that the viscosity and thermal conductivity have shown significant effects on buoyancy ratio and temperature ratio and hence on the velocity and temperature field.

Dulal (2017) studied the MHD fluid flow moving over exponentially stretching sheet. The local Nusselt number increases as increase in Prandtl number and strength of the magnetic field. Raju et al., (2016) discussed the MHD and chemical reaction’s parameters reduce the skin friction. Casson fluid is high impact in heat transfer compare to the Newtonian fluid. Uddin et al., (2015) analyzed double diffusive convective friction. Casson fluid is high impact in heat transfer compare to the Newtonian fluid. Uddin et al., (2015) analyzed double diffusive convective friction. Casson fluid is high impact in heat transfer compare to the Newtonian fluid.

The current investigation has been done on mixed convection fluid flow over a stretching surface with variable viscosity and variable Prandtl number. The stretching sheet plays an important role in heat transfer which occur many engineering processes such as rubber sheet, polymer process and plastic. The base fluid has been consider as water which is working in many engineering applications. The numerical solutions of the nonlinear PDE’s have been obtained using QLT with FDM. The current results are validated to the previous existing results by Chen, (1998); Tsou et al., (1967); Soundalgekar and Murty, (1980) and its found good agreement.

2. MATHEMATICAL MODELLING

We consider the fluid flow over moving stretching sheet with temperature dependent physical parameters of fluid. The cartesian coordinate (x-y plane) have been selected with vertically upward in the x-axis and its normal as y-axis (see Figure 1). The exponent parameters (m) play an essential role in velocity and thermal fluid flow distribution over moving stretching sheet. Figure 1 shows that the physical model flow with the coordinate system. The buoyancy force rise on the temperature difference in the fluid flow. Assume that the fluid flow varies on moderate velocities, the temperature difference between free streams and wall is less then (< 50°C). In the range of temperature (0 - 50°C), the variation of both specific heat (Cp) and density (ρ) of water temperature is less than 1% and hence it is considered the constant values. Since viscosity (μ), prandtl number(Pr) and thermal conductivity (k) with temperature are quite significant, thus temperature dependent viscosity and Prandtl number are vary in inverse of linear function of temperature(T). (Roy and Saikrishna, (2003); Schlichting, (2000); Pop et al., (1992)).

![Fig. 1 Physical model and coordinate system](image)

Table 1: Values of thermophysical properties of water at different temperature by Lide (1990).

| Temperature (T)[°C] | Density (g/cm³) | Specific Heat (J/10⁶/kg K) | Thermal Conductivity (W/m K) | Viscosity(10⁻³) | Prandtl No| Prandtl No Pv |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| 0                   | 1.00228         | 4.2176                      | 0.5610                      | 1.7930          | 13.48    | 9.45           |
| 10                  | 0.99797         | 4.1921                      | 0.5800                      | 1.7970          | 11.52    | 7.13           |
| 20                  | 0.99281         | 4.1818                      | 0.5984                      | 1.0060          | 7.03     | 4.32           |
| 30                  | 0.99565         | 4.1784                      | 0.6154                      | 0.9797          | 5.12     |                |
| 40                  | 0.99222         | 4.1785                      | 0.6305                      | 0.6532          | 4.32     |                |
| 50                  | 0.98803         | 4.1806                      | 0.6435                      | 0.5470          | 3.55     |                |

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\mu = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{k_1 + b_2 T}} \quad N = \frac{\mu}{\mu_\infty} = \frac{b_1 + b_2 T}{k_1 + b_2 T} = \frac{1}{1 + a_1 T}
\]
\[ a_1 = \frac{b_2(T_\infty - T_w)}{b_1 + b_2 T_\infty}, \quad Pr = \frac{1}{c_1 + c_2} + \frac{1}{a_2 + a_3} \]
\[ a_3 = c_2(T_\infty - T_w), a_2 = c_1 + c_6, \Delta T_w = (T_\infty - T_w) \]

Here, \( c_1 = 0.068, \quad c_2 = 0.004, b_1 = 53.41, \quad b_2 = 2.43. \)

The above assumptions, the governing equations as follows as Singh and Roy (2008), Schlichting (2000), Roy and Saikrishna (2003), Pop et al. (1992):

\[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \]  

\[ u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U_e \left( \frac{du_e}{dx} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + g[\beta(T - T_\infty)] \]  

\[ u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\mu}{Pr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) \]

along with the relevant boundary conditions

At the plate, \( y = 0: \quad u(x, 0) = U_W(x), \quad v = 0, \quad T = T_W \)

Away from the plate, \( y \to \infty: \quad u \to U_e(x), \quad T \to T_\infty \)

Applying the similarity transformations

\[ \psi(x, y) = \left( \frac{U}{x} \right)^{m+1} f(\xi, \eta); \quad \xi = \frac{x}{L}, \eta = \left( \frac{U}{x} \right)^{1/2} y; \]

\[ v = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}; \quad u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}; \quad Gr = \frac{\beta g \left( T_\infty - T_W \right)}{L^3}; \quad \lambda = \frac{Gr}{Re_L}; \]

\[ v = -\left( \frac{(U\nu)^{1/2} n + 1}{2} \right) \{ (m - 1)\eta F + (m + 1) f + 2\xi f_\xi \}; \]

\[ \lambda = \frac{Gr}{Re_L}; \quad T = T_\infty = (T_w - T_\infty)\theta(\xi, \eta); \quad u = U x^m f; \]

\[ Re_L = \frac{U x^m L}{\nu}; \quad U_W(x) = U_{ow} x^m; \quad U_e(x) = U_{\infty} x^m. \]

The dimensionless set of coupled nonlinear PDEs (6) and (7) with boundary condition (8) is obtained by applying the Quasi-linearization technique along with FDM. The PDEs are obtained by applying the Quasi-linearization technique along with FDM. Quasilinearization technique has quadratic convergence and monotonicity.

3. NUMERICAL COMPUTATION

The dimensionless equations (6) and (7) with boundary condition (8) are solved using FDM. The skin friction \( C_{fx} \) is defined by

\[ C_{fx} = \mu \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}{U^2} = 2F_\eta(\xi, 0) \left( Re_L \xi \right)^{-1/2} \]

\[ i.e., \quad C_{fx} \left( Re_L \xi \right)^{1/2} = 2F_\eta(\xi, 0) \]

The Nusselt number \( N_u(\eta) \) is defined by

\[ N_u(\eta) = -\frac{x}{x^2} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) \bigg|_{y=0} = \theta(\xi, 0) \left( Re_L \xi \right)^{1/2} \]

\[ i.e., \quad N_u(\xi, 0) \left( Re_L \xi \right)^{-1/2} = -\theta(\xi, 0) \]

The unknown function of the index term \( p + 1 \) is determined by using the known function of index term \( p \). The boundary constraints for Eqs. (11)-(12) are followed as

\[ \theta_{p+1} = 1, \quad F_{p+1} = -\varepsilon + 1, \quad \text{at} \quad \eta = 0 \]

\[ \theta_0 = 0, \quad F_0 = \varepsilon, \quad \text{at} \quad \eta = \eta_{\infty} \]

The variable coefficients, correspond to Eqs. (11)-(12) are listed here:

\[ X_1^n = N \]

\[ X_2^n = -a_1 N^2 \theta_\eta + (m + 1) \frac{\xi f_\xi}{2} \]

\[ X_3^n = -\xi F_\xi - 2m F \]

\[ Y_1^n = -a_1 N^2 F_\eta \]

\[ Y_2^n = -a_1 N^2 F_\eta + 2a_3 N^3 F_\theta_\eta + \xi \]

\[ Y_3^n = -2a_1 N^2 F_\eta \theta_\eta + 2a_3 N^3 F_\theta_\eta \theta_\eta - \xi F_\xi - m(F^2 + \varepsilon^2) \]

\[ Y_4^n = N \]

\[ Y_5^n = -2a_1 N^2 \theta_\eta \theta_\eta + 2a_3 N^3 \theta_\eta \theta_\eta + \xi \]

\[ Y_6^n = a_2 N \theta_\eta \theta_\eta - a_1 N^2 \theta_\eta \theta_\eta \theta_\eta - 2a_1 a_3 N^2 \theta_\eta \theta_\eta + 2a_3^2 N^3 \theta_\eta \theta_\eta + \xi \]

\[ Y_7^n = -\xi F_\xi \]

The current problem consists of nonlinear PDEs which is solved by applying the Quasilinearization technique along with FDM. Quasilinearization technique is widely used to solve different types of nonlinear ordinary partial differential equations. In this method, an iterative sequence of linear equations is carefully constructed to approximate the nonlinear equations. Thus in, each iteration step is reduce to a system of linear equations, which is solved by Varga’s algorithm (2000). The system of linear PDE eqs. (11)-(12) are expressed by \( \eta \) and \( \xi \) directions. The step size \( \Delta \eta \) and \( \Delta \xi \) has been chosen as 0.01 and 0.02, respectively. The efficiency and accuracy of the method have been illustrated through it is applications to many boundary value problems. The step size is presented in four decimal places. The convergence criterion based on the difference between the current and previous iteration values is employed. The Quasilinearization technique has quadratic convergence and monotonicity.
4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In our present study the numerical values of the dimensional parameters have been graphically presented in terms of $F$, $\theta$, $C_{f}$, and $Nu_{x}$ for different values of $\epsilon$ ($0.1 \leq \epsilon \leq 0.5$), $\lambda$ ($-1 \leq \lambda \leq 2$), and $\xi$ ($0 \leq \xi \leq 1$). Comparisons of the present numerical value of the heat transfer coefficient are found to be in good agreement with previous available results (see Table 2).

Table 2: Validation of current work with previous works for $-\theta_{y}(0)$ at $\xi = 0$, $\lambda = 0$, $\epsilon = 0$.

| $Pr$ | $F_{\lambda}$ | $\xi = 1$ | $\eta = 0$ | $\eta = 1$ | $\eta = 2$ | $\eta = 3$ | $\eta = 4$ | $\eta = 5$ | $\eta = 6$ |
|------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Chen (1998) | 0.6832 | 1.3869 | 1.6800 | 5.5445 |
| Tsou et al. (1980) | - | - | 1.6804 | 5.545 |
| Soundal. and Murty (1967) | 0.6831 | - | 1.6808 | - |
| Present work | 0.6830 | 1.3880 | 1.6803 | 5.5452 |

Figure 2 Effects of $\lambda$ and $m$ on velocity profile for $\epsilon = 0.2$ and $\xi = 1.0$

Figure 3 Effects of $\lambda$ and $m$ on temperature profile for $\epsilon = 0.2$ and $\xi = 1.0$

Figure 4 Effects of $\xi$ and $m$ on velocity profile for $\epsilon = 0.3$ and $\lambda = 2$

The impact of exponent parameter ($m$) and streamwise coordinate ($\xi$) on the velocity profile ($F$) are displayed in Fig 4. The overshoot in velocity profile is noted for $\xi = 0.5$ and $\xi = 1$ at $m = 0$ whereas the overshoot is absent for linear stretching sheet $m = 1$, irrespective of $\xi$. For example, as $m$ increases from 0 to 1, $\xi = 1$ the velocity profile decreases approximately by 35% at $\eta = 1$, $\epsilon = 0.2$ and $\lambda = -1$. The physical reason is that streamwise coordinate $\xi$ acts as a favorable pressure gradient within boundary layer and hence fluid moves faster. Also, for $m=0$, the magnitude of velocity profile increases by 15% as $\xi$ increases from 0 to 0.5, $m = 2$, $\eta = 0.5$ at $\epsilon = 0.3$. Figure 5 explains the effect of streamwise coordinate and exponent parameter on the temperature profile. Similar to Figure 3, the temperature gradient reduces at the surface because higher value of $\xi$ and $m$ has high thermal conductivity, causing the fluid to attain higher temperature thereby reducing the heat flux at the surface. For example, for $\lambda = 2$, $\xi = 1$ and $\epsilon = 0.3$ the temperature ($\theta$) decreases 63% by increment in $m$ from 0 to 1 at $\eta = 1$. Figure 6 variation of velocity profile for various value of $\epsilon$ and $m$. It is noted that the $F$ decreases with increase of $m$ but overshoot are increased with increase of $\epsilon$. The reason is high assisting buoyancy force acting on favourable pressure gradient due to the thermal radiation which is enhance the fluid flow uniform motion ($m = 0$) cause the velocity overshoot is moving over a near the...
temperature profile \( \theta \) for different values of \( \epsilon \) and \( m \) are presented in Figure 7. Similar to Figures 3 and 5, temperature profile shows decreasing trend with \( \eta \) and hence similar explanation follows. However, as \( \epsilon \) increases, the magnitude of \( \theta \) increases. The thermal thickness is much smaller for linear stretching sheet \( m = 1 \) compare to the lower range of uniform motion \( m = 0 \). In particular, for \( m = 1, \lambda = 2 \) and \( \xi = 1 \) and temperature increases by 24\% as \( \epsilon \) increases from \( \epsilon = 0.1 \) to \( \epsilon = 0.5 \) at \( \eta = 0.5 \). Figure 8 shows that influences of \( \lambda \) and \( m \) on the skin friction

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C_f(ReL)^{1/2}
\]

Fig. 5 Effects of \( \xi \) and \( m \) on temperature profile for \( \epsilon = 0.3 \) and \( \lambda = 2 \)

surface. But the velocity overshoot is absent for uniform stretching sheet \((m = 1)\). For example, when \( m = 0, \epsilon = 0.5 \) and \( \lambda = 2 \), maximum velocity overshoot is observed as 40\% at \( \eta = 0.6 \) for \( \xi = 1.0 \). Also, for \( \epsilon = 0.5, \xi = 1.0 \) and \( \lambda = 2 \), the magnitude of velocity profile increases close to 19\% by varying \( m \) from 1 to 0 at \( \eta = 1 \). The effects of the

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\xi \quad m=0 \quad m=1 \quad m=2
\]

Fig. 6 Effects of \( \epsilon \) and \( m \) on velocity profile for \( \xi = 1.0 \) and \( \lambda = 2 \)

(\( C_{f_2} (ReL)^{1/2} \)). The skin friction coefficient increases with \( \lambda \) leads to a decrease with an increase of \( m \). The power-law stretching sheet reduces the velocity gradient on the surface. The velocity gradient of the surface \( C_{f_2} (ReL)^{1/2} < 0 \) implies that the fluid is being dragged by the plate and \( C_{f_2} (ReL)^{1/2} > 0 \) implies that the plate is being dragged by the fluid. In particular, the skin friction coefficient \( C_{f_2} (ReL)^{1/2} \) increases about 59\% as \( \lambda \) increases from 2 to 3 at \( \xi = 1.5, m = 0 \) and \( \epsilon = 0.2 \). Figure 9 presented the variations of heat transfer coefficients \( Nu_x (ReL)^{-1/2} \), when \( \lambda \) and \( m \). Heat transfer coefficient \( Nu_x (ReL)^{-1/2} \) increases with increase of \( \lambda \) and \( m \). For example, the heat transfer increases close to 4\% by impact of increment in \( \lambda \) by 2 to 3 at \( \xi = 0.5, \epsilon = 0.5 \) and \( m = 0 \).

Fig. 7 Effects of \( \epsilon \) and \( m \) on temperature profile for \( \lambda = 2 \) and \( \xi = 1.0 \)

Fig. 8 Effects of \( \lambda \) and \( m \) on skin friction coefficient for \( \epsilon = 0.2 \)

Fig. 9 Effects of \( \lambda \) and \( m \) on heat transfer rate for \( \epsilon = 0.5 \)
5. CONCLUSIONS

The current problem is carried out the numerical investigation of fluid flow above stretching sheet with variable viscous fluid and Prandtl number. The numerical results are graphically represented for various parameter values of boundary layer flow. The main findings are summarized below:

- The effects of streamwise coordinate ($\xi$) and m. For example, as $\xi$ increases from $\xi = 0$ to 1, $\eta = 1$ and $\lambda = 2$ the magnitude of velocity increases approximately by 13% at $\lambda = 0.3$.

- The buoyancy force ($\lambda$) induced the overshoot in the velocity profile. For example, when $\lambda = 0.3$, $\lambda = 2$ and $m = 0$, the velocity profile overshoot increases by 13% as $\eta$ increases from $\eta = 0$ to 0.4 at $\xi = 1$.

- Increasing trend in the skin friction coefficient ($C_{fx}$) ($ReL\xi^{1/2}$) is observed for increase of the buoyancy parameter and its increases approximately by 48% as $\lambda$ increases from $\lambda = 2$ to 3 at $m = 2$, $\xi = 0.5$, $\eta = 0.2$ respectively.

- The magnitude of heat transfer ($Nu_{x}(ReL\xi^{1/2})$) increases with $\lambda$ as it increases approximately by 3% as $\lambda$ increases from 2 to 3 at $\lambda = 0.2$, $\xi = 1.5$ and $m = 2$.

- The effects of the velocity ratio ($\epsilon$) and m. For example, as increases from $\epsilon = 0.1$ to $\lambda = 2$, $m=1$ the velocity profile increases approximately by 31% at $\eta = 1.0$, $\epsilon = 0.5$, and $\xi = 1$.

NOMENCLATURE

- $C_w$: Concentration at the wall (kg m$^{-3}$)
- $C_f$: Skin friction coefficient
- $C_v$: Ambient species concentration (kg m$^{-3}$)
- $C$: Species Concentration (kg m$^{-3}$)
- $f$: Dimensionless Streamfunction
- $F$: Dimensionless velocity
- $g$: Acceleration due to gravity (ms$^{-2}$)
- $Gr$: Grashof numbers
- $m$: exponent of velocity and temperature
- $N$: Viscosity ratio
- $Nu_x$: Nusselt number
- $Pr$: Prandtl number
- $ReL$: Reynolds number
- $T_o$: Ambient temperature (kg m$^{-3}$)
- $T_w$: Uniform temperature over the surface of the sheet (K)
- $U$: Reference velocity
- $U$: Velocity component in the x direction (ms$^{-1}$)
- $U_e$: Free stream velocity
- $U_w$: Moving plate velocity
- $\nu$: Velocity component in the y direction (ms$^{-1}$)

Greek symbols

- $\rho$: Density (kgm$^{-3}$)
- $\psi$: Streamfunction
- $\nu$: Kinematic viscosity (m$^2$s$^{-1}$)
- $\lambda$: Mixed convection parameter
- $\mu$: Viscosity (kgm$^{-1}$s$^{-1}$)
- $\alpha$: Ratio between free stream velocity and the reference velocity

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