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# Keller-box analysis of inclination flow of magnetized Williamson nanofluid

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## Abstract

The main purpose of the current investigation is to report the numerical solution of the thermal radiations and MHD effect on the laminar flow of an incompressible Williamson nanofluid. Further, the effect of Brownian motion and thermophoresis on the flow field are considered. Compatible similarities are implemented on the flow equations to obtain the nonlinear ordinary differential equations. The numerical solution of the governing differential equations is obtained via the Keller box scheme. Findings exhibit that the energy and mass transport moderates with the growth of inclination factor along with Brownian motion effect. The temperature profile increases with the radiations factor attains a peak, which is useful for the industrial procedures. The velocity profile increases for the higher magnitudes of buoyancy factor.

Keywords Williamson nanofluid · Thermal radiations · Inclination · MHD · Inclined surface

# 1 Introduction

At this time, the analysis of heat exchange via nanofluids become a hot area of research for the latest investigators. It is because of the base liquids such as lubricants, ethylene glycol, oil, water, and kerosene, etc. have become less promising in a couple of instances of uses. Hence, a novel type of liquids is required to acquire the thermal efficiencies for energy exchanger in the forthcoming ventures. Choi [1] originated a new thoughtful plan to determine the problem by including the dilute suspensions of nanomaterials into the base liquids, which termed as nanofluids. Nanofluids are a mixture of metals, carbides, nonmetals, oxides, carbides, and have measurements of 1-100 nm. Due to the modest size of nanomaterials, nanoliquids have solid suspension strength and capacity to transport deprived of clogging the flow structure. Since the nanomaterials have better thermal efficiency than the base liquid, nanofluids viewed as better coolants especially in atomic reactors, domestic freezers, malignant growth treatment, electronic gadgets, oils, and furthermore thinfilm sun oriented vitality collectors. The nanoparticles play a dynamic role in nanotechnology as well in the medical field for instance in hyperthermia cancer cure and in medical procedures. Further, in hybrid power devices and microelectronics [2]. Due to the abovementioned applications, numerous investigators began to utilize nanofluid as an elective method to upgrade the energy exchange adequacy. For example, Buongiorno [3] proposed the nonhomogeneous equilibrium model, which contained the following slip components; inertia, diffusiophoresis, thermophoresis, Brownian motion effect, gravity Magnus influence, and liquid drainage. Thermophoretic and Brownian motion effects are more prominent in the enhancement of thermal conductivity of the base liquids in this model. Tiwari and Das [4] offered a homogeneous model by incorporating the nanoparticle fractions effects. There are different models in the literature for instance Buongiorno

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model, Tewari and Das model etc. but in current article we consider the Buongiorno model the reason behind its Brownnian motion thermophoretic impacts trigger the energy transport phenomeon. Some related literature on the homogeneous and non-homogeneous models available in the references [5–15].

Several specialists revealed the MHD importance in several energy based flows generated by stretching sheet. It has received much consideration due to its significant applications in the engineering and practical field such as MHD power producers, hyperthermia cancer cure, brain tumor treatment etc. The physical effects of magnetized material offer influential circustances in heat transport fluid flow problems. The Lenz's law reports that electric current produced by movement of conductor under magnetic field strength that comprises the magnetic field. The movement of fluid changes when conducting liquid moves under the magnetic field, and the magnetized nanoparticles interact through Lorentz forces. For brief information on magnetized material properties, one can see the investigator reports on MHD flows in the references [11, 16-21].

Heat exchange because of thermal radiations considered as an active part of investigation reason is its wide variety of uses in atomic plants, nanotechnology, missiles, and in satellites. Moreover, it is noteworthy thermal radiation not appropriate in manufacturing of the thermal devices with a significant variation in heat. Pal and Roy [22] studied the thermal radiation effect on the flow of nanofluid on a sheet. Latest, Ghadikolaei et al. [23] probed For a detailed knowledge about the Williamson nanofluid flow with different impacts see [27–30].

Because of the literature mentioned above the novelty of the current study is to scrutinize the inclination effect on the Williamson nanofluid flow towards an inclined surface by incorporating the impact of the thermal radiations. The Brownian motion and thermophoretic force took into account. By the authors best knowledge, there is no study available on the problem under consideration. The boundary layer equations converted into the ordinary differential equation by employing the compatible transformations. The Keller box scheme is utilized for the numerical simulation of the study under concern [31].

# 2 Mathematical formulation

Here, we assumed the incompressible flow of Williamson type nanofluid over an inclined surface. The thermal radiations along with magnetic effect are carried out in this work. The inclination between the vertical and fluid flow direction is  $\Omega$ . Non-Newtonian Williamson parameter and buoyancy factors effects the flow filed. The wall temperature and nanoparticle concentration are signifies by  $T_w$ ,  $C_w$  respectively. Moreover, the free stream temperature and conecentration are considered as  $T_\infty$ ,  $C_\infty$  (see Fig. 1).

The flow field is labelled by the equations as [27, 30]:

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

$$v\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + u\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = v\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \sqrt{2}v\Gamma\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + g\cos\Omega\left[\beta_c(C - C_\infty) + \beta_t(T - T_\infty)\right] - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho}u,$$
(2)

the Casson nanofluid flow on the permeable slanted sheet numerically. Saidulu [24] argued the radiation influences on the stream of the nanofluid on slanted surface.

In modern centuries, scholars give more intention to the boundary layer flow of non-Newtonian fluids. Moreover, their rising requirement in industries and engineering increasing the interest of several researchers to try to know the features of these so-called rheological liquids in addition to their complex behavior so far fascinating at the same time. The pseudoplastic fluid is one of the attention-grabbing fluid among the non-Newtonian fluids. The pseudoplastic fluid flow has gained much importance because of its application in industrial and engineering procedures. The Williamson liquid model was presented to reveal the performance of this kind of liquids. The pseudoplastic flow constituents discussed by Williamson [25]. Vijayalaxmi and Shankar [26] investigated the flow of Williamson nanofluid through an exponential inclined sheet.

$$v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{(\rho c)_f} \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} + \tau \left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} D_B + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^2 \frac{D_T}{T_{\infty}} \right],$$
(3)



Fig. 1 Physical structure with coordinates

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

Here, the Rosseland estimation (for radiation flux) characterized as

$$q_r = -\frac{\partial T^4}{\partial y} \frac{4\sigma^*}{3k^*},\tag{5}$$

where  $\sigma^*$  denotes the Stefan-Boltzmann factor and  $k^*$  represents the mean absorption constant. Whereas

$$T^4 \cong -3T^4_{\infty} + 4T^3_{\infty}T.$$
 (6)

By the virtue of Eqs. (5) and (6), the expression (3) converted into:

$$v\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + u\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \left(\alpha + \frac{16\sigma^*T_{\infty}^3}{3k^*(\rho c)_f}\right)\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \tau \left[\frac{\partial C}{\partial y}\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}D_B + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)^2\frac{D_T}{T_{\infty}}\right].$$
(7)

The conditions at boundary are [31]:

 $\begin{aligned} v &= 0, u = u_w(x) = ax, C = C_w, T = T_w, \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0, \\ v &\to 0, u \to u_\infty(x) = 0, \quad C \to C_\infty, \quad T \to T_\infty, \quad \text{as} \quad y \to \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$ 

Here, the stream function  $\psi = \psi(y, x)$  and similarity transformations are demarcated as

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}.$$
 (9)

$$u = axf(\eta), v = -\sqrt{av}f(\eta), \eta = y\sqrt{\frac{a}{v}},$$
  

$$\theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_{w} - T_{\infty}}, \phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_{\infty}}{C_{w} - C_{\infty}}.$$
(10)

This transformation convert the above expressions into following forms:

$$f^{\prime\prime\prime} + f f^{\prime\prime} + \gamma_1 f^{\prime} f^{\prime\prime\prime} - f^{\prime 2} + \cos \Omega \left( G r_x \theta + G c_x \phi \right) - M f^{\prime} = 0,$$
(11)

$$\left(\Pr_{N}\right)\theta'' + Nb\phi'\theta' + f\theta' + Nt\theta'^{2} = 0,$$
(12)

$$\phi'' + Lef \phi' + \frac{Nt}{Nb} \theta'' = 0.$$
(13)

Here

In above expression,  $Gr_x$  is the local Grashof number and  $Gc_x$  is the modified local Grashof number. Here, it is worth menstioning that for similarity solution  $Gr_x$  and  $Gc_x$ should be free of x. This condition is achieved if the thermal expansion coefficient  $\beta_t$  and concentration expansion coefficient  $\beta_c$  are proportional to  $x^1$ . Hence, we assume that (see references [27–30]).

$$\beta_t = nx^1, \beta_c = n_1 x^1.$$
 (15)

where *n* and  $n_1$  are constants. Substituting Eq. (15) into the parameters  $Gr_x$  and  $Gc_x$ , we get

$$Gr = \frac{gn(T_w - T_{\infty})}{a^2}, \quad Gc = \frac{gn_1(C_w - C_{\infty})}{a^2}.$$
 (16)

The equivalent boundary settings are changed to

$$f(\eta) = 0, f'(\eta) = 1, \theta(\eta) = 1, \phi(\eta) = 1, \text{ at } \eta = 0,$$
  
$$f'(\eta) \to 0, \theta(\eta) \to 0, \phi(\eta) \to 0, \text{ at } \eta \to \infty.$$
 (17)

The prominent physical of our concern are

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho u_w^2}, Nu = \frac{xq_w}{k(T_w - T_\infty)}, Sh = \frac{xq_m}{D_{B(C_w - C_\infty)}}$$
(18)

where C<sub>f</sub> mean skin-friction, Nu mean Nusselt number and Sh is the Sherwood number.

Whereas, 
$$q_m = -D_B \frac{\partial C}{\partial y}$$
,  $q_w = -\left(k + \frac{4\sigma^* T_{\infty}^3}{3k^*}\right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$ ,  
 $\tau_w = \mu \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\Gamma}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2\right]$  at  $y = 0$ 

The related expressions of  $-\theta'(0)$ ,  $-\phi'(0)$  and  $C_{f_X}$  are defined as

$$-\theta'(0) = \frac{Nu_x}{\left(1 + \frac{4}{3}N\right)\sqrt{Re_x}}, -\varphi'(0) = \frac{Sh_x}{\sqrt{Re_x}},$$
$$C_{f_x}\sqrt{Re_x} = f''(0) + \frac{\gamma_1}{2}f''(0).$$
(19)

where  $\operatorname{Re}_x = u_w(x)x/v$ , known as the local Reynolds number.

## **3** Results and Discussion

This part presents the numerical consequences of thermal radiations effect N, Brownian movement factor Nb, Grashof number Gr, thermophoresis Nt, magnetic field factor M, modified Grashof number Gc, inclination factor  $\Omega$ , Prandtl

$$M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{a\rho}, Le = \frac{v}{D_B}, \Pr = \frac{v}{\alpha}, Nb = \frac{\tau D_B (C_w - C_\infty)}{v}, Nt = \frac{\tau D_T (T_w - T_\infty)}{v T_\infty}, Gr_x = \frac{g \beta_t (T_w - T_\infty) x^{-1}}{a^2}, Re_x = \frac{u_w(x)x}{v}, Gc_x = \frac{(C_w - C_\infty) x^{-1} g \beta_c}{a^2}, Nt_b = \frac{Nt}{Nb}, \gamma_1 = \Gamma x \sqrt{\frac{2a^3}{v}}, \Pr = \frac{1}{\Pr} \left(1 + \frac{4}{3}N\right).$$
(14)

SN Applied Sciences A SPRINGER NATURE journal number i.e. Pr, Williamson factor  $\gamma_1$ , and Lewis number *Le* through graphs and tables. Table 1 is prepared in the deficiency of *Gr*, *Gc*, *N*, *M*,  $\gamma_1$  and taking factor Pr = Le = 10 with  $\Omega = 90\circ$ . The numerical outcomes are established brilliant settlement with already published literature [32]. The effects on  $-\theta'(0)$ ,  $-\phi'(0)$  and  $C_{fx}(0)$  for distinct numeric values of constraints are addressed in Table 2. Here, we found that  $-\theta'(0)$  diminishes by increasing *Nb*, *Nt*, *Le*, *M*,  $\gamma_1$ , and  $\Omega$  whereas oppsite effect seen for Pr, *Gr*, *Gc*, and *N*. Moreover,  $-\phi'(0)$  rises by improving *Nb*, *Nt*, *Le*, *Gr*, *Gc*, and  $\gamma_1$  while its declines against the cumulative magnitudes of *N*, *M*, Pr, and  $\Omega$ . Moreover,  $C_{fx}(0)$  increases by increasing the magnitudes of *Nb*, *Le*, *M*,  $\gamma_1$ , and  $\Omega$ . In addition,  $C_{fx}(0)$  declines with the enlargement of *Nt*, Pr, *N*, *Gr*, and Gc.

## 3.1 Velocity profile

For velocity profile against different parameters presented see Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The behavior of the velocity profile corresponds to magnetic factor is reported in Fig. 2. It is observed that  $f'(\eta)$  diminishes as we strengthen the magnetic field because it produces resistive force (Lorentz force) which slow down the fluid motion in return the velocity field reduces. Moreover,  $f'(\eta)$  enhances on the growth of *Gr* shown in Fig. 3. Physically, on improving

**Table 1** Contrast of  $-\theta'(0)$  and  $-\phi'(0)$  against *M*, *N*, *Gr*, *Gc*,  $\gamma_1 = 0$  with *Le*, Pr = 10 and  $\Omega = 90^{\circ}$ 

Nb	Nt	Khan and pop [32]		Recent results	
		$-\theta'(0)$	$-\phi'(0)$	$-\theta'(0)$	$-\phi'(0)$
0.10	0.10	0.9524	2.1294	0.95244	2.12945
0.20	0.20	0.3654	2.5152	0.36547	2.51520
0.30	0.30	0.1355	2.6088	0.13552	2.60888
0.40	0.40	0.0495	2.6038	0.04951	2.60384
0.50	0.50	0.0179	2.5731	0.01790	2.57312

**Table 2** Values of  $-\theta'(0)$ ,  $-\phi'(0)$  and  $C_{fx}(0)$ 





**Fig. 2** Velocity  $f'(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *M* 

the buoyancy impacts the viscous force turns to reduce which increases the fluid motion. Fig 4 indicates the relationship between the solutal buoyancy forces and velocity profile. Physically, the parameter Gc show its impact on kinematic viscosity, length, and concentration difference of the fluid. On the other hand, there is an inverse relationship between the viscosity and velocity of the fluid. Therefore, the viscosity of the fluid declines once it has increased the magnitude of Gc (which as a result causes faster the motion) due to which the velocity profile enhances. Finally, a direct correspondence between factor Gc and the velocity profile is shown. The inclination effect on the velocity profile is presented in Fig. 5. It is observed that  $f'(\eta)$ diminishes on increasing the inclination. Physically, the strength of the buoyancy force reduces at  $\Omega = 90 \circ$  which leads the decline in velocity outline. Fig 6 establishes the outcome of Williamson constraint on the velocity outline which displays an converse relation with the velocity contour. The reason behind is reduction of the boundary layer thickness.



**Fig. 3** Velocity  $f'(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Gr* 



**Fig. 4** Velocity  $f'(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Gc* 



**Fig. 5** Velocity  $f'(\eta)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$ 



**Fig. 6** Velocity  $f'(\eta)$  verses distinct values of  $\gamma_1$ 



**Fig. 7** Temperature  $\theta(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Nb* 

#### 3.2 Temperature Profile

Figures 7, 8, 9 and 10 exhibit the temperature profile against incorporated factors. Fig 7 presents Nb effect on  $\theta(\eta)$ . The temperature profile shows direct relation with Nb because Brownian motion warm up the boundary layer which yield the temperature improves. Thermophoretic effect on the temperature profile reveals in Fig. 8. The effect of thermophoresis displays direct correspondence with the temperature profile because the deviation in wall temperature and reference temperature enhanced by enhancing thermophoretic effect. Fig 9 signifies that the temperature profile decreases by growing the factor Pr. This is because the higher magnitudes of Pr cause the enhancement in viscosity and drop the width of thermal boundary layer. The influence of radiations factor on the temperature is visulaized in Fig. 10. Physically, the conductive energy transport is higher than the radiative energy

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**Fig. 8** Temperature  $\theta(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Nt* 



**Fig. 9** Temperature  $\theta(\eta)$  verses distinct values of Pr



**Fig. 10** Temperature  $\theta(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *N* 

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**Fig. 11** Concentration  $\phi(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Nb* 



**Fig. 12** Concentration  $\phi(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Nt* 

transport, which causes behind the declining of boundary layer thickness and buoyancy force.

#### 3.3 Concentration profile

Figs 11, 12 and 13 show the act of concentration profiles for different factors. An improvement in *Nb* reduces the boundary layer thickness which lessening the concentration profile (see Fig. 11). Fig 12 specifies the thermophoretic effect on  $\phi(\eta)$ . It is found from the drawing depicted for the concentration with different magnitudes of *Nt* enhanced. Fig 13 show the result of Lewis number on the concentration contour. The boundary layer viscidness moderates by enhancing *Le*.



**Fig. 13** Concentration  $\phi(\eta)$  verses distinct values of *Le* 



**Fig. 14** Heat transport rate  $-\theta'(0)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$  and Nb

#### 3.4 Heat and Mass Exchange

Behaviors of heat and mass exchange rates along with skin friction are presented in the Figs. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 for altered values of  $\Omega$ , *Nb* and *Nt*. Figs 14 and 15 demonstrate that the heat and mass exchange rates are diminishes with growth of inclination and Brownian motion impact. On the other hand, the skin friction improves for increasing the Brownian motion and inclination effect portrayed in Fig. 16. Similarly, the heat and mass exchange fluxes are drops against the increasing values of *Nt* and  $\Omega$  (see Figs. 17, 18). Moreover, wall shear stress enhanced with the growth of *Nt* and  $\Omega$  (see Fig. 19).

## **4** Conclusions

In the study under concern, Williamson nanofluid flow generated by the linear stretching inclined surface is investigated. The Brownian motion and thermophoretic



Fig. 15 Mass transport rate  $-\phi'(0)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$  and Nb



**Fig. 16** Skin-friction  $C_{fx}(0)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$  and Nb



**Fig. 17** Heat transport rate  $-\theta'(0)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$  and Nt

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Fig. 18 Mass transport rate  $-\phi'(0)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$  and Nt



**Fig. 19** Skin-friction  $C_{fx}(0)$  verses distinct values of  $\Omega$  and *Nt* 

effect are taken into account along with magnetic filed and thermal radiations effect. The boundary layer equations are converted into ordinary nonlinear equations via compatible transformation and utilized the Keller box scheme for the numerical outcomes. The main outcomes of the current study are the following:

- The velocity profile reduces on growing of Williamson factor.
- The growing variations in the thermal radiations enhances the temperature profile.
- Energy and mass transport drop by increasing inclination factor along with Brownian motion parameter.
- The Sherwood number increases with the higher magnitudes of Williamson factor.
- The Nusslet number falls on improving thermophpretic and inclination influence.
- The velocity profile diminishes with the increment in inclination factor.

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