



# Radiation, inclined magnetic field and cross-diffusion effects on flow over a stretching surface

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## Abstract

The steady two-dimensional flow over a vertical stretching surface in presence of aligned magnetic field, cross-diffusion and radiation effects are considered. The governing partial differential equations are transformed to nonlinear ordinary differential equation by using similarity transformation and then solved numerically by using *bvp4c* with MATLAB package. The effects of various non-dimensional governing parameters on velocity, temperature, concentration profiles along friction factor, Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are discussed and presented through graphs and tables. We observed that increase in aligned angle strengthen the magnetic field and decreases the velocity profile of the flow and enhances the heat transfer rate. Comparisons with existed results are presented.

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years convective heat and mass transfer over a stretching sheet plays major role because of it tremendous applications in engineering and sciences. For this reason now a day's large amount of work is focused in this area. Prasad et al. [1] have given detailed description about the effects of different physical properties of fluids on MHD flow. A steady two dimensional MHD flow analysis in presence of radiation by using homotopy analysis method was discussed by Rashidi et al. [2]. Boundary layer flow through exponentially stretching sheet in the presence of stratified medium by using Shooting technique was discussed by Swathy Mukhopadhyay [3]. Pavithra and Gireesha [4] used Runge–Kutta method and analysed radiation effect on dusty fluid over exponentially stretching sheet. Zaimi et al. [5] analyzed steady two dimensional flow of a nanofluid over a stretching/shrinking sheet. Wang and Mujumdar [6] given good literature on heat transfer characteristics of nanofluids.

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Rana and Bhargava [7] used finite element and finite difference methods for nonlinear stretching sheet problem. Zaimi et al. [8] extended the work of Rana and Bhargava and studied heat transfer and boundary layer flow of a nano fluid over a stretching/shrinking sheet. Radiation effect on MHD viscous fluid over exponentially stretching sheet in porous medium was analyzed by Ahmad et al. [9]. Hady et al. [10] studied heat transfer characteristics of nonlinear stretching sheet in the presence of thermal radiation. The boundary layer flow of a stagnation point over a stretching sheet was analysed by Bhattacharya [11]. He found that the rate of heat transfer enhances due to its unsteadiness and he compared the unique solution to dual solution. Free convection heat transfer through a horizontal plate with solet and dufour effect was discussed by Lakshminarayana and Murthy [12]. Ece [13] proposed the similarity analysis for the laminar free convection boundary layer flow in the presence of a transverse magnetic field. Hamad and Ferdows [14]. The thermal conductivity of solid particles is several times more than that of the base or convectional fluids was discussed by Das et al. [15] in the book nanofluids science and technology. In this book they clearly explained the thermal properties and behavior of the particles at different temperatures. Boungiorno [16] presented different theories on enhanced heat transfer characteristics of nanofluids and he concluded that thermal dispersion phenomenon cannot explain fully about the high heat transfer coefficients in nanofluids. A clear investigation on nanofluid thermal properties was done by Phillip et al. [17]. Radiation effects on unsteady MHD flow over moving vertical plate was studied by Mohan Krishna et al. [18]. The researchers [19–21] have been given their valuable contribution to analyze the heat transfer characteristics in convective flows. All the above studies focused on transverse magneticfield with radition. Khidir and Sibanda [22] considered cross-diffusion effects for a steady flow over an exponentially stretching surface. Makinde and Ogulu [23] analyzed thermal radiation and transverse magneticfield effects on a flow over a vertical porous plate. Makinde [24] discussed mixed convection flow over a vertical porous plate by considering radiation and chemical reaction effects. The researchers Seini and Makinde [25] studied MHD boundary layer flow towards exponentially stretching surface. Shateyi and Makinde [26] presented MHD stagnation point flow over a radially heated stretched disk.

To the author's knowledge no studies have been reported on effects of aligned magnetic field, cross-diffusion and radiation on steady two-dimensional flow over a vertical stretching surface. The governing partial differential equations are transformed to nonlinear ordinary differential equation by using similarity transformation and then solved by numerically by using `bvp4c` with MATLAB package. The effects of various non-dimensional parameters on velocity, temperature, concentration profiles are discussed and presented through graphs. Also the effect of physical parameters on friction factor, Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are analyzed and presented through tables.

## 2. Flow analysis

Consider a steady, two dimensional, laminar, incompressible and electrically conducting boundary layer flow over a permeable stretching sheet, where the sheet is along  $y$  direction. A non uniform aligned magneticfield  $B(x) = B_0x^{1/3}$  is applied to the flow. Aligned magneticfield with acute angle  $\gamma$  ( $\gamma$ ) applying along  $y$  direction. At  $\gamma = \pi/2$  this magneticfield acts like transverse magneticfield (because  $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$ ). A uniform stretching velocity  $u_x(x) = cx^{1/3}$  is considered, where  $c$  is constant. The convective heat transfer is taken in to account. The boundary layer equations that governs the present flow subject to the Boussinesq approximations can be expressed as

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

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + g\beta_T(T - T_\infty) + g\beta_c(C - C_\infty) - \frac{\sigma B^2(x)}{\rho} \sin^2(\gamma)u \quad (2)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{\rho c_p} \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} + \frac{D_m k_T}{c_s c_p} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} \quad (3)$$

$$u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_m \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{D_m k_T}{c_s c_p} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \quad (4)$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are the velocity components in the directions of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively,  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity,  $\rho$  is the fluid density,  $\sigma$  is the electrical conductivity,  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity,  $\beta_T$  is the coefficient of Thermal expansion,  $\beta_c$  is the coefficient of volumetric expansion,  $\alpha$  is the thermal conductivity,  $c_p$  is specific heat

capacitance,  $q_r$  is the radiative heat flux,  $c_s$  is the concentration susceptibility.  $D_m$  is the mass diffusivity,  $K_T$  is the thermal diffusion ratio,  $T_m$  is the mean fluid temperature.

By using Roseland approximation, the radiative heat flux  $q_r$  is given by

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

where  $\sigma^*$  is the Steffen Boltzmann constant and  $k^*$  is the mean absorption coefficient. Considering the temperature differences within the flow sufficiently small such that  $T^4$  may be expressed as the linear function of temperature. Then expanding  $T^4$  in Taylor series about  $T_\infty$  and neglecting higher-order terms takes the form

$$T^4 \cong 4T_\infty^3 T - 3T_\infty^4. \tag{6}$$

In view of Eqs. (5) and (6), Eq. (3) reduces to

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3\rho c_p k^*} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{D_m k_T}{c_s c_p} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2}. \tag{7}$$

The corresponding boundary conditions are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} u = u_w(x), \quad v = v_w, \quad -k \frac{dT}{dy} = h_f(x)(T_w - T), \quad C_w = C_\infty + bx, \quad \text{at } y = 0, \\ u \rightarrow 0, \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty, \quad C \rightarrow C_\infty, \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

The similarity solutions of Eqs. (2)–(4) subject to the boundary conditions (8) by introducing the following similarity transforms

$$\begin{aligned} \eta = y\sqrt{c/v}x^{-1/3}, \quad u = cx^{1/3}f'(\eta), \quad v = \frac{1}{3} [cyx^{-2/3}f'(\eta) - 2v\eta f(\eta)] \\ \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \quad \phi(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Substituting Eq. (9) into Eqs. (2), (4) and (7), where Eq. (1) is identically satisfied, we obtain the following ordinary differential equations:

$$f''' + \frac{2}{3}ff'' - \frac{1}{3}f'^2 + (\tau_T\theta + \tau_C\phi) - M \sin^2(\gamma)f' = 0 \tag{10}$$

$$(1 + R)\theta'' + \frac{2}{3}\text{Pr}f\theta' + D_f \text{Pr}\phi'' = 0 \tag{11}$$

$$\phi'' + \frac{2}{3}Scf\phi' + SrSc\theta'' = 0 \tag{12}$$

where prime denotes the derivative with respect to  $\eta$ ,  $M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho c}$  is the magnetic field parameter,  $\tau_T = \frac{g\beta_T(T_w - T_\infty)x^{1/3}}{c^2}$  is the thermal Buoyancy parameter,  $\tau_C = \frac{g\beta_C(C_w - C_\infty)x^{1/3}}{c^2}$  is the concentration Buoyancy parameter,  $D_f = \frac{D_m k_T (C_w - C_\infty)}{c_s c_p (T_w - T_\infty)}$

is the Dufour number,  $Sr = \frac{D_m k_T (T_w - T_\infty)}{T_m v (C_w - C_\infty)}$  is the Soret number,  $R = \frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3kk^*}$  is the radiation parameter,  $\text{Pr} = \frac{\nu}{\alpha}$  is the Prandtl number and  $Sc = \nu/D_m$  is the Schmidt number. The corresponding to the boundary conditions are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} f(\eta) = f_w, \quad f'(\eta) = 1, \quad \theta'(\eta) = -Bi[1 - \theta(0)], \quad \phi(\eta) = 1, \quad \text{at } \eta = 0, \\ f(\eta) = 0, \quad \theta(\eta) = 0, \quad \phi(\eta) = 0, \quad \eta \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where  $f_w = -3v_w x^{1/3}/2\sqrt{c\nu}$  is the suction/injection parameter ( $f_w > 0$  for suction and  $f_w < 0$  injection) and  $Bi = \frac{x^{1/3} h_f}{k} \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{c}}$  is the Biot number [23]. For engineering interest we computed friction factor  $f''(0)$ , rate of heat transfer  $-\theta'(0)$  and mass transfer  $\phi'(0)$  and discussed through table.

### 3. Results and discussion

The system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations (10)–(12) with the boundary conditions (13) are solved numerically using bvp4c with MATLAB package. The results obtained shows the influences of the non dimensional governing parameters, namely thermal radiation parameter  $R$ , Aligned angle  $\gamma$ , Soret number  $Sr$ , Dufour number  $D_f$ , Buoyancy parameters  $\tau_T$  and  $\tau_C$  and on velocity, temperature, concentration, skin friction, local Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are thoroughly investigated for suction/injection cases separately and presented through graphs and tables. In this study for numerical results we used  $Pr = 0.71$ ,  $Sc = 0.6$ ,  $\tau_T = \tau_C = 1$ ,  $\gamma = \pi/3$ ,  $M = 3$ ,  $R = 1$ ,  $Sr = 0.2$ ,  $D_f = 0.3$ ,  $Bi = 0.4$ . These values kept as common in entire study except for the varied values as displayed in figures and tables.

Fig. 1 shows the effect of aligned angle on velocity profiles. It is clear from figure that increase in aligned angle decreases the velocity profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. The reason behind this is increase in aligned angle causes to strengthen the magnetic field. Due to enhanced magnetic field, it generates opposite force to the flow, is called Lorentz force. This force declines the velocity boundary layer thickness. Fig. 2 displays the effect of Soret number on velocity profiles of the flow. It is evident from figure that increase in Soret number causes the increase in velocity profiles of the fluid and this effect is high on injection case compared to suction case. It is due to the fact that increase in Soret number decreases the boundary layer thickness of velocity profiles. Fig. 3 depicts the effect of Dufour number on velocity profiles of the flow. It is observed from figure that increase in Dufour number decreases the velocity profiles of the fluid and this effect is high on suction case compared to injection case. Generally increase in Dufour enhances the concentration of the fluid, which is indirectly helps to reduce the velocity field.

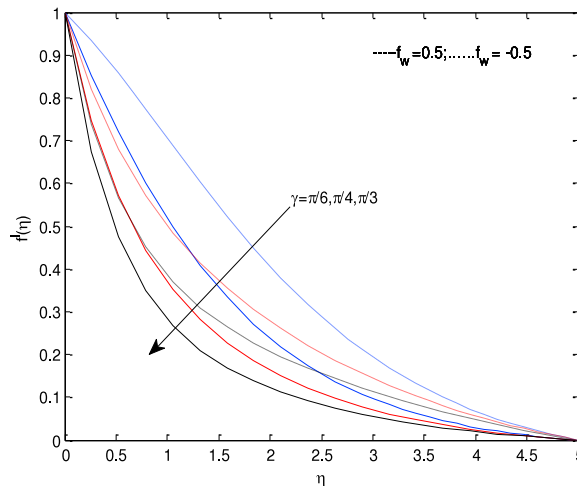


Fig. 1. Velocity profiles for different values of aligned angle  $\gamma$ .

Fig. 4 represents the effect of thermal Buoyancy parameter on velocity profiles. It is evident from figure that increase in thermal Buoyancy parameter causes the increase the velocity profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. It may happen due to the reason that increasing the thermal buoyancy means there exists temperature difference in the flow which causes to reduce the thermal boundary layer and helps to enhance the fluid velocity. Similar type of results we observed from concentration Buoyancy parameter. Fig. 5 illustrates the effect of radiation parameter on velocity profiles. It is clear from figure that increase in thermal radiation parameter increases the velocity profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. It agrees the general fact that increase in thermal radiation releases the heat energy to the flow and this helps to enhance the velocity profiles of the fluid. Fig. 6 shows the effect of Biot number on velocity profiles. It is observed from figure that increase in Biot number parameter increases the velocity profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. It is due to the fact that Biot number enhances the heat transfer rate in solid body due to this reason velocity boundary layer become thinner.

Fig. 7 displays the effect of aligned angle on temperature profiles. It is evident from figure that increases in aligned angle increases the temperature profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. It is due to the fact that a raise in magnetic field parameter enhances the thermal and concentration boundary layer thickness. Fig. 8 illustrates

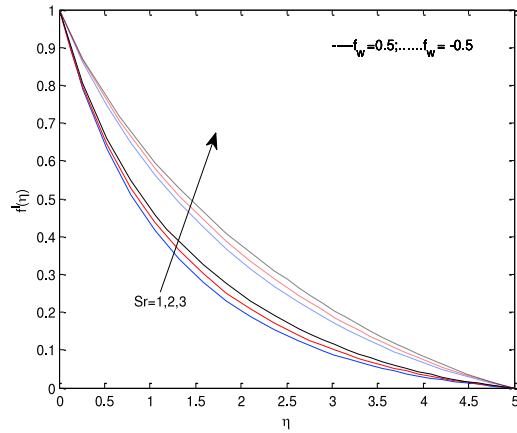


Fig. 2. Velocity profiles for different values of soret number  $Sr$ .

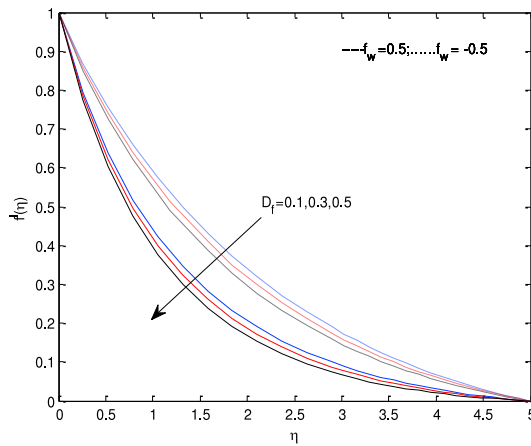


Fig. 3. Velocity profiles for different values of Dufour number  $D_f$ .

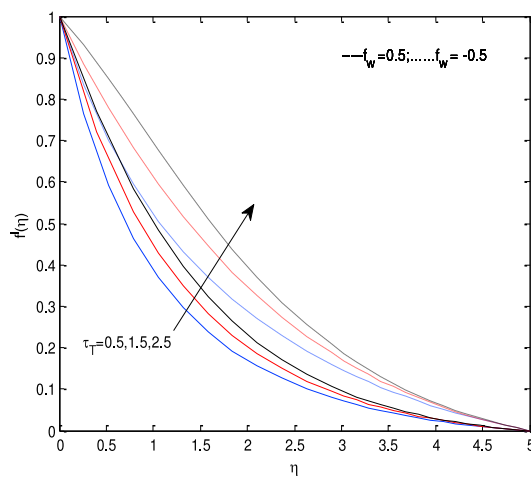


Fig. 4. Velocity profiles for different values of thermal buoyancy parameter  $\tau_T$ .

the effect of soret number on temperature profiles. It is evident from figure that increase in soret parameter initially increases the temperature profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. But at  $\eta = 1.5$  level it takes reverse

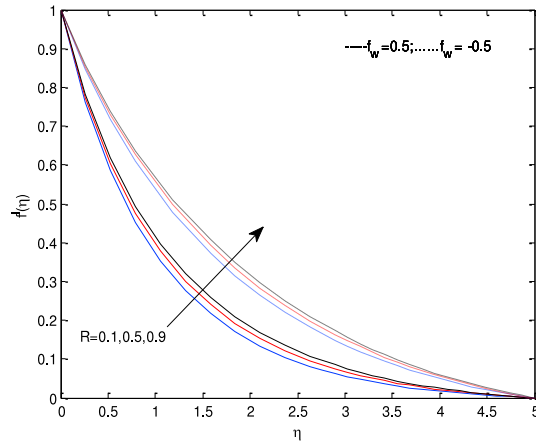


Fig. 5. Velocity profiles for different values of radiation parameter  $R$ .

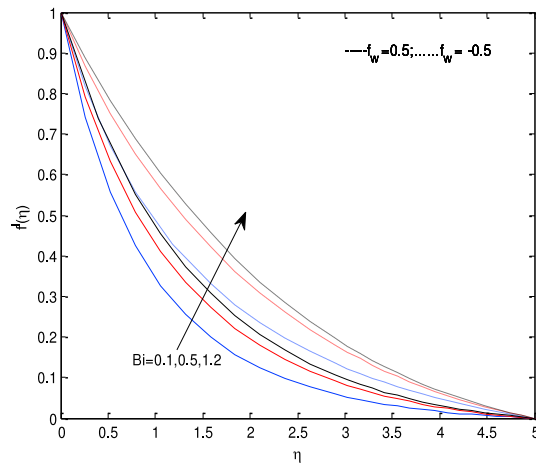


Fig. 6. Velocity profiles for different values of Biot number  $Bi$ .

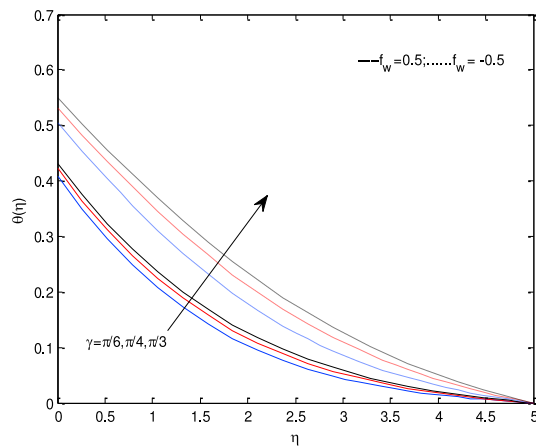


Fig. 7. Temperature profiles for different values of aligned angle  $\gamma$ .

action. This may happen due the domination property of absorption coefficient. A fall in temperature profiles by increase in Dufour number has seen from Fig. 9. Generally increase in Dufour number increases the thermal boundary

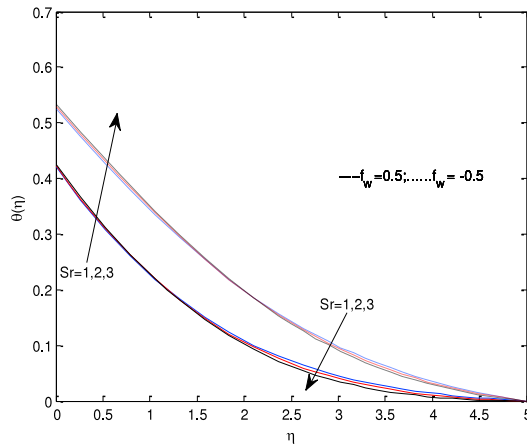


Fig. 8. Temperature profiles for different values of soret number  $Sr$ .

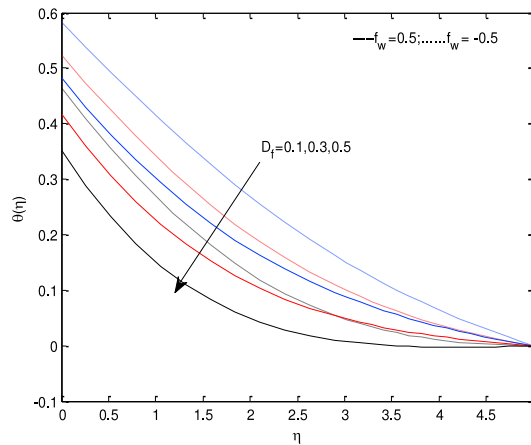


Fig. 9. Temperature profiles for different values of Dufour number  $D_f$ .

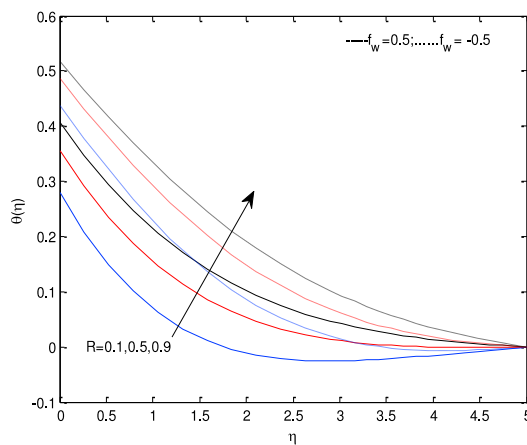


Fig. 10. Temperature profiles for different values of radiation parameter  $R$ .

layer. Fig. 10 illustrates the effect of radiation parameter on temperature profiles. It is observed from figures that increase in radiation parameter increases the temperature profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. It is due to the general fact that increase in radiation parameter releases the heat energy to the flow, it helps to enhance the

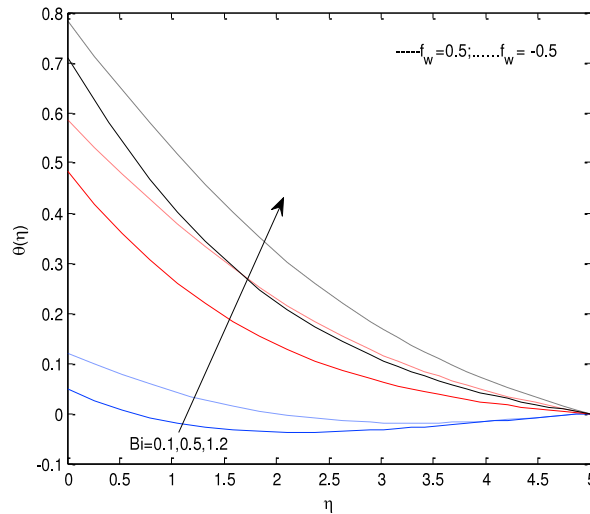


Fig. 11. Temperature profiles for different values of Biot number  $Bi$ .

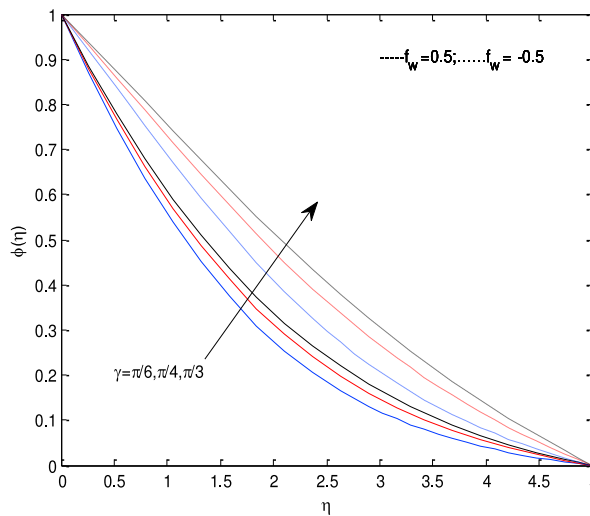


Fig. 12. Concentration profiles for different values of aligned angle  $\gamma$ .

temperature profiles. The similar type of results observed from Fig. 11. Here increase in Biot number increases the internal heat in solid surface, it helps to enhance the temperature profiles of the fluid.

Figs. 12–14 represents the effect of aligned angle, Soret and Dufour numbers, respectively on concentration profiles. It is evident from figures that increase in aligned angle, Soret and Dufour numbers increases the concentration profiles of the fluid for both suction and injection cases. These parameters help to reduce the concentration boundary layer thickness. But radiation parameter and Biot number shows reverse action on concentration profiles as displayed in Figs. 15 and 16 for both suction and injection cases.

Table 1 displays the comparison of the present values with existed results. Our results have excellent agreement with existed results of Cortell [27], Ferdows et al. [28] and Rashidi et al. [2]. Table 2 shows the effect of non dimensional parameters on friction factor, Nusselt number and Sherwood number. It is clear from table that increase in aligned angle reduces the friction factor, Sherwood number and increases the heat transfer rate for both suction and injection cases. Similar type of results observed for Dufour number. Increase in soret number increases the friction factor and decreases the rate of heat and mass transfer for both suction and injection cases. Increase in radiation parameter



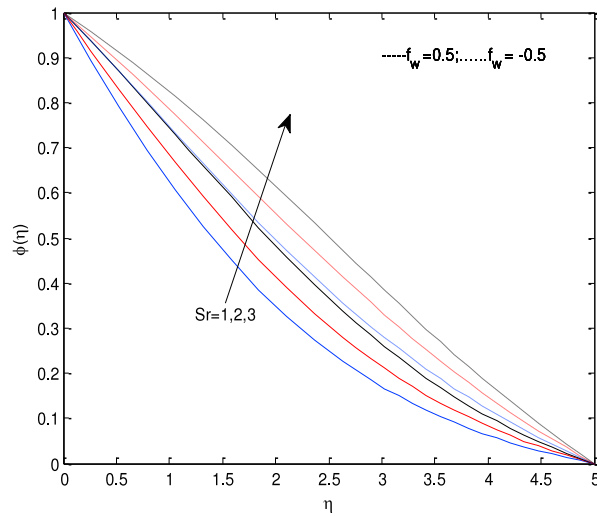


Fig. 13. Concentration profiles for different values of soret number  $Sr$ .

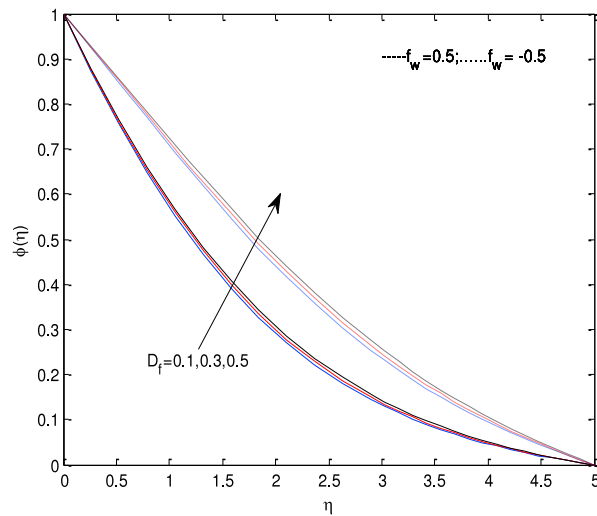


Fig. 14. Concentration profiles for different values of Dufour number  $D_f$ .

Table 1

Comparison of the values of  $-\theta'(0)$  with published data when  $Pr = 2$  and  $Bi \rightarrow \infty$ .

$f_w$	$R$	Cortell [27]	Ferdows et al. [28]	Rashidi et al. [2]	Present results
-0.5	4/3	0.2873762	0.287483	0.2877089	0.2877091
-0.5	0	0.3989462	0.398951	0.3990842	0.3990842
0	4/3	0.4430879	0.443323	0.4434039	0.4434040
0	0	0.7643554	0.764374	0.7643525	0.7643527
0.5	4/3	0.6322154	0.632199	0.6322186	0.6322187
0.5	0	1.2307661	1.230952	1.2307912	1.2307916

increases the coefficient of skin friction, mass transfer rate and decreases the heat transfer rate for both suction and injection cases. Biot number increases the friction factor, rate of heat and mass transfer.

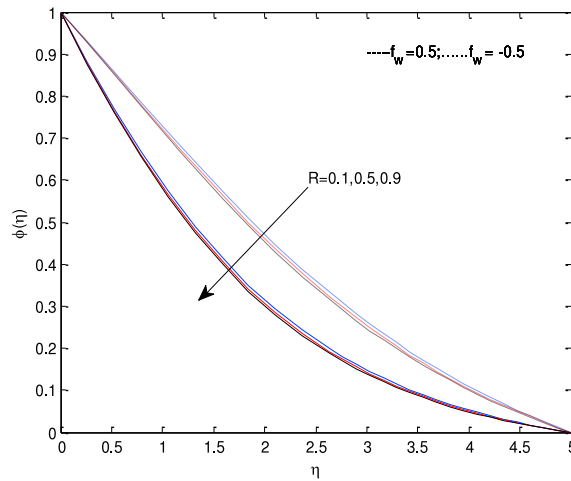


Fig. 15. Concentration profiles for different values of radiation parameter  $R$ .

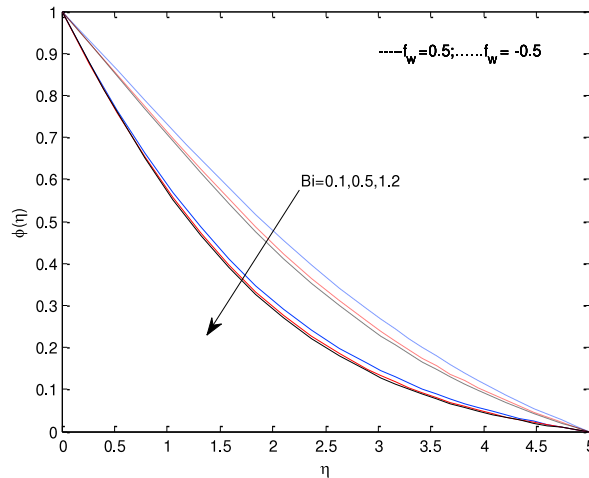


Fig. 16. Concentration profiles for different values of Biot number  $Bi$ .

Table 2

Values of  $f''(0)$ ,  $-\theta'(0)$  and  $-\phi'(0)$  for different values of  $\gamma$ ,  $D_f$ ,  $Sr$ ,  $R$ ,  $Bi$  and  $f_w$  when  $Pr = 0.71$ ,  $Sc = 0.6$ ,  $\tau_T = \tau_C = 1$ ,  $M = 2$ .

Suction/ injection	$\gamma$	$D_f$	$Sr$	$R$	$Bi$	$f''(0)$	$-\theta'(0)$	$-\phi'(0)$
$f_w = 0.5$	$\pi/6$	0.3	0.2	1	0.4	-0.996652	0.262349	0.473345
	$\pi/4$	0.3	0.2	1	0.4	-1.063689	0.296702	0.458760
	$\pi/3$	0.3	0.2	1	0.4	-1.131145	0.331028	0.443636
$f_w = -0.5$	$\pi/6$	0.3	0.2	1	0.4	-0.626961	0.216991	0.261817
	$\pi/4$	0.3	0.2	1	0.4	-0.676976	0.246974	0.250243
	$\pi/3$	0.3	0.2	1	0.4	-0.726051	0.276258	0.238646
$f_w = 0.5$	$\pi/2$	1	0.2	1	0.4	-1.118960	0.324846	0.446403
	$\pi/2$	2	0.2	1	0.4	-1.377011	0.454081	0.383993
	$\pi/2$	3	0.2	1	0.4	-1.622647	0.573764	0.315286
$f_w = -0.5$	$\pi/2$	1	0.2	1	0.4	-0.717282	0.271036	0.240736

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Table 2 (continued)

Suction/ injection	$\gamma$	$D_f$	$Sr$	$R$	$Bi$	$f''(0)$	$-\theta'(0)$	$-\phi'(0)$
$f_w = 0.5$	$\pi/2$	2	0.2	1	0.4	-0.893588	0.375191	0.197121
	$\pi/2$	3	0.2	1	0.4	-1.043981	0.462503	0.157087
	$\pi/2$	0.3	1	1	0.4	-0.915951	0.232143	0.412615
	$\pi/2$	0.3	2	1	0.4	-0.885172	0.230962	0.323503
$f_w = -0.5$	$\pi/2$	0.3	3	1	0.4	-0.853373	0.229715	0.236651
	$\pi/2$	0.3	1	1	0.4	-0.570631	0.189829	0.238047
	$\pi/2$	0.3	2	1	0.4	-0.554227	0.188424	0.198307
$f_w = 0.5$	$\pi/2$	0.3	3	1	0.4	-0.537735	0.186965	0.161159
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	-1.045831	0.288475	0.463419
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.988038	0.257879	0.475291
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.4	-0.947963	0.237194	0.483675
$f_w = -0.5$	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.642050	0.224916	0.258273
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.609267	0.205826	0.265772
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.4	-0.587884	0.193378	0.270678
$f_w = 0.5$	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	1	0.1	-1.149473	0.095241	0.475025
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	1	0.5	-0.902895	0.258401	0.486982
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	1	1.2	-0.776293	0.347762	0.491938
$f_w = -0.5$	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	1	0.1	-0.787164	0.087907	0.255005
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	1	0.5	-0.552459	0.207602	0.274026
	$\pi/2$	0.3	0.2	1	1.2	-0.453942	0.261876	0.281233

#### 4. Conclusions

This paper presents effects of aligned magnetic field, cross diffusion and radiation on steady two-dimensional flow over a stretching vertical surface. The governing partial differential equations are transformed to nonlinear ordinary differential equation by using similarity transformation and then solved by numerically by using *bvp4c* with Matlab package. The effects of various non-dimensional parameters on velocity, temperature, concentration profiles are discussed and presented through graphs. Also the effect of physical parameters on friction factor, Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are analyzed and presented through tables. Comparisons with existed results are presented. The findings of the numerical results are summarized as follows:

- (1) Aligned angle strengthen the magneticfield parameter and it has capability to reduce the flow, friction factor, mass transfer rate and it improves rate of heat transfer.
- (2) Radiation parameter helps to enhance the temperature profiles and reduce the concentration profiles, as well as heat transfer rate of the fluid. But it improves friction factor and mass transfer rate.
- (3) Porosity parameter has tendency to increase the internal heat and reduces the heat transfer rate along with skin friction.
- (4) Increase in soret number increases the friction factor and decreases the rate of heat and mass transfer for both suction and injection cases.
- (5) Dufour number helps to enhance the heat transfer rate.
- (6) Rising value in  $Bi$  increases the friction factor, Rate of heat and mass transfer.
- (7) At  $\gamma = \pi/2$  the aligned magneticfield acts like transverse magneticfield.

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