

## Unsteady heat transfer flow of Nano fluid over a permeable shrinking sheet with viscous dissipation and convective boundary condition

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### Abstract

Forced convection in unsteady magnetohydrodynamic boundary layer flow of nanofluid over a permeable shrinking sheet in the presence of viscous dissipation and convective boundary condition is studied. The nanofluid model includes Brownian motion and thermophoresis effects. Similarity transformations are employed to transform the governing partial differential equations into ordinary differential equations. The transformed equations are then solved numerically by Bvp4cMatlab solver. The flow features and heat and mass transfer characteristics for different values of the governing parameters viz. thermophoresis parameter, Brownian motion parameter, Prandtl number, unsteadiness parameter, wall mass suction parameter, Biot number, Lewis number and Eckert number are analyzed and discussed in detail.

**Keywords:** nanofluid, convective heat transfer, viscous dissipation, wall mass suction

### 1. Introduction

The heat transfer phenomenon in boundary layer flow over a stretching/shrinking sheet is very important for its day by day increasing industrial applications". "The quality of final industrial products strongly depends on the heat transfer characteristics. The flow due to a linearly stretching plate was first studied by Crane <sup>[1]</sup>. Bhattacharyya *et al.* <sup>[2]</sup> investigated the heat transfer in boundary layer flow of Maxwell fluid over a porous shrinking sheet with wall mass transfer and concluded that the viscous boundary layer thickness decreases with Deborah number."

"The boundary layer flow of an electrically conducting fluid in the presence of magnetic field has wide applications in many engineering problems such as MHD generator, plasma studies, nuclear reactors, geothermal energy extraction, and oil exploration. Vajravelu *et al.* <sup>[3]</sup> studied the MHD flow and heat transfer of an Ostwald-de Waele fluid over an unsteady stretching surface. Gorla and Kumari <sup>[4]</sup> investigated the mixed convection in an axisymmetric flow of a non-Newtonian nanofluid on a vertical cylinder. Basiri Parsa *et al.* <sup>[5]</sup> studied the laminar magnetohydrodynamic boundary-layer flow past a stretching surface with uniform free stream and internal heat generation or absorption in an electrically conducting fluid. Gorla and Khan <sup>[6]</sup> studied the natural convection past a vertical cylinder in a porous medium saturated with a nanofluid and concluded that as  $N_r$ ,  $N_b$ , and  $N_t$  increase, the friction factor and heat transfer rate (Nusselt number) decrease and also the mass transfer rate (Sherwood number) increases with  $Le$ ,  $N_b$ , and  $N_t$ . Hua and Su <sup>[7]</sup> investigated the unsteady magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) boundary layer flow and heat transfer on a permeable stretching sheet embedded in a moving incompressible viscous fluid. Salem *et al.* <sup>[8]</sup> investigated the unsteady boundary layer stagnation point flow of heat and mass transfer in a nanofluid with magnetic field and thermal radiation. Sameh *et al.* <sup>[9]</sup> discussed the magnetohydrodynamic mixed convection boundary-layer stagnation point flow of a nanofluid towards a stretching

surface in the presence of both nanoparticles and gyrotactic microorganisms. Turkyilmazoglu <sup>[10]</sup> investigated the heat and mass transfer characteristics of the magnetohydrodynamic nanofluids flow over a permeable stretching/shrinking surface with thermal slip condition. Sheikholeslami *et al.* <sup>[11]</sup> discussed the nanofluid flow and heat transfer characteristics between two horizontal parallel plates in a rotating system. Nadeem and Haq <sup>[12]</sup> studied the magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) three dimensional flow past a porous shrinking sheet in the presence of thermal radiation. Nadeem *et al.* <sup>[13]</sup> investigated the MHD boundary layer flow of a Maxwell fluid past a stretching sheet in the presence of nanoparticles. Ali *et al.* <sup>[14]</sup> studied the unsteady flow and heat transfer past an axisymmetric permeable shrinking sheet with radiation effect. Nandy *et al.* <sup>[15]</sup> studied the unsteady MHD boundary-layer flow and heat transfer of nanofluid over a permeable shrinking sheet in the presence of thermal radiation. Gopi Chand and Jat <sup>[16]</sup> investigated the unsteady two-dimensional laminar flow of a viscous incompressible electrically conducting fluid past over a horizontal stretching sheet in the presence of uniform transverse magnetic field in the porous medium. Gangadhar and Bhaskar Reddy <sup>[17]</sup> investigated the laminar free convection boundary layer flow of a continuously moving vertical porous plate in a chemically reactive and porous medium in the presence of a transverse magnetic field and concluded that the momentum boundary layer thickness decreases, while both thermal and concentration boundary layer thicknesses increase with an increase in the magnetic field intensity. Suneetha and Gangadhar <sup>[18]</sup> analyzed the effect of thermal radiation on a two-dimensional stagnation-point flow of an in-compressible magneto-hydrodynamic Carreau fluid toward a shrinking surface in the presence of convective boundary condition".

Dissipation is the process of converting mechanical energy of downward-flowing water into thermal and acoustical energy. Gangadhar <sup>[19]</sup> investigated the natural convection over a moving vertical plate with internal heat generation and viscous

dissipation. Bharathi Devi and Gangadhar [20] studied the Flakner-Skan boundary layer flow over a stationary Wedge with momentum and thermal slip boundary conditions and the temperature dependent thermal conductivity in the presence of porous medium and viscous dissipation.

However, the interactions of forced convection in unsteady magnetohydrodynamic boundary layer flow of nanofluid over a permeable shrinking sheet in the presence of viscous dissipation and convective boundary condition is considered. The governing boundary layer equations have been transformed to a two-point boundary value problem in similarity variables and the resultant problem is solved numerically using bvp4c MATLAB solver. The effects of various governing parameters on the fluid velocity, temperature, concentration, the rate of heat and mass transfer are shown in figures and analyzed in detail.

**2. Mathematical Formulation**

Consider unsteady two-dimensional convective laminar boundary-layer flow of incompressible electrically conducting viscous nanofluid past a permeable shrinking sheet. Schematic diagram of the physical problem is shown in figure A.

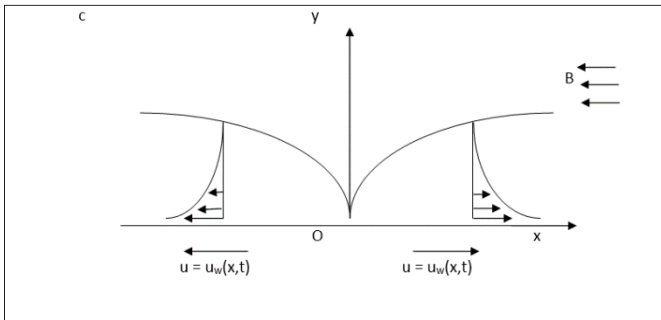


Fig A: Schematic diagram of the physical problem.

The flow is subjected to a transverse magnetic field of strength  $B$  which is assumed to be applied in the positive  $y$ -direction, normal to the surface. It is assumed that the velocity of the shrinking sheet is  $u_w(x,t)$  and the velocity of the mass transfer is  $v_w(x,t)$ , where  $x$  is the coordinate measured along the shrinking sheet and  $t$  is the time. It is also assumed that the constant surface temperature and concentration of the sheet are  $T_w$  and  $C_w$ , while the uniform temperature and concentration far from the sheet are  $T_\infty$  and  $C_\infty$ , respectively.

The governing equations of motion, the energy and mass equation may be written in usual notation as

Continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

Momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\sigma B^2}{\rho_f} u \tag{2.2}$$

Energy equation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha_m \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{\rho_f c_p} \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y} + \tau \left[ D_B \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{\nu}{\rho_f c_p} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \tag{2.3}$$

Spices equation

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \tag{2.4}$$

The boundary conditions are

$$u = u_w(x,t) = -\frac{cx}{1-\lambda t}, v = v_w(x,t), k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = -h_f(T_w - T), C = C_w \text{ at } y = 0$$

$$u \rightarrow 0, T \rightarrow T_\infty, C \rightarrow C_\infty \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty \tag{2.5}$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are the velocity components in the  $x$  and  $y$ -directions respectively,  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity,  $\sigma$  is the electrical conductivity (assumed constant),  $\rho_f$  is the density of the base fluid,  $\alpha_m$  is the thermal diffusivity,  $D_B$  is the Brownian diffusion coefficient,  $D_T$  is the thermophoresis diffusion coefficient and  $c_p$  is the specific heat at constant pressure. Here  $\tau$  is the ratio of the effective heat capacity of the nanoparticle material and the heat capacity of the ordinary fluid,  $T$  is the fluid temperature and  $C$  is the nanoparticle volume fraction.

The wall mass transfer velocity then becomes

$$v_w(x,t) = -\sqrt{\frac{cv}{1-\lambda t}} S \tag{2.6}$$

where  $S$  is the constant wall mass transfer parameter with  $S > 0$  for suction and  $S < 0$  for injection, respectively.

To attain the similarity solutions of the Eqs. (2.1)–(2.4) with the boundary conditions (2.5), we take the transverse unsteady magnetic field strength applied to the sheet is of the form

$$B = \frac{B_0}{\sqrt{1-\lambda t}} \tag{2.7}$$

Where  $B_0$  is constant. This form of  $B_0(t)$  has also been considered by Vajravelu *et al.* [3] while analyzing the MHD flow and heat transfer over an unsteady stretching sheet.

Where the stream function  $\psi$  is defined in the usual way

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \text{ and } v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

The stream function and dimensionless variable can be taken as

$$\psi = \sqrt{\frac{cv}{1-\lambda t}} x f(\eta), \eta = y \sqrt{\frac{c}{\nu(1-\lambda t)}}, \theta = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \phi = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}$$

$$M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_f c}, A = \frac{\lambda}{c}, Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha_m}, \nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho_f}, Nb = \frac{\tau D_B (C_w - C_\infty)}{\nu}$$

$$Nt = \frac{\tau D_T (T_w - T_\infty)}{T_\infty \nu}, Le = \frac{\nu}{D_B}, Ec = \frac{u_w^2}{c_p (T_w - T_\infty)}, Bi = \frac{h_f}{k} \sqrt{\frac{\nu(1-\lambda t)}{c}} \tag{2.8}$$

where  $f(\eta)$  is the dimensionless stream function,  $\theta(\eta)$  is the dimensionless temperature,  $\phi(\eta)$  is the dimensionless concentration,  $\eta$  is the similarity variable,  $M$  is the magnetic parameter,  $A$  is the unsteadiness parameter,  $Pr$  is the Prandtl number,  $Nb$  is the Brownian motion parameter,  $Nt$  is the thermophoresis parameter,  $Le$  is the Lewis number,  $Ec$  is the Eckert number and  $Bi$  is the Biot number.

Substituting (2.8) into Eqs. (2.1) - (2.4), we obtain the following ordinary differential equations

$$f''' + ff'' - f'^2 - A \left( f' + \frac{\eta}{2} f'' \right) - Mf' = 0 \tag{2.9}$$

$$\frac{1}{Pr} \theta'' + f\theta' - A \frac{\eta}{2} \theta' + Nb\theta' \phi' + Nt\theta'^2 + Ec f''^2 = 0 \tag{2.10}$$

$$\phi'' + Le \left( f' - A \frac{\eta}{2} \right) \phi' + \frac{Nt}{Nb} \theta'' = 0 \tag{2.11}$$

The transformed boundary conditions can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) = S, f'(0) = -1, \theta'(0) = -Bi[1 - \theta(0)], \phi(0) = 1 \\ f' \rightarrow 0, \theta \rightarrow 0, \phi \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \eta \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

Where primes denote differentiation with respect to  $\eta$ . The physical quantities of interest are the wall skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$ , the local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  and the local Shearwood number  $Sh_x$  which are defined as

$$C_{fx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho_f u_w^2}, Nu_x = \frac{xq_w}{k(T_w - T_\infty)}, Sh_x = \frac{xq_m}{D_B(C_w - C_\infty)} \tag{2.13}$$

Where  $\tau_{xy}$  is the shear stress at the stretching sheet,  $q_w$  and  $q_m$  is the heat and mass flux, respectively.

Thus, we get the wall skin friction coefficient  $C_{fx}$ , the local Nusselt number  $Nu_x$  and the local Shear wood number  $Sh_x$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Re_x^{1/2} C_{fx} &= f''(0) \\ Re_x^{1/2} Nu_x &= -\theta'(0) \\ Re_x^{1/2} Sh_x &= -\phi'(0) \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Where  $Re_x = \frac{u_w(x,t)x}{\nu}$  is the local Reynolds number based on the stretching velocity  $u_w(x,t)$ .

**3. Solution of the Problem**

The above Eqs. (2.9) - (2.11) along with the boundary conditions are solved by converting them to an initial value problem. We set

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= z, z' = p, p' = z^2 + A \left( z + \frac{\eta}{2} p \right) + Mz - fp \\ \theta' &= q \\ q' &= Pr \left( A \frac{\eta}{2} q - fq - Nbqr - Ntq^2 - Ec p^2 \right) \\ \phi' &= r \\ r' &= -Le \left( f' - A \frac{\eta}{2} \right) - \frac{Nt}{Nb} q' \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

With the boundary conditions

$$f(0) = S, z(0) = -1, q(0) = -Bi(1 - \theta(0)), \phi(0) = 1$$

In order to integrate (3.1) as an initial value problem, one requires a value for  $p(0)$ , that is,  $f''(0)$  and  $q(0)$ , that is,  $\theta'(0)$ , and  $r(0)$ , that is,  $\phi'(0)$  but no such values are given at the

boundary. The suitable guess values for  $f''(0)$ ,  $\theta'(0)$  and  $\phi'(0)$  are chosen and then integration is carried out. Comparing the calculated values for  $f', \theta$  and  $\phi$  at  $\eta = 10 = 10$  (say) with the given boundary conditions  $f'(10) = 0, \theta(10) = 0$  and  $\phi(10) = 0$  and adjusting the estimated values,  $f''(0), \theta'(0)$  and  $\phi'(0)$ , we apply the fourth order classical Runge-Kutta method with step-size  $h = 0.01$ . The above procedure is repeated until we get the converged results within a tolerance limit of  $10^{-6}$ .

**4. Results and Discussion**

The abovementioned numerical scheme is carried out for various values of physical parameters, namely, magnetic parameter (M), unsteadiness parameter (A), the Brownian motion parameter (Nb), the thermophoresis parameter (Nt), the Prandtl number (Pr), the Lewis number (Le), Biot number (Bi), suction parameter (S) and the Eckert number (Ec) to obtain the effects of those parameters on dimensionless velocity, temperature and concentration distributions. The obtained computational results are presented graphically in Figures 1-11.

“The velocity, temperature and concentration distributions for suction parameter S are shown in Figs 1(a) -1(c). It is observed that the velocity, temperature and concentration decreases with raising the values of S. This results in a reduction in the momentum, thermal and concentration boundary layers thickness. Figs 2(a)-2(c) demonstrates the impact of the unsteadiness parameter A on the velocity, temperature and concentration distributions. It is noticed that the velocity of the fluid decreases whereas temperature and concentration of the fluid increases with the influence of unsteadiness. Figs. 3(a)-3(c) presents the changes in the velocity, temperature and concentration profiles with the effect of magnetic parameter M. The velocity profiles decrease with the raising of magnetic parameter M. This is due to magnetic field opposing the transport phenomena, since the variation of magnetic parameter M causes the variation of Lorentz forces. The Lorentz force is a drag like force that produces more resistance to transport phenomena and that causes reduction in the fluid velocity. The effect of magnetic field is more in shear-thinning fluids than shear thickening fluids. The effect of magnetic fields increases the temperature and concentration profiles.”

Fig 4(a) and 4(b) shows that the effect of thermophoresis parameter Nt on temperature and concentration, respectively. It is observed that the temperature and concentration of the fluid increases with raising the values of Nt. Fig 5(a) and 5(b) shows that the effect of Brownian motion parameter Nb on temperature and concentration, respectively. It is observed that the temperature of the fluid increases whereas concentration of the fluid increases with raising the values of Nb.

“The effect of Biot number Bi on temperature and concentration is shown in figs 6(a) and 6(b), respectively. It is observed that increases the fluid temperature and concentration effectively with increases Bi. It is further increases the thermal and concentration boundary layer thickness. Fig. 7(a) and 7(b) depicts the effect of Eckert number Ec on temperature and concentration profiles, respectively. It is observed that temperature as well as concentration of the fluid increases with the influence of

viscous dissipation. The effect of Prandtl number  $Pr$  on temperature is shown in fig. 8 respectively. Physically, enhancing the Prandtl number  $Pr$  results in a reduction in thermal diffusivity. It can be seen that the temperature of the fluid decrease with an increase in the Prandtl number  $Pr$ . The effect of Lewis number  $Le$  on concentration is shown in fig. 9 respectively. It can be seen that the concentration of the fluid decrease with an increase in  $Le$ .”

“The effects of magnetic parameter  $M$ , the unsteadiness parameter  $A < 0$  and the suction parameter  $S$  on skin-friction, local Nusselt number and local Sherwood number are shown in Figs 10(a) - 10(c), respectively. These figures indicate an increase in the values of skin friction coefficient with the increase in  $M$  or  $A$  or  $S$  (fig. 10(a)). The local Nusselt number decreases with an increases the values of  $M$  or  $A$  or  $S$  (fig. 10(b)). Further, it can be seen that the effect of  $M$  or  $S$  is to increase the local Sherwood number but the local Sherwood number decreases with a rising the values of  $A$  (fig. 10(c)). The effect of thermophoresis parameter  $Nt$ , Brownian motion parameter  $Nb$  and Biot number  $Bi$  on local Nusselt number and local Sherwood number are shown in Figs 11(a) and 11(b), respectively. These figures indicate an increase in the values of local Nusselt number with the increase  $Bi$  whereas decrease in the values of local Nusselt number with the increase  $Nt$  or  $Nb$  and an increase in the values of local Sherwood number with the increase  $Nb$  whereas decrease in the values of local Sherwood number with the increase  $Nt$  or  $Bi$ .”

**5. Conclusions**

“The two-dimensional forced convection in unsteady magnetohydrodynamic boundary layer flow of nanofluid over a permeable shrinking sheet in the presence of viscous dissipation and convective boundary condition is investigated. Using similarity transformations, the governing equations are transformed to self-similar ordinary differential equations which are then solved fourth order classical Runge–Kutta method. From the study, the following remarks can be summarized.”

1. Velocity, temperature and concentration boundary layer thickness decreases with a rising the values of suction parameter.
2. Velocity decreases whereas temperature and concentration increases with increases the values of magnetic parameter/unsteadiness parameter.
3. Temperature and concentration increases with an increase thermophoresis parameter/Biot number/Eckert number. Temperature increases and concentration decreases with an increase Brownian motion parameter.
4. Skin-friction coefficient increases with an increases the values of magnetic parameter / suction parameter / unsteadiness parameter.
5. Local Nusselt number increases with increases the Biot number whereas local Nusselt number decreases with an increase the magnetic parameter/unsteadiness parameter / Brownian motion parameter/thermophoresis parameter.
6. Local Sherwood number increases with increases the unsteadiness parameter/Brownian motion parameter

whereas local Sherwood number decreases with an increase the Biot number/thermophoresis parameter.

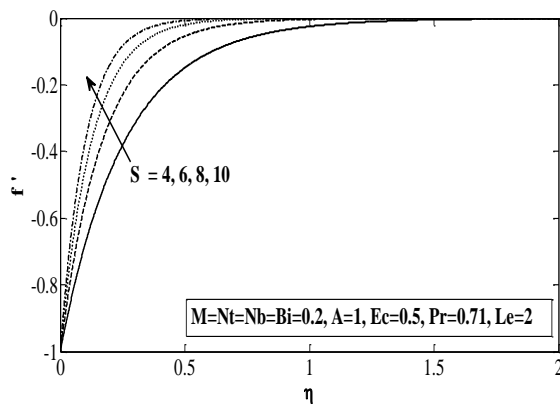


Fig 1(a): Velocity for different  $S$

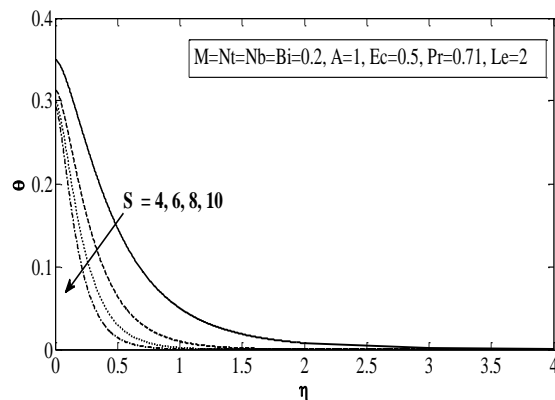


Fig 1(b): Temperature for different  $S$

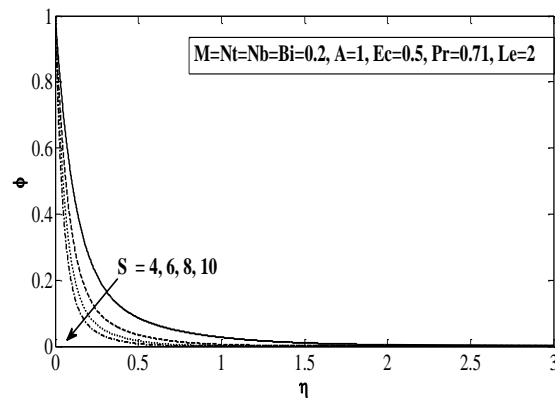
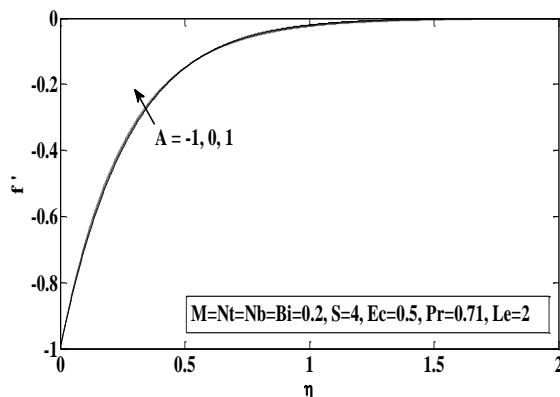
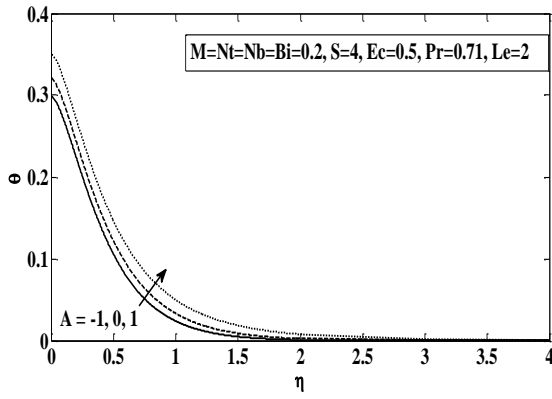


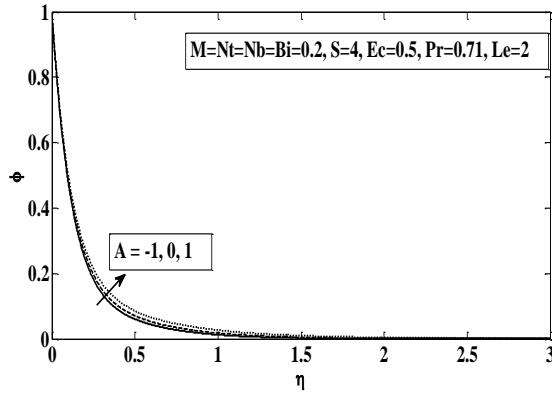
Fig 1(c): Concentration for different  $S$



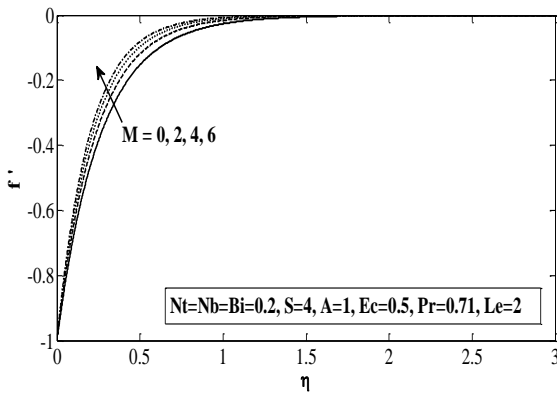
**Fig 2(a):** Velocity for different  $A$



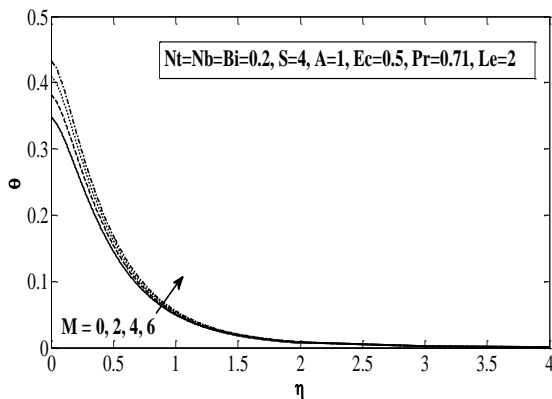
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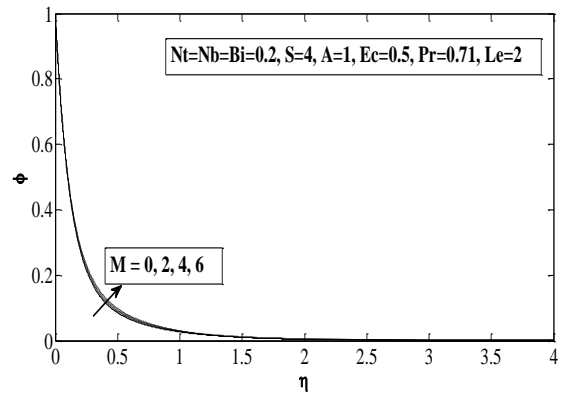
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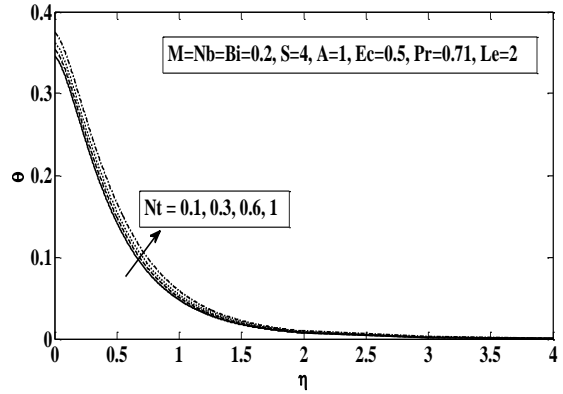
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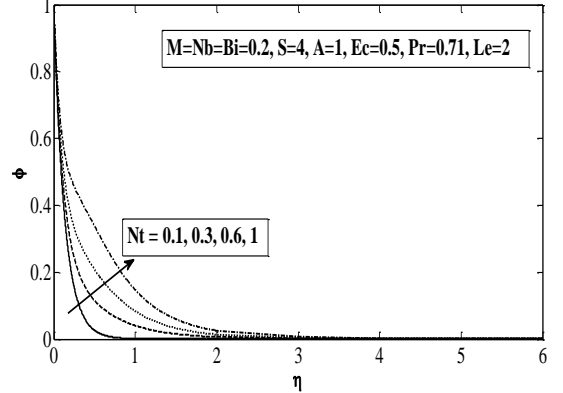
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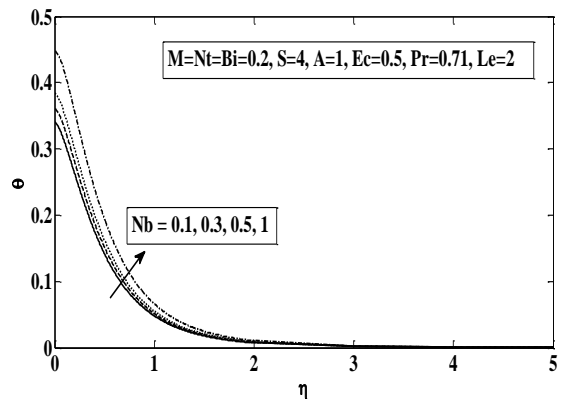
**Fig 3(c):** Concentration for different  $M$



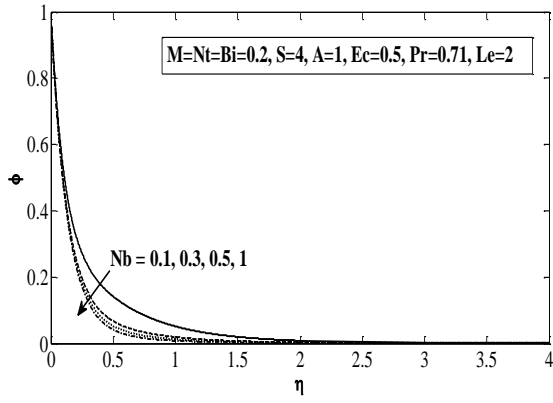
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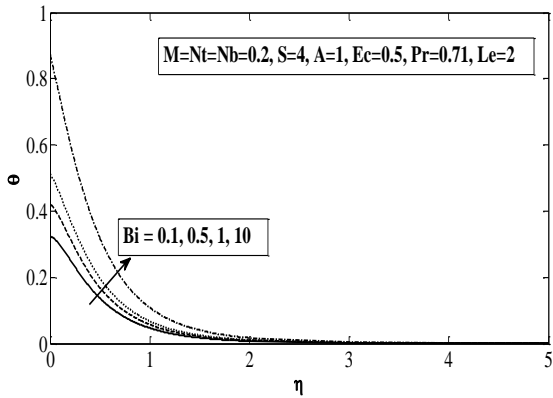
**Fig 4(b):** Concentration for different  $Nt$



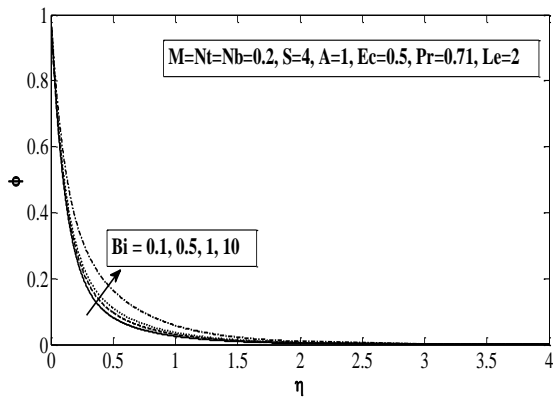
**Fig 5(a):** Temperature for different  $Nb$



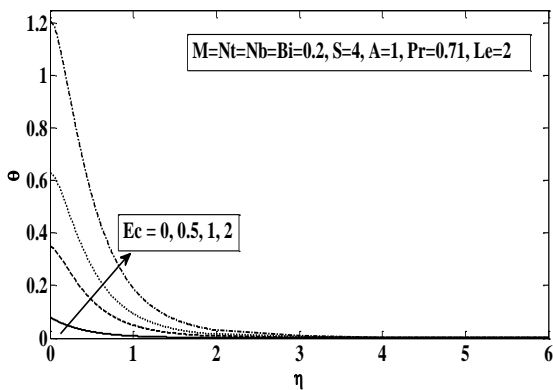
**Fig 5(b):** Concentration for different  $Nb$



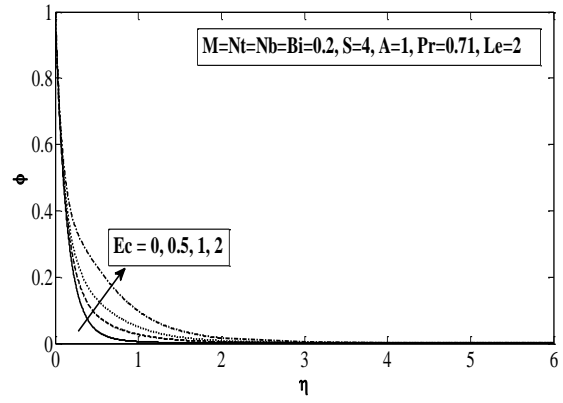
**Fig 6(a):** Temperature for different  $Bi$



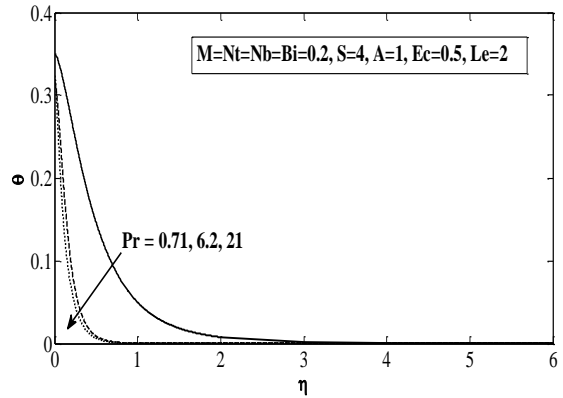
**Fig 6(b):** Concentration for different  $Bi$



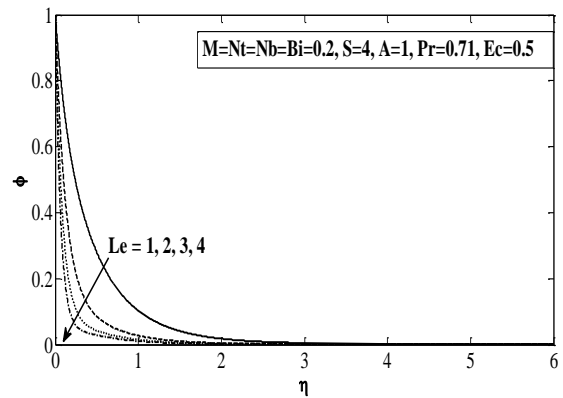
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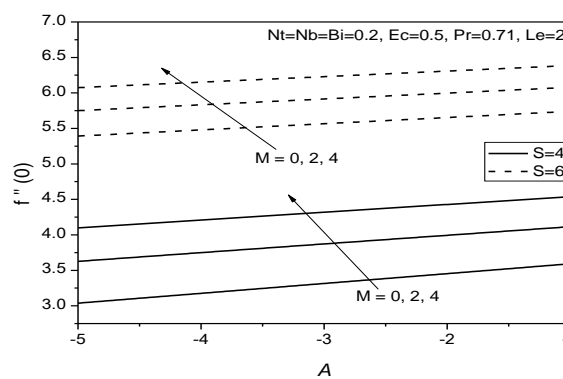
**Fig 7(b):** Concentration for different  $Ec$



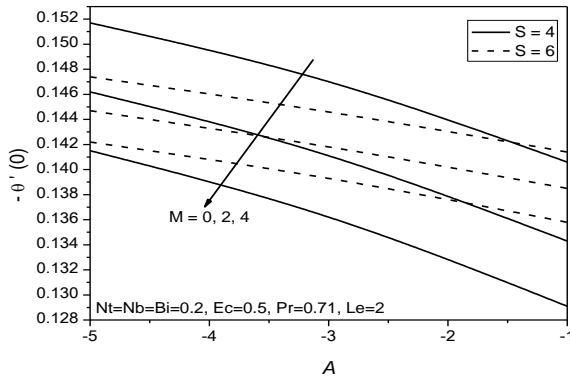
**Fig 8:** Temperature for different  $Pr$



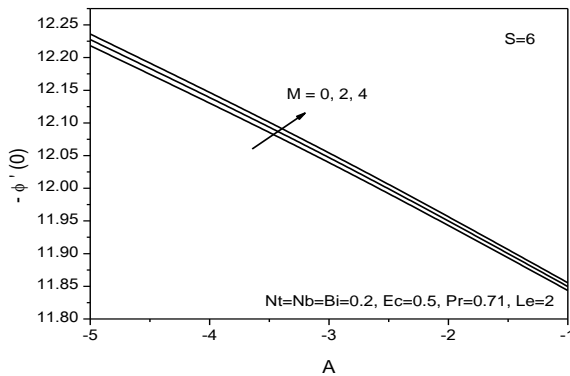
**Fig 9:** Concentration for different  $Le$



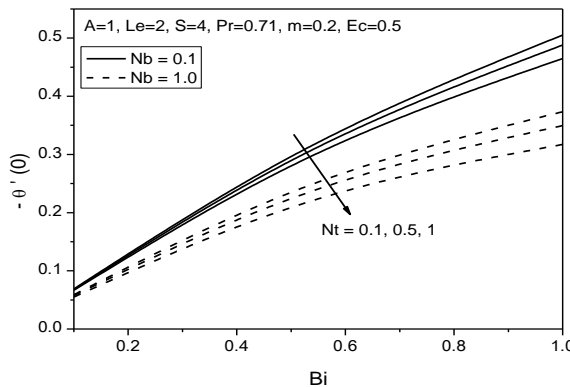
**Fig 10(a):** Local skin-friction for different values of M and S for A<0.



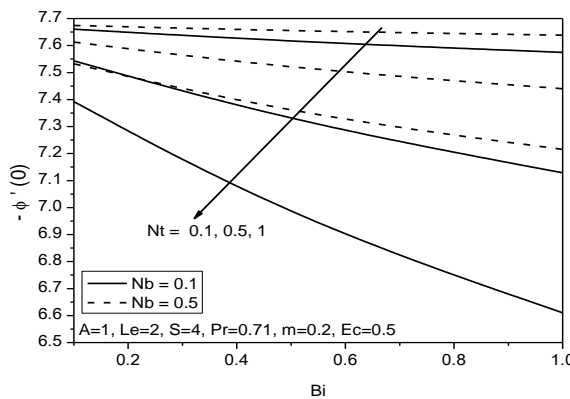
**Fig 10(b):** Local Nusselt number for different values of M and S for A<0.



**Fig 10(c):** Local Sherwood number for different values of M and S for A<0.



**Fig 11(a):** Local Nusselt number for different Nt, Nband Bi



**Fig 11(b):** Local Sherwood number for different Nt, Nband Bi

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