

## Influence of thermal radiation and magnetohydrodynamic on the laminar flow: Williamson fluid for velocity profile

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**Abstract.** Latest advancement in field of fluid dynamics has taken nanofluid under consideration which shows large thermal conductance and enlarges property of heat transformation in fluids. Motivated by this, the key aim of the current investigation scrutinizes the influence of thermal radiation and magnetohydrodynamic on the laminar flow of an incompressible two-dimensional Williamson nanofluid over an inclined surface in the presence of motile microorganism. In addition, the impact of heat absorption/generation and Arrhenius activation energy is also examined. A mathematical modeled is developed which stimulate the physical flow problem. By using the compatible similarities, we transfer the governing PDEs into ODEs. The analytic approach based on Homotopy analysis method is introduced to impose the analytic solution by using Mathematica software. The impacts of distinct pertinent variable on velocity profiles are investigated through graphs.

**Keywords:** activation energy; bio-convection; inclined surface; thermal radiation; Williamson nanofluid

### 1. Introduction

In recent years, the analysis of heat transfer with the help of nano-materials becomes a hot area of investigation for the latest researchers. Researchers have made immense struggle to intensify the indigent thermal conductivity of traditional liquids. With quick advancement in technology, the challenges for increasing efficiency of energy exchanger and techniques for saving of energy are being met with the use of new materials. Moreover, conventional heat exchanger fluids could not meet exclusive conditions such as stable intensity of heat exchanger (Yang *et al.* 2022). On scrutinizing and exploring nanoparticles, (Choi 1995, Long *et al.* 2023, Sun *et al.* 2023) originated the term 'nanofluids'. Nano liquid, as a new generation of super operative medium, has been swiftly appearing as an innovative medium to increase the heat exchanger coefficient of traditional liquids (Yang *et al.* 2023). The development of nanofluids has appeared as an impulsive direction, especially in the past time. The area of nanofluids analysis has tangle continuous investigation, amounts of somatic assets, steaming heat exchanger, mass exchanger and some national research or model growth. Nanofluids contain

nanoparticles or robust nanofibres having measurements of 1-100 nm. By the moderate size of nanofluids, nano-materials have stable suspension strength and capability to transfer deprived of clogging the outflow system. Since the nanofluids have exceptional thermal efficiency than the base fluid, nanofluids noticed as good coolants particularly in domestic refrigerators-freezers, nuclear reactor, machines, electric gadgets. By considering above mentioned applications, many researchers establish method to utilize nanofluids as an elective technique to enhance the energy transfer adequacy. Buongiorno (2006) employed the non-homogeneous equilibrium structure, which consist of convective transport in nanofluids. Tiwari and Das (2007) proposed a homogeneous structure by incorporating the nanomaterials fractions impact. Sheikholeslami *et al.* (2019) inspected the influence of variable magnetic forces on magnetizable hybrid nano liquid heat exchanger through a circular cavity. (Yuan *et al.* 2019) explored the numerical analysis of MHD influence on nanofluid heat exchanger in a baffled U-shaped enclosure.

They observed that heat exchanger improvement by introducing nanofluid diminish as enhancing Rayleigh number, but it enhance as enhancing the Hartmann number. Zhixiong *et al.* (2019) presented the Nanofluid transfer of heat in a porous duct in the existence of Lorentz forces parameter using the lattice Boltzmann approach. They noticed that the LBM was elected to describe the effect of magnetic (Ha), Reynolds (Re) and Darcy (Da) parameters

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on the nanoliquid behavior. A variety of the related literature may be seen in the Refs (Anwar *et al.* 2019, Chaudhary and Kanika 2019, Ambreen and Kim 2018, Shafee *et al.* 2019, Sheikholeslami 2018, Fu *et al.* 2020, Zhu *et al.* 2017). Many investigators declare the importance of MHD in various energy based flows developed by stretching sheet. Due to its powerful applications, it has received much attention in the practical area and engineering such as treatment of brain tumor, cure of hyperthermia cancer, reactors cooling, etc. The physical impact of magnetic material offer significant circumstances in heat exchanger liquid flow problems. According to Lenz's law, electric current is produced by motion of electrons in conductor in the existence of magnetic field. The nano fluids show interaction with Lorentz (sum of electric and magnetic field) forces. Zangoee *et al.* (2019) noticed the analysis of Hydrothermal of MHD nanoliquid flow between two radiative stretching and rotating disks. They noticed that concentration profile is a diminish function of Re while temperature profile is an enhancing one. Also it is investigated that local Nusselt number increases with stretchable parameter and effect of Reynolds number at uppermost disk while it is decline at lower one. Ullah *et al.* (2019) studied the MHD Viscoelastic Nanoliquid Flow of Thin Film over an Unsteady Vertical Stretchable Surface with Entropy Generation. Rashid and Liang (2020) observed the analysis of nanomaterials shape influence on MHD nanoliquid flow and heat exchanger over a rotating stretchable disk through porous media, one can see the researcher reports on magnetohydrodynamic flows in the refs (Izadi *et al.* 2019, Abbasi *et al.* 2019, Shehzad *et al.* 2019, Turkyilmazoglu 2017, Hsiao 2017, Dong *et al.* 2024, Fu *et al.* 2024, Akbaş 2016a, b, 2017a, b, 2018a, b).

In past few decades, concept of non-linear dynamics of non-Newtonian liquids has been the subject of immense interest due to their impressive significance in numerous natural phenomena including, processing of food, geophysics, technology and engineering applications. The non-Newtonian fluids are distinct and not quite easy to investigate like viscous liquids. The non-Newtonian liquids obtain attractive features such as memory of fluid, shear thin / thicken features. Among various non-Newtonian structures, Pseudoplastic liquids are also properties of nonlinear liquids models. Williamson liquid is also non-Newtonian liquid. Williamson (1929) studied the Pseudoplastic flow and shows a model equation to investigate the Pseudoplastic liquids outflow and justify the outcomes experimentally. Blasius (1950) reported the characteristics of momentum boundary layer developed in the liquid flow over a flat area. Khan *et al.* (2017) investigated an impressive research on Williamson nanoliquid flow past a cone. The particular case was reported with plate. The investigation declared that temperature field diminish for higher values of Prandtl but a reduction is examined towards a durable thermophoretic force. Hayat *et al.* (2016) examined a Magnetohydro-dynamic analysis of Williamson liquid over surface of nonlinear variable. Nadeem *et al.* (2013) examined the outflow of liquid, transfer of heat and mass mechanism over a stretchable surface where the subject liquid was taken as Williamson liquid. Salahuddin *et al.* (2016) discussed flow of Williamson

liquid over stretchable area using the Cattaneo–Christov theory for mass and heat transport advancements, Whereas the influence of Dufour and Soret on Williamson liquid flow was examined by (Hayat *et al.* 2015) using convective boundary conditions. The outcomes reveal that solute as well as thermal Biot numbers is enhancing factors for temperature distribution. A collection of literature considering the model of new methodologies can be found in Refs. (Nadeem *et al.* 2013, Khan *et al.* 2017, 2018, Shah *et al.* 2018, Malik *et al.* 2016, Bilal *et al.* 2018, Li *et al.* 2020, Zhang *et al.* 2024).

Bio-convection is a phenomenon that appears when small density micro-organism swim upward of liquid as result instability occur. Because the swimming in the upper portion, these motile micro-organisms are just like algae tend to accumulate in the uppermost part of liquid layer thus resulting in large density stratification over upper part that usually becomes unstable. In the articles, (Hill *et al.* 1989, Pedley and Kessler 1992), different kinds of bio-convective structure are investigated. In bio-medical process, bio-convection has an immense scope (Kuznetsov 2010). Process of bio-convection and nanofluid are relatively attractive for modern micro-fluidic devices. Siddiqua *et al.* (2016) reported on heat and mass exchange in bio-convection flow of water-based nanoliquids with microorganism. Beg *et al.* (2015) numerically examined the non-Newtonian nanoliquids through a permeable media in the presence of gyrotactic microorganism. Mutuku and Makinde (2014) reported the MHD nanoliquid flow with mass and heat exchanger over a vertical plate containing Bioconvection phenomenon. Further, new literature on flow of fluid can be seen in Refs (Khan *et al.* 2013, Xun *et al.* 2017, Zuhra *et al.* 2018, Waqas *et al.* 2019, Zhu *et al.* 2023). Recently some researcher used different methods for nonlinear modeling (Avcar 2019, Karami *et al.* 2017, 2018, Madani *et al.* 2016, Simsek 2011). Recently some researcher used different methods for nonlinear modeling (Eltaher *et al.* 2019, Ebrahimi *et al.* 2019, Safaei *et al.* 2019, Shahsavari *et al.* 2019, Benmansour *et al.* 2019, Farokhian 2020, Nazemnezhad and Shokrollahi 2020, Afzali and Rostamiyan, 2020, Mirjavadi *et al.* 2020, Demir *et al.* 2020, Hejri *et al.* 2020, Noroozi *et al.* 2020, She *et al.* 2020, Fenjan *et al.* 2020, Boulal *et al.* 2020, Sahmani *et al.* 2020, Hosseini *et al.* 2020, Nejadi and Mohammadimehr, 2020, Ahmed *et al.* 2020, Guo *et al.* 2023, Kuang *et al.* 2018)

According to above mentioned literature, the purpose of current analysis is to investigate the effect of Williamson nanoliquid flow over an inclined surface by considering the effect of thermal radiation, heat source/sink, activation energy and bio-convection. In this problem, the governing PDE's are altered into ODE's is then tackled analytically by using Homotopy analysis approach. Moreover, the pertinent parameters that occur in the governing equations are investigated with the help of tables and graphs.

## 2. Formulation

We consider a 2D incompressible flow of the non-Newtonian Williamson nanoliquid over an inclined stretching

surface in the presence of motile microorganism.  $\alpha$  is inclination between the direction of liquid flow and vertical line. The temperature equation is extended by considering thermal radiation and heat source/sink effect. Further, the energy activation feature is utilized in the concentration equation. The ambient temperature, concentration and micro-organism are  $T_\infty$ ,  $C_\infty$  and  $n_\infty$  respectively. In the interpretation of above assumptions, the following flow equations are articulated as:

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

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

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

$$u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + D_B \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} - K_r^2 (C - C_\infty) \left( \frac{T}{T_\infty} \right)^n \exp \left( \frac{-E_a}{kT} \right) \tag{4}$$

$$u \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial n}{\partial y} + \frac{bW_c}{C_w - C_\infty} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( n \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right) \right] = D_n \left( \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial y^2} \right) \tag{5}$$

Here, the radiation heat flux is characterized as

$$q_r = \frac{-4\sigma^* \partial T^4}{3k^* \partial y^4} \tag{6}$$

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

$$T^4 \cong 4T_\infty^3 - 3T_\infty^4 \tag{7}$$

Substituting Eq. (7) into Eq. (6), we get:

$$q_r = -\frac{16T_\infty^3 \sigma^* \partial T}{3k^* \partial y} \tag{8}$$

Substituting Eq. (8) into Eq. (3), the expression becomes:

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \left( \alpha_m + \frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3k^* (\rho c)_f} \right) \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \tau \left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} D_B + \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)^2 \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} \right] + \frac{Q}{(\rho c)_f} (T - T_\infty) \tag{9}$$

The physical conditions at boundary are:

$$u = u_w(x) = ax, \quad v = 0, \quad T = T_w, \\ C = C_w, \quad n = n_w, \quad \text{at } y = 0, \quad u \rightarrow 0, \\ T \rightarrow T_\infty, \quad C \rightarrow C_\infty, \quad n \rightarrow n_\infty, \quad \text{at } y \rightarrow \infty, \tag{10}$$

Here,  $\psi = \psi(x, y)$  is stream function and similarity

transformation are delimit as:

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}, \quad \psi = \sqrt{av}xf(\eta), \tag{11}$$

$$\eta = y\sqrt{\frac{a}{\nu}}, \quad g(\eta) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \\ j(\eta) = \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}, \quad \chi(\eta) = \frac{n - n_\infty}{n_w - n_\infty} \tag{12}$$

After applying the above similarity transformation into Eqs. (2), (4), (5) and (9), we give us the following ODE's:

$$f''' + ff'' - f'^2 + W_1 f'' f''' + \cos \alpha (Grg + Gmj) - Mf' = 0, \tag{13}$$

$$\frac{1}{Pr \left( 1 + \frac{4}{3} Rd \right)^{''''''}} \tag{14}$$

$$j'' + Lejj' + \frac{Nt}{Nb} g'' - (Le)\sigma(1 + \Omega_1 g)^{n_1} \exp \left( \frac{-E}{1 + \Omega_1 g} \right) j = 0, \tag{15}$$

$$\chi'' + Lbf\chi' - Pe[j''(\chi + \delta) + \chi'j'] = 0, \tag{16}$$

where  $M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho a}$  is magnetic field parameter,  $Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha_m}$  is Prandtl number,  $Le = \frac{\nu}{D_B}$  denotes the Lewis number,  $Nt = \frac{\tau D_T (T_w - T_\infty)}{T_\infty \nu}$  is thermophoresis factor,  $Nb = \frac{\tau D_B (C_w - C_\infty)}{\nu}$  is Brownian movement parameter,  $Gr = \frac{g\beta_T (T_w - T_\infty)}{a^2 x}$  is Grashof number,  $Gm = \frac{g\beta_c (C_w - C_\infty)}{a^2 x}$  is modified Grashof number,  $\gamma = \frac{Q}{2a(\rho c)_f}$  is heat generation/absorption factor,  $Lb = \frac{\nu}{D_m}$  is bio-convection Lewis number,  $Pe = \frac{bW_c}{D_m}$  is bio-convection pecelet number,  $\delta = \frac{n_\infty}{n_w - n_\infty}$  is bio-convection concentration difference factor,  $\Omega_1 = \frac{T_w - T_\infty}{T_\infty}$  is temperature difference factor,  $E = \frac{E_a}{kT_\infty}$  is activation energy number,  $W_1 = \Gamma x \sqrt{\frac{2a^3}{\nu}}$  is Williamson parameter.

The dimensionless form of boundary conditions is:

$$f(\eta) = 0, \quad f'(\eta) = 1, \quad g(\eta) = 1, \\ j(\eta) = 1, \quad \chi(\eta) = 1, \quad \text{at } \eta = 0, \\ f'(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad g(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \\ j(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \chi(\eta) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{at } \eta \rightarrow \infty \tag{17}$$

The essential physical quantities are:

$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{(ax)^2 \rho}$  skin friction,  $Nu_x = \frac{q_w x}{(T_w - T_\infty)k}$  Nusselt number,  $Sh_x = \frac{q_m x}{(C_w - C_\infty)D_B}$  Sherwood number.

$$q_m = -D_B \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0}, \quad q_w = \left[ -\left( k + \frac{4T_\infty^3 \sigma^*}{3k} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right]_{y=0}, \\ \tau_w = \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\Gamma}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right]_{y=0} \tag{18}$$

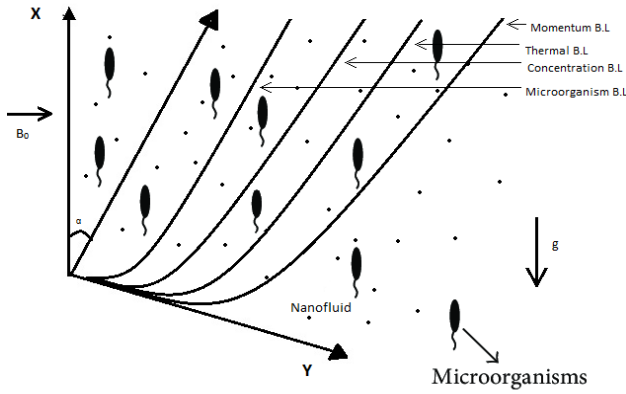


Fig. 1 Geometry of the flow problem

The non-dimensional form of skin friction coefficient, local Nusselt number, Sherwood number and motile number are:

$$C_{fx}(Re_x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = f''(0) + \frac{W_1}{2} f''(0)^2,$$

$$Nu_x Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -g'(0) \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} Rd\right), \tag{19}$$

$$Sh_x Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -j'(0), \quad Nn_x Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -\chi'(0),$$

where  $Re_x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{ax^2}{\nu}\right)}$  is local Reynolds number.

### 3. Solutions by homotopy analysis method

By considering the HAM (homotopy analysis method), we develop the convergent series solutions of Eqs. (13) – (16) via (17). Therefore  $(f_0, g_0, j_0, \chi_0)$  initial guesses and  $(L_f, L_g, L_j, L_\chi)$  linear operators can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\eta) &= 1 - e^{-\eta}, & g_0(\eta) &= e^{-\eta}, \\ j_0(\eta) &= e^{-\eta}, & \chi_0(\eta) &= e^{-\eta} \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_f[f(\eta)] &= f''' - f', & L_g[g(\eta)] &= g'' - g, \\ L_j[j(\eta)] &= j'' - j, & L_\chi[\chi(\eta)] &= \chi'' - \chi \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

The linear operator follow

$$\begin{aligned} L_f[B_1 + B_2 e^\eta + B_3 e^{-\eta}] &= 0, \\ L_g[B_4 e^\eta + B_5 e^{-\eta}] &= 0, \\ L_j[B_6 e^\eta + B_7 e^{-\eta}] &= 0, \\ L_\chi[B_8 e^\eta + B_9 e^{-\eta}] &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where  $B_k (k = 1 - 9)$  are arbitrary constants.

### 4. Result and discussion

The main focus of this portion is to investigate the influence of various impressive parameters on velocity, temperature, concentration and microorganism fields through homotopy analysis method. The outcomes for appearing somatic parameters are conferred and schemed. Demonstration convergence of the HAM solution up to 25<sup>th</sup> order of iteration where,  $M = 0.5, Gr = W_1 = \delta = 0.1,$

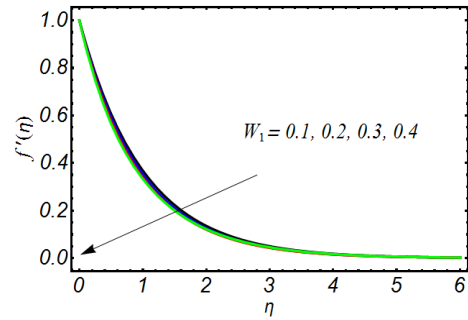


Fig. 2  $f'(\eta)$  variation for  $W_1$

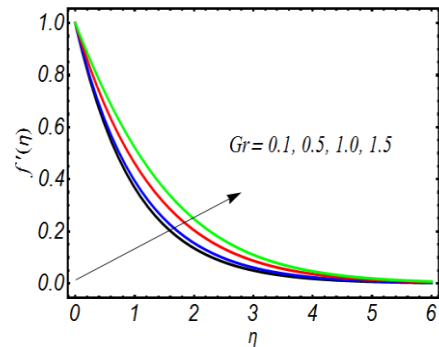


Fig. 3  $f'(\eta)$  variation for  $Gr$

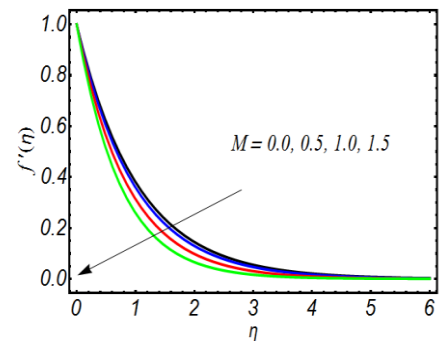


Fig. 4  $f'(\eta)$  variation for  $M$

$Pr = 1.5, Le = n = 1, \sigma = \Omega = E = 0.01, Lb = 0.7, Pe = 0.9, Nt = 0.28, Nb = 0.35.$  as shown in Table 1. This section presents execution of the different physical parameters present in equation (6) namely non-dimensional magnetic field parameter  $M$ , Weissenberg number  $W_1$ , Grashof number  $Gr$  and modified Grashof number  $Gm$  on velocity profile  $f'$  as plotted in Figs. 2-5. The influence of Weissenberg number  $W_1$  is shown in Fig. 2. It is seen that for enhancing the values of  $W_1$ , velocity profile  $f'$  decreases. Physically, Weissenberg number  $W_1$  is related with investigating the viscoelastic flows where time relaxation parameter is affected. Large values of Weissenberg number  $W_1$  is associated with time relaxation which establish more resistance period for liquid motion. Fig. 3 is display the influence of magnetic parameter  $M$  on velocity field  $f'$ . velocity profile  $f'$  retarded gradually for enhancing the values of  $M$ . The reason is that liquid produces resistive force called as Lorentz force, which is opposite flow and result in decreasing the flow of the liquid,

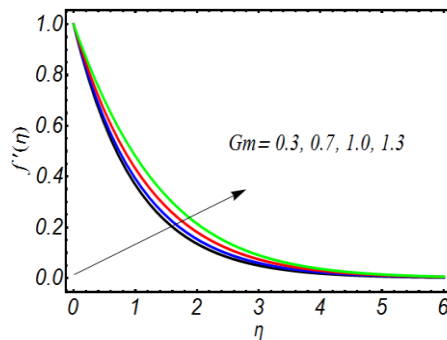


Fig. 5  $f'(\eta)$  variation for  $Gm$

Table 1 Demonstration convergence of the HAM solution up to 25<sup>th</sup> order of iteration where,  $M = 0.5$ ,  $Gr = W_1 = \delta = 0.1$ ,  $Pr = 1.5$ ,  $Le = n = 1$ ,  $\sigma = \Omega = E = 0.01$ ,  $Lb = 0.7$ ,  $Pe = 0.9$ ,  $Nt = 0.28$ ,  $Nb = 0.35$ .

Approximation order	$f''(0)$	$g'(0)$	$j'(0)$	$\chi'(0)$
1	1.0583	0.6364	0.8649	0.9417
6	1.0641	0.5579	0.8668	0.7961
15	1.0607	0.5614	0.8924	0.7558
18	1.0598	0.5625	0.8941	0.7503
20	1.0598	0.5630	0.8948	0.7484
21	1.0598	0.5630	0.8952	0.7478
22	1.0598	0.5630	0.8952	0.7478

in return reduces the velocity profile. Fig. 4 shows that increasing the values of Grashof number  $Gr$ , velocity profile  $f'$  increases. Physically justified progressing the buoyancy effect, the force of viscous reduces which enhances the motion of fluid. Fig. 5 demonstrates the relation between velocity field  $f'$  and solutal buoyancy forces. The reason beyond this modified Grashof number  $Gm$  shows its effect on length, concentration differences and kinematic viscosity of the liquid. There is an opposite relation between velocity of the liquid and viscosity. Therefore, fluid viscosity reduces once it has enhanced the modified Grashof number magnitude, due to which increases  $f'$ . Finally, there is a direct relation between modified Grash of number  $Gm$  and velocity field  $f'$ .

### 5. Conclusions

A mathematical analysis of two dimensional flow of Williamson nanofluid over an inclined stretchable surface has been carried out. Highly non-linear coupled equations are successfully solved by Homotopy analysis approach. It is seen that for enhancing the values of  $W_1$ , velocity profile  $f'$  decreases. velocity profile  $f'$  retarded gradually for enhancing the values of  $M$ . Physically justified progressing the buoyancy effect, the force of viscous reduces which enhances the motion of fluid. There is an opposite relation between velocity of the liquid and viscosity. Therefore, fluid viscosity reduces once it has enhanced the modified Grashof number magnitude, due to which increases  $f'$ .

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