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Boundary layer flow of a Walter's B fluid due to a **(D**) CrossMark stretching cylinder with temperature dependent viscosity



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Abstract The present investigation consists of an analytical treatment of a steady boundary layer flow of a Walter's B fluid due to a stretching cylinder with temperature dependent variable viscosity. The heat transfer analysis is also considered. With the help of usual similarity transformations the governing equations have been transformed into nonlinear ordinary differential equations and are solved by a powerful technique homotopy analysis method. Two models of variable viscosity, namely, Revnolds and Vogel's models are taken into account. The convergence is checked by plotting *h*-curves. The emerging parameters are discussed through graphs.

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#### 1. Introduction

The ratio of shear stress to the shear strain is known as viscosity. As far as literature survey is concerned a large number of investigations consist of works in which fluid viscosity is considered to be constant. In certain situations, the fluid viscosity does not remain constant. It may vary with distance, temperature or pressure. For example in coal slurries the viscosity of the fluid changes with temperature. In several thermal transport processes, the temperature distribution within the flow field does not remain uniform, i.e., the fluid viscosity may be changed noticeably if large temperature differences exist in the system. Therefore, it is highly desirable to take into account variable viscosity. Fluids that do not obey Newton's law of viscosity are called non-Newtonian fluids. Examples of non-Newtonian fluids are tomato sauce, mustard, mayonnaise, toothpaste, asphalt, lava and ice, mud slides, snow avalanches, etc. Massoudi and Christie [1] have investigated the effects of variable viscosity and viscous dissipation on the flow of a third grade fluid in a uniform pipe. They studied the numerical solutions with the help of straightforward finite difference method. They also discussed that the flow of a fluidsolid mixture is very complicated and may depend on several variables such as physical properties of each phase, size and shape of solid particles. The influence of constant and space dependent viscosity on the flow of a third grade fluid in a pipe has been studied analytically by Hayat et al. [2]. Later on, the approximate and analytical solution of non-Newtonian fluid with variable viscosity has been analyzed by Yursoy and Pakdemirili [3] and Pakdemirili and Yilbas [4]. The pipe flow of non-Newtonian fluid with variable viscosity keeping no slip

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Table 1	Nusselt number for Re against	Pr.			
<i>Re</i> / <i>Pr</i>	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
0.1	1.24561	1.25054	1.85790	1.85803	1.85814
0.2	1.25071	1.26060	1.86839	1.86865	1.86887
0.3	1.25581	1.27067	1.87888	1.87927	1.87961
0.4	1.26092	1.28076	1.88938	1.88989	1.89035

Table 2Nusselt number for A against Pr.

A/Pr	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
0.1	1.22637	1.22732	1.2282	1.22901	1.22976
0.2	1.27446	1.27637	1.27812	1.27974	1.28123
0.3	1.32287	1.32574	1.32836	1.33079	1.33303
0.4	1.37157	1.37539	1.37889	1.38212	1.38510

Table 3	Nusselt number for A against Re.				
A/Re	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
0.1	1.2345	1.28843	1.34062	1.39122	1.44035
0.2	1.23523	1.28997	1.34303	1.39455	1.44464
0.3	1.23591	1.29140	1.34526	1.39762	1.44859
0.4	1.23654	1.29272	1.34732	1.40046	1.45225

Table 4 Skin friction for A against Re. 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 A/Re0.1 -6.87921-6.55554-6.26807-6.00921-5.773440.2 -3.74707-3.41075-3.13845-3.56905-3.26820.3 -2.69331-2.56441-2.44969-2.34641-2.25246-1.96321-1.87991 0.4 -2.1597-2.05575-1.80419

and partial slip has been investigated analytically by Nadeem and Ali [5] and Nadeem et al. [6]. Recently, Nadeem and Akbar [7] studied the effects of temperature dependent viscosity on peristaltic flow of a Jeffrey-six constant fluid in a uniform vertical tube. Keeping this in mind, we are taking into account temperature dependent viscosity in our study. Stretching is another area of active research. A Newtonian fluid flow over a linear stretching surface was first time considered by Crane [8]. Various aspects of the flow for stretching surfaces have been focused in many investigations [9–17]. Wang [18] studied the steady flow of a viscous and incompressible fluid outside of a stretching hollow cylinder in an ambient fluid at rest. Motivation from abovementioned investigations leads us to consider a steady boundary layer flow of a Walter's B fluid due to a stretching cylinder with temperature dependent variable viscosity. The highly nonlinear problem is transformed into ordinary differential equations with the help of similarity transformations. Renolds and Vogel's models of temperature dependent variable viscosity are considered. The analytical solution is attained using powerful technique homotopy analysis method [6,19–26]. The physical behavior of various parameters is depicted through graphs (see Tables 1-4).

## 1.1. Description of the problem

Consider steady flow of an incompressible Walter's B fluid flow caused by a stretching tube of radius "a" in the axial direction, where z is the axis along the tube length and r is the axis in the radial direction. The surface of the tube is at temperature  $T_w$  and the ambient fluid temperature is  $T_1$ , where  $T_w > T_1$ . The governing equations are

$$\frac{\partial(rw)}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial(ru)}{\partial r} = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$\rho\left(u\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}+w\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right) = \frac{2\eta_0}{r}\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - \frac{2k_0}{r}u\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} - \frac{2k_0}{r}w\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(\frac{2\eta_0\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}-2k_0u\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2}}{-2k_0w\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z\partial r}}\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(\begin{array}{c}\eta_0\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}+\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right) \\ -k_0u\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2}+\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r}\right) \\ -k_0w\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}+\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z\partial r}\right)\end{array}\right) - 2\eta_0\frac{u}{r^2} - 2k_0\frac{u^2}{r^3} - \frac{2k_0}{r^2}\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}, \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho\left(u\frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + w\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{r} \begin{cases} \eta_0\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right) \\ -k_0u\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2}\right) \\ -k_0w\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z\partial r}\right) \end{cases} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \begin{cases} \eta_0\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right) \\ -k_0u\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2}\right) \\ -k_0w\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z\partial r}\right) \end{cases} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \begin{cases} \eta_0\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\right) \\ -2k_0u\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r\partial z} \\ -2k_0w\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \right), \end{aligned}$$
(3)

$$u\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + w\frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}\right)$$
(4)

subject to the boundary conditions

$$u = 0, \quad w = w_w, \quad \text{at } r = a$$
  

$$w \to 0, \quad T \to T_{\infty}, \quad \text{as } r \to \infty$$
(5)

where *u* and *w* are the velocity components along the *r* and *z* directions respectively, and  $w_w = 2cz$  where *c* is a constant with positive value. Further  $\alpha$ , *v*,  $\rho$ , *T*, *k* and  $\mu$  are thermal diffusivity, the kinematic viscosity, fluid density, fluid temperature, thermal conductivity and viscosity of the fluid. The dimensionless problem which can describe the boundary flow is given by

$$\eta_0 Re \ \eta^2 (ff'' - f'^2) + 2\eta_0 \eta (f'' + f''') + 2A\eta f'' f''' + 2A(f'')^2 + 4A\eta ff''' + 4A\eta^2 ff'''' - A\eta ff'' - 2A\eta f'f'' = 0,$$
(6)

$$\eta \theta'' + (1 + Re \ Prf)\theta' = 0, \tag{7}$$

where we have used the similarity transformations

$$\eta = \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^2, \quad u = \frac{-caf(\eta)}{\sqrt{\eta}}, \quad w = 2czf'(\eta), \quad \theta(\eta) = \frac{T - T_{\infty}}{T_w - T_{\infty}}.$$
(8)

Here prime denotes differentiation with respect to  $\eta$ . The dimensionless parameters used are

$$Re = \frac{ca^2}{v}, \quad Pr = \frac{v}{\alpha},$$

$$A = \frac{k_0 c}{\eta_0^*}.$$
(9)

where Re is Reynolds number, Pr is Prandtl number and A is Walter's B fluid parameter. The boundary conditions in dimensionless form are

$$f(1) = 0, \quad f'(1) = 0, \quad \theta(1) = 1, \quad f'(\infty) \to 0, \quad \theta(\infty) \to 0.$$
(10)

#### 2. Series solutions for Reynolds model

Here, the temperature dependent viscosity is expressed in the form

$$\eta_0 = e^{-P\theta},\tag{11}$$

which by Maclaurin series can be written as

$$\eta_0 = 1 - P\theta + O(\theta^2). \tag{12}$$

It is worth mentioning that M = 0 corresponds to the case of constant viscosity. Invoking above equation into Eqs. (6) and (7) one has

$$(1 - P\theta)Re \eta^{2}(ff'' - f'^{2}) + 2(1 - P\theta)\eta(f'' + f''') + 2A\eta f''f''' + 2A(f'')^{2} + 4A\eta ff''' + 4A\eta^{2}ff'''' - A\eta ff'' - 2A\eta f'f'' = 0,$$
(13)

$$\eta \theta'' + (1 + \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Prf})\theta' = 0, \tag{14}$$

For HAM solution, we choose the following initial guesses:

$$f(0) = 1 - e^{1 - \eta} \tag{14a}$$

$$\theta(0) = e^{1-\eta},\tag{14b}$$

and linear operators

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = f''' + f'', \tag{14c}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \theta'' + \theta'. \tag{15}$$

Zeroth order deformation problem is defined as

$$(1-q)\mathcal{L}_f[\bar{f}(\eta,q) - f_o(\eta)] = q\hbar_f N_f[\bar{f}(\eta,q),\bar{\theta}(\eta,q)], \qquad (16)$$

$$(1-q)\mathcal{L}_{\theta}\big[\bar{\theta}(\eta,q) - \theta_{o}(\eta)\big] = q\hbar_{\theta}N_{\theta}\big[\bar{f}(\eta,q),\bar{\theta}(\eta,q)\big], \tag{17}$$

$$\bar{f}(\eta, q) = 0, \quad \bar{\theta}(\eta, q) = 1, \quad \bar{f}(\eta, q) = 1, \quad \eta = 1,$$
 (18)

$$\frac{\partial f(\eta, q)}{\partial \eta} = 0, \quad \bar{\theta}(\eta, q) = 0, \quad \eta = \infty, \tag{19}$$

$$N_{f}[\bar{f}(\eta,q),\bar{\theta}(\eta,q)] = (1 - P\theta)Re\eta^{2}(ff'' - f'^{2}) + 2(1 - P\theta)\eta(f'' + f''') + 2A\eta f''f''' + 2A(f'')^{2} + 4A\eta ff''' + 4A\eta^{2}ff'''' - A\eta ff'' - 2A\eta f'f'',$$
(20)

$$N_{\theta}\left[\bar{f}(\eta,q), \quad \bar{\theta}(\eta,q)\right] = \eta \theta'' + (1 + Re \ Prf)\theta', \tag{21}$$

where  $q\epsilon[0, 1]$  is the embedding parameter and  $\hbar_f$  and  $\hbar_{\theta}$  are auxiliary non-zero operators.

The *m*th order deformation equations are defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_f[f_m(\eta) - \chi_m f_{m-1}(\eta)] = \hbar_f R_f(\eta), \qquad (22)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[\theta_m(\eta) - \chi_m \theta_{m-1}(\eta)] = \hbar_{\theta} R_{\theta}(\eta), \qquad (23)$$

where

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \le 1, \\ 1, & m > 1. \end{cases}$$
(24)

and

$$R_{f}(\eta) = Re \ \eta^{2}(ff'' - f'^{2}) - P\theta Re\eta^{2}(ff'' - f'^{2}) + 2\eta(f''_{m-1} + f''_{m-1})$$

$$- 2P\eta \left( \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f''_{m-1-k} \theta_{k} \right) + 2A\eta \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f''_{m-1-k} f''_{k}$$

$$+ 2A\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f''_{m-1-k} f''_{k} + 4A\eta \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f'_{m-1-k} f''_{k} + 4A\eta^{2} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f'_{m-1-k} f''_{k}$$

$$- A\eta \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} f''_{k} - 2A\eta \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f'_{m-1-k} f''_{k},$$

(25)



Figure 1 *h*-curve for velocity profile for Reynolds model.



Figure 2 *h*-curve for temperature profile for Reynolds model.



**Figure 3** Velocity profile for different values of *A* for Reynolds model.



**Figure 4**  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *A* for Reynolds model.



**Figure 5**  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *P* for Reynolds model.

$$R_{\theta}(\eta) = \eta \theta_{m-1}'' + \theta_{m-1}' + Re \ Pr \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-k} \theta_k'.$$
(26)

We now use the symbolic software MATHEMATICA and solve the set of linear differential Eqs. (25) and (26) subject to relevant boundary conditions up to first few order of approximations. It is found that  $f_m(\eta)$  and  $\theta_m(\eta)$  can be written as

$$f_{m}(\eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{2m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} b_{m,n} \eta^{n} e^{l-n\eta},$$
  

$$\theta_{m}(\eta) = \sum_{n=1}^{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} d_{m,n} \eta^{2(n-1)} e^{l-(2n+1)\eta}, \quad m \ge 0.$$
(27)

The solution thus can be defined as

$$f(\eta) = \lim_{Q \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{Q} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{2m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} b_{m,n} \eta^n e^{l-n\eta} \right) \right], \tag{28}$$



Figure 6 Velocity profile for different values of *Re* for Reynolds model.



Figure 7 Velocity profile for different values of *A* for Vogel's model.



**Figure 8**  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *A* for Vogel's model.



**Figure 9** Velocity profile for different values of *L* for Vogel's model.



**Figure 10**  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *L* for Vogel's model.

$$\theta(\eta) = \lim_{Q \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{Q} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} d_{m,n} \eta^{2(n-1)} e^{l - (2n+1)\eta} \right) \right].$$
(29)

# 3. Series solutions for Vogel's model

Here

$$\eta_0 = \eta_0^* \exp\left[\frac{n}{(q+\theta)} - \theta_0\right],\tag{30}$$

which by Maclaurin series reduces to

$$\eta_0 = \frac{L}{S} \left( 1 - \frac{\theta n}{q^2} \right) \quad \text{where} \quad S = \eta_0^* \exp\left[ \frac{n}{q} - \theta_0 \right]. \tag{31}$$



Figure 11  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *n* for Vogel's model.



Figure 12  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of q for Vogel's model.

Invoking above expression, Eqs. (6) and (7) become

$$\frac{L}{S}\left(1-\frac{\theta n}{q^2}\right)Re\eta^2(ff''-f'^2) + 2\frac{L}{S}\left(1-\frac{\theta n}{q^2}\right)\eta(f''+f''') 
+ 2A\eta f''f''' + 2A(f'')^2 + 4A\eta ff''' + 4A\eta^2 ff'''' - A\eta ff''' 
- 2A\eta f'f'' = 0,$$
(32)

$$\eta \theta'' + (1 + \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Prf})\theta' = 0, \tag{33}$$

Using the similar procedure as discussed in previous section, the solution of this case is straightforward written as

$$f_{m}(\eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{2m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} d'_{m,n} \eta^{n} e^{l-n\eta},$$
  

$$\theta_{m}(\eta) = \sum_{n=1}^{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} b'_{m,n} \eta^{2(n-1)} e^{l-(2n+1)\eta}, \quad m \ge 0,$$
(34)

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Figure 13 Velocity profile for different values of Re for Vogel's model.



 $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *Re* for Vogel's model. Figure 14

where  $a'_{m,n}$  and  $b'_{m,n}$  are constants.

#### 4. Graphical results and discussion

In order to report the convergence of the obtained series solutions and the effects of sundry parameters in the present investigation we plotted Figs. 1-19. Figs. 1 and 2 are prepared to see the convergence region. Fig. 3 shows the velocity variation for different values of A for Renolds model. It can be seen that velocity decreases as A increases. Fig. 4 shows  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of A for Reynolds model. Fig. 5 is plotted to see  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *P* for Reynolds model. Fig. 6 depicts velocity profile for different values of Re for Renolds model. We see that with increase in Re velocity profile is decreased. Fig. 7 depicts velocity profile for different values of A for Vogel's model. It is to be noted that velocity profile is



Figure 15 Velocity profile for different values of *S* for Vogel's model.



**Figure 16**  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of *S* for Vogel's model.

decreased with increase in A. Fig. 8 shows  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of A for Vogel's model. Fig. 9 shows velocity profile for different values of L for Vogel's model. Velocity profile for different values of L for Vogel's model is increased with increase in L. Fig. 10 shows  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of L for Vogel's model. Fig. 11 is plotted to see  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of n for Vogel's model. Fig. 12 shows the  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of q for Vogel's model. Fig. 13 depicts velocity profile for different values of Re for Vogel's model. It is observed that velocity profile decreases with increase in Re. Fig. 14 shows  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of Re for Vogel's model. Fig. 15 depicts velocity profile for different values of S for Vogel's model. It is depicted that velocity increases as S increases. Fig. 16 is plotted to see the  $f(\eta)$  profile for different values of S for Vogel's model. Fig. 17 reveals temperature profile for different values of *Re* for Vogel's model. It is seen that temperature decreases as



Figure 17 Temperature profile for different values of *Re* for Vogel's model.



Figure 18 Temperature profile for different values of *A* for Vogel's model.



Figure 19 Temperature profile for different values of *Pr* for Vogel's model.

Re increases. Fig. 18 presents temperature profile for different values of A for Vogel's model. It is observed that temperature decreases as A increases. Fig. 19 depicts temperature profile for different values of Pr for Vogel's model. It is seen that temperature decreases as Pr increases.

### 4.1. Conclusions

In this paper, we have investigated analytically the heat transfer flow of a Walter's B fluid due to a stretching cylinder. Using usual similarity transformations the governing equations have been transformed into nonlinear ordinary differential equations. The highly nonlinear problem is then solved by homotopy analysis method. Effects of the various parameters are examined. The following conclusions can be drawn as a result of the analytical solution:

- 1. The velocity profile decreases with increase in *Re* in case of Renolds model.
- 2. In case of Renolds model the velocity profile decreases with increase in *A*.
- 3. In Vogel's model the temperature profile decreases with increase in *Re*.
- 4. Reynolds number *Re* and *A* lead to decrease the velocity profile in Vogel's model.
- 5. The velocity profile in Vogel's model increases with increase in *S*.
- 6. In case of Vogel's model the velocity profile increases with increase in *q*.
- 7. L leads to increase the velocity profile in Vogel's model.

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