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# **Abstract**

In existence of heat diffusion and thermal radiation, an analytical equation is found for unsteady MHD flow past an exponentially accelerating vertical plate in optically thick water based nanofluid. The governing equations are made dimensionless by similarity transformation. A definition of Caputo fractional derivative is applied to generalize governing system of partial differential equations. Laplace transform techniques are applied and obtained the analytical solutions of proposed problems. For a physical point of view, numerical results are obtained using MATLAB software and presented via graphs. From the results, it is concluded that magnetic fields tend to reduce velocity. It is also worth noting that the heat transfer process improved with thermal radiation parameter whereas, mass transfer process improved with thermal diffusion.

**Keywords:** MHD; Nanofluid; Fractional derivative; Radiation; Diffusion; PDE; Unsteady flow

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## **Nomenclature**

### **1. Introduction**

Magnetohydrodynamics is the science that investigates the interplay between magnetic and electrolytic fluids. The influence of magnetohydrodynamics is useful in the research of the human body's blood circulation system, the deformation of liquid into metal, plasma confinement, and a variety of other social and environmental concerns. Choudhury et al. (2018) discussed the Soret effect on MHD convective heat and mass transfer flow of an unsteady viscous incompressible electrically conducting fluid past a semi-infinite vertical porous plate in presence of chemical reaction and heat sink. Recently, Hossain et al. (2022) has discussed the Thermophysical characteristic of nanofluid in presence of magnetohydrodynamics. Saidulu et al. (2019) studied the condition of zero normal flux for tangent hyperbolic fluid over an inclined stretching sheet with the effects of radiation, heat source/sink and convective boundary condition. Bakar et al. (2021) linked the formation of a hybrid nanofluid in a porous media, heat production, thermal radiation, and magnetohydrodynamics to the behavior of flow and heat transmission on mixed convection (MHD). Kumar et al. (2016) investigated study the effects of diffusion-thermo and first order homogeneous chemical reaction on micropolar fluid flow over a vertical permeable plate in a porous medium.

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Nanomaterials have far superior thermal, mechanical, optical, and transport qualities, making them an appealing research subject. Nanofluids are employed in a variety of industries including manufacturing, energy generation, and medicine. Hunegnaw and Demeke (2020) investigated the MHD mixed convective flow of Maxwell nanofluid past a porous vertically stretching sheet in the presence of chemical reaction. Nandi et al. (2021) examined the unsteady MHD free convective stagnation point flow of a hybrid nanofluid towards an exponentially stretched surface set in a uniform porous medium using ohmic, velocity slip, thermal radiation, and viscous dissipations. Sabu et al. (2021) examined the impacts of Soret effects, heat supply, and hall current on Magnetohydrodynamic convective ferro-nanofluid flow down an inclined channel with porous material on a theoretical and statistical level. Gopal and Kishan (2019) studied the viscous and Joule's dissipation on Casson fluid over a chemically reacting stretching sheet with inclined magnetic field and multiple slips. Kataria and Patel (2016) studied the impacts of heat and Soret production on Magnetohydrodynamic flow using an oscillatory vertical plate engrained in porous medium, whereas Kataria and Patel (2018) investigated the effect of heat exchange on Magnetohydrodynamic flow with soaring wall heat and increasing surface concentration.

Fractional calculus is an abstract concept that investigates non-integer order interpretations of differentiation. For a long time, it was thought to be just theoretically interesting. However, the emergence of various useful fractional derivative definitions has broadened the scope of its use. Over the past three decades, fractional calculus has progressed from a purely mathematical formulation to applications in biotechnology, shear modulus, biomechanics, physics, rheology, and electrodynamics. Fluids, biological systems' conductance, sound waves transmission, and data processing are few of the uses in science and technology. Aleem et al. (2020) studied how the Caputo fractional model may improve fluid flow, whereas Caputo-Fabrizio decays quicker than Caputo and is therefore ideally suited to displaying the memory of the flow problem at a certain moment. Ali et al. (2020) investigated the influence of copper oxide nanoparticles on the magnetohydrodynamic free convection transitory movement of a nano liquid on a vertical wall with time-dependent motion, heat, and intensity. Reyaz et al. (2022) have found an analytical solution for the Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative's actual impact on MHD flow in the presence of heat radiation and chemical reaction. In a magnetic and vibration environment, Maiti et al. (2021) built a fractional order plasma thermo - chemical flow structure that considered the Dufour and Soret effects. Recently, Upreti et al. (2022) studied Sisko fluid flow in stretching surface due to viscous dissipation and section whereas Upreti et al. (2020) and Upreti and Kumar (2020) considered radiation effects on MHD nanofluid flow.

Fractional calculus has recently drawn much interest in the domains of science and engineering. In literature, the fractional operator has been successfully used in numerous pieces. Studying the integrals and derivatives of different-order mechanisms is the focus of the rapidly expanding field of fractional calculus in mathematics. For the past few years, research on the concepts and traits of these fractional operators has increased significantly due to the high level of interest they have generated. It has proliferated among scientists working in various fields because of the positive precision obtained when several of the approaches in this calculus have been utilized to mimic some real-world phenomena (Kilbas et al. (2006); Magin (2004)). Recently, mathematicians, physicists, and engineers found fractional calculus a valuable concept in several disciplines, such as electrochemistry, rheology, quantitative biology, diffusion, etc. Caputo and Riemann-Liouvillerelated other fractional derivative operators are shown in Jarad, et al. (2012), Gambo et al. (2014), and Jarad et al. (2017).

# **2. Novelty of the Problem**

Almost all engineering processes involve heat transfer and radiations. There are number of research articles dealing with thermal radiation. It is observed that work considering a coupled process by which solutes is transported in a medium under the action of a thermal gradient along with exponentially accelerated plate is limited. Also, efficiency of the system can be improved by taking nanofluids in the study. This motivated to this novel concept of considering Nanofluid Flow Past an Exponentially Accelerated Plate in presence of transverse magnetic field with Soret and Thermal Radiation.

## **3. Mathematical formulation**

As illustrated in Figure 1, the flow is restricted to  $y' > 0$ , where y' is determined in direction normal to the plate. The fluid is deemed electrically conductive when a homogenous magnetic field B is supplied in a direction perpendicular to the plate.



**Figure 1.** Physical Sketch of the Problem

The plate is already at rest with the ambient temperature  $T_0$  at time  $t' = 0$ . The plate starts to swing at time  $t' > 0$ , according to  $u_0 e^{at'}$ , and the temperature of the plate is increased or decreased to  $T_w$ . The Rosseland approximation (1931) can be used to estimate radiative flux since nanofluid is optically thick. A radiative heat flow  $q_r$  is also expected to be applied to the plate in the normal direction. A medium is said to be optically thick if radiation exchange occurs and takes place only among neighboring volume elements. This is diffusion limit in which the governing radiative transport equations are differential equations. The water-based fluid and suspended nanoparticles copper or silver are also considered to be in thermal equilibrium, with density being proportional

to temperature buoyancy forces. The governing momentum, energy and concentration equations are as follows.

$$
\rho_{nf} \frac{\partial u'}{\partial t'} = \mu_{nf} \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial y'^2} - \sigma_{nf} B^2 u' + g(\rho \beta)_{nf} (T' - T_0) + g(\rho \beta_c)_{nf} (C' - C_0), \tag{1}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} = \frac{k_{nf}}{(\rho c_p)_{nf}} \frac{\partial^2 T'}{\partial y'^2} - \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial y'}\,,\tag{2}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial c}{\partial t'} = D_C \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y'^2} + D_T \frac{\partial^2 T'}{\partial y'^2},\tag{3}
$$

where

$$
\rho_{nf} = (1 - \phi)\rho_f + \phi\rho_s,\tag{4}
$$

$$
\mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}},\tag{5}
$$

$$
\sigma_{nf} = \sigma_f \left[ 1 + \frac{3(\sigma - 1)\emptyset}{(\sigma + 2) - (\sigma - 1)\emptyset} \right],\tag{6}
$$

$$
\sigma = \frac{\sigma_s}{\sigma_f},\tag{7}
$$

$$
(\rho \beta)_{nf} = (1 - \phi)(\rho \beta)_f + \phi(\rho \beta)_s,\tag{8}
$$

$$
k_{nf} = k_f \left[ 1 - 3 \frac{\phi(k_f - k_s)}{2k_f + k_s + \phi(k_f - k_s)} \right],\tag{9}
$$

$$
(\rho c_p)_{nf} = (1 - \phi)(\rho c_p)_f + \phi(\rho c_p)_s,\tag{10}
$$

$$
q_r = -\frac{4\sigma^*}{3k^*} \frac{\partial T'^4}{\partial y'}.
$$
\n<sup>(11)</sup>

By taking a suitably small temperature difference inside the flow, applying Taylor's series, and ignoring larger components, Equation (11) reduces to

$$
q_r = -\frac{4\sigma^*}{3k^*} \frac{\partial (4T_0^3 T' - 3T_0^4)}{\partial y'}.
$$
\n(12)

Using Equation (12) in (2),

$$
\left(\rho c_p\right)_{nf} \frac{\partial T'}{\partial t'} = \left(k_{nf} + \frac{16\sigma^* T_0^3}{3k^*}\right) \frac{\partial^2 T'}{\partial y'^2},\tag{13}
$$

with boundary conditions

$$
u' = 0, T' = T_0, C' = C_0; \text{ as } y' \ge 0 \text{ and } t' = 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
u' = u_0 e^{at'}, T' = T'_{\infty} + (T'_{w} - T'_{\infty}) t'_{t_0}, C' = C'_{w}, \text{ as } t' \ge 0 \text{ and } y' = 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
u' \to 0, T' \to T_0, C' \to C_0; \text{ as } y' \to \infty \text{ and } t' \ge 0.
$$
\n(14)

Introducing non-dimensional variables,

$$
y = \frac{u_0 y'}{v_f}, t = \frac{u_0^2 t'}{v_f}, u = \frac{u'}{u_0}, \theta = \frac{T' - T_0}{T_w - T_0}, \omega = \frac{v_f \omega'}{u_0^2}, C = \frac{C - C_0}{C_w - C_0},
$$
\n(15)

the system becomes:

$$
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - a_3 M^2 u + a_2 G_r \theta + G_m a_5 C,\tag{16}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = a_4 \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2},\tag{17}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{s_c} \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} + S r \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2},\tag{18}
$$

with initial and boundary conditions

$$
u = 0, T = T_0, C = C_0;
$$
 as  $y \ge 0$  and  $t = 0,$  (19)

$$
u = e^{at}, \theta = t, C = 1, y = 0, t > 0,
$$
\n(20)

$$
u \to 0, \theta \to 0, C \to 0 \text{ as } y \to \infty, t > 0,
$$
\n
$$
(21)
$$

where

$$
Pr = \frac{\mu_f (\rho c_p)_f}{\rho_f k_f}, M = \frac{\sigma_f B^2 v_f}{\rho_f u_0^2}, \frac{1}{k} = \frac{v_f \varphi^2}{k_1 u_0^2}, \ Gr = \frac{g \beta_f (T_w - T_0) v_f}{u_0^3}, \ Sc = \frac{v_f}{D_c}, \ Kr = \frac{v_f k'}{u_0^2},
$$

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$$
Gm=\frac{g\beta_c v_f (C_w-C_0)}{u_0^3}.
$$

#### **4. Solution of the problem**

We apply the fractional derivative technique to generate analytical formulae for velocity, temperature, and concentration. We have used the Caputo fractional differential operator. Equations (16), (17), and (18) with the Caputo derivative have the following form:

$$
D_t^{\alpha}(u) = a_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - a_3 M^2 u(y, t) + a_2 G r \theta(y, t) + G m a_5 C(y, t),
$$
 (22)

$$
D_t^{\beta}(\theta) = a_4 \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2},\tag{23}
$$

$$
D_t^{\gamma}(C) = \frac{1}{sc} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} + Sr \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2},\tag{24}
$$

where Caputo differential operator  $D_t^{\alpha}$  is defined as (Caputo 2015)

$$
D_t^{\alpha}(f(t)) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{f'(t)}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha}} \, d\tau \, ; \, 0 < \alpha < 1,
$$

where Γ is Gamma function.

#### **4.1 Analytic Solution**

The Laplace Transform and the Inverse Laplace Transform are used to find analytical solutions. Applying Laplace Transform to Equation (23) and using Laplace Transform of corresponding initial and boundary condition (19)-(21), we obtain

$$
\bar{\theta}(y,q) = \frac{1}{q^2} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{q\beta}{a_4}y}}, \qquad (25)
$$

where  $\theta(y, q)$  indicates the Laplace Transform of  $\theta(y, t)$ .

In order to obtain  $\theta(y, t)$ , we write Equation (25) in the form.

$$
\bar{\theta}(y,q) = \frac{1}{q^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( -\frac{y}{\sqrt{a_4}} \right)^n q^{\frac{n\beta}{2}}.
$$
 (26)

Applying Inverse Laplace Transform to Equation (26), we get

$$
\theta(y,t) = t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n! \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{n\beta}{2}\right)} \left( -\frac{y}{\sqrt{a_4 t^\beta}} \right)^n.
$$
\n(27)

Now applying Laplace Transform to Equation (24) and using Laplace transform of corresponding initial and boundary condition  $(19)-(21)$ , we obtain

$$
\bar{C}(y,q) = \frac{1}{q} e^{-\sqrt{Sc q^{\gamma}}} y + \frac{Scsr q^{\beta - 2}}{q^{\beta - Sc a_4 q^{\gamma}}} \left\{ e^{-\sqrt{\frac{q \beta}{a_4}} y} - e^{-\sqrt{Sc q^{\gamma}}} y \right\}.
$$
\n(28)

Again, applying Laplace Transform to Equation (22) and using Laplace transform of corresponding initial and boundary condition (19)-(21), we obtain

$$
\bar{u}(y,q) = A e^{-\sqrt{\frac{d_1 + q^{\alpha}}{a_1}} y} - \frac{a_4 d_2}{q^2 [a_1 q^{\beta} - a_4 d_1 - a_4 q^{\alpha}]} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{q^{\beta}}{a_4}} y} - \frac{d_3}{q [a_1 q^{\gamma} s - d_1 - q^{\alpha}]} e^{-\sqrt{s} c q^{\gamma} y}
$$

$$
- \frac{s c s r q^{\beta - 2} d_3}{q^{\beta} - s c a_4 q^{\gamma}} \left\{ \frac{a_4 e^{-\sqrt{\frac{q^{\beta}}{a_4}} y}}{a_1 q^{\beta} - a_4 d_1 - a_4 q^{\alpha}} - \frac{e^{-\sqrt{s} c q^{\gamma} y}}{a_1 q^{\gamma} s - d_1 - q^{\alpha}} \right\},
$$
(29)

where

$$
A = \frac{1}{q-a} + \frac{a_4 a_2}{q^2 [a_1 q^\beta - a_4 d_1 - a_4 q^\alpha]} + \frac{a_3}{q [a_1 q^\gamma sc - d_1 - q^\alpha]} + \frac{sc s r q^{\beta - 2} d_3}{q^\beta - sc a_4 q^\gamma} \left\{ \frac{a_4}{a_1 q^\beta - a_4 d_1 - a_4 q^\alpha} - \frac{1}{a_1 q^\gamma sc - d_1 - q^\alpha} \right\}
$$
  

$$
d_1 = a_3 M^2 , d_2 = a_2 G r , d_3 = G m a_5
$$

For Equations (28) and (29), we can't find the inverse Laplace transform analytically in the complex transformation domain. As a result, we employed numerical approaches to derive the inverse Laplace transform of Equations (28) and (29). In the numerical Laplace technique for solving fractional differential equations, Stehfest's (1970) and Tzou's (1970) algorithms are utilized.

#### **4.2 Nusselt Number and Sherwood Number**

The Nusselt number  $Nu$  and Sherwood Number  $Sh$  can be expressed as

$$
Nu = -\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0} \& Sh = -\left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}.
$$
\n(30)

#### **4.3 Numerical Solution**

The governing linear parabolic partial differential equations (16)-(18) with initial and boundary conditions are solved numerically by using MATLAB software (PDEPE Solver). We have taken increment step along *t* as 0.09090 and *y* directions as 0.09677 in entire numerical computations. In present problem, the cost and the accuracy of the solution depend strongly on length of the vector  $y$ . This attentive problem requests the solution on mesh produced by spaced points from

the spatial interval 31 values of  $y$  from the space interval  $[0, 3]$  and 11 values of  $t$  from the time interval [0, 1].

#### **5. Results and Discussion**

The physical interpretation of the observed data is presented in this part, which includes graphs. Numerical simulations were carried out to demonstrate the impact of various physical characteristics. The following are the results that we obtained to demonstrate the impacts of nanoparticle volume fraction  $\emptyset$ , magnetic field parameter  $M$ , Thermal Radiation number  $Nr$ , Prandtl number Pr, Schmidt number  $Sc$ , Mass Grashof number  $Gm$ , Thermal Grashof number  $Gr$ , and Soret number  $Sr$  on Momentum, Heat and Diffusion profiles.



**Figure 2.** Velocity profile  $u$  for distinct values of  $\emptyset$ 



Figure 3. Temperature profile  $\theta$  for distinct values of Ø



Figure 4. Velocity profile  $u$  for distinct values of  $Gr$ 

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**Figure 6.** Temperature profile  $\theta$  for distinct values of  $Nr$ 



Figure 7. Velocity profile  $u$  for distinct values of  $M$ 



Figure 8. Concentration profile  $C$  for distinct values of  $Sr$ 

| Sc  | t   | Patel et al. (2022) | <b>Present Study</b> |
|-----|-----|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1.5 | 0.4 | $-0.2185$           | $-0.2185$            |
| 2.0 | 0.4 | $-0.2523$           | $-0.2523$            |
| 2.5 | 0.4 | $-0.2821$           | $-0.2821$            |
| 1.5 | 0.5 | $-0.2443$           | $-0.2443$            |
| 1.5 | 0.6 | $-0.2676$           | $-0.2676$            |

**Table 1:** Comparison of Sherwood Number with Patel et al. (2022) at  $Sr = 0$ 

The influence of nanoparticle volume fraction Ø on fluid momentum is depicted in Figure 2. In Figure 2, as the value  $\emptyset$  rises, the fluid momentum slows down in the interval  $(0,1)$  and fluid velocity increases in the interval (1,3). Figure 3 depicts the volume fraction as a function of temperature. The fluid temperature rises as  $\varnothing$  increases, which can be seen in the graph. It is because when the value of nanoparticle volume fraction  $\phi$  grows, the viscous forces increase, causing the heat capacity of the fluid to rise, resulting in a rise in temperature. The influence of Thermal Grashof number *Gr* and Mass Grashof number *Gm* have been displayed in Figure 4 and Figure 5. As illustrated in both images, higher *Gm* and *Gr* values increase the fluid momentum. It's because of the proportions of buoyancy and viscous forces. As a result, raising the values of *Gr* and *Gm* lowers viscosity by increasing the buoyancy force. The influence of the radiation parameter *Nr* on the heat profile is seen in Figure 6. Higher levels of *Nr* result in a rise in temperature, as shown in the graph. The temperature effect of *Nr* is consistent with its physical behavior, resulting in a rise in nanofluid temperature in the boundary layer area. Figure 7 shows the momentum of a fluid as a function of the magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) parameter, *M*. The existence of a magnetic material or even an electrical current that produces magnetic fields could trigger the induced magnetic field. The magnetic field's pulling force grows as the MHD parameter is enhanced. The fluid flow is hindered as a result, and the fluid motion is lowered. The cause of Soret number *Sr* on concentration profile has been illustrated in Figure 8 and it has been observed that concentration profile decreases as Soret number *Sr* rises. Table 1 communicates the comparison of rate of masstransfer with the analysis reported by Patel et al. (2022). It demonstrates the validity of the current study by comparing it to previous findings; this indicates they are in good agreement. It supports our findings in terms of Sherwood number since it agrees well with the previously stated results.

#### **6. Conclusion**

Stable MHD flow through an exponentially accelerating vertical surface in optically thick nanofluid has been examined in the influence of heat transfer and thermal radiation. Closed form issues are solved using the Laplace technique and the Caputo fractional model. The impact of various factors on velocity profile, temperature profile, and concentration profile has been studied through graphs. The current investigation yielded the following key findings.

- The Mass Grashof number and Thermal Grashof numbers tend to accelerate the motion of fluid flow.
- The fluid motion reduced by increasing the value of nanoparticle volume fraction, Magnetic field.
- The heat transfer enhanced with nanoparticle volume fraction and Thermal Radiation parameter.
- Thermo-diffusion tends to reduce the mass transfer process.

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# **Appendix**

