



# Theoretical study of two-dimensional unsteady Maxwell fluid flow over a vertical Riga plate under radiation effects

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**Abstract.** The heat and mass transfer mechanism has gained importance in technical, industrial, and engineering processes following the use of thermal radiation in nanomaterials with improved thermal properties. Nanomaterials with improved thermal characteristics can be utilized in the formulation of energy to expand the industrial growth of countries. The effects of thermal radiation on the rate-type fluid passing through a Riga plate are examined in this article. The impact of thermophoresis and Brownian motion has significant importance. The mathematical explanation of the problem is given with the help of partial differential equations. The coupled nonlinear form of ordinary differential equations is achieved via the appropriate methodology of similarity variables. Utilizing suitable MATLAB software, we have achieved numerical solutions for simplified nonlinear equations. The physical parameters have exceptional impacts on the behavior of velocity, temperature, and concentration fields based on graphs. From this study, it is concluded that the Deborah number has an increasing effect on the pattern of fluid velocity. The rising values of the Prandtl number reduce the temperature profile while the higher values of the radiation parameter escalate the temperature profile.

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## 1. Introduction

Today, research on non-Newtonian fluids has received considerable attention due to their rheological characteristics. There are various realistic implementations of these fluids in the industrial and engineering fields such as cooling systems, polymer extrusion, nuclear reactors, and food processing. All the features of these non-Newtonian fluids cannot be illustrated with the help of a single model. Thus, various non-Newtonian models have been introduced by a large number of

researchers. The integral, rate-type, and differential fluids belong to the category of non-Newtonian models. The subclass of the rate-type fluid model includes Maxwell fluid. The Maxwell fluid characterizes the impact of relaxation time. Many studies are linked to Maxwell fluid (see [1–4]). Many researchers have been inspired by the available literature on non-Newtonian fluids to investigate the significant properties and behaviors of these fluid flows. Fetecau et al. [5] considered a continuously escalating plate and investigated the unsteady flow of generalized Maxwell fluid. Fetecau and Fetecau [6] studied the Maxwell fluid flow phenomenon caused by an infinite plate and obtained the exact results. Hayat and Qasim [7] conducted a study to explore the consequences of Joule heating and thermophoresis on the Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD)

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Maxwell fluid flow. They obtained the series representation of the flow problem and concluded that the radiation parameter lowered the heat transfer rate. Jamil and Fetecau [8] considered coaxial cylinders to observe the Maxwell fluid for the Helical flow. They compared the Maxwell fluid flow mechanism with Newtonian fluids through graphs. Wang and Hayat [9] observed the fluctuating flow problem of Maxwell fluid in a porous medium by considering variable suction. Nadeem et al. [10] addressed the MHD boundary layer flow of Maxwell fluid exhibited by a stretching sheet subject to nanoparticles. They acquired the numerical results of the flow problem with the consideration of nanoparticles. Oke and Mutuku [11] considered a convectively heated stretchable sheet to examine the time-independent hydromagnetic boundary layer flow mechanism with viscous dissipation effects in Eyring-Powell fluid. The consequence of thermal radiation and Coriolis forces on MHD flow of modified Eyring-Powell fluid induced by a non-uniform surface was demonstrated by Oke [12]. The flow problem of water-Alumina nanofluid past on a uniform surface subject to the heat source and Coriolis effects was disclosed by Oke et al. [13]. The significance of thermal radiation in Williamson fluid subject to the hydromagnetic stagnation point flow past on a stretching sheet was analyzed by Ouru et al. [14]. Oyem et al. [15] investigated the time-independent MHD flow phenomenon initiated by a flat plate in the presence of Soret and Dufour in Sakiadis and Blasius flows. Sadeghy et al. [16] carried out a study to ensure a concise description of the upper-convected Maxwell (UCM) fluid past on a stationary plate. Hayat et al. [17] carried out the analysis of Maxwell fluid in ferromagnetic flow produced by a stretching sheet. Hayat et al. [18] also investigated the Cross fluid for MHD stagnation point flow and heat transfer phenomenon by taking into account a stretching surface. They concluded that the Prandtl number diminished the temperature distribution and the Weissenberg number enhanced the velocity distribution. Khan et al. [19] developed a study on non-Newtonian fluid in the magneto-nanomaterial flow to examine the heat transport mechanism and entropy optimization by considering a stretching curved surface. Khan et al. [20] considered a Darcy-Forchheimer porous medium to analyze the micropolar ferrofluid in the flow of second-order velocity slip.

The heat transfer mechanism and MHD flow of UCM fluid corresponding to a stretching surface with the consideration of thermal radiation were discovered by Abel et al. [21]. Mukhopadhyay et al. [22] considered a constantly permeable growing surface to detail the thermal radiation impacts on the Maxwell fluid. They observed the different characteristics of fluid flow and heat transfer. Zheng et al. [23] achieved accurate results for the problem of generalized Maxwell coaxial

cylinders in an unsteady rotating flow. Hafeez et al. [24] considered a shrinking surface to observe the buoyancy impact on Cross nanofluid in chemically reactive flow. They studied the dual solutions to the problem and determined that the dual results existed in the range of critical points. Yang et al. [25] presented an article on the Casson nanofluid in MHD thermally radiative stagnation point flow constrained by a shrinking sheet. They utilized the Runge-Kutta Fehlberg methodology for the numerical outcomes and determined that the rate of heat transfer declined with the higher magnitude of the unsteadiness parameter. Khan et al. [26] investigated the cross nanofluid to discover the impact of thermal radiation on the stagnation point flow, passing through a shrinking surface. Hayat et al. [27] addressed the radiative nonlinear flow produced due to a convective cylinder and noticed that the magnetic and radiation parameters increased the temperature distribution. Qayyum et al. [28] established a brief study on five nanoparticles in the viscous fluid flow subject to a rotating disk with joule heating effects. The analysis of viscoelastic nanofluid for the radiative energy transmission with the appearance of convective conditions and buoyancy was executed by Waqas et al. [29]. The study of hybrid nanofluid for the MHD flow conducted by a rotating disk subject to entropy generation was carried out by Khan et al. [30]. The authors revealed that the extension of magnetic and stretching parameters improved the surface drag force. Gireesha et al. [31] discussed the mechanism of hybrid nanofluid flow developed by a moving permeable longitudinal fin and scrutinized the consequences of natural convection and thermal radiation. Hayat et al. [32] assumed pseudoplastic fluid in the presence of peristaltic flow to recognize the impacts of Joule heating, heat generation, Hall current, and Soret.

Riga plate was invented by Gailitis and Lielausis [33] to develop and work out the electric and magnetic fields, due to which Lorentz forces were established parallel to the wall to handle the fluid flow. Pantokratoras [34] used a Riga plate to demonstrate the Blasius and Sakiadis flows. The analysis of Blasius flow for an electrically conducting fluid with the existence of a Riga plate was carried out by Magyari and Pantokratoras [35]. Ahmad et al. [36] investigated the nanofluid for the mixed convective boundary layer flow induced by a Riga plate. The consequence of heat and mass transfer in the stagnation point flow phenomenon of the micropolar nanofluid subject to a Riga plate was scrutinized by Nadeem et al. [37]. The stagnation point flow phenomenon of Cosserat-Maxwell fluid with various physical impacts was analyzed by Hafeez et al. [38]. Fetecau et al. [39] studied a problem of flow between two parallel infinite plates to observe the exponential temperature-dependent viscosity of UCM fluid. Muhammad et al. [40] investigated the

impacts of nonlinear thermal radiation and activation energy in Eyring-Powell nanofluid flow generated by a Riga plate. Waqas et al. [41] considered a stretchable cylinder to demonstrate the impacts of activation energy with heat and mass fluxes in the bio-convection Darcy-Forchheimer flow phenomenon of nanofluid. Zhang et al. [42] studied a porous Riga plate to investigate the thermo-bioconvection and oxytactic microorganism flow of nanofluid. The MHD flow problem resulting from a stretchable sheet in Maxwell nanofluid with the consideration of carbon nanotubes was analyzed by Subbarayudu et al. [43]. The phenomenon of bioconvection in Maxwell nanofluid flow caused by a Riga surface with the involvement of nonlinear thermal radiation and the activation energy was disclosed by Ramesh et al. [44].

According to the above-mentioned literature review, the Maxwell fluid flow problem over a Riga plate has been studied, while the time-dependent flow of Maxwell fluid over a vertical Riga plate with the existence of thermal radiation effects and the Buongiorno model has not been examined yet.

As part of its novelty, this study reports two-dimensional unsteady Maxwell fluid flow on a vertical Riga plate under radiation effects. To formulate the mathematical expressions of the physical problem, the Buongiorno model is considered. After the implementation of the relevant similarity transformations on the mathematical formulation of the problem, nonlinear coupled ordinary differential equations are acquired. To achieve numerical solutions of nonlinear ODEs, MATLAB package along with its bvp4c technique was employed. The impact of various parameters on the pattern of concentration, velocity, and temperature fields is determined through graphical presentations. The mathematical forms of the Sherwood number and local Nusselt number are determined.

## 2. Mathematical description

To examine the thermal radiation effects, let us take a vertical Riga plate with velocity  $U_w$  for the unsteady two-dimensional Maxwell fluid flow. The mathematical illustration of the problem considers the Buongiorno model, which incorporates the Brownian motion and thermophoresis effects. To understand the physical phenomena of the present problem, it is important to arrange the Cartesian coordinates system such that along the vertical Riga plate, the  $x$ -axis is taken and the  $y$ -axis direction is located orthogonally. The physical explanation of the ongoing flow problem is depicted in Figure 1.

We have the following relevant boundary layer equations for the given problem based on the above assumptions [45]:

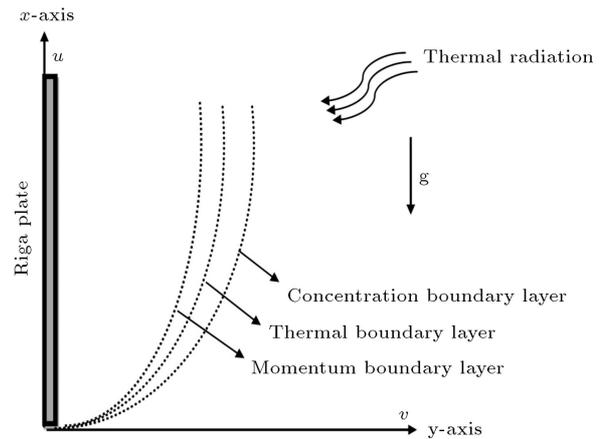


Figure 1. Physical description of the problem.

$$u_x + \nu_y = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (u_t + uu_x + \nu u_y) &= \nu u_{yy} \\ &+ \lambda(u^2 u_{xx} + \nu^2 u_{yy} + 2\nu u u_{xy}) \\ &+ \frac{\pi M_0 j_0}{8\rho} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{b}y\right) + \frac{g\beta_T}{\rho}(T - T_\infty) \\ &+ \frac{g\beta_C}{\rho}(C - C_\infty), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho C_p(T_t + uT_x + \nu T_y) &= K T_{yy} + \mu(u_y)^2 - q_r \\ &+ \tau \left( D_B T_y C_y + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} (T_y)^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$(C_t + uC_x + \nu C_y) = D_B(C_{yy}) + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty}(T_{yy}). \quad (4)$$

In Eq. (3), the radiative heat flux has the following expression as described by Eckert et al. [46] and Raptis [47]:

$$q_r = -\frac{4\sigma^*}{3k_1} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial y}. \quad (5)$$

Following the application of the expansion  $T^4 \cong 4T_\infty^3 T - 3T_\infty^4$ , Eq. (3) takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho C_p(T_t + uT_x + \nu T_y) &= \left( K + \frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3k_1} \right) T_{yy} \\ &+ \mu(u_y)^2 + \tau \left( D_B T_y C_y + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} (T_y)^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The relevant boundary conditions for the concerned problem are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u &= U_w(x, t) = \frac{x}{1 - ct}, \\
 \nu &= V_w(x, t) = -\frac{\nu_o}{(1 - ct)^{1/2}}, \\
 T &= T_w(x, t) = T_\infty + T_o \frac{ax}{2v(1 - ct)^2}, \\
 D_B C_y + \frac{D_T}{T_\infty} T_y, & \quad \text{at } y = 0, \\
 u \rightarrow 0, \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty, \quad C \rightarrow C_\infty & \quad \text{as } y \rightarrow \infty, \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $U_w$  is the surface velocity and  $V_m$  is mass flux velocity with  $V_w < 0$  for injection and  $V_w > 0$  for suction and constants  $a > 0$ ,  $c \geq 0$  ( $ct < 1$ ).

The relevant similarity variables are defined as follows [45]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi &= \sqrt{vxU_w} f(\eta), & \theta(\eta) &= \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}, \\
 \phi(\eta) &= \frac{C - C_\infty}{C_w - C_\infty}, & \eta &= \sqrt{\frac{U_w}{xv}} y, \\
 u &= \psi_y, & \nu &= -\psi_x. \quad (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

The following non-linear equations are obtained upon using Eqs. (2), (4), (6), and (8):

$$\begin{aligned}
 f''' + ff'' - f'^2 - S \left( \frac{1}{2} \eta f'' + f' \right) + \beta(f^2 f''' - 2ff'f'') \\
 + M \exp(-\xi\eta) + Gr\theta + Gc\phi = 0, \quad (9)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( 1 + \frac{4}{3} Rd \right) \theta'' + PrEcf'^2 - Pr \left( \frac{S}{2} \eta \theta' - f\theta' \right) \\
 + PrNb\theta'\phi' + PrNt\theta'^2 = 0, \quad (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi'' + \frac{Nt}{Nb} \theta'' + Scf\phi' - Sc\frac{S}{2} \eta \phi' = 0. \quad (11)$$

Eq. (7) takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(0) = A, \quad f'(0) = 1, \quad \theta(0) = 1, \\
 Nb\phi'(0) + Nt\theta'(0) = 0, \quad f'(\infty) = 0, \\
 \theta(\infty) = 0, \quad \phi(\infty) = 0. \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = \frac{c}{a}, \quad \beta = \frac{\lambda U_w}{x}, \quad M = \frac{\pi M_0 j_0}{8\rho} \frac{x}{U_w^2}, \\
 Gr = \frac{x}{U_w^2} \frac{g\beta_T}{\rho} (T_w - T_\infty), \quad Gc = \frac{x}{U_w^2} \frac{g\beta_C}{\rho} (C_w - C_\infty),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Sc = \frac{v}{D_B}, \quad \xi = \frac{\pi}{b} \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_w}}, \quad Rd = \frac{4\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{k_1 K}, \quad Pr = \frac{\mu C_p}{K}, \\
 Ec = \frac{U_w^2}{C_p(T_w - T_\infty)}, \quad Nb = \frac{\tau D_B(C_w - C_\infty)}{v}, \\
 Nt = \frac{\tau D_T(T_w - T_\infty)}{v T_\infty}, \quad A = \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{av}}. \quad (13)
 \end{aligned}$$

Local Nusselt and Sherwood numbers are stated mathematically as [48]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Nu_x &= \frac{xq_w}{K(T_w - T_\infty)}, \quad Sh_x = \frac{xh_m}{D_B(C_w - C_\infty)}, \\
 q_w &= -K \left( 1 + \frac{16\sigma^* T_\infty^3}{3k_1 K} \right) \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0}, \\
 h_m &= -D_B \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0}, \\
 Re_x^{-1/2} Nu_x &= - \left( 1 + \frac{4}{3} Rd \right) \theta'(0), \\
 Re_x^{-1/2} Sh_x &= -\phi'(0). \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Solution procedure

To solve the nonlinear higher-order ODEs, we will first convert them into the first-order problem. To this end, the numerical technique outlined below is employed. Eqs. (9)–(11) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f''' = \left( \frac{1}{1 + \beta f^2} \right) \left( S \left( \frac{1}{2} \eta f'' + f' \right) + f'^2 - ff'' \right. \\
 \left. + 2\beta ff'f'' - M \exp(-\xi\eta) - Gr\theta - Gc\phi \right), \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta'' = \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4}{3} Rd} \right) \left( Pr \left( \frac{S}{2} \eta \theta' - f\theta' \right) - PrEcf'^2 \right. \\
 \left. - PrNb\theta'\phi' - PrNt\theta'^2 \right), \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi'' = Sc\frac{S}{2} \eta \phi' - \frac{Nt}{Nb} \theta'' - Scf\phi'. \quad (17)$$

Now, to transform the above higher-order ODEs into the system of the first order, seven new variables are developed. Eqs. (15)–(17) are of order three in  $f$  and order two in  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , respectively. The new variables are introduced as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f = y_1, \quad f' = y_2, \quad f'' = y_3, \quad f''' = y_3', \\
 \theta = y_4, \quad \theta' = y_5, \quad \theta'' = y_5', \\
 \phi = y_6, \quad \phi' = y_7, \quad \phi'' = y_7'. \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

We have the following first-order system of equations

after substituting Eq. (18) into Eqs. (15)–(17).

$$y_2 = y'_1, \quad y_3 = y'_2, \tag{19}$$

$$y'_3 = \frac{1}{1 + \beta y_1^2} \left[ S \left( \frac{1}{2} \eta y_3 + y_2 \right) + y_2^2 - y_1 y_3 + 2\beta y_1 y_2 y_3 - M \exp(-\xi \eta) - Gr y_4 - Gc y_6 \right],$$

$$y_5 = y'_4, \tag{20}$$

$$y'_5 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4}{3} Rd} \left[ Pr \left( \frac{S}{2} \eta y_5 - y_1 y_5 \right) - Pr Ec y_3^2 - Pr Nb y_5 y_7 - Pr Nt y_5^2 \right],$$

$$y_7 = y'_6, \quad y'_7 = Sc \frac{S}{2} \eta y_7 - \frac{Nt}{Nb} y'_5 - Sc y_1 y_7. \tag{21}$$

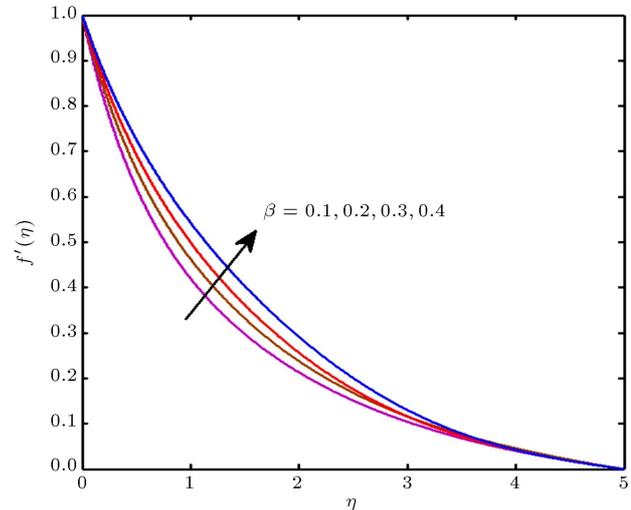
The boundary conditions (12) take the following form in the new variables:

$$\begin{aligned} y_0(1) = A, \quad y_0(2) = 1, \quad y_0(4) = 1, \\ Nb y_0(7) + Nt y_0(5) = 0, \\ y_\infty(2) = 0, \quad y_\infty(4) = 0, \quad y_\infty(6) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

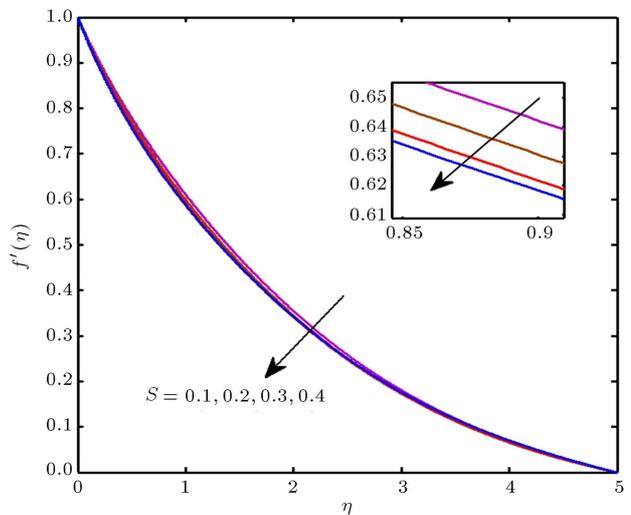
**4. Results and discussion**

The solution to Eqs. (9)–(11) subject to Eq. (12) was obtained using MATLAB software by its bvp4c methodology. Graphs employed to examine the influence of numerous parameters appearing in equations on dimensionless velocity, temperature, and concentration were sketched. A range of relevant parameters include  $\beta = 0.2, S = 0.5, C = 0.5, M = 0.1, N = 0.4, Rd = 1.2, Pr = 1.5, Ec = 0.8, Nb = 0.2, Nt = 0.7, Sc = 1.3, A = 0.9,$  and  $V = 0.2$ . Figure 2 is sketched to examine the behavior of the velocity curve with the proceeding values of the Deborah number. Physically, the Deborah number is related to the relaxation time; therefore, due to the melting phenomenon, the higher values of  $\beta$  show lower viscous force to the fluid particle motion and the velocity curve exhibits an escalating behavior. For expanding the parameters  $S, Sc,$  and  $A$  the dimensionless velocity curve declines, as shown in Figures 3–5. The pattern of dimensionless velocity exhibits the declining behavior due to the diminishing thickness of the momentum boundary layer with the escalating value of  $S$ . In the case of  $S = 0$  we have a steady flow and an unsteady flow for  $S > 0$ . The fluid velocity descends due to the greater intensity of  $SC$ , as displayed in Figure 4. Physically, with increase in the value of  $Sc$  the viscous effect is escalated due

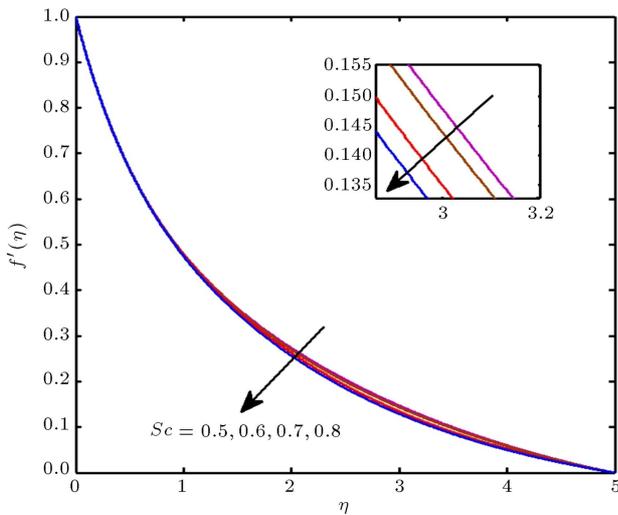
to which the velocity of fluid declines. According to Figure 5, with acceleration in the magnitude of  $A$ , the boundary layer thickness shrinks; therefore, there is a decrement in the fluid velocity. The impacts of parameters  $Pr, Rd, S, Ec, Nb,$  and  $Nt$  on the temperature field are depicted in Figures 6–11. Figure 6 is sketched to explain the behavior of temperature distribution for  $Pr$ . The accelerating values of  $Pr$  reduce the thickness of the boundary layer and decline the temperature curve. The momentum diffusion becomes superior and the thermal boundary layer goes thin, thus reducing the temperature profile. The higher increment in the Prandtl number reduces the fluid thermal conductivity. As a result, the heat transfer decelerates, thus lowering the fluid temperature. Figures 7 and 8 show that the magnitude of the temperature field rises due to increment in parameters  $Rd$  and  $S$ , respectively. Phys-



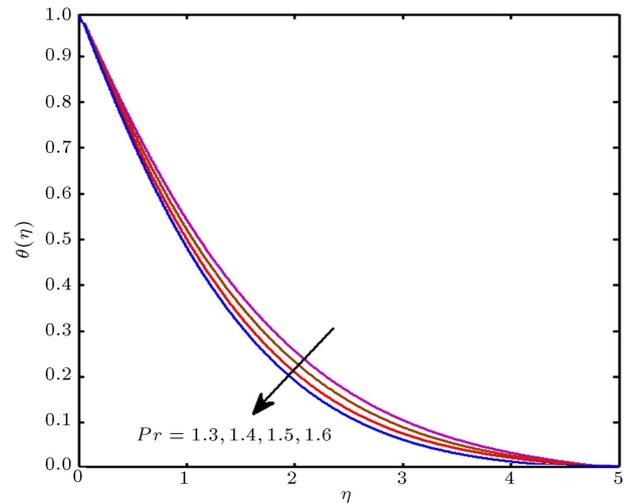
**Figure 2.** Velocity curve corresponding to the Deborah number.



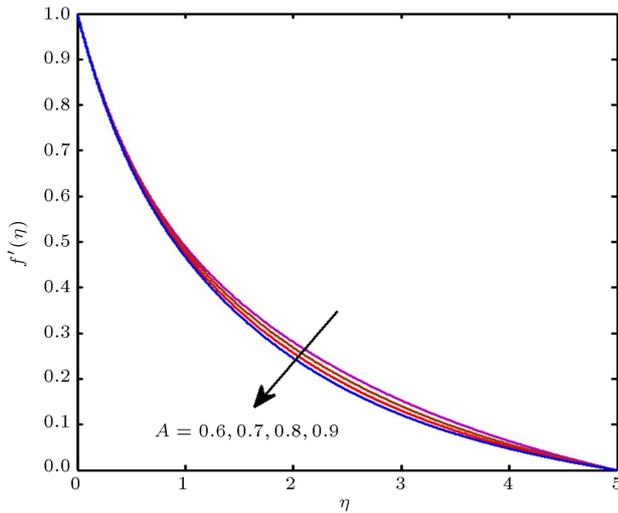
**Figure 3.** Velocity curve corresponding to the unsteadiness parameter.



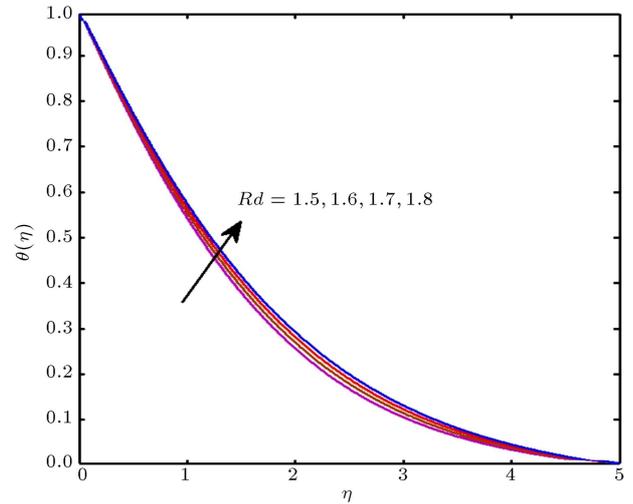
**Figure 4.** Velocity curve corresponding to the Schmidt number.



**Figure 6.** Temperature curve corresponding to the Prandtl number.

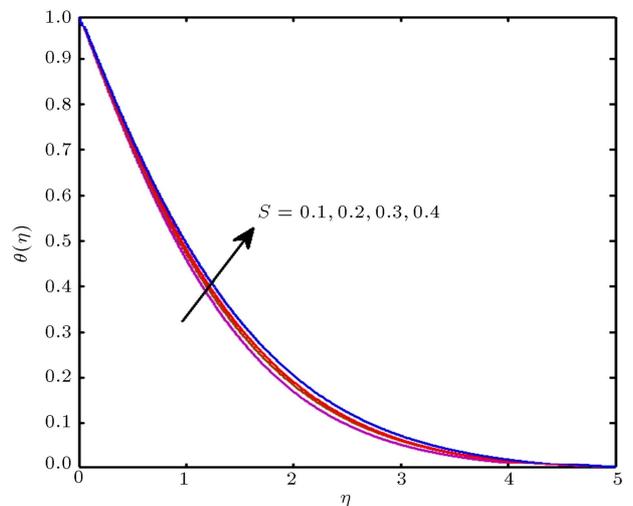


**Figure 5.** Velocity curve corresponding to the Suction parameter.

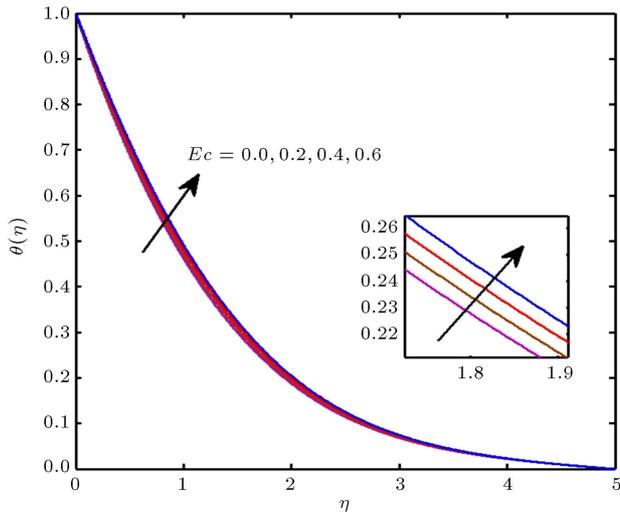


**Figure 7.** Temperature curve corresponding to the radiation parameter.

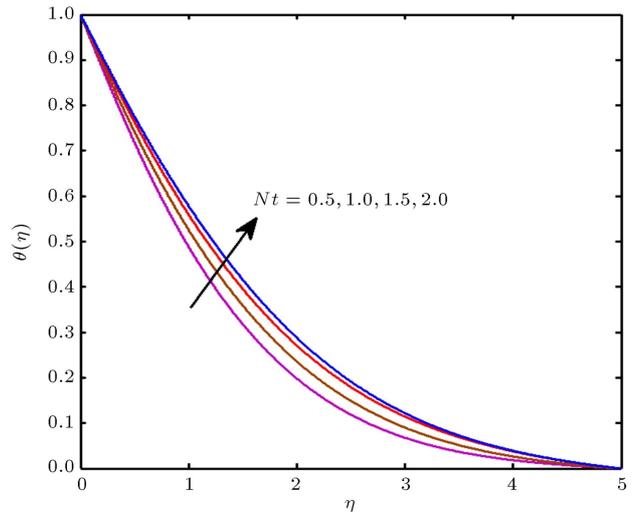
ically, the radiation parameter determines how much the conduction heat transfer yields thermal radiation transfer. We have come up with the result that the higher magnitude of  $Rd$  escalates the temperature profile within the boundary layer. The fluid internal energy and temperature field rise with an increase in the value of  $Ec$ , as depicted in Figure 9. The Eckert number is used to illustrate the relation between the kinetic energy of fluid flow and the heat enthalpy difference. The fluid temperature is also considered as the average kinetic energy, which is a familiar fact. Furthermore, the flow kinetic energy expands due to increase in the value of  $Ec$  parameter. As a result, the fluid temperature proceeds. Figure 10 illustrates the temperature field behavior with the effects of increasing the values of  $Nb$ . The fluid temperature field exhibits an expanding behavior at a higher magnitude of  $Nb$ . In



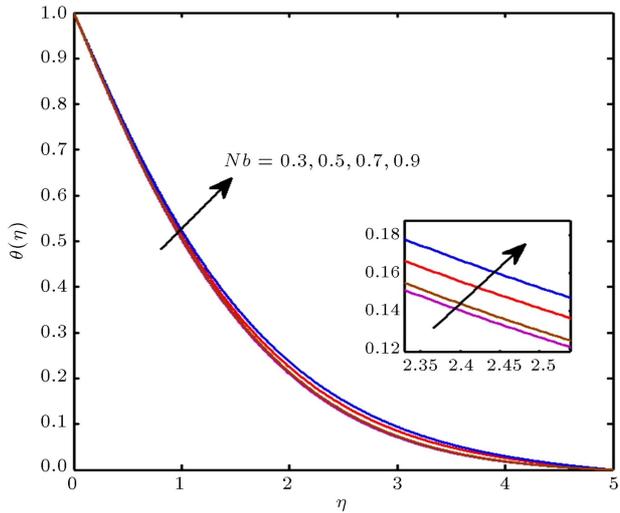
**Figure 8.** Temperature curve corresponding to the unsteadiness parameter.



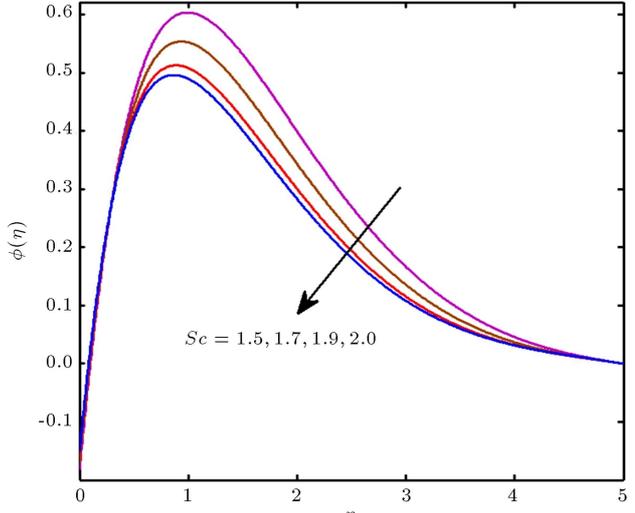
**Figure 9.** Temperature curve corresponding to the Eckert number.



**Figure 11.** Temperature curve corresponding to the thermophoresis parameter.



**Figure 10.** Temperature curve corresponding to the Brownian motion parameter.

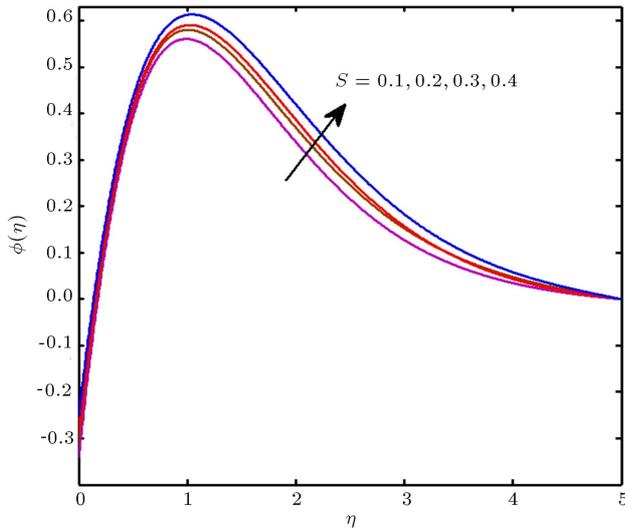


**Figure 12.** Concentration curve corresponding to the Schmidt number.

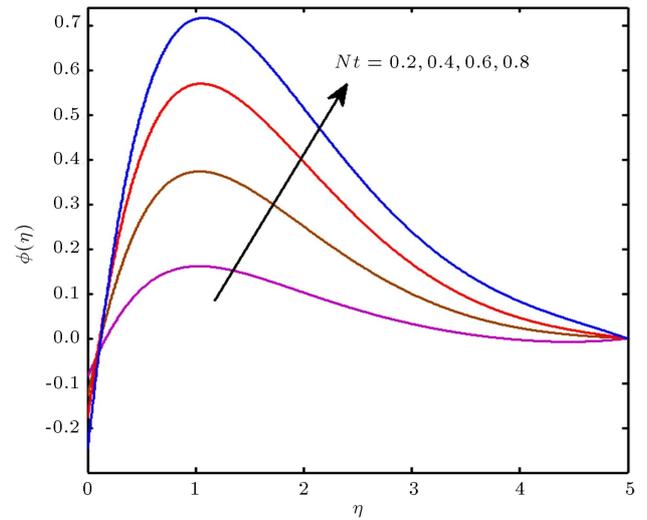
fluids, the arbitrary movement of nanoparticles results from the Brownian motion. The collision between nanoparticles and fluid molecules is enhanced due to this movement. As a result, the kinetic energy of molecules takes the form of thermal energy and therefore, fluid temperature increases. The behavior of fluid temperature for  $Nt$  is given in Figure 11. Physically, the motion of the particles from the hotter section to the cold section escalates due to thermophoresis. The temperature increases because of the quick motion of heat from a hotter surface to the fluid. Figure 12 examines the declining magnitude of the concentration field against  $Sc$ . As the Schmidt number is related to the Brownian diffusion coefficient, an increase in the Schmidt number lowers the Brownian coefficient. Moreover, the nanoparticles experience resistance in penetrating heavier into the fluid. As a result, as the

Schmidt number escalates, the infiltration depth of concentration descends. In the case of the parameter  $S$ , concentration is an increasing function, as depicted in Figure 13. The concentration field declines with the growing  $Nb$  values, as exhibited in Figure 14. The rate of Brownian diffusion rises due to Brownian parameter and concentration field is reduced. The accelerating behavior of concentration due to  $Nt$  increase is explored in Figure 15. Physically, the thermophoretic diffusion is intensified at a higher magnitude of  $Nt$ . As a result, the nanoparticles move to the cool fluid from the hot region. Therefore, the higher values of  $Nt$  enhance the thickness of the concentration boundary layer.

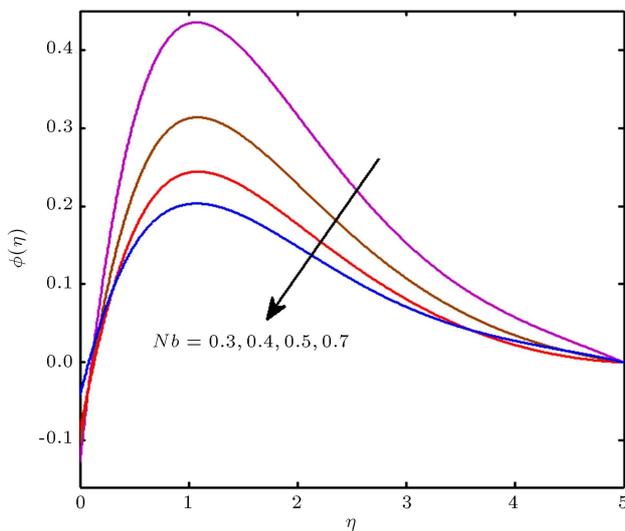
For distinct values of  $Pr$  Table 1 presents excellent agreement between the obtained numerical values of the Nusselt number and those obtained by Nadeem et al. [49]. Table 2 shows the numerical values of



**Figure 13.** Concentration curve corresponding to the unsteadiness parameter.



**Figure 15.** Concentration curve corresponding to the thermophoresis parameter.



**Figure 14.** Concentration curve corresponding to the Brownian motion parameter.

the Nusselt number  $Re_x^{-1/2}Nu_x$  and Sherwood number  $Re_x^{-1/2}Sh_x$  corresponding to distinct values of physical parameters. The values of Nusselt number for  $S, Rd, Ec, Nt$ , and  $Sc$  are reduced, while values of  $\beta$

**Table 1.** Comparison of the Nusselt number with different values of  $Pr$ .

$Pr$	Present results	Nadeem et al. [49]
0.7	0.4582	0.4582
2.0	0.9114	0.9114
7.0	1.8955	1.8954
20	3.3539	3.3539
70	6.4621	6.4622

and  $Pr$  increase. At higher values of  $\beta, Pr$ , and  $Nt$ , the values of Sherwood number increase, exhibiting the opposite behavior for  $S, Pr, Rd, Ec, Nb$ , and  $Sc$ .

### 5. Concluding remarks

The consequence of thermal radiation on the time-dependent two-dimensional flow of Maxwell fluid subject to a vertical Riga plate was briefly investigated in this paper. The Buongiorno model with the effects of Brownian motion and thermophoresis was also considered. With the help of MATLAB software along with its bvp4c methodology, the numerical outcomes of the nonlinear system of ODEs were achieved. Graphical presentations were used to examine the temperature, velocity, and concentration fields corresponding to the various pertinent parameters. The main findings of the concerned problem are exhibited below:

- The pattern of dimensionless velocity takes a descending pattern for parameters  $S, Sc$ , and  $A$ , while it depicts the increasing behavior at the escalating values of  $\beta$ . The thickness of the momentum boundary layer rises with the increment in  $\beta$  due to which the velocity field raises;
- Temperature field varies directly for  $Rd, S, Ec, Nb$ , and  $Nt$ , while it descends for  $Pr$ . The fluid thermal conductivity is reduced as the  $Pr$  values go upward. Furthermore, the rate of heat transfer is minimized, which reduces the temperature distribution;
- Concentration increases due to  $S$  and  $Nt$ ;
- Impact of  $Sc$  and  $Nb$  for concentration is completely different from  $S$  and  $Nt$ . The concentration distribution takes a descending pattern at higher values of  $Sc$  and  $Nb$ ;

**Table 2.** At distinct values of involving parameters, computational results of Nusselt number and Sherwood number.

$\beta$	$S$	$Pr$	$Rd$	$Ec$	$Nb$	$Nt$	$Sc$	$Re_x^{-1/2}Nu_x$	$Re_x^{-1/2}Sh_x$
0.3	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.3	1.6458	2.2155
0.4								1.7786	2.3943
0.5								2.0429	2.7501
0.6								2.4066	3.2396
0.5	0.1	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.3	1.6588	2.2331
	0.3							1.5576	2.0967
	0.5							1.4798	1.9921
	0.7							1.4127	1.9017
0.5	0.5	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.3	0.6067	0.8167
		0.4						0.7056	0.9498
		0.7						0.8834	1.1892
		0.8						0.9474	1.2753
0.5	0.5	1.5	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.7	1.3	2.6754	8.2621
			0.2					1.7336	4.7903
			0.3					1.5146	3.7866
			0.4					1.4402	3.2873
0.5	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.3	0.2266	0.7932
				0.3				0.2019	0.7068
				0.4				0.1773	0.6204
				0.5				0.1526	0.5340
0.5	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.1	0.7	1.3	0.0785	0.5495
					0.2			0.0785	0.2747
					0.3			0.0785	0.1831
					0.4			0.0785	0.1374
0.5	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.2		0.0947	0.0947
						0.3		0.0914	0.1371
						0.4		0.0881	0.1762
						0.5		0.0848	0.2121
0.5	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.0987	0.3455
							0.2	0.0961	0.3364
							0.3	0.0937	0.3281
							0.4	0.0916	0.3205

- Nusselt number and Sherwood numbers have escalating values for  $\beta$  and  $Pr$ , but they are reduced for  $S$ ,  $Rd$ ,  $Ec$ , and  $Sc$ .

## Nomenclature

$u, v$	Velocity components
$x, y$	Cartesian coordinates
$g$	Gravitational acceleration
$\nu$	Kinematic viscosity
$M_0$	Magnet magnetization
$j_0$	Applied current density
$b$	Electrodes and magnets width
$K$	Fluid thermal conductivity
$\rho$	Fluid density
$\beta$	Deborah number
$T$	Fluid temperature
$T_\infty$	Ambient temperature
$T_w$	Temperature at the surface
$C_\infty$	Ambient concentration
$C_w$	Surface concentration
$\eta$	Similarity variable
$Sc$	Schmidt number
$h_m$	Surface mass flux
$\theta$	Dimensionless temperature
$M$	Modified Hartmann number
$Gc$	Modified Grashof number
$\sigma^*$	Stefan-Boltzmann constant
$k_1$	Mean absorption coefficient
$S$	Unsteadiness parameter
$Pr$	Prandtl number
$Rd$	Radiation parameter
$\xi$	Dimensionless parameter
$Ec$	Eckert number
$Nt$	Thermophoresis motion parameter
$Nb$	Brownian parameter
$\mu$	Dynamic viscosity
$q_r$	Radiative heat flux
$\lambda$	Relaxation time
$D_B$	Brownian diffusion coefficient
$D_T$	Thermal diffusion coefficient
$\psi$	Stream function
$c_p$	Specific heat capacity at constant pressure
$A$	Suction parameter
$q_w$	Surface heat flux
$\phi$	Dimensionless concentration
$Gr$	Local Grashof number

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