

# Acquiring an analytical solution and performing a comparative sensitivity analysis for flowing Maxwell upper-convected fluid on a horizontal surface

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## Highlights

- An excellent agreement between analytical and numerical solutions is seen.
- The more Deborah is, the lower skin friction coefficient is observed.
- Both drag force and hydraulic boundary layer decline when porosity increases.
- Decrease in Deborah and increase in porosity both lead to enhancing heat transfer.

## Abstract

The problem of flowing a Maxwell upper-convected fluid on a horizontal surface is considered here in two conditions. One is the condition in which the plate is made of a porous material, and another one when it is not. For each case, the analytical solution is found using a technique called homotopy perturbation method (HPM). The codes developed in Maple software program are employed for this purpose, and the profiles for velocity and temperature are obtained. The provided analytical solution for each condition is validated using the numerical simulation of the boundary value problem (BVP), and then, a comprehensive sensitivity analysis is carried out. According to the results, for each case, an excellent agreement between the numerical simulation and analytical solution is seen. Moreover, it is found that the skin friction coefficient has a downward trend for both conditions when Deborah goes up. Furthermore, increasing the porosity coefficient is accompanied by decrease in both drag force and hydraulic boundary layer. In addition, for the investigated conditions, having a higher porosity factor leads to an enhancement in the heat transfer, whereas a decrease in Deborah has the same effect.

Keywords: Computer simulation; Horizontal plate; Mathematical solution; Maxwell upper-convected fluid; Porous media; Sensitivity analysis

# Nomenclature

Nomenclature		Greek symbols	
<i>Symbols</i>		$\theta$	Dimensionless temperature (-)
$c_p$	Isobaric heat capacity ( $J.kg^{-1}.K^{-1}$ )	$\rho$	Density ( $kg.m^{-3}$ )
$d$	Cutting rate	$\tau$	Shear stress (Pa)
$\frac{d}{dt}$	Material derivative	$\delta$	Thickness (m)
Da	Darcy number (-)	$\Delta$	Difference
De	Deborah number (-)	$\lambda$	Relaxation time (s)
$f$	Function	$\psi$	Stream function
$F$	Force (N)	$\nu$	Kinematic viscosity ( $m^2.s^{-1}$ )
$i$	Index	$\eta$	The similarity variable or viscosity factor
$j$	Index	$\varphi$	Porosity ratio (-)
$k$	Thermal conductivity ( $W.m^{-1}.K^{-1}$ )	$\partial$	Partial derivative
$k^*$	porosity	$\zeta$	Auxiliary operator
$L$	Velocity gradient tensor	<i>Scripts</i>	
$N$	Difference between normal stress values (Pa)	$c$	Relaxation
$p$	Auxiliary term	$f$	Fluid
$P$	Pressure (Pa)	$m$	Mixture
Pr	Prandtl number (-)	$p$	Investigated time period
Re	Reynolds number (-)	$V$	Volumetric
$T$	Temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$s$	Solid
$u$	Velocity ( $m.s^{-1}$ )	$w$	Wall
$U$	Velocity of the free stream ( $m.s^{-1}$ )	<i>Abbreviations</i>	
$t$	Time (s)	HPM	Homotopy perturbation method
$x$	x direction	SSSF	Steady state steady flow
$y$	y direction		

## 1. Introduction

Porous media are being extensively utilized in a wide range of applications from enhancing the performance of power generation units to controlling the temperature of electronic circuits, healthcare products, and so on [1], [2], [3], [4]. Such a great popularity has been the trigger for many investigations in the field [5], [6], [7], and among different topics, modeling the performance has been taken into account as one of the hottest subjects in the area [8], [9], [10]. A model is able to predict the performance of the system for any condition of the effective input parameters [11], [12], [13]. Numerical simulation and analytical solution are two main widely-used ways for modeling [14].

Numerical solution is done when the problem is complex, and the governing equations could not be solved directly. Because of the complexity of the governing equations, modeling the interaction between fluid flow and a porous medium is usually done using the numerical approaches, and several investigations have been employed numerical simulation for modeling the fluid flow inside or outside porous media. Among different aspects, modeling heat transfer is of great importance since it shares valuable information about the exchange of energy, mass, and momentum due to conduction, convection, and radiation, and helps to know the system more comprehensively [15].

As indicated, there have been a huge number of studies that have utilized numerical approach for prediction of the interaction between fluid flow and porous media. Those studies could be categorized into different groups according to various aspects, including the employed method for numerical simulation, the considered fluid, the geometry of porous medium, and the considered effects. Table 1 tries to give a quick summary about the aforementioned criteria of a number of the most related recent studies.

One the other hand, analytical solution could make a bridge to find the value of an output based on the effective input parameters as a function, and could be used as a robust tool for sensitivity analysis and code validation. In addition, compared to the numerical simulation, using an

**Table 1.** A quick summary of the employed methods, the considered fluids, and the geometries of porous medium in the recent relevant investigations which provided a numerical simulation for interaction of a fluid and a porous medium.

Study	Year	The employed method for numerical simulation	The fluid	The geometry of porous medium	The considered effects
Sheikholeslami [16]	2017	Gauss–Seidel method	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanofluid-water	A curved cavity which has a hot wall on the left	Heat transfer
Toosi and Siavashi [17]	2017	A CFD code based on the reference [18], which utilized finite-volume methodology	Cu particles in water	A square cavity partially in which there was porous medium	Heat transfer
Abdelfatah et al. [19]	2017	Finite difference method	A nano fluid	A core plug	The characteristic of porous media, including permeability
Jourabian et al. [20]	2018	Lattice Boltzmann method	Melting ice as a phase change material	A flat rectangular cavity which has two vertical arranged cylinders	Heat transfer
Khayyer et al. [21]	2018	Lagrangian method	Water	A wave channel with porous media whose porosity was variable	Hydrodynamical characteristics
Ellahi et al. [22]	2019	BVPh 2.0 toolbox in Mathematica	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> nanofluid-water	Two wavy parallel walls	Velocity profile as well as electromagnetic parameters
Su et al. [23]	2019	Discrete element method	Two-phase fluid-particle	A cylinder	Pressure difference in addition to the position of particles in the stream
Talebizadeh Sardari et al. [24]	2020	Combination of enthalpy-porosity and thermal non-equilibrium approaches	A phase change material	A rectangular medium with PCM embedded in a foam that is composed of copper	Heat transfer
Nazari et al. [25]	2020	SIMPLER approach	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> nanofluid-water	A square cavity with two horizontal adiabatic walls	Heat transfer
Omirebekov et al. [26]	2020	Volume-averaging method	Alpha-olefin sulfonate	Foam in porous media	Hydraulic performance
Chen et al. [27]	2020	Least-squares method	Aqueous solution of BaSO <sub>4</sub>	A reservoir and injection slot	Permeability criteria
Hu et al. [28]	2020	Finite volume CFD method	A Newtonian fluid	Heat exchanger in turbine engine	Heat transfer
Aminian et al. [29]	2020	Finite volume CFD method using ANSYS-FLUENT software program	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> and CuO nanofluid- water	A cylinder	Magnetic characteristics as well as heat transfer
Hosseini et al. [30]	2020	Finite element method (X-FEM)	A single-phase fluid	A fracture	Transport phenomena
Massarotti et al. [31]	2020	Characteristic-Based-Split method	Free fluid	A cavity inside a rectangular shape	Heat transfer
Feng et al. [32]	2020	Cascaded lattice Boltzmann method	A mixed convection flow	Cavity in a porous channel	Heat transfer

analytical solution needs a much lower computation time and cost [33]. Therefore, some studies tried to deal with the complexity of problems in the field and provide analytical solutions for them using some “techniques” [34], [35], [36], [37], [38], [39], [40].

Having the similar fashion as the studies which have used numerical simulation, Table 2 is provided to share information about the investigations which have given analytical solutions for interaction of a fluid and a porous medium in different problems. For example, as some of the quite similar items to this study, the research works done by Shao et al. [41], Fahs et al. [42], and Shao et al. [43] could be given as the examples. Shao et al. [41] took the advantage of a method called Fourier–Galerkin approach to find an analytical solution for heat transfer in heterogeneous porous medium, which could be used as a benchmark reference. Moreover, by applying the same technique, i.e., Fourier–Galerkin approach, Fahs et al. [42] proposed an accurate analytical solution for natural convection in a porous enclosure, and employed the solution to investigate the impact of thermal dispersion on that. Additionally, Fourier–Galerkin approach was employed in the study of Shao et al. [43] to present an analytical solution for Darcy-Brinkman double-diffusive convection heat transfer in a geometry, which was a confined saturated porous medium.

Table 2 shows that homotopy perturbation method, also known as HPM, has been utilized in few works to provide analytical solutions. HPM was originally introduced by He [51] and has been used to find the analytical solution for a number of problems in different fields of science [52], [53], [54], [55], [56]. However, it has not been employed for the problem of flowing a Maxwell upper-convected fluid on a flat porous plate. Moreover, a comparative study to find the impact of changing the effective parameters on the heat transfer of this fluid has not been carried out yet. The explained issues could be considered as the gap of the research. In another word, to the best of authors' knowledge and based on the conducted literature review, all previous studies have neglected to provide an analytical solution for flowing the Maxwell upper-convected fluid on a porous medium fluid perform the sensitivity analysis to find the impact of effective parameters. In fact, they have focused on the fluids with simpler physics, like the Newtonian ones.

Despite progress in numerical model development, analytical solutions are still important as they provide direct relation between model output and input parameters (so they are helpful in performing sensitivity analysis) and they are of first importance for code validation. The results presented in this paper (especially, the comparison between analytical and numerical solutions) can serve as data for code verification and benchmarking. Therefore, providing the analytical solution for flowing the Maxwell upper-convected fluid using HPM method, and comparing the obtained solution with the condition in which the plate is not porous could be taken into account as the novelties of the paper.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1. Problem definition

As previously mentioned, the goal of this investigation is to solve the governing equations for flowing Maxwell upper-convected fluid on a horizontal surface in two conditions. One is the condition in which the plate is made of a porous medium, and another is the horizontal surface whose material is not porous. The goal is achieved by employing HPM, as described in the rest of this part, and by obtaining the distribution for temperature (

**Table 2.** A quick summary of the recent relevant investigations carried out for providing an analytical solution for interaction of a fluid and a porous medium.

<b>Study</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>The employed method to prepare the analytical solution</b>	<b>The fluid</b>	<b>The geometry of porous medium</b>	<b>The considered effects</b>
Shao et al. [41]	2015	Fourier–Galerkin approach	A fluid which had Darcy-Brinkman heat, flow, and mass transfer	A square cavity	Heat transfer
Shao et al. [43]	2016	Fourier–Galerkin approach	A fluid with double-diffusive convection	A square cavity	Heat transfer
Obembe et al. [44]	2017	Modification of the memory-based approach	Slightly compressible fluid	Fractal	Hydraulic performance
Shirkhani et al. [45]	2018	Homotopy perturbation method	Newtonian fluid	Two parallel discs	
Nakshatrala et al. [46]	2018	Green’s function method	A single-phase fluid which was incompressible	A rigid medium which featured double porosity	Mass transfer and velocity profile
Joodat et al. [47]	2018	mechanics-based solution verification	An incompressible fluid	Hollow sphere	Mass transfer and velocity profile
Fahs et al. [42]	2019	Fourier–Galerkin approach	A fluid with internal natural convection	A square type of cavity which has the slip velocity boundary	Heat transfer
Hoseinzadeh et al. [48]	2019	Homotopy perturbation method	A single-phase fluid	A fin whose cross section was rectangular	Heat transfer
Nabizadeh et al. [49]	2020	Using separation variable	Spherical fluid	A reservoir	Hydraulic characteristics, including the dimensionless pressure
Ghanbari Ashrafi et al. [50]	2020	Homotopy perturbation method	Newtonian fluid	A flat plate	Heat transfer, as well as velocity and stress profiles

) and velocity ( $u$ ). These two parameters are determined while they are dependent on  $x$  and  $y$ , as the independent parameters. Fig. 1 shows the schematic design of the problem.

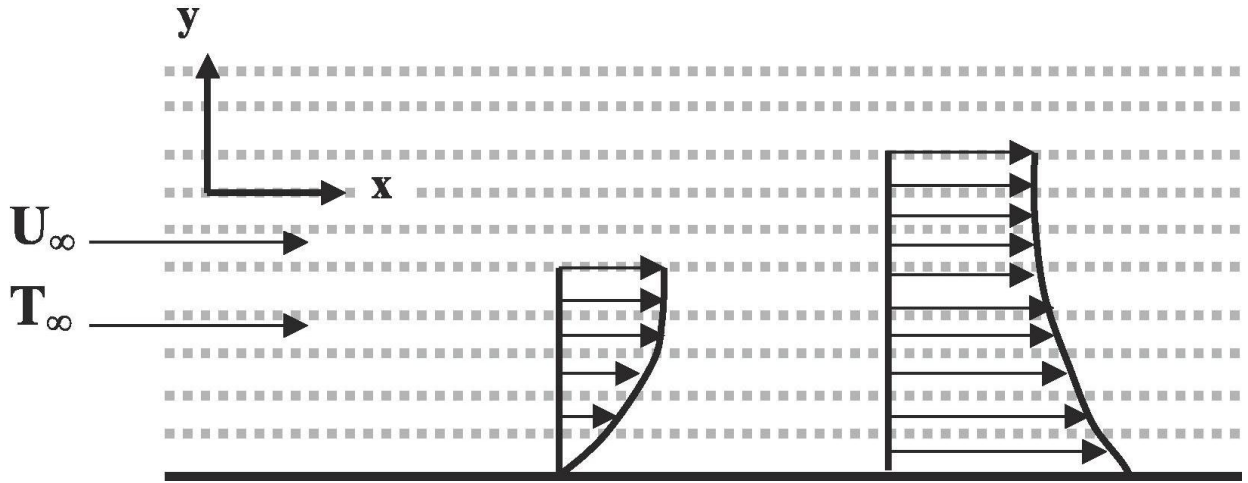


Fig. 1. The Schematic statement of the problem.

Maxwell material refers to a substance which is viscous and elastic at the same time, and in fluid mechanics, upper-convected model represents the behavior of a Maxwell material when large deformations take place. In such case, upper-convected time derivative is employed for modeling, and the name "upper-convected" comes from that [57].

Additionally, for developing the analytical solution, the continuity is assumed for the medium while the fluid is considered incompressible. Not changing the properties and working in steady state steady flow (SSSF) condition are two other assumptions for the investigation. Moreover, no phase change process takes place in the system and all the solid particles are thought to have the same specifications, including the shape.

## 2.2. Governing equations

Continuity, momentum, and energy equations are taken into account as the three main types of governing equations for the investigated system. Considering the point that, based on the assumptions, no changes in properties happens, the momentum equation could be solved separate from the energy equation.

When the flow is laminar and there is SSSF condition, the governing continuity and momentum equations are:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + F_V \quad (2)$$

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + F_V \quad (3)$$

In which  $\rho$  is shows density while  $\frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x}$ , and  $\frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x}$  are the elastic and viscosity terms, respectively.  $F_v$  also stands for volumetric force. According to the boundary layer theory and by employing order of magnitude, the condition reported in Eq. (4) for the investigated problem exists.

$$u = O(1) \quad \vartheta = O(\delta) \quad x = O(1) \quad y = O(\delta) \quad \frac{\tau_{xx}}{\rho} = O(1) \quad \frac{\tau_{xy}}{\rho} = O(\delta) \quad \frac{\tau_{yy}}{\rho} = O(\delta^2) \quad (4)$$

Through making Eqs. (2), (3) simple, Eqs. (5), (6) are achieved:

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \vartheta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} - \frac{\mu}{k} u \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (6)$$

where  $\frac{\mu}{k} u$  and  $k$  show Darcy term and penetration factor, respectively. In case the medium is not porous, the pressure changes in  $x$  direction could be neglected. If not, the genral form of Darcy approach can be utilized.

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \vartheta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} - \frac{\mu}{k} u \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vartheta}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (8)$$

In Eqs. (7), (8), five unknown variables could be identified, which are:  $P$ ,  $\tau_{xy}$ ,  $\tau_{xx}$ ,  $\vartheta$ , and  $u$ .

A system of equations could be solved when number of equations are equal to number of unknown variables. Therefore, three more (auxiliary) equations are needed. The first auxiliary equation could be written based on the properties of the Maxwell fluid, which indicates that the tensors for tension and changes rate are related together based on Eq. (9):

$$\tau_{ij} + \lambda \frac{\Delta}{\Delta t} \tau_{ij} = 2\eta d_{ij} \quad (9)$$

$\eta$ ,  $\lambda$ , and  $\frac{\Delta}{\Delta t}$  denote the viscosity factor, time of relaxation, and the derivative of time, respectively. Eq. (10) could be applied for calculation of the term  $\frac{\Delta}{\Delta t} \tau_{ij}$ :

$$\frac{\Delta \tau_{ij}}{\Delta t} = \frac{D \tau_{ij}}{Dt} - L_{jk} \tau_{ik} - L_{ik} \tau_{kj} \quad (10)$$

All the used terms in Eq. (10) have been introduced previously except for  $L_{ij}$ . This is the tensor for velocity gradient.

Putting all the terms from the introduced equations into Eq. (7) results in achieving Eq. (11) as the momentum equation for the Maxwell fluid:

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \vartheta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \lambda \left[ u^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) + \vartheta^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + 2u\vartheta \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \right] = -\frac{dp}{dx} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \frac{\nu}{k} u \quad (11)$$

Based on the considered assumptions and due to the constant rate of free flow:

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{\mu}{K}U \quad (12)$$

Consequently, as the final equation, Eq. (13) is obtained:

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \lambda \left[ u^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) + v^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) + 2uv \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \right] = \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) - \frac{\nu}{k} (u - U) \quad (13)$$

Since there is no slip, the boundary conditions indicated in Eq. (14) are imposed to the problem:

$$at y = 0; \quad u = 0; \quad v = 0 \quad at y \rightarrow \infty; \quad u \rightarrow U \quad (14)$$

For energy equation, since the problem is solved for SSSF conditions in which the changes in properties, including the temperature are zero and no heat generation takes place, Eqs. (15), (16) could be written:

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \frac{k_m}{(\rho c_p)_f} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (15)$$

$$k_m = (1 - \varphi)k_s + \varphi k_f \quad (16)$$

In Eqs. (15), (16) the conductivity of solid parts and fluid are indicated by  $k_s$  and  $k_f$ , respectively.

Moreover,  $\frac{k_m}{(\rho c_p)_f}$  is defined as that is called the thermal distribution. Additionally, the corresponding boundary condition is:

$$at y = 0; \quad T = T_w \quad at y \rightarrow \infty; \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty \quad (17)$$

### 2.3. Transforming equations to ordinary format

Stream function is defined based on Eq. (18):

By defining the flow function, we can reduce the number of unknowns in the Eq. (13) to one.

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (18)$$

If Eq. (21) is considered, Eq. (15) could be stated in the form of Eq. (22):

$$\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) + \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y \partial x^2} \right) + \left( \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3} \right) - 2 \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial x \partial y^2} \right) \right] = \nu \left( \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial y^3} \right) - \frac{\nu}{k} \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - U \right) \quad (19)$$

The similarity variable is defined as  $\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U}{\nu x}}$ . Then:



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{u}{U} &= f'(\eta) \Rightarrow Uf'(\eta) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \Rightarrow Uf'(\eta) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \Rightarrow Uf'(\eta) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{U}{\nu x}} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \Rightarrow \sqrt{U\nu x} f'(\eta) d\eta = d\psi = \sqrt{U\nu x} f(\eta)\end{aligned}\quad (20)$$

After taking advantage of simplifications, Eq. (21) is achieved:

$$\begin{aligned}-2U^2 k x f''(\eta) f(\eta) + U^3 k \lambda \eta f'^2(\eta) f''(\eta) + U^3 k \lambda f''(\eta) f^2(\eta) + 2U^3 k \lambda f'(\eta) f(\eta) f''(\eta) \\ -4xU^2 k f''(\eta) + 4x^2 U \nu f'(\eta) - 4U x^2 \nu = 0\end{aligned}\quad (21)$$

When both sides of Eq. (21) are divided by  $k'$ , Eq. (22) is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}-2U^2 x f''(\eta) f(\eta) + U^3 \lambda \eta f'^2(\eta) f''(\eta) + U^3 \lambda f''(\eta) f^2(\eta) + 2U^3 \lambda f'(\eta) f(\eta) f''(\eta) \\ -4xU^2 f''(\eta) + 4\frac{x^2}{k} U \nu f'(\eta) - 4U \frac{x^2}{k} \nu = 0\end{aligned}\quad (22)$$

Darcy number for the direction  $x$  could be defined as ( $Da_x = \frac{k}{x^2} = \frac{k_0}{x} k = k_0 x$ ). If both sides are multiplied in  $(-1)$ , and then, they are divided by and since based on the definition of the problem in two-dimensional system (Fig. 1), the penetration is in the  $x$  axis:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} f''(\eta) f(\eta) - \frac{U\lambda}{4x} \eta f'^2(\eta) f''(\eta) - \frac{U\lambda}{4x} f''(\eta) f^2(\eta) - \frac{U\lambda}{2x} f'(\eta) f(\eta) f''(\eta) + f''(\eta) \\ - \frac{1}{Da_x} \frac{\nu}{Ux} f'(\eta) + \frac{1}{Da_x} \frac{\nu}{Ux} = 0\end{aligned}\quad (23)$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}f''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2} f(\eta) f''(\eta) - \frac{\lambda U}{4x} \left( 2f(\eta) f'(\eta) f''(\eta) + f^2(\eta) f''(\eta) + \eta f'^2(\eta) f''(\eta) \right) \\ - \frac{1}{Da_x Re_x} (f'(\eta) - 1) = 0\end{aligned}\quad (24)$$

The term  $\frac{\lambda U}{4x}$  is defined as Deborah number (De) while  $k^* = \frac{1}{Da * Re}$ . Consequently, Eq. (27) changes to Eq. (28) and the corresponding boundary condition is written based on Eq. (29):

$$\begin{aligned}f''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2} f(\eta) f''(\eta) - De \left( 2f(\eta) f'(\eta) f''(\eta) + f^2(\eta) f''(\eta) + \eta f'^2(\eta) f''(\eta) \right) - k^* (f'(\eta) - 1) \\ = 0\end{aligned}\quad (25)$$

$$\eta = 0; \quad f(\eta) = 0 \quad f'(\eta) = 0 \quad \eta \rightarrow \infty; \quad f'(\eta) \rightarrow 1\quad (26)$$

In addition, by defining the dimensionless temperature in the form of ( $\theta = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_w - T_\infty}$ ), Eq. (27) is achieved:

$$\theta'(\eta) \sqrt{\frac{U}{\nu x}} f(\eta) \nu^2 \rho_f c_{pf} x + 2k_m \theta''(\eta) \sqrt{\nu x U} = 0\quad (27)$$

If two sides of Eq. (27) is divided by  $\sqrt{\frac{U}{\nu x}}$ , Eq. (28) is obtained:

$$\theta'(\eta)f(\eta)\nu^2\rho_f c_{pf}x + 2k_m\nu x\theta''(\eta) = 0 \quad (28)$$

Eq. (28) could be divided by  $2k_m\nu x$ , which leads to writing Eq. (29):

$$\frac{\nu\rho_f c_{pf}}{2k_m}\theta'(\eta)f(\eta) + \theta''(\eta) = 0 \quad (29)$$

Consequently:

$$\theta''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}Pr.f(\eta)\theta'(\eta) = 0 \quad (30)$$

Boundary conditions are also stated as Eq. (31) shows:

$$\eta = 0; \theta(\eta) = 0 \quad \eta \rightarrow \infty; \theta(\eta) \rightarrow 1 \quad (31)$$

In this study, in addition to evaluation of the accuracy of solution for the two aforementioned conditions, the effect of changes in the viscoelastic parameter (De) and the penetration coefficient ( $k^*$ ) on the velocity profile and fluid temperature will be also investigated for them. Checking the accuracy is done by comparing the results of HPM with the boundary value problem (BVP) method.

It is also worth mentioning that Maple software has some libraries, containing written codes, to solve boundary value problem (BVP), and in this study, numerical solution was found by employing that. More details about the commands and the working principle of the libraries are available in [58].

## 2.4. More detailed equations for the two cases

### 2.4.1. Case I: The Maxwell upper-convected fluid on the horizontal surface

For this case,  $k^* = 0$ . As a result:

$$f''''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}f(\eta)f''(\eta) - De \left( 2f(\eta)f'(\eta)f''(\eta) + f^2(\eta)f''''(\eta) + \eta f'^2(\eta)f''(\eta) \right) = 0 \quad (32)$$

$$\eta = 0; f(\eta) = 0 \quad f'(\eta) = 0 \quad \eta \rightarrow \infty; f'(\eta) \rightarrow 1 \quad (33)$$

In order to obtain  $f(\eta)$ , an auxiliary linear operator shown in Eq. (34) is chosen:

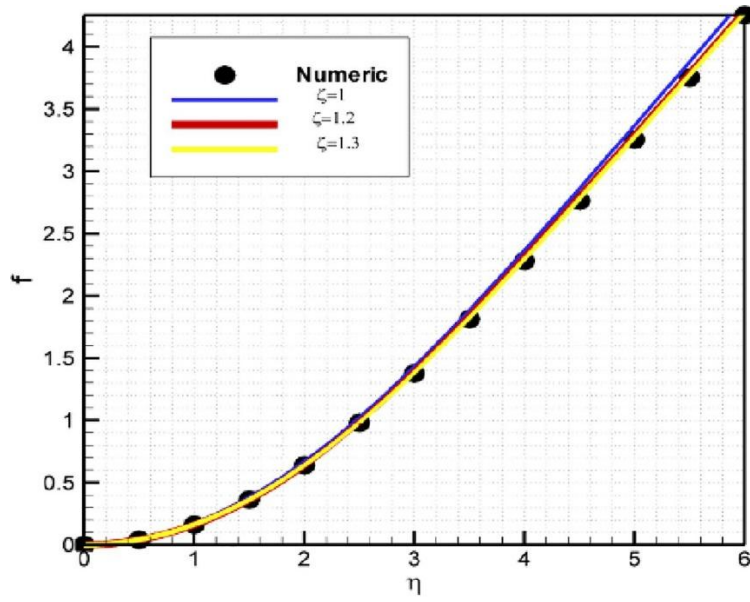
$$L(u) = f''''(\eta) + \zeta f''(\eta) \quad (34)$$

It results in obtaining the differential equations indicated in Eqs. (35), (36):

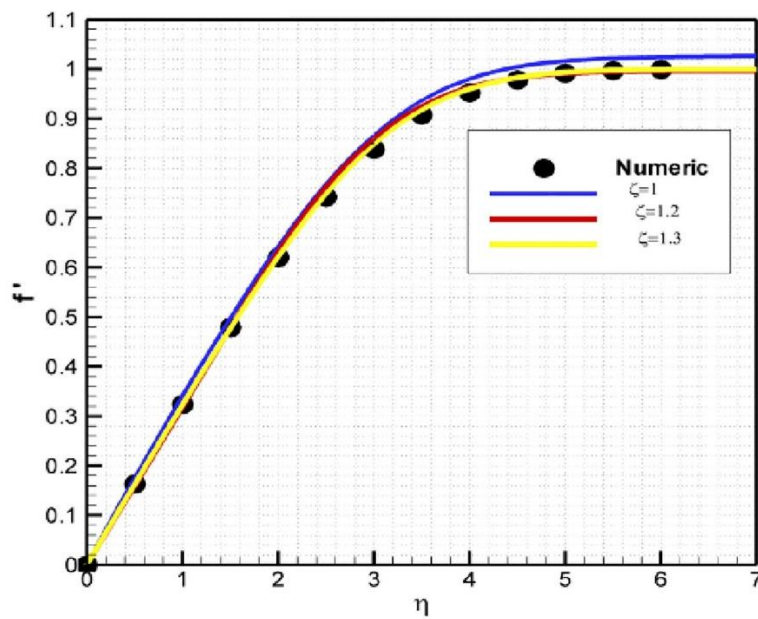
$$\frac{d^3 f}{d\eta^3} + \zeta \frac{d^2 f}{d\eta^2} = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f'(0) = 0 \quad f'(\infty) = 1 \quad (36)$$

The value of  $\zeta$  is determined based on the considered constant parameters for the problem and adjusting the values with the numerical solution in a way that the highest accuracy is achieved. For example, when  $De = 0.01$ , the condition with  $\zeta = 1.3$  has the highest accuracy with numerical solution as shown in Fig. 2.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 2. The process of finding the best value of  $\zeta$  for  $k^* = 0, De = 0.01$  in case I a) the diagram of  $f$ , i.e., the stream function, b) the diagram of  $f'$ , i.e., velocity distribution.

The differential equation could be solved in combination with the linear auxiliary operator, which leads to obtaining Eq. (37):

$$f^0(\eta) = -\frac{10}{13} + \eta + \frac{10}{13}e^{(-\frac{13}{10}\eta)} \quad (37)$$

Based on HPM working principle, Eqs. (38), (39) could be written:

$$(1 - p)L[F(\eta; p) - f^0(\eta)] + p[L\{F(\eta; p) + N\{F(\eta; p)\}] = 0 \quad (38)$$

$$F(0; p) = 0 \quad F^{(0;p)} = 0 \quad F'(\infty; p) = 1 \quad (39)$$

Where  $p$  is called the embedding parameter; it is in the range of  $p \in [0 \text{ and } 1]$ . As a result:

$$F(\eta; 0) = f_0(\eta) \quad F(\eta; 1) = f(\eta) \quad (40)$$

According to the definition and considered values, when  $p$  increases from zero to one,  $F(\eta; p)$  changes from  $f_0(\eta)$  to  $f(\eta)$ . In case  $k^* = 0$  and  $De = 0.01$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - p) \left( f'''(\eta) + 1.1f''(\eta) - \left( -\frac{10}{13} + \eta + \frac{10}{13}e^{(-\frac{13}{10}\eta)} \right) \right) \\ & + p \left( f'''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}f(\eta)f''(\eta) - 0.02f(\eta)f'(\eta)f''(\eta) + 0.01f^2(\eta)f'''(\eta) + 0.01\eta f'^2(\eta)f''(\eta) \right) \\ & = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

By substituting  $f(\eta) = f_0(\eta) + pf_1(\eta) + \dots + p^6f_6(\eta)$  and arranging Eq. (41) based on  $p$ , the coefficients for  $p^0, p^1, \dots$  and  $p^6$ , and after that  $f_0(\eta), f_1(\eta), \dots$  and  $f_6(\eta)$  are obtained. Finally,  $f(\eta)$  is also computed through adding  $f_0(\eta), f_1(\eta), \dots$ , and  $f_6(\eta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(\eta) = & -0.9091060 + 1.0000016\eta + 0.9091060e^{-1.10000\eta} + 0.1300336e^{-1.10000\eta} \\ & + 0.123973e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta - 0.004591e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta + 0.206620e^{-2.20000\eta} \\ & + 0.00765266e^{-3.30000\eta} - 0.0333350\eta^3e^{-1.10000\eta} - 0.181823\eta^2e^{-1.10000\eta} \\ & + 0.5041365e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta + 0.0000015183\eta^2 - 0.0006624\eta - 0.3443066 \\ & + 0.000000000000076\eta^3 + 0.0005833\eta^2 + 0.0104829\eta + 0.63041073e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta \\ & + 0.746989e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta + \dots + 0.0016075\eta e^{-4.40000\eta} - 0.356333 \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Having the similar fashion as the way to determine Eq. (42), Eqs. (43) to (49) could be written, and then,  $\theta(\eta)$  that could be assumed as the summation of three terms of  $\theta_0(\eta) + p\theta_1(\eta) + p^2\theta_2(\eta)$  is determined. Eqs. (50) to (52) introduce the obtained  $\theta_0(\eta), \theta_1(\eta)$ , and  $\theta_2(\eta)$ , respectively.

$$L(u) = \theta''(\eta) + \theta'(\eta) \quad (43)$$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{d\eta^2} + \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} = 0 \quad (44)$$

$$\theta(0) = 0, \quad \theta(\infty) = 1 \quad (45)$$

$$\theta^0(\eta) = 1 - e^{-\eta} \quad (46)$$

$$(1 - p)L[\theta(\eta; p) - \theta^0(\eta)] + p[L\{\theta(\eta; p) + N\{\theta(\eta; p)\}] = 0 \quad (47)$$

$$\theta(0; p) = 0 \quad \theta(\infty; p) = 1 \quad (48)$$

$$(1 - p)(\theta''(\eta) + \theta'(\eta) - (1 - e^{-\eta})) + p(\theta''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}0.7f(\eta)\theta'(\eta)) = 0 \quad (49)$$

$$\theta_0(\eta) = 1.000045402 - 1.000045402e^{-\eta} \quad (50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1(\eta) = & -0.000066\eta^3 e^{-\eta} - 1.21006\eta e^{-\eta} + 0.17670\eta^2 e^{-\eta} - 0.0000512\eta^3 e^{-4.30000\eta} \\ & - 0.001476\eta^5 e^{-2.10000\eta} + 0.0004520\eta^4 e^{-3.20000\eta} - 0.0003285060603\eta e^{-3.40000\eta} \\ & - 0.0001474710324e^{-4.60000\eta} + 0.2745382680e^{-\eta} - 0.0002768 \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2(\eta) = & 0.00000002025\eta^6 e^{-8.70000\eta} - 0.0000000797\eta^5 e^{-8.70000\eta} - 0.000001337\eta^8 e^{-4.30000\eta} \\ & - 0.0000000006969348020\eta^8 e^{-\eta} - 0.0009932741947\eta e^{-4.60000\eta} \\ & - 0.00441469983\eta^5 e^{-2.20000\eta} + 0.0006047123667\eta^6 e^{-2.20000\eta} \\ & + 0.0034736092\eta^3 e^{-3.40000\eta} - \dots - 0.01533864715\eta^4 e^{-\eta} \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

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Based on the defined problem, the equation and corresponding boundary conditions for this case are:

$$\begin{aligned} f''''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}f(\eta)f''(\eta) - De(2f(\eta)f'(\eta)f''(\eta) + f^2(\eta)f''''(\eta) + \eta f'^2(\eta)f''(\eta)) - k^*(f'(\eta) - 1) \\ = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

$$\eta = 0; \quad f(\eta) = 0 \quad f'(\eta) = 0 \quad \eta \rightarrow \infty; \quad f'(\eta) \rightarrow 1 \quad (54)$$

By following the similar way as the previous case, an auxiliary parameter is defined:

$$L(u) = f''''(\eta) + \zeta f''(\eta) \quad (55)$$

Which results in obtaining differential equation introduced in Eq. (56):

$$\frac{d^4 f}{d\eta^4} + \zeta \frac{d^2 f}{d\eta^2} = 0 \quad (56)$$

With the boundary conditions reported in Eq. (57):

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f'(0) = 0 \quad f'(\infty) = 1 \quad (57)$$

Similar to the previous case, here, finding the best value for  $\zeta$  is done from the graphic way. For example, for the investigated case, when  $k^* = 0.2$  and  $De = 0.1$ ,  $\zeta = 1.2$  has the highest accuracy with the numerical solution, as shown in Fig. 3.

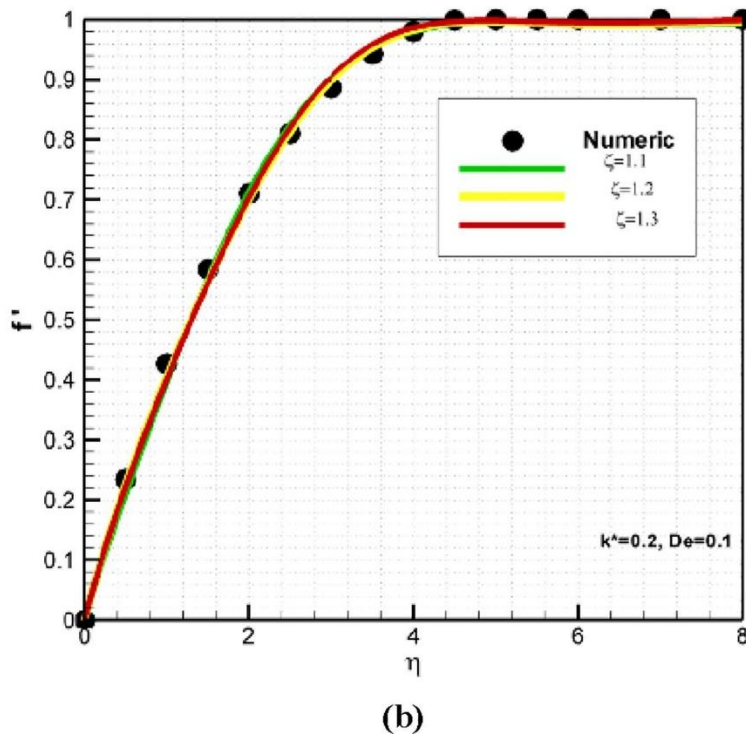
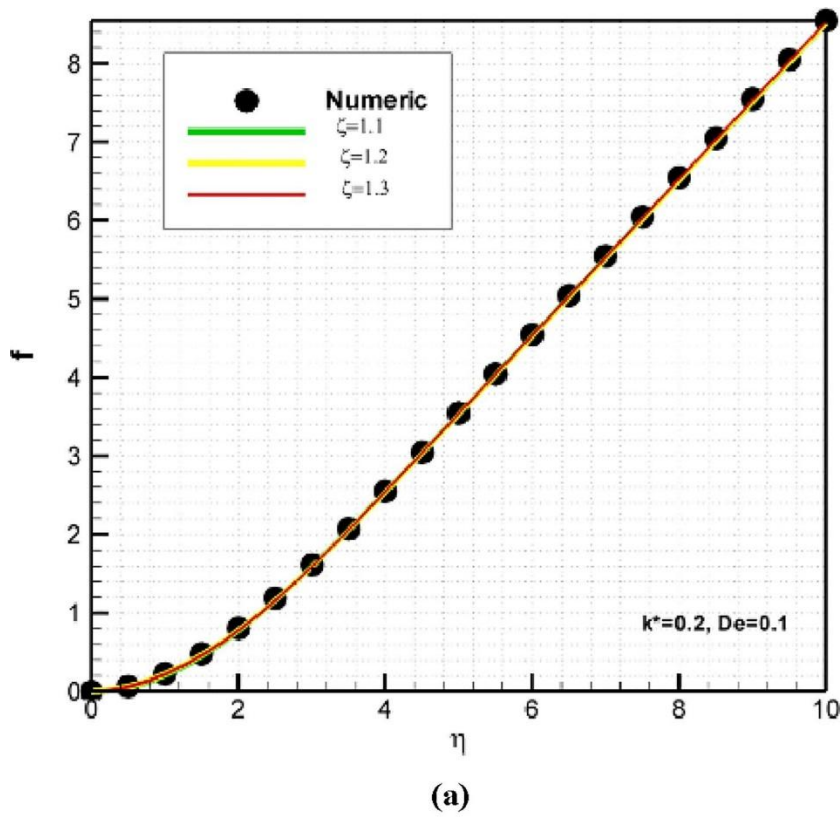


Fig. 3. The process of finding the best value of  $\zeta$  for  $k^* = 0.2, De = 0.1$  in case II a) the diagram of  $f$ , i.e., the stream function, b) the diagram of  $f'$ , i.e., velocity distribution.

The guess function for the investigated differential equations is:

$$f^0(\eta) = -\frac{10}{12} + \eta + \frac{10}{12}e^{(-\frac{12}{10}\eta)} \quad (58)$$

By applying HPM, the analytical solution for the function  $f$  could be obtained. The equation for the condition in which  $k^* = 0.2$  and  $De = 0.1$  is:

$$(1-p)\left(f''''(\eta) + 1.2f''(\eta) - \left(-\frac{10}{12} + \eta + \frac{10}{12}e^{(-\frac{12}{10}\eta)}\right)\right) + p\left(f''''(\eta) + \frac{1}{2}f(\eta)f''(\eta) - 0.2f(\eta)f'(\eta)f''(\eta) + 0.1f^2(\eta)f''''(\eta) + 0.1\eta f'^2(\eta)f''(\eta) - 0.2f'(\eta) + 0.2\right) = 0 \quad (59)$$

If  $f(\eta) = f_0(\eta) + pf_1(\eta) + p^2f_2(\eta)$  and this equation is arranged with respect to  $p$ , the terms are:

$$f_0(\eta) = -0.9091060 + 1.0000016\eta + 0.9091060e^{-1.10000\eta} \quad (60)$$

$$f_1(\eta) = 0.1300336e^{-1.10000\eta} + 0.123973e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta - 0.004591e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta + 0.206620e^{-2.20000\eta} + 0.00765266e^{-3.30000\eta} - 0.0333350\eta^3e^{-1.10000\eta} - 0.181823\eta^2e^{-1.10000\eta} + 0.5041365e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta + 0.0000015183\eta^2 - 0.0006624\eta - 0.344306 \quad (61)$$

$$f_2(\eta) = 0.00000000000076\eta^3 + 0.0005833\eta^2 + 0.0104829\eta + 0.63041073e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta + 0.746989e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta + 0.392826e^{-1.10000\eta} - 0.0364027e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^3 + 0.3579837e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^2 - 0.262531e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta + 0.0851281e^{-2.20000\eta} + 0.0427267e^{-3.30000\eta} - 0.00552289e^{-4.40000\eta} + 0.000315603e^{-5.50000\eta} + 0.0435767e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta^2 + 0.0126068e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta^2 - 0.004848e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^4 - 0.0523448e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta^3 + 0.009948e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta^3 + 0.0046669e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^5 - 0.009091e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta^4 + 0.005059e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta^4 + 0.0016075\eta e^{-4.40000\eta} - 0.356333 \quad (62)$$

$f(\eta)$  is obtained when three equations are added together:

$$f(\eta) = -0.9091060 + 1.0000016\eta + 0.9091060e^{-1.10000\eta} + 0.1300336e^{-1.10000\eta} + 0.123973e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta - 0.004591e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta + 0.206620e^{-2.20000\eta} + 0.00765266e^{-3.30000\eta} - 0.0333350\eta^3e^{-1.10000\eta} - 0.181823\eta^2e^{-1.10000\eta} + 0.5041365e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta + 0.0000015183\eta^2 - 0.0006624\eta - 0.3443066 + 0.00000000000076\eta^3 + 0.0005833\eta^2 + 0.0104829\eta + 0.63041073e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta + 0.746989e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta + 0.392826e^{-1.10000\eta} - 0.0364027e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^3 + 0.3579837e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^2 - 0.262531e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta + 0.0851281e^{-2.20000\eta} + 0.0427267e^{-3.30000\eta} - 0.00552289e^{-4.40000\eta} + 0.000315603e^{-5.50000\eta} + 0.0435767e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta^2 + 0.0126068e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta^2 - 0.004848e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^4 - 0.0523448e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta^3 + 0.009948e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta^3 + 0.0046669e^{-1.10000\eta}\eta^5 - 0.009091e^{-2.20000\eta}\eta^4 + 0.005059e^{-3.30000\eta}\eta^4 + 0.0016075\eta e^{-4.40000\eta} - 0.356333 \quad (63)$$

Having obtained  $f(\eta)$ ,  $\theta(\eta)$ , which is considered in the form of  $\theta(\eta) = \theta_0(\eta) + p\theta_1(\eta) + p^2\theta_2(\eta)$  could be also obtained. Eqs. (63), (64), (65) introduce  $\theta_0(\eta)$ ,  $\theta_1(\eta)$ , and  $\theta_2(\eta)$ , respectively.

$$\theta_0(\eta) = 1.000045402 - 1.000045402e^{-\eta} \quad (64)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1(\eta) = & -0.000066\eta^3 e^{-\eta} - 1.21006\eta e^{-\eta} + 0.17670\eta^2 e^{-\eta} - 0.0000512\eta^3 e^{-4.30000\eta} \\ & - 0.001476\eta^5 e^{-2.10000\eta} + 0.0004520\eta^4 e^{-3.20000\eta} - 0.0003285060603\eta e^{-3.40000\eta} \\ & - 0.0001474710324e^{-4.60000\eta} + 0.2745382680e^{-\eta} - 0.0002768 \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2(\eta) = & 0.00000002025\eta^6 e^{-8.70000\eta} - 0.0000000797\eta^5 e^{-8.70000\eta} \\ & - 0.000001337\eta^8 e^{-4.30000\eta} - 0.00000000006969348020\eta^8 e^{-\eta} \\ & - 0.0009932741947\eta e^{-4.60000\eta} - 0.00441469983\eta^5 e^{-2.20000\eta} \\ & + 0.0006047123667\eta^6 e^{-2.20000\eta} + 0.0034736092\eta^3 e^{-3.40000\eta} - \\ & \dots - 0.01533864715\eta^4 e^{-\eta} \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

### 3. Results and discussion

As the name also indicates, the results of this work will be presented in this part.

#### 3.1. Validation of the proposed analytical solution by HPM

This part shares the information about validation of the developed analytical solution. Validation is done by taking advantage of the numerical solution found based on BVP in Maple software.

##### 3.1.1. Case I: The Maxwell upper-convected fluid on the horizontal surface

As mentioned before, checking the accuracy of the proposed analytical solution by HPM is done using the numerical solution. For this purpose, the estimation of four important performance parameters, namely stream function, as well the distribution of velocity, stress, and dimensionless temperature are compared together. The results are given in Fig. 4, where an excellent agreement between the prediction of HPM and numerical simulation is observed. Therefore, the analytical solution which is provided by HPM has been validated, and it could be utilized for further analyses, including sensitivity analysis.



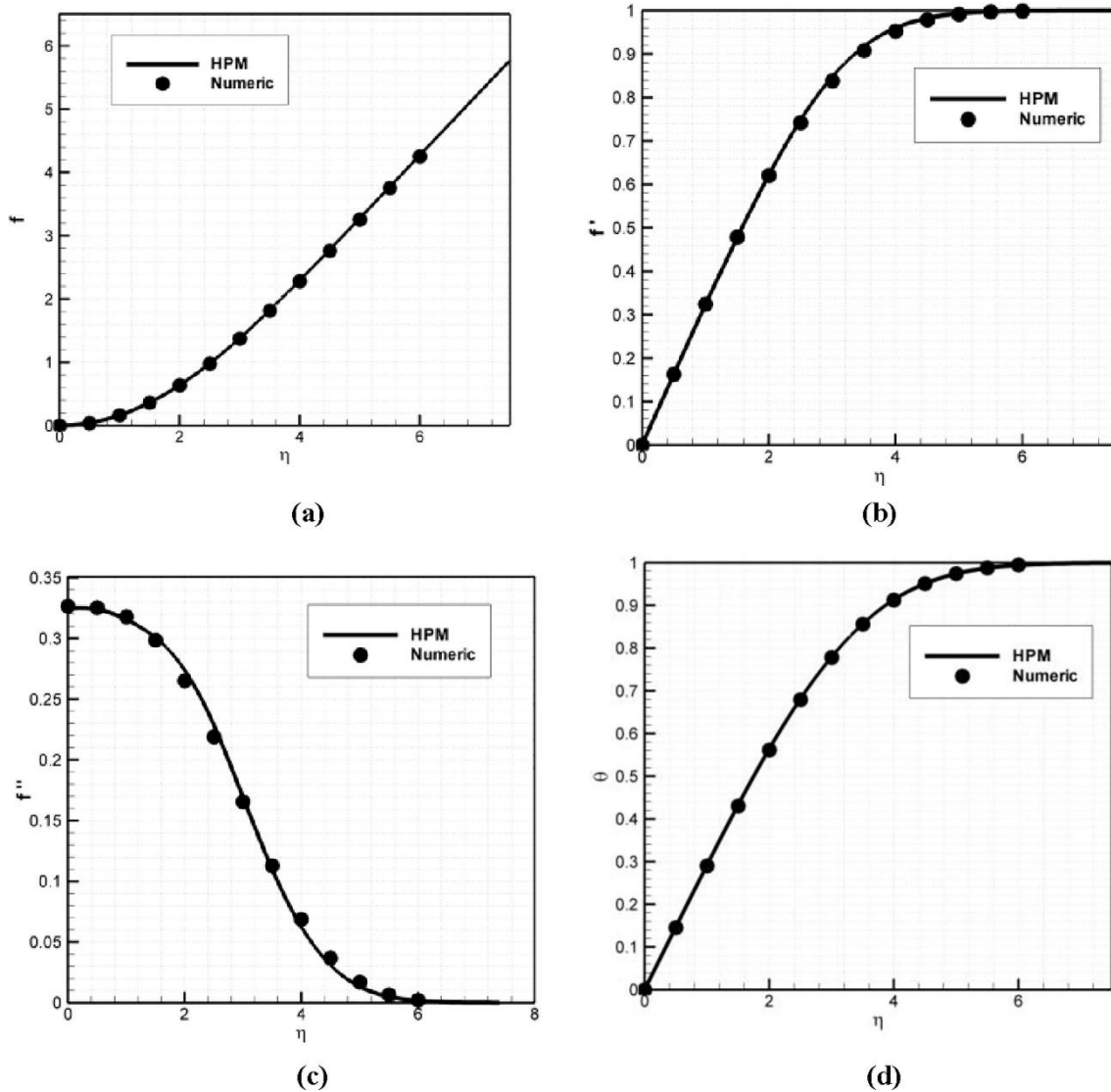


Fig. 4. Checking the prediction ability of the proposed analytical solution with numerical simulation when  $k^*$  and  $De$  are **0 and 0.01** for different parameters in case I, which are a) stream function; (b) distribution of velocity; (c) distribution of stress; (d) dimensionless temperature.

### 3.1.2. Case II: The Maxwell upper-convected fluid flow in the porous medium on the horizontal surface

Like the ordinary plate, i.e., the one which is not composed of a porous medium, here for the porous medium, the validation is carried out using a similar way. The results are depicted in Fig. 5a–d for the stream function, velocity distribution, stress distribution, and dimensionless temperature, respectively. As observed, the made comparison reveals the high accuracy of the provided HPM solution in prediction.

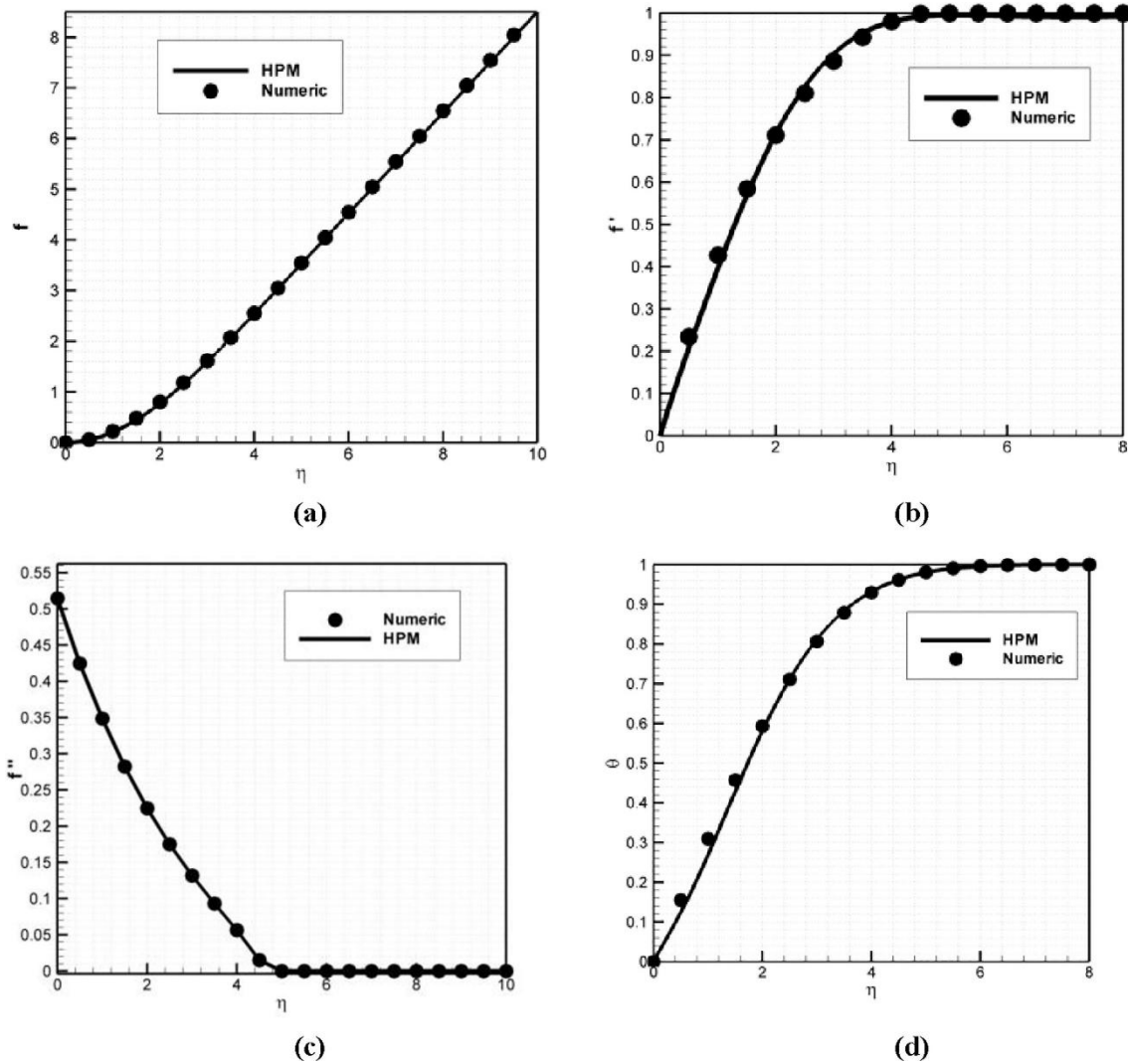


Fig. 5. Checking the prediction ability of the proposed analytical solution with numerical simulation when  $k^*$  and  $De$  are **0.2 and 0.1** for different parameters in case II, which are a) stream function; (b) distribution of velocity; (c) distribution of stress; (d) dimensionless temperature.

### 3.2. Sensitivity analysis

By employing the validated HPM solution, the sensitivity analysis is carried out to find the impact of Deborah ( $De$ ) on stream function, velocity and stress distribution. It is done for flowing the Maxwell upper-convected fluid for both the investigated material for the horizontal surface, i.e., ordinary and porous conditions.

#### 3.2.1. Case I: The Maxwell upper-convected fluid on the horizontal surface

[Fig. 6](#), [Fig. 7](#), [Fig. 8](#) present the results for this case. As shown in [Fig. 6](#), when  $De$  goes up, initially, stream function has an upward trend. However, it then goes down, which is followed by an increase in the velocity in the direction of  $y$ .

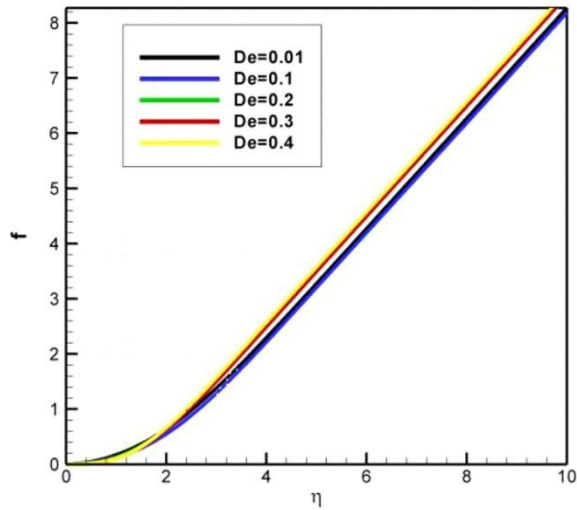


Fig. 6. The impacts of De on the stream function in case I.

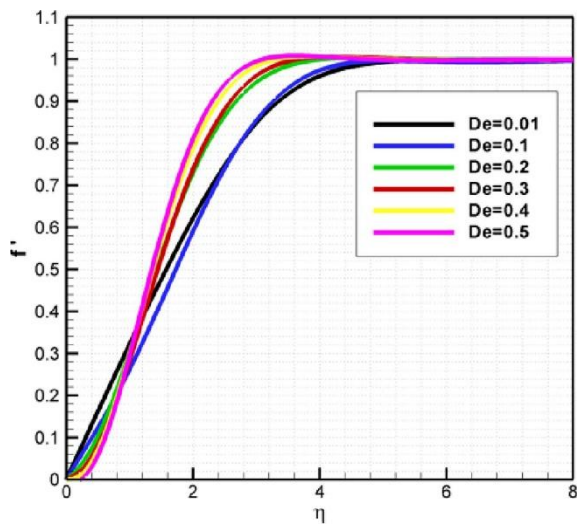


Fig. 7. The impacts of De on the velocity distribution in case I.

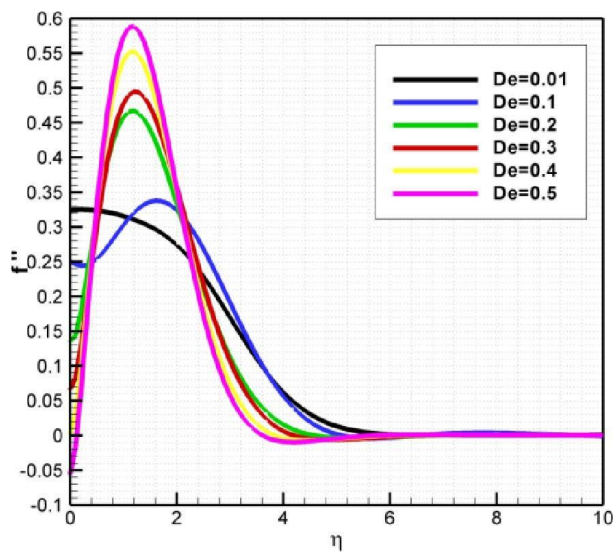


Fig. 8. The impacts of De on the stress distribution in case I.

As shown in Fig. 7, Fig. 8, the velocity within the boundary layer increases by increasing  $\eta$ , but the shear stress goes down. The reason is that by increasing  $\eta$  and not changing  $x$ , the distance from the wall becomes more, which is accompanied by getting lower effect from the wall. As a result, the shear stress has a downward trend and the velocity becomes closer to the free flow rate.

Deborah number is a dimensionless value which describes the ratio of the relaxation time ( $t_r$ ) to the time scale characteristic for a test probing the reaction of the substance ( $t_p$ ) [59]:

$$De = \frac{t_r}{t_p} \quad (67)$$

As shown in Fig. 7, as  $De$  for the Maxwell upper-convected fluid increases, the velocity profile decreases first and then, increases rapidly, but the thickness of the hydrodynamic boundary layer goes down. In addition, according to Fig. 8, when  $De$  increases, the stress distribution first increases and next, tends to zero at the further points, but is decreasing on the plate. It is because of the fact that when  $De$  increases, the elasticity of the fluid increases, but its viscosity decreases. As a result, the stress on the plate have a downward trend. Moreover, based on Fig. 8, for  $De = 0.5$  the stress on the plate has a negative value, which indicates that, the separation operation has occurred and the considered hypotheses for boundary layer are no longer true. Table 3 shows the skin friction coefficient for different values of  $De$ . According to Table 3, it is concluded that by increasing  $De$ , the skin friction coefficient goes down.

Table 3. Values of the skin friction coefficient for different conditions of  $De$  (when  $k^*$  is 0).

$De$	0	0.01	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
$f''(0)$	0.3320	0.3245	0.2500	0.1347	0.0659	0.0016

In addition, Fig. 9 shows the heat distribution in the boundary layer. This figure implies that as  $\eta$  increases, the temperature profile, i.e.,  $\theta(\eta)$  increases. Moreover, when  $De$  increases, the temperature distribution goes up, but the thickness of the thermal boundary layer decreases.

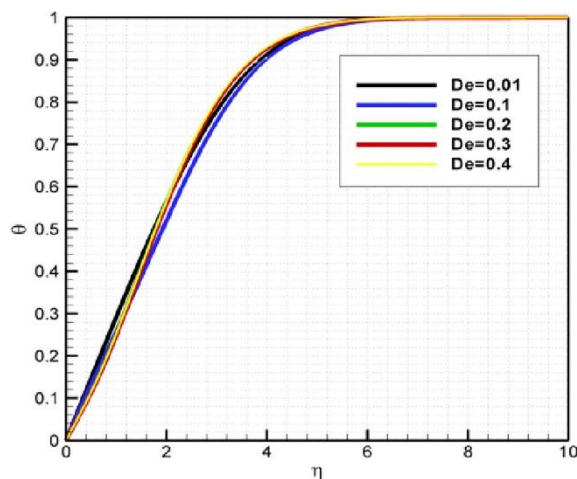


Fig. 9. Temperature profile for different values of  $De$  in case I.

Fig. 10 also illustrates the temperature gradient for different values of  $De$ . Based on Fig. 10, it is implied that as  $De$  increases, the heat gradient on the plate decreases, which means the heat transfer rate between the plate and the fluid goes down.

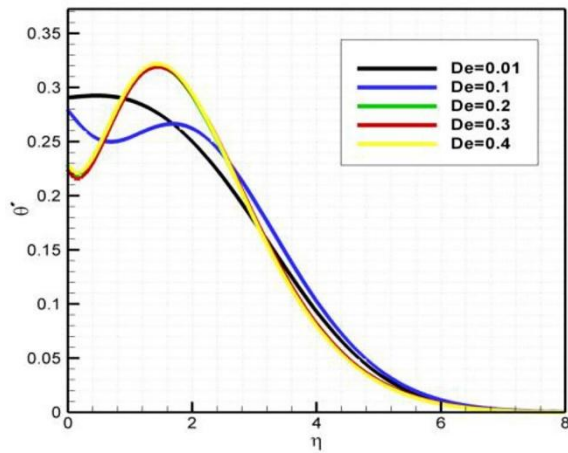


Fig. 10. Temperature gradient for different values of  $De$  in case I.

### 3.2.2. Case II: The Maxwell upper-convected fluid flow in the porous medium on the horizontal surface

Fig. 11 reports the results for the dimensionless stream function, while Fig. 12, Fig. 13 presents the variation trend for velocity distribution and stress distribution, respectively. Increasing  $De$  leads to a linear growth for  $f$ . Moreover, Fig. 12, Fig. 13 show that as

increases, the velocity within the boundary layer goes up, whereas the shear stress decrease. The reason is by increasing  $\eta$ , the influence of wall region at the same value for  $x$  goes down. Consequently, as we the shear stress declines and the velocity gets closer to the velocity of free stream.

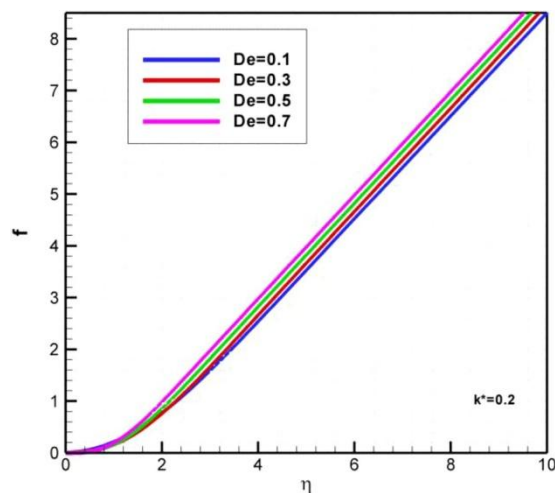


Fig. 11. The impacts of  $De$  on the stream function in case II.

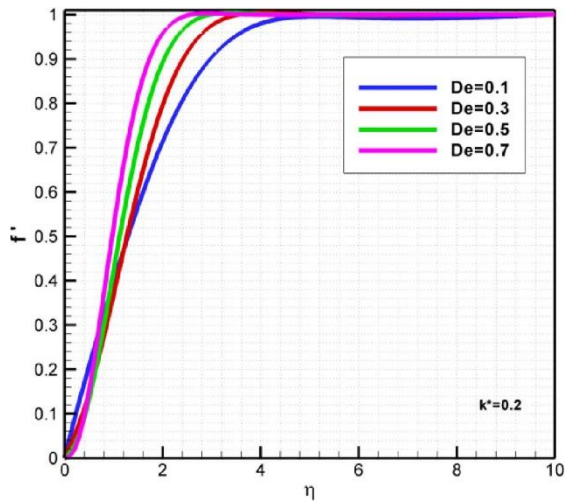


Fig. 12. The impacts of De on the velocity distribution in case II.

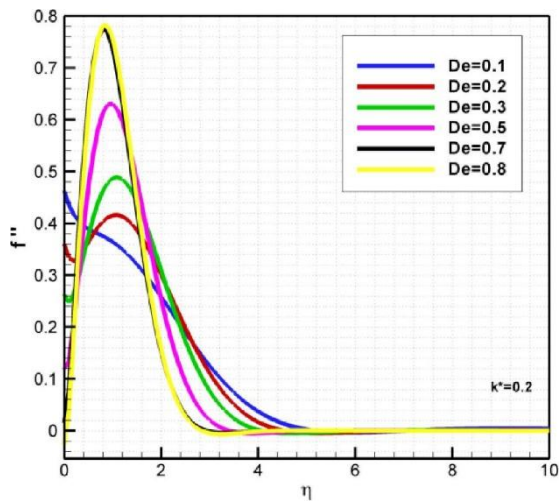


Fig. 13. The impacts of De on the stress distribution in case II.

Based on the reported results in Fig. 12, in case the porosity remains constant, De increases. Moreover, the velocity profile decreases first and then, increases rapidly. Nonetheless, the thickness of the hydrodynamic boundary layer goes down.

According to Fig. 13, by increasing De, the stress distribution increases first and tends to zero at farther points, afterwards. However, has an upward trend on the plate, so that at  $De = 0.8$ , it finds a negative value, which means in that region, the hypotheses of the boundary layer is no longer applicable. Therefore, the solution corresponds to  $De = 0.7$ . It could be interpreted by the point that the decrease in stress on the plate leads to increase De, which is accompanied by growing the elasticity of the fluid and decreasing the viscosity decreases. As a result, the stress on the plate decreases. The skin friction coefficient for different values of De is given in Table 4. According to Table 4, it is found the more De is, the lower skin friction coefficient will be.

Table 4. The values of the skin friction coefficient for different conditions of  $De$  (when  $K^*$  is 0.2).

$De$	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
$f''(0)$	0.5060	0.4622	0.3596	0.2626	0.1885	0.1187	0.0619	0.0158

Fig. 14 also demonstrates that when  $\eta$  increases, the temperature profile  $\theta(\eta)$  goes up. Moreover, when  $De$  increases, the temperature  $\theta(\eta)$  has an upward trend, but the thickness of the thermal boundary layer declines.

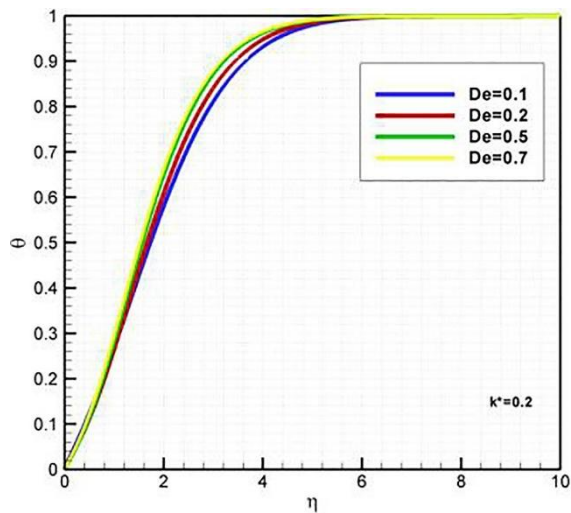


Fig. 14. Temperature profile for different values of  $De$  in case II.

Moreover, the temperature gradient for different values of  $De$  is shown in Fig. 15. According to this figure increasing  $De$  is accompanied by decreasing the heat gradient on the plate, which implies that, the heat transfer between the plate and the fluid diminishes.

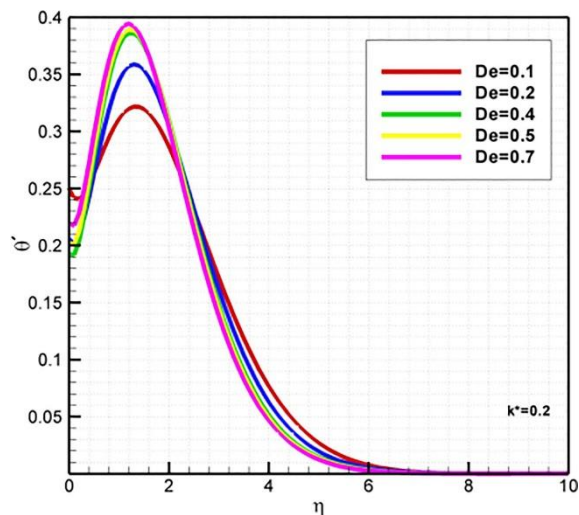


Fig. 15. Temperature gradient for different values of  $De$  in case II.

## 4. Conclusions

In the current work, homotopy perturbation method (HPM) was employed to find the analytical solution for flowing the Maxwell upper-convected fluid on a horizontal surface. Two possibilities for the plate material were investigated. In one of them, the plate was assumed to be not porous, whereas in another one, it was considered to be composed of a porous material. For each condition, the obtained solution was validated using the numerical simulation of the boundary value problem (BVP), and then, a sensitivity analysis was performed to find the impact of effective parameters on the solution. According to the results, the following results were obtained:

- When the penetration coefficient for the porous medium increased, the velocity profile increased, and the thickness of the hydrodynamic boundary layer declined.
- Increasing the penetration coefficient was accompanied by increasing the skin friction coefficient.
- The lower  $De$  was, the greater skin friction coefficient was observed.
- As the penetration rate of the porous medium increased, the heat transfer increased, but the increase in Deborah reduced the heat transfer.

Moreover, as the ideas for future work, the items like solving the problem for the plate with slip condition, presence of the magnetic field and thermal radiation could be suggested. In addition, the problem could be solved for movable stretch and inclined plates.

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