

**Analytical expressions of the variable viscosity MHD Couette flow with permeable walls using Homotopy analysis method**

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**Abstract**

In this paper, we investigate first and second law of thermodynamic analysis of variable viscosity hydromagnetic, which has Couette flow with permeable walls. The analytical expressions of the dimensionless velocity and dimensionless temperature are derived by using the Homotopy analysis method. Our analytical expression of the dimensionless velocity is compared with the exact solution and a satisfactory agreement is noted. We also derive the analytical expressions for skin friction coefficient, Nusselt number, Entropy generation rate, Bejan number. The HAM contains the convergence control parameter, so we can easily extend to solve other MHD fluid flow problem in engineering and science.

**Keywords:** Magnetic field; Variable viscosity; Permeable walls; Entropy generation and Bejan number; Homotopy analysis method.

**1. Introduction**

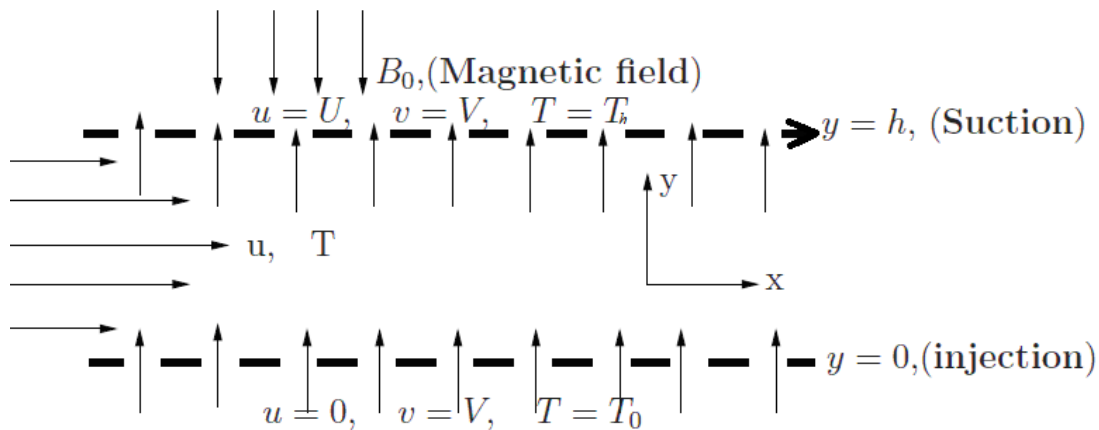
The information on energy and power losses in the system is yield by thermodynamic irreversibility in the flow system. Minimization of entropy generation in the flow system gives authority to the parametric optimization of the system operation [1]. Mass conservation equation and the first and second law of thermodynamics are three excellence structure of Thermodynamic analysis [2]. The law of mass conservation explains the substances of mass inside of a system and the first law makes clear that the exchanges of energy from one system to another system and energy conservation. The second law describes quantitative relation of the irreversibility of a system through entropy generation, the greater degree of irreversibility, and the more energy consumption. Entropy generation demolish the available energy in the system. It is important in the system of industrial and engineering like Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) micro-pumps, MHD marine propulsion, MHD lubrication, etc., in the performance of thermal-fluid devices, the entropy generation minimization technique is elevated. A magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) phenomenon accesses to the outcome of mutual interaction between magnetic field and electrically conducting fluid flowing across it. Since the pioneering work of Bejan [3 & 4] on entropy generation minimization on engineering systems, considerable research studies have been carried out to examine entropy generation fluid flows for various applications [5]. The second law for MHD induction devices, such as electromagnetic pumps, and electrical generators are investigated [6]. The entropy generation due to free convection in a

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porous cavity in the presence of magnetic field inspected analytically. Ibanez et. al [8] considered a stationary buoyant MHD flow of a liquid metal immersed in a MHD flow through a vertical rectangular duct. They obtained the optimum conductance ratio of the wall in which the entropy generation is minimized. Eegunjobi et. al [9] were considered the effect of navier slip on entropy generation in a porous channel with suction/injection and investigate entropy generation rate in a thermal system under different physical situation. Makinde et. al [10] were described the effect of Newtonian heating on entropy generation rate in a channel with permeable walls. The model equations are obtained in Theuri, Makinde [11] and solved analytically using Homotopy analysis method. We can apply Homotopy analysis method (HAM) to achieve our objective, which was first developed by Liao [12-20] for general non-linear problems.

**2. Mathematical formulation of the problem**

Consider the unsteady, incompressible, laminar flow of an electrically conducting variable viscosity fluid between a fixed permeable lower plate and a moving permeable upper plate. The fluid is acted upon by a constant pressure gradient and an external uniform magnetic field is applied perpendicular to the plates as illustrated in figure1. It is presumed that the fluid is injected uniformly into the channel at the lower plate whereas the uniform fluid suction occurs at the moving upper plate. A transverse magnetic field with strength  $B_0$  is applied parallel to the y-axis. There is no applied voltage and the magnetic Reynolds number is small, hence the induced magnetic field and Hall effects are negligible.



**Fig.1: Schematic diagram of the problem**

Under these assumptions, the governing equations for the momentum and energy balance in one dimension can be written as follows [5-10]

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \bar{\mu}(T) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\sigma B_0^2 u}{\rho} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\bar{\mu}(T)}{\rho c_p} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\sigma B_0^2 u^2}{\rho c_p} \quad (2)$$

The boundary conditions are:

$$u(y,0) = 0, T(y,0) = 0 \quad (3a)$$

$$u(0,t) = 0, T(0,t) = T_0 \quad (3b)$$

$$u(h,t) = U, T(h,t) = T_h \quad (3c)$$

Here  $h$  is the channel width,  $u$  is the velocity of the fluid,  $t$  is the time,  $P$  is the fluid pressure,  $V$  is the uniform suction / injection velocity at the channel walls,  $U$  is the uniform velocity of the upper wall,  $\alpha$  is the thermal diffusivity,  $\rho$  is the fluid density,  $\sigma$  is the fluid electrical conductivity,  $k$  is the thermal conductivity coefficient,  $C_p$  is the specific heat at constant pressure,  $T$  is the fluid temperature,  $T_0$  is the lower stationary wall temperature and  $T_h$  is the upper wall temperature. The temperature dependent viscosity  $\bar{\mu}$  can be expressed as

$$\bar{\mu}(T) = \mu_0 e^{-m(T-T_0)} \quad (4)$$

Where  $m$  is a viscosity variation parameter and  $\mu_0$  is the fluid dynamic viscosity at the lower fixed wall. Using (1) and (3b), the constant axial pressure gradient will be given as

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho} \quad (5)$$

The eqns. (1) and (2) then becomes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \bar{\mu}(T) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\sigma B_0^2 (u-U)}{\rho} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\bar{\mu}(T)}{\rho c_p} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{\sigma B_0^2 (u-U)^2}{\rho c_p} \quad (7)$$

We introduce the following non-dimensional quantities:

$$\tau = \frac{tV}{h}, \eta = \frac{y}{h}, \alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p}, w = \frac{u}{U}, \theta = \frac{T-T_0}{T_h-T_0}, P = \frac{ph}{\mu_0 U}, \mu = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}, v = \frac{\mu_0}{\rho} \quad (8)$$

Substituting equation (8) into the equations (6)-(7), we obtain:

$$\text{Re} e^{\varepsilon\theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} - \varepsilon \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} - e^{\varepsilon\theta} \left( \text{Re} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} + Ha(w-1) \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{PrRe} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \eta^2} - \text{RePr} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} + Ec \text{Pr} e^{-\varepsilon\theta} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + Ec \text{Pr} (Ha(w-1))^2 \quad (10)$$

With

$$\left. \begin{aligned} w(\eta, 0) = 0, \theta(\eta, 0) = 0, \\ w(0, \tau) = 0, \theta(0, \tau) = 0, \\ w(1, \tau) = 1, \theta(1, \tau) = 1, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (11)$$

Here,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Re} &= \frac{Vh}{\nu} \\ \text{Pr} &= \frac{\nu}{\alpha} \\ \text{Ec} &= \frac{U^2}{c_p (T_h - T_0)} \\ \text{Ha} &= \frac{\sigma B_0^2 h^2}{\mu_0} \\ \varepsilon &= m (T_h - T_0) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (12)$$

Where  $\text{Re}$ ,  $\text{Pr}$ ,  $\text{Ec}$ ,  $\text{Ha}$ ,  $\varepsilon$  denote the Reynolds number, Prandtl number, Eckert number, Magnetic field parameter, Viscosity exponent respectively.

Other important physical quantities of interest in this problem are the Skin friction coefficient  $C_f$  and Nusselt number  $Nu$ , which are defined as:

$$C_f = \frac{h \tau_w}{\mu_0 U}, \quad Nu = \frac{q_w h}{k (T_h - T_0)} \quad (13)$$

Where the skin friction  $\tau_w$ , heat flux  $q_w$  at the channel walls are given by

$$\tau_w = \mu(T) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{\eta=0,1}, \quad q_w = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0,1} \quad (14)$$

Substituting the eqn. (14) into an eqn.(13), we obtain

$$C_f = e^{-\varepsilon\theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{\eta=0,1}, \quad Nu = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{\eta=0,1} \quad (15)$$

For a given set of parameter values, the reactive third grade flow evolves in time until a steady state condition is attained. Whenever this happens, then the eqns. (8)-(11) becomes,

$$\frac{d^2 w}{d\eta^2} - \varepsilon \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} \frac{dw}{d\eta} - e^{\varepsilon\theta} \left( \text{Re} \frac{dw}{d\eta} + Ha(w-1) \right) = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{d\eta^2} - \text{Re Pr} \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} + Ec \text{ Pr} e^{-\varepsilon\theta} \left( \frac{dw}{d\eta} \right)^2 + Ec \text{ Pr} Ha (w-1)^2 = 0 \quad (17)$$

With

$$\left. \begin{aligned} w(0) = 0, \theta(0) = 0, \\ w(1) = 1, \theta(1) = 1, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (18)$$

It is important to note that  $\varepsilon = 0$  corresponds to the case of constant viscosity conducting fluid. The exact solution of equation (1) for the fluid velocity is possible under this constant viscosity scenario and we obtain

$$w(\eta) = 1 + \frac{e^{a\eta+b} - e^{b\eta+a}}{e^a - e^b} \quad (19)$$

Where  $a = \left( \text{Re} + \sqrt{\text{Re}^2 + 4Ha} \right) / 2$  and  $b = \left( \text{Re} - \sqrt{\text{Re}^2 + 4Ha} \right) / 2$  equations (16)-(18) represent a nonlinear boundary value.

Other quantities of interest are the skin friction coefficient  $C_f$ , Nusselt number  $Nu$ , Entropy generation rate  $N_s$  and the Bejan number  $Be$  which are given as,

$$N_s = \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + \frac{Br}{\Omega} \left[ e^{-\varepsilon\theta} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + Ha (w-1)^2 \right] \quad (20)$$

Where the temperature difference parameter is  $\Omega = (T_h - T_0) / T_0$  and  $Br = Ec \text{ Pr}$  is the Brinkman number. The Bejan number  $Be$  is define as

$$Be = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \quad (21)$$

Where  $N_s = N_1 + N_2$ ,

$$N_1 = \left( \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta} \right)^2, N_2 = \frac{Br}{\Omega} \left[ e^{-\varepsilon\theta} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + Ha (w-1)^2 \right], \Phi = \frac{N_2}{N_1} \quad (22)$$

It is very important to note that  $N_1$  represents the thermodynamic irreversibility due to heat transfer while  $N_2$  corresponds to the combined effects of fluid friction and magnetic field irreversibility.

### 3. Solution of the non-linear boundary value problems using the Homotopy analysis method

HAM is a non perturbative analytical method for obtaining series solutions to nonlinear equations and has been successfully applied to numerous problems in science and engineering [11-32]. In comparison with other perturbative and non perturbative analytical methods, HAM offers the ability to adjust and control the convergence of a solution via the so-called convergence-control parameter. Because of this, HAM has proved to be the most effective method for obtaining analytical solutions to highly non-linear differential equations. Previous applications of HAM have mainly focused on non-linear differential equations in which the non-linearity is a polynomial in terms of the unknown function and its derivatives. As seen in (16,17), the non-linearity present in electrohydrodynamic flow takes the form of a rational function, and thus, poses a greater challenge with respect to finding approximate solutions analytically. Our results show that even in this case, HAM yields excellent results.

Liao [12-20] proposed a powerful analytical method for non-linear problems, namely the Homotopy analysis method. This method provides an analytical solution in terms of an infinite power series. However, there is a practical need to evaluate this solution and to obtain numerical values from the infinite power series. In order to investigate the accuracy of the Homotopy analysis method (HAM) solution with a finite number of terms, the system of differential equations were solved. The Homotopy analysis method is a good technique comparing to another perturbation method. The Homotopy analysis method contains the auxiliary parameter  $h$ , which provides us with a simple way to adjust and control the convergence region of solution series. Using this method, we can obtain the following solution to (16) and (17) (see Appendix B).

The approximate analytical solution of the eqns. (16) and (17) by using HAM are given by,

$$w(\eta) = \frac{-Ha\eta^2}{2} + \left(1 + \frac{Ha}{2}\right)\eta - h \left( \begin{array}{l} \frac{k_1\eta^3}{6} + \frac{k_2\eta^4}{12} + \frac{k_3\eta^5}{20} + \frac{k_4\eta^6}{30} + \frac{k_5\eta^2}{2} \\ - \left(\frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{12} + \frac{k_3}{20} + \frac{k_4}{30} + \frac{k_5}{2}\right)\eta \end{array} \right) \quad (23)$$

$$\theta(\eta) = \left[ \begin{aligned} & \frac{-Ec Pr Ha \eta^2}{2} + \left(1 + \frac{Ec Pr Ha}{2}\right) \eta \\ & - h \left( \frac{l_1 \eta^3}{6} + \frac{l_2 \eta^4}{12} + \frac{l_3 \eta^5}{20} + \frac{l_4 \eta^6}{30} + \frac{l_5 \eta^2}{2} - \left( \frac{l_1}{6} + \frac{l_2}{12} + \frac{l_3}{20} + \frac{l_4}{30} + \frac{l_5}{2} \right) \eta \right) \end{aligned} \right] \quad (24)$$

$$C_f = e^{-\varepsilon \theta} \left( -Ha \eta + \left(1 + \frac{Ha}{2}\right) - h \left( \begin{aligned} & k_1 \frac{\eta^2}{2} + k_2 \frac{\eta^3}{3} + k_3 \frac{\eta^4}{4} + k_4 \frac{\eta^5}{5} + k_5 \eta \\ & - \left( \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{12} + \frac{k_3}{20} + \frac{k_4}{30} + \frac{k_5}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \right) \quad (25)$$

$$Nu = -Ec Pr Ha \eta + \left(1 + \frac{Ec Pr Ha}{2}\right) - h \left( \begin{aligned} & l_1 \frac{\eta^2}{2} + l_2 \frac{\eta^3}{3} + l_3 \frac{\eta^4}{4} + l_4 \frac{\eta^5}{5} + l_5 \eta \\ & - \left( \frac{l_1}{6} + \frac{l_2}{12} + \frac{l_3}{20} + \frac{l_4}{30} + \frac{l_5}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \quad (26)$$

$$Ns = \left( -Ec Pr Ha \eta + \left(1 + \frac{Ec Pr Ha}{2}\right) - h \left( \begin{aligned} & l_1 \frac{\eta^2}{2} + l_2 \frac{\eta^3}{3} + l_3 \frac{\eta^4}{4} + l_4 \frac{\eta^5}{5} + l_5 \eta \\ & - \left( \frac{l_1}{6} + \frac{l_2}{12} + \frac{l_3}{20} + \frac{l_4}{30} + \frac{l_5}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \right)^2 + \frac{Br}{\Omega} \left( e^{-\varepsilon \theta} \left( -Ha \eta + \left(1 + \frac{Ha}{2}\right) - h \left( \begin{aligned} & k_1 \frac{\eta^2}{2} + k_2 \frac{\eta^3}{3} + k_3 \frac{\eta^4}{4} + k_4 \frac{\eta^5}{5} + k_5 \eta \\ & - \left( \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{12} + \frac{k_3}{20} + \frac{k_4}{30} + \frac{k_5}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \right) \right)^2 + Ha (w-1)^2 \quad (27)$$

$$N_1 = \left( -Ec Pr Ha \eta + \left(1 + \frac{Ec Pr Ha}{2}\right) - h \left( \begin{aligned} & l_1 \frac{\eta^2}{2} + l_2 \frac{\eta^3}{3} + l_3 \frac{\eta^4}{4} + l_4 \frac{\eta^5}{5} + l_5 \eta \\ & - \left( \frac{l_1}{6} + \frac{l_2}{12} + \frac{l_3}{20} + \frac{l_4}{30} + \frac{l_5}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \right)^2 \quad (28)$$

$$Be = \frac{N_1}{Ns} \quad (29)$$

Where



$$k_1 = \left( \begin{aligned} & \left( -\varepsilon Ec Pr Ha^2 \right) - \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr Ha \right) - \varepsilon Ha - Re Ha + Ha \left( 1 + \frac{Ha}{2} \right) + \varepsilon Re \\ & + \left( \varepsilon Re Ec Pr \frac{Ha}{2} \right) + \varepsilon Re \frac{Ha}{2} - \left( \varepsilon Re Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) - \left( 1 + Ec Pr \frac{Ha}{2} \right) \varepsilon Ha \end{aligned} \right) \quad (30)$$

$$k_2 = \left( \begin{aligned} & \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr Ha^2 \right) - \frac{Ha^2}{2} - \varepsilon Re Ha - \left( \varepsilon Re Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) - \left( \varepsilon Re Ec Pr \frac{Ha}{2} \right) + \varepsilon Ha + \varepsilon \frac{Ha^2}{2} \\ & - \left( \varepsilon Re Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^3}{4} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \quad (31)$$

$$k_3 = \left( \varepsilon Re Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) - \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^3}{4} \right) - \varepsilon \frac{Ha^2}{2} - \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^3}{4} \right) \quad (32)$$

$$k_4 = \varepsilon Re Ec Pr Ha^3 \quad (33)$$

$$k_5 = Re \left( 1 + \frac{Ha}{2} \right) + \varepsilon \left( 1 + \frac{Ha}{2} + Ec Pr \frac{Ha}{2} + Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{4} \right) \quad (34)$$

$$l_1 = \left( \begin{aligned} & \left( -Re Ec Pr^2 Ha \right) + 2 Ec Pr Ha + Ec Pr Ha^2 + \varepsilon Ec Pr + \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr \frac{Ha^2}{4} \right) \\ & + \left( \varepsilon Ec Pr Ha \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha}{2} \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^3}{8} \right) \\ & + \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) + 2 Ec Pr Ha + Ec Pr Ha^2 \end{aligned} \right) \quad (35)$$

$$l_2 = \left( \begin{aligned} & - Ec Pr Ha^2 - \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha}{2} \right) - \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^3}{8} \right) - \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) \\ & - \left( 2 \varepsilon Ec Pr Ha \right) + \varepsilon Ec Pr Ha^2 - \left( 2 Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) - \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^3}{2} \right) \\ & - Ec Pr Ha - Ec Pr Ha^3 - 3 Ec Pr Ha^2 \end{aligned} \right) \quad (36)$$

$$l_3 = \left( \begin{aligned} & \left( 2 \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^2}{2} \right) + \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^3}{2} \right) + \varepsilon Ec Pr Ha^2 \\ & + \left( \varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^3}{2} \right) + 2 Ha + 2 \frac{Ha^2}{2} \end{aligned} \right) \quad (37)$$

$$l_4 = \left( -\varepsilon Ec^2 Pr^2 \frac{Ha^3}{2} \right) - Ec Pr \frac{Ha^3}{4} \quad (38)$$

$$l_5 = Re Pr + \left( Re Ec Pr^2 \frac{Ha}{2} \right) - Ec Pr - Ec Pr Ha \quad (39)$$

#### 4. Results and Discussion

In this paper, we discuss about the dimensionless fluid velocity, dimensionless fluid temperature, Skin friction coefficient, Nusselt number, Entropy generation rate, Bejan number using Homotopy Analysis Method. Figure 2 represents the Dimensionless transverse coordinate versus Dimensionless fluid velocity. From Figure 2 (a), it is clear that when Viscosity Exponent increases the corresponding dimensionless fluid velocity profiles decreases in some fixed values of the other parameters  $Re, Ec, Pr, Ha$  and  $h$  and Figure 2(b), it is inferred that when the Magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding dimensionless fluid velocity profiles increases in some fixed values of the other parameters. In Figure 2(c), it is observed that when the Reynolds number increases the corresponding dimensionless fluid velocity profiles decreases in some fixed values of the other parameters.

Figure 3 represent the dimensionless transverse coordinate versus Dimensionless fluid temperature profiles. From Figure 3(a) it is noted that when the magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding dimensionless fluid temperature profiles increases in some fixed values of the other parameters  $Re, Ec, Pr, \varepsilon$  and  $h$  and from figure 3(b) it is observed that when the Reynolds number increases the Dimensionless fluid temperature profiles decreases. In Figure 3(c) it is noted that when prandtl number increases the Dimensionless fluid temperature profiles increases. From Figure 3(d) it is inferred that the Eckert number increases the dimensionless fluid temperature profiles increases.

Figure 4 represent the Reynolds number versus Skin friction coefficient. From Figure 4(a) it is clear that when the magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding Skin friction coefficient increases in some fixed values of the other parameters  $Ec, Pr, \varepsilon, \eta = 0$  and  $h$  and from Figure 4(b) it is inferred that when the Viscosity exponent increases the Skin friction coefficient decreases. In Figure 4(c) it is observed that when magnetic field parameter increases the Skin friction coefficient decreases in some fixed values of the other parameters

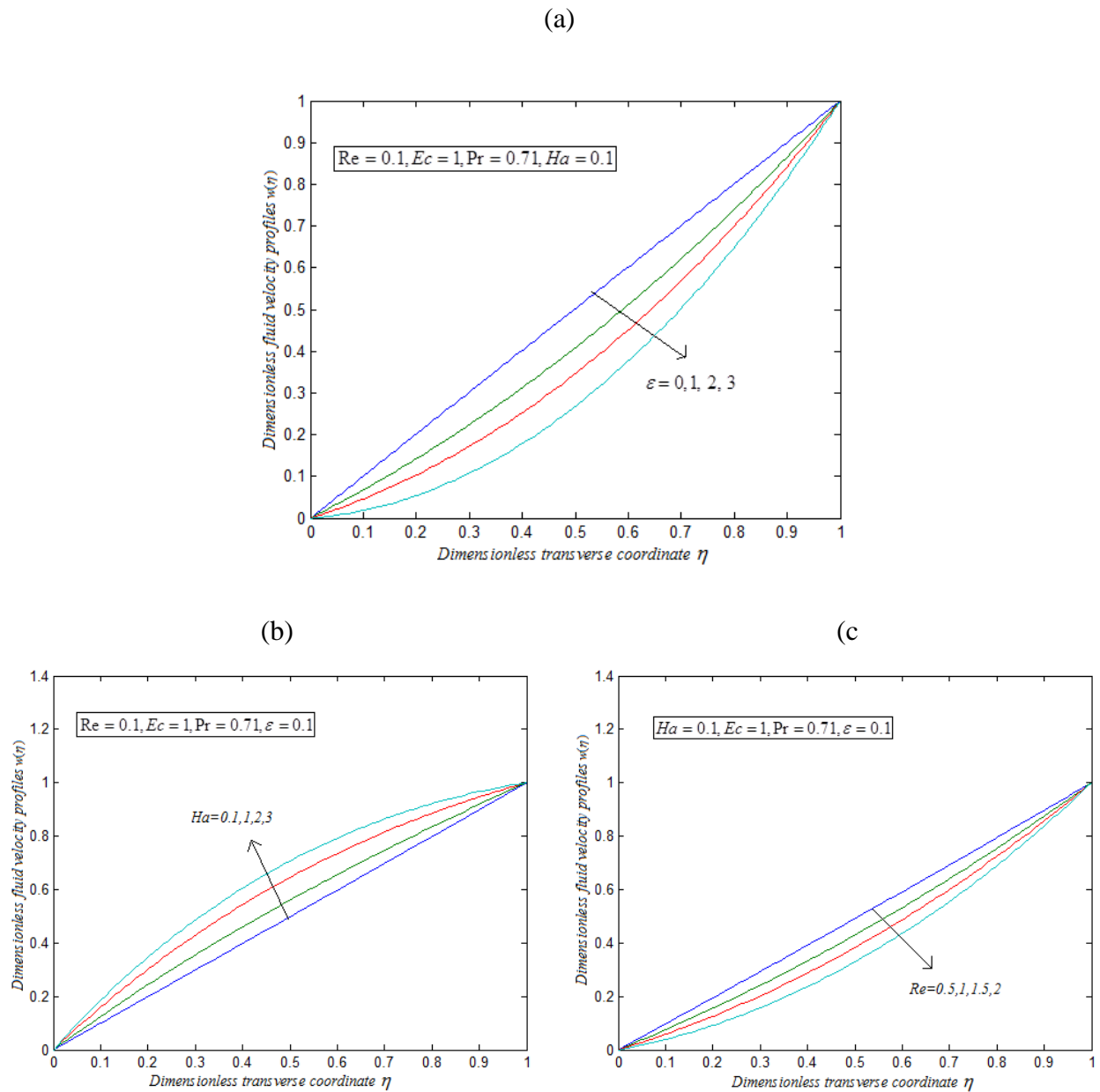
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$Ec, Pr, \varepsilon, \eta = 1$  and  $h$ . From Figure 4(d) it is noted that the magnetic field parameter increases the Skin friction coefficient decreases.

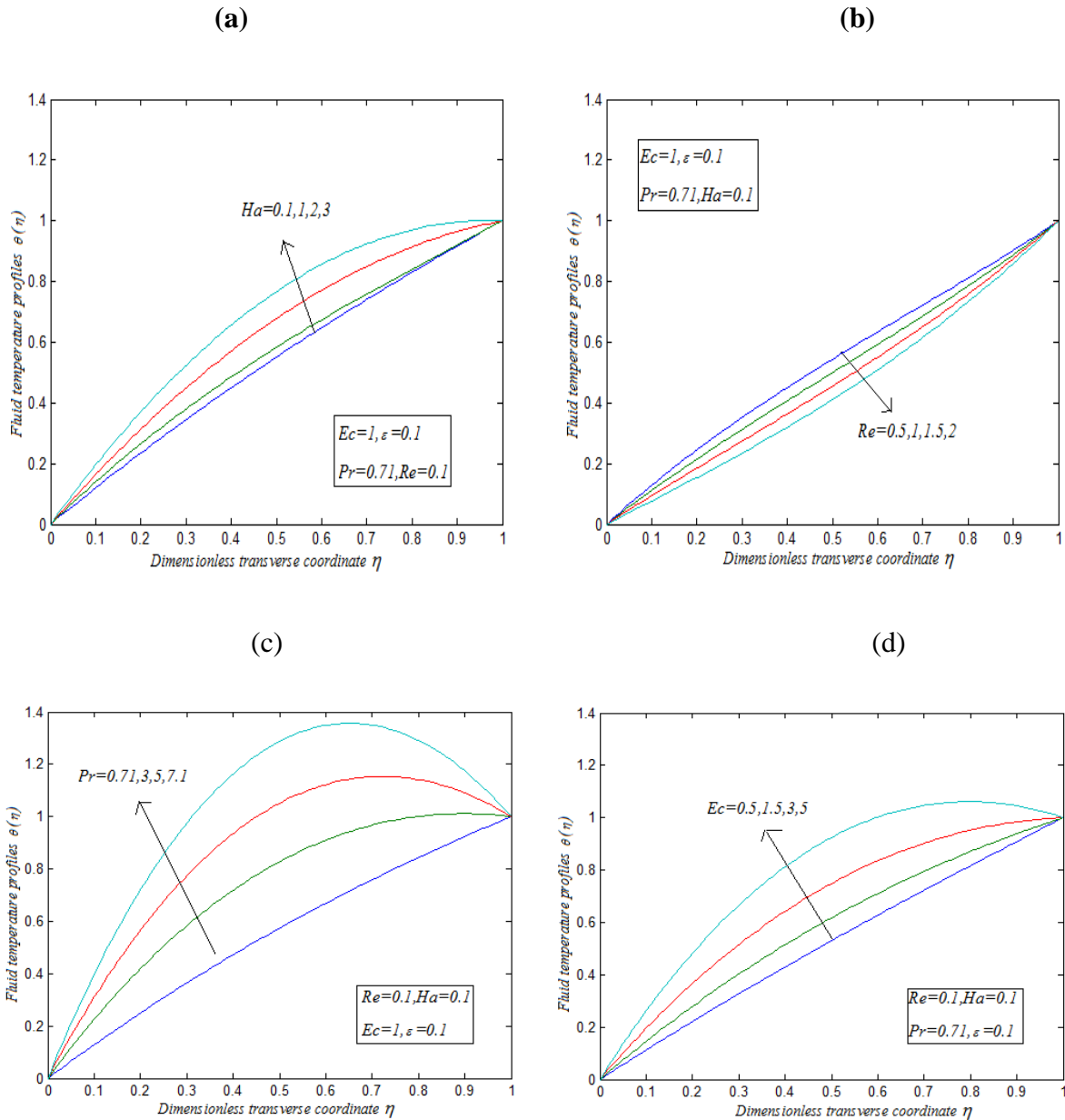
Figure 5 represents the Reynolds number versus Nusselt number. Figure 5(a) it is observed that when Magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding Nusselt number increases in some fixed values of the dimensionless parameters  $Pr, Ec, \varepsilon, \eta = 0$ . Figure 5(b) it is clear that when Variable viscosity increases the corresponding Nusselt number decreases. Figure 5(c) it is noted that when Magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding Nusselt number decreases in some fixed values of the dimensionless parameters  $Pr, Ec, \varepsilon, \eta = 1$ . Figure 5(d) it is clear that when Variable viscosity increases the corresponding Nusselt number increases.

Figure 6 represent the Entropy generation rate versus dimensionless transverse coordinate. From Figure 6(a) it is inferred that when the magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding Entropy generation rate increases in some fixed values of the other parameters  $Ec, Pr, \varepsilon, Re, Br\Omega^{-1}$  and  $h$  and from figure 6(b) it is clear that when the Reynolds number increases the Entropy generation rate decreases. In Figure 6(c) it is observed that when  $Br\Omega^{-1}$  increases the Entropy generation rate increases. From Figure 6(d) it is noted that the Viscosity exponent increases the Entropy generation rate decreases.

Figure 7 represent the dimensionless transverse coordinate versus Bejan number. From Figure 7(a) it is noted that when the Magnetic field parameter increases the corresponding Bejan number increases in some fixed values of the other parameters  $Ec, Pr, Re, Br\Omega^{-1}$  and  $h$  and from figure 7(b) it is inferred that when the Reynolds number increases the Bejan number decreases. In Figure 7(c) it is observed that when  $Br\Omega^{-1}$  increases the Bejan number decreases. From Figure 7(d) it is clear that the Viscosity exponent increases the Entropy generation rate decreases. The Table.1 represents the comparison between the exact solution and the HAM solution for the velocity profiles at Viscosity exponent value is zero.

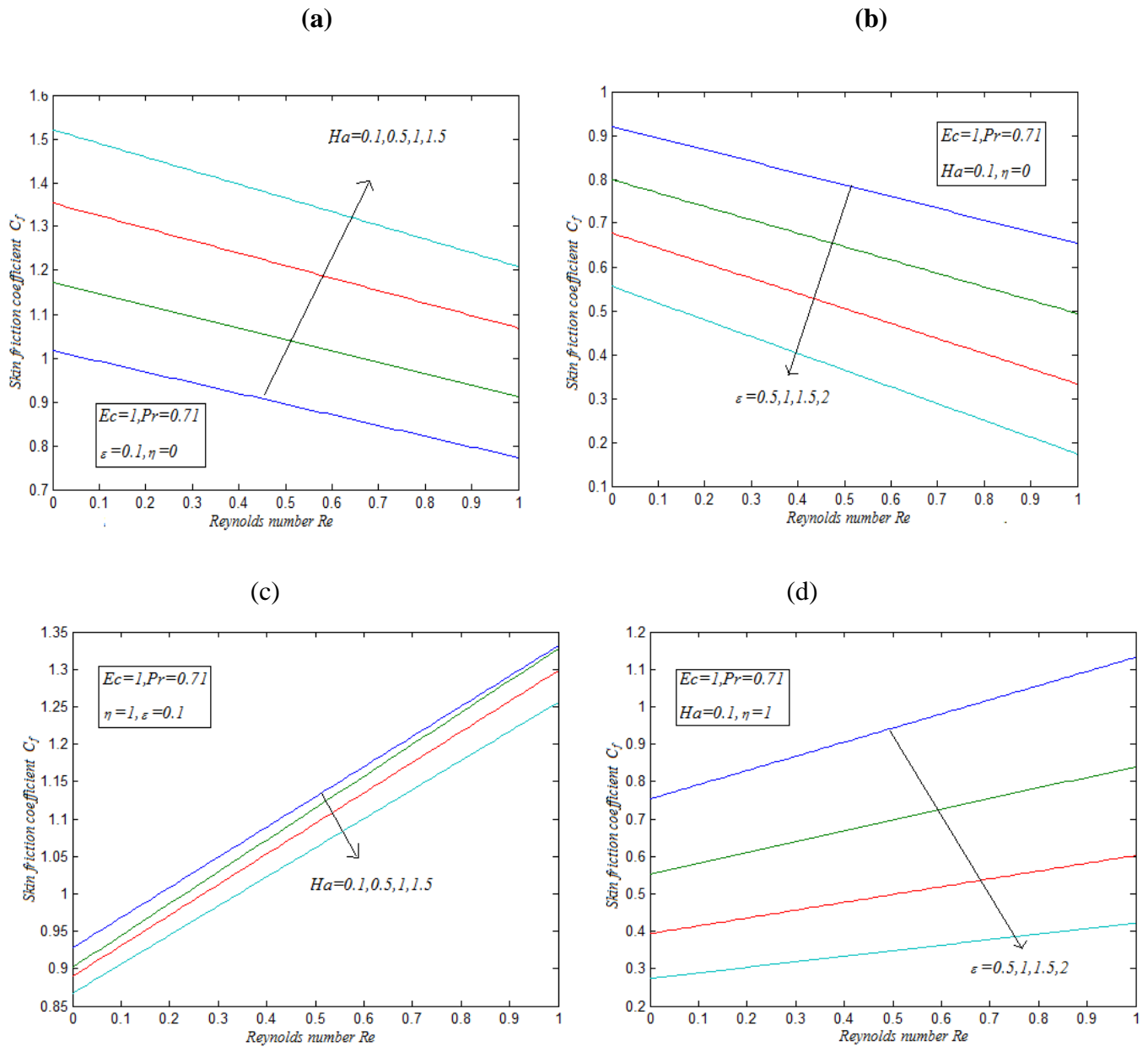


**Fig.2:** Dimensionless fluid velocity profiles  $w(\eta)$  versus dimensionless transverse coordinate  $(\eta)$  . The curves are plotted using the eqn. (23) for various values of the dimensionless parameter  $\varepsilon$ ,  $Ha$ ,  $Re$  and in some fixed values of the other dimensionless parameters, when (a)  $Re = 0.1, Ha = 0.1, Pr = 0.71, Ec = 1, h = -0.51417$ . When (b)  $\varepsilon = 0.1, Ec = 1, Re = 0.1, Pr = 0.71, h = -0.51417$ . When(c)  $\varepsilon = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1, h = -0.51417$ .



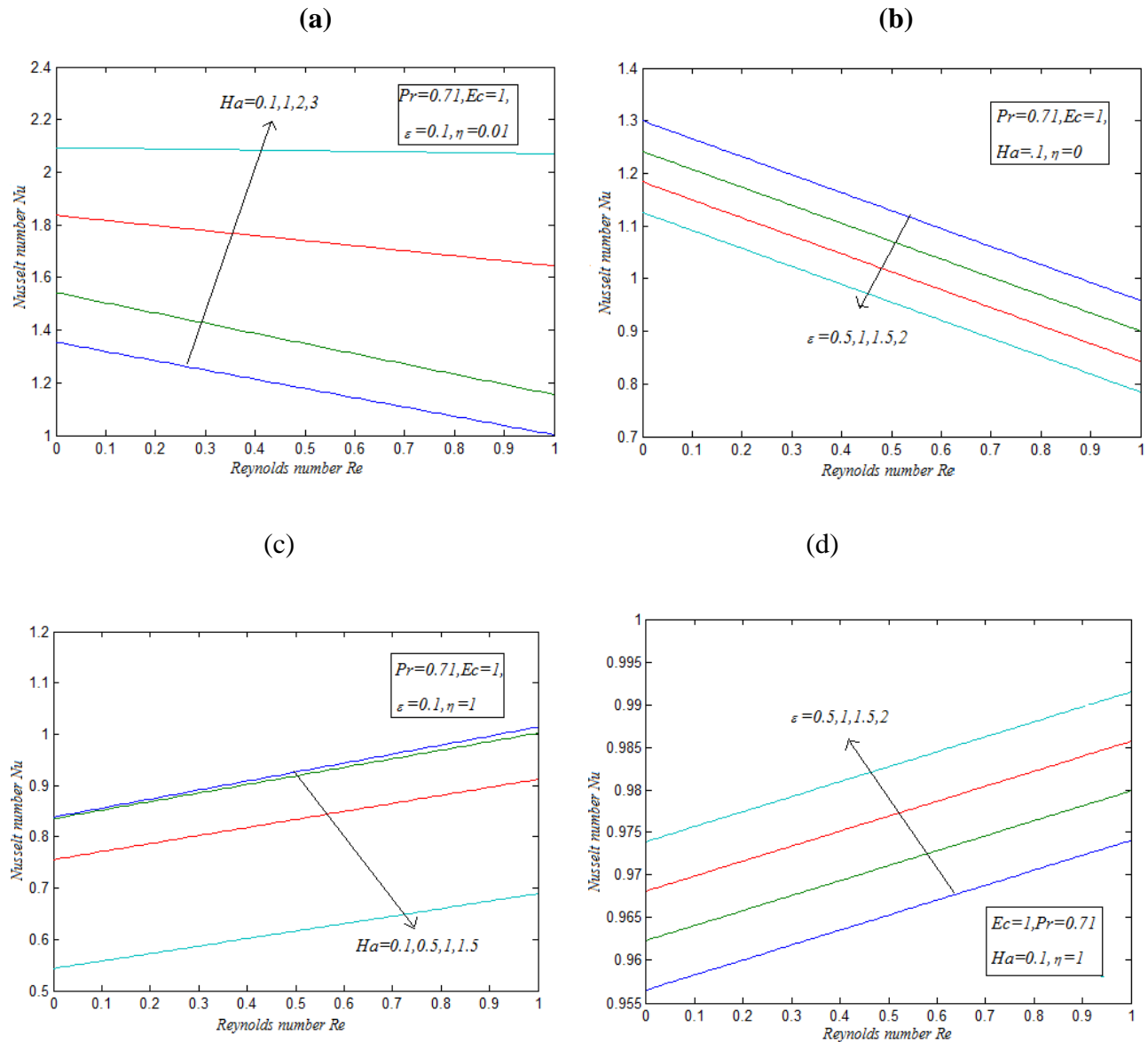
**Fig.2:** Dimensionless fluid temperature profiles  $\theta(\eta)$  versus dimensionless transverse coordinate ( $\eta$ ). The curves are plotted using the eqn (24) for various values of the dimensionless parameters  $Ha, Re, Pr, Ec$  and some fixed values of the parameter when (a)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Re = 0.1, \epsilon = 0.1, h = -0.83134$ . When (b)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1, \epsilon = 0.1, h = -0.83134$

When (c)  $Ec = 1, Ha = 0.1, Re = 0.1, \varepsilon = 0.1, h = -0.83134$  when (d)  $Ha = 0.1, Pr = 0.71, Re = 0.1, \varepsilon = 0.1, h = -0.83134$

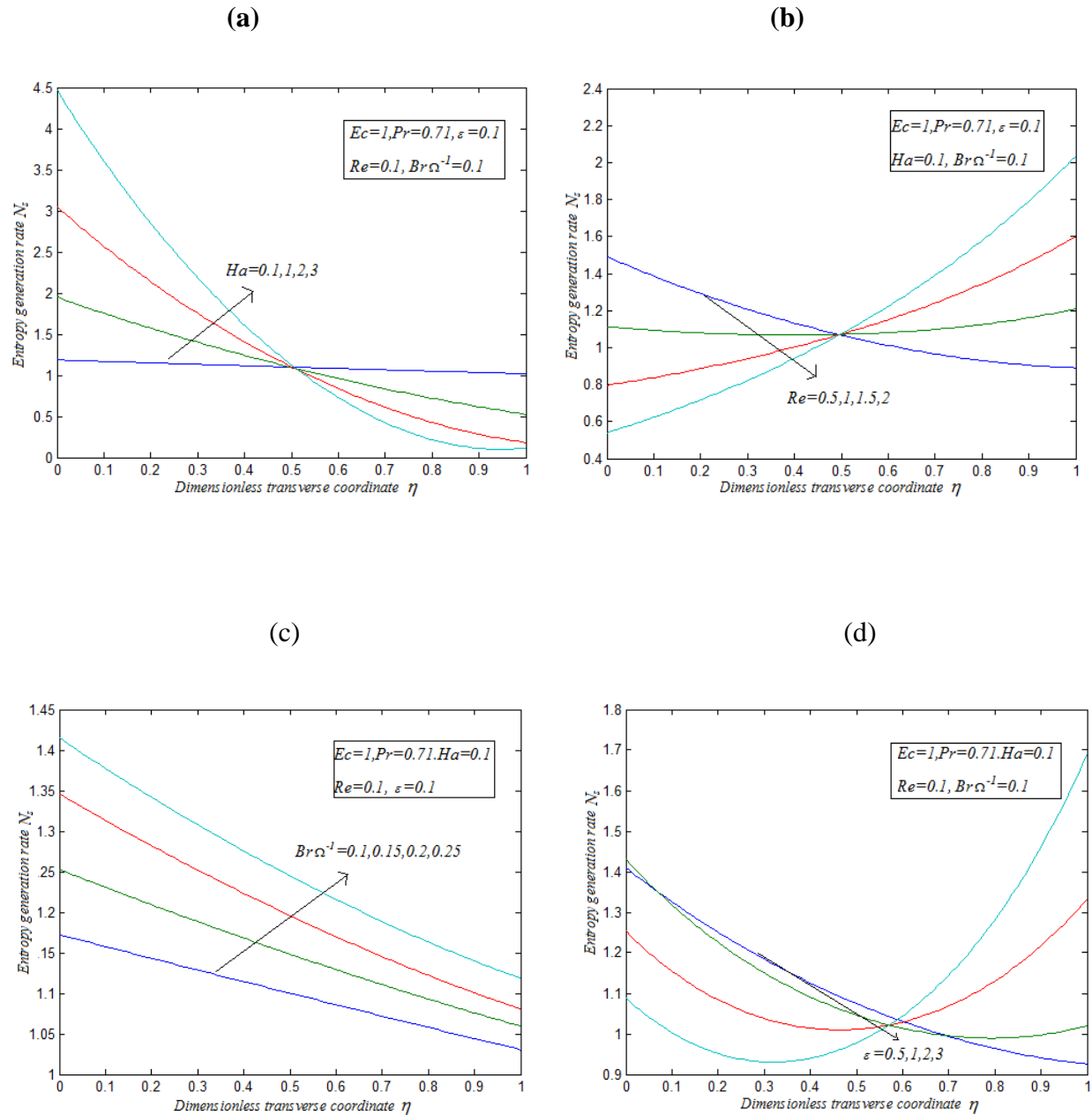


**Fig.4:** Skin friction coefficient ( $C_f$ ) versus Reynolds number ( $Re$ ). The curves are plotted using the eqn (25) for various values of the dimensionless parameter  $Ha$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and some fixed values when (a)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, \varepsilon = 0.1, \eta = 0, h = -0.69375$ . when (b)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1,$

$\eta = 0, h = -0.69375$ . When (c)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, \varepsilon = 0.1, \eta = 1, h = -0.69375$ . when (d)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1, \eta = 1, h = -0.69375$ .



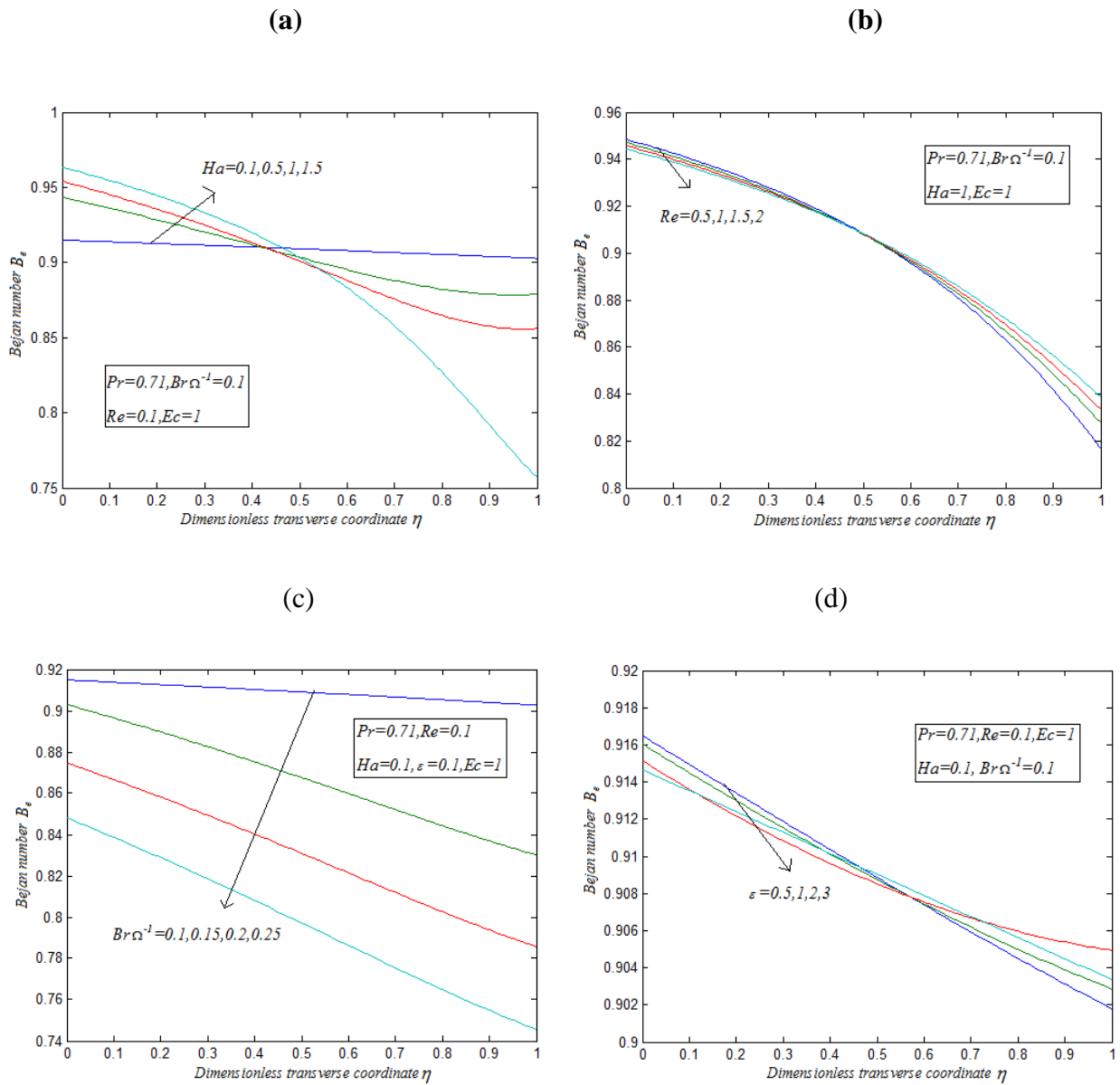
**Fig.5:** Nusselt number ( $Nu$ ) versus Reynolds number ( $Re$ ) the curves are plotted using the eqn (26) for various values of the dimensionless parameter  $Ha, \varepsilon$  and some fixed values of the parameter when (a)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, \varepsilon = 0.1, \eta = 0, h = -0.53125$ . when (b)  $Ha = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, \eta = 0, h = -0.53125$ . when (c)  $Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, \varepsilon = 0.1, \eta = 1, h = -0.53125$ . (d)  $Ha = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, \eta = 1, h = -0.53125$ .



**Fig.6:** Entropy generation rate( $N_s$ ) versus dimensionless transverse coordinate ( $\eta$ ). The curves are plotted using the eqn (27) for various values of the dimensionless parameter  $Ha, Re, Br\Omega^{-1}, \epsilon$  and for some fixed values of the parameter when (a)  $Br\Omega^{-1} = 0.1$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71$ ,  $Re = 0.1, h = -0.36597$ . When (b)  $Ha = 0.1, \epsilon = 0.1, Br\Omega^{-1} = 0.1, Ec = 1$



$Pr = 0.71, h = -0.36597$ . When (c)  $Re = 0.1, \varepsilon = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1, h = -0.36597$ .  
when (d)  $Br\Omega^{-1} = 0.1, Re = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1, h = -0.36597$ .



**Fig.7:** Bejan number ( $Be$ ) versus dimensionless transverse coordinate ( $\eta$ ). The curves are plotted using the eqn (27-29) for various values of the dimensionless parameter  $Ha, Re, \varepsilon, Br\Omega^{-1}$  and some fixed values of the parameter. When (a)  $Br\Omega^{-1} = 0.1, Ec = 1, Pr = 0.71, Re = 0.1, h = -0.21844$ . When (b)  $Ha = 1, Br\Omega^{-1} = 0.1, Pr = 0.71, Ec = 1, h = -0.21844$ . When (c)  $Re = 0.1,$

$Pr = 0.71, Ha = 0.1, Ec = 1, \varepsilon = 0.1, h = -0.21844$ . When (d)  $Br\Omega^{-1} = 0.1, Pr = 0.71, Re = 0.1$   
 $Ha = 0.1$  and  $h = -0.21844$ .

**Table.1:** This table showing the comparison of the exact and HAM solution of dimensionless fluid velocity profile for  $Re = 1, Ha = 1, \varepsilon = 0, Pr = 0.71$ .

$\eta$	Exact solution ( $w(\eta)$ )	HAM solution ( $w(\eta)$ ) $h = -0.9144$
0	0	0
0.1	0.0881	0.0881
0.2	0.1759	0.1759
0.3	0.2642	0.2642
0.4	0.3541	0.3541
0.5	0.4467	0.4467
0.6	0.5431	0.5431
0.7	0.6449	0.6449
0.8	0.7537	0.753
0.9	0.8713	0.87
1.0	1	1

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, the analytical expressions of fluid velocity and temperature profiles were obtained using Homotopy analysis method. Graphical results are presented to analyze the effects of various thermophysical parameters on the velocity and temperature profiles, as well as the entropy generation rate and Bejan number, Nusselt number. The effect of heat transfer considered with permeable wall and Navier slip on entropy generation between two parallel plates. The Homotopy analysis method is a simple and promising method to solve various strongly non-linear differential equations in the area of physical, chemical and biological sciences.

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## Appendix A

### Basic concepts of the Homotopy analysis method [12-32]

Consider the following differential equation:

$$N[u(t)] = 0 \tag{A.1}$$

Where  $N$  is a nonlinear operator,  $t$  denotes an independent variable,  $u(t)$  is an unknown function. For simplicity, we ignore all boundary or initial conditions, which can be treated in the similar way. By means of generalizing the conventional Homotopy method, Liao (2012) constructed the so-called zero-order deformation equation as:

$$(1 - p)L[\varphi(t; p) - u_0(t)] = phH(t) N[\varphi(t; p)] \tag{A.2}$$

where  $p \in [0, 1]$  is the embedding parameter,  $h \neq 0$  is a nonzero auxiliary parameter,  $H(t) \neq 0$  is an auxiliary function,  $L$  an auxiliary linear operator,  $u_0(t)$  is an initial guess of  $u(t)$ ,  $\varphi(t; p)$  is an unknown function. It is important to note that one has great freedom to choose auxiliary unknowns in HAM. Obviously, when  $p = 0$  and  $p = 1$ , it holds:

$$\varphi(t; 0) = u_0(t) \text{ and } \varphi(t; 1) = u(t) \tag{A.3}$$

respectively. Thus, as  $p$  increases from 0 to 1, the solution  $\varphi(t; p)$  varies from the initial guess  $u_0(t)$  to the solution  $u(t)$ . Expanding  $\varphi(t; p)$  in Taylor series with respect to  $p$ , we have:

$$\varphi(t; p) = u_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} u_m(t) p^m$$

(A.4)

Where

$$u_m(t) = \frac{1}{m!} \left. \frac{\partial^m \varphi(t; p)}{\partial p^m} \right|_{p=0} \tag{A.5}$$

If the auxiliary linear operator, the initial guess, the auxiliary parameter  $h$ , and the auxiliary function are so properly chosen, the series (A.4) converges at  $p = 1$  then we have:

$$u(t) = u_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} u_m(t). \tag{A.6}$$

Differentiating (A.2) for  $m$  times with respect to the embedding parameter  $p$ , and then setting  $p = 0$  and finally dividing them by  $m!$ , we will have the so-called  $m$ th -order deformation equation as:

$$L[u_m - \chi_m u_{m-1}] = hH(t) \mathfrak{R}_m \overset{\rightarrow}{(u_{m-1})} \tag{A.7}$$

Where

$$\mathfrak{R}_m \overset{\rightarrow}{(u_{m-1})} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\varphi(t; p)]}{\partial p^{m-1}}$$

(A.8)

and

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1, \\ 1, & m > 1. \end{cases} \tag{A.9}$$

Applying  $L^{-1}$  on both side of equation (A.7), we get

$$u_m(t) = \chi_m u_{m-1}(t) + hL^{-1}[H(t) \mathfrak{R}_m \overset{\rightarrow}{(u_{m-1})}] \tag{A.10}$$

In this way, it is easily to obtain  $u_m$  for  $m \geq 1$ , at  $M^{th}$  order, we have

$$u(t) = \sum_{m=0}^M u_m(t) \tag{A.11}$$

When  $M \rightarrow +\infty$ , we get an accurate approximation of the original equation (A.1). For the convergence of the above method we refer the reader to Liao [14]. If equation (A.1) admits unique solution, then this method will produce the unique solution.

**Appendix B**

**Approximate analytical expressions of the non-linear differential eqns. (16) and (17) using Homotopy analysis method**

In this Appendix, we indicate how the eqns. (23) - (24) are derived in this paper. To find the solution of the eqns. (16) and (17) when  $\varepsilon \theta$  small, eqns. (16) and (17) reduces to

$$\frac{d^2 w}{d\eta^2} - \varepsilon \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} \frac{dw}{d\eta} - (1 + \varepsilon \theta) \left( \text{Re} \frac{dw}{d\eta} + Ha(w-1) \right) = 0 \tag{B.1}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{d\eta^2} - \text{Re Pr} \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} + Ec \text{Pr} (1 - \varepsilon \theta) \left( \frac{dw}{d\eta} \right)^2 + Ec \text{Pr} Ha (w-1)^2 = 0 \tag{B.2}$$

We construct the Homotopy analysis method for the eqns (B.1) and (B.2) are as follows:

$$(1-p) \left( \frac{d^2 w}{d\eta^2} + Ha \right) - h p \left( \frac{d^2 w}{d\eta^2} - \varepsilon \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} \frac{dw}{d\eta} - \text{Re} \frac{dw}{d\eta} - Ha w + Ha - \varepsilon \theta \text{Re} \frac{dw}{d\eta} \right) = 0 \tag{B.3}$$

$$(1-p) \left( \frac{d^2 \theta}{d\eta^2} + Ec \text{Pr} Ha \right) - h p \left( \frac{d^2 \theta}{d\eta^2} - \text{Re Pr} \frac{d\theta}{d\eta} + Ec \text{Pr} \left( \frac{dw}{d\eta} \right)^2 - Ec \text{Pr} \varepsilon \theta \left( \frac{dw}{d\eta} \right)^2 \right) = 0 \tag{B.4}$$

The approximate solution of the eqns. (B.3) and (B.4) are as follows:

$$w = w_0 + p w_1 + p^2 w_2 + p^3 w_3 + p^4 w_4 + \dots \tag{B.5}$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + p \theta_1 + p^2 \theta_2 + p^3 \theta_3 + p^4 \theta_4 + \dots \tag{B.6}$$

The boundary conditions are as follows:

$$w(0) = 0, \theta(0) = 0 \tag{B.7}$$

$$w(1) = 1, \theta(1) = 1 \tag{B.8}$$

Substituting the eqns (B.5) and (B.6) into the eqns (B.3) and (B.4) we get

$$(1-p) \left[ \frac{d^2(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta^2} + Ha \right] - hp \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta^2} \\ - \varepsilon \frac{d(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} \frac{d(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} \\ - \text{Re} \frac{d(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} - Ha(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots) \\ + Ha + \varepsilon(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots)Ha \\ - \varepsilon(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots) \text{Re} \frac{d(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} \\ - \varepsilon(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots)Ha(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots) \end{array} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{B.9})$$

$$(1-p) \left[ \frac{d^2(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots)}{d\eta^2} + Ec \text{Pr} Ha \right] - hp \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots)}{d\eta^2} - \text{Re} \text{Pr} \frac{d(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} \\ + Ec \text{Pr} \left( \frac{d(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} \right)^2 + Ec \text{Pr} Ha \\ - Ec \text{Pr} \varepsilon(\theta_0 + p\theta_1 + \dots) \left( \frac{d(w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)}{d\eta} \right)^2 \\ + Ec \text{Pr} Ha (w_0 + pw_1 + \dots)^2 \\ - 2 Ec \text{Pr} Ha (w_0 + pw_1 + \dots) \end{array} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{B.10})$$

Comparing the coefficients of like powers of  $p$  in the eqns (B.9) and (B.10) we get,

$$p^0 : \frac{d^2 w_0}{d\eta^2} + Ha = 0 \quad (\text{B.11})$$

$$p^0 : \frac{d^2 \theta_0}{d\eta^2} + Ec \text{Pr} Ha = 0 \quad (\text{B.12})$$

$$p^1 : \frac{d^2 w_1}{d\eta^2} - \frac{d^2 w_0}{d\eta^2} - Ha - h \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2 w_0}{d\eta^2} - \varepsilon \frac{d\theta_0}{d\eta} \frac{dw_0}{d\eta} - \text{Re} \frac{dw_0}{d\eta} - Ha w_0 + Ha \\ - \varepsilon \theta_0 \text{Re} \frac{dw_0}{d\eta} - \varepsilon \theta_0 Ha w_0 + \varepsilon \theta_0 Ha \end{array} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{B.13})$$



$$p^1 : \frac{d^2\theta_1}{d\eta^2} - \frac{d^2\theta_0}{d\eta^2} - Ec Pr Ha - h \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2\theta_0}{d\eta^2} - Re Pr \frac{d\theta_0}{d\eta} + Ec Pr \left( \frac{dw_0}{d\eta} \right)^2 \\ - Ec Pr \varepsilon \theta_0 \left( \frac{dw_0}{d\eta} \right)^2 + Ec Pr Ha \\ + Ec Pr Ha (w_0)^2 - 2 Ec Pr Ha w_0 \end{array} \right] = 0 \quad (B.14)$$

Solving the eqns (B.11)-(B.14) using the boundary conditions (B.7) and (B.8) we can obtain the following results:

$$w_0 = \frac{-Ha\eta^2}{2} + \left(1 + \frac{Ha}{2}\right)\eta \quad (B.15)$$

$$w_1 = -h \left( \frac{k_1\eta^3}{6} + \frac{k_2\eta^4}{12} + \frac{k_3\eta^5}{20} + \frac{k_4\eta^6}{30} + \frac{k_5\eta^2}{2} - \left( \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{12} + \frac{k_3}{20} + \frac{k_4}{30} + \frac{k_5}{2} \right) \eta \right) \quad (B.16)$$

$$\theta_0 = \frac{-Ec Pr Ha \eta^2}{2} + \left(1 + \frac{Ec Pr Ha}{2}\right)\eta \quad (B.17)$$

$$\theta_1 = -h \left( \frac{l_1\eta^3}{6} + \frac{l_2\eta^4}{12} + \frac{l_3\eta^5}{20} + \frac{l_4\eta^6}{30} + \frac{l_5\eta^2}{2} - \left( \frac{l_1}{6} + \frac{l_2}{12} + \frac{l_3}{20} + \frac{l_4}{30} + \frac{l_5}{2} \right) \eta \right) \quad (B.18)$$

Where  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5, l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4, l_5$  are defined in the text eqns (33)-(42) respectively.

According to the HAM, we can conclude that

$$w = \lim_{P \rightarrow 1} w(\eta) = w_0 + w_1 \quad (B.19)$$

$$\theta = \lim_{P \rightarrow 1} \theta(\eta) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \quad (B.20)$$

After putting (B.15) and (B.16) into (B.19), (B.17) and (B.18) into (B.20) we obtain the solution in the text eqns. (23) and (24).

### Appendix: C

#### Nomenclature

Symbol	Meaning
$C_p$	Specific heat at a constant pressure
$U$	Fluid velocity
$V$	Uniform suction/injection velocity

$T$	Fluid temperature
$Be$	Bejan number
$H$	Channel width
$Re$	Reynolds number
$Br$	Brinkmann number
$(x, y)$	Cartesian coordinates
$X$	Dimensionless axial coordinate
$M$	Variable viscosity parameter
$K$	Thermal conductivity
$P$	Fluid pressure
$Ha$	Magnetic field parameter
$Pr$	Prandtl number
$Ec$	Eckert number
$w$	Dimensionless velocity
$B_0$	Magnetic field strength
$\alpha$	Thermal diffusivity
$\theta$	Dimensionless temperature
$\Omega$	Temperature difference parameter
$\eta$	Dimensionless transverse coordinate
$\bar{\mu}(T)$	Temperature dependent viscosity
$\mu_0$	Fluid viscosity at ambient temperature
$\mu$	Fluid viscosity
$\phi$	Irreversibility ratio
$\rho$	Fluid density
$\sigma$	Electrical conductivity