

Homotopy Analysis to Flow of Walter's Liquid B over an Exponentially Stretching Sheet**Hymavathi T¹, Mallipriya V² and Vijay Kumar P³**^{1,2,3}:Department of Mathematics, Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry, A.P., India.E-Mail: talla.hymavathianur@gmail.com**Abstract:**

In this paper, we analyzed the behaviour of boundary layer flow of Walter's liquid B over an exponentially stretching sheet. The governing boundary layer equations are transferred into ordinary differential equations using a suitable similarity transformation and then solved using an analytical technique known as homotopy analysis method (HAM), which provides us an aptable way to control and adjust the convergence region using a non-zero auxiliary parameter \hbar . Variation of visco-elastic parameter on velocity is analyzed through graphs.

Key Words: Walter's Liquid-B, Stretching Sheet, Boundary Layer, Similarity Transformation, HAM.

1. Introduction:

The non-Newtonian fluids have gained the attention of many researchers due to their various applications in Scientific and Engineering fields. Most of the fluids which are used in industries are non-Newtonian and particularly visco-elastic in nature. There are many visco-elastic fluids that cannot be characterized by Maxwell's or Oldroyd's constitutive relations. One such fluid is Walters' (model B) visco-elastic fluid which is used in chemical technology and industry.

The work on boundary layer flow past a moving surface, initiated by Sakiadis [1], has motivated many researchers [2-3] to carry out their research on two-dimensional boundary-layer flows. Rajagopal et al. [4] obtained similarity solutions numerically for the boundary layer equations by taking small elastic parameter k_1 . Abel et al. [5] studied the problem of visco-elastic fluid flow over a stretching sheet. Recently, Hymavathi [6] carried out the numerical study of boundary layer flow of Walter's liquid B over exponentially stretching sheet using quasi-linearization method.

Here, we present the analytical solution of visco-elastic fluid flow over an exponentially stretching sheet [7] using HAM [8, 9].

2. Mathematical formulation:

Consider the steady two dimensional boundary layer flow of a viscous and incompressible fluid past a stretching sheet coinciding with the plane $y = 0$. For formulating the problem consider the following assumptions:

- (i) The boundary sheet is assumed to be moving axially with a velocity of exponential order in the axial direction and generating the boundary layer type of flow.
- (ii) A steady two-dimensional laminar flow of an incompressible, electrically conducting visco-elastic liquid (Walters' liquid B model) due to an exponentially stretching sheet is considered.

Then the boundary layer equations are [4]

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

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - k_0 \left(u \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y^3} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (2)$$

where u and v are the velocity components in x and y directions respectively, γ is the kinematics coefficient of viscosity, k_0 is the elastic parameter. Other quantities have their usual meanings [5].

The appropriate boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= U_w(x) = U_0 e^{\frac{x}{l}} & \text{at } y &= 0, \\ v &= 0 & \text{at } y &= 0, \\ u &= 0 & \text{as } y &\rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Where U_0 is a constant and l is the reference length.

The velocity component u and v in terms of stream function $\psi(x, y)$ can be written as

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}.$$

Introducing a similarity variable η , such that

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_0}{2l\gamma}} e^{\frac{x}{2l}}, \quad \psi(x, y) = \sqrt{2l\gamma U_0} f(\eta) e^{\frac{x}{2l}}. \quad (4)$$

In terms of the above variables, equation (2) takes the form:

$$2f'^2 - ff'' = f''' - k_1 \left(3f'f''' - \frac{1}{2}ff'''' - \frac{3}{2}f''^2 \right), \quad (5)$$

where $k_1 = \frac{k_0 U_w}{\gamma}$, is the dimensionless visco-elastic parameter.

The boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 0, & f' &= 1 & \text{at } \eta &= 0, \\ f' &= 0 & & & \text{as } \eta &\rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

3. HAM solution:

For finding the solution of (5) using HAM, initial approximation and linear operator are chosen as

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\eta) &= 1 - e^{-\eta}, \\ L(f) &= f''' - f', \end{aligned}$$

with property

$$L(C_1 + C_2 e^\eta + C_3 e^{-\eta}) = 0,$$

where C_1, C_2 and C_3 are the arbitrary constants determined from the boundary conditions.

Let $p \in [0, 1]$ be the embedding parameter and \hbar indicates the non-zero auxiliary parameter. Then the following equations are contributed:

Zerth-order deformation equations:

$$(1-p)L(f(\eta; p) - f_0(\eta)) = p\hbar N[f(\eta; p)], \quad (7)$$

$$f(0; p) = 0, \quad f'(0; p) = 1, \quad f'(\infty; p) = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$N[f(\eta; p)] = \frac{\partial^3 f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta^3} - 2 \left(\frac{\partial f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + f(\eta; p) \frac{\partial^2 f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta^2} - k_1 \left(3 \frac{\partial f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial^3 f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta^3} - \frac{1}{2} f(\eta; p) \frac{\partial^4 f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta^4} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f(\eta; p)}{\partial \eta^2} \right)^2 \right). \quad (9)$$

For $p = 0$ and $p = 1$

$$f(\eta; 0) = f_0(\eta) \quad f(\eta; 1) = f(\eta). \quad (10)$$

When p increases from 0 to 1 then $f(\eta; p)$ varies from $f_0(\eta)$ to $f(\eta)$. Using Taylor's theorem w.r.to p , we have

$$f(\eta; p) = f_0(\eta) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(\eta) p^m, \quad (11)$$

where
$$f_m(\eta) = \frac{1}{m!} \left. \frac{\partial^m f(\eta; p)}{\partial p^m} \right|_{p=0}. \quad (12)$$

Let \hbar be chosen in such a way that the series (11) is convergent at $p = 1$, therefore, through (11) the following equations are obtained

$$f(\eta) = f_0(\eta) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f_m(\eta). \quad (13)$$

mth-order deformation equations:

Differentiating equation (7) m times w.r.to p , setting $p = 0$ and finally dividing with $m!$, we get,

$$L(f_m(\eta) - \chi_m f_{m-1}(\eta)) = \hbar R_m^f(\eta), \quad (14)$$

$$f_m(0) = 0, \quad f_m'(0) = 0, \quad f_m'(\infty) = 0, \quad (15)$$

$$R_m^f(\eta) = f_{m-1}''' - 2 \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-i}' f_i' + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-i} f_i'' - k_1 \left(3 \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-i}' f_i''' - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-i} f_i'''' - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f_{m-1-i}'' f_i'' \right), \quad (16)$$

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1. \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

The symbolic software MATHEMATICA is employed to solve the m th order deformation equation (14) with the conditions (15).

4. Convergence of HAM:

As given by Liao [10], the non-zero auxiliary parameter \hbar in series (13) helps us to control and adjust the convergence of series solutions. For admissible values of \hbar , we plotted the \hbar -curve of $f''(0)$. Figure 1 shows that the admissible values of \hbar are $-1.2 \leq \hbar \leq 0.0$ respectively. The series converge in the whole region of η when $\hbar = -0.87$. The convergence of homotopy solution for different approximations is given in Table 1.

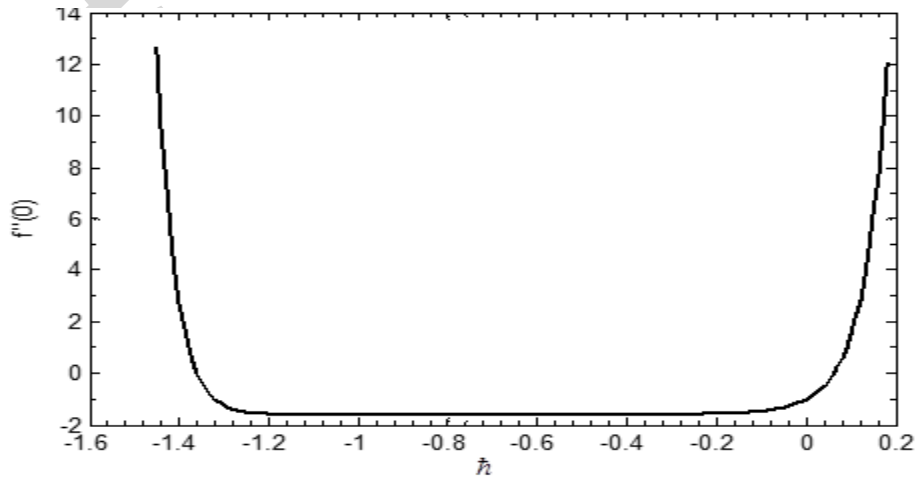


Figure 1: \hbar -curve for $f(\eta)$ at 20th order approximation when $k_1 = 0.1$.

Table 1: Convergence of HAM solution for different orders of approximations when $k_1 = 0.1$.

Order	$-f''(0)$
1	1.34075
5	1.38594
10	1.386
15	1.386
20	1.386
25	1.386

5. Results and Discussion:

The obtained ordinary differential equations are solved analytically using HAM. The effect of visco-elastic parameter k_1 on velocity profiles $f(\eta)$ and $f'(\eta)$ is given in Figure 2 and Figure 3. From the figures it is clear that the effect of visco-elastic parameter k_1 is to decrease the velocity throughout the boundary layer flow field.

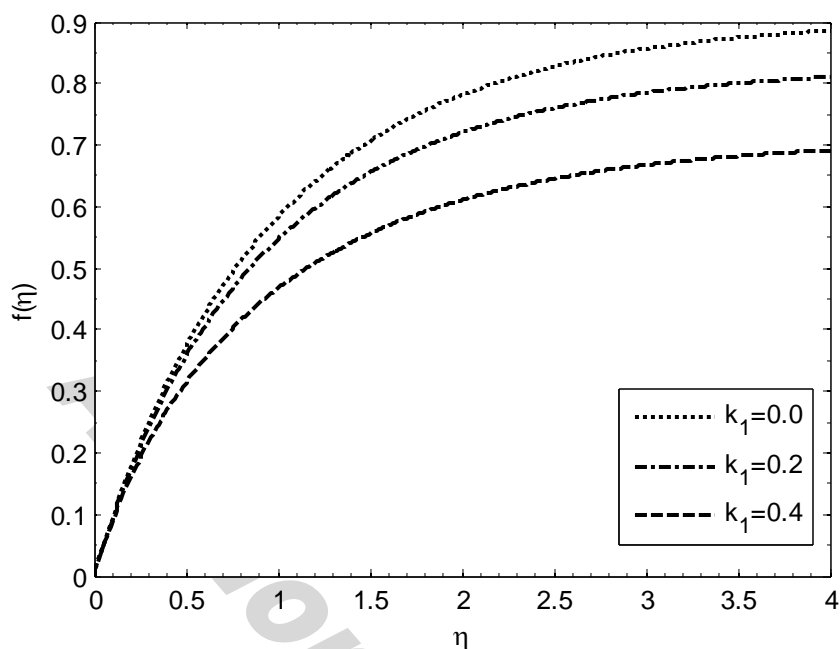


Figure 2: vertical velocity profiles for different values of visco-elastic parameter.

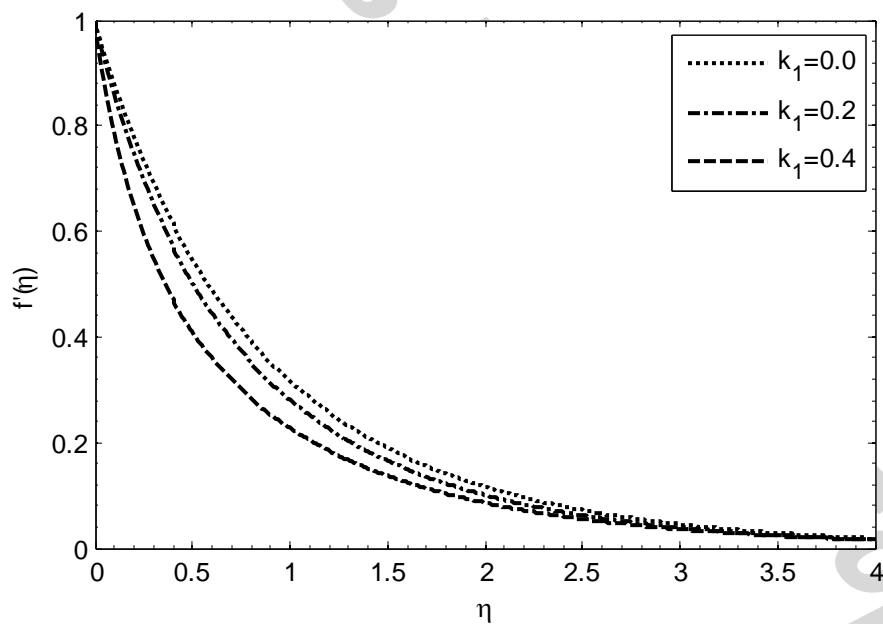


Figure 3: horizontal velocity profiles for different values of visco-elastic parameter.

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, HAM has been applied successfully to find the characteristics boundary layer flow of Walter's liquid B over an exponentially stretching sheet. It is evidently seen that HAM is a very powerful and efficient technique in finding analytical solutions for wide classes of linear and non-linear problems.

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