On the Analytical Solution of Non-Orthogonal Stagnation Point Flow towards a Stretching Sheet

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Abstract— An analytical solution for non-orthogonal stagnation point flow for the steady flow of a viscous and incompressible fluid is presented. The governing nonlinear partial differential equations for the flow field are reduced to ordinary differential equations by using similarity transformations exist in the literature and are solved analytically by means of the Homotopy Analysis Method (HAM). The comparison of results from this paper and those published in the literature confirms the precise accuracy of the HAM. The resulting analytical equation from HAM is valid for entire physical domain and effective parameters.

Index Terms— Homotopy Analysis Method (HAM), Non-orthogonal, Stagnation flow, Stretching sheet, Analytical solution

I. INTRODUCTION

Stagnation flow, fluid motion near the stagnation region, exists on all solid bodies moving in a fluid. Problems such as the extrusion of polymers in melt-spinning processes, glass blowing, the continuous casting of metals, and the spinning of fibers all involve some aspect of flow over a stretching sheet or cylindrical fiber [1].

Hiemenz was the first to study two-dimensional stagnation flow using a similarity transform to reduce the Navier–Stokes equations to non-linear ordinary differential equation [2]. Chiam [3] studied stagnation point flow over stretching sheet. He considered various aspects of this problem such as an oblique or normal two-dimensional and axisymmetric flows. Heat transfer of normal stagnation flow on a stretching sheet was later discussed by Mahapatra and Gupta [4]. Kimiaeifar et al. [5] investigated the steady flow of the third grade fluid in a porous half space. Kimiaeifar et al [6], studied two-dimensional stagnation flow towards a shrinking sheet. Recently, Lok et al. [7] modeled the stagnation flow impinging on stretching sheet at some angle of incidence, by using numerical methods.


Nonlinear equations arose in many scientific problems and it is a challenging area for the researchers who want to solve these equations. There are some analytical solutions for a few numbers of nonlinear equations which are not applicable to the real world situations. Therefore, the only way to solving such nonlinear equations is numerical methods which among them we can address perturbation methods [15]. Stability and convergence are one of the most important issues with the numerical methods which should be taken into account to avoid divergence or inappropriate results. In the perturbation method, a small parameter is inserted in the equation and finding this small parameter and exerting it into the equations are deficiencies of this method.

One of the semi-exact methods which does not need small/large parameters is the Homotopy Analysis Method (HAM), first proposed by Liao in 1992 [16], [17]. In this method the convergence region can be adjusted and controlled by an auxiliary parameter which is one of the important advantages of this method compare to other perturbation methods. It should be emphasized that the Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM), introduced in 1998, is only a special case of HAM [18]–[21].

Up to now, no investigation has been made which provides an analytical solution for the non-orthogonal stagnation flow towards a stretching sheet. In this study, HAM is applied to find an analytical solution of nonlinear ordinary differential equations arising from the similarity solution, and the results were compared with those obtained in [7].

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II. FORMULATIONS

Considering stagnation point flow over a stretching surface in the \( \bar{x} \)-axis direction in a two dimensional Cartesian coordinate \((\bar{x}, \bar{y})\). The fluid domain is \( \bar{y} > 0 \) and the flow with the velocity \( \vec{V}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \) and different angle of incidence \( \gamma \) impinges on the wall as shown schematically in Fig. 1, where \( \bar{u}_v \) and \( \bar{v}_v \) are velocity components at infinity.

The governing equations for the steady two-dimensional incompressible flow are:

\[
\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \bar{x}} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{y}} = 0, \tag{1}
\]

\[
\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \bar{x}} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \bar{y}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial \bar{x}} + \nu \nabla^2 \bar{u}, \tag{2}
\]

\[
\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{x}} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{y}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial \bar{y}} + \nu \nabla^2 \bar{v}, \tag{3}
\]

where \( \bar{u} \) and \( \bar{v} \) are the velocity components along the \( \bar{x} \) and \( \bar{y} \) directions, respectively, \( \rho \) is the density, \( \bar{p} \) is the pressure and \( \nu \) is the fluid kinematic viscosity. Considering no Slip wall boundary condition on the wall,

\[
\bar{u}_w = c \bar{x}, \bar{v}_w = 0, \quad \text{at } \bar{y} = 0, \tag{4}
\]

where \( c \) is the stretching rate. Velocity components at infinity are as follow:

\[
\bar{u}_v = (a \sin \gamma) \bar{x} + (b \cos \gamma) \bar{y}, \tag{5}
\]

\[
\bar{v}_v = -(a \sin \gamma) \bar{y}, \quad \text{at } \bar{y} \to \infty, \tag{6}
\]

where \( a \) and \( b \) are positive constants and \( \gamma \) is a positive parameter. It is worth mentioning that the external flow is a combination of a linear shear flow (shear stress \( b \)) parallel to the stream wise direction and a potential stagnation flow characterized by the constant \( a \). Given the similarity transforms from [7]:

\[
x = \left( \frac{c}{\nu} \right)^{0.5} \bar{x}, \quad y = \left( \frac{c}{\nu} \right)^{0.5} \bar{y}, \quad \psi = \frac{\bar{y}}{\nu}. \tag{7}
\]

Near the stretching surface the scaled stream function is assumed in the form:

\[
\psi = x f(y) + g(y), \tag{8}
\]

Finally the Navier–Stokes equations are reduced to:

\[
f'''' + ff''' - f''^2 + \lambda^2 \sin^2 \gamma = 0, \tag{9}
\]

\[
g'''' + fg''' - f'g'' - \alpha k \cos \gamma = 0, \tag{10}
\]

where \( \lambda = a/c \) and \( k = b/c \) are positive constants. The boundary conditions are defined as:

\[
f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 1, \quad f'(\infty) = \lambda \sin \gamma, \tag{11}
\]

\[
g(0) = g'(0) = 0, \quad g''(\infty) = k \cos \gamma, \tag{12}
\]

also \( f'(\infty) = y \lambda \sin \gamma + \alpha \) and \( g'(\infty) = y k \cos \gamma \) can be obtained, where \( \alpha \) is a real constant and could be obtained by solving Eq. (9). By using \( g'(y) = kh(y) \cos \gamma \), Eq. (10) reduces to [7]:

\[
h'''' + fh''' - fh'' - \alpha = 0. \tag{13}
\]

The boundary conditions for above equation are:

\[
h(0) = h'(0) = 0, \quad h''(\infty) = 1. \tag{14}
\]

The dimensionless skin friction is [7]:

\[
\tau_w = -\left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right)_{y=0} = xg''''(0) + k \cos h''(0). \tag{15}
\]

The location of the stagnation point, \( x_s \), is the place that the scaled streamlines \( \psi = 0 \) and the curve \( u = 0 \) cross the wall at the stagnation point where \( \tau_w \) approaches zero, thus:

\[
x_s = \frac{-k \cos \gamma h''(0)}{f'(0)}. \tag{16}
\]
III. APPLICATIONS

The governing equations for the non-orthogonal stagnation point flow towards a stretching sheet are expressed by Eq. (9) and Eq. (13). Nonlinear operators are defined as:

\[ N_f[f(y,q)] = \frac{\partial^3 f(y,q)}{\partial y^3} + f(y,q) \frac{\partial^2 f(y,q)}{\partial y^2} \]

\[ \left(\frac{\partial f(y,q)}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \lambda^2 \sin^2(y) \]  

\[ N_h[h(y,q)] = \frac{\partial^3 h(y,q)}{\partial y^3} + f(y,q) \frac{\partial^2 h(y,q)}{\partial y^2} \]

\[ \frac{\partial h(y,q)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f(y,q)}{\partial y} - \alpha \]  

where \( q \in [0,1] \) is the embedding parameter and it should be mentioned that the embedding parameter increases from 0 to 1, \( U(y,q) \) and \( Y(y,q) \) vary from the initial guess, \( U_0(y) \) and \( Y_0(y) \), to the exact solution, \( U(y) \) and \( Y(y) \) therefore it is obtained:

\[ f(y,0) = U_0(y), \quad f(y,1) = U(y), \]  

\[ h(y,0) = Y_0(y), \quad h(y,1) = Y(y). \]  

Expanding \( f(y,q) \) and \( h(y,q) \) in Taylor series with respect to \( q \) leads to:

\[ f(y,q) = U_0(y) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} U_m(y)q^m, \]  

\[ h(y,q) = Y_0(y) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_m(y)q^m, \]  

where

\[ U_m(y) = \frac{1}{m!} \frac{\partial^m f(y,q)}{\partial q^m} \bigg|_{q=0}, \]

\[ Y_m(y) = \frac{1}{m!} \frac{\partial^m h(y,q)}{\partial q^m} \bigg|_{q=0}. \]  

Homotopy analysis method can be expressed by many different base functions [16]; according to the governing equations, it is straightforward to use a base function in the form of:

\[ Y(y) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} b_p y^p e^{-my}, \]  

that \( b_p \) and \( d_p \) are the coefficients should be determined.

When the base function is selected, the auxiliary functions \( H_f(y), H_h(y) \), initial approximations \( U_0(y), Y_0(y) \) and the auxiliary linear operators \( L_f \) and \( L_h \) must be chosen in such a way that the corresponding high-order deformation equations have solutions with the functional form similar to the base functions. This method is known as the rule of solution expression [17].

The linear operators \( L_f \) and \( L_h \) are chosen as:

\[ L_f[f(y,q)] = \frac{\partial^3 f(y,q)}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\partial^2 f(y,q)}{\partial y^2}, \]

\[ L_h[h(y,q)] = \frac{\partial^3 f(y,q)}{\partial y^3}, \]  

with the property:

\[ L_f[c_1 + c_2 y + c_3 e^{-y}] = 0, \]  

\[ L_h[c_4 + c_5 y + c_6 y^2] = 0, \]  

where \( c1 \) to \( c6 \) are the integral constants. According to the rule of solution expression and the initial conditions, the initial approximations, \( U_0 \) and \( Y_0 \) as well as the integral constants, \( c1 \) to \( c6 \) are formed as:

\[ U_0(y) = c_1 + c_2 y + c_3 e^{-y}, \]

\[ c_1 = \lambda \sin(y) - 1, \quad c_2 = \lambda \sin(y), \quad c_1 = -c_3, \]  

\[ Y_0(y) = c_4 + c_5 y + c_6 y^2, \]

\[ c_4 = c_5 = 0, \quad c_6 = 1/2. \]  

The zeroth order deformation equation for \( f(y) \) is:

\[ (1-q)L_f[f(y,q) - U_0(y)] = qhH_f(y)N_f[f(y,q)], \]

\[ f(0,q) = 0, \]

\[ \frac{\partial f(0,q)}{\partial y} = 1, \]

\[ \frac{\partial f(\infty,q)}{\partial y} = \lambda \sin(y). \]  

where \( h \neq 0 \) is a nonzero auxiliary parameter and according

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to the rule of solution expression and from Eq. (33), the auxiliary function $H_f(y)$ can be chosen as follows:

$$H_f(y) = y^p e^{-y}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (35)

Differentiating Eq. (33), $m$ times, with respect to the embedding parameter $q$ and then setting $q = 0$ in the final expression and dividing it by $m!$, it is reduced to:

$$U_m(y) = \chi_m U_{m-1}(y) + h_1 \int_0^y \int_0^y H_f(y) e^y R_m(\tilde{U}_{m-1}) \, dy \, dy + c_1 + c_2 y + c_3 e^{-y},$$  \hspace{1cm} (36)

$U_m(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dU_m}{dy}(0) = 0, \quad U_m(\infty) = 0.$ \hspace{1cm} (37)

Eq. (36) is the $m$th order deformation equation for $f(y)$, where:

$$R_m(\tilde{U}_{m-1}) = \chi_m \lambda^2 \sin^2 \gamma + \frac{d^3 \tilde{U}_{m-1}(y)}{dy^3} + \sum_{z=0}^{m-2} \tilde{U}_z(y) \frac{d^2 \tilde{U}_{m-1-z}(y)}{dy^2} - \left( \sum_{z=0}^{m-1} \frac{d\tilde{U}_z(y)}{dy} \cdot \frac{d\tilde{U}_{m-1-z}(y)}{dy} \right),$$  \hspace{1cm} (38)

and

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (39)

The rate of convergence can be increased when suitable values are selected for $r$ and $p$. According to the rule of solution expression the suitable values for $r$ and $p$ are $\{p = 0, r = 1\}$. Consequently, the corresponding auxiliary function was determined as $H_f(y) = e^{-y}$. As a result of this selection, the solution’s series $U(y)$, is developed up to 18th order of approximation, so $f(y)$ is obtained as follows:

$$f(y) = \sum_{m=0}^{18} U_m(y) = U_0(y) + U_1(y) + \cdots = 1 - \lambda \sin(\gamma) + \lambda \sin(\gamma) y + (\lambda \sin(\gamma) - 1)e^{-y} + \frac{1}{4} h\lambda (2 \sin(\gamma) - 2 \lambda + 2 \lambda \cos(\gamma) - 5 \lambda e^{-y} \sin(\gamma) + 5 \lambda e^{-y} \cos(\gamma) + 3 \lambda e^{-y} \sin(\gamma) + 3 \lambda e^{-y} \cos(\gamma) - 5 \lambda e^{-y} y + \lambda e^{-y} y + ye^{-y} \lambda \cos(\gamma) + \cdots.$$ \hspace{1cm} (40)

The zeroth order deformation equation for $h(y)$ is:

$$(1 - q) L_h \left[ h(y, q) - Y_0(y) \right] = q hH_h(y) N_h \left[ h(y, q) \right],$$ \hspace{1cm} (41)

$$h(0, q) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}(0, q) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2}(\alpha, q) = 1.$$ \hspace{1cm} (42)

Auxiliary function and $m$th order deformation equation for $m \geq 1$ are:

$$H_h(y) = 1,$$ \hspace{1cm} (43)

$$Y_m(y) = \chi_m Y_{m-1}(y) + \int_0^y \int_0^y h(y) R_m(\tilde{U}_{m-1}) \, dy \, dy + c_4 + c_5 y + c_6 y^2,$$ \hspace{1cm} (44)

$$Y_m(0) = 0, \quad Y_m'(0) = 0, \quad Y_m(\infty) = 0.$$ \hspace{1cm} (45)

Since $f$ and $h$ are coupled in Eq. (13), the order of approximation for $f(y)$ in this equation is limited to 8.

Eq. (44) is the $m$th order deformation equation for $h(y)$, where:

$$R_m(\tilde{Y}_{m-1}) = \frac{d^3 \tilde{Y}_{m-1}(y)}{dy^3} + f(y) \frac{d^2 \tilde{Y}_{m-1}(y)}{dy^2} - \frac{d \tilde{Y}_{m-1}(y)}{dy} \frac{df(y)}{dy} - \chi_m \lambda,$$ \hspace{1cm} (46)

and

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (47)

By developing the solution’s series, $Y(y)$, up to 10th order of approximation, $h(y)$ is obtained:

$$h(y) = \sum_{m=0}^{10} Y_m(y) = Y_0(y) + Y_1(y) + \cdots = \frac{1}{2} y^2 - 0.3743967885 he^{-y} \lambda^5 \sin^2(\gamma) y + 4.820986454 \times 10^{-2} he^{-y} \lambda^6 \cos^2(\gamma) y^2 + 3.647607224 \times 10^{-10} he^{-y} \lambda^8 + \cdots.$$ \hspace{1cm} (48)
IV. CONVERGENCE OF HAM SOLUTION

The analytical solution should converge. The convergence and accuracy of the solution series should be controlled, therefore it should be noted that the auxiliary parameter $h$, as pointed out by Liao [17]. In order to define a region where the solution series is independent on $h$, a multiple of $h$-curves are plotted. The region where the distribution of $f^{n}$, $f^{\prime}$, $f$ and $h^{n}$, $h^{\prime}$, $h$ versus $h$ is a horizontal line is known as the convergence region for the corresponding function. The common region among the $f$ and its derivatives, $h$ and its derivative are known as the overall convergence region.

To study the influence of $h$ on the convergence of solution, the $h$-curve of $f^{n}(0)$, $f^{\prime}(1)$, $f(2)$ and $h^{n}(0)$, $h^{\prime}(1)$, $h(2)$ are plotted respectively by 18th order and 10th order approximation of solution for some selected $\lambda$ and $\gamma$, as shown in Fig. 2. Furthermore, increasing the order of approximation decreases the relative error, as shown in Fig. 3.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After solving equations (9) and (13) with the boundary conditions described in equations (11) and (14) with the HAM for different values of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ the following results obtained. Calculated values of $f^{n}(0)$, $\alpha$ and $x_{e}$ are shown in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 for different values of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$, respectively. In these tables HAM results also are compared with the results of [7] and showed that HAM provides an analytical solution with high order of accuracy within a few numbers of iterations.

As it can be seen from Table 1 results show that $f^{n}(0)$ has a strong nonlinear behavior respect to $\gamma$ but increasing $\lambda$ lead to increcent of $f^{\prime}(0)$. Unlike $f^{\prime}(0)$, $\alpha$ varies in a linear manner respect to $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ as it is presented in Table 2. Based on this table we can see that $\alpha$ decreases when values of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ increased. Results in the Table 3 show that $x_{e}$ has a nonlinear variation respect to $\lambda$ and $\gamma$. In the Fig. 4 variation of $f^{\prime}$ respect to $\gamma$ is presented for different values of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$.

According to this figure it can be seen when $\lambda$ increases, the boundary layer thickness decreases, as it is observed in [7]. The effects of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ on scaled streamlines are shown in Fig. 5. As mentioned before, HAM can provide an analytical solution which is acceptable for all values of $\gamma$ and other effective parameter such as $\lambda$ and $\gamma$. Eq. (49) presents an expression for $f^{\prime}(\gamma, \lambda, \gamma)$ with 10 orders of approximation:

$$f^{\prime}(\gamma) = \lambda \sin(\gamma) + 0.3\lambda^{2} + 0.3\lambda^{2} \sin^{2}(\gamma) - 
1.905833e^{-5} \lambda^{2} \sin^{2}(\gamma) - 
0.2246296e^{-5} \lambda^{2} \cos^{2}(\gamma) + 
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0.1187629e^{-7} \lambda^{3} \sin(\gamma) \cos^{2}(\gamma) - 
8.59259 \times 10^{-2} \lambda^{3} \sin(\gamma) - 
\frac{2}{6} e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^{2} \sin^{2}(\gamma) + 
0.4 \lambda e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^{2} \sin(\gamma) - 
6.6667 \times 10^{-3} e^{-4\lambda} \lambda^{2} \cos^{2}(\gamma) - 
1.05556 \times 10^{-2} e^{-3\lambda} \lambda^{2} \cos^{2}(\gamma) - 
5.277778 \times 10^{-3} e^{-4\lambda} \lambda^{2} \sin(\gamma) + ...$$

This expression has a strong nonlinear behavior respect to $\gamma$ but increasing $\lambda$ lead to increcent of $f^{\prime}(\gamma)$. Unlike $f^{n}(0)$, $\alpha$ varies in a linear manner respect to $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ as it is presented in Table 2. Based on this table we can see that $\alpha$ decreases when values of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ increased. Results in the Table 3 show that $x_{e}$ has a nonlinear variation respect to $\lambda$ and $\gamma$. In the Fig. 4 variation of $f^{\prime}$ respect to $\gamma$ is presented for different values of $\lambda$ and $\gamma$.

According to the results, in the HAM, for the same order of approximation, the deviation between the two methods becomes more significant, because the HPM solution gets divergent.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

The nonlinear differential equations resulting from similarity solution of non-orthogonal stagnation point flow towards a stretching sheet is studied using the Homotopy Analysis Method. The comparison with numerical results and convergence study shows that using approximations of small orders, results in satisfactory accuracy and increasing the order of approximation, the accuracy increases. After demonstrating the effectiveness of HAM, as a powerful analytical technique, the effects of different parameters such as $\lambda$ and $\gamma$ on the velocity distribution are presented.

The proposed analytical approach has many applications, and thus may be applied in similar ways to other boundary-layer flows to obtain accurate series solutions.
Fig. 2. The $h$-curves to indicate the convergence region: (a) $\lambda = 0.1$, $\gamma = \pi / 2$; (b) $\lambda = 1.0$, $\gamma = \pi / 3$; (c) $\lambda = 3.0$, $\gamma = \pi / 4$; (d) $\lambda = 5.0$, $\gamma = \pi / 12$; (e) $\lambda = 2.5$, $\gamma = \pi / 4$; (f) $\lambda = 4.0$, $\gamma = \pi / 12$. 

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Fig. 3. The effect of order of approximation on Relative Error. (Relative error define as \( \left( f^{(0)}_{\text{Numeric}} - f^{(0)}_{\text{HAM}} \right) / f^{(0)}_{\text{Numeric}} \)).

Fig. 4. Function \( f'(y) \), predicted by the HAM solution: (a) \( \gamma = \pi / 2 \); (b) \( \gamma = \pi / 3 \); (c) \( \gamma = \pi / 4 \); (d) \( \gamma = \pi / 12 \).
Fig. 5. The streamlines predicted by the HAM solution, $\lambda = 2.5$: (a) $\gamma = \pi / 15$; (b) $\gamma = \pi / 6$; (c) $\gamma = \pi / 3$; (d) $\gamma = \pi / 2$.

Fig. 6. Relative Error of 18th order HAM solution: (a) $\gamma = \pi / 4$; (b) $\gamma = \pi / 5$. Relative Error is defined as $\left| \frac{f'(0)_{\text{Numeric}} - f'(0)_{\text{HAM}}}{f'(0)_{\text{Numeric}}} \right|$.
### Table I
Comparing the present analytical and numerical results for $f'(0)$ with the numerical results of [7], [4] and [5]

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### Table II
Variations of $\alpha$ with respect to $\lambda$ and $\gamma$

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### Table III
Variations of the location of stagnation point, $x_s$, with respect to $\lambda$ and $\gamma$

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