Stability of Stratified Elasto-viscous Walters’ (model $B'$) Fluid in the Presence of Variable Magnetic Field and Rotation

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Abstract. The influence of viscosity and viscoelasticity on the stability of a stratified elastic-viscous fluid is examined for viscoelastic polymeric solutions in the simultaneous presence of a variable horizontal magnetic field $H(z,0,0)$ and uniform horizontal rotation $\Omega(0,0,\Omega)$. These solutions are known as Walters’ (model $B'$) fluid and their rheology is approximated by the Walters’ (model $B'$) fluid constitutive relations, proposed by Walters’. The effects of coriolis force on the stability are chosen along the direction of the magnetic field and transverse to that of the gravitational field $g(0,0,\rho)$. Assuming the exponential stratifications in density, viscosity and viscoelasticity, the appropriate solution for the case of free boundaries is obtained using a linearized stability theory and normal mode analysis method. The dispersion relation is obtained and the behaviour of growth rates with respect to kinematic viscosity and kinematic viscoelasticity is examined numerically using Newton-Raphson method through the software Fortran-90 and Mathcad. In contrast to the Newtonian fluids, the system is found to be unstable, for stable stratifications, for small wavelength perturbations. It is found that the magnetic field stabilizes the certain wave number band, for unstable stratification in the presence of rotation and this wave number range increases with the increase in magnetic field and decreases with the increase in kinematic viscoelasticity implying thereby the stabilizing effect of magnetic field and kinematic viscoelasticity and the kinematic viscosity has a stabilizing effect on the system for the low wave number range. These results are shown graphically.

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1. Introduction

The stability derived from the character of the equilibrium of an incompressible heavy fluid of variable density (i.e. of a heterogeneous fluid) was investigated by Rayleigh [1]. He demonstrated that the system is stable or unstable according as the density decreases everywhere or increases everywhere. An experimental demonstration of the development of the Rayleigh–Taylor instability was performed by Taylor [2]. The effect of a vertical magnetic field on the development of Rayleigh–Taylor instability was considered by

Generally, the magnetic field has a stabilizing effect on the instability, but there are a few exceptions also. For example, Kent [8] has studied the effect of a horizontal magnetic field which varies in the vertical direction on the stability of parallel flows and has shown that the system is unstable under certain conditions, while in the absence of magnetic field the system is known to be stable. In stellar atmospheres and interiors, the magnetic field may be (and quite often is) variable and may altogether alter the nature of the instability. Coriolis force also plays an important role on the stability of the system. In all the above studies the fluid has been assumed to be Newtonian.

With the growing importance of non–Newtonian fluids in modern technology and industries, the investigations of such fluids are desirable. Fredricksen [9] has given a good review of non–Newtonian fluids whereas Joseph [10] has also considered the stability of viscoelastic fluids. There are many viscoelastic fluids which cannot be characterized either by Maxwell’s constitutive relations or by Oldroyd’s constitutive relations. One of such viscoelastic fluids is Walters’ (model B’). Walters’ [11] has proposed a constitutive equation for such type of elastico–viscous fluids. Many other research workers have paid their attention towards the study of Walters’ (model B’) fluid. The mixture of polymethyl methacrylate and pyridine at 25°C containing 30.5 grams of polymers per litre behaves very nearly as the Walters’ (model B’) viscoelastic fluid and which is proposed by Walters’ [12]. This class of fluids is used in the manufacture of parts of space crafts, aeroplane, tyres, belt conveyors, ropes, cushions, seats, foams, plastics, engineering equipments etc. Sharma and Kumar [13] have studied the steady flow and heat transfer of Walters’ fluid (model B’) through a porous pipe of uniform circular–cross section with small suction. Sharma and Kumar [14] have studied the stability of two superposed Walters’ (model B’) viscoelastic fluid. The magnetic field stabilizes the system. The viscoelasticity of the medium has damping effects on the growth rates but has enhancing effects for certain ranges of the wave-numbers. Sharma et al. [15] have studied the stability of stratified Walters’ (model B’) fluid in the presence of horizontal magnetic field and rotation in porous medium. Anika and Hoque [16] have studied the thermal buoyancy force effects on developed flow considering hall and ion-slip current. Rahman et al. [17] have studied the thermophoresis effect on MHD forced convection on a fluid over a continuous linear stretching sheet in the presence of heat generation and power-law temperature. Yadav and Sharma [18] have studied the effects of porous medium on MHD fluid flow along a stretching cylinder.

Keeping in mind the importance of non–Newtonian fluids in modern technology and their various applications mentioned above, the present paper is devoted to consider the stability of rotating stratified elastico–viscous Walters’ (model B’) fluid in the presence of variable magnetic field and rotation.
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2. Mathematical formulation of the problem

The initial stationary state whose stability we wish to examine is that of an incompressible, heterogeneous infinitely extending and conducting \((\sigma \to \infty)\) elastico-viscous Walters’ (model B)’ fluid of thickness \(d\) bounded by the planes \(z = 0, d\) and of variable density, kinematic viscosity and viscoelasticity, arranged in horizontal strata; so that the free surface is almost horizontal and the electrical conductivity \(\eta = \frac{1}{4\pi \mu, \sigma}\) is zero. The fluid is acted on by gravity force \(g(0,0, -g)\), a uniform horizontal rotation \(\Omega (\Omega, 0, 0)\) and a variable horizontal magnetic field \(H_H(z, 0, 0)\). The character of the equilibrium of this stationary state is determined by supposing that the system is slightly disturbed and then, following its further evolution.

The equations expressing conservation of momentum, mass, incompressibility and Maxwell’s equations for the elastico-viscous Walters’ (model B)’ fluid are

\[\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{g} + \left(\mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + 2\rho \mathbf{v} \times \Omega + \frac{\mathbf{H}}{4\pi} [\nabla \times \mathbf{H}] \times \mathbf{H},\]

\[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0,\]

\[\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \rho = 0,\]

\[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0,\]

\[\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{H}),\]

where \(\mu_e\), the magnetic permeability, is assumed to be constant. Equation (3) represents the fact that the density of a particle remains unchanged as we follow it with its motion. Let \(\delta \rho, \delta \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v} (u, v, w)\) and \(H (h_x, h_y, h_z)\) denote, respectively, the perturbations in density \(\rho(z)\), pressure \(p(z)\), velocity \(\mathbf{v}(0, 0, 0)\) and horizontal magnetic field \(\mathbf{H}(0, 0, 0)\). Then the equations (1)–(5) after perturbations in the cartesian form become

\[\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \left( \mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \nabla^2 u + \frac{\mu_e}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\partial h_x}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} H_y - \frac{\partial h_y}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} H_x \right) + 2\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \Omega \cdot \mathbf{v},\]

\[\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \rho \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \left( \mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \nabla^2 v + \frac{\mu_e}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\partial h_y}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} H_y - \frac{\partial h_x}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} H_x \right) - 2\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \Omega \cdot \mathbf{v},\]

\[\rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \rho \left( u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \left( \mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \nabla^2 w + \frac{\mu_e}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\partial h_z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} H_z - \frac{\partial h_x}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} H_x \right) - 2\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \Omega \cdot \mathbf{v},\]

\[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0,\]

\[\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} = 0,\]
Analyzing the disturbances into normal modes, we seek solutions whose dependence on $x$, $y$, $z$, and time $t$ is given by

$$f(z) \exp \left( i k_x x + i k_y y + i n t \right),$$

where $f(z)$ is the same function of $z$—only; $k_x$, $k_y$ are the wave-numbers in the $x$– and $y$–directions, respectively, $k = \left( k_x^2 + k_y^2 \right)^{1/2}$ is the resultant wave-number and $n$ is the growth rate of the disturbance which is, in general, a complex constant.

Equations (15)–(23) using expression (24) become

$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta p + \left( \mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \nabla^2 u + \frac{\mu_x}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \delta H_0 + 2\rho v \Omega,$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta p + \left( \mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \nabla^2 v + \frac{\mu_y}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \delta h_y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta H_0 - 2\rho u\Omega,$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \delta p + \left( \mu - \mu' \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \nabla^2 w + \frac{\mu_n}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta H_0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta H_0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \delta H_0 \right) - g \delta \rho,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \delta \rho \right) + w \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} h_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} h_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} h_z = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} h_x = H_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u - w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} H_0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} h_y = H_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} h_z = H_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} w.$$
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\[
\rho n w = -D \delta p + (\mu - \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) w + \frac{\mu_e H_0}{4\pi} \left( ik, h_x - Dh_x - \frac{h_x DH_0}{H_0} \right) - g \delta \rho ,
\]

(27)

\[
\begin{align*}
& ik, u + ik, v + Dw = 0 , \\
& n \delta p + wD\rho = 0 , \\
& ik, h_x + ik, h_y + Dh_z = 0 , \\
& nh_y = ik, H_0 u - w DH_0 , \\
& nh_z = ik, H_0 v , \\
& nh_x = ik, H_0 w ,
\end{align*}
\]

(28) – (33)

Now substituting the values of \( h_x, h_y \) and \( h_z \) from equations (31)–(33) in equations (25)–(27), we get

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho n u &= -ik, \delta p + (\mu - \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) u + \frac{\mu_e H_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{ik, H_0 w}{n} \right) DH_0 + 2 \rho v \Omega , \\
\rho n v &= -ik, \delta p + (\mu - \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) v + \frac{\mu_e H_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{ik, H_0 \zeta_x + ik, w DH_0}{n} \right) - 2 \rho u \Omega , \\
\rho n w &= -D \delta p + (\mu - \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) w + \frac{\mu_e H_0}{4\pi} \left( \frac{k^2 H_0 w}{n} - \frac{2 \Omega n Dw}{n^2 - n(\mu + \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) + k^2 V_A^2} \right) - \frac{g (D\rho) w}{10} ,
\end{align*}
\]

(34) – (36)

where \( \zeta_z = ik, v - ik, u \) is the \( z \)-component of vorticity.

Multiplying equations (34) and (35) by \( -ik, v \) and \( ik, u \), respectively, and then adding we get

\[
\rho n \zeta_z = \rho (v + v') (D^2 - k^2) \zeta_z - \frac{\mu_e k^2 H_0^2}{4\pi n} \zeta_z + 2 \Omega Dw ,
\]

or

\[
\zeta_z = -\frac{2n \Omega Dw}{n^2 - n(\mu + \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) + k^2 V_A^2} ,
\]

(37)

where \( \nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho} \), \( \nu' = \frac{\mu'}{\rho} \) and \( V_A^2 = \frac{\mu_e H_0^2}{4\pi \rho} \) (square of the Alfvén’s velocity).

Substituting the value of \( \zeta_z \) in equation (35), we get

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho n v &= -ik, \delta p + (\mu - \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) v - \frac{\mu_e H_0}{4\pi n} \left( \frac{2 \Omega n Dw}{n^2 - n(\mu - \mu' n)(D^2 - k^2) + k^2 V_A^2} \right) + \frac{\mu_e H_0}{4\pi n} ik, w (H_0 - 2 \rho u \Omega ,
\end{align*}
\]

(38)

Multiplying equations (34) and (36) by \(-ik, v\) and \(-ik, u\), respectively, and then adding and using (28), we obtain

\[
\rho n Dw = -k^2 \delta p + \rho (v - u')(D^2 - k^2) Dw + \frac{2n \Omega}{n^2 - n(\nu - \nu')(D^2 - k^2) + V_A^2 k^2} \left( \frac{\mu_e H_0^2}{4\pi n} k^2 k^2 - 2 \rho \right) Dw .
\]

(39)
Eliminating \( u, v \) and \( \delta p \) from equations (35)–(39) using equations (29), after little algebra, we get

\[
dw + g k^2(Dp)w = 0.
\]  

(40)

Equation (40) is the general equation formulating the effect of variable magnetic field and uniform rotation on the stability of stratified Walters’ (model B’) fluid.

3. The case of exponentially varying stratifications

In order to obtain the solution of the stability problem of a layer of Walters’ (model B’) fluid, we suppose that the density \( \rho \), viscosity \( \mu \) and viscoelasticity \( \mu' \) vary exponentially along the vertical direction i.e.

\[
\rho = \rho_0 e^{\beta_z z}, \quad \mu = \mu_0 e^{\beta_z z}, \quad \mu' = \mu'_0 e^{\beta_z z},
\]  

(41)

where \( \rho_0, \mu_0, \mu'_0, H_1 \) and \( \beta_1 \) are constants and so the kinematic viscosity

\[
u = \left(\frac{\mu}{\rho} = \frac{\mu_0}{\rho_0}\right),
\]

the kinematic viscoelasticity

\[\nu' = \left(\frac{\mu'}{\rho} = \frac{\mu'_0}{\rho_0}\right),\]

and the Alfvén velocity

\[V_A = \left(\frac{\mu H_1}{4\pi \rho} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{\mu H_1}{4\pi \rho} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\]

are constant everywhere.

Using the stratifications of the form (41), equation (40) transforms to

\[
dw + \frac{2}{n(u_0 - u_0')n} \left(n^2 + k^2 V_a^2\right) (D^2 - k^2)w + \frac{1}{n^2(u_0 - u_0')n^2} \left[n^2 + k^2 V_a^2 \left(2n^2 + k^2 V_a^2\right) - V_a^2 k^2 \beta n(u_0 - u_0')n^2\right] - g k^2 \beta n(u_0 - u_0')n (D^2 - k^2)w - \frac{1}{n^2(u_0 - u_0')n^2} \left[4\Omega^2 n^2 + V_a^2 k^2 \beta (n^2 + k^2 V_a^2) - g k^2 \beta (n^2 + k^2 V_a^2)w\right] = 0.
\]  

(42)

Considering the case of two free boundaries, we must have

\[w = D^2w = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad z = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad z = d.
\]  

(43)

The appropriate solution of equation (42) satisfying the above boundary conditions is

\[w = A_0 \sin \frac{m\pi z}{d},
\]  

(44)

where \( m \) is an integer and \( A_0 \) is a constant.

Substituting the value of \( w \) from equation (44) in equation (42) we obtain dispersion relation

\[
n^4 \left[1 - u_0(L_0)^2\right]^2 + n^4 \left[2 u_0 L_0 (1 - u_0 L_0)\right] + n^4 \left[L_0^2 u_0^2 + \left(2 k^2 V_a^2 - g k^2 \beta L_0\right) (1 - u_0 L_0) + \frac{4\Omega^2 k^2}{L_0} - \frac{1}{L_0} V_a^2 k^2 \beta (1 - u_0 L_0)\right]
\]

\[+ n \left[u_0 L_0 \left(2 k^2 V_a^2 - g k^2 \beta L_0\right) - \frac{1}{L_0} V_a^2 k^2 \beta (1 - u_0 L_0)\right] + k^2 V_a^2 \left[k^2 V_a^2 - \frac{\beta}{L_0} (g k^2 + V_a^2 k^2)\right] = 0
\]  

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where

$$L_n = \left[k^2 + \frac{m_i^2 \pi^2}{d^2}\right].$$

Equation (45) is biquadratic in $n$ and is the dispersion relation governing the effects of uniform rotation, variable horizontal magnetic field, viscosity and viscoelasticity on the stability of stratified Walters’ (model $B'$) fluid.

4. Results and discussions

(a) Case of stable stratifications (i.e. $\beta_i < 0$). Equation (45) does not admit any positive real root or complex root with positive real part using Routh–Hurwitz criterion; therefore, the system is always stable for disturbances of all wave-number.

(b) Case of unstable stratifications (i.e. $\beta_i > 0$). If $\beta_i > 0, \quad \frac{k^2 V_A^2}{4} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_i}{L_3}\right) < \frac{\beta_i}{L_3} g d^2$, the constant term in the equation (45) is negative and therefore has at least one root with positive real part using Routh–Hurwitz criterion; so the system is unstable for all wave-numbers satisfying the inequality

$$k^2 < \frac{\beta_i d^2 g \sec^2 \theta - V_A^2 \left(m_i^2 \pi^2 - \beta_i d^2\right)}{V_A^2 d^2},$$

where $\theta$ is the angle between $k_x$ and $k$ i.e. $(k_x = k \cos \theta)$.

If $\beta_i > 0, (\text{unstable stratifications}) \quad 1 \frac{\beta_i}{L_3}$ and $V_A^2 > \frac{\beta_i g k^2}{L_3 k^2 \left(1 - \frac{\beta_i}{L_3}\right)}$, equation (45) does not admit of any positive real root or complex root with positive real part, therefore, the system is stable. The system is clearly unstable in the absence of magnetic field, rotation and for non–viscoelastic fluid.

$$n^4 \left[(1 - \nu_0' L_3)^2\right] + n^3 \left[2 \nu_0 L_3 (1 - \nu_0' L_3)\right] + n^2 \left[L_3^2 \nu_0^2 - \frac{g k^2 \beta_i}{L_3} (1 - \nu_0' L_3)\right] + \frac{1}{L_3} V_A^2 k^2 \beta_i (1 - \nu_0' L_3) - n \left[\nu_0 L_3 g \frac{\beta_i k^2}{L_3}\right] = 0. \quad (47)$$

For $\beta_i > 0$, the constant term in the equation (45) is negative and therefore has at least one root with positive real part therefore the system is clearly unstable. The magnetic field, therefore, stabilizes potentially unstable stratifications for small wave-length perturbations

$$k^2 > \frac{\beta_i d^2 g \sec^2 \theta - V_A^2 \left(m_i^2 \pi^2 - \beta_i d^2\right)}{V_A^2 d^2}. \quad (48)$$

Also, it is clear that the wave-number range, for which the potentially unstable system gets stabilized, increases with the increase in magnetic field and decreases with the increase in kinematic viscoelasticity. All long wave-length perturbations satisfying equation (48) remain unstable and are not stabilized by magnetic field.
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The behaviour of growth rates with respect to kinematic viscosity $\nu_0$, kinematic viscoelasticity $\nu'_0$ and square of the Alfvén velocity $V_A^2$ satisfying equation (45) has been examined numerically using Newton–Raphson method through the software Mathcad. Figure (1) shows the variation of growth rate $n_r$ (positive real value of $n$) with respect to the wave-number $k$ for fixed permissible values of $\beta_1 = 2$, $m_i = 1$, $d = 6$ cm, $\Omega = 1$ revolution/minute, $\nu'_0 = 1$, $g = 980$ cm/s$^2$, $k_s = k \cos 45^\circ$, $V_A^2 = 55$ for three values of $\nu'_0 = 2$, 3 and 4 respectively. These values are the permissible values for the respective parameters and are in good agreement with the corresponding values used by Chandrasekhar [5] while describing various hydrodynamic and hydromagnetic stability problems. The graph shows that for fixed wave-numbers, the growth rate increases for certain wave number with the increase in kinematic viscoelasticity $\nu'_0$, which indicates the destabilizing effect of viscoelasticity whereas the growth rate decreases for certain wave numbers implying thereby the stabilizing effect of kinematic viscoelasticity on the system.

Figure (2) shows the variation of growth rate $n_r$ (positive real value of $n$) with respect to the wave-number $k$ for fixed permissible values of $\beta_1 = 2$, $m_i = 1$, $d = 6$ cm, $\Omega = 1$ revolution/minute, $\nu'_0 = 1$, $g = 980$ cm/s$^2$, $k_s = k \cos 45^\circ$, $V_A^2 = 55$ for three values of $\nu'_0 = 2$, 4 and 6 respectively. The graph shows that for fixed wave-numbers, the growth rate increases for certain wave number with the increase in kinematic viscosity $\nu_0$ which indicates the destabilizing influence of kinematic viscosity, whereas the growth rate decreases for certain wave numbers, implying thereby the stabilizing effect of kinematic viscosity on the system.

Figure (3) shows the variation of growth rate $n_r$ (positive real value of $n$) with respect to wave-number $k$ for fixed permissible values of $\beta_1 = 2$, $m_i = 1$, $d = 6$ cm, $\Omega = 1$ revolution/minute, $\nu_0 = 4$, $\nu'_0 = 2$, $g = 980$ cm/s$^2$, $k_s = k \cos 45^\circ$ for two values of $V_A^2 = 15$ and 55 respectively. The graph shows that for fixed wave-numbers, the growth rate increases with the increase in the square of the Alfvén velocity $V_A^2$ for certain wave number which indicates the destabilizing influence of the square of the Alfvén velocity, whereas growth rate decreases for certain wave numbers, implying thereby the stabilizing effect of the square of the Alfvén velocity on the system.
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Figure 1: The variation of $n_r$ with wave-number $k$ for three values of $\nu_0^\prime = 2, 3, 4$.

Figure 2: The variation of $n_s$ with wave-number $k$ for three values of $\nu_0 = 2, 4, 6$.

Figure 3: The variation of $n_s$ with wave-number $k$ for two values of $V_A^2 = 15, 55$. 

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