



Boundary-layer non-Newtonian flow over vertical plate in porous medium saturated with nanofluid

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Abstract:

The free convective heat transfer to the power-law non-Newtonian flow from a vertical plate in a porous medium saturated with nanofluid under laminar conditions is investigated. It is considered that the non-Newtonian nanofluid obeys the mathematical model of power-law. The model used for the nanofluid incorporates the effects of Brownian motion and thermophoresis. The partial differential system governing the problem is transformed into an ordinary system via a usual similarity transformation. The numerical solutions of the resulting ordinary system are obtained. These solutions depend on the power-law index n , Lewis number Le , buoyancy-ratio number Nr , Brownian motion number Nb , and thermophoresis number Nt . For various values of n and Le , the effects of the influence parameters on the fluid behavior as well as the reduced Nusselt number are presented and discussed.

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