

DQM SOLUTION OF NATURAL CONVECTION FLOW OF
WATER-BASED NANOFLUIDS

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Abstract

In this study, unsteady natural convection heat transfer of water-based nanofluid in a square cavity with heat source at the left vertical wall is studied by solving the equation of conservation of mass, momentum and energy. Stream function-vorticity form of the governing equations are solved by using the differential quadrature method (DQM). Vorticity transport and energy equations are transformed to the form of modified Helmholtz equations by discretizing the time derivative terms first. This procedure eliminates the need of another time integration scheme in vorticity transport and energy equations, and has the advantage of using large time increments. The computational results are obtained for Rayleigh number values between 10^3 and 10^6 , volume fraction of nanoparticles changing from 0 to 0.2 and the length of the heater varying from 0.25 to 1.0. Also, two types of nanoparticles (Al_2O_3 and Cu) are tested. The results are show that the type of the nanoparticles and the length of the heat source affect the flow and temperature flow.

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