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	<i>Re</i>	Reynolds number
	<i>Ri</i>	Richardson number
	<i>T</i>	Tmperature, K
	<i>U, V</i>	dimensionless velocity components
	<i>u, v</i>	velocity components, m
	<i>x, y</i>	cartesian coordinates, m
	<i>X, Y</i>	dimensionless coordinates

### Greek symbols

$\beta$	thermal expansion coefficient, K <sup>-1</sup>
$\theta$	dimensionless temperature
$\nu$	kinematic viscosity, m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
$\mu$	dynamic viscosity, Kg. m <sup>-1</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
$\rho$	density, kg.m <sup>-3</sup>
$\emptyset$	nanoparticles volume fraction

### Subscripts

1	left wall
2	rigth wall
0	inlet conditions
<i>nf</i>	nanofluid
<i>f</i>	base fluid
<i>s</i>	solid particles
<i>w</i>	value at the wall
1	left wall
2	rigth wall

### NOMENCLATURE

$a$	thermal diffusivity, m <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
$C_p$	specific heat at constant pressure, J.kg <sup>-1</sup> .K <sup>-1</sup>
$g$	gravitational acceleration, m.s <sup>-2</sup>
$Gr$	Grashof number