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## NOMENCLATURE

$A_n$	Adomian polynomials
$A$	surface ( $m^2$ )
$C_p$	Specific heat [ $J/Kg\ k$ ]
$h^c$	convective-exchange coefficient ( $W\ m^{-2}\ k^{-1}$ )
$h^r$	radiative-exchange coefficient ( $W\ m^{-2}\ k^{-1}$ )
$s$	channel height (m)
$S$	solar intensity ( $w\ m^{-2}$ )
$l$	length of the collector (m)

$\dot{m}$	mass flow ( $Kg.s^{-1}$ )
$m$	mass (kg)
$Q$	heat flow (w)
$t$	time (s)
$T$	temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ )
$w$	width of the collector (m)
$U$	loss coefficient ( $W\ m^{-2}\ k^{-1}$ )
$D$	hydraulic diameter
$L_i$	Derivative operator
$L_i^{-1}$	Inverse derivative operator
$a$	ambient
$b$	back plate
$p$	absorber plate
$g$	glass cover
$in$	insulator
$p$	absorber plate
$th$	thermal
$p$	top surface of the absorber plate
$R_g$	gas constant $J\ kg^{-1}\ K^{-1}$
$\alpha_p$	absorbance
$\eta_T$	Theraml efficiency
$\tau$	transmittance
$\lambda$	thermal conductivity ( $W\ m^{-1}\ k^{-1}$ )
$\alpha$	Constant
$\delta$	thickness,(m)