ON THE FLOW OF A POWER LAW FLUID OVER A FLAT PLATE IN THE PRESENCE OF A PRESSURE GRADIENT

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ABSTRACT

We study the steady pseudoplastic flow of a power law fluid over a flat plate in the presence of a pressure gradient. The pressure gradient increases along the flow direction. We examine for () 2 -1 o x U x a u=, the flow parallel to the flat plate, the appropriate condition for a similarity solution. The flow has a unique solution when the power law exponent varies between ½ and 1 and the result showed that the power law exponent has appreciable influence on the flow.

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