

Notations

Following notations are used in this thesis.

\mathbb{X}	Universal set
E	Collection of fuzzy numbers
E^n	Collection of fuzzy numbers in n dimensions
\tilde{f}	Fuzzy function
${}^\alpha \tilde{f}$	α – cut for fuzzy function
${}^\alpha \tilde{X}$	α – cut for fuzzy variable
${}^\alpha \tilde{f} = [\underline{f}, \overline{f}]$	Parametric form of fuzzy function
${}^\alpha \tilde{X} = [\underline{X}, \overline{X}]$	Parametric form of fuzzy variable
I, t	Time Interval, time
$\dot{\tilde{X}}$	Derivative of fuzzy variable
$\tilde{X}(0)$	Fuzzy initial condition
\tilde{A}	Fuzzy matrix of $n \times n$
\tilde{B}	Fuzzy column matrix of $n \times 1$
\otimes	Fuzzy Multiplication
\ominus	Fuzzy difference
\oplus	Fuzzy Addition
\tilde{R}	Fuzzy Radius of Convergence
\mathcal{L}	Fuzzy Laplace Transform
\mathbb{L}	Highest order fuzzy linear differential (mgH) operator
N	Nonlinear operator
\mathbb{R}	Differential operator order less than \mathbb{L}
d	Metric
a	Ambient
b	Backplate
T_a	Ambient temperature
Re	Reynolds number
\dot{m}	Air mass flow rate (kg/s)

W	Width of Collector (m)
U_l	Overall heat loss coefficient ($W/m^2 K$)
F	Collector Efficiency Factor
k	Conductivity of the fin ($W/m K$)
τ'	Transmittance
α'	Absorbance
s	Depth of air flow section (or channel height) (m)
G_t	Solar Radiation (W/m^2)
$h_{r,p-b}$	Radiative heat transfer coefficient between absorber plate and back plate
μ	Dynamic Viscosity