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TWO-DIMENSIONAL ENERGY TRANSFER IN RADIATIVELY PARTICIPATING  
MEDIA WITH CONDUCTION BY THE P-N APPROXIMATION

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## ABSTRACT

The combined steady state conduction and radiation heat transfer problem for a gray medium within a rectangular enclosure is considered using the differential approximation. The P-1 and P-3 spherical harmonics approximations for the intensity distribution are incorporated in the equation of transfer, and modified Marshak-type boundary conditions are used in the formulation. The enclosure walls are assumed to be isothermal black surfaces.

Two<sup>g</sup> and five<sup>g</sup> coupled second order nonlinear partial differential equations are developed for the P-1 and P-3 approximations, respectively, using the energy conservation and moment-of-intensity expressions. The P-1 equations have been numerically solved using finite element techniques, while the P-3 relations have been solved using a finite difference successive<sup>g</sup>over-relaxation (SOR) algorithm. Two-dimensional temperature profiles and hot wall heat transfer results are presented for square enclosures and different optical width rectangular enclosures for a range of Stark numbers.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Heat transfer by simultaneous conduction and radiation in a planar medium capable of absorbing and emitting thermal radiation has received considerable attention owing to its importance in such fields as cryogenics, ablation protection, glass manufacture, and energy conservation. The mathematical difficulties involved in solving such problems are substantial since the descriptive energy relation is a nonlinear integro-differential (or integro-partial differential) equation.

While significant attention has been addressed to one-dimensional problems of combined mode energy transfer, e.g. [1-4], only limited efforts have been directed to multidimensional problems. Typical solution methods include use of the diffusion approximation [5], valid only for optically thick media, and the Hottel zone method [6] for the radiation exchange. In the latter method, an iterative scheme must be applied, with the temperature distribution initially assumed in the radiative computation and then updated when the multimode energy balance is obtained. In addition, the zonal method requires significant subdivision of the volume in order to obtain realistic representations of the temperature field. Multidimensional radiative transfer studies in planar media have also been limited [7-9], with efforts primarily directed to approximation methods. Unfortunately, use of these methods in multimode heat transfer problems would require solution techniques similar to those used with the Hottel zone method and thus would ~~probably~~ be computationally quite lengthy.

An alternative method of solution for coupled conduction and radiation problems, which may be used for multidimensional geometries, incorporates the differential approximation (moment method). In this method, the radiation intensity is approximated by a series of spherical harmonics. This simplification transforms the integral equation of radiative transfer to a series of partial differential equations. The resulting equations and Marshak-type boundary conditions [10] can be solved together with the conservation of energy expression. One obvious advantage of this method is that it simplifies the solution technique, since the partial differential equations may be solved by standard numerical methods.

In this paper, the combined conduction and radiation heat transfer problem for a gray medium within a rectangular enclosure composed of isothermal black walls is considered using the differential approximation. The P-1 and P-3 spherical harmonics approximations for the intensity are used to predict both temperature and heat transfer in the two-dimensional field.

## 2. FORMULATION

### 2.1 Background

The problem to be considered is that of two-dimensional heat transfer in a rectangular enclosure composed of black isothermal walls. The intervening medium may absorb and emit radiation and (1) is assumed to have an index of refraction of one; (2) is assumed to be gray and have uniform temperature-independent properties; and (3) may generate

energy because of a uniform volumetric source. Figure 1 presents the geometry and defines the nondimensional coordinate systems and temperature boundary conditions. <sup>The variables are defined in the Nomenclature.</sup> For this problem, the energy equation is expressed as

$$\frac{\partial q_{R1}}{\partial \tau_1} + \frac{\partial q_{R3}}{\partial \tau_3} + \frac{\partial q_{c1}}{\partial \tau_1} + \frac{\partial q_{c3}}{\partial \tau_3} = \frac{Q'''}{a} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\tau_i = a x_i \quad (i=1,3) \quad (2)$$

substituting for  $q_{ci}$ , the conduction energy transfer, and normalizing the geometry by the optical thicknesses in the  $X_1$  and  $X_3$  directions, the following nondimensional energy expression is obtained:

$$\frac{\partial Q_{R3}}{\partial \chi} + r \frac{\partial Q_{R1}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{4N_1}{\tau_L} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \chi^2} \right) + S \quad (3)$$

The nondimensional temperature,  $\psi$ , and radiative transfer in the  $i$  direction,  $Q_{Ri}$ , are defined respectively as

$$\psi(x, \eta) = \frac{T(x, \eta)}{T_1} \quad (4)$$

and

$$Q_{Ri}(x, \eta) = \frac{q_{Ri}(x, \eta)}{e_{b1}} \quad (i=1,3) \quad (5)$$

It is assumed in this development that surface one will have the highest wall temperature. Introduced in Eq. (3) are two additional terms, the conduction-radiation parameter (Stark number),  $N_1$ , and the volumetric generation expression,  $S$ , defined below:

$$N_1 = \frac{KaT_1}{4e_{b1}} \quad (6)$$

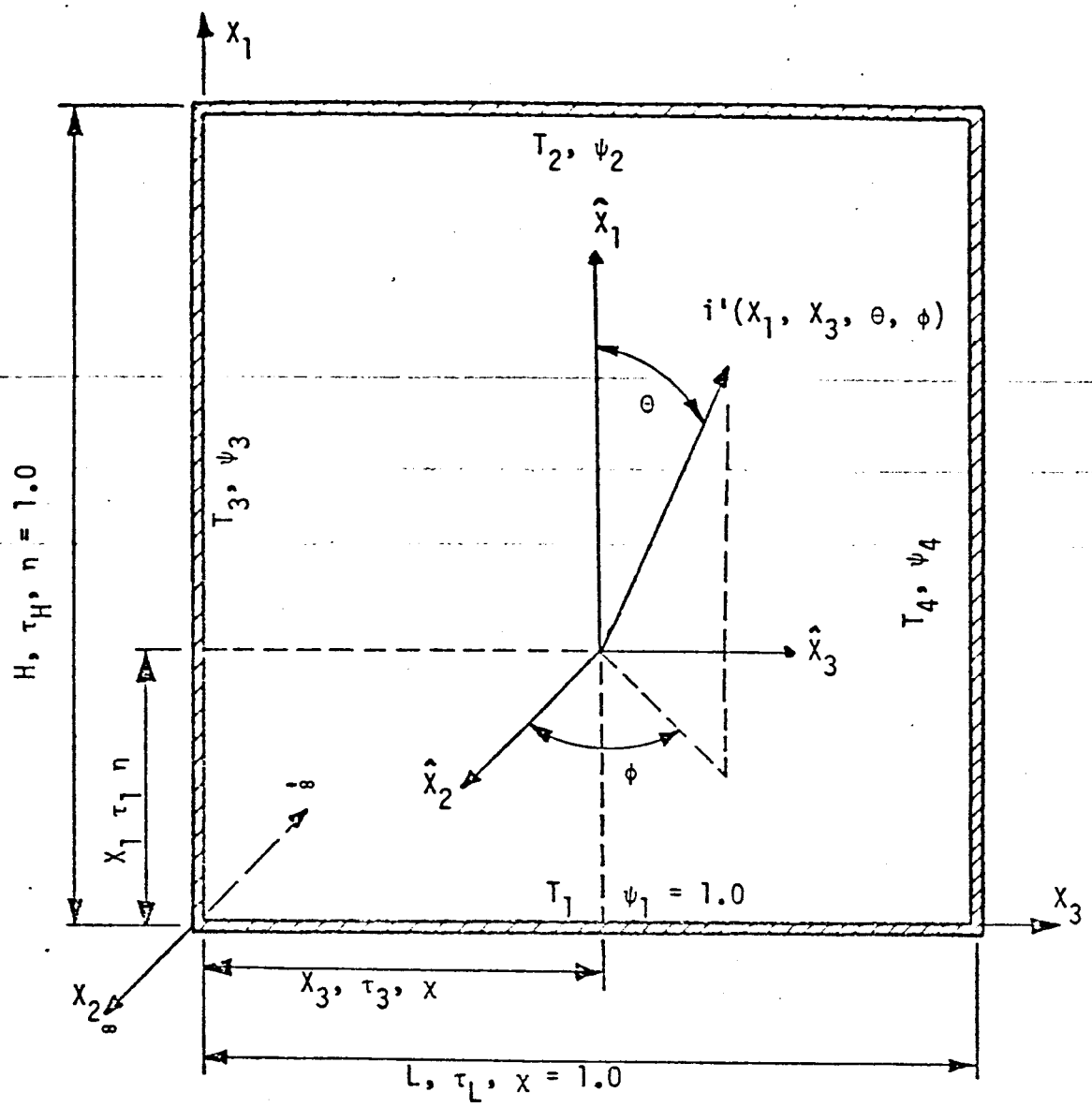


Figure 1: Schematic of the geometry considered in the analysis



$$S = \frac{Q'' L}{e_{b1}} \quad (7)$$

The radiative terms are obtained by integration of the radiative intensity distribution (multiplied by the normal direction cosine) over  $4\pi$  steradian solid angle.

$$Q_{Ri}(x, \eta) = \int_{\omega=4\pi} \hat{\ell}_i I'(x, \eta, \omega) d\omega \quad (i=1,3) \quad (8)$$

where  $d\omega = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$

The intensity  $I'$  is made nondimensional by the wall one emissive power. The appropriate direction cosines for the  $\eta$  and  $x$  directions are given as

$$\hat{\ell}_1 = \cos\theta \quad (9a)$$

$$\hat{\ell}_3 = \sin\theta \sin\phi \quad (9b)$$

The radiative intensity is obtained from solution of the two-dimensional equation of transfer

$$\hat{\ell}_1 \frac{\partial I'}{\partial \eta} + \hat{\ell}_3 \frac{\partial I'}{\partial x} = \tau_L (\psi^q - I') \quad (10)$$

Eq. (10) and Eq. (8) and (3) constitute the expressions necessary for solution of the two-dimensional temperature and heat transfer fields for the rectangular enclosure. Note that substitution of Eq. (8) into Eq. (3) results in an integro-partial differential equation which must be solved simultaneously with Eq. (10) to obtain  $I'$  and  $\psi$ .

## 2.2 Spherical Harmonics Approximation

To simplify the analysis, the intensity distribution may be represented by using an infinite series of spherical harmonics, as given by Eq. (11) [11].

$$I'(\bar{r}, \omega) = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\lambda}^{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^m(\bar{r}) Y_{\lambda}^m(\omega) \quad (11)$$

where  $A_{\lambda}^m(\bar{r})$  are position-dependent coefficients and  $Y_{\lambda}^m(\omega)$  are normalized spherical harmonics given by

$$Y_{\lambda}^m(\omega) = \left[ \frac{2\lambda+1}{4\pi} \frac{(\lambda-m)!}{(\lambda+m)!} \right]^{1/2} e^{im\varphi} P_{\lambda}^m(\cos\theta) \quad (12)$$

Note that  $P_{\lambda}^m(\cos\theta)$  are the associated Legendre polynomials of the first kind. Following Cheng [12] and Bayazitoğlu and Higenyi [13], the intensity distribution is approximated by truncating the series after a finite set of terms,  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 3$  for the P-1 and P-3 approximations, respectively. The intensity expression is also recast in terms of moments of intensity defined by Eq. (13), by substituting Eq. (11)

### Zeroth Moment

$$I_0(\bar{r}) = \int_{\omega=4\pi} I'(\bar{r}, \omega) d\omega \quad (13a)$$

### First Moment

$$I_i(\bar{r}) = \int_{\omega=4\pi} I'(\bar{r}, \omega) \hat{x}_i d\omega \quad (i=1, 2) \quad (13b)$$

### Second Moment

$$I_{ij}(\bar{r}) = \int_{\omega=4\pi} I'(\bar{r}, \omega) \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j d\omega \quad (i, j = 1, 2, 3) \quad (13c)$$

### Nth Moment

$$I_{ij\dots k}(\bar{r}) = \int_{\omega=4\pi} I'(\bar{r}, \omega) \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j \dots \hat{x}_k d\omega \quad (i, j\dots k = 1, 2, 3) \quad (13d)$$

into Eq. (13), performing appropriate integrations, and then algebraically solving for the unknown coefficients  $A_2^m(\bar{r})$  in terms of the moments. For the two-dimensional geometry considered, the resulting intensity distributions for the P-1 and P-3 approximations are given by Eq. (14) [14].

#### P-1 Approximation

$$I'(\chi, \eta, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ I_0 + 3I_1 \cos\theta + 3I_3 \sin\theta \sin\phi \right] \quad (14a)$$

#### P-3 Approximation

$$\begin{aligned} I'(\chi, \eta, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ I_0 + 3I_1 \cos\theta + \frac{5}{4} (3I_{11} - I_0) (3\cos^2\theta - 1) \right. \\ + 3I_3 \sin\theta \sin\phi + 15I_{13} \sin\phi \cos\theta \sin\theta + \frac{7}{4} (5I_{111} - 3I_1) (5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta) \\ + \frac{15}{4} (I_0 - I_{11} - 2I_{33}) \cos 2\phi \sin^2\theta + \frac{21}{8} (5I_{311} - I_3) \sin\theta \sin\phi (5\cos^3\theta - 1) \\ + \frac{105}{4} (I_1 - I_{111} - 2I_{133}) \cos 2\phi \cos\theta \sin^2\theta \\ \left. + \frac{35}{8} (3I_3 - 3I_{311} - 4I_{333}) \sin 3\phi \sin^3\theta \right] \quad (14b) \end{aligned}$$

The equation of transfer is transformed into a series of moment equations by multiplying Eq. (10) by appropriate direction cosines and integrating over the  $4\pi$  solid angle. "Closure" conditions [13] are required for the second order moments of the P-1 approximation and for the fourth order moments of the P-3 approximation developed in the moment partial differential equations. These expressions are obtained by substitution of Eq. (14) into appropriate forms of Eq. (13). ~~Eq. (13)~~ <sup>Eq. (13)</sup> Equations (15) and (16) are the summarized P-1 moment of intensity partial differential equations and closure conditions. To conserve space, the P-3 moment expressions and closure conditions are omitted; the interested reader should consult reference [14] for these details.

#### P-1 Moment Equations

$$r \frac{\partial I_1}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial I_3}{\partial x} = \tau_L (4\psi^4 - I_0) \quad (15a)$$

$$\frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial \eta} = -\tau_L I_1 \quad (15b)$$

$$\frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial x} = -\tau_L I_3 \quad (15c)$$

#### Closure Conditions

$$I_{11} = I_{33} = \frac{I_0}{3} \quad (16)$$

Eq. (15) and (16) are combined to reduce the three first-order partial differential equations to one second-order expression.

$$r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial x^2} + 3 \left( 4\psi^4 - I_0 \right) = 0 \quad (17)$$

Since the nondimensional moments  $I_1$  and  $I_3$  are equivalent to  $Q_{R1}$  and  $Q_{R3}$  respectively, the energy equation can be simplified using Eq. (15a) to

$$r^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\tau_L^2}{4N_1} \left( 4\psi^4 - I_0 - \frac{S}{\tau_L} \right). \quad (18)$$

Eq. (18) is also valid for the P-3 approximation method.

Significant algebraic manipulation to reduce the P-3 moment equations to four coupled second-order partial differential equations in terms of  $I_0$ ,  $I_{11}$ ,  $I_{33}$ , and  $I_{13}$  has been omitted. The four resulting expressions are summarized below [14].

$$\frac{\partial^2 I_{13}}{\partial x^2} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_{13}}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{7}{3} \tau_L^2 I_{13} + \frac{2}{3} r \left( \frac{\partial^2 I_{11}}{\partial x \partial \eta} + \frac{\partial^2 I_{33}}{\partial x \partial \eta} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial x \partial \eta} \right) = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial x^2} + 3r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial \eta^2} - 5\tau_L^2 I_0 - 5 \left( 5r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_{11}}{\partial \eta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 I_{11}}{\partial x^2} \right) \\ - 20r \frac{\partial^2 I_{13}}{\partial x \partial \eta} + 35\tau_L^2 I_{11} - \frac{80}{3} \tau_L^2 \psi^4 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 I_{11}}{\partial x^2} + 6r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_{11}}{\partial \eta^2} - 7\tau_L^2 I_{11} + \frac{\partial^2 I_{33}}{\partial x^2} + 6r \frac{\partial^2 I_{13}}{\partial x \partial \eta} \\ - \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial x^2} + 3r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial \eta^2} \right) + \frac{28}{3} \tau_L^2 \psi^4 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$6 \frac{\partial^2 I_{33}}{\partial x^2} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_{33}}{\partial \eta^2} - 7 \tau_L^2 I_{33} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_{11}}{\partial \eta^2} + 6r \frac{\partial^2 I_{13}}{\partial x \partial \eta} - \frac{1}{5} \left( 3 \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial x^2} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2 I_0}{\partial \eta^2} \right) + \frac{28}{3} \tau_L^2 \psi^4 = 0 \quad (22)$$

The radiative heat transfer rates, in terms of  $I_1$  and  $I_3$ , are defined for the P-3 approximation below.

$$I_1 = Q_{R1} = -\frac{1}{\tau_L} \left( r \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial x} \right) \quad (23a)$$

$$I_3 = Q_{R3} = -\frac{1}{\tau_L} \left( \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial x} + r \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial \eta} \right) \quad (23b)$$

Equations (17) and (18) and Eq. (18), <sup>through</sup> (19), (20), (21), and (22)

constitute the governing expressions necessary for solution of the two-dimensional, rectangular geometry conduction-radiation problem using the P-1 and P-3 intensity approximations, respectively.

## 2.3 Boundary Conditions

In incorporating the spherical harmonics approximation for the intensity, four boundary conditions for  $I_0$  and for  $I_0$ ,  $I_{11}$ ,  $I_{33}$ , and  $I_{13}$  are required for the P-1 and P-3 approximations, respectively. (Boundary conditions for the nondimensional temperature,  $\psi$ , have previously been specified by Figure 1.) Expressions for the moment boundary conditions are obtained by finding the intensity leaving the boundary surfaces

$$\text{with } f_w = \frac{1}{\pi} \psi_i^4 \quad (i=1,2,3,4) \quad (25)$$

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and incorporating the modified Marshak boundary conditions [10, 15], defined below

$$\int_{\omega=2\pi} I'_w(\bar{r}, \omega) P_1^m(\cos\theta) d\omega = \int_{\omega=2\pi} f_w P_2^m(\cos\theta) d\omega \quad (24)$$

Application of Eq. (24) results in a set of two boundary condition equations for the P-1 approximation and a set of eight equations for the P-3 approximation. These are summarized in the appendix. Reference [14] provides further detail on the boundary condition development.

#### Solution Method

Two numerical methods were used to solve the sets of coupled nonlinear partial differential equations [14]. A finite element computer program, TWOPEEP [16, 17], developed and issued by International Mathematical and Statistical Libraries, Inc., was used for the solution of the two coupled P-1 expressions. The finite element used is the standard six-node triangle with quadratic basis functions, and the algebraic equations developed are solved by a damped Newton's method. Eighty-eight triangles were symmetrically positioned in the field for all P-1 analyses, yielding an estimated error of the order  $10^{-3}$  for the functions  $\psi$  and  $I_0$ .

The TWOPEEP program was not used for the P-3 equations since the additional equations required out-of-core storage. Hence, estimated computer running time was expected to be a factor of ten to twenty greater than the P-1 computation times of 45 to 90 seconds on the Cyber 170/750 computer system used at The University of Texas at Austin.

Instead, the five coupled equations were solved using standard elliptic equation successive<sup>set</sup> over-relaxation (SOR) techniques [18]. In the SOR method, the five elliptic equations were solved independently with four of the variables being treated as knowns during each individual SOR computation. This procedure essentially linearized the moment of intensity expressions. To expedite the computational process, the P-1 approximation solution or <sup>a</sup> previously obtained P-3 results <sup>a</sup> from <sup>a</sup> similar problems <sup>was</sup> were used to initiate the SOR algorithm. All finite difference <sup>computational</sup> molecules <sup>[18]</sup> used in the formulation were of second-order accuracy, and spatial increment sizes were fixed by

$$\tau_L \Delta x_3 \leq 0.025 \quad (26)$$

and

$$\frac{r \Delta x_3}{\Delta x_1} \leq 1.0 \quad (27)$$

yielding estimated errors of the order  $10^{-3}$ . Typical computation times for aspect ratios less than three ranged between 70 and 300 seconds, depending upon choice of initial data and grid array size. For the aspect ratio of five, running time approached 600 seconds on the Cyber 170/750.

### 3. RESULTS

Solutions for a range of Stark numbers and aspect ratios were considered, holding the optical depth  $\tau_H$  fixed at one. In this way, problems in the range of optically thin to optically thick in the  $x$

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direction could be considered with moderate optical thickness in the  $\eta$  direction. Two wall temperature combinations, summarized below, were considered in the analysis.

No Volumetric Source

$$\Psi_1 = 1.0 \quad (28a)$$

$$\Psi_i = 0.5 \quad (i=2,3,4) \quad (28b)$$

Volumetric Source Included

$$\Psi_i = 1.0 \quad (i=1,2,3,4) \quad (29)$$

Figure 2 compares results from the P-1 and P-3 approximation analyses, for a square enclosure ( $\tau_H = 1.0$ ). There is close agreement of the centerline nondimensional temperatures for Stark numbers of 0.1 and greater. Below  $N_1 = 0.1$ , radiative transfer dominates and the P-1 approximation would be expected to be less accurate. Previous two-dimensional radiative studies [19] have indicated the close agreement of the P-3 approximation method with results reported by Modest [9].

Figure 3 presents nondimensional <sup>combined mode</sup> (total) heat transfer from the hot wall of the enclosure, defined by Eq. (30). Again, second-order accurate <sup>for</sup> computational molecules were used for all derivatives.

$$Q_{T_1} = I_1 - \left( \frac{4N_1}{\tau_H} \right) \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \eta} \quad (30)$$

These results compare well for higher Stark numbers, but deviate as  $N_1$  approaches zero. In purely radiative problems [19], the P-1 heat transfer rates are much greater than the Hottel zone and Modest results. While P-3 approximation heat transfer results also tended to be higher, they more closely matched the trends of the other solution methods [19].

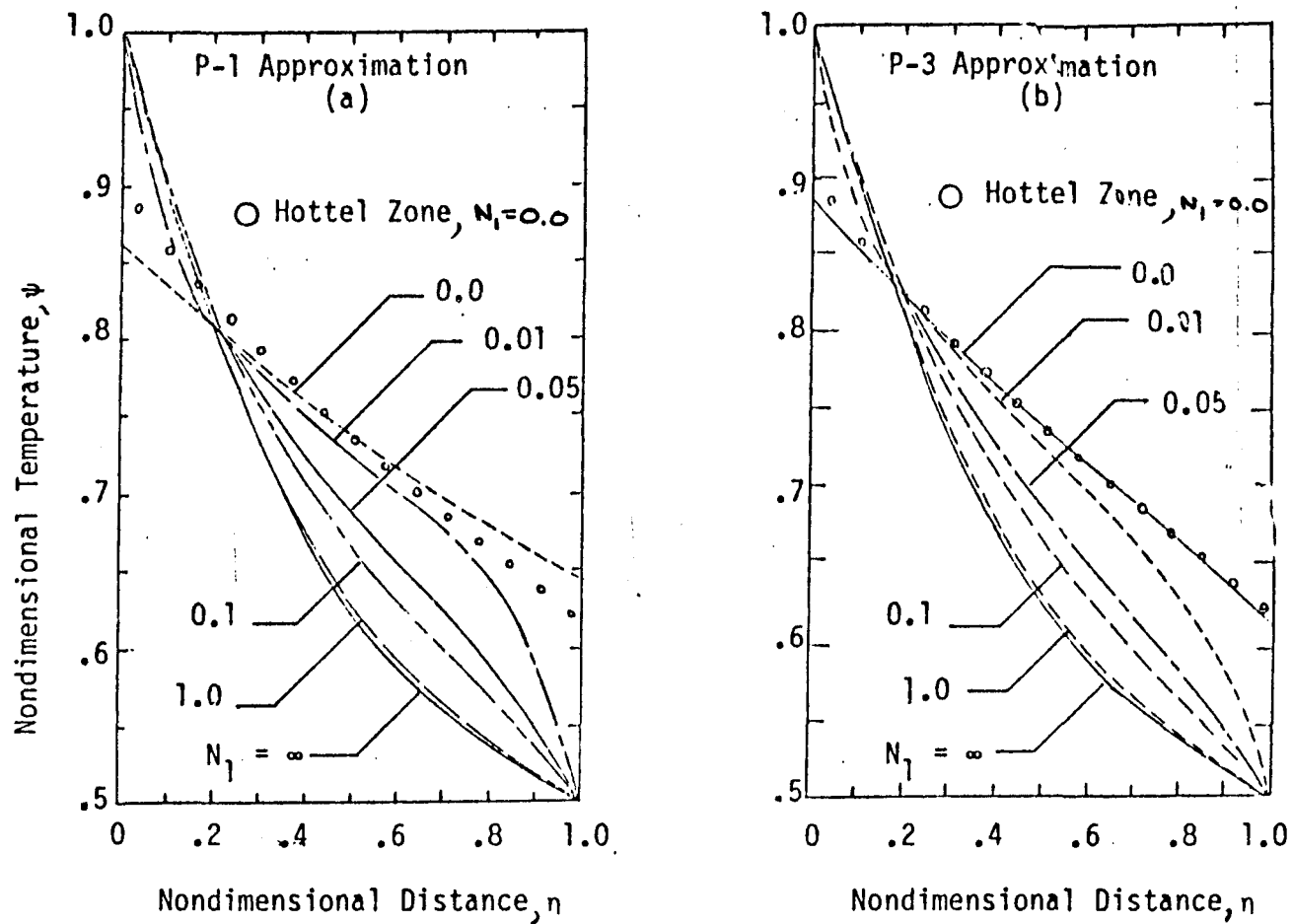
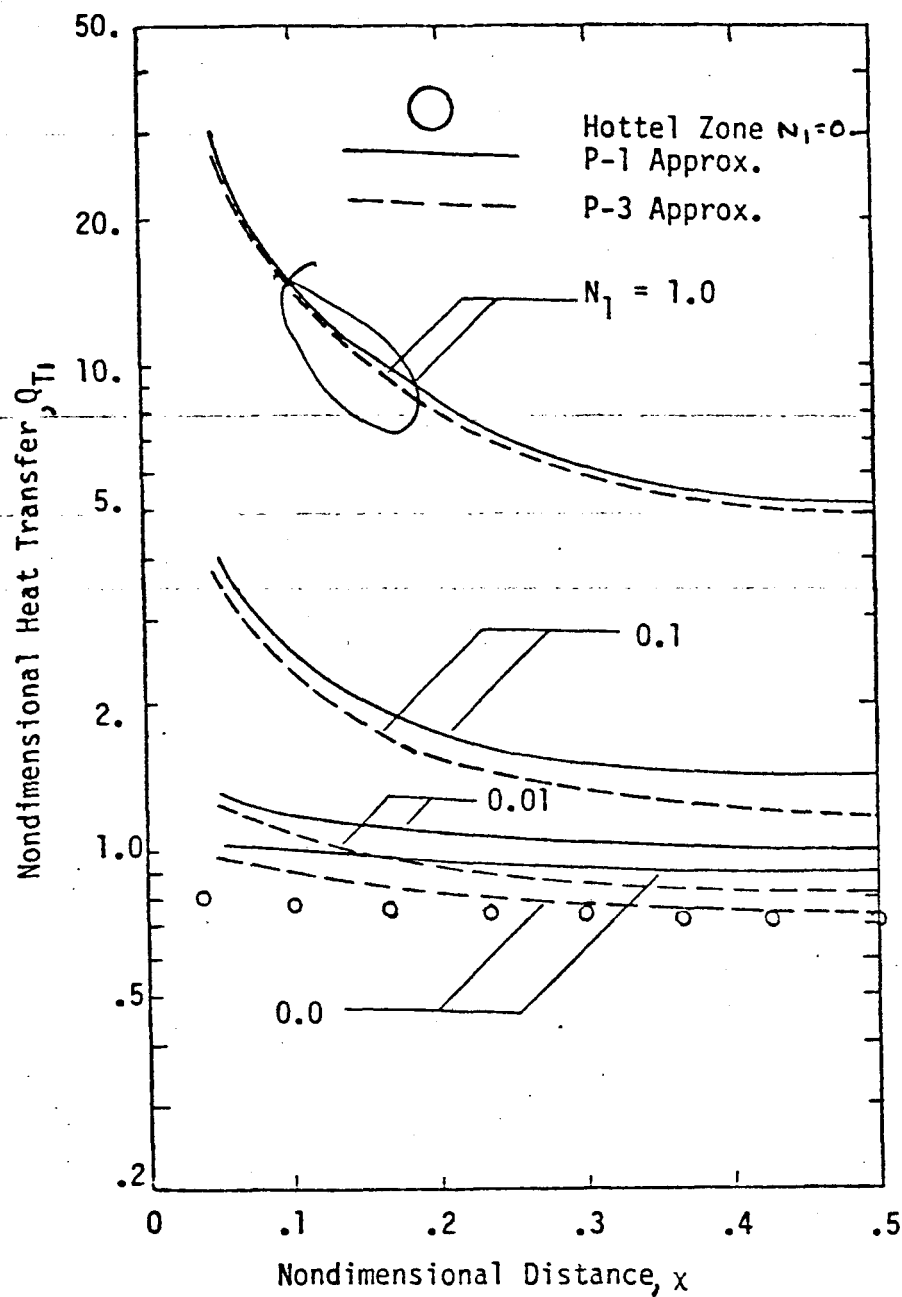


Figure 2: Comparable nondimensional centerline temperature profiles for the P-1 and P-3 approximation methods in a square enclosure:

$$\tau_H = 1.0$$



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Figure 3: Comparative P-1 and P-3 approximation results for the <sup>total</sup> nondimensional hot wall heat transfer in a square enclosure:

$$\tau_H = 1.0$$

Note that the comparative Hottel results presented in Figures 2 and 3 were obtained using 225 volume and 60 surface elements [21]. Figure 4 displays two nondimensional temperature fields for the P-3 approximation. P-1 contour plots of these cases follow the same trends and have thus been omitted.

Figures 5 and 6 present P-3 approximation results for the centerline temperature profiles of rectangular enclosures ( $\tau_H = 1.0$ ) for Stark numbers of 1.0 and 0.01. Comparative "exact" solutions for the limiting one-dimensional results [2] show that the centerline temperatures are less affected by the sidewall temperature as the aspect ratio increases. Table 1 shows the variation of centerline hot wall heat transfer and average <sup>hot</sup> wall heat transfer for the different aspect ratios ~~geometries~~. The increase in the average nondimensional heat transfer compared with centerline heat transfer occurs because of the lower bounding sidewall temperatures. The <sup>spatial variation of</sup> heat transfer ~~curves~~ from the hot wall for these cases follow the trends presented in Figure 3 and are omitted.

For the results presented, all corner point nondimensional temperatures were fixed at the arithmetic average of the adjacent walls to avoid corner point discontinuities. The heat transfer from the hot wall at the corners is thus "fictitious", and has been omitted from Figure 3, although it is included in all energy balances. Comparative two-dimensional isotherms for aspect ratios of 0.5, 1.0, and 5.0 and a Stark number of 0.01 are given in Figures 7a, 4b, and 7b, respectively.

As a final example of the application of the differential approximation to combined mode problems in two-dimensional fields, a uniform volume source of  $S = 4.0$  is considered in a square enclosure

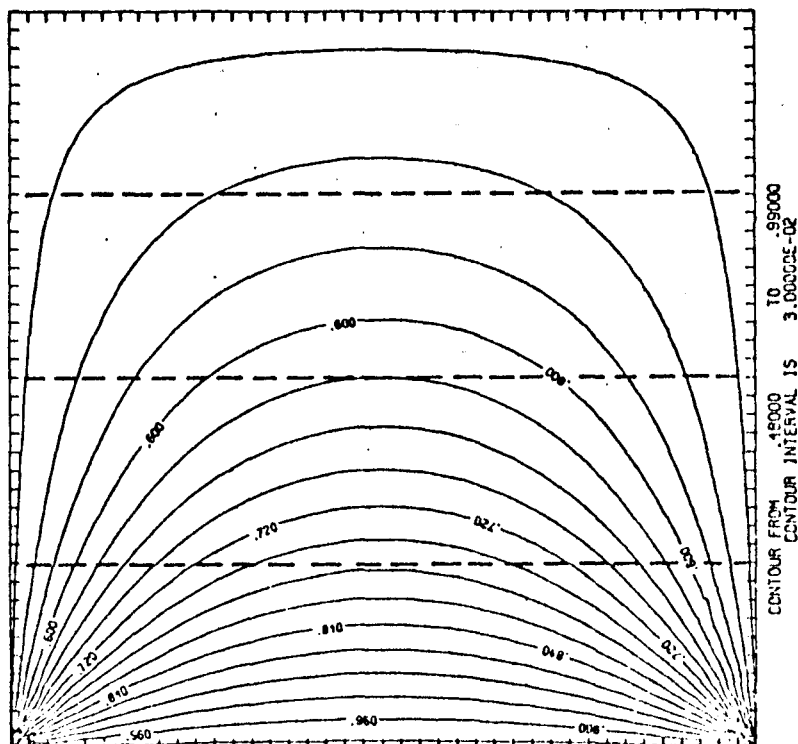
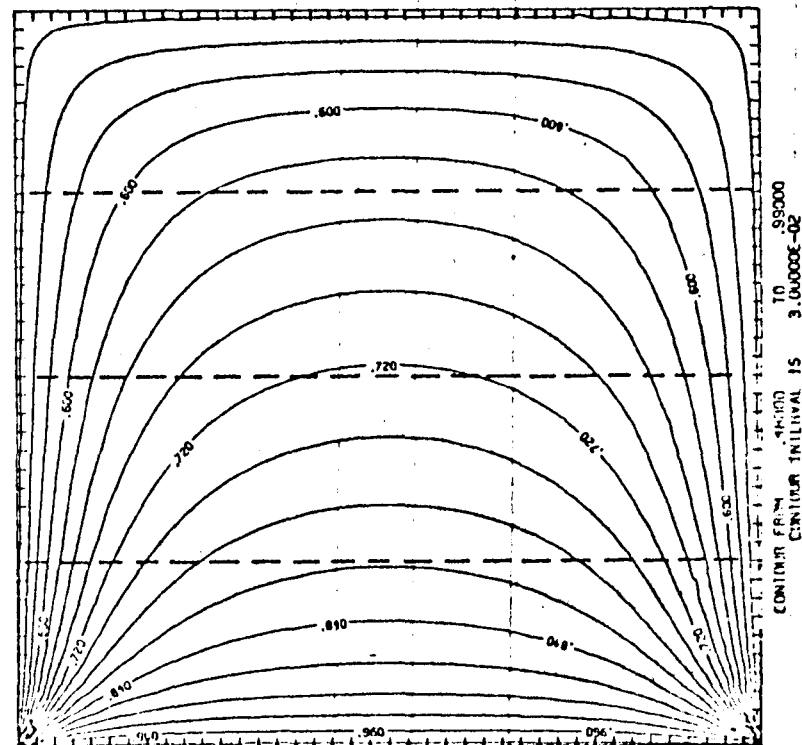
(a)  $N_1 = 1.0$ (b)  $N_1 = 0.01$ 

Figure 4: P-3 approximation nondimensional temperature distributions in a square enclosure.

$$\tau_H = 1.0$$

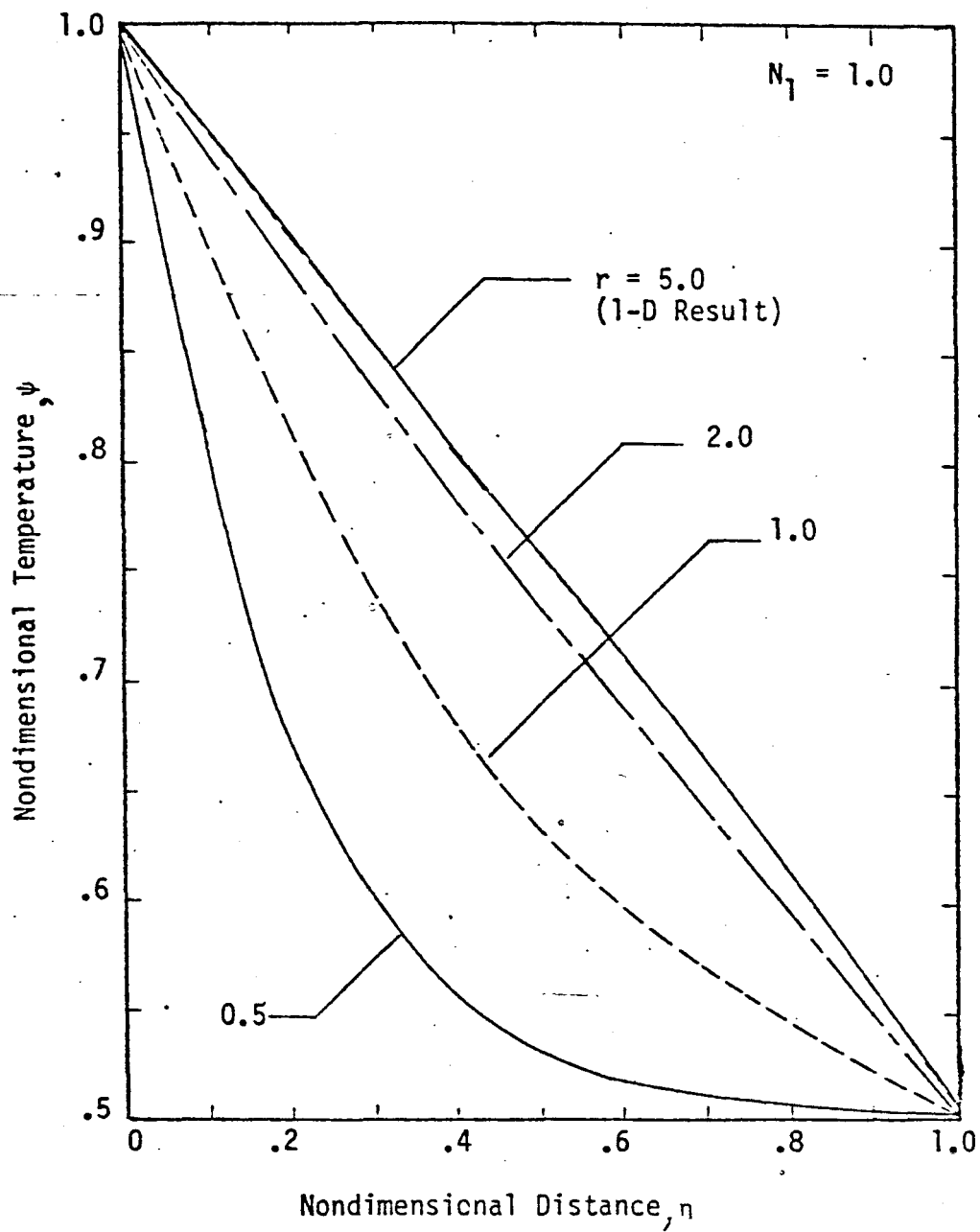


Figure 5: P-3 approximation results for nondimensional centerline temperature distributions with aspect ratios varied ( $\tau_H = 1.0$ ) and  $N_1 = 1.0$

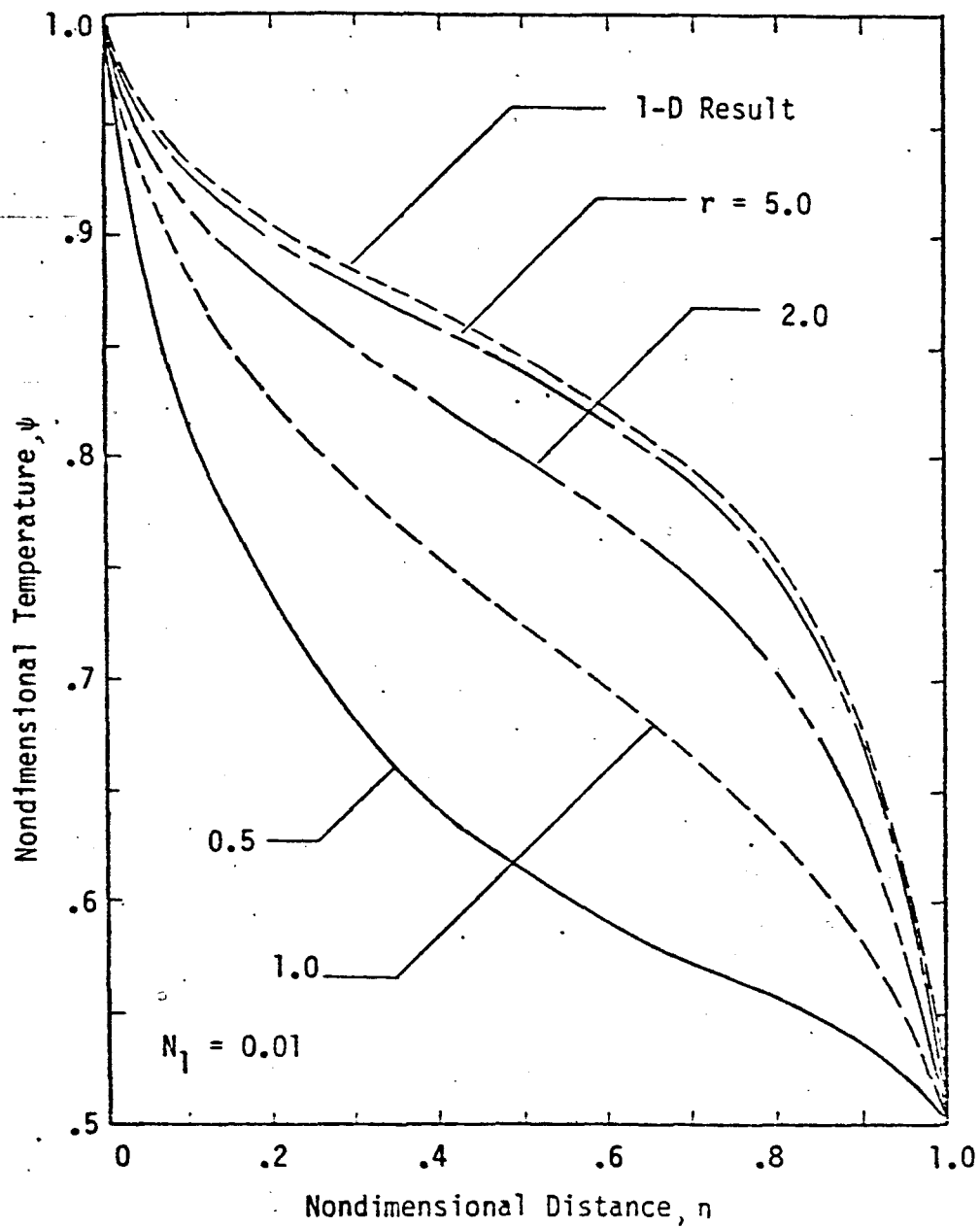


Figure 6: P-3 approximation results for nondimensional centerline temperature distributions with aspect ratios varied:  $(\tau_H = 1.0)$  and  $N_1 = 0.01$

Table 1 Heat transfer results for different aspect ratio rectangular enclosures where  $\tau_H = 1.0$

| Stark Number | Aspect Ratio | Nondimensional Centerline Heat Flux* |           | Nondimensional Average Heat Flux* |          |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|              |              | P-1                                  | P-3       | P-1                               | P-3      |
| 1.0          | 0.5          | 9.852                                | 9.328     | 17.80                             | 17.17    |
|              | 1.0          | 5.203                                | 4.877     | 11.57                             | 10.75    |
|              | 2.0          | 3.155                                | 3.032     | 6.811                             | 6.797    |
|              | 5.0          | 2.640                                | 2.592     | 4.582                             | 4.270    |
|              | $\infty$     | 2.615                                | 2.580     | 2.615                             | 2.580    |
|              |              |                                      | (2.572)** |                                   | (2.572)  |
| 0.1          | 0.5          | 2.053                                | 1.791     | 2.820                             | 2.564    |
|              | 1.0          | 1.418                                | 1.194     | 2.063                             | 1.830    |
|              | 2.0          | 1.026                                | 0.888     | 1.450                             | 1.342    |
|              | 5.0          | 0.827                                | 0.788     | 1.110                             | 1.005    |
|              | $\infty$     | 0.809                                | 0.776     | 0.809                             | 0.776    |
|              |              |                                      | (0.7694)  |                                   | (0.7694) |
| 0.01         | 0.5          | 1.263                                | 1.035     | 1.317                             | 1.100    |
|              | 1.0          | 1.019                                | 0.818     | 1.094                             | 0.923    |
|              | 2.0          | 0.779                                | 0.667     | 0.891                             | 0.779    |
|              | 5.0          | 0.625                                | 0.587     | 0.730                             | 0.658    |
|              | $\infty$     | 0.595                                | 0.572     | 0.595                             | 0.572    |
|              |              |                                      | (0.5675)  |                                   | (0.5675) |

\*Results given for  $\epsilon_{wi} = 1.0$ ,  $\psi_{w1} = 1.0$ ,  $\psi_{wi} = 0.5$  ( $i=2,3,4$ ),  $S = 0.0$

\*\*Numbers in parentheses are exact one-dimensional results taken from Reference [2].



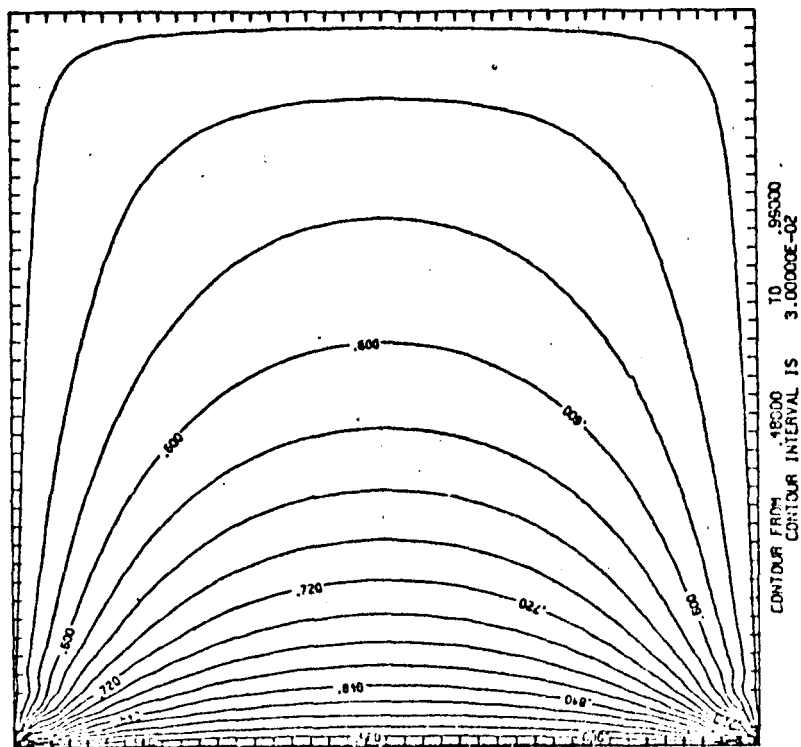
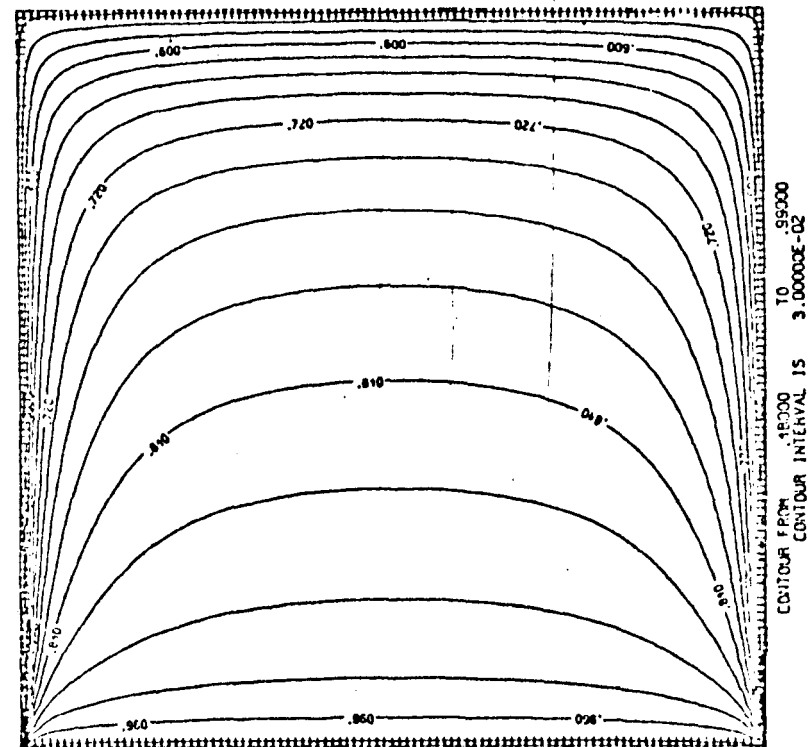
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Figure 7: P-3 approximation nondimensional temperature distributions for rectangular enclosures;  $\tau_H = 1.0$  and  $N_1 = 0.01$

with equal temperature walls. Figure 8 gives the centerline temperature distribution for a range of Stark numbers for the P-1 and P-3 approximations. The trends are similar to those noted in one-dimensional conduction and radiation studies using the spherical harmonics expansions [4]; i.e., the P-1 approximation underpredicts the temperature field near the interior of the medium as the Stark number decreases. Similarly, it was found that the P-1 approximation underpredicts the wall heat transfer near the centerline of the enclosure in purely radiative studies [19] when volume source terms are included. The higher order approximation has been found to approach more closely exact one-dimensional work and zonal two-dimensional work and is recommended for Stark numbers below 1.0. Figure 9 presents typical isotherms for  $S = 4.0$  with Stark numbers of 0.0 and 0.1. These contour plots are provided to show the "no-slip" condition at the wall when conduction is included. For the purely radiative case, the gas temperature discontinuity at the wall results in circular isotherms.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

The differential approximation, using the P-1 and P-3 spherical harmonics approximations for the intensity distribution, has been shown to be useful for obtaining temperature and heat transfer results in combined conduction and radiation problems in rectangular geometries.

The formulation of the governing partial differential equations and boundary conditions for the moments of intensity for the two approximation methods has been summarized, and the solution techniques

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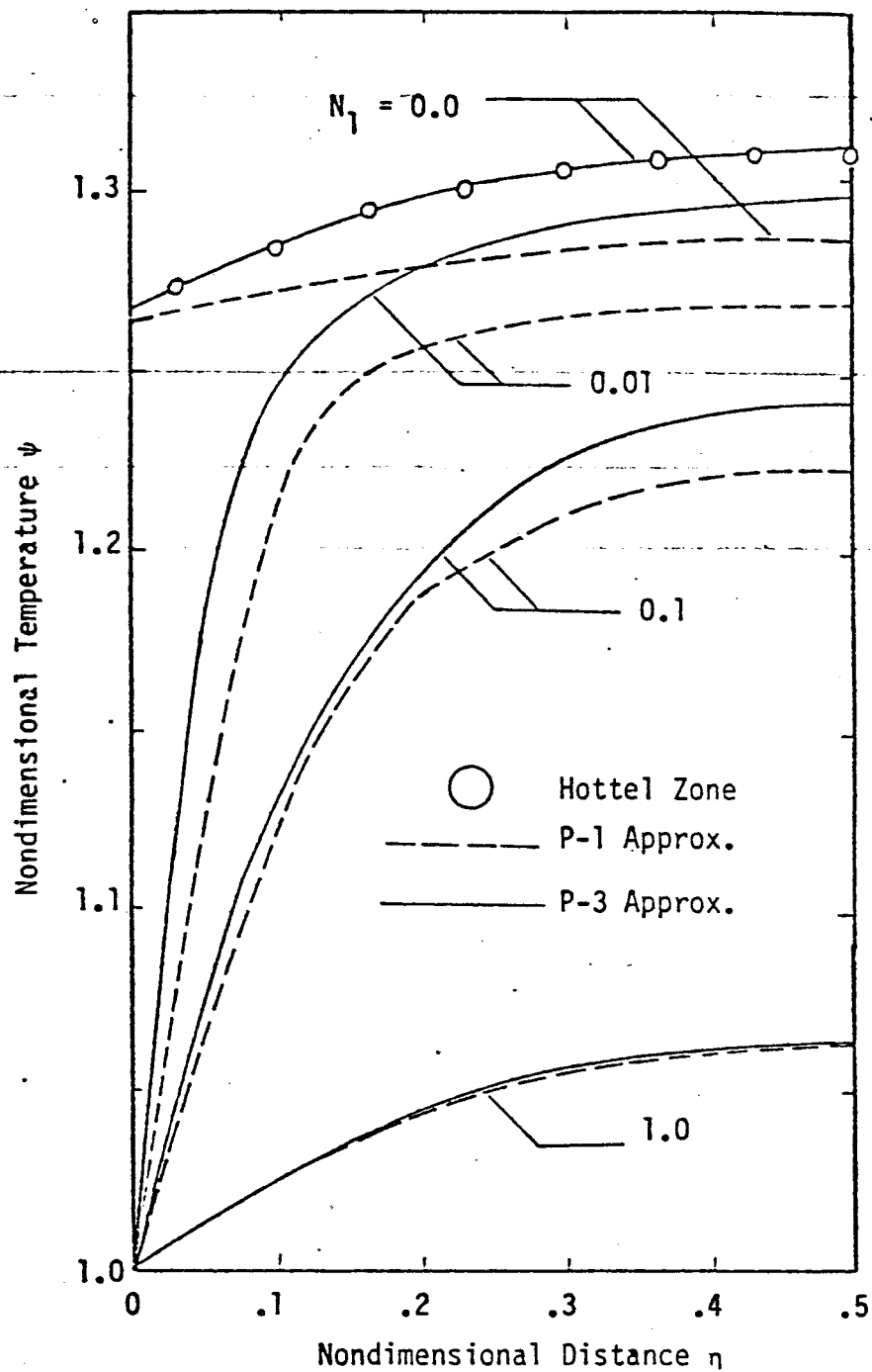


Figure 8: Comparative nondimensional center-line temperature distributions in a square enclosure ( $\tau_H = 1.0$ ) for the P-1 and P-3 approximation methods.

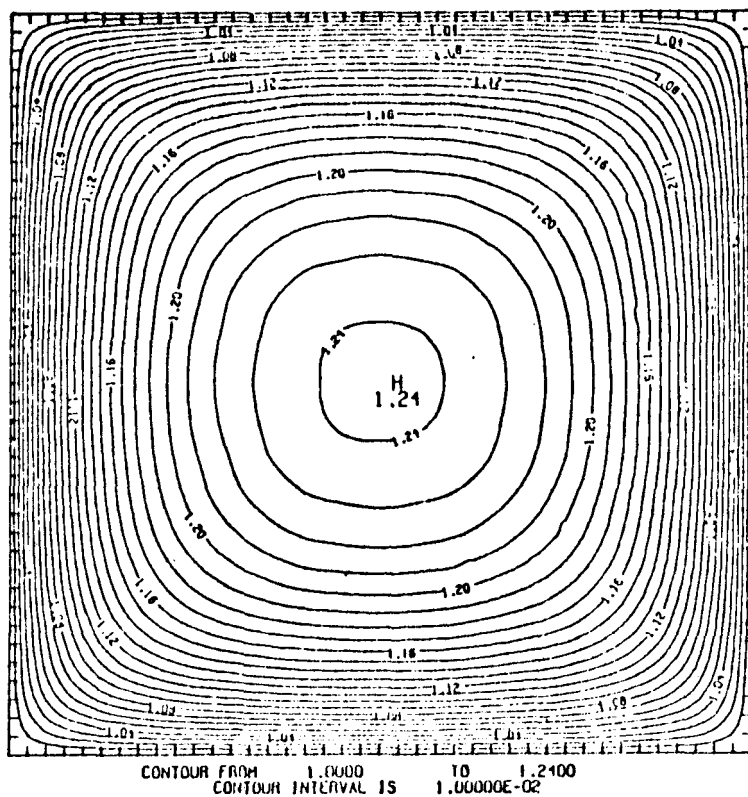
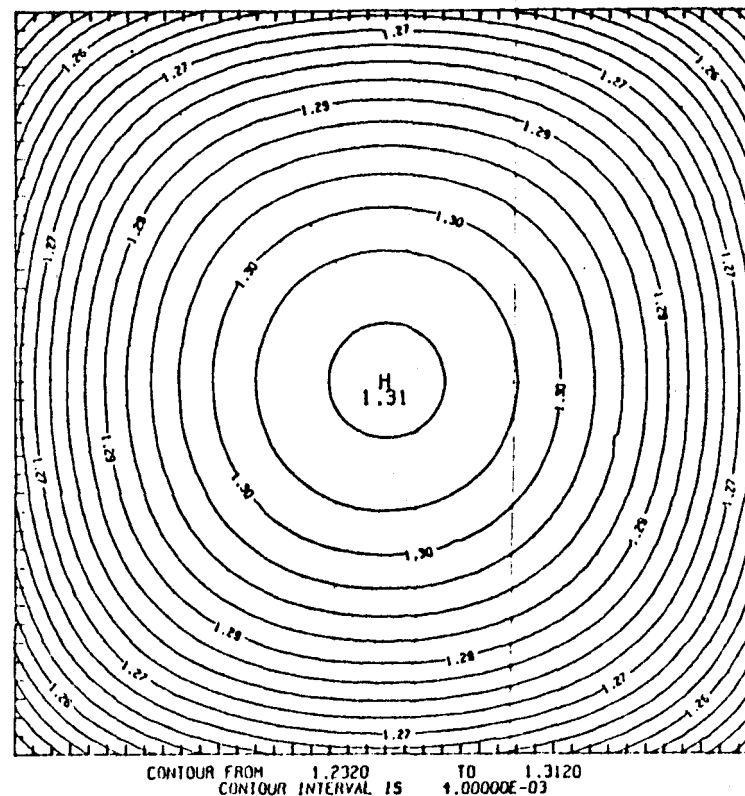
(a)  $N_1 = 0.1$ (b)  $N_1 = 0.0$ 

Figure 9: P-3 approximation nondimensional temperature results for the square enclosure.

$(\tau_H = 1.0)$  with a volumetric source  $S = 4.0$

used are discussed. Representative examples have been presented for square and rectangular enclosures for a range of Stark numbers, and volumetric generation has been considered for a square geometry. In

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general, the P-1 and P-3 approximation methods have been found to yield similar results for  $N_1 \geq 1.0$ , but for radiation dominated problems, ( $N_1 < 1.0$ ), the P-3 approximation method is preferred. The P-1 approximation tends to overpredict hot surface heat transfer rates when there is no volumetric generation and to underpredict the medium temperatures if generation is included. Although no "exact" two-dimensional results are available for comparison, the differential methods are believed to be accurate for predicting temperature profiles and heat transfer rates. Purely radiative two-dimensional P-3 approximation results [19] have been shown to compare favorably with Hottel zone [20] and Modest [9] solutions, and limiting cases for large optical width enclosures have approached exact one-dimensional combined-mode solutions. This paper is believed to represent the first published results for the coupled two-dimensional problem in a rectangular enclosure.

## 5. APPENDIX: BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

### P-1 Approximation

$$I_o: \pm \frac{\delta I_o}{\delta \eta} + \frac{3}{2} \tau_H I_o + 6 \tau_H \psi_i^4 = 0 \quad (27a)$$

$$\pm \frac{\delta I_o}{\delta \chi} + \frac{3}{2} \tau_L I_o + 6 \tau_L \psi_i^4 = 0 \quad (27b)$$

P-3 Approximation

$$I_0: \quad \pm \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial \eta} - \frac{35}{48} \tau_H I_0 + 35 \tau_H \left( \frac{5}{16} I_{11} - \frac{1}{3} \psi_i^4 \right) \mp 5 \left( 2 \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial \eta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \quad (28a)$$

$$\pm \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial x} - \frac{35}{48} \tau_L I_0 + 35 \tau_L \left( \frac{5}{16} I_{33} - \frac{1}{3} \psi_i^4 \right) \mp 5 \left( 2 \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial x} + r \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0 \quad (28b)$$

$$I_{11}: \quad \pm \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{15}{16} \tau_H I_{11} + \tau_H \left( 2 \psi_i^4 - \frac{3}{16} I_0 \right) \pm \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (29a)$$

$$\pm \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial x} - \frac{35}{16} \tau_L I_{11} + \frac{7}{2} \tau_L \left( \frac{I_0}{16} - \frac{5}{16} I_{33} + \psi_i^4 \right) \pm \left( \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial x} + 3r \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \quad (29b)$$

$$I_{33}: \quad \pm \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{35}{16} \tau_H I_{33} + \frac{7}{2} \tau_H \left( \frac{I_0}{16} - \frac{5}{16} I_{11} + \psi_i^4 \right) \pm \left( \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial \eta} + \frac{3}{r} \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0 \quad (30a)$$

$$\pm \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial x} - \frac{15}{16} \tau_L I_{33} + \tau_L \left( 2 \psi_i^4 - \frac{3}{16} I_0 \right) \pm r \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial \eta} = 0 \quad (30b)$$

$$I_{13}: \quad \pm \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{35}{24} \tau_H I_{13} \pm \frac{1}{3r} \left( \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \quad (31a)$$

$$\pm \frac{\partial I_{13}}{\partial x} - \frac{35}{24} \tau_L I_{13} \pm \frac{r}{3} \left( \frac{\partial I_{33}}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial I_{11}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{5} \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0 \quad (31b)$$

Equation numbers with (a) designate equations for walls one and two, and those with (b) designate expressions for walls three and

four. Positive signs are used for walls one and three, and negative signs are used for walls two and four.

# NOMENCLATURE

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|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| $a$         | absorption coefficient   |
| $e_{bl}$    | blackbody emissive power of wall 1   |
| $f_w$       | <del>right hand side of intensity</del> <sup>defined by</sup> Eq. (25)       |
| $H$         | height of rectangular enclosure  |
| $i'$        | radiative intensity distribution   |
| $I'$        | nondimensional radiative intensity distribution                              |
| $I'_w$      | nondimensional intensity leaving enclosure surface                           |
| $I_0$       | nondimensional zeroth moment of intensity                                    |
| $I_i$       | nondimensional first moment of intensity ( $i=1,3$ )                         |
| $I_{ij}$    | nondimensional second moment of intensity ( $i,j=1,3$ )                      |
| $I_{ijk}$   | nondimensional third moment of intensity ( $i,j,k=1,3$ )                     |
| $k$         | thermal conductivity   |
| $\hat{x}_i$ | direction cosine ( $i=1,3$ )   |
| $L$         | width of rectangular enclosure   |
| $N_1$       | conduction-radiation parameter (Stark number); Eq. (6)                       |
| $Q'''$      | uniform volumetric source  |
| $q_{ci}$    | conduction heat transfer rate in $i$ th coordinate direction<br>( $i=1,3$ )  |
| $Q_{ci}$    | nondimensional $i$ th direction conduction heat transfer rate<br>( $i=1,3$ ) |
| $q_{Ri}$    | radiative heat transfer rate in $i$ th coordinate direction<br>( $i=1,3$ )   |
| $Q_{Ri}$    | nondimensional $i$ th direction radiative heat transfer rate<br>( $i=1,3$ )  |



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| $Q_{T1}$     | nondimensional total heat transfer rate from wall 1      |
| $r$          | aspect ratio ( $=L/H$ )                                  |
| $\bar{r}$    | vector position in medium                                |
| $S$          | nondimensional volumetric source; Eq. (7)                |
| $T$          | temperature  |
| $T_i$        | temperature of wall $i$ ( $i=1,2,3,4$ )                  |
| $X_i$        | position coordinate $i$ ( $i=1,2,3$ )                    |
| $\Delta X_i$ | finite difference step size in $i$ direction ( $i=1,3$ ) |

#### Greek Symbols

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| $\eta$         | normalized position in $X_1$ coordinate direction                          |
| $\theta$       | elevation angle ( $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ )                               |
| $\tau_i$       | nondimensional optical position in coordinate direction $i$<br>( $i=1,3$ ) |
| $\tau_H$       | optical depth in $X_1$ direction   |
| $\tau_L$       | optical depth in $X_3$ direction   |
| $\phi$         | azimuthal angle ( $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$ )                                |
| $\chi$         | normalized position in $X_3$ coordinate direction                          |
| $\psi, \psi_w$ | nondimensional temperature (of wall)                                       |
| $\omega$       | solid angle  |

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