

On the stability of laminar flows between plates

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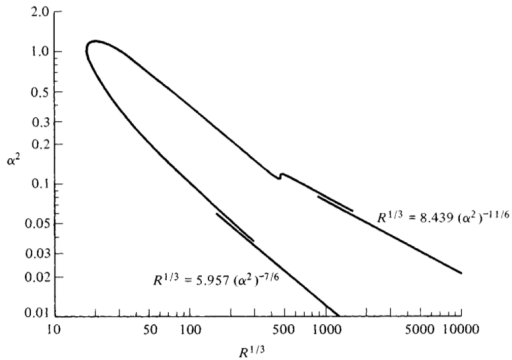


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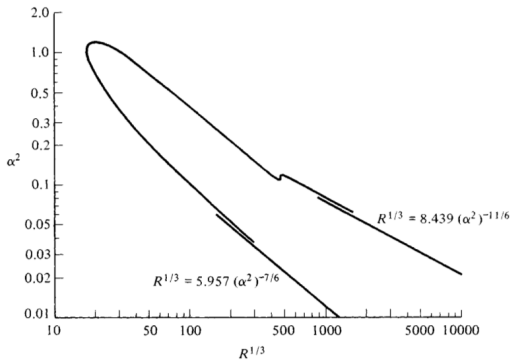


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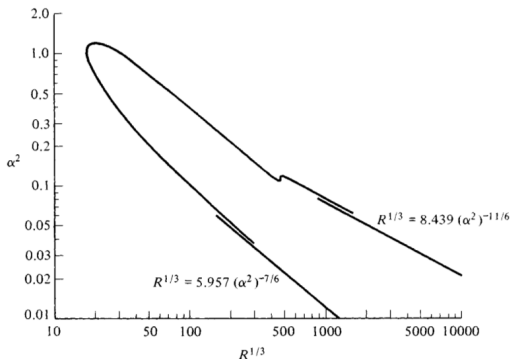


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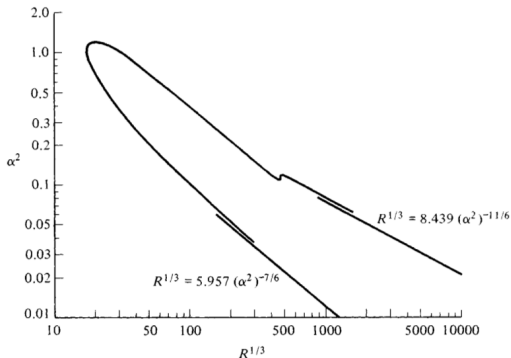


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$$\|\phi^{(3)}\|_2 \leq C \left(\beta^{-1/3} \|f\|_2 + \beta^{1/2} \|\phi\|_{1,2} \right)$$

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Let $U \in C^4([0, 1])$: $U(1) = U'(0) = U''(0) = 0$; $U''' < 0$. Then,
 $\exists C > 0, \beta_0 > 0$: $\forall \beta \geq \beta_0$

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