

STABILITY OF POISEUILLE FLOW

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Poiseuille flow is two-dimensional flow in a straight pipe. The question of the stability of the steady flow, particularly with a parabolic velocity profile, is a long-standing one that has received intense treatment numerically, but very little analytically. The talk will examine what we can prove about this problem.