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# Oscillating Near Circles at Intermediate Reynolds Numbers

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- Numerical Analysis is the application of computers to numerically create approximate solutions to complex problems.
- Fluid Dynamics is the branch of physics that models fluid motion using differential equations in multiple variables.

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Klotsa et al., PRE 2009





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