A Tale of three papers

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- The impact of Professor Hussaini on these papers and the quality of their presentation is outlined.
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- Choice of highly original topics of research
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Typical objective functional

- To solve a "flow-tracking" problem we denote \((u_d, v_d)\) the desired steady laminar flow

\[
J_F = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{\Omega} (|u - u_d|^2 + |v - v_d|^2) d\Omega dt.
\]
We employed a Tikhonov regularization

\[
J_{FR} = J_F + \frac{\eta}{2} |y|^2 \approx J_F + \eta \Sigma
\]

where \(J_F\) is defined in previous slide, and \(\eta\) is the regularization parameter (a dimensionless constant), \(y\) is an \(M\)-dimensional control-parameter vector (which corresponds to boundary parameters), and \(\Sigma\) is a stabilizing function.
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Figure 1: The geometry of the computational domain $\Omega$. Only the left half part is shown.
Figure 2: A schematic illustration of boundary cells and boundary values.
Figure 3: Streamfunction of the uncontrolled steady state for $Re = 4.0$. 

Streamlines around a disk $u=2-$ at time $=1.00000$
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Figures

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