## Exact solutions and fully-developed turbulence

**Discussion session** 

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- Will exact solutions help us understand fully-developed flows?
  - How do exact solutions scale with *Re*, pipe length, aspect ratio, etc.?
  - Does turbulence visit these solutions, and how does that scale with *Re*?
  - How do spatially periodic solutions relate to behavior in larger domains?
  - Suggestion to compute solutions of more turbulent flows via LES
- Q&A on existing work
  - Computational methods
  - "Low dimensionality": finite sets of exact solutions  $\neq$  low-d projection
  - Is here a bound for the number of equilibria?
  - How many periodic orbits are there for a given flow?
    Infinite, but hierarchical: the short, weakly unstable orbits dominate
- Periodic orbit theory
  - Relates statistics of dynamical systems to properties of periodic orbits
  - Where has periodic orbit theory been successfully applied?
  - What about other kinds of solutions (invariant tori)?