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Vanishing viscosity plane parallel channel flow and related singular perturbation problems.

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Summary: We study a special class of solutions to the three-dimensional Navier-Stokes equations $\partial_t u^\nu + \nabla_{u^\nu} u^\nu + \nabla p^\nu = \nu \Delta_u^\nu$, with no-slip boundary condition, on a domain of the form $\Omega = (x, y, z) : 0 \leq z \leq 1$, dealing with velocity fields of the form $u^\nu(t, x, y, z) = (v^\nu(t, z), w^\nu(t, x, z), 0)$, describing plane-parallel channel flows. We establish results on convergence $u^\nu \rightarrow u^0$ as $\nu \rightarrow 0$, where u^0 solves the associated Euler equations. These results go well beyond previously established L^2 -norm convergence, and provide a much more detailed picture of the nature of this convergence. Carrying out this analysis also leads naturally to consideration of related singular perturbation problems on bounded domains.

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