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Figure 9.1: Effect of periodicity on the longitudinal velocity autocorrelation function. Dashed line, f(r) for the model spectrum at  $R_{\lambda} = 40$ ; solid line, f(r) for the periodic velocity field ( $\mathcal{L} = 8L_{11}$ ), with approximately the same spectrum.

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Figure 9.2: Number of Fourier modes (or grid nodes) N in each direction required for adequate resolution of isotropic turbulence. Solid line, Eq. (9.7); dashed line, asymptote, Eq. (9.8). The right-hand axis shows the total number of modes required,  $N^3$ .

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Figure 9.3: Time in days  $T_G$  to perform DNS of homogeneous isotropic turbulence on a gigaflop computer as a function of Reynolds number. Solid line, estimate from Eqs. (9.7), (9.11) and (9.13); dashed line, asymptote  $(R_{\lambda}/70)^6$ ; symbols, based on DNS timings for a 40 node IBM SP2.

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Figure 9.4: Solution domain in wavenumber space for a pseudo-spectral DNS of isotropic turbulence. Represented modes lie within the cube of side  $2\kappa_{\text{max}}$  (dashed line). The three spheres shown are: of radius  $\kappa_{\text{max}}$ , the maximum wavenumber resolved in all directions ( $\kappa_{\text{max}}\eta = 1.5$ ); of radius  $\kappa_{\text{DI}}$ , the wavenumber of the largest dissipative motions ( $\kappa_{\text{DI}}\eta = 0.1$ ); and of radius  $\kappa_E$ , the wavenumber corresponding to the peak of the energy spectrum at  $R_{\lambda} = 70 (\kappa_E L_{11} = 1.3)$ . Only 0.016% of the represented modes lie within the sphere of radius  $\kappa_{\text{DI}}$ , corresponding to motions in the energy-containing range and in the inertial subrange.

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Figure 9.5: Sketch of the solution domain used by Le *et al.* (1997) for DNS of flow over a backward-facing step. Dimensions are in units of the step height, h.