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A new analysis of the Rayleigh-Bènard instability¹ ANDREA PROSPERETTI², Johns Hopkins University — An approach to the solution of the Rayleigh-Bènard stability problem different from the standard one produces a very simple approximate solution in closed form which differs by less than 1% from the exact result. Using the same procedure, the effect of finite thermal conductivities of the top and bottom plates and of suspended, thermally active particles on the stability threshold is also investigated.

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