

Real projective plane $\mathbb{R}P^2$

This worksheet demonstrates a few capabilities of [SageManifolds](#) (version 1.0, as included in SageMath 7.5) in computations regarding the real projective plane.

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NB: a version of SageMath at least equal to 7.5 is required to run this worksheet:

```
In [1]: version()
```

```
Out[1]: 'SageMath version 7.5, Release Date: 2017-01-11'
```

First we set up the notebook to display mathematical objects using LaTeX rendering:

```
In [2]: %display latex
```

We also define a viewer for 3D plots (use 'threejs' or 'jmol' for interactive 3D graphics):

```
In [3]: viewer3D = 'jmol' # must be 'threejs', 'jmol', 'tachyon' or None (default)
```

Constructing the manifold

We start by declaring the real projective plane as a 2-dimensional differentiable manifold:

```
In [4]: RP2 = Manifold(2, 'RP^2', r'\mathbb{RP}^2') ; RP2
```

```
Out[4]:  $\mathbb{R}P^2$ 
```

Then we provide $\mathbb{R}P^2$ with some atlas. A minimal atlas on $\mathbb{R}P^2$ must have at least three charts. Such an atlas is easy to infer from the common interpretation of $\mathbb{R}P^2$ as the set of lines of \mathbb{R}^3 passing through the origin $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$. Let U_1 be the subset of lines that are not contained in the plane $z = 0$; this is an open set of $\mathbb{R}P^2$, so that we declare it as:

```
In [5]: U1 = RP2.open_subset('U_1') ; U1
```

```
Out[5]:  $U_1$ 
```

Any line in U_1 is uniquely determined by its intersection with the plane $z = 1$. The Cartesian coordinates $(x, y, 1)$ of the intersection point lead to an obvious coordinate system (x_1, y_1) on U_1 by setting $(x_1, y_1) = (x, y)$:

```
In [6]: X1.<x1,y1> = U1.chart() ; X1
```

```
Out[6]:  $(U_1, (x_1, y_1))$ 
```

Note that since we have not specified any coordinate range in the arguments of `chart()`, the range of (x_1, y_1) is \mathbb{R}^2 .

Similarly, let U_2 be the set of lines through the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 that are not contained in the plane $x = 0$. Any line in U_2 is uniquely determined by its intersection $(1, y, z)$ with the plane $x = 1$, leading to coordinates $(x_2, y_2) = (y, z)$ on U_2 :

```
In [7]: U2 = RP2.open_subset('U_2')
        X2.<x2,y2> = U2.chart(); X2
```

Out[7]: $(U_2, (x_2, y_2))$

Finally, let U_3 be the set of lines through the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 that are not contained in the plane $y = 0$. Any line in U_3 is uniquely determined by its intersection $(x, 1, z)$ with the plane $y = 1$, leading to coordinates $(x_3, y_3) = (z, x)$ on U_3 :

```
In [8]: U3 = RP2.open_subset('U_3')
        X3.<x3,y3> = U3.chart(); X3
```

Out[8]: $(U_3, (x_3, y_3))$

We declare that the union of the three (overlapping) open domains U_1, U_2 and U_3 is $\mathbb{R}P^2$:

```
In [9]: RP2.declare_union(U1.union(U2), U3)
        U1.union(U2).union(U3)
```

Out[9]: $\mathbb{R}P^2$

At this stage, three open covers of $\mathbb{R}P^2$ have been constructed:

```
In [10]: RP2.open_covers()
```

Out[10]: $[[\mathbb{R}P^2], [U_1 \cup U_2, U_3], [U_1, U_2, U_3]]$

Finally, to fully specify the manifold $\mathbb{R}P^2$, we give the transition maps between the various charts; the transition map between the charts $X1=(U_1, (x_1, y_1))$ and $X2=(U_2, (x_2, y_2))$ is defined on the set $U_{12} := U_1 \cap U_2$ of lines through the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 that are neither contained in the plane $x = 0$ ($x_1 = 0$ in U_1) nor contained in the plane $z = 0$ ($y_2 = 0$ in U_2):

```
In [11]: X1_to_X2 = X1.transition_map(X2, (y1/x1, 1/x1), intersection_name='U_{1
2}',
                                     restrictions1= x1!=0, restrictions2= y2!=0
)
        X1_to_X2.display()
```

Out[11]:
$$\begin{cases} x_2 &= \frac{y_1}{x_1} \\ y_2 &= \frac{1}{x_1} \end{cases}$$

The inverse of this transition map is easily computed by Sage:

```
In [12]: X2_to_X1 = X1_to_X2.inverse()
        X2_to_X1.display()
```

Out[12]:
$$\begin{cases} x_1 &= \frac{1}{y_2} \\ y_1 &= \frac{x_2}{y_2} \end{cases}$$

The transition map between the charts $X1=(U_1, (x_1, y_1))$ and $X3=(U_3, (x_3, y_3))$ is defined on the set $U_{13} := U_1 \cap U_3$ of lines through the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 that are neither contained in the plane $y = 0$ ($y_1 = 0$ in U_1) nor contained in the plane $z = 0$ ($x_3 = 0$ in U_3):

```
In [13]: X1_to_X3 = X1.transition_map(X3, (1/y1, x1/y1), intersection_name='U_{13}',
                                         restrictions1= y1!=0, restrictions2= x3!=0
                                         )
X1_to_X3.display()
```

```
Out[13]: { x3 = 1/y1
          y3 = x1/y1
```

```
In [14]: X3_to_X1 = X1_to_X3.inverse()
X3_to_X1.display()
```

```
Out[14]: { x1 = y3/x3
          y1 = 1/x3
```

Finally, the transition map between the charts $X2=(U_2, (x_2, y_2))$ and $X3=(U_3, (x_3, y_3))$ is defined on the set $U_{23} := U_2 \cap U_3$ of lines through the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 that are neither contained in the plane $y = 0$ ($x_2 = 0$ in U_2) nor contained in the plane $x = 0$ ($y_3 = 0$ in U_3):

```
In [15]: X2_to_X3 = X2.transition_map(X3, (y2/x2, 1/x2), intersection_name='U_{23}',
                                         restrictions1= x2!=0, restrictions2= y3!=0
                                         )
X2_to_X3.display()
```

```
Out[15]: { x3 = y2/x2
          y3 = 1/x2
```

```
In [16]: X3_to_X2 = X2_to_X3.inverse()
X3_to_X2.display()
```

```
Out[16]: { x2 = 1/y3
          y2 = x3/y3
```

At this stage, the manifold $\mathbb{R}P^2$ is fully constructed. It has been provided with the following atlas:

```
In [17]: RP2.atlas()
```

```
Out[17]: [(U1, (x1, y1)), (U2, (x2, y2)), (U3, (x3, y3)), (U12, (x1, y1)), (U12, (x2, y2)),
          (U13, (x1, y1)), (U13, (x3, y3)), (U23, (x2, y2)), (U23, (x3, y3))]
```

Note that, in addition to the three chart we have defined, the atlas comprises subcharts on the intersection domains U_{12} , U_{13} and U_{23} . These charts can be obtained by the method `restrict()`:

```
In [18]: U12 = U1.intersection(U2)
         U13 = U1.intersection(U3)
         U23 = U2.intersection(U3)
         X1.restrict(U12)
```

Out[18]: $(U_{12}, (x_1, y_1))$

```
In [19]: X1.restrict(U12) is RP2.atlas()[3]
```

Out[19]: True

Non-orientability of $\mathbb{R}P^2$

It is well known that $\mathbb{R}P^2$ is not an orientable manifold. To illustrate this, let us make an attempt to construct a global non-vanishing 2-form ϵ on $\mathbb{R}P^2$. If we succeed, this would provide a volume form and $\mathbb{R}P^2$ would be orientable. We start by declaring ϵ as a 2-form on $\mathbb{R}P^2$:

```
In [20]: eps = RP2.diff_form(2, name='eps', latex_name=r'\epsilon')
         print(eps)
```

2-form eps on the 2-dimensional differentiable manifold RP^2

We set the value of ϵ on domain U_1 to be $dx_1 \wedge dy_1$ by demanding that the component ϵ_{01} of ϵ with respect to coordinates (x_1, y_1) is one, as follows:

```
In [21]: e1 = X1.frame() ; e1
```

Out[21]: $(U_1, (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}))$

```
In [22]: eps[e1,0,1] = 1
         eps.display(e1)
```

Out[22]: $\epsilon = dx_1 \wedge dy_1$

If we ask for the expression of ϵ in terms of the coframe (dx_2, dy_2) associated with the chart X_2 on $U_{12} = U_1 \cap U_2$, we get

```
In [23]: eps.display(X2.frame().restrict(U12), chart=X2.restrict(U12))
```

Out[23]: $\epsilon = \frac{1}{y_2^3} dx_2 \wedge dy_2$

Now, the complement of U_{12} in U_2 is defined by $y_2 = 0$. The above expression shows that it is not possible to extend smoothly ϵ to the whole domain U_2 . We conclude that starting from $dx_1 \wedge dy_1$ on U_1 , it is not possible to get a regular non-vanishing 2-form on $\mathbb{R}P^2$. This of course follows from the fact that $\mathbb{R}P^2$ is not orientable.

Steiner map (Roman surface)

Let us first define \mathbb{R}^3 as a 3-dimensional manifold, with a single-chart atlas (Cartesian coordinates Y):

```
In [24]: R3 = Manifold(3, 'R^3', r'\mathbb{R}^3')
         Y.<x,y,z> = R3.chart()
```

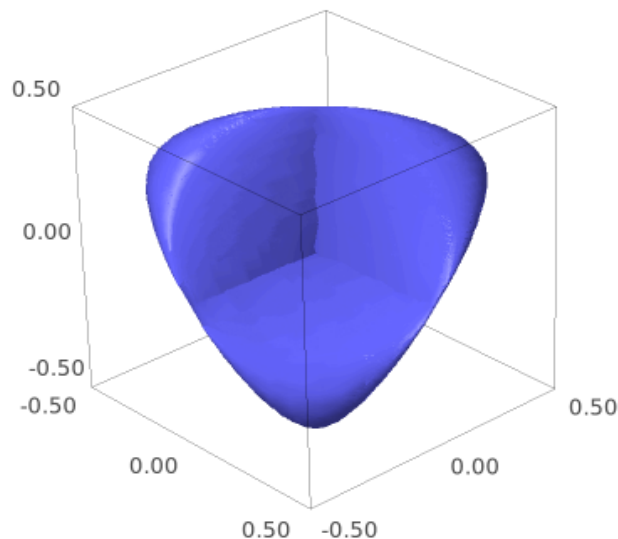
The Steiner map is a map $\mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined as follows:

```
In [25]: Phi = RP2.diff_map(R3, {(X1,Y): [y1/(1+x1^2+y1^2), x1/(1+x1^2+y1^2), x1
*y1/(1+x1^2+y1^2)],
                                (X2,Y): [x2*y2/(1+x2^2+y2^2), y2/(1+x2^2+y2^2),
x2/(1+x2^2+y2^2)],
                                (X3,Y): [x3/(1+x3^2+y3^2), x3*y3/(1+x3^2+y3^2),
y3/(1+x3^2+y3^2)]},
                                name='Phi', latex_name=r'\Phi')
Phi.display()
```

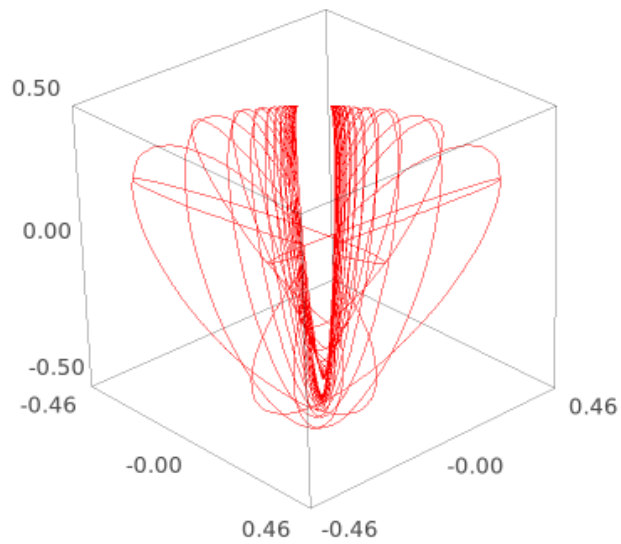
Out[25]: $\Phi : \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
on $U_1 : (x_1, y_1) \mapsto (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{y_1}{x_1^2+y_1^2+1}, \frac{x_1}{x_1^2+y_1^2+1}, \frac{x_1 y_1}{x_1^2+y_1^2+1} \right)$
on $U_2 : (x_2, y_2) \mapsto (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{x_2 y_2}{x_2^2+y_2^2+1}, \frac{y_2}{x_2^2+y_2^2+1}, \frac{x_2}{x_2^2+y_2^2+1} \right)$
on $U_3 : (x_3, y_3) \mapsto (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{x_3}{x_3^2+y_3^2+1}, \frac{x_3 y_3}{x_3^2+y_3^2+1}, \frac{y_3}{x_3^2+y_3^2+1} \right)$

Φ is a topological immersion of $\mathbb{R}P^2$ into \mathbb{R}^3 , but it is not a smooth immersion (contrary to the Apéry map below): its differential is not injective at $(x_1, y_1) = (0, 1)$ and $(x_1, y_1) = (1, 0)$. The image of Φ is a self-intersecting surface of \mathbb{R}^3 , called the **Roman surface**:

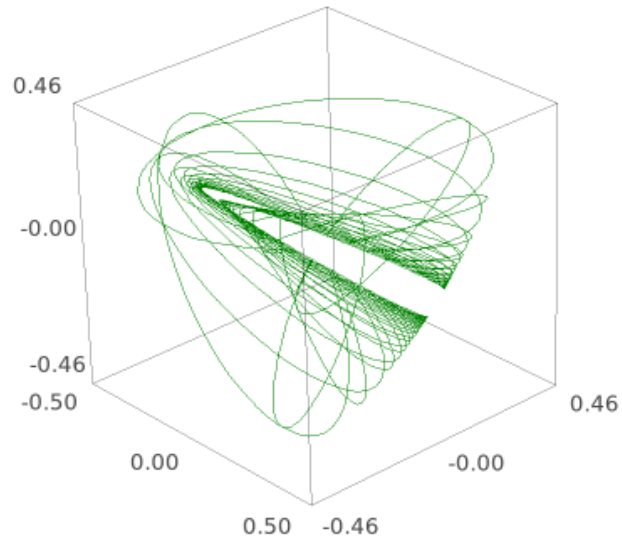
```
In [26]: g1 = parametric_plot3d(Phi.expr(X1,Y), (x1, -10,10), (y1, -10,10), plot_p
oints=[100,100])
g2 = parametric_plot3d(Phi.expr(X2,Y), (x2, -10,10), (y2, -10,10), plot_p
oints=[100,100])
g3 = parametric_plot3d(Phi.expr(X3,Y), (x3, -10,10), (y3, -10,10), plot_p
oints=[100,100])
show(g1+g2+g3, viewer=viewer3D)
```



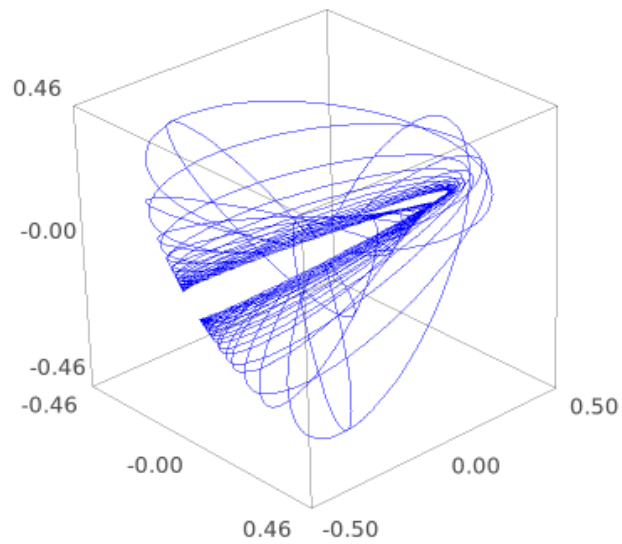
```
In [27]: gX1 = X1.plot(Y, mapping=Phi, max_range=16, number_values=24, plot_points=100,
                label_axes=False)
gX2 = X2.plot(Y, mapping=Phi, max_range=16, number_values=24, plot_points=100,
                label_axes=False, color='green')
gX3 = X3.plot(Y, mapping=Phi, max_range=16, number_values=24, plot_points=100,
                label_axes=False, color='blue')
show(gX1, viewer=viewer3D)
```



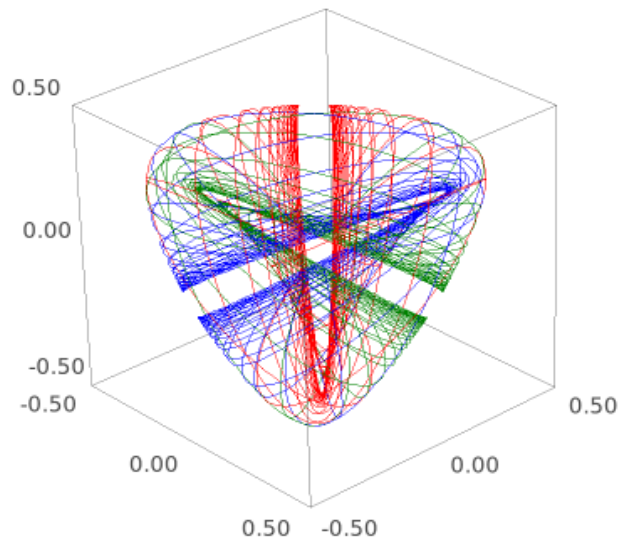
```
In [28]: show(gX2, viewer=viewer3D)
```



```
In [29]: show(gX3, viewer=viewer3D)
```



```
In [30]: show(gX1+gX2+gX3, viewer=viewer3D)
```



Apéry map (Boy surface)

The Apéry map [[Apéry, Adv. Math. 61, 185 \(1986\)](#)] is a smooth immersion $\Psi : \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$. In terms of the charts X_1, X_2, X_3 introduced above, it is defined as follows:

```
In [31]: fx = ((2*x^2-y^2-z^2)*(x^2+y^2+z^2)+2*y*z*(y^2-z^2)+z*x*(x^2-z^2)+x*y*(y^2-z^2))/2 ; fx
```

```
Out[31]:
```

$$\frac{1}{2} (y^2 - z^2)xy + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - z^2)xz + (y^2 - z^2)yz + \frac{1}{2} (2x^2 - y^2 - z^2)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

```
In [32]: fy = sqrt(3)/2*((y^2-z^2)*(x^2+y^2+z^2)+z*x*(z^2-x^2)+x*y*(y^2-x^2)) ; fy
```

```
Out[32]:
```

$$-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3}((x^2 - y^2)xy + (x^2 - z^2)xz - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(y^2 - z^2))$$

```
In [33]: fz = (x+y+z)*((x+y+z)^3/4+(y-x)*(z-y)*(x-z)) ; fz
```

```
Out[33]:
```

$$\frac{1}{4} ((x + y + z)^3 + 4(x - y)(x - z)(y - z))(x + y + z)$$

```
In [34]: a = sqrt(1+x1^2+y1^2)
fx1 = fx.subs(x=x1/a, y=y1/a, z=1/a).simplify_full()
fy1 = fy.subs(x=x1/a, y=y1/a, z=1/a).simplify_full()
fz1 = fz.subs(x=x1/a, y=y1/a, z=1/a).simplify_full()
```



```
In [35]: a = sqrt(1+x2^2+y2^2)
fx2 = fx.subs(x=1/a, y=x2/a, z=y2/a).simplify_full()
fy2 = fy.subs(x=1/a, y=x2/a, z=y2/a).simplify_full()
fz2 = fz.subs(x=1/a, y=x2/a, z=y2/a).simplify_full()
```

```
In [36]: a = sqrt(1+x3^2+y3^2)
fx3 = fx.subs(x=y3/a, y=1/a, z=x3/a).simplify_full()
fy3 = fy.subs(x=y3/a, y=1/a, z=x3/a).simplify_full()
fz3 = fz.subs(x=y3/a, y=1/a, z=x3/a).simplify_full()
```

```
In [37]: Psi = RP2.diff_map(R3, {(X1,Y): [fx1, fy1, fz1], (X2,Y): [fx2, fy2, fz2]
                                ,
                                (X3,Y): [fx3, fy3, fz3]}, name='Psi', latex_name=r'\Psi')
Psi.display()
```

Out[37]: $\Psi : \mathbb{RP}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

on $U_1 : (x_1, y_1) \mapsto (x, y, z)$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{2x_1^4 + (x_1+2)y_1^3 - y_1^4 + x_1^3 + (x_1^2-2)y_1^2 + x_1^2 - (x_1+2)y_1 - x_1 - 1}{2(x_1^4 + y_1^4 + 2(x_1^2+1)y_1^2 + 2x_1^2 + 1)}, \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}x_1^3 y_1 - \sqrt{3}x_1^2 y_1^2 - \sqrt{3}x_1 y_1^3 - \sqrt{3}y_1^4 + \sqrt{3}x_1^3 + \sqrt{3}x_1^2 - \sqrt{3}x_1 + \sqrt{3}}{2(x_1^4 + y_1^4 + 2(x_1^2+1)y_1^2 + 2x_1^2 + 1)}, \\ \frac{x_1^4 + y_1^4 + 6(x_1^2 + 2x_1 + 1)y_1^2 + 8y_1^3 + 6x_1^2 + 4(2x_1^3 + 3x_1^2 + 3x_1)y_1 + 8x_1 + 1}{4(x_1^4 + y_1^4 + 2(x_1^2+1)y_1^2 + 2x_1^2 + 1)} \end{array} \right)$$

on $U_2 : (x_2, y_2) \mapsto (x, y, z)$

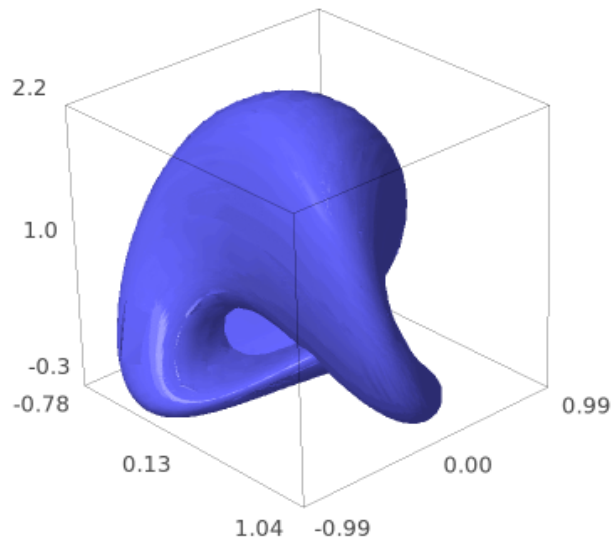
$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} -\frac{x_2^4 + (2x_2+1)y_2^3 + y_2^4 - x_2^3 + (2x_2^2 + x_2 - 1)y_2^2 - x_2^2 - (2x_2^3 + 1)y_2 - 2}{2(x_2^4 + y_2^4 + 2(x_2^2+1)y_2^2 + 2x_2^2 + 1)}, \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}x_2^4 - \sqrt{3}y_2^4 + \sqrt{3}x_2^3 + \sqrt{3}y_2^3 + \sqrt{3}x_2^2 - \sqrt{3}y_2^2 - \sqrt{3}x_2 - \sqrt{3}y_2}{2(x_2^4 + y_2^4 + 2(x_2^2+1)y_2^2 + 2x_2^2 + 1)}, \\ \frac{x_2^4 + y_2^4 + 6(x_2^2 + 2x_2 + 1)y_2^2 + 8y_2^3 + 6x_2^2 + 4(2x_2^3 + 3x_2^2 + 3x_2)y_2 + 8x_2 + 1}{4(x_2^4 + y_2^4 + 2(x_2^2+1)y_2^2 + 2x_2^2 + 1)} \end{array} \right)$$

on $U_3 : (x_3, y_3) \mapsto (x, y, z)$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} -\frac{x_3^4 - x_3 y_3^3 - 2y_3^4 + 2x_3^3 - (x_3^2+1)y_3^2 + 2x_3^2 + (x_3^3 + x_3^2 - 1)y_3 - 2x_3 + 1}{2(x_3^4 + y_3^4 + 2(x_3^2+1)y_3^2 + 2x_3^2 + 1)}, \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}x_3^4 + (\sqrt{3}x_3 + \sqrt{3})y_3^3 + (\sqrt{3}x_3^2 - \sqrt{3})y_3^2 - (\sqrt{3}x_3^3 + \sqrt{3})y_3 - \sqrt{3}}{2(x_3^4 + y_3^4 + 2(x_3^2+1)y_3^2 + 2x_3^2 + 1)}, \\ \frac{x_3^4 + y_3^4 + 6(x_3^2 + 2x_3 + 1)y_3^2 + 8y_3^3 + 6x_3^2 + 4(2x_3^3 + 3x_3^2 + 3x_3)y_3 + 8x_3 + 1}{4(x_3^4 + y_3^4 + 2(x_3^2+1)y_3^2 + 2x_3^2 + 1)} \end{array} \right)$$

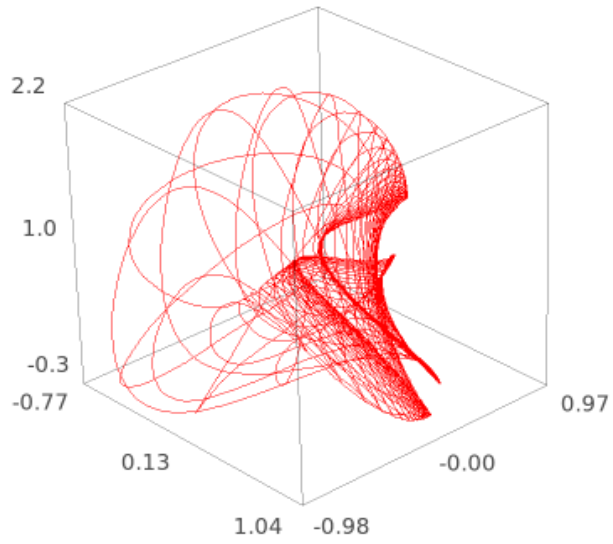
The image of Ψ is a self-intersecting surface of \mathbb{R}^3 , called the **Boy surface**, after Werner Boy (1879-1914):

```
In [38]: g1 = parametric_plot3d(Psi.expr(X1,Y), (x1,-10,10), (y1,-10,10), plot_p
oints=[100,100])
g2 = parametric_plot3d(Psi.expr(X2,Y), (x2,-10,10), (y2,-10,10), plot_p
oints=[100,100])
g3 = parametric_plot3d(Psi.expr(X3,Y), (x3,-10,10), (y3,-10,10), plot_p
oints=[100,100])
show(g1+g2+g3, viewer=viewer3D)
```

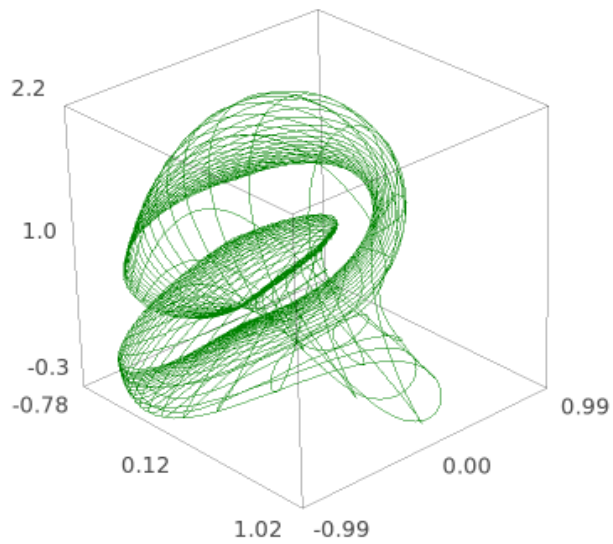


```
In [39]: gX1 = X1.plot(Y, mapping=Psi, number_values=40, plot_points=100, label_
axes=False)
gX2 = X2.plot(Y, mapping=Psi, number_values=40, plot_points=100, label_
axes=False,
           color='green')
gX3 = X3.plot(Y, mapping=Psi, number_values=40, plot_points=100, label_
axes=False,
           color='blue')
```

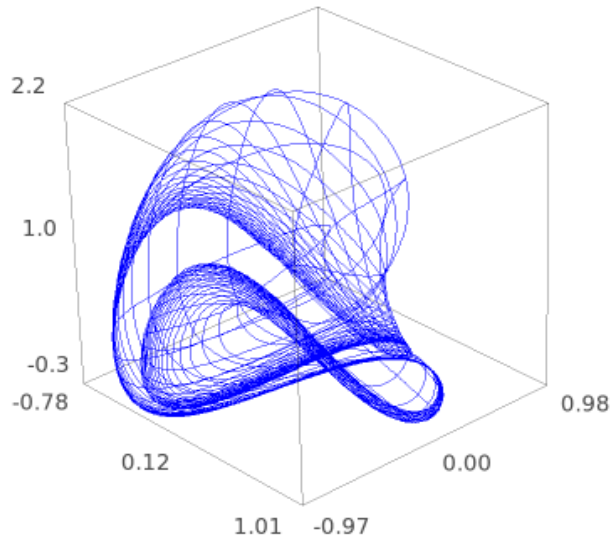
```
In [40]: show(gX1, viewer=viewer3D)
```



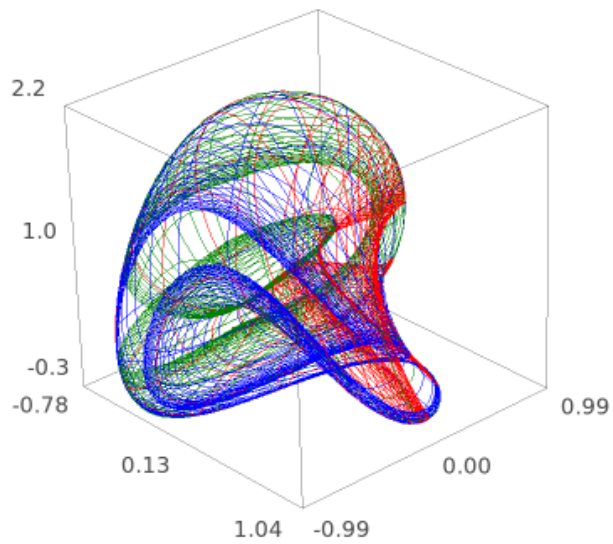
```
In [41]: show(gX2, viewer=viewer3D)
```



```
In [42]: show(gX3, viewer=viewer3D)
```



```
In [43]: show(gX1+gX2+gX3, viewer=viewer3D)
```



```
In [ ]:
```