

\mathbb{R}^3 As Two Solid Tori

We would like a nice visual representation depicting 3-dimensional Euclidean space as being made up of two tori (well, really it is the 3-Sphere which is the union of two tori). To do this we will first look at a Clifford Torus, specifically we will start by focusing our attention on the set of $(x, y, z, w) \in S^3$ such that

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{2} = z^2 + w^2.$$

And then through some rotations in 4-dimensional Euclidean space together with projecting into 3-dimensional space using stereographic projection, we will see how we can partition \mathbb{R}^3 into two congruent pieces using a deformed (hollow) torus minus a point, as our dividing surface.

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First we define a function that we will use to project $S^3 \setminus \{(0,0,0,-1)\}$ onto \mathbb{R}^3

Since we will be looking at the Clifford Torus sitting inside S^3 , we have (after some simple algebra) that the stereographic projection function is given by the following expression.

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$$\text{proj}[x_-, y_-, z_-, w_-] := \left\{ \frac{x}{\sqrt{2+w}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{2+w}}, \frac{z}{\sqrt{2+w}} \right\}$$

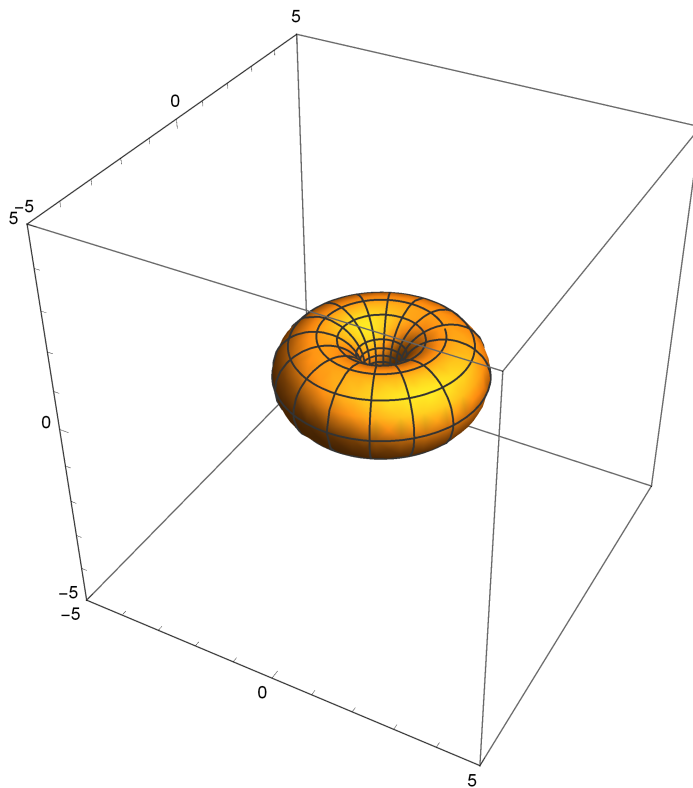
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We parameterize the above mentioned Clifford Torus
by $(\text{Cos}(s), \text{Sin}(s), \text{Cos}(t), \text{Sin}(t))$ notice that we dont
have to do any scaling here to ensure that we lie in S^3 ,
this is because the scaling was accounted for in the function,
proj, defined above.

Plotting this guy yields the following surface

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ParametricPlot3D[  
  proj[Cos[s], Sin[s], Cos[t], Sin[t]],  
  {s, 0, 2  $\pi$ }, {t, 0, 2  $\pi$ },  
  PlotRange  $\rightarrow$  {{-5, 5}, {-5, 5}, {-5, 5}}  
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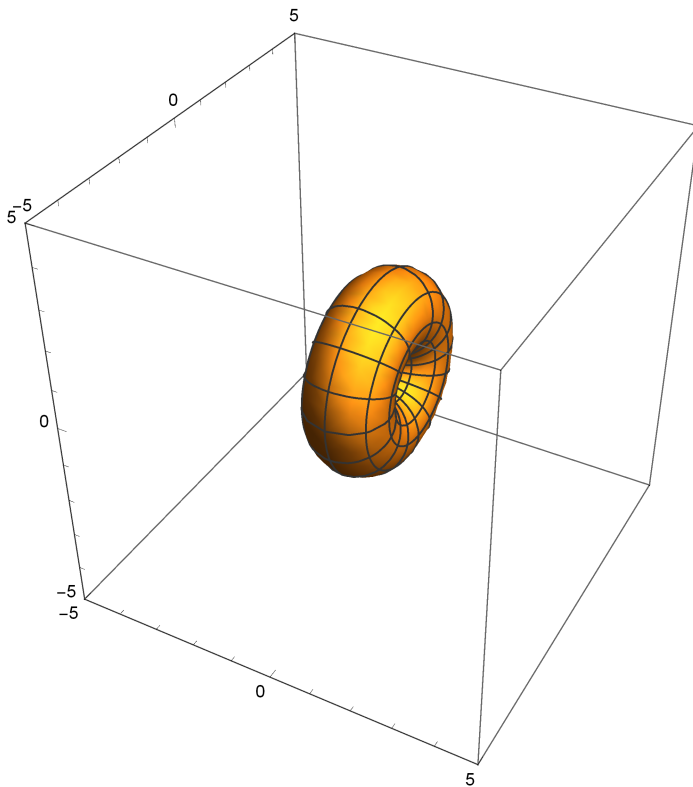
Now if we perform a rotation in \mathbb{R}^4 by an angle of $\pi/2$ in the yz -plane, this amounts to mapping

$$(x, y, z, w) \rightarrow (x, -w, z, y).$$

After performing this transformation and projecting the Clifford Torus from S^3 into \mathbb{R}^3 we get the following surface.

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ParametricPlot3D[proj[Cos[s], -Sin[t], Cos[t], Sin[s]],  
{s, 0, 2 π}, {t, 0, 2 π}, PlotRange → {{-5, 5}, {-5, 5}, {-5, 5}}]
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Evidently the torus changed orientation, in particular, we can see how the torus went about changing its orientation by looking at intermediate stages of the above rotation in the yw -plane, namely, before mapping to R^3 via stereographic projection, we first apply the transformation

$$(x, y, z, w) \rightarrow (x, \cos(u)y - \sin(u)w, z, \sin(u)y + \cos(u)w),$$

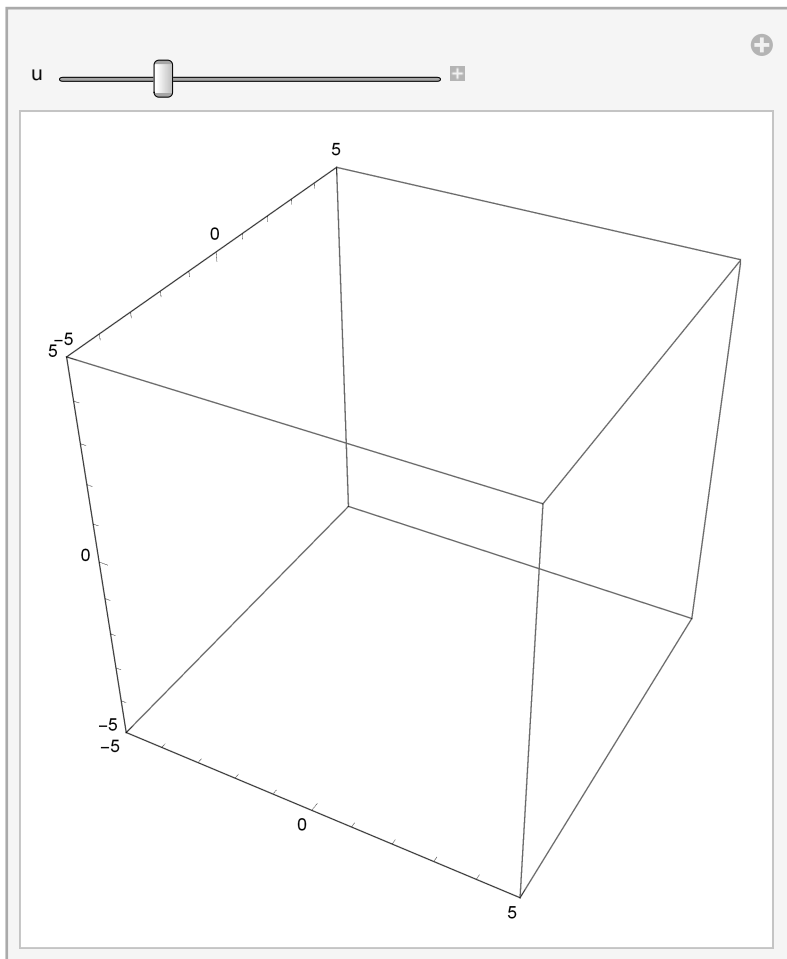
where $0 \leq u \leq \pi/2$. To explicitly see the transformation we, stick all of this into the `Manipulate` function, and we get the following graphic.

In particular, we find that at $u = \pi/4$ and $u = 3\pi/4$, the tori from the figures above have been deformed so that they divide R^3 into two symmetric pieces, namely the two solid tori we wanted.

The graphic below starts with the rotation angle slightly less than $\pi/4$.

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Manipulate[ParametricPlot3D[
  proj[Cos[s], Cos[u] Sin[s] - Sin[u] Sin[t], Cos[t], Sin[u] Sin[s] + Cos[u] Sin[t]],
  {s, 0, 2 π}, {t, 0, 2 π}, PlotRange → {{-5, 5}, {-5, 5}, {-5, 5}},
  PlotStyle → {Opacity[0.9]}], {{u, π/4 - 0.000001}, 0, π}]
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Finally the following graphic shows these toric leaves from one half of the partition of R^3 together with their dual counterpart leaves from the other half.

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Manipulate[ParametricPlot3D[
  {proj[Cos[s], Cos[u] Sin[s] - Sin[u] Sin[t], Cos[t], Sin[u] Sin[s] + Cos[u] Sin[t]],
   proj[Cos[s], Cos[ $\frac{\pi}{2} - u$ ] Sin[s] - Sin[ $\frac{\pi}{2} - u$ ] Sin[t],
    Cos[t], Sin[ $\frac{\pi}{2} - u$ ] Sin[s] + Cos[ $\frac{\pi}{2} - u$ ] Sin[t]]},
  {s, 0, 2  $\pi$ }, {t, 0, 2  $\pi$ }, PlotRange -> {{-5, 5}, {-5, 5}, {-5, 5}},
  PlotStyle -> {Directive[Opacity[0.8], Red, Specularity[White, 20]],
    Directive[Opacity[0.8], Blue, Specularity[White, 20]]},
  Mesh -> None], {{u, 3  $\pi$ /16},  $\pi$ /8, 3  $\pi$ /8}]
  
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