

# Creating a tube along a trefoil knot

## - using Matplotlib, NumPy and scikit-vectors

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In [1]: 1 url = 'https://github.com/t-o-k/scikit-vectors_examples/'
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In [2]: 1 # This example has been tested with NumPy v1.15.3, Matplotlib v2.1.1 and Jupyter v4.4.0
```

```
In [3]: 1 # Uncomment one of these to get a Matplotlib backend with interactive plots
2
3 # %matplotlib auto
4 # %matplotlib notebook
```

```
In [4]: 1 # Get the necessary libraries
2
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 import matplotlib.tri as mtri
5 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
6 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d import Poly3DCollection
7 import numpy as np
8
9 from skvectors import create_class_Cartesian_3D_Vector
```

```
In [5]: 1 # Size and resolution for Matplotlib figures
2
3 figure_size = (8, 6)
4 figure_dpi = 100
```

```
In [6]: 1 # The functions for the trefoil knot curve
        2
        3 def f_x(t):
        4     return np.cos(t) + 2 * np.cos(2 * t)
        5
        6
        7
        8 def f_y(t):
        9     return np.sin(t) - 2 * np.sin(2 * t)
       10
       11
       12
       13 def f_z(t):
       14     return 2 * np.sin(3 * t)
       15
```

```
In [7]: 1 # The first derivatives of the functions for the curve
        2
        3 def d1_f_x(t):
        4     return -np.sin(t) - 4 * np.sin(2 * t)
        5
        6
        7
        8 def d1_f_y(t):
        9     return np.cos(t) - 4 * np.cos(2 * t)
       10
       11
       12
       13 def d1_f_z(t):
       14     return 6 * np.cos(3 * t)
       15
```

```
In [8]: 1 # The second derivatives of the functions for the curve
        2
        3 def d2_f_x(t):
        4
        5     return -np.cos(t) - 8 * np.cos(2 * t)
        6
        7
        8 def d2_f_y(t):
        9
        10    return -np.sin(t) + 8 * np.sin(2 * t)
        11
        12
        13 def d2_f_z(t):
        14
        15    return -18 * np.sin(3 * t)
```

```
In [9]: 1 # Resolutions for plot
        2
        3 nr_of_points_along_curve = 3 * 2**5 + 1
        4 nr_of_points_across_curve = 3 * 2**2 + 1
```

In [10]:

```
1  # Necessary NumPy functions
2
3  np_functions = \
4      {
5          'not': np.logical_not,
6          'and': np.logical_and,
7          'or': np.logical_or,
8          'all': np.all,
9          'any': np.any,
10         'min': np.minimum,
11         'max': np.maximum,
12         'abs': np.absolute,
13         'trunc': np.trunc,
14         'ceil': np.ceil,
15         'copysign': np.copysign,
16         'log10': np.log10,
17         'cos': np.cos,
18         'sin': np.sin,
19         'atan2': np.arctan2,
20         'pi': np.pi
21     }
```

In [11]:

```
1  # Make a vector class that can hold all the points along the curve
2
3  NP_3D_A1 = \
4      create_class_Cartesian_3D_Vector(
5          name = 'NP_3D_A1',
6          component_names = [ 'x', 'y', 'z' ],
7          brackets = '<>',
8          sep = ', ',
9          cnull = np.zeros(nr_of_points_along_curve),
10         cunit = np.ones(nr_of_points_along_curve),
11         functions = np_functions
12     )
```

```
In [12]: 1 # Calculate the points along the curve
2
3 angles_along_curve = np.linspace(-np.pi, +np.pi, nr_of_points_along_curve, endpoint=True)
4
5 p_o = \
6     NP_3D_A1(
7         x = f_x(angles_along_curve),
8         y = f_y(angles_along_curve),
9         z = f_z(angles_along_curve)
10    )
```

```
In [13]: 1 # Vectors from the first derivatives at the points along the curve
2
3 v_d1 = \
4     NP_3D_A1(
5         x = d1_f_x(angles_along_curve),
6         y = d1_f_y(angles_along_curve),
7         z = d1_f_z(angles_along_curve)
8    )
```

```
In [14]: 1 # Vectors from the second derivatives at the points along the curve
2
3 v_d2 = \
4     NP_3D_A1(
5         x = d2_f_x(angles_along_curve),
6         y = d2_f_y(angles_along_curve),
7         z = d2_f_z(angles_along_curve)
8    )
```

```
In [15]: 1 # Calculate the vectors for all the Frenet frames along the curve
2
3 # Tangent vectors at the points along the curve
4 v_t = v_d1.normalize()
5
6 # Binormal vectors at the points along the curve
7 v_b = v_d1.cross(v_d2).normalize()
8
9 # Normal vectors at the points along the curve
10 v_n = v_t.cross(v_b)
```

```
In [16]: 1 # For all the points along the curve, calculate points in a circle across the curve
2
3 angles_across_curve = np.linspace(-np.pi, +np.pi, nr_of_points_across_curve, endpoint=True)
4
5 tube_radius = 0.3
6
7 surface_points = \
8     [
9         p_o + v_n.axis_rotate(v_t, angle) * tube_radius
10        # p_o + v_n.axis_rotate(v_t, angle) * tube_radius * (3 + np.sin(2 * angle)) / 2
11        for angle in angles_across_curve
12    ]
```

```
In [17]: 1 # Function for selecting color for each face
2
3 def select_color(i, j):
4
5     if i % 2 == 0:
6         color = 'black'
7     else:
8         if j % 2 == 0:
9             color = 'blue'
10        else:
11            color = 'mediumturquoise'
12
13     return color
```

```
In [18]: 1 quads_colors = \
2     [
3         select_color(i, j)
4         for i in range(nr_of_points_across_curve-1)
5         for j in range(nr_of_points_along_curve-1)
6     ]
```

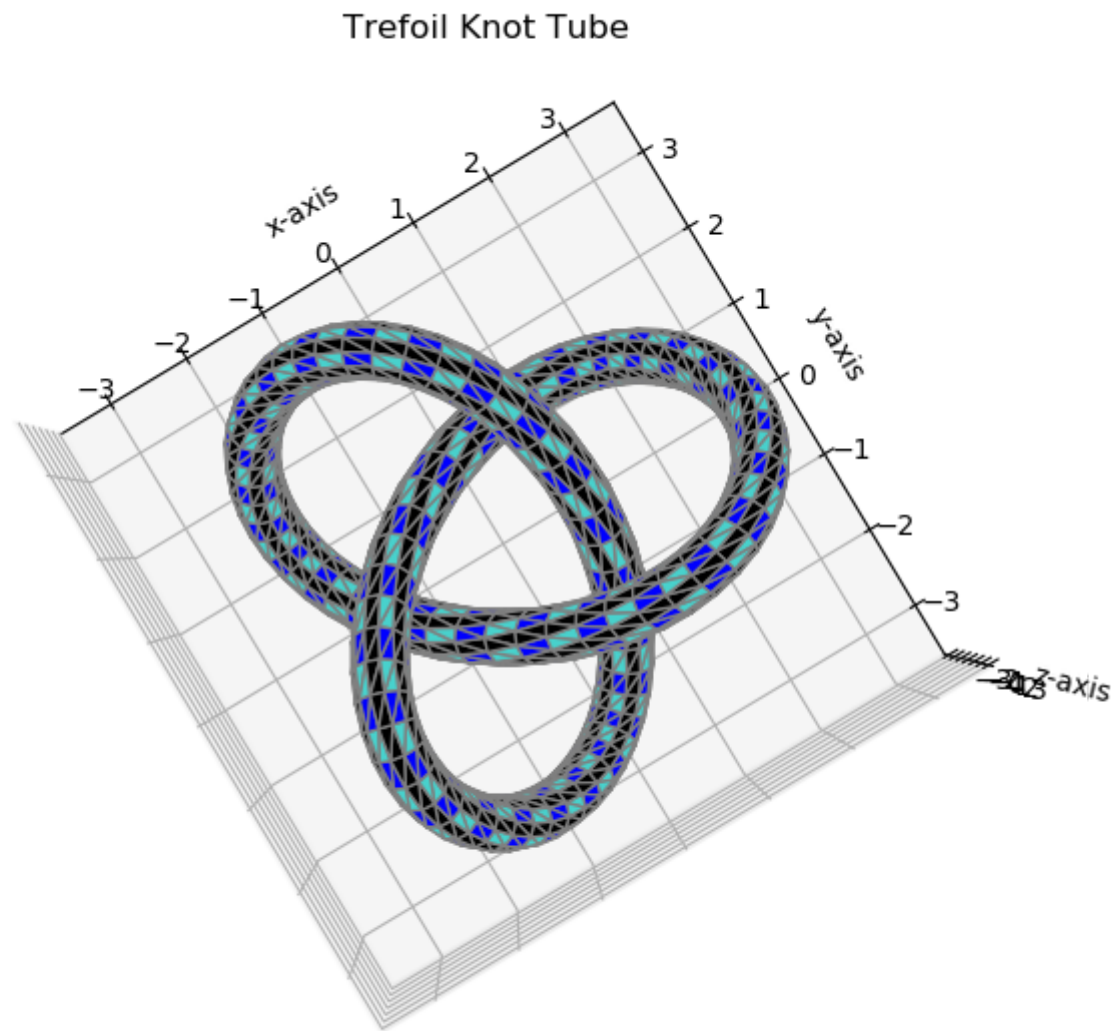
In [19]:

```
1  # Function to extract coordinates for the quad patches.
2  # (It's only needed for the plot below.)
3
4  def quads(points_2d):
5
6      sl0 = slice(None, -1)
7      sl1 = slice(+1, None)
8      for points0, points1 in zip(points_2d[sl0], points_2d[sl1]):
9          points00 = zip(points0.x[sl0], points0.y[sl0], points0.z[sl0])
10         points01 = zip(points0.x[sl1], points0.y[sl1], points0.z[sl1])
11         points10 = zip(points1.x[sl0], points1.y[sl0], points1.z[sl0])
12         points11 = zip(points1.x[sl1], points1.y[sl1], points1.z[sl1])
13         yield from zip(points00, points01, points10, points11)
```

In [20]:

```
1 # Show the trefoil knot tube
2
3 fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
4 fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
5 ax = Axes3D(fig)
6 ax.set_aspect(1)
7 ax.set_title('Trefoil Knot Tube')
8 for (p00, p01, p10, p11), face_color in zip(quads(surface_points), quads_colors):
9     triangle_a = Poly3DCollection([ [ p00, p10, p11 ] ])
10    triangle_a.set_facecolor(face_color)
11    triangle_a.set_edgecolor('grey')
12    ax.add_collection3d(triangle_a)
13    triangle_b = Poly3DCollection([ [ p11, p01, p00 ] ])
14    triangle_b.set_facecolor(face_color)
15    triangle_b.set_edgecolor('grey')
16    ax.add_collection3d(triangle_b)
17 ax.set_xlim(-3.5, +3.5)
18 ax.set_ylim(-3.5, +3.5)
19 ax.set_zlim(-3.5, +3.5)
20 ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
21 ax.set_ylabel('y-axis')
22 ax.set_zlabel('z-axis')
23 ax.view_init(elev=90, azimuth=-120)
24 plt.show()
```





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In [21]: 1 *# Now do it in another way*

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In [22]: 1 # Make a vector class that can hold all the points on the surface of the tube
2
3 surface_shape = (nr_of_points_across_curve, nr_of_points_along_curve)
4 zeros = np.zeros(surface_shape)
5 ones = np.ones(surface_shape)
6
7 NP_3D_A2 = \
8     create_class_Cartesian_3D_Vector(
9         name = 'NP_3D_A2',
10         component_names = [ 'xx', 'yy', 'zz' ],
11         brackets = [ '<<', '>>' ],
12         sep = ', ',
13         cnull = zeros,
14         cunit = ones,
15         functions = np_functions
16     )
```

```
In [23]: 1 # Verify that NumPy's array broadcasting works as needed
2
3 A1_cunit = NP_3D_A1.component_unit()
4 A2_cunit = NP_3D_A2.component_unit()
5
6 assert (A2_cunit * A1_cunit).shape == surface_shape
```

```
In [24]: 1 # Initialize position vectors for the points
2 # (The 1D arrays are being broadcasted to 2D arrays)
3
4 pp_o = \
5     NP_3D_A2(
6         xx = p_o.x,
7         yy = p_o.y,
8         zz = p_o.z
9     )
```

```
In [25]: 1 # Alternative ways to do the same
2
3 # pp_o = NP_3D_A2(*p_o)
4
5 # pp_o = \
6 #     NP_3D_A2(
7 #         xx = A2_cunit * p_o.x,
8 #         yy = A2_cunit * p_o.y,
9 #         zz = A2_cunit * p_o.z
10 #     )
11
12 # tile_size = (nr_of_points_across_curve, 1)
13 # pp_o = \
14 #     NP_3D_A2(
15 #         xx = np.tile(p_o.x, tile_size),
16 #         yy = np.tile(p_o.y, tile_size),
17 #         zz = np.tile(p_o.z, tile_size)
18 #     )
```

```
In [26]: 1 # Initialize tangent, binormal and normal vectors
2
3 vv_t = NP_3D_A2(xx=v_t.x, yy=v_t.y, zz=v_t.z)
4 vv_b = NP_3D_A2(xx=v_b.x, yy=v_b.y, zz=v_b.z)
5 vv_n = NP_3D_A2(xx=v_n.x, yy=v_n.y, zz=v_n.z)
```

```
In [27]: 1 # Set up 2D arrays for angles along and across the curve
2
3 angles_along, angles_across = np.meshgrid(angles_along_curve, angles_across_curve)
```

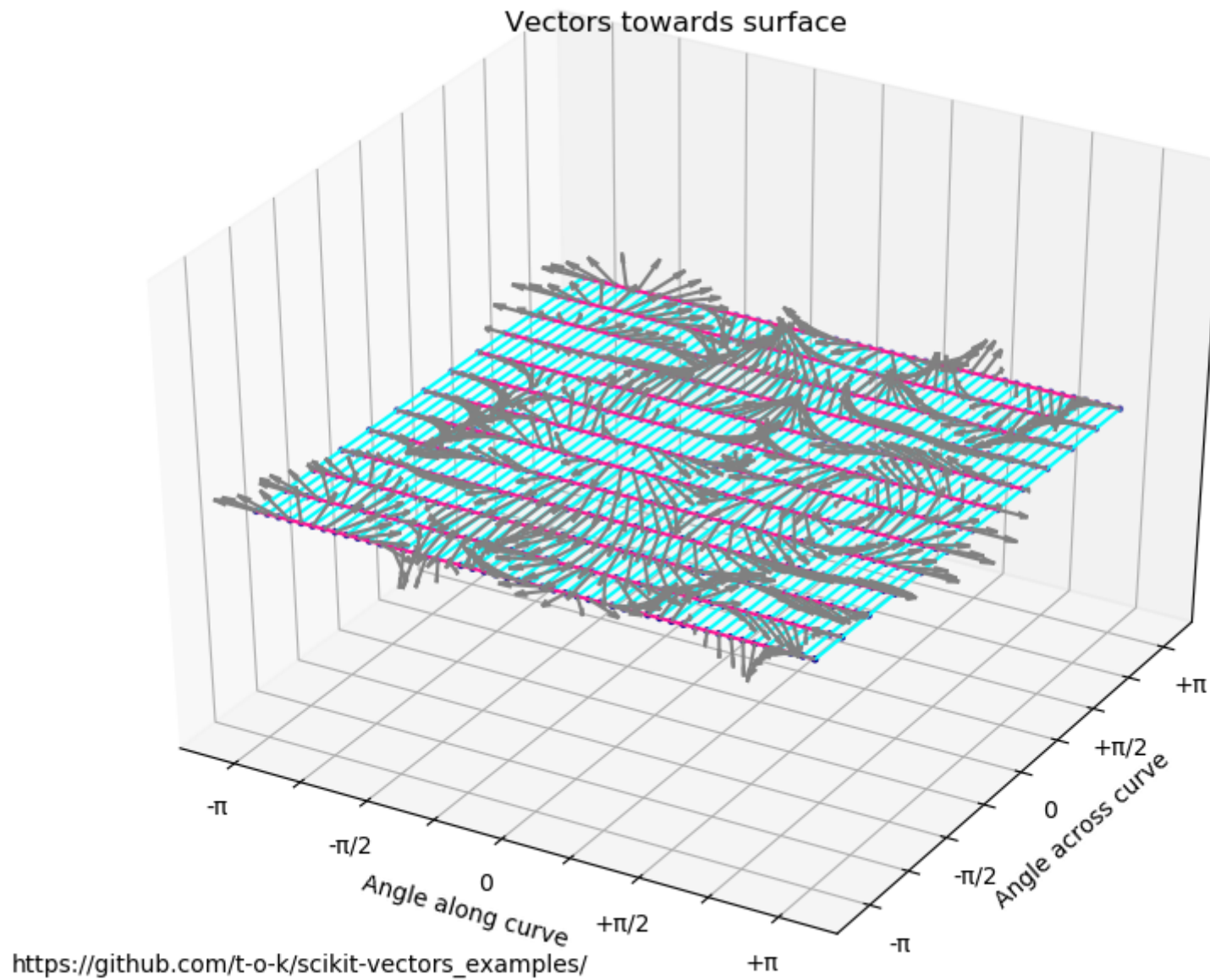
```
In [28]: 1 # Calculate all the vectors along and across the curve towards the surface of the tube
2
3 vv_s = vv_n.axis_rotate(vv_t, angles_across)
```

In [29]:

```
1  # Prepare some variables for plotting
2
3  no_labels = [ ]
4  no_ticks = [ ]
5
6  pi_labels = [ '-π', '', '-π/2', '', '0', '', '+π/2', '', '+π' ]
7  pi_ticks = \
8      [
9          n / 4 * np.pi
10         for n in [ -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3, +4 ]
11     ]
12
13  vector_length = 0.5
14
15  stride_along = 2
16  stride_across = 1
17
18  sl_along = slice(None, None, stride_along)
19  sl_across = slice(None, None, stride_across)
20  sl = (sl_across, sl_along)
```

In [30]:

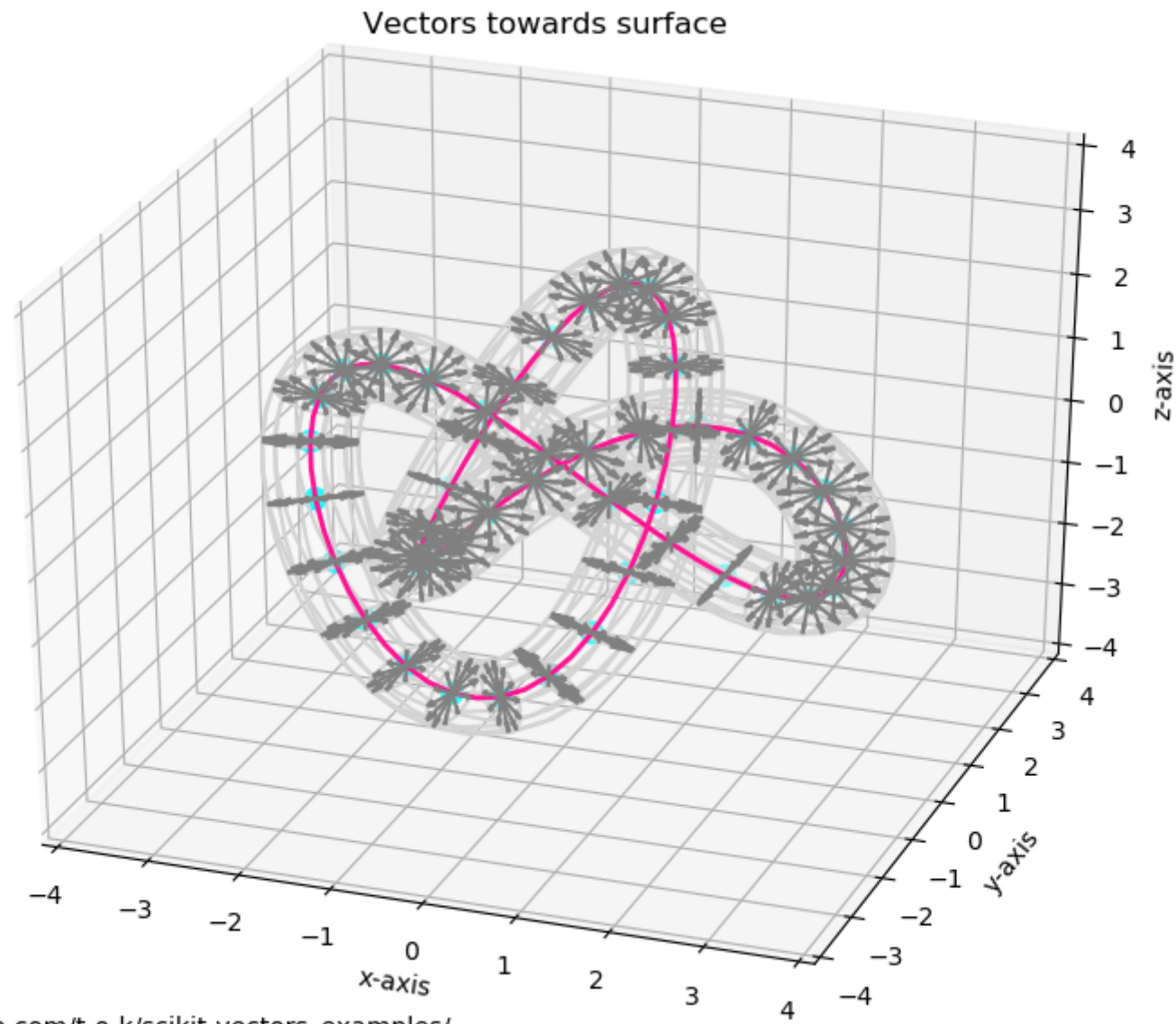
```
1  # Show some of the vectors calculated above
2
3  fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
4  fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
5  ax = Axes3D(fig)
6  ax.set_title('Vectors towards surface')
7  ax.scatter(
8      angles_along[sl], angles_across[sl], zeros[sl],
9      color = 'darkblue',
10     marker = '.',
11     edgecolors = 'face'
12 )
13 ax.plot_wireframe(
14     angles_along, angles_across, zeros,
15     rstride = 0,
16     cstride = stride_along,
17     color = 'cyan'
18 )
19 ax.plot_wireframe(
20     angles_along, angles_across, zeros,
21     rstride = stride_across,
22     cstride = 0,
23     color = 'deeppink'
24 )
25 ax.quiver(
26     angles_along[sl], angles_across[sl], zeros[sl],
27     vv_s.xx[sl], vv_s.yy[sl], vv_s.zz[sl],
28     length = vector_length,
29     pivot = 'tail',
30     color = 'gray'
31 )
32 ax.set_xlim(-np.pi-0.5, +np.pi+0.5)
33 ax.set_ylim(-np.pi-0.5, +np.pi+0.5)
34 ax.set_zlim(-np.pi-0.5, +np.pi+0.5)
35 ax.set_xlabel('Angle along curve')
36 ax.set_ylabel('Angle across curve')
37 ax.set_xticklabels(pi_labels)
38 ax.set_yticklabels(pi_labels)
39 ax.set_zticklabels(no_labels)
40 ax.set_xticks(pi_ticks)
41 ax.set_yticks(pi_ticks)
42 ax.set_zticks(no_ticks)
43 ax.view_init(elev=36, azim=-60)
```



```
In [31]: 1 # Calculate all the position vectors for the points on the surface of the tube
          2
          3 pp_w = pp_o + vv_s * vector_length
```

In [32]:

```
1  # Show some of the vectors calculated above
2
3  fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
4  fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
5  ax = Axes3D(fig)
6  ax.set_title('Vectors towards surface')
7  ax.plot_wireframe(
8      pp_w.xx, pp_w.yy, pp_w.zz,
9      rstride = 0,
10     cstride = stride_along,
11     color = 'lightgray'
12 )
13 ax.plot(
14     p_o.x, p_o.y, p_o.z,
15     color = 'deeppink',
16     linewidth = 2
17 )
18 ax.plot_wireframe(
19     pp_w.xx, pp_w.yy, pp_w.zz,
20     rstride = stride_across,
21     cstride = 0,
22     color = 'lightgray'
23 )
24 ax.quiver(
25     pp_o.xx[sl], pp_o.yy[sl], pp_o.zz[sl],
26     vv_s.xx[sl], vv_s.yy[sl], vv_s.zz[sl],
27     length = vector_length,
28     pivot = 'tail',
29     color = 'gray'
30 )
31 ax.scatter(
32     p_o.x[sl_along], p_o.y[sl_along], p_o.z[sl_along],
33     color = 'cyan',
34     marker = 'o',
35     linewidth = 5
36 )
37 ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
38 ax.set_ylabel('y-axis')
39 ax.set_zlabel('z-axis')
40 ax.set_xlim(-4, +4)
41 ax.set_ylim(-4, +4)
42 ax.set_zlim(-4, +4)
43 ax.view_init(elev=30, azim=-70)
```



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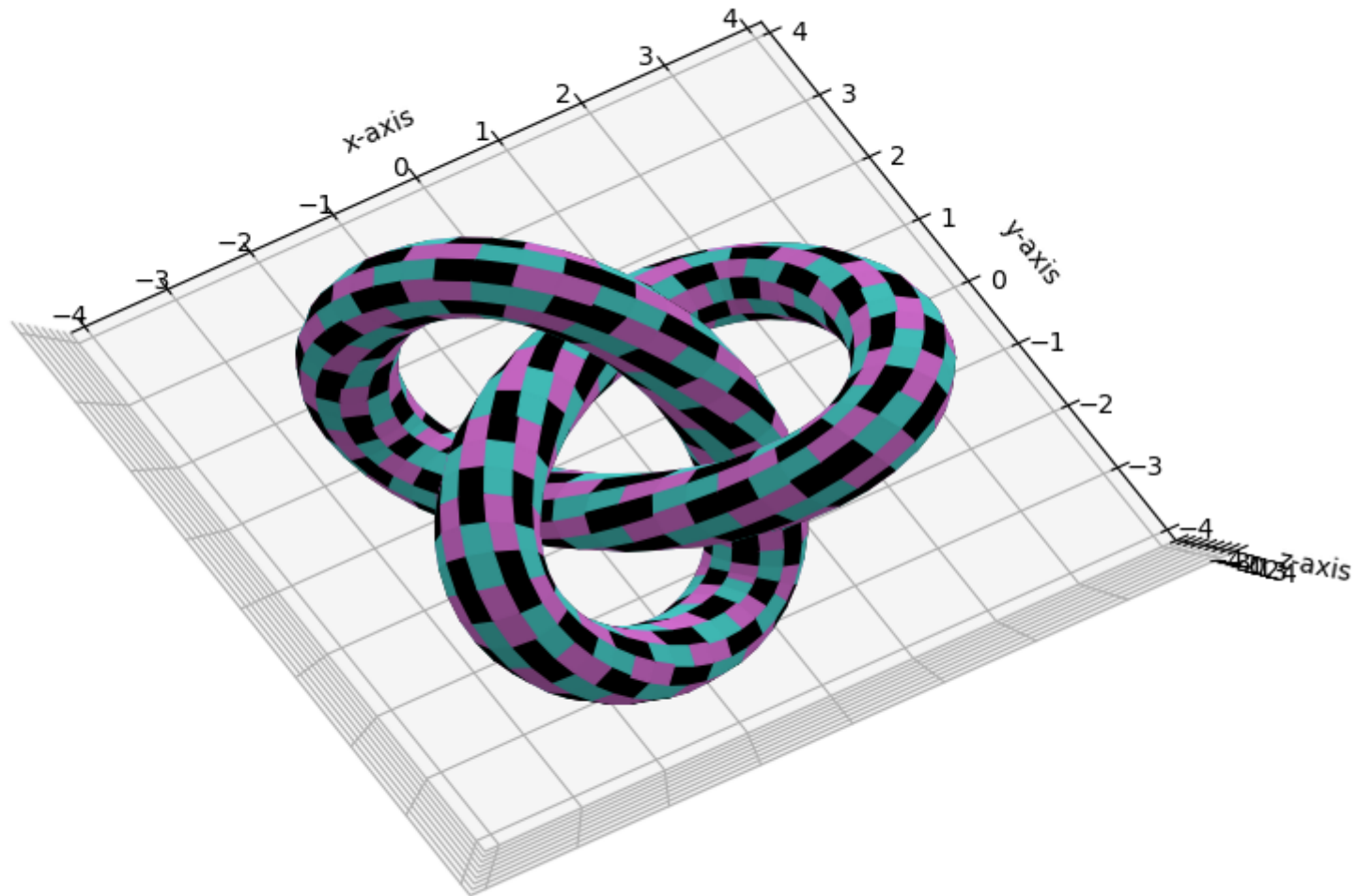
In [33]:

```
1  # Select colors for the faces
2
3  def select_color(i, j):
4
5      k = (i + 3 * j) % 6
6      # k = (3 * i + 2 * j) % 6
7      if k < 2:
8          color = 'mediumturquoise'
9      elif k < 4:
10         color = 'black'
11      else:
12         color = 'orchid'
13
14     return color
15
16
17 face_colors = \
18     [
19         [
20             select_color(i, j)
21             for i in range(nr_of_points_along_curve - 1)
22         ]
23         for j in range(nr_of_points_across_curve - 1)
24     ]
```

In [34]:

```
1  # Show the trefoil knot tube
2
3  fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
4  fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
5  ax = Axes3D(fig)
6  ax.set_title('Trefoil Knot Tube with constant radius')
7  ax.plot_surface(
8      pp_w.xx, pp_w.yy, pp_w.zz,
9      rstride = 1, cstride = 1,
10     facecolors = face_colors,
11     # cmap = plt.cm.inferno,
12     # shade = False
13 )
14 ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
15 ax.set_ylabel('y-axis')
16 ax.set_zlabel('z-axis')
17 ax.set_xlim(-4, +4)
18 ax.set_ylim(-4, +4)
19 ax.set_zlim(-4, +4)
20 # ax.view_init(elev=30, azim=-70)
21 ax.view_init(elev=90, azim=-120)
22 plt.show()
```

Trefoil Knot Tube with constant radius

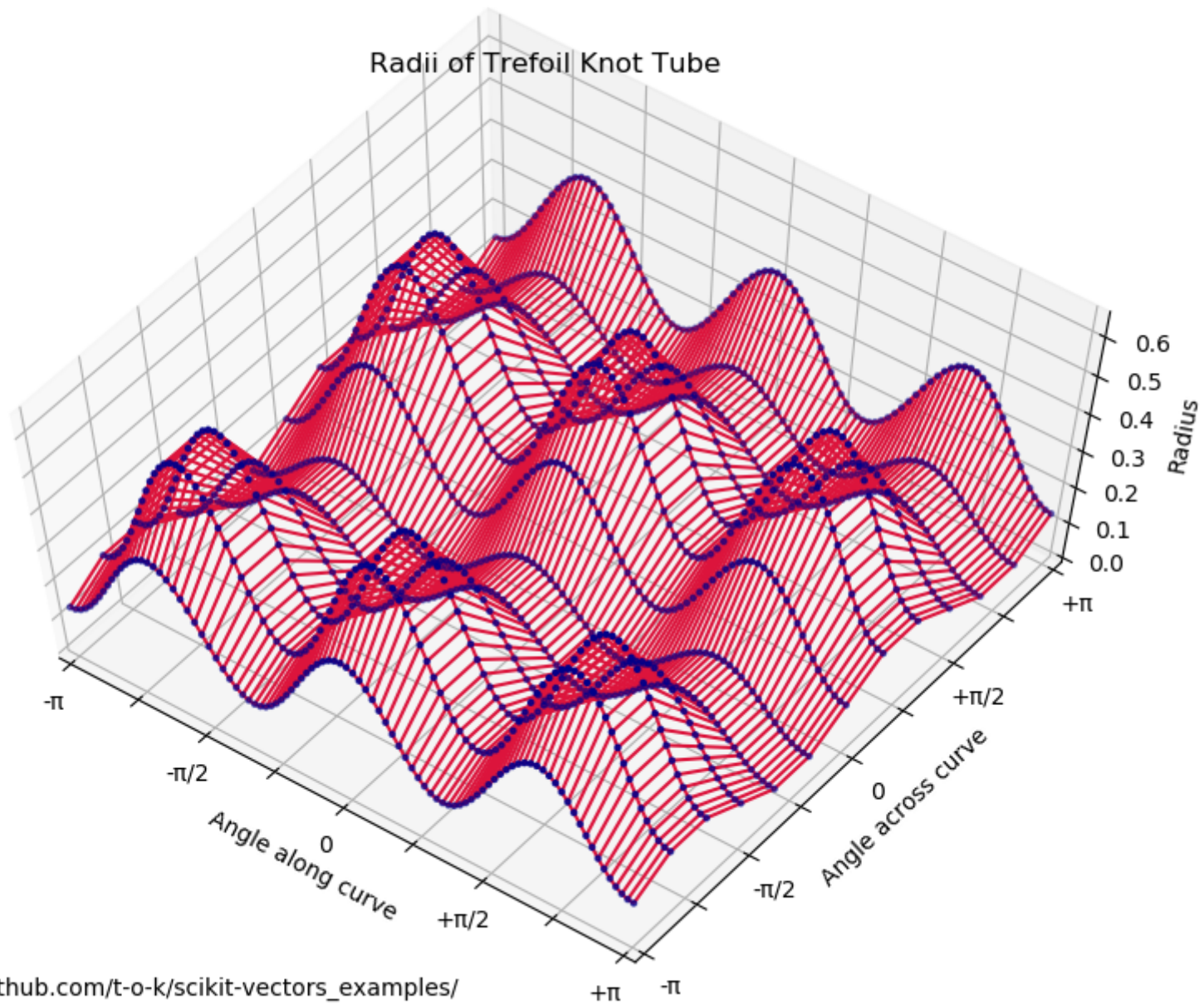


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```
In [35]: 1 # Calculate all the radii for the tube along and across the curve
          2
          3 rr = (4 + 2 * np.sin(2 * angles_across)) * (6 + 3 * np.cos(3 * angles_along)) / 90
          4
          5 assert rr.shape == surface_shape
```

In [36]:

```
1  # Show the varying radii calculated above
2
3  fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
4  fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
5  ax = Axes3D(fig)
6  ax.set_title('Radii of Trefoil Knot Tube')
7  ax.plot_wireframe(angles_along, angles_across, rr, rstride=1, cstride=1, color='crimson')
8  ax.scatter(angles_along, angles_across, rr, color='darkblue', marker = '.')
9  # ax.plot_surface(angles_along, angles_across, rr, rstride=1, cstride=1, cmap=plt.cm.Spectral)
10 ax.set_xlabel('Angle along curve')
11 ax.set_ylabel('Angle across curve')
12 ax.set_zlabel('Radius')
13 ax.set_xlim(-np.pi, +np.pi)
14 ax.set_ylim(-np.pi, +np.pi)
15 ax.set_zlim(0.00, 0.65)
16 ax.set_xticklabels(pi_labels)
17 ax.set_yticklabels(pi_labels)
18 ax.set_xticks(pi_ticks)
19 ax.set_yticks(pi_ticks)
20 ax.view_init(elev=64, azimuth=-53)
21 plt.show()
```

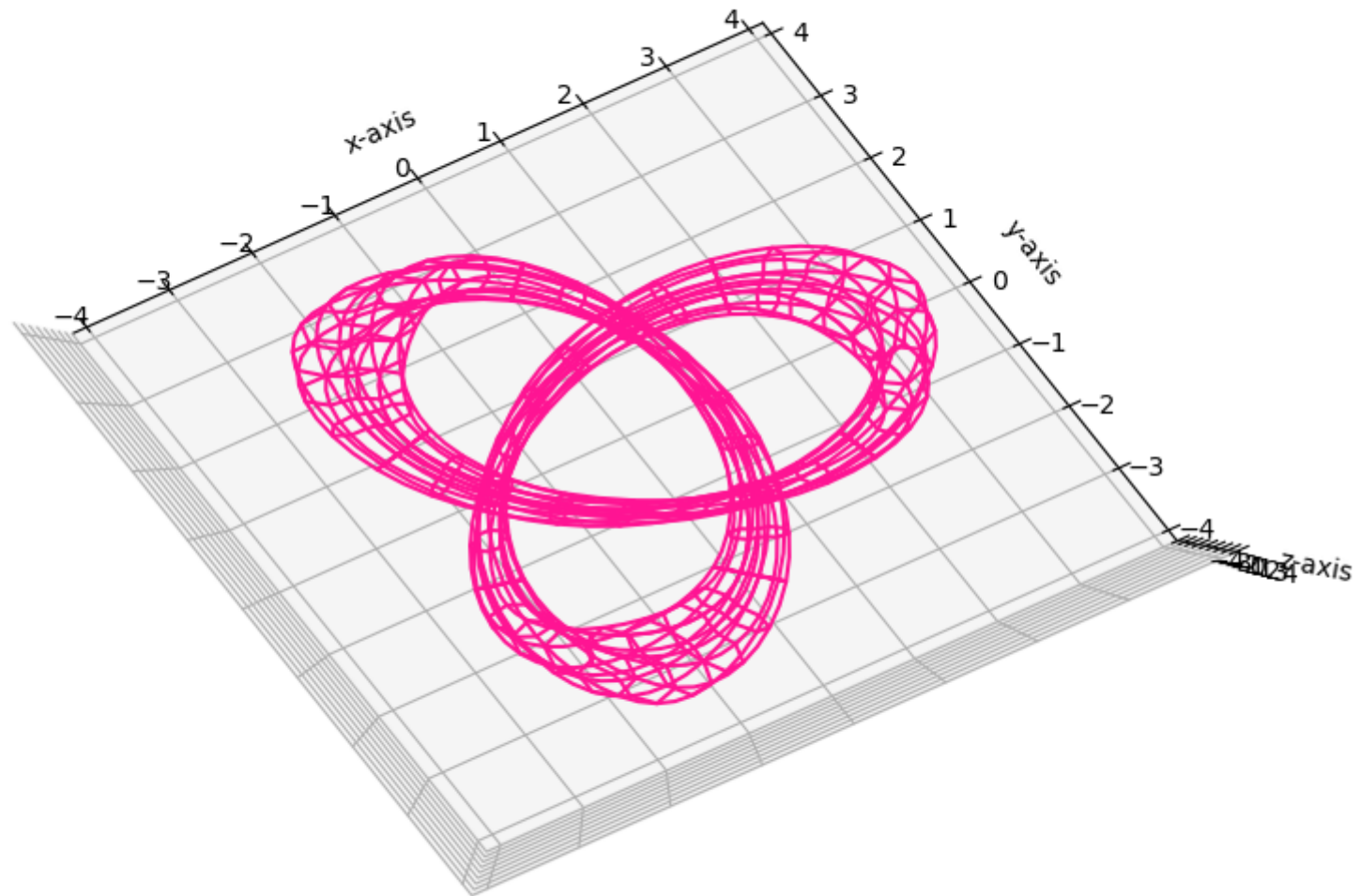


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```
In [37]: 1 # Calculate all the position vectors for the points on the surface of the tube
          2
          3 pp_s = pp_o + vv_s * rr
```

```
In [38]: 1 # Show the trefoil knot tube
          2
          3 fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
          4 fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
          5 ax = Axes3D(fig)
          6 ax.set_title('Trefoil Knot Tube with varying radius')
          7 ax.plot_wireframe(*pp_s, color='deeppink')
          8 ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
          9 ax.set_ylabel('y-axis')
         10 ax.set_zlabel('z-axis')
         11 ax.set_xlim(-4, +4)
         12 ax.set_ylim(-4, +4)
         13 ax.set_zlim(-4, +4)
         14 ax.view_init(elev=90, azimuth=-120)
         15 plt.show()
```

Trefoil Knot Tube with varying radius



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In [39]:

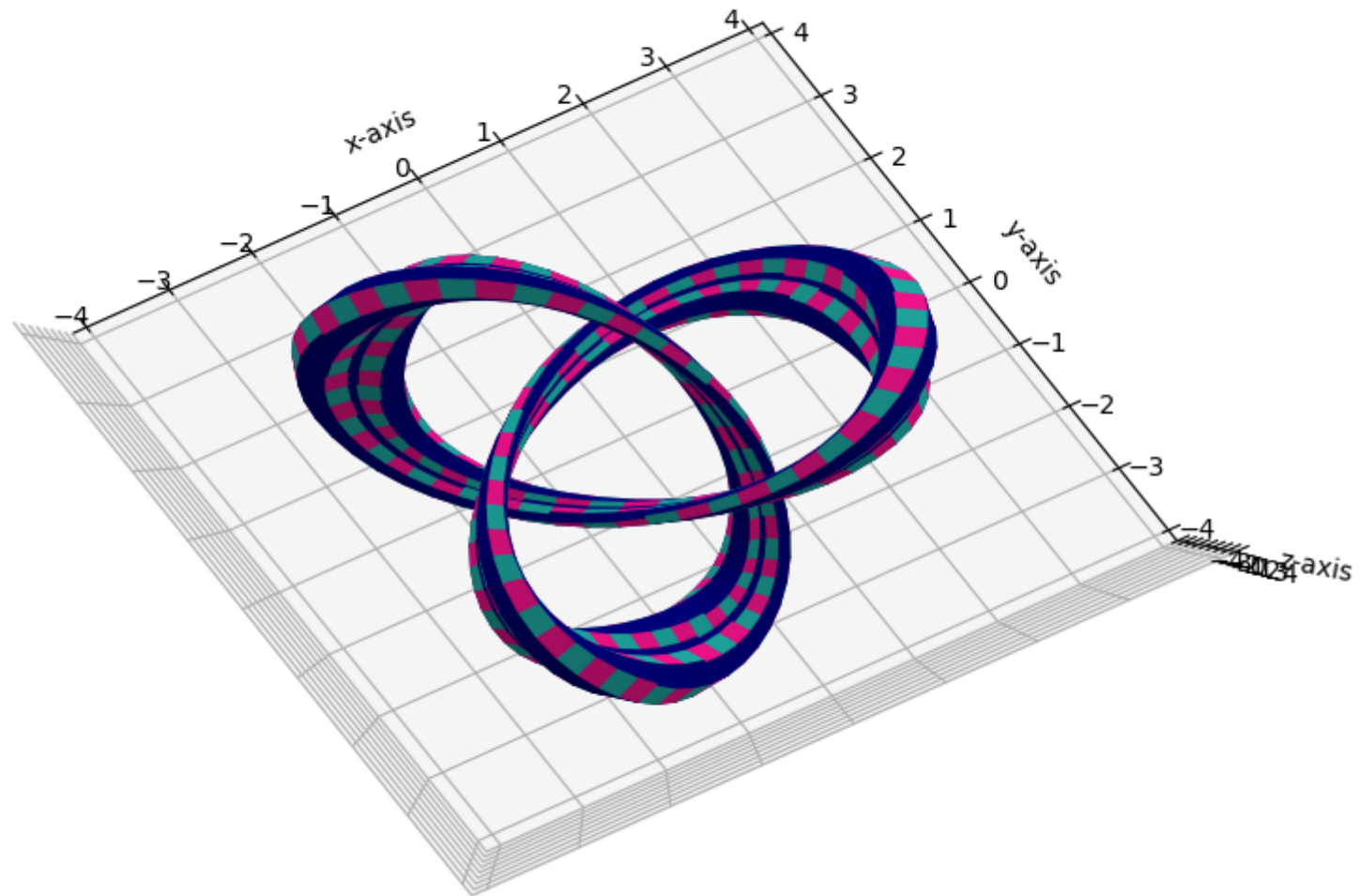
```
1  # Select colors for all the faces
2
3  def select_color(i, j):
4
5      if j % 2 == 0:
6          # if (i + j) % 2 == 0:
7              color = 'navy'
8      else:
9          if i % 2 == 0:
10             color = 'lightseagreen'
11          else:
12             color = 'deeppink'
13
14     return color
15
16
17 face_colors = \
18     [
19         [
20             select_color(i, j)
21             for i in range(nr_of_points_along_curve - 1)
22         ]
23         for j in range(nr_of_points_across_curve - 1)
24     ]
```



In [40]:

```
1 # Show the trefoil knot tube
2
3 fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
4 fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
5 ax = Axes3D(fig)
6 ax.set_title('Trefoil Knot Tube with varying radius')
7 ax.plot_surface(
8     *pp_s,
9     rstride = 1, cstride = 1,
10    facecolors = face_colors,
11    # cmap=plt.cm.inferno,
12    # shade = False
13 )
14 ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
15 ax.set_ylabel('y-axis')
16 ax.set_zlabel('z-axis')
17 ax.set_xlim(-4, +4)
18 ax.set_ylim(-4, +4)
19 ax.set_zlim(-4, +4)
20 ax.view_init(elev=90, azimuth=-120)
21 plt.show()
```

Trefoil Knot Tube with varying radius

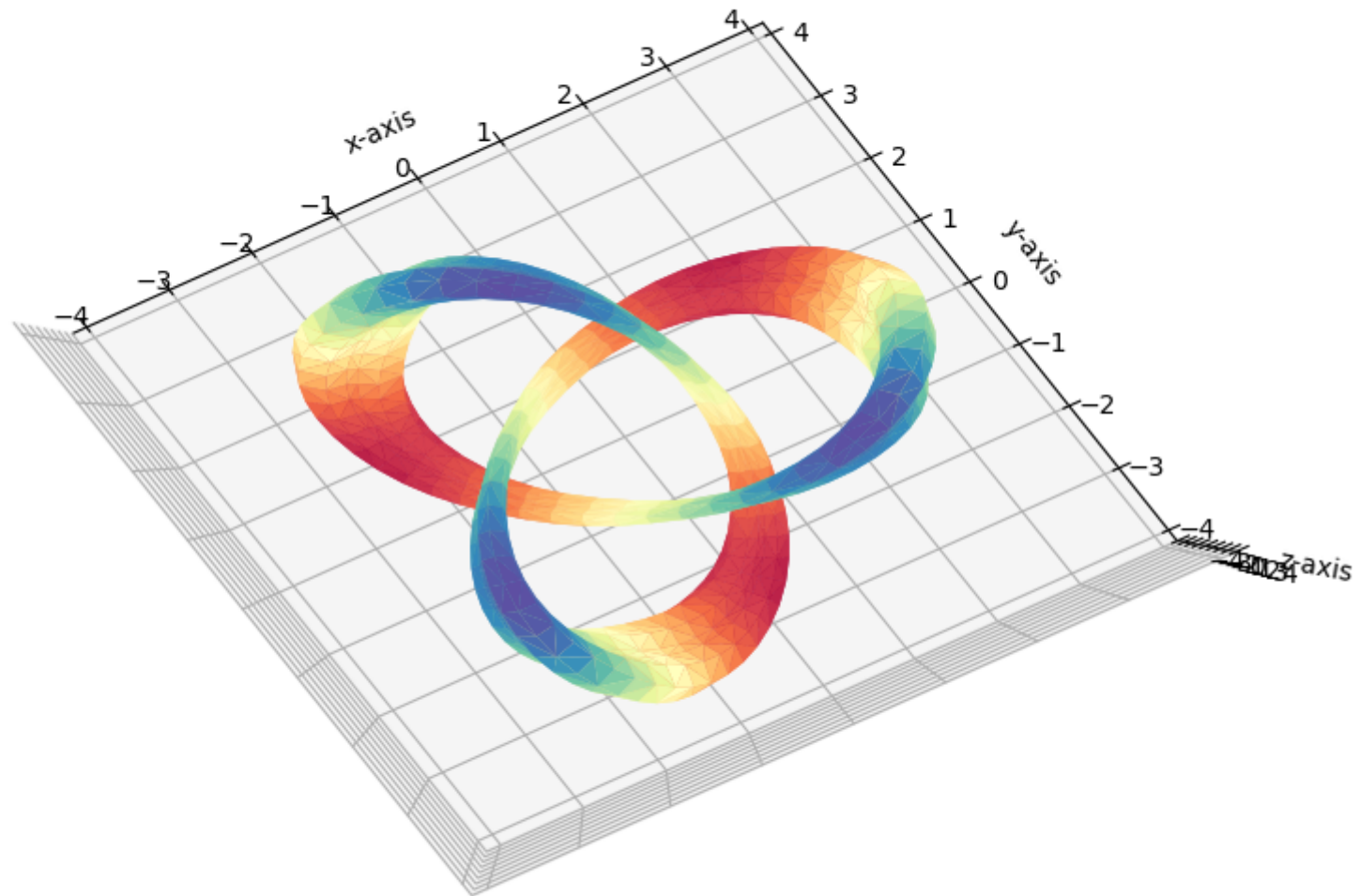


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In [41]:

```
1  # Show the trefoil knot tube
2
3  tri = \
4      mtri.Triangulation(
5          angles_along.flatten(),
6          angles_across.flatten()
7      )
8
9  fig = plt.figure(figsize=figure_size, dpi=figure_dpi)
10 fig.text(0.01, 0.01, url)
11 ax = Axes3D(fig)
12 ax.set_title('Trefoil Knot Tube with varying radius')
13 ax.plot_trisurf(
14     pp_s.xx.flatten(),
15     pp_s.yy.flatten(),
16     pp_s.zz.flatten(),
17     triangles = tri.triangles,
18     cmap = plt.cm.Spectral
19 )
20 ax.set_xlabel('x-axis')
21 ax.set_ylabel('y-axis')
22 ax.set_zlabel('z-axis')
23 ax.set_xlim(-4, +4)
24 ax.set_ylim(-4, +4)
25 ax.set_zlim(-4, +4)
26 ax.view_init(elev=90, azimuth=-120)
27 plt.show()
```

Trefoil Knot Tube with varying radius



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