Global exercise - GUE10

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Content covered:

✓ Analysis: Surface integral

✓ Analysis: Review H9A3, H9A4, and H10A1

✓ Numerics: Demo programming exercise 3 (PRU02)

1 Analysis: Surface integral

Example 1. Examine the Möbius band given as follows

$$\vec{\gamma}: \begin{cases} (-1,1) \times (0,2\pi) \to \mathbb{R}^3, \\ (t,\phi) \mapsto \vec{\gamma}(t,\phi) := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{t}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi)\cos(\phi/2) \\ \sin(\phi)\cos(\phi/2) \\ \sin(\phi/2) \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases}$$
(1)

Show that this surface is **not orientable**.

Approach:

Proof. The normal field is computed as follows

$$n(t,\phi) = \pm \frac{\partial_t \vec{\gamma} \times \partial_\phi \vec{\gamma}}{\|\partial_t \vec{\gamma} \times \partial_\phi \vec{\gamma}\|}$$
$$= \frac{\pm 1}{a} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi) \sin(\frac{\phi}{2}) - \frac{t}{4} \sin(\phi) (1 - \cos(\phi)) \\ \sin(\phi) \sin(\phi/2) + \frac{t}{4} (\sin^2(\phi) + \cos(\phi)) \\ -\cos(\phi/2) - \frac{t}{4} (1 + \cos(\phi)) \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$a = \sqrt{1 + t\cos(\phi/2) + \frac{t^2}{16}(3 + 2\cos(\phi))}.$$

We choose the positive sign and consider the position $(1,0,0)^T = \vec{\gamma}(0,0) = \vec{\gamma}(0,2\pi)$:

$$\lim_{\phi \to 0} n(0, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \lim_{\phi \to 2\pi} n(0, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since the normal field is not continuous on

$$\gamma([-1,1]\times[0,2\pi])$$

the surface is **not orientable**.