

Detailed verification that the map in moebius.pdf is 1-1

Note that $r(t,s) > 0$ everywhere, and $0 \leq \theta(t,s) \leq 2\pi$.

This means that (t,s) and (t',s') go to the same

point in $\mathbb{R}^3 \iff$

$$\begin{aligned} r(t,s) &= r(t',s') \\ \theta(t,s) &= \theta(t',s') + 2k\pi \quad k=0 \text{ or } \pm 1 \\ z(t,s) &= z(t',s') \end{aligned}$$

The middle condition can be rewritten as either $\theta(t,s) = \theta(t',s')$ or $\begin{cases} \theta(t,s) = 0 \\ \theta(t',s') = 2\pi \end{cases}$ or vice versa. ③

Case 1 We have $2\pi t = 2\pi t'$, so $t = t'$.

$$\text{Also } s \cos \pi t = 1 - r(s,t) = 1 - r(s',t') = s' \cos \pi t'$$

$$s \sin \pi t = z(s,t) = z(s',t') = s' \sin \pi t'$$

and since $t = t'$ this implies $s' = s$.

Cases 2 and 3 We only do Case 2; Case 3 follows by

switching the roles of (t,s) and (t',s') . — The

conditions imply $t = 0$ and $t' = 1$. As in Case 1 we

get $s \cos \pi \cdot 0 = s' \cos \pi \cdot 1$; since $\cos \pi \cdot 0 = \cos 0 = 1$ and

$\cos \pi = -1$, it follows that $s' = -s$, or equivalently

$t = 0, t' = 1$ and $s' = -s$.

To summarize, (s, t) and (s', t') map to the same point of $\mathbb{R}^3 \iff (s, t)$ and (s', t') belong to the same \mathbb{R} -equivalence class. Therefore the maps

$$[0, 1] \times \left[-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

constructed in moebius.pdf passes to a map $M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ which is continuous and 1-1 (it is easy to check the map is constant on each \mathbb{R} -equivalence class!).