

# On the interactive visualization of implicit surfaces

## Geometry meets Computer Graphics

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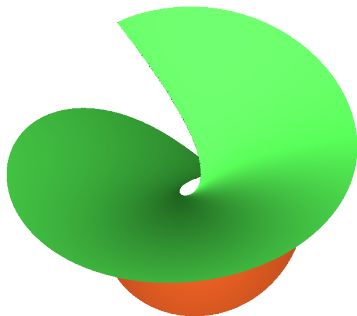
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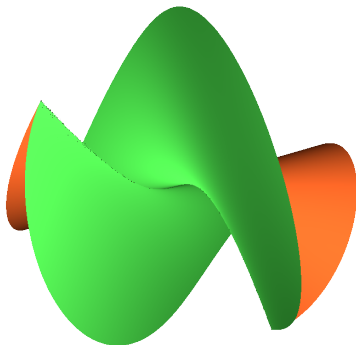
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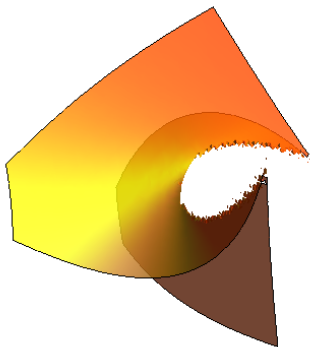
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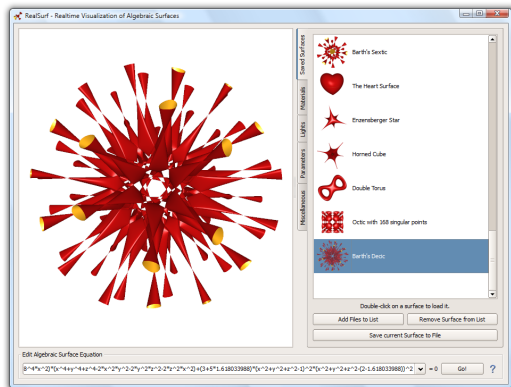


Figure : REALSURF, including a gallery of predefined surfaces



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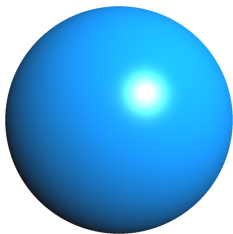
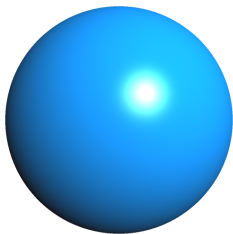
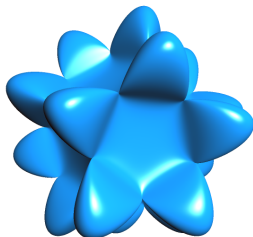


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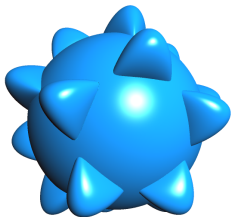


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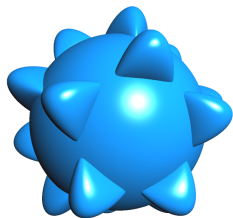


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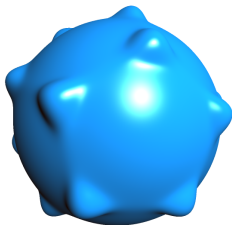
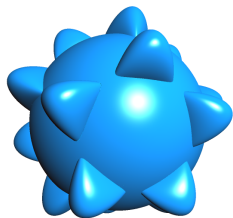
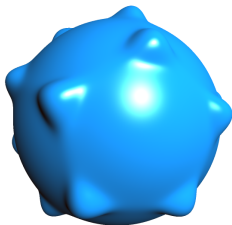
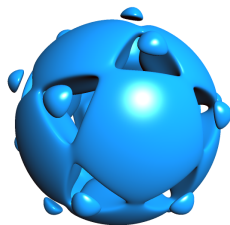


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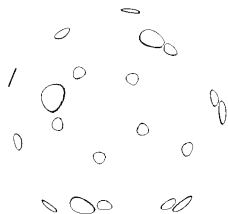


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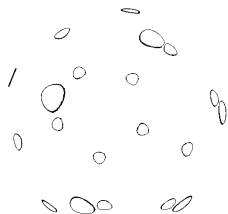


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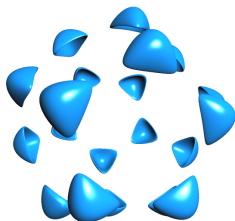
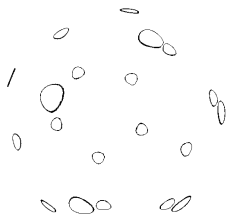
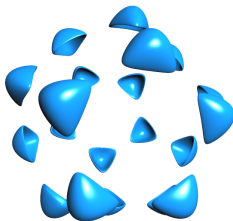
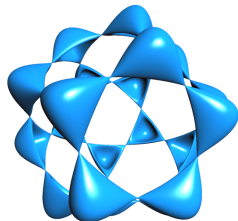


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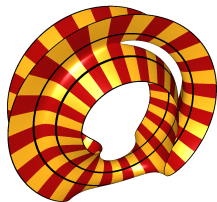


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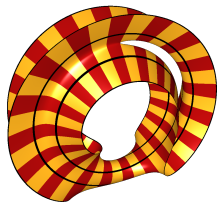


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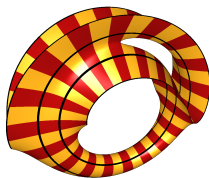


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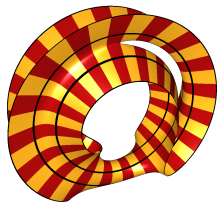


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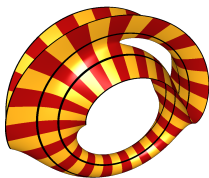


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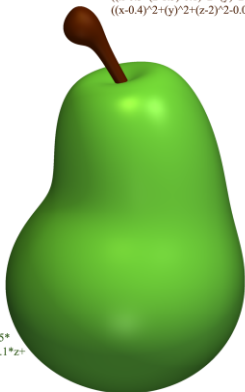
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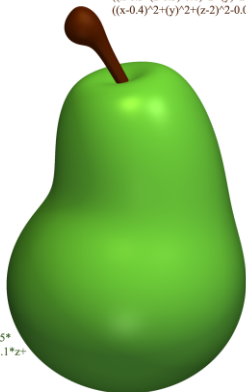
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$$(((0.3*(x-1-(z+6))^2)+0.8*(y)^2+0.6*(z+6+(x-1))^2)^2-4*(y)^2+(z+6+(x-1))^2))*((1.5*(x-1.6)^2+1.5*(y)^2+1.5*(z+6.5)^2-6)-4 \text{ Kirsche (1)})$$

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