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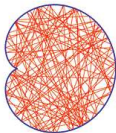
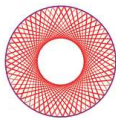
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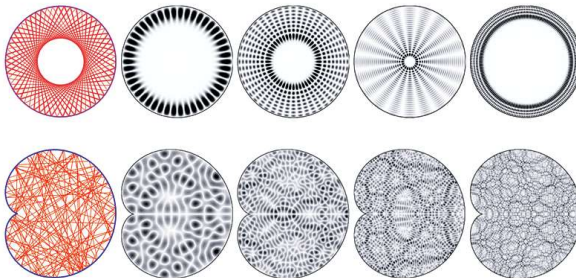
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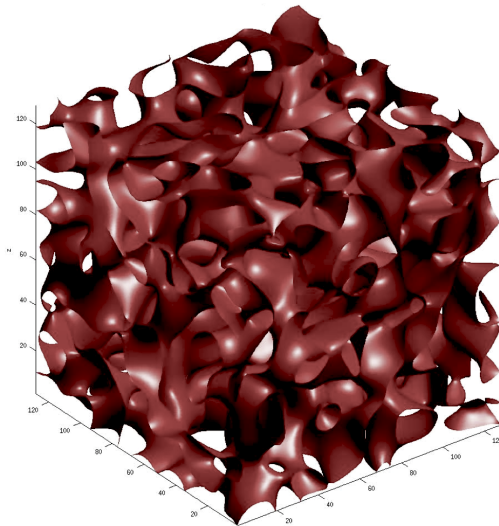
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provided the limit is finite, which is true for $m = 1, 2$.

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