

Missing factor of iota

Simakov defines u by equation (8):

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla u = \frac{2}{B^2} \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \chi \cdot \nabla \ln B \quad (1)$$

where $2\pi\chi$ is the poloidal flux. Let $2\pi\psi_t$ be the toroidal flux, so $\iota \nabla \psi_t = \nabla \chi$. We may re-write (1) as

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla u = -\mathbf{B} \times \nabla \chi \cdot \nabla h = -\iota \mathbf{B} \times \nabla \psi_t \cdot \nabla h \quad (2)$$

where $h = 1/B^2$. Then, we introduce Boozer coordinates:

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \psi_t \times \nabla \theta + \iota \nabla \zeta \times \nabla \psi_t, \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \beta \nabla \psi_t + G \nabla \zeta + I \nabla \theta. \quad (4)$$

Notice $\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \theta = \iota \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \zeta$. The product of (3) with (4) gives the (inverse) Jacobian

$$\nabla \psi_t \times \nabla \theta \cdot \nabla \zeta = \frac{B^2}{G + \iota I} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \zeta. \quad (5)$$

Notice also that

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla X = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \zeta \left[\iota \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \zeta} \right] \quad (6)$$

for any quantity X , and

$$\mathbf{B} \times \nabla \psi_t \cdot \nabla X = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \zeta \left[G \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta} - I \frac{\partial X}{\partial \zeta} \right] \quad (7)$$

for any quantity X . (Equations (3)-(7) here correspond to equations (20)-(24) in the SFINCS single-species documentation.) Thus, (2) becomes

$$\iota \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} = -\iota \left[G \frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} - I \frac{\partial h}{\partial \zeta} \right]. \quad (8)$$

Now introducing Fourier expansions

$$\begin{aligned} u(\theta, \zeta) &= \sum_{n,m} u_{n,m} \cos(n\zeta - m\theta) \\ h(\theta, \zeta) &= \sum_{n,m} h_{n,m} \cos(n\zeta - m\theta) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

we can write (8) as

$$u_{nm} = \iota \frac{mG + nI}{n - \iota m} h_{n,m}. \quad (10)$$

This expression has an extra factor of ι compared to Albert's (1).