### VMEC COORDINATES

The contravariant representation of the magnetic field in VMEC coordinates is given by the expression

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta + \iota \nabla \phi \times \nabla \psi + \nabla \psi \times \nabla \lambda \tag{1}$$

The toroidal flux is then

$$\iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\phi} = \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \phi |\mathcal{J}| ds d\theta = \iint \frac{d\psi}{ds} \mathcal{J}^{-1} |\mathcal{J}| ds d\theta = -2\pi\psi$$
 (2)

since the coordinate system is left-handed ( $\mathcal{J} < 0$ ).

The poloidal flux will be

$$\iint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta} = \iint \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \theta |\mathcal{J}| ds d\phi = \iint \iota \frac{d\psi}{ds} \mathcal{J}^{-1} |\mathcal{J}| ds d\phi = -2\pi \chi, \tag{3}$$

where  $t = d\chi/d\psi$ .

The covariant representation is

$$\mathbf{B} = B_s \nabla s + B_\theta \nabla \theta + B_\phi \nabla \phi \tag{4}$$

Then,

$$\mu_0 J^s = \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}} \left( \frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial B_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right) \tag{5}$$

$$\mu_0 J^{\theta} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}} \left( \frac{\partial B_s}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial B_{\phi}}{\partial s} \right) \tag{6}$$

$$\mu_0 J^{\phi} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}} \left( \frac{\partial B_{\theta}}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial B_s}{\partial \theta} \right) \tag{7}$$

Since  $J^s = \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla s = 0$ , we can write

$$B_{\theta} = I(s) + \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \theta} \qquad B_{\phi} = g(s) + \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \phi},$$
 (8)

where  $\nu$  is a periodic function in  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .

The toroidal current is then

$$\iint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\phi} = \iint \mathbf{J} \cdot \nabla \phi |\mathcal{J}| ds d\theta = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \iint \frac{dI}{ds} ds d\theta = -\frac{2\pi I}{\mu_0}, \tag{9}$$

and the poloidal current,

$$\iint \mathbf{J} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta} = \iint \mathbf{J} \cdot \nabla \theta |\mathcal{J}| ds d\phi = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \iint \frac{dg}{ds} ds d\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\mu_0} \left[ g(s) - g(0) \right]$$
(10)

We can write the magnetic field as

$$\mathbf{B} = \psi' \nabla s \times \nabla \lambda_V, \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_V = \theta - \iota \phi + \lambda(s, \theta, \phi) \tag{11}$$

or

$$\mathbf{B} = \beta_V \nabla s + \nabla \nu_V, \quad \text{where} \quad \nu_V = I\theta + g\phi + \nu \text{ and } \beta_V = B_s - I'\theta - g'\phi - \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial s}. \quad (12)$$

Here, the symbol ' denotes d/ds. From the VMEC output, we get  $\iota$  (iota),  $\psi'/2\pi$  (phip), I (buco), g (bvco),  $\lambda$  (lmnc/s),  $B_{\theta}$  (bsubtmnc/s) and  $B_{\phi}$  (bsubtmnc/s).

#### BOOZER COORDINATES

Angular coordinates  $\theta_B$ ,  $\zeta_B$ , such that

$$\mathbf{B} = \psi' \nabla s \times \nabla \lambda_B$$
 where  $\lambda_B = \theta_B - \iota \phi_B$ ,

$$\mathbf{B} = \beta_B \nabla s + \nabla \nu_B \quad \text{where} \quad \nu_B = I\theta_B + g\phi_B.$$

A solution (which always exists) is obtained from

$$\lambda_B = \lambda_V, \nu_B = \nu_V, \beta_B = \beta_V,$$

so, from (11) and (12), we have

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \theta_B - \iota \phi_B = \theta - \iota \phi + \lambda \\ I\theta_B + g\phi_B = I\theta + g\phi + \nu \end{array} \right\}$$

Defining

$$\theta_B = \theta + \tilde{\theta}_B, \quad \phi_B = \phi + \tilde{\phi}_B$$

we get

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\theta}_B - \iota \tilde{\phi}_B = \lambda \\ I \tilde{\theta}_B + g \tilde{\phi}_B = \nu \end{array} \right\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{\theta}_B = \frac{g \lambda + \iota \nu}{g + \iota I}, \quad \tilde{\phi}_B = \frac{\nu - I \lambda}{g + \iota I}$$

For stellarator symmetry  $[\lambda \text{ and } \nu \text{ odd under the transformation } (\theta, \phi) \rightarrow (-\theta, -\phi)]$ , and by requiring that  $\theta_B$  and  $\phi_B$  keep the symmetry, the above solution is unique.

Then, we have, for Boozer coordinates,

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta_B - \iota \nabla \psi \times \nabla \phi_B = \nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta_B + \iota \nabla \phi_B \times \nabla \psi,$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \beta_* \nabla s + I \nabla \theta_B + g \nabla \phi_B, \text{ where } \beta_* = \beta_B + I' \theta_B + g' \phi_B.$$

$$B^{i} = (0, \iota \psi' / \mathcal{J}_{B}, \psi' / \mathcal{J}_{B}), B_{i} = (\beta_{*}, I, g).$$

$$(13)$$

Then,

$$\mathcal{J}_B = \frac{\psi'(g + \iota I)}{B^2} < 0 \quad \text{(left - handed)}. \tag{14}$$

Note that if  $B^{\phi} > 0$ ,  $\psi' < 0$   $(\nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta_B \cdot \nabla \phi_B > 0)$  and g > 0. If  $B^{\phi} < 0$ ,  $\psi' > 0$   $(\nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta_B \cdot \nabla \phi_B < 0)$  and g < 0. In any case,  $\psi' g < 0$ .

From BOOZ\_XFORM output, we get gmncb and gmnsb, the Fourier components of  $\mathcal{J}_B/|\psi'|$ . In the original boozer.f subroutine, gmncb and gmnsb where the Fourier components of  $\mathcal{J}_B/\psi'$ . It was modified so  $\mathcal{J}_B$  has always the right sign.

#### FIELD LINES IN BOOZER COORDINATES

Field lines of **B**:

$$\begin{cases} s = \text{constant.} \\ \psi'(\theta_B - \iota \phi_B) = \text{constant.} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \theta_B = \iota \phi_B + \text{constant.}$$

Field lines of  $\nabla s \times \mathbf{B}$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} s = {\rm constant.} \\ I\theta_B + g\phi_B = {\rm constant.} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \quad \phi_B = -\frac{I}{g}\theta_B + {\rm constant.}$$

So, in Boozer coordinates, the field lines of  ${\bf B}$  and the lines orthogonal to  ${\bf B}$  on the magnetic surfaces are straight lines.

#### **EQUILIBRIUM**

$$\nabla p = \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \implies \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} = \mathcal{J}_B \left( J^{\theta} B^{\phi} - J^{\phi} B^{\theta} \right).$$

Since

$$\mu_0 J^{\theta} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}_B} \left( \frac{\partial B_s}{\partial \phi_B} - \frac{\partial B_{\phi}}{\partial s} \right), \ \mu_0 J^{\phi} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{J}_B} \left( \frac{\partial B_{\theta}}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial B_s}{\partial \theta_B} \right),$$
$$\mu_0 p' = \left( B^{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_B} + B^{\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_B} \right) B_s - \left( B^{\theta} \frac{\partial B_{\theta}}{\partial s} + B^{\phi} \frac{\partial B_{\phi}}{\partial s} \right)$$

From (13),

$$\mu_0 \mathcal{J}_B \frac{p'}{\psi'} = \left( \iota \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_B} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_B} \right) \beta_* - (g' + \iota I') \tag{15}$$

By averaging in the poloidal and toroidal angles, we get

$$\mu_0 (\mathcal{J}_B)_{00} p' = -\psi' (g' + \iota I'). \tag{16}$$

On the other hand, the volume between two nearby flux surfaces is given by

$$dV = ds \iint |\mathcal{J}_B| d\theta_B d\phi_B \Rightarrow V' = -4\pi^2 (\mathcal{J}_B)_{00},$$

so the (averaged) equilibrium equation is

$$\mu_0 p' V' = 4\pi^2 \psi' \left( g' + \iota I' \right). \tag{17}$$

From the VMEC output, we get  $V'/4\pi^2$  (vp).

For modes  $(m, n) \neq (0, 0)$ , equation (15) implies

$$(\beta_*)_{mn}^s = \frac{\mu_0 p' (\mathcal{J}_B)_{mn}^c}{\psi'(m_t - n)}, \quad (\beta_*)_{mn}^c = -\frac{\mu_0 p' (\mathcal{J}_B)_{mn}^s}{\psi'(m_t - n)}, \tag{18}$$

where we have used the Fourier decomposition

$$\beta_* = \sum_{m,n} (\beta_*)_{mn}^s \sin(m\theta_B - n\phi_B) + \sum_{m,n} (\beta_*)_{mn}^c \cos(m\theta_B - n\phi_B)$$
 (19)

#### RIGHT-HANDED COORDINATE SYSTEM

By changing the toroidal coordinate to  $\zeta_B = -\phi_B$ , the system of Boozer coordinates becomes right-handed so  $\sqrt{g_B} = -\mathcal{J}_B > 0$ . Then, the contravariant representation of the magnetic field is given by the expression

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta_B - \iota \nabla \zeta_B \times \nabla \psi = \nabla \psi \times \nabla \theta_B + \nabla \zeta_B \times \nabla \chi \tag{20}$$

Here,  $2\pi\psi$  is the toroidal flux,  $2\pi\chi$  is the poloidal flux, and  $d\chi/d\psi = -\iota$ . Note that the definition of  $\chi$  has the opposite sign as the one defined for the left-handed system. The rotational transform is the same, so field lines are straight lines with slope  $d\theta_B/d\zeta_B = -\iota$  (FAR convention).

The toroidal current is now  $2\pi I/\mu_0$ , and

$$B^{i} = (0, -\iota \psi' / \sqrt{g_{B}}, \psi' / \sqrt{g_{B}}), B_{i} = (\beta_{*}, I, J),$$
(21)

where J = -g and

$$\sqrt{g_B} = \frac{\psi'(J - \iota I)}{B^2} > 0 \quad \text{(right - handed)}.$$
(22)

From (15),

$$\mu_0 \sqrt{g_B} \frac{p'}{\psi'} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_B} - \iota \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_B}\right) \beta_* - (J' - \iota I') \tag{23}$$

For modes  $(m, n) \neq (0, 0)$ , equation (23) implies

$$(\beta_*)_{mn}^s = -\frac{\mu_0 p' \left(\sqrt{g_B}\right)_{mn}^c}{\psi'(m_t - n)}, \quad (\beta_*)_{mn}^c = \frac{\mu_0 p' \left(\sqrt{g_B}\right)_{mn}^s}{\psi'(m_t - n)},$$
 (24)

where we have used the Fourier decomposition

$$\beta_* = \sum_{m,n} (\beta_*)_{mn}^s \sin(m\theta_B + n\zeta_B) + \sum_{m,n} (\beta_*)_{mn}^c \cos(m\theta_B + n\zeta_B)$$
 (25)

(FAR convention).

### CYLINDRICAL-LIKE COORDINATES

Starting from a VMEC equilibrium in Boozer coordinates, we define a radial coordinate  $\rho$ , which value at the edge is a. Since s in VMEC is dimensionless, proportional to the toroidal flux, and normalized to 1 at the edge, we take  $s = (\rho/a)^2$ . The reciprocal base vectors in the cylindrical-like system are  $(\nabla \rho, \rho \nabla \theta, R_0 \nabla \zeta)$ , where  $R_0$  is the major radius. From now on,  $\theta$  is  $\theta_B$ , and  $\zeta$  is  $\zeta_B$ .

In this system,

$$g_{\rho\rho} = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial \rho}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial \rho}\right)^{2} + R^{2} \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \rho}\right)^{2},$$

$$g_{\rho\theta} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \rho} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \rho} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \theta} + R^{2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \rho} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \theta},$$

$$g_{\theta\theta} = \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \theta}\right)^{2} + R^{2} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \theta}\right)^{2},$$
(26)

and

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} = \nabla \rho \cdot \rho \nabla \theta \times R_0 \nabla \zeta = \frac{a^2 R_0}{2} \nabla s \cdot \nabla \theta \times \nabla \zeta, \tag{27}$$

where, from (22),

$$\nabla s \cdot \nabla \theta \times \nabla \zeta = \frac{B^2}{\psi'(J - \iota I)}$$

Since  $2\pi |\psi|$  is the absolute value of the toroidal magnetic flux, a possible choice for the radial variable  $\rho$  is

$$2\pi |\psi| = \pi B_0 \rho^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\psi| = \frac{B_0 \rho^2}{2},\tag{28}$$

which represents the toroidal flux in a cylinder with toroidal field  $B_0$ . Since s is proportional to  $\psi$  and is normalized to one at the edge,

$$|\psi'| = \frac{d|\psi|}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{B_0 a^2}{2} s\right) = \frac{B_0 a^2}{2},$$
 (29)

so the minor radius, a, is defined by Eq. (29). The major radius,  $R_0$ , and  $B_0$  are defined as the averaged R and B at the magnetic axis, respectively.

Then,

$$\sqrt{g} = \frac{2}{a^2 R_0} \sqrt{g_B} = \frac{2\psi'}{a^2 R_0} \frac{(J - \iota I)}{B^2} = \frac{B_0}{R_0} \operatorname{sign}(\psi') \frac{(J - \iota I)}{B^2}.$$
 (30)

## Differential operators

$$(\nabla \Phi)_{\rho} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho}, \quad (\nabla \Phi)_{\theta} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta}, \quad (\nabla \Phi)_{\zeta} = \frac{1}{R_0} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \zeta}, \tag{31}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left[ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \sqrt{g} A^{\rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sqrt{g} A^{\theta} \right) + \frac{1}{R_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \left( \sqrt{g} A^{\zeta} \right) \right], \tag{32}$$

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})^{\rho} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_{\zeta}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{R_{0}} \frac{\partial A_{\theta}}{\partial \zeta} \right),$$

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})^{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{1}{R_{0}} \frac{\partial A_{\rho}}{\partial \zeta} - \frac{\partial A_{\zeta}}{\partial \rho} \right),$$

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})^{\zeta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left[ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial (\rho A_{\theta})}{\partial \rho} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_{\rho}}{\partial \theta} \right],$$
(33)

$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left[ \rho \sqrt{g} \left( g^{\rho\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} + g^{\rho\theta} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} + g^{\rho\zeta} \frac{1}{R_{0}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \zeta} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \sqrt{g} \left( g^{\rho\theta} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} + g^{\theta\theta} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} + g^{\theta\zeta} \frac{1}{R_{0}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \zeta} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{R_{0}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \left[ \sqrt{g} \left( g^{\rho\zeta} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} + g^{\theta\zeta} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} + g^{\zeta\zeta} \frac{1}{R_{0}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \zeta} \right) \right] \right\}.$$
(34)

From (21), we get the equilibrium magnetic field components

$$B_{eq}^{\rho} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \nabla \rho = \frac{a^{2}}{2\rho} \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \nabla s = 0,$$

$$B_{eq}^{\theta} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \rho \nabla \theta = -\frac{2\rho \, t}{a^{2} R_{0}} \frac{\psi'}{\sqrt{g}},$$

$$B_{eq}^{\zeta} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot R_{0} \nabla \theta = \frac{2}{a^{2}} \frac{\psi'}{\sqrt{g}},$$
(35)

$$B_{\rho}^{eq} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \rho} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \frac{2\rho}{a^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial s} = \frac{2\rho\beta_*}{a^2},$$

$$B_{\theta}^{eq} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} = \frac{I}{\rho},$$

$$B_{\zeta}^{eq} = \mathbf{B}_{eq} \cdot \frac{1}{R_0} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{J}{R_0},$$
(36)

where we have used relation (27).

Relations between metric elements.

From (35),

$$\mathbf{B}_{eq} = \frac{2\psi'}{a^2\sqrt{g}} \left( \mathbf{e}_{\zeta} - \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \mathbf{e}_{\theta} \right), \tag{37}$$

SO

$$\mathbf{e}_{\zeta} = \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \mathbf{e}_{\theta} + \frac{a^2 \sqrt{g}}{2\psi'} \mathbf{B}_{eq} = \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \mathbf{e}_{\theta} + \frac{a^2 \sqrt{g}}{2\psi'} \left( \frac{2\rho \beta_*}{a^2} \mathbf{e}^{\rho} + \frac{I}{\rho} \mathbf{e}^{\theta} + \frac{J}{R_0} \mathbf{e}^{\zeta} \right), \tag{38}$$

where we have used the expression (36) of  $\mathbf{B}_{eq}$  covariant components.

Then,

$$g_{\rho\zeta} = \frac{\rho \,t}{R_0} g_{\rho\theta} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \sqrt{g},$$

$$g_{\theta\zeta} = \frac{\rho \,t}{R_0} g_{\theta\theta} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \sqrt{g},$$

$$g_{\zeta\zeta} = \frac{\rho \,t}{R_0} g_{\theta\zeta} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J}{R_0} \sqrt{g} = \left(\frac{\rho \,t}{R_0}\right)^2 g_{\theta\theta} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J + tI}{R_0} \sqrt{g}.$$
(39)

On the other hand,

$$(g^{ij}) = \frac{1}{g} \begin{pmatrix} g_{\theta\theta}g_{\zeta\zeta} - g_{\theta\zeta}^2 & g_{\rho\zeta}g_{\theta\zeta} - g_{\rho\theta}g_{\zeta\zeta} & g_{\rho\theta}g_{\theta\zeta} - g_{\rho\zeta}g_{\theta\theta} \\ g_{\rho\zeta}g_{\theta\zeta} - g_{\rho\theta}g_{\zeta\zeta} & g_{\rho\rho}g_{\zeta\zeta} - g_{\rho\zeta}^2 & g_{\rho\theta}g_{\rho\zeta} - g_{\rho\rho}g_{\theta\zeta} \\ g_{\rho\theta}g_{\theta\zeta} - g_{\rho\zeta}g_{\theta\theta} & g_{\rho\theta}g_{\rho\zeta} - g_{\rho\rho}g_{\theta\zeta} & g_{\rho\rho}g_{\theta\theta} - g_{\rho\theta}^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Substituting expressions (39) for the metric elements  $g^{\rho j}$ , we get

$$\begin{split} g^{\rho\rho} &= \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \left[ \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \right)^2 \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J + tI}{R_0} \right] - \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J - tI}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \left( \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \right)^2, \\ g^{\rho\theta} &= \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \right) \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \right) - \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \left[ \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \right)^2 \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J + tI}{R_0} \right] \\ &= -\frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'}, \\ g^{\rho\zeta} &= \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \right) - \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \right) = \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}}, \end{split}$$

SO

$$g^{\rho\rho} = \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J - \iota I}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \left(\frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho}\right)^2,$$

$$g^{\rho\theta} = -\frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \iota}{R_0} \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'},$$

$$g^{\rho\zeta} = \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}}.$$

$$(40)$$

The remaining metric elements can relate to each other through

$$g^{\theta\zeta} = \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \right) - \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \right) = -\frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} g^{\zeta\zeta} - \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}},$$

$$g^{\theta\theta} = \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\theta\zeta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J}{R_0} \right) - \frac{g_{\rho\zeta}}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \right) = -\frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} g^{\theta\zeta} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} - \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\rho\zeta}}{\sqrt{g}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \right)^2 g^{\zeta\zeta} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{J + tI}{R_0} \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} - 2\frac{\rho \, t}{R_0} \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \left( \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\psi'} \right)^2.$$

$$(41)$$

Since

$$B_{eq}^{\zeta} = \frac{2}{a^2} \frac{\psi'}{\sqrt{g}} = \frac{2\rho\beta_*}{a^2} g^{\rho\zeta} + \frac{I}{\rho} g^{\theta\zeta} + \frac{J}{R_0} g^{\zeta\zeta}$$

$$= \frac{2\rho\beta_*}{a^2} \left( \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \frac{\rho\beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \right) + \frac{I}{\rho} \left( -\frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{\rho\beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} \right) + \frac{J - \iota I}{R_0} g^{\zeta\zeta} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{J - \iota I}{R_0} g^{\zeta\zeta} = \frac{2}{a^2} \frac{\psi'}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{a^2}{2\psi'} \left( \frac{I}{\rho} \right)^2 \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} - 2 \frac{I\beta_*}{\psi'} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + 2 \frac{(\rho\beta_*)^2}{a^2\psi'} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}}$$

$$(42)$$

Expressions (40), (42), and (41) give  $g^{ij}$  as functions of  $g_{ij}$ .

# Equilibrium current density.

From (36),

$$\mu_0 J_{eq}^{\rho} = 0, \ \mu_0 J_{eq}^{\theta} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{1}{R_0} \frac{dJ}{d\rho} - \frac{2\rho}{a^2} \frac{1}{R_0} \frac{\partial \beta_*}{\partial \zeta} \right), \ \mu_0 J_{eq}^{\zeta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dI}{d\rho} - \frac{2\rho}{a^2} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \beta_*}{\partial \theta} \right). \tag{43}$$

#### DIMENSIONLESS MAGNITUDES

We start with the covariant components of the equilibrium magnetic field. Since J goes like  $RB_T$ , we normalize them like

$$J = \frac{2\psi' R_0}{a^2} \bar{J} = \text{sign}(\psi') B_0 R_0 \bar{J}, \quad I = \frac{2\psi' R_0}{a^2} \bar{I}, \quad \beta_* = \frac{\psi' R_0}{a^2} \bar{\beta}_*$$
 (44)

The signs are chosen to ensure that  $\bar{J}$  is positive defined, and that  $\bar{I}$  represents the toroidal current in the direction of the toroidal field.

The major radius R and the magnetic field B are normalized to  $B_0$  and  $R_0$ , respectively. From (30) and (44),

$$\sqrt{g} = \frac{B_0}{R_0} \operatorname{sign}(\psi') \frac{(J - \iota I)}{B^2} = \frac{(\bar{J} - \iota \bar{I})}{\bar{B}^2}$$
(45)

The pressure is normalized to its value at the magnetic axis,  $p_0$ . This value is related to  $B_0$  by the definition of  $\beta_0$ ,

$$\beta_0 = \frac{2\mu_0 p_0}{B_0^2}. (46)$$

From (24), (30) and (44)

$$\frac{\psi' R_0}{a^2} \left(\bar{\beta}_*\right)_{mn}^s = -\frac{\beta_0 B_0^2}{2} \frac{a^2 R_0}{2} \frac{\bar{p}' \left(\sqrt{g}\right)_{mn}^c}{\psi'(mt-n)} \Rightarrow \left(\bar{\beta}_*\right)_{mn}^s = -\frac{\beta_0}{2\bar{\rho}} \frac{d\bar{p}}{d\bar{\rho}} \frac{\left(\sqrt{g}\right)_{mn}^c}{(mt-n)} 
\left(\bar{\beta}_*\right)_{mn}^c = \frac{\beta_0}{2\bar{\rho}} \frac{d\bar{p}}{d\bar{\rho}} \frac{\left(\sqrt{g}\right)_{mn}^s}{(mt-n)},$$
(47)

where  $\bar{\rho} = \rho/a \ (s = \bar{\rho}^2)$ .

From now on, we will omit the bar over the dimensionless magnitudes. Then, the equilibrium magnetic field components are

$$B_{eq}^{i} = \frac{2\psi'}{a^{2}} \left( 0, -\varepsilon \frac{\rho \iota}{\sqrt{g}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \right), \qquad B_{i}^{eq} = \frac{2\psi'}{a^{2}} \left( \frac{\rho \beta_{*}}{\varepsilon}, \frac{I}{\varepsilon \rho}, J \right), \tag{48}$$

and the equilibrium current density,

$$J_{eq}^{i} = \frac{2\psi'}{\mu_{0}a^{3}} \left[ 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{dJ}{d\rho} - \rho \frac{\partial \beta_{*}}{\partial \zeta} \right), \frac{1}{\varepsilon \sqrt{g}} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dI}{d\rho} - \frac{\partial \beta_{*}}{\partial \theta} \right) \right], \tag{49}$$

where  $\varepsilon = a/R_0$ , and  $2|\psi'|/a^2 = B_0$ .

The Jacobian is

$$\sqrt{g} = \frac{(J - \iota I)}{B^2} \tag{50}$$

and the relations between metric elements are now

$$g_{\rho\zeta} = \varepsilon \rho \iota g_{\rho\theta} + \frac{\rho \beta_*}{\varepsilon} \sqrt{g},$$

$$g_{\theta\zeta} = \varepsilon \rho \iota g_{\theta\theta} + \frac{I}{\varepsilon \rho} \sqrt{g},$$

$$g_{\zeta\zeta} = (J + \iota I) \sqrt{g} + (\varepsilon \rho \iota)^2 g_{\theta\theta}.$$
(51)

$$g^{\rho\rho} = (J - \iota I) \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \left(\frac{I}{\varepsilon\rho}\right)^{2},$$

$$g^{\rho\theta} = -J \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \rho^{2} \iota \beta_{*} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{I\beta_{*}}{\varepsilon^{2}},$$

$$g^{\rho\zeta} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \rho \beta_{*} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}}\right)$$

$$(J - \iota I)g^{\zeta\zeta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} + \left(\frac{I}{\varepsilon\rho}\right)^{2} \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} - 2\frac{I\beta_{*}}{\varepsilon^{2}} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} + \frac{(\rho\beta_{*})^{2}}{\varepsilon^{2}} \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{\sqrt{g}}$$

$$g^{\theta\zeta} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\frac{I}{\rho} \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} - \rho \beta_{*} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}}\right) - \varepsilon\rho \iota g^{\zeta\zeta}$$

$$g^{\theta\theta} = (J + \iota I) \frac{g_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{g}} - 2\rho^{2} \iota \beta_{*} \frac{g_{\rho\theta}}{\sqrt{g}} - \left(\frac{\rho\beta_{*}}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2} + (\varepsilon\rho \iota)^{2} g^{\zeta\zeta}$$