

## rzaxis

The coordinate axis is assigned via a poloidal average over an arbitrary surface.

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### 1.1 coordinate axis

1. The coordinate axis is not an independent degree-of-freedom of the geometry. It is constructed by extrapolating the geometry of a given interface down to a line.
2. Note that, if the coordinate axis depends only on the *geometry* of the interface and not the angle parameterization, then the block tri-diagonal structure of the the force-derivative matrix is preserved.
3. Define the arc-length-weighted averages,

$$R_0(\zeta) \equiv \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} R_1(\theta, \zeta) dl}{\int_0^{2\pi} dl}, \quad Z_0(\zeta) \equiv \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} Z_1(\theta, \zeta) dl}{\int_0^{2\pi} dl}, \quad (1)$$

where  $dl \equiv \dot{l} d\theta = \sqrt{\partial_\theta R_1(\theta, \zeta)^2 + \partial_\theta Z_1(\theta, \zeta)^2} d\theta$ .

4. (Note that if  $\dot{l}$  does not depend on  $\theta$ , i.e. if  $\theta$  is the equal arc-length angle, then the expressions simplify. This constraint is *not* enforced.)
5. The geometry of the coordinate axis thus constructed only depends on the geometry of the interface, i.e. the angular parameterization of the interface is irrelevant.

### 1.2 coordinate axis: derivatives

1. The derivatives of the coordinate axis with respect to the Fourier harmonics of the given interface are given by

$$\frac{\partial R_0}{\partial R_{1,j}^c} = \int \left( \cos \alpha_j \dot{l} - \Delta R_1 R_{1,\theta} m_j \sin \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_0}{\partial R_{1,j}^s} = \int \left( \sin \alpha_j \dot{l} + \Delta R_1 R_{1,\theta} m_j \cos \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_0}{\partial Z_{1,j}^c} = \int \left( -\Delta R_1 Z_{1,\theta} m_j \sin \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_0}{\partial Z_{1,j}^s} = \int \left( +\Delta R_1 Z_{1,\theta} m_j \cos \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z_0}{\partial R_{1,j}^c} = \int \left( -\Delta Z_1 R_{1,\theta} m_j \sin \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z_0}{\partial R_{1,j}^s} = \int \left( +\Delta Z_1 R_{1,\theta} m_j \cos \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z_0}{\partial Z_{1,j}^c} = \int \left( \cos \alpha_j \dot{l} - \Delta Z_1 Z_{1,\theta} m_j \sin \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z_0}{\partial Z_{1,j}^s} = \int \left( \sin \alpha_j \dot{l} + \Delta Z_1 Z_{1,\theta} m_j \cos \alpha_j / \dot{l} \right) d\theta / L \quad (9)$$

where  $L(\zeta) \equiv \int_0^{2\pi} dl$ .

### 1.3 some numerical comments

1. First, the differential poloidal length,  $l \equiv \sqrt{R_\theta^2 + Z_\theta^2}$ , is computed in real space using an inverse FFT from the Fourier harmonics of  $R$  and  $Z$ .
2. Second, the Fourier harmonics of  $dl$  are computed using an FFT. The integration over  $\theta$  to construct  $L \equiv \int dl$  is now trivial: just multiply the  $m = 0$  harmonics of  $dl$  by  $2\pi$ . The `ajk(1:mn)` variable is used, and this is assigned in [global](#).
3. Next, the weighted  $R dl$  and  $Z dl$  are computed in real space, and the poloidal integral is similarly taken.
4. Lastly, the Fourier harmonics are constructed using an FFT after dividing in real space.