

# Toroidal Harmonics Definition for the DARPA project

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## 1 Definition of toroidal Harmonics

Several work from plasma physics consider toroidal harmonics. Works by Garapati *et al.* [1, 2] suggest defining the general solution to the Laplace equations as:

$$\Phi = f(\mu, \eta) \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ C_{mn} P_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \mu) + D_{mn} Q_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \mu) \right] \exp(in\eta) \exp(im\phi)$$

$$f(\mu, \eta) = \sqrt{\cosh \mu - \cos \eta}$$

I will therefore define toroidal harmonics as:

$$\Psi_{nm}^{(1,2)}(\eta, \theta, \phi) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \Psi \\ \Phi \end{array} \right\}_{nm}(\eta, \theta, \phi) = \sqrt{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} P \\ Q \end{array} \right\}_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta) \exp(in\theta) \exp(im\phi) \quad (1)$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \eta < \infty \\ -\pi &< \theta \leq \pi \\ 0 &\leq \phi < 2\pi \\ m, n &= 0, 1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Decomposition

Given an arbitrary scalar function  $f = f(\mathbf{r})$ , how do we write it as in terms of toroidal harmonics?

$$f(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n'm'} a_{n'm'}^{(1)} \Psi_{n'm'}^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{n''m''} a_{n''m''}^{(2)} \Psi_{n''m''}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \exp(-im\phi) f(\mathbf{r}(\phi)) = \sqrt{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta} \sum_{n'} \exp(in'\theta) \left( a_{n'm}^{(1)} P_{n'-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta) + a_{n'm}^{(2)} Q_{n'-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta) \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\theta \exp(-in\theta)}{\sqrt{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \exp(-im\phi) f(\mathbf{r}(\phi)) = a_{nm}^{(1)} P_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta) + a_{nm}^{(2)} Q_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta)$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \frac{\exp(-i(n\theta + m\phi))}{\sqrt{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta}} \cdot f(\eta, \theta, \phi) = a_{nm}^{(1)} P_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta) + a_{nm}^{(2)} Q_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m(\cosh \eta)$$

Define:

$$\bar{f} = \frac{f(\eta, \theta, \phi)}{\sqrt{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta}}$$

Now let  $\phi_s = \frac{2\pi}{M} \cdot s$ , for  $s = 0 \dots M-1$  and  $\theta_r = \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot r - \pi$ , for  $r = 0 \dots N-1$ . One question I have is whether

$nm$  coefficients can be only non-negative. Consider:

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos n\theta_r &= \frac{1}{2} (\exp(in\theta_r) + \exp(-in\theta_r)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( \exp\left(in \left[ \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot r - \pi \right]\right) + \exp\left(-in \left[ \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot r - \pi \right]\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{(-1)^n}{2} \left( \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot r \cdot n\right) + \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot r \cdot n\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{(-1)^n}{2} \left( \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot r \cdot n\right) + \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot (N-r) \cdot n\right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly for  $\phi$ , thus on a finite domain it is sufficient to consider just positive indices:  $n, m = 0, 1, \dots$ . Moving on, and converting the integrals to sums:

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{nm}^{(1)} P_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m (\cosh \eta) + a_{nm}^{(2)} Q_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m (\cosh \eta) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \exp(-i(n\theta + m\phi)) \cdot \bar{f}(\theta, \phi; \eta) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_r^{N-1} \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_s^{M-1} \frac{2\pi}{M} \cdot \exp\left(-i2\pi \left( \frac{n \cdot r}{N} + \frac{m \cdot s}{M} \right)\right) \cdot \exp(-in(-\pi)) \cdot \bar{f}_{r,s}(\eta) \\
&= \frac{(-1)^n}{N \cdot M} \cdot \sum_{r=0}^{N-1} \sum_{s=0}^{M-1} \exp\left(-i2\pi \left( \frac{n \cdot r}{N} + \frac{m \cdot s}{M} \right)\right) \cdot \bar{f}_{r,s}(\eta)
\end{aligned}$$

This is the 2D DFT of the  $\bar{f}_{r,s}(\eta) = \bar{f}(\theta_r, \phi_s; \eta)$ :

$$a_{nm}^{(1)} P_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m (\cosh \eta) + a_{nm}^{(2)} Q_{n-\frac{1}{2}}^m (\cosh \eta) = \frac{(-1)^n}{N \cdot M} \cdot DFT(r \rightarrow n, N, s \rightarrow m, M) \{ \bar{f}_{r,s}(\eta) \}$$

So need few steps of  $\eta$  with an good grid of  $\theta, \phi$  for each step. Then use DFT to get the  $nm$  coefficients.

Assume we did this. So now for each  $nm$  we have several values of  $\eta = \eta_1 \dots \eta_K$  and we need to get  $a^{(1,2)}$ . One can write it as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{pmatrix} P_1 & Q_1 \\ P_2 & Q_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ P_K & Q_K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^{(1)} \\ a^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ \vdots \\ V_K \end{pmatrix} \\
\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} a^{(1)} \\ a^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{V}
\end{aligned}$$

One should assume that  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are linearly independent.  $(\mathbf{P} \mathbf{Q}) \begin{pmatrix} a^{(1)} \\ a^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$  is a linear combination of these two vectors. The best thing we can do is to project vector  $\mathbf{V}$  into the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Invariably, this will involve multiplying by  $\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^\dagger \\ \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$ . Let<sup>1</sup>

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{P} & \mathbf{P}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{Q} \\ \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{P} & \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{Q} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & h \\ h^\dagger & d_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & h \\ h & d_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^\dagger \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{Q}^\dagger \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then:

$$\mathbf{H} \begin{pmatrix} a^{(1)} \\ a^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{W}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Bear in mind that  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are real-valued

Which we can solve for  $a^{(1,2)}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^{(1)} \\ a^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} \approx \frac{1}{d_1 d_2 - h^2} \begin{pmatrix} d_2 & -h \\ -h & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a^{(1)} \approx \frac{d_2 W_1 - h W_2}{d_1 d_2 - h^2}$$

$$a^{(2)} \approx \frac{d_1 W_2 - h W_1}{d_1 d_2 - h^2}$$

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