

Shape derivative of the energy functional with respect to a change in the surface parametrization

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Consider the magnetic energy functional

$$E := \frac{1}{2} \int_V B^2 dV, \quad (1)$$

where V is the three-dimensional volume bounded by $S = \partial V$, and where B can be expressed in term of the magnetic scalar potential $\mathbf{B} \equiv G\nabla(\omega + \phi)$. G is a surface dependance constant which depends on the surface parametrization. Both ω and the toroidal angle ϕ have to verify, as a consequence of $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}$, the Laplace equation $\Delta\omega = \Delta\phi = 0$ inside V . Moreover we require $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ on S . Since E depends on B^2 integrated inside V , E is a functional of the surface S and hence depends on its parametrization. Let us parametrize S as follows:

$$S := \left\{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (s, t) \in \Omega \right\}, \quad (2)$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is a bounded connected domain. We can then write the energy functional as follows:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \int_V G^2 \nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla(\omega + \phi). \quad (3)$$

We're interested in how the energy functional changes with a variation in the surface parametrization $\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ so we want to express $\delta E[\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma}]$. According to the transport theorem for a volume functional such that the volume itself depends on the varied parameter, the shape derivative of energy can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta E[\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma}] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \delta \left(G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \right)^2 dV + \frac{1}{2} \int_{S=\partial V} (\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \left(G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \right)^2 dS \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \left[\delta \left(G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \right)^2 + \nabla \cdot \left(\{ G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \}^2 \delta\boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) \right] dV \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \left[2\delta \left(G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \right) \cdot \left(G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\{ G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \}^2 \delta\boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) \right] dV \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \left[2 \left\{ \delta G[\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma}] \nabla(\omega + \phi) + G \nabla \delta\omega[\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma}] \right\} \cdot G \nabla(\omega + \phi) + \nabla \cdot \left(\{ G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \}^2 \delta\boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) \right] dV, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where from the first to the second line, we used the scalar property of $\{ G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \}^2$ to integrate over the volume. We might want to see if the above expression for $\delta E[\delta\boldsymbol{\sigma}]$ can be further reduced. Let us try to introduce the coordinates system $\{x^i\}_{i=1,2,3}$, and develop the above expression in tensor notation.

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Let us focus first on the term coming from the surface integral, that $\nabla \cdot \left(\{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\} \right)^2$. Using that

$$\begin{aligned} \{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2 &= G^2 \nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla(\omega + \phi) \\ &= G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

we can express the divergence in this coordinates system

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \left(\{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2 \delta \sigma \right) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \left[G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \delta \sigma \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \left[G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \delta \sigma^l \right] \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x^l} \right) G \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \delta \sigma^l \\ &\quad + G^2 \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^l \partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^l \partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \right] g^{ij} \delta \sigma^l \\ &= 2 \left[\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x^l} \right) G \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) + G^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^l \partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \right] g^{ij} \delta \sigma^l \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where we assumed for the last line that the metric tensor g^{ij} is symmetric, as it can be the case on a stellarator field period. The first term in the integral from Eq.(4) can also be expressed in terms of coordinates. From the previous part, we already have the term $2G\delta G[\delta \sigma] \nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla(\omega + \phi)$:

$$2G\delta G[\delta \sigma] \nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla(\omega + \phi) = 2G\delta G[\delta \sigma] \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi), \quad (7)$$

and the same way, we derive the term

$$2G^2 \nabla \delta \omega [\delta \sigma] = 2G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \delta \omega [\delta \sigma] g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi). \quad (8)$$

So if we combine all the previous terms, we get for the shape derivative of the energy functional

$$\begin{aligned} \delta E[\delta \sigma] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \left[2 \left\{ \delta G[\delta \sigma] \nabla(\omega + \phi) + G \nabla \delta \omega [\delta \sigma] \right\} \cdot G \nabla(\omega + \phi) + \nabla \cdot \left(\{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2 \delta \sigma \right) \right] dV \\ &= \int_V dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 g^{ij} \left\{ G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \delta \omega [\delta \sigma] \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) + G \delta G[\delta \sigma] \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x^l} \right) G \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) + G^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^l \partial x^i}(\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}(\omega + \phi) \right] \delta \sigma^l \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Remark: Note that in the case where the coordinate system $\{x^i\}$ is orthogonal, $g^{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and Eq.(9) reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta E[\delta\sigma] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \left[2 \left\{ \delta G[\delta\sigma] \nabla(\omega + \phi) + G \nabla \delta\omega[\delta\sigma] \right\} \cdot G \nabla(\omega + \phi) + \nabla \cdot \left(\{G \nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2 \delta\sigma \right) \right] dV \\
&= \int_V dx^1 dx^2 dx^3 g^{ii} \left\{ G^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \delta\omega[\delta\sigma] \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\omega + \phi) + G \delta G[\delta\sigma] \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\omega + \phi) \right)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left[\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x^l} \right) G \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\omega + \phi) \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^l \partial x^i} (\omega + \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\omega + \phi) \right] \delta\sigma^l \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Now, remains to express $\delta G[\delta\sigma]$, and try to transform Eq.(9) in a surface integral. For that, we might want to try and write the term

$$2 \left\{ \delta G[\delta\sigma] \nabla(\omega + \phi) + G \nabla \delta\omega[\delta\sigma] \right\} \cdot G \nabla(\omega + \phi) \tag{11}$$

in the form of a divergence term as $\nabla \cdot (f\mathbf{u})$ ($\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$) where \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} are two vectors, \mathbf{A} some operator matrix and f a real valued function. Alternatively, we can start from the scalar potential Φ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) &= 2\delta\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} \\
&= 2\nabla\delta\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

We can thus use Eq.(12) to rewrite the shape derivative of E. Starting again from Eq.(1):

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta \int_V \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV &= \int_V \delta(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) dV + \int_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \\
&= \int_V 2\delta\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV + \int_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \\
&= \int_V 2\nabla\delta\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi dV + \int_S (\nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \\
&= \int_V \Delta(\Phi\delta\Phi) - \delta\Phi\Delta\Phi - \Phi\Delta\delta\Phi dV + \int_S (\nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS,
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

we use now that $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ implies that the scalar potential has to satisfy $\Delta\Phi = 0$ in V and hence, so does its variation $\delta\Phi[\delta\sigma]$. Thus, we are left with the term

$$\delta \int_V \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV = \int_V \Delta(\Phi\delta\Phi) dV + \int_S (\nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS, \tag{14}$$

enabling to write the shape derivative as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta E[\delta\sigma] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \delta(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) dV + \frac{1}{2} \int_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \Delta(\Phi\delta\Phi) dV + \frac{1}{2} \int_S (\nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \nabla \cdot \nabla(\Phi\delta\Phi) dV + \frac{1}{2} \int_S (\nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi) \delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_S \left[\nabla(\Phi\delta\Phi) + (\nabla\Phi \cdot \nabla\Phi) \delta\sigma \right] \cdot \mathbf{n} dS.
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

We can now express the scalar potential in terms of ω and ϕ as we did previously:

$$\Phi = G(\omega + \phi) \implies \delta\Phi = \delta G(\omega + \phi) + G\delta\omega, \quad (16)$$

and hence the first term in the integrand of Eq.(15) reads

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(\Phi\delta\Phi) &= \nabla\left(G(\omega + \phi)\left\{\delta G(\omega + \phi) + G\delta\omega\right\}\right) \\ &= \nabla\left(G^2(\omega + \phi)\delta\omega + (\omega + \phi)^2 G\delta G\right) \\ &= G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi)\delta\omega + G^2(\omega + \phi)\nabla\delta\omega + 2(\omega + \phi)\nabla(\omega + \phi)G\delta G. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

This way, we can rewrite Eq.(4) in the form of a surface integral:

$$\delta E[\delta\sigma] = \frac{1}{2} \int_S \left[G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi)\delta\omega + G^2(\omega + \phi)\nabla\delta\omega + 2(\omega + \phi)\nabla(\omega + \phi)G\delta G + \{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2\delta\sigma \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}dS \quad (18)$$

As a verification, let us take integrate the divergence of the all terms but the last in the integrand of Eq.(18):

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_V \nabla \cdot \left(G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi)\delta\omega + G^2(\omega + \phi)\nabla\delta\omega + 2(\omega + \phi)\nabla(\omega + \phi)G\delta G \right) dV \\ &= \int_V \left[G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla\delta\omega + G^2\Delta(\omega + \phi)\delta\omega \right. \\ &\quad \left. + G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla\delta\omega + G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi)\Delta\delta\omega \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla(\omega + \phi) + (\omega + \phi)\Delta(\omega + \phi) \right) 2G\delta G \right] dV \\ &= \int_V \left[2G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \delta\nabla(\omega + \phi) + \left(\nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot \nabla(\omega + \phi) \right) \delta(G^2) \right] dV \\ &= \int_V \delta \left(G\nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot G\nabla(\omega + \phi) \right) dV \\ &= \int_V \delta \left(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} \right) dV, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where from the second to the third line we used that $\Delta\delta\omega = \Delta\omega = \Delta\phi = 0$ in V and $\delta\nabla(\omega + \phi) = \nabla\delta\omega$. To sum things up, we have that the shape derivative of E with respect to a change in the boundary can be expressed as a volume integral as well as a surface one and we get the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta E[\delta\sigma] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_V \left[2\left\{ \delta G\nabla(\omega + \phi) + G\nabla\delta\omega \right\} \cdot G\nabla(\omega + \phi) + \nabla \cdot \left(\{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2\delta\sigma \right) \right] dV \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_S \left[G^2\nabla(\omega + \phi)\delta\omega + G^2(\omega + \phi)\nabla\delta\omega + 2(\omega + \phi)\nabla(\omega + \phi)G\delta G + \{G\nabla(\omega + \phi)\}^2\delta\sigma \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}dS. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

As we did for the volume integral case, we can introduce a coordinate system on Ω to compute explicitly the surface integral of Eq.(20). Now we want to address the subject of the variation of G and ω and the way they can be related. For that, we start from the expression of \mathbf{B} in terms of the magnetic scalar potential:

$$\mathbf{B} = G\nabla(\omega + \phi). \quad (21)$$

Thus, making use of Ampere's law, we can relate G and ω as follows:

$$\oint_{\Sigma} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \oint_{\Sigma} \mu_0 \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \oint_{\partial\Sigma} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = G \oint_{\partial\Sigma} \nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{l} \quad (22)$$

so we can write G the following way:

$$G = \left(\oint_{\Sigma} \mu_0 \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \right) \left(\oint_{\partial\Sigma} \nabla(\omega + \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{l} \right)^{-1} \quad (23)$$

where Σ is a closed surface with boundary $\partial\Sigma$ containing the hole of the torus.