

Mathematics for Fusion Power part 5

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Integrable magnetic fields

Adiabatic theory for First-order Guiding-centre motion

Omnigenity

Integrable magnetic fields

- ▶ Relax from desire to make FGCM integrable to just requiring time-averaged rate of change of a flux function be zero.
- ▶ Needs B to have a *flux function*: a function ψ such that $i_B d\psi = 0$ and $d\psi \neq 0$ a.e. Say B is *integrable*.
- ▶ Automatic for non-degenerate MHS, i.e. $i_B dB^b = dp$ with $dp \neq 0$ a.e. (in plasma), and AS or QS fields ($i_u i_B \Omega = d\psi$) with u, B indpt a.e. Also for ideal equilibria with flow v indpt of B ($i_v i_B \Omega = d\Phi$).
- ▶ Equivalent (modulo ψ global) to \exists continuous symmetry u of β , indpt of B a.e.: $L_u \beta = 0$ & $d\beta = 0$ imply $i_u i_B \Omega$ is closed so locally $d\psi$, some ψ . Conversely, if ψ is a flux function let $u = \xi + fB$ for $\xi = \frac{b}{|B|} \times \nabla \psi$ & fn f , $L_u \beta = di_u i_B \Omega = di_B(\frac{b}{|B|} \wedge d\psi) = d^2 \psi = 0$.
- ▶ Note we suppose B nowhere zero in domain of interest.
- ▶ The bounded regular level sets of ψ (*flux surfaces*) are oriented by area-form $\mathcal{A} = i_n \Omega$, where $n = \nabla \psi / |\nabla \psi|^2$, and carry a nowhere-zero vector field B so by Poincaré index have Euler characteristic 0, so by classification of compact surfaces are tori.
- ▶ On a flux surface S , B preserves \mathcal{A} : $i_n d\psi = 1$ implies $\Omega = i_n \Omega \wedge d\psi$, so $0 = L_B \Omega = L_B i_n \Omega \wedge d\psi$. Applying i_n , $0 = i_n L_B i_n \Omega \wedge d\psi - L_B i_n \Omega$. So $L_B i_n \Omega = 0$ on pairs of tangents to $\psi = \text{constant}$.

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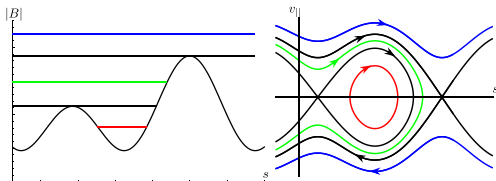
- ▶ Implies B is a *Poincaré vector field* on S , i.e. has a cross-section (a transverse circle such that every trajectory crosses it forwards and backwards in time), because only other option for a nowhere-zero field has a Reeb component (an annulus bounded by periodic orbits in opposite directions), incompatible with a preserved area-form.
- ▶ C Baesens, J Guckenheimer, S Kim, RS MacKay, Three coupled oscillators: Mode-locking, global bifurcations and toroidal chaos, *Physica D* 49 (1991) 387–475
- ▶ In particular, B has a winding ratio ι on S , relative to a choice of poloidal and toroidal generators of $H_1(S)$.
- ▶ $\int_{\eta} i_B \mathcal{A}$ along an arc η in S from a reference point makes a local coordinate that is preserved by the flow of B ($L_B \mathcal{A} = 0$ implies $i_B d i_B \mathcal{A} = 0$, so $\int_{\eta} i_B \mathcal{A}$ is path-indpt on S). So the return map to a cross-section is conjugate to a rigid translation.
- ▶ Consequently, B on S is conjugate to λC for some constant vector field C on $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ & time-change function $\lambda : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$.
- ▶ In particular, for ι rational, every fieldline is closed.
- ▶ For Diophantine winding ratio, if B is smooth enough then it is conjugate to a constant (KAM theory).

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- ▶ Note that we don't get LA coordinates in general. To get from $L_u \beta = 0$, $d\beta = 0$ to $[u, B] = 0$ requires $\text{div} u = 0$ too:
 $i_{[u, B]} \Omega = i_u L_B \Omega - L_B i_u \Omega = i_B di_u \Omega = (\text{div} u) i_B \Omega.$
- ▶ $\text{div} \xi = (i_J d\psi - i_\xi d|B|^2) / |B|^2.$
- ▶ e.g. in non-degenerate MHS (meaning $dp \neq 0$ a.e.), or weaker just B integrable with p a function of ψ , then $i_J d\psi = 0$, so $\text{div} \xi = 0$ iff $i_\xi d|B|^2 = 0$, i.e. $\text{div} \xi = 0$ iff ξ is a weak QS.
- ▶ Can rearrange: for integrable B , ξ weak QS implies $i_J d\psi = 0$.
- ▶ For $\eta = \xi + fB$, $\text{div} \eta = \text{div} \xi + i_B df$. To achieve $\text{div} \eta = 0$ need f s.t. $i_B df = -\text{div} \xi$. Requires $\int_\gamma \text{div} \xi \frac{b^p}{|B|} = 0 \forall$ closed field-lines γ . Sufficient for a solution $f \in C^1$ if $B \in C^3$ and $\frac{d\psi}{d\psi} \neq 0$. Newcomb WA, Magnetic differential equations, Phys Fluids 2 (1959) 362-5
- ▶ Automatic in non-degenerate MHS, because it is solvability condition for J_{\parallel} . Thus $f = J_{\parallel} / p'$ (plus any flux function).
- ▶ $|B|^2 \text{div} \eta + i_\eta d|B|^2 = i_J d\psi + i_B d\tilde{f}$ with $\tilde{f} = f|B|^2$. So η weak QS implies $i_J d\psi + i_B d\tilde{f} = 0$. Conversely, under this condition, $\text{div} \eta = 0$ iff $L_\eta |B|^2 = 0$.
- ▶ For non-degenerate MHS & $f = \frac{J_{\parallel} + F(\psi)}{p'}$, η weak QS iff $i_B d((J_{\parallel} + F)|B|^2) = 0$.

Zeroth-order Guiding-Centre Motion

- ▶ To define time-averaged $\dot{\psi}$, compute $i_X d\psi$ due to FGCM, and average along trajectories of zeroth-order GCM.
- ▶ ZGCM is $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}$ of FGCM: $\dot{s} = \frac{p_{\parallel}}{m}$, $\dot{p}_{\parallel} = -\mu i_b d|B|$ along single fieldlines, with arclength parameter s .
- ▶ It has Hamiltonian formulation $H = \frac{1}{2m} p_{\parallel}^2 + \mu |B(s)|$, $\omega = ds \wedge dp_{\parallel}$. In particular, it conserves $H = E$. Suppose $\mu > 0$.



- ▶ If $h = E/\mu$ is larger than the maximum of $|B|$ along the fieldline then the motion is unidirectional.
- ▶ If the GC approaches a point where $|B| = h$ with $|B'| \neq 0$ (where $' = \frac{d}{ds}$) then the GC reverses direction there.
- ▶ If it approaches a point where $|B| = h$ with $|B'| = 0$ then the GC takes infinite time to reach it (*marginal case*).
- ▶ For a fieldline on a flux surface, most of the ZGCM is either *circulating* (unidirectional) or *periodically bouncing*.

Scaled FGCM

- ▶ For $\mu > 0$, use new time $\tau = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{m}} t$, parallel velocity $u_{\parallel} = \frac{p_{\parallel}}{\sqrt{m\mu}}$, and write $\delta = \frac{\sqrt{m\mu}}{e}$ to make FGCM into

$$\frac{dQ}{d\tau} = \tilde{B}_{\parallel}^{-1}(u_{\parallel} \tilde{B} + \delta \mathbf{b} \times \nabla |B|), \quad \frac{du_{\parallel}}{d\tau} = -\frac{\tilde{B}}{\tilde{B}_{\parallel}} \cdot \nabla |B|,$$

with $\tilde{B} = B + \delta u_{\parallel} \text{curl } \mathbf{b}$ and $\tilde{B}_{\parallel} = \tilde{B} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |B| + \delta u_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} \cdot \text{curl } \mathbf{b}$.

- ▶ Equivalent to $\tilde{H} = \frac{H}{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} u_{\parallel}^2 + |B|$, $\tilde{\omega} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{m\mu}} = \frac{\beta}{\delta} + d(u_{\parallel} \mathbf{b}^b)$.
- ▶ Limit of ω as $\delta \rightarrow 0$ is singular and β is degenerate, but dynamics still well-defined for $\delta = 0$ and is (scaled) ZGCM.
- ▶ This scaling absorbs all of e, m, μ into one parameter δ and makes FGCM a regular perturbation of ZGCM. Will use later.

Perpendicular drifts

- ▶ Instead of the Hamiltonian FGCM, it turns out better to use an alternative set of equations agreeing to first order:
$$\dot{Q} = \frac{p_{\parallel}}{m} b + v_d, \dot{p}_{\parallel} = -\mu(b + \frac{p_{\parallel}}{e|B|} c_{\perp}) \cdot \nabla|B|, \text{ where}$$
$$v_d = \frac{p_{\parallel}^2}{em|B|} c_{\perp} + \frac{\mu}{e|B|} b \times \nabla|B|, c = \text{curl } b \text{ (} c_{\perp} \text{ can be written as } b \times \kappa \text{ with } \kappa^b = L_b b^b \text{)}. \text{ Still preserves } H. \text{ [\& some } \omega \text{?]}$$
- ▶ Then the rate of change of ψ is $\dot{\psi} = i_{v_d} d\psi$.
- ▶ Say B is *omnigenous* if for all bouncing orbits of ZGCM, the time-average $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle$ of $i_{v_d} d\psi$ over one period is 0.
- ▶ Thus bouncing GCs have $O(\varepsilon^2)$ long-term rate of change of ψ (from $v_d = O(\varepsilon)$ and evaluating on FGCM instead of ZGCM).
- ▶ We'll show that $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle$ for circulating orbits is also 0.
- ▶ And that QS implies omnigenous, so it is a generalisation.
- ▶ JW Burby, RS MacKay, S Naik, Isodrastic magnetic fields for suppressing transitions in guiding-centre motion, Nonlinearity 36 (2023) 5884–5954.

Stronger options

- ▶ Could ask for no bouncing trajectories, i.e. $L_B|B| = 0$. If DIS then $|B|$ constant on ψ constant.
- ▶ Impossible in “normal” MHS if the flux surfaces accumulate on a closed curve (“magnetic axis”), because $dp = |B|^2\kappa^b - |B|d_\perp|B|$ (*).
- ▶ More generally, writing $' = \frac{d}{d\psi}$, (*) requires $(p + \frac{1}{2}|B|^2)' < 0$ (assuming enclosed volume V has $V' > 0$), because take smallest sphere surrounding a flux surface T : at contact points κ is into the solid torus bounded by T .
- ▶ At contact points the Gauss curvature $K > 0$. By Gauss-Bonnet, \exists region R of each flux surface with $K < 0$. Then κ inwards implies that B has to avoid a cone at each point of R . So there is an interval of winding ratios that is excluded.
- ▶ For “skinny” tori T (those near a magnetic axis), κ tends to that for the magnetic axis γ , so taking a closed curve η on T around a point of γ where $\kappa \neq 0$ we see that κ can not be inwards the whole way round η . Thus constant-strength flux surfaces is not possible for skinny tori either.

Isodynamic

- ▶ Or ask for *isodynamic*: $i_{v_d} d\psi = 0$, rather than $\langle i_{v_d} d\psi \rangle = 0$.
- ▶ Can write as $-\frac{1}{e} i_\xi \left(\frac{p_\parallel^2}{m} i_b db^b + \mu d|B| \right)$ (see Thm 1 to follow).
- ▶ But in MHS, $dp = i_B dB^b = i_B d(|B| b^b) = |B| (i_b db^b - d_\perp |B|)$, so for normal MHS $0 = i_\xi dp = |B| (i_\xi i_b db^b - d_\perp |B|)$. Thus $i_{v_d} d\psi = -\frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{p_\parallel^2}{m|B|} + \mu \right) i_\xi d|B|$ is 0 iff $i_\xi d|B| = 0$ iff $i_\xi \kappa^b = 0$.
- ▶ Says B -lines form a geodesic foliation for g on each flux surface. Gauss-Bonnet $\int_S k dS = 2\pi\chi = 0$ for \mathbb{T}^2 implies Gauss-curvature $k \geq 0$ somewhere. Imposes restrictions on geodesic foliations (Converse KAM), e.g. \nexists for “big bump” tori.
- ▶ $i_\xi d|B| = 0$ implies $\text{div } \xi = 0$ in MHS, so DIS for ξ is typical. If add DIS for ξ then get $|B|$ constant on flux surfaces and we are back to the no bouncing case.
- ▶ Helander P, Theory of plasma confinement in non-axisymmetric magnetic fields, Rep Prog Phys 77 (2014) 087001
- ▶ Palumbo D, Some considerations on closed configurations of magnetohydrostatic equilibrium, Nuovo Cim B 53 (1967) 507

Longitudinal adiabatic invariant

- ▶ If v_d is slow on scale of the period $T = \int dt = 2 \int \frac{m}{p_{\parallel}} ds$ of bouncing along a segment γ of fieldline, there is a second adiabatic invariant $L = \int p_{\parallel} ds = \int_{\gamma} p_{\parallel} b^b$ for FGCM.
- ▶ Note that from $p_{\parallel} = \sqrt{2m(E - \mu|B|)}$, can write $T = 2 \frac{dL}{dE}$.
- ▶ Can obtain L by defining phase of bouncing oscillation (e.g. time from lefthand end divided by T) and showing approximate symmetry of FGCM wrt phase-shift.
- ▶ Or use conservation of Poincaré invariant for loop-dynamics: $L = \int_{\phi_t D} \omega$ for disk D moving with the Hamiltonian flow ϕ . $\omega = -e\beta - d(p_{\parallel} b^b) = -d(eA^b + p_{\parallel} b^b)$. So for disk bounded by slowly moving “periodic” orbit γ_t , $L = \int_{\gamma_t} eA^b + p_{\parallel} b^b$ is conserved. For bouncing orbit of ZGCM, the contributions of opposite directions cancel for A^b and are equal for $p_{\parallel} b^b$, so can redefine invariant $L = \int_{\gamma} p_{\parallel} b^b$ in just one direction.

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► **Theorem 1:** (B, ψ) omnigenous iff L locally constant, given E, ψ .

► **Proof:** $i_{v_d} d\psi = \frac{1}{e|B|} \left(\frac{p_{\parallel}^2}{m} i_c + \mu i_f \right) d\psi = -\frac{1}{e} i_{\xi} \left(\frac{p_{\parallel}^2}{m} i_b db^b + \mu d|B| \right)$ (*)

with $f = b \times \nabla|B|$, $\xi = \frac{b}{|B|} \times \nabla\psi$, since (i) $i_{\xi}\Omega = \frac{b^b}{|B|} \wedge d\psi$, so

$i_{\xi} i_b db^b = i_b i_c i_{\xi} \Omega = -\frac{1}{|B|} i_c d\psi$, and (ii) $i_f \Omega = b^b \wedge d|B|$ so

$i_b i_{\xi} i_f \Omega = -i_{\xi} d|B|$, but can also be written as $i_f i_b i_{\xi} \Omega = \frac{1}{|B|} i_f d\psi$.

Thus $\frac{T}{2} \langle \dot{\psi} \rangle = \int_{\gamma} i_{v_d} d\psi dt = -\frac{1}{e} \int_{\gamma} i_{\xi} \left(\frac{p_{\parallel}^2}{m} i_b db^b + \mu d|B| \right) \frac{m}{p_{\parallel}} ds$. Now

$i_{[B, \xi]} \Omega = L_B i_{\xi} \Omega - i_{\xi} L_B \Omega = L_B \left(\frac{b^b}{|B|} \wedge d\psi \right) = \left(L_B \frac{b^b}{|B|} \right) \wedge d\psi$. Apply i_B

to get $(L_B 1) d\psi = 0$, so $[\xi, B] = fB$ for some function f . Thus

ξ -flow takes B -lines to B -lines; also preserves ψ . Let $\eta = \xi + gB$ for

a function g with $g = -\frac{i_{\xi} d|B|}{i_B d|B|}$ at ends of γ (so $i_{\eta} d|B| = 0$ there)

and ϕ_{λ} its flow. For $L = \int_{\phi_{\lambda} \circ \gamma} p_{\parallel} b^b$, $\frac{dL}{d\lambda} = \int_{\gamma} L_{\eta}(p_{\parallel} b^b)$. To fix E ,

use $p_{\parallel} = \sqrt{2m(E - \mu|B|)}$. $L_{\eta}(p_{\parallel} b^b) = i_{\eta} d(p_{\parallel} b^b) + d(p_{\parallel} i_{\eta} b^b)$.

Second term integrates to 0 since $p_{\parallel} = 0$ at the ends. So

$\frac{dL}{d\lambda} = \int i_b i_{\eta} d(p_{\parallel} b^b) ds = \int i_b i_{\xi} (dp_{\parallel} \wedge b^b + p_{\parallel} db^b) ds =$

$\int (-i_{\xi} dp_{\parallel} + p_{\parallel} i_b i_{\xi} db^b) ds$. But $dp_{\parallel} = -\frac{m\mu}{p_{\parallel}} d|B|$ so $\frac{dL}{d\lambda} = \frac{eT}{2} \langle \dot{\psi} \rangle$. \square

Length function

- ▶ For segments γ of fieldline between points of equal $|B|$ with smaller $|B|$ between, let $h = |B|$ at ends and $\ell =$ length of γ .
- ▶ The space of segments of fieldline on a flux surface is a complex of 2D surfaces bounded by set Σ where $i_b d|B| = 0$.
- ▶ **Theorem 2:** (B, ψ) is omnigenous iff for each flux surface, ℓ is constant along h constant.
- ▶ **Proof:** Convenient to write $E = h\mu$ and $L = \sqrt{m\mu}j$. Then L constant for E constant iff $j = \int \sqrt{2(h - |B|)} ds$ constant for h constant. Decompose integral according to value h' of $|B|$ and let $\ell(h') = \int_{x \in \gamma: |B(x)| \leq h'} ds$, so $d\ell(h') = \sum_{x: |B(x)| = h'} ds$. Then $j(h) = \int_{-\infty}^h \sqrt{2(h - h')} d\ell(h')$ (so j is the *Abel transform* of ℓ). So if ℓ constant along h' constant for all $h' \leq h$ then j constant along h constant. Conversely, if j is constant along h' constant for all $h' \leq h$, then Abel inversion gives $\ell(h) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^h \frac{dj(h')}{\sqrt{2(h - h')}}$ is constant for h constant. \square

Abel inversion

► **Lemma:** If $j(h) = \int_{-\infty}^h \sqrt{2(h-h')} d\ell(h')$ then
$$\ell(h) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^h \frac{dj(h')}{\sqrt{2(h-h')}}.$$

► **Proof:** $dj(h') = \int_{-\infty}^{h'} \frac{d\ell(h'')}{\sqrt{2(h'-h'')}} dh'.$

$$\text{So } \int_{-\infty}^h \frac{dj(h')}{\sqrt{2(h-h')}} = \int_{-\infty}^h \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(h-h')}} \int_{-\infty}^{h'} \frac{d\ell(h'')}{\sqrt{2(h'-h'')}} \right) dh'.$$

Interchange order of integration to obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^h \left(\int_{h''}^h \frac{dh'}{2\sqrt{(h-h')(h'-h'')}} \right) d\ell(h'') = \frac{\pi}{2} \ell(h). \quad \square$$

► In particular, for an omnigenous field, every fieldline has to have the same sequence of local minima and maxima of $|B|$, so get non-generic case of curves of local maxima and minima.

Rational circulating trajectories

- ▶ Fieldlines γ on a rational torus S are closed. Particles with $E/\mu = h$ above the maximum of $|B|$ on γ keep going in their original direction. Have adiabatic invariant $L = \int_{\gamma} eA^b + p_{\parallel} b^b$. A^b contributes just a function of ψ , because $\int_{\gamma} A^b = \int_D i_B \Omega$ for a disk D spanning γ , which is the same for all γ .
- ▶ By the same proof as for Theorem 2 in the bouncing case, if (B, ψ) is omnigenous then L is the same for all circulating particles of the same energy on the same flux surface, because it is determined by the length function.
- ▶ And by the same proof as for Theorem 1, this implies that $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle = 0$ for them.
- ▶ Thus, omnigenity for bouncing particles implies omnigenity for rational circulating ones.

Relation to J_{\parallel} in MHS

- ▶ The Newcomb solvability condition for J_{\parallel} in normal MHS is $\int_{\gamma} i_{\xi} d|B| \frac{ds}{|B|} = 0$ for all closed fieldlines γ .

- ▶ Compare omnigenity for circulating ZGCM:

$$0 = -e \langle i_{v_d} d\psi \rangle = \int_{\gamma} (p_{\parallel} + \frac{m\mu|B|}{p_{\parallel}}) i_{\xi} d|B| \frac{ds}{|B|}. \text{ Now}$$

$p_{\parallel} = \pm \sqrt{2m(E - \mu|B|)}$, so factor is $\pm \sqrt{2mE}(1 + O((\frac{\mu}{E})^2))$, thus omnigenity for the limit of rapidly circulating GCs ($E/\mu \rightarrow \infty$) is automatic in normal MHS.

Irrational circulating trajectories

- ▶ Finally, $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle = 0$ for circulating particles on irrational flux surfaces S .

- ▶ **Proof:**

1. ZGCM preserves $\frac{|B|}{Z\rho_{\parallel}} \mathcal{A}$ (speed factor $\frac{v_{\parallel}}{|B|}$ compared to B -flow, normalisation $Z = \int_S \frac{|B|}{\rho_{\parallel}} \mathcal{A}$) and for $h > |B|_{\max}$ is uniquely ergodic on irrational surfaces. So time-average of any continuous function along any trajectory equals its space-average. In particular, $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle = \int_S \frac{|B|}{Z\rho_{\parallel}} i_{v_d} d\psi \mathcal{A}$.
2. Now $\mathcal{A} \wedge d\psi = \Omega$, so $i_{v_d} \mathcal{A} \wedge d\psi + \mathcal{A} i_{v_d} d\psi = i_{v_d} \Omega$. $d\psi = 0$ on tangents to S , so $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle = \int_S \frac{|B|}{Z\rho_{\parallel}} i_{v_d} \Omega$.
3. Compare $\frac{|B|}{\rho_{\parallel}} i_{v_d} \Omega = \frac{\rho_{\parallel}}{em} i_{c_{\perp}} \Omega + \frac{\mu}{ep_{\parallel}} b^b \wedge d|B|$ to $d(p_{\parallel} b^b) = dp_{\parallel} \wedge b^b + p_{\parallel} db^b = -\frac{m\mu}{\rho_{\parallel}} d|B| \wedge b^b + p_{\parallel} i_c \Omega$. On pairs of tangents to S , $i_c \Omega = i_{c_{\perp}} \Omega$, because i_b gives the same. So $\langle \dot{\psi} \rangle = \frac{1}{emZ} \int_S d(p_{\parallel} b^b) = 0$. □[USE in Thm 1 TOO]

- ▶ Question about speed of convergence?

More consequences of omnigenity

- ▶ For omnigenous B , on each flux surface S the regular contours of $|B|$ (i.e. with $d(|B|)|_S \neq 0$) are transverse to B .
- ▶ **Proof:** By (*), $i_{v_d} d\psi = -\frac{1}{e} i_\xi \left(\frac{p_{\parallel}^2}{m} i_b db^b + \mu d|B| \right)$. If $i_b d|B| = 0$ at a point x on a regular contour of $|B|$ then $i_\xi d|B| \neq 0$ there. So for $\mu > 0$ and $E = \mu |B|(x)$, $i_{v_d} d\psi \neq 0$ there. If x is a local minimum of $|B|$ along B then for slightly larger E get short bouncers and $\langle \psi \rangle \neq 0$ for them, contradicting omnigenity. If $|B|$ has a downhill direction from x along B then using that the fieldlines are recurrent and $i_\xi d|B| \neq 0$, every ZGCM with an end near to x has a second end. If the second end is a normal point ($i_b d|B| \neq 0$) then the period is dominated by the time near x , so $\langle \psi \rangle \neq 0$ again. Argue that not possible for all segments to have abnormal second end [??]. \square
- ▶ So they are all non-contractible closed curves with the same winding ratio.

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- ▶ For $B \in C^2$ most contours are regular, by Sard's theorem (set of critical values of a C^k map f from n to m dimensions with $k \geq 1$, $n - m + 1$ has measure zero): the set of values of $|B|$ for which there is a non-regular contour on a given flux surface has measure zero. Ignore the case of $|B|$ constant on the flux surface. [Is it impossible anyway?] $|B|$ is continuous, so its image is an interval. So contours are regular for all but a set of measure zero in this interval.
- ▶ In particular, omnigenity has a rational type, meaning the ratio of poloidal to toroidal turns for curves of constant $|B|$. So distinguish OT , OP , $OH(N, M)$ (toroidal, poloidal, helical).
- ▶ e.g. W7-X is approximately OP .
- ▶ Not aware of constraints on M (unlike for QS).
- ▶ Note that the sets where $|B|$ is max or min are not regular contours, but may still be smooth curves.

Relations between omnigenity & QS

- ▶ QS u implies a flux function ψ ($i_u i_B \Omega = d\psi$) and $L_u b^b = 0$. Let ϕ_λ be the flow of u . For γ fieldline segment with ends at $|B| = h$, $\frac{d}{d\lambda} \int_{\phi_\lambda \circ \gamma} ds = \int_\gamma L_u b^b = 0$. So (B, ψ) omnigenous.
- ▶ Same argument shows that weak QS implies omnigenous: weak QS implies $i_b L_u b^b = 0$, which suffices.
- ▶ Analyticity & omnigenity (with MHS) implies QS [Cary & Shasharina, Phys Plasma 4 (1997) 3323].
- ▶ It is claimed that can make many non-QS fields that are omnigenous (& MHS), e.g. Dudt et al, Magnetic fields with general omnigenity, arxiv:2305.08026, but constructions depend on realising $|B|$ -profiles on flux surfaces by a 3D divergence-free field in Euclidean space, and I'm not convinced this is feasible. Do the numerical procedures converge? If so, it would provide construction of smooth non-AS MHS examples, suspected not to exist by Grad H, Toroidal containment of a plasma, Phys Fluids 10 (1967) 137.

Omnigenity & MHS

- ▶ Say an MHS field is *normal* if it has a flux function ψ and p is constant on ψ constant, e.g. non-degenerate ($dp \neq 0$ a.e.).
- ▶ **Lemma:** For a normal MHS field, $a = \frac{b}{|B|}$, $\xi = a \times \nabla\psi$ are commuting fields on each flux surface.
- ▶ **Proof of Lemma:** $i_a d\psi = i_\xi d\psi = 0$ (\dagger), so a, ξ are tangent to $\psi = \text{constant}$. Apply $i_{[a,\xi]} = L_a i_\xi - i_\xi L_a$ to basis $d\psi, B^b, \xi^b$, and use $L_a = |B|^{-2} L_B + d(|B|^{-2}) \wedge i_B$. $i_{[a,\xi]} d\psi = 0$ by (\dagger). Using $L_B B^b = d(p + |B|^2)$ and $i_\xi dp = 0$,
 $i_{[a,\xi]} B^b = -i_\xi L_a B^b = -i_\xi (|B|^{-2} d|B|^2 + |B|^2 d|B|^{-2}) = 0$. Can show $i_{[a,\xi]} \xi^b = |B|^{-2} i_{[B,\xi]} \xi^b$. Using $i_\xi \Omega = a^b \wedge d\psi$, show $i_B i_{[B,\xi]} \Omega = 0$, so $[B, \xi]$ is parallel to B , hence $i_{[a,\xi]} \xi^b = 0$ too. So $[a, \xi] = 0$. [SIMPLIFY?] □
- ▶ Call LA coordinates for $[a, \xi] = 0$ *Boozer angles*. Extend to *Boozer coordinates* by adding ψ .

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- ▶ **Theorem:** A normal MHS field B is omnigenous iff the differences of Boozer angles along B between contours of constant $|B|$ are locally constant on each flux surface.
- ▶ **Proof of Theorem:** In Boozer angles $\theta = (\theta^1, \theta^2)$, $a = \rho(\psi)$, some $\rho : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Thus, $d\theta^i = \rho^i |B| ds$ and for a segment with $|B| = h$ at the ends,

$$\Delta\theta^i(h) = \int d\theta^i = \rho^i \int |B| ds = \rho^i \int_{-\infty}^h h' d\ell(h').$$

If B is omnigenous then $\ell(h')$ does not depend on the fieldline on the given flux surface, so neither does $\Delta\theta^i(h)$. Conversely, if for each value h of $|B|$ at the ends of a segment, $\Delta\theta^i(h)$ is indpt of the fieldline on the given flux surface, then $\ell(h')$ must be indpt of the fieldline too. \square

- ▶ A consequence on irrational surfaces: $|B|_{\max}$ contour is straight in Boozer angles, else the Boozer angle between successive intersections is not constant.

Illustration

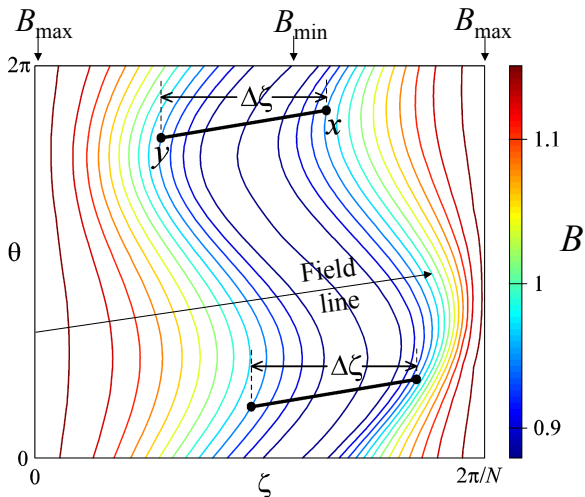


Figure: $|B|$ contours for an OP field in Boozer coordinates on a flux surface, from Landreman

Notes

- ▶ A normal MHS field is QS iff $\exists N, M$ s.t. $|B|$ is constant along straight lines of slope $\frac{N}{M}$ in Boozer angles on each flux surface.
- ▶ The QS is a constant field of slope N/M in Boozer coordinates and produces same ψ up to an affine transformation.
- ▶ QS u with associated ψ implies $[u, a] = 0$, $[u, \xi] = 0$. So MHS adds that $[a, \xi] = 0$, which implies simultaneous LA coordinates for all 3 on each flux surface.
- ▶ Similar theorem for non-degenerate MHS and Hamada angles.
- ▶ Current in omnigenous fields?