Example 1

Consider a plasma column of radius a, for which the electric current density **j** has radial symmetry with respect to the axis, carrying a total plasma current I_P . The component j_z is defined as,

$$j_z(r) = j_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right) \tag{1}$$

where $j_0 = \frac{2 I_P}{\pi a^2}$.

In order to obtain the Hamiltonian function associated, we firstly applied the Ampère's circuit law:



$$\oint_{C} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{dl} = \mu_{0} \iint_{S} (\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{n}}) \, dS \quad \longrightarrow \quad \oint_{C} B_{\theta}(r) \, dl = \mu_{0} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{r} j_{z} \, r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$B_{\theta}(r) \oint_{C} dl = \mu_{0} \, 2\pi \int_{0}^{r} j_{0} \left(1 - \frac{r^{2}}{a^{2}}\right) r \, dr \quad \longrightarrow \quad B_{\theta}(r) = \frac{\mu_{0} j_{0} r}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r^{2}}{2a^{2}}\right) = \frac{\mu_{0} I_{P}}{\pi a^{2}} r \left(1 - \frac{r^{2}}{2a^{2}}\right) \tag{4}$$

In r = a,

$$B_{\theta}(r=a) = B_{\theta a} = \frac{\mu_0 I_P}{2\pi a}.$$
(5)

Therefore, the poloidal field radial profile is,

$$B_{\theta}(r) = B_{\theta a} \frac{r}{a} \left(2 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right).$$
(6)

Safety factor profile

From Equation (41),

$$q(r) = \frac{rB_0}{R_0 B_{\theta}(r)} \tag{7}$$

Using B_{θ} from (6),

$$q(r) = \frac{r B_0}{R_0} \left[B_{\theta a} \frac{r}{a} \left(2 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right) \right]^{-1} = \frac{B_0 a}{R_0 B_{\theta a}} \left(2 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right)^{-1}.$$
(8)

From the definition of $B_{\theta a}$ of Equation (5), we obtain,

$$q(r) = \frac{2\pi a^2 B_0}{\mu_0 R_0 I_P} \left(2 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^{-1}$$
(9)

In r = a, $q(r = a) = q_a$ that is defined by,

$$q_a = \frac{2\pi \, a^2 B_0}{\mu_0 \, R_0 \, I_P},\tag{10}$$

and the safety factor profile (9) can be written as,

$$q(r) = q_a \left(2 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^{-1}.$$
(11)

Hamiltonian function

The Hamiltonian function is given by Equation (44): $H_0 = \int \frac{dJ}{q(J)}$. From the non-canonical transformation, we have the relation $J = r^2/2$. Therefore, the profile (11) in function of the action *J* is given by,

$$q(J) = q_a \left(2 - \frac{2J}{a^2}\right)^{-1},$$
(12)

and the Hamiltonian function is defined by,

$$H_0 = \int \frac{dJ}{q(J)} = \int \frac{dJ}{q_a \left(2 - \frac{2J}{a^2}\right)^{-1}} = \frac{1}{q_a} \left(2J - \frac{2J^2}{2a^2}\right)$$
(13)

$$H_0(J) = \frac{2J}{q_a} \left(1 - \frac{J}{2a^2} \right) \tag{14}$$