

Appendix 1. Algorithms

The appendix contains mathematical pseudo code that describes algorithms referenced in the main text. This is a mix of formal mathematical notation, and notation common to many computer programming languages (for example, “+“ is addition, “*” is multiplication, “**” is exponentiation).

Algorithm 1: Pseudocode to Generate Type 1 DALEC in Spherical Coordinates

Input:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_{\min} &\equiv \{\rho_{\min}, \theta_{\min}, \phi_{\min}\} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \mathbf{r}_{\max} &\equiv \{\rho_{\max}, \theta_{\max}, \phi_{\max}\} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\ J_{\phi} &\in \mathbb{R}^1, \\ N &\in \mathbb{N}^1 \end{aligned}$$

Output:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_{\text{out}} &\equiv \{\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+2) \times 3}, \\ \mathbf{J}_{\text{out}} &\equiv \{\mathbf{J}_{\rho}, \mathbf{J}_{\theta}, \mathbf{J}_{\phi}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+2) \times 3}, \\ \mathbf{l}_{\text{out}} &\equiv \{\mathbf{l}_{\perp}, \mathbf{l}_{\parallel}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+2) \times 2} \end{aligned}$$

Assumes:

- ‘ $\mathbf{a}[0]$ ’ is the 1st element of array \mathbf{a} ;
 - ‘ $\mathbf{a}[1..3]$ ’ are elements 2 through 4;
 - ‘ $\{b, \dots, c\}$ ’ is a list of regularly spaced values between b and c ;
 - mathematical operators are applied element wise to arrays and lists;
 - angles are in radians.
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allocate temporary working arrays

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5. $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
6. $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
7. $\mathbf{I}_q \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
8. $\mathbf{I}_p \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
9. $\mathbf{I}_{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$

allocate output arrays

10. $\boldsymbol{\rho} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
11. $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
12. $\boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
13. $\mathbf{J}_{\rho} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
14. $\mathbf{J}_{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
15. $\mathbf{J}_{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
16. $\mathbf{l}_{\perp} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
17. $\mathbf{l}_{\parallel} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$

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# locate loop elements in magnetic
# dipole coordinates

# ionospheric segment
18.  $\mathbf{q}[0] \leftarrow \cos((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2) / \rho_{\min}^{**2}$ 
19.  $\mathbf{p}[0] \leftarrow \rho_{\min} / \sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2)^{**2}$ 
20.  $\Phi[0] \leftarrow (\phi_{\max} + \phi_{\min}) / 2$ 

# equatorial segment
21.  $\mathbf{q}[1*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
22.  $\mathbf{p}[1*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\rho_{\min} / \sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2)^{**2}$ 
 $)$ 
23.  $\Phi[1*N+1] \leftarrow (\phi_{\max} + \phi_{\min}) / 2$ 

# eastern field aligned current
# (centers of N evenly spaced segments)
24.  $\mathbf{q}[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\{\mathbf{q}[0], \dots, \mathbf{q}[0] / N\} / 2 +$ 
     $\{\mathbf{q}[0]*(N-1) / N, \dots, 0\} / 2$ 
 $)$ 
25.  $\mathbf{p}[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow \mathbf{p}[0]$ 
26.  $\Phi[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow \phi_{\max}$ 

# western field aligned current
# (centers of N evenly spaced segments)
27.  $\mathbf{q}[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\{0, \dots, \mathbf{q}[0]*(N-1) / N\} / 2 +$ 
     $\{\mathbf{q}[0] / N, \dots, \mathbf{q}[0]\} / 2$ 
 $)$ 
28.  $\mathbf{p}[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow \mathbf{p}[0]$ 
29.  $\Phi[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow \phi_{\min}$ 

# convert dipole to spherical coordinates
30.  $\alpha \leftarrow 256/27 * \mathbf{q}^{**2} * \mathbf{p}^{**4}$ 
31.  $\beta \leftarrow (1 + \text{sqrt}(1 + \alpha))^{**(2/3)}$ 
32.  $\gamma \leftarrow \alpha^{**(1/3)}$ 
33.  $\mu \leftarrow ($ 
     $((\beta^{**2} + \beta * \gamma + \gamma^{**2}) / \beta)^{**(3/2)} / 2$ 
 $)$ 
34.  $\rho \leftarrow ($ 
     $4 * \mu * \mathbf{p} / (1 + \mu) / (1 + \text{sqrt}(2 * \mu - 1))$ 
 $)$ 
35.  $\theta \leftarrow \text{arcsin}(\text{sqrt}(\rho / \mathbf{p}))$ 

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# calculate lengths perpendicular and
# parallel to current elements
36.  $dp \leftarrow ($ 
     $\rho_{\min} / \sin(\theta_{\min})^{**2} -$ 
     $\rho_{\min} / \sin(\theta_{\max})^{**2}$ 
 $)$ 
37.  $d\phi \leftarrow \phi_{\max} - \phi_{\min}$ 
# ionospheric segment
38.  $\mathbf{l}_{\perp}[0] \leftarrow \rho_{\min} * (\theta_{\max} - \theta_{\min})$ 
39.  $\mathbf{l}_{\parallel}[0] \leftarrow \rho_{\min} * \sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2) * d\phi$ 
# equatorial segment
40.  $\mathbf{l}_{\perp}[1*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $dp * \sin(\theta[1*N+1])^{**3} /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta[1*N+1])^{**2})$ 
 $)$ 
41.  $\mathbf{l}_{\parallel}[1*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\rho[1*N+1] * \sin(\theta[1*N+1]) * d\phi$ 
 $)$ 
# eastern field aligned current
42.  $\mathbf{l}_{\perp}[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow ($ 
     $dp * \sin(\theta[0*N+1..1*N])^{**3} /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta[0*N+1..1*N])^{**2})$ 
 $)$ 
43.  $dqE \leftarrow \mathbf{q}[0*N+1] - \mathbf{q}[0*N+2]$ 
44.  $\mathbf{l}_{\parallel}[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow ($ 
     $dqE * \rho[0*N+1..1*N]^{**3} /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta[0*N+1..1*N])^{**2})$ 
 $)$ 
# western field aligned current
45.  $\mathbf{l}_{\perp}[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $dp * \sin(\theta[1*N+2..2*N+1])^{**3} /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta[1*N+2..2*N+1])^{**2})$ 
 $)$ 
46.  $dqW \leftarrow \mathbf{q}[1*N+3] - \mathbf{q}[1*N+2]$ 
47.  $\mathbf{l}_{\parallel}[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $dqW * \rho[1*N+2..2*N+1]^{**3} /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta[1*N+2..2*N+1])^{**2})$ 
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# generate discrete current vectors in
# magnetic dipole coordinates

# ionospheric current density to current
48.  $I_\phi \leftarrow J_\phi * \rho_{\min} * d\phi$ 

# ionospheric segment
49.  $\mathbf{I}_q[0] \leftarrow 0$ 
50.  $\mathbf{I}_p[0] \leftarrow 0$ 
51.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[0] \leftarrow I_\phi$ 

# equatorial segment
52.  $\mathbf{I}_q[1*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
53.  $\mathbf{I}_p[1*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
54.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[1*N+1] \leftarrow -I_\phi$ 

# eastern field aligned current
55.  $\mathbf{I}_q[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow -I_\phi$ 
56.  $\mathbf{I}_p[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow 0$ 
57.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow 0$ 

# western field aligned current
58.  $\mathbf{I}_q[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow I_\phi$ 
59.  $\mathbf{I}_p[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
60.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 

# convert magnetic dipole current vectors
# to spherical coordinate current densities
61.  $\mathbf{J}_\rho \leftarrow ($ 
     $(-2 * \cos(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_q + \sin(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_p) /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta)**2) / \mathbf{l}_\perp$ 
 $)$ 
62.  $\mathbf{J}_\theta \leftarrow ($ 
     $(-\sin(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_q - 2 * \cos(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_p) /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta)**2) / \mathbf{l}_\perp$ 
 $)$ 
63.  $\mathbf{J}_\phi \leftarrow \mathbf{I}_\phi / \mathbf{l}_\perp$ 

# organize into output lists
64.  $\mathbf{r}_{\text{out}} \leftarrow \{\rho, \theta, \phi\}$ 
65.  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{out}} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{J}_\rho, \mathbf{J}_\theta, \mathbf{J}_\phi\}$ 
66.  $\mathbf{l}_{\text{out}} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{l}_\perp, \mathbf{l}_\parallel\}$ 

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Algorithm 2: Pseudocode to Generate Type 2 DALEC in Spherical Coordinates

Input:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_{\min} &\equiv \{\rho_{\min}, \theta_{\min}, \phi_{\min}\} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \mathbf{r}_{\max} &\equiv \{\rho_{\max}, \theta_{\max}, \phi_{\max}\} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\ J_{\theta} &\in \mathbb{R}^1, \\ N &\in \mathbb{N}^1 \end{aligned}$$

Output:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_{\text{out}} &\equiv \{\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+2) \times 3}, \\ \mathbf{J}_{\text{out}} &\equiv \{\mathbf{J}_{\rho}, \mathbf{J}_{\theta}, \mathbf{J}_{\phi}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+2) \times 3}, \\ \mathbf{l}_{\text{out}} &\equiv \{\mathbf{l}_{\perp}, \mathbf{l}_{\parallel}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{(2N+2) \times 2} \end{aligned}$$

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5. $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
6. $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
7. $\mathbf{I}_q \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
8. $\mathbf{I}_p \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
9. $\mathbf{I}_{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$

allocate output arrays

10. $\boldsymbol{\rho} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
11. $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
12. $\boldsymbol{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
13. $\mathbf{J}_{\rho} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
14. $\mathbf{J}_{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
15. $\mathbf{J}_{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+2}$
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# locate loop elements in magnetic
# dipole coordinates

# ionospheric segment
18.  $\mathbf{q}[0] \leftarrow \cos((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2) / \rho_{\min}^{**2}$ 
19.  $\mathbf{p}[0] \leftarrow \rho_{\min} / \sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2)^{**2}$ 
20.  $\Phi[0] \leftarrow (\phi_{\max} + \phi_{\min}) / 2$ 

# equatorial segment
21.  $\mathbf{q}[1*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
22.  $\mathbf{p}[1*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\rho_{\min} / \sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2)^{**2}$ 
 $)$ 
23.  $\Phi[1*N+1] \leftarrow (\phi_{\max} + \phi_{\min}) / 2$ 

# southern field aligned current
# (centers of N evenly spaced segments)
24.  $qS \leftarrow \cos(\theta_{\max}) / \rho_{\min}^{**2}$ 
25.  $\mathbf{q}[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\{qS, \dots, qS / N\} / 2 +$ 
     $\{qS * (N-1) / N, \dots, 0\} / 2$ 
 $)$ 
26.  $\mathbf{p}[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow \rho_{\min} / \sin(\theta_{\max})^{**2}$ 
27.  $\Phi[0*N+1..1*N] \leftarrow \Phi[0]$ 

# northern field aligned current
# (centers of N evenly spaced segments)
28.  $qN \leftarrow \cos(\theta_{\min}) / \rho_{\min}^{**2}$ 
29.  $\mathbf{q}[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow ($ 
     $\{0, \dots, qN * (N-1) / N\} / 2 +$ 
     $\{qN / N, \dots, qN\} / 2$ 
 $)$ 
30.  $\mathbf{p}[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow \rho_{\min} / \sin(\theta_{\min})^{**2}$ 
31.  $\Phi[1*N+2..2*N+1] \leftarrow \Phi[0]$ 

# convert dipole to spherical coordinates
32.  $\alpha \leftarrow 256/27 * \mathbf{q}^{**2} * \mathbf{p}^{**4}$ 
33.  $\beta \leftarrow (1 + \text{sqrt}(1 + \alpha))^{**}(2/3)$ 
34.  $\gamma \leftarrow \alpha^{**}(1/3)$ 
35.  $\mu \leftarrow ($ 
     $((\beta^{**2} + \beta * \gamma + \gamma^{**2}) / \beta)^{**}(3/2) / 2$ 
 $)$ 
36.  $\rho \leftarrow ($ 
     $4 * \mu * \mathbf{p} / (1 + \mu) / (1 + \text{sqrt}(2 * \mu - 1))$ 
 $)$ 
37.  $\theta \leftarrow \arcsin(\text{sqrt}(\rho / \mathbf{p}))$ 

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# calculate lengths perpendicular and
# parallel to current elements
38. dp ← (
      ρmin / sin(θmin)**2 -
      ρmin / sin(θmax)**2
    )
39. dφ ← φmax - φmin
# ionospheric segment
40. I⊥[0] ← ρmin * sin((θmax + θmin) / 2) * dφ
41. I∥[0] ← ρmin * (θmax - θmin)
# equatorial segment
42. I⊥[1*N+1] ← (
      ρ[1*N+1] * sin(θ[1*N+1]) * dφ
    )
43. I∥[1*N+1] ← (
      dp * sin(θ[1*N+1])**3 /
      sqrt(1 + 3 * cos(θ[1*N+1])**2)
    )
# southern field aligned current
44. I⊥[0*N+1:1*N] ← (
      ρ[0*N+1:1*N] * dφ *
      sin(θ[0*N+1:1*N])
    )
45. dqS ← q[0*N+1] - q[0*N+2]
46. I∥[0*N+1:1*N] ← (
      dqS * ρ[0*N+1:1*N]**3 /
      sqrt(1 + 3 * cos(θ[0*N+1:1*N])**2)
    )
# northern field aligned current
47. I⊥[1*N+2:2*N+1] ← (
      ρ[1*N+2:2*N+1] * dφ *
      sin(θ[1*N+2:2*N+1])
    )
48. dqN ← q[1*N+3] - q[1*N+2]
49. I∥[1*N+2:2*N+1] ← (
      dqN * ρ[1*N+2:2*N+1]**3 /
      sqrt(1. + 3 * cos(θ[1*N+2:2*N+1])**2)
    )

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# generate discrete current vectors in
# magnetic dipole coordinates

# ionospheric current density to current
50.  $I_\theta \leftarrow J_\theta * \rho_{\min} * \sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2) * d\phi$ 

# ionospheric segment
51.  $\mathbf{I}_q[0] \leftarrow ($ 
     $-\sin((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2) * I_\theta /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2)**2)$ 
 $)$ 
52.  $\mathbf{I}_p[0] \leftarrow ($ 
     $-2 * \cos((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2) * I_\theta /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos((\theta_{\max} + \theta_{\min}) / 2)**2)$ 
 $)$ 
53.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[0] \leftarrow 0$ 

# equatorial segment
54.  $\mathbf{I}_q[1*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
55.  $\mathbf{I}_p[1*N+1] \leftarrow I_\theta$ 
56.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[1*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 

# southern field aligned current
57.  $\mathbf{I}_q[0*N+1:1*N] \leftarrow -I_\theta$ 
58.  $\mathbf{I}_p[0*N+1:1*N] \leftarrow 0$ 
59.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[0*N+1:1*N] \leftarrow 0$ 

# northern field aligned current
60.  $\mathbf{I}_q[1*N+2:2*N+1] \leftarrow I_\theta$ 
61.  $\mathbf{I}_p[1*N+2:2*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 
62.  $\mathbf{I}_\phi[1*N+2:2*N+1] \leftarrow 0$ 

# convert magnetic dipole current vectors
# to spherical coordinate current densities
67.  $\mathbf{J}_\rho \leftarrow ($ 
     $(-2 * \cos(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_q + \sin(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_p) /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta)**2) / \mathbf{I}_\perp$ 
 $)$ 
68.  $\mathbf{J}_\theta \leftarrow ($ 
     $(-\sin(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_q - 2 * \cos(\theta) * \mathbf{I}_p) /$ 
     $\text{sqrt}(1 + 3 * \cos(\theta)**2) / \mathbf{I}_\perp$ 
 $)$ 
69.  $\mathbf{J}_\phi \leftarrow \mathbf{I}_\phi / \mathbf{I}_\perp$ 

# organize into output lists
70.  $\mathbf{r}_{out} \leftarrow \{\rho, \theta, \phi\}$ 
71.  $\mathbf{J}_{out} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{J}_\rho, \mathbf{J}_\theta, \mathbf{J}_\phi\}$ 
72.  $\mathbf{l}_{out} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{l}_\perp, \mathbf{l}_\parallel\}$ 

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Algorithm 3: Pseudocode for Biot-Savart Integration in Cartesian Coordinates

Input:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}' &\equiv \{\mathbf{X}_J, \mathbf{Y}_J, \mathbf{Z}_J\} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3}, \\ \mathbf{J} &\equiv \{J_X, J_Y, J_Z\} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3}, \\ \mathbf{dV} &\in \mathbb{R}^N, \\ \mathbf{r} &\equiv \{X_B, Y_B, Z_B\} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Output:

$$\mathbf{B} \equiv \{B_X, B_Y, B_Z\} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Assumes:

- 'a[0]' is the 1st element of array **a**;
 - 'a[1..3]' are elements 2 through 4;
 - '{b, ..., c}' is a list of regularly spaced values between *b* and *c*;
 - units are meters, amperes, and teslas.
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# sum cross products of current densities
# and (r-r') location vector differences
1. FOR i in {0, ..., N-1} DO
2.   dX ← XB - XJ[i]
3.   dY ← YB - YJ[i]
4.   dZ ← ZB - ZJ[i]
5.   dR ← (
     sqrt(dX * dX + dY * dY + dZ * dZ)
   )
6.   dR3 ← dR * dR * dR
7.   BX ← BX + (
     (JY[i] * dZ - JZ[i] * dY) / dR3 *
     dV[i] * 10-7
   )
8.   BY ← BY + (
     (JZ[i] * dX - JX[i] * dZ) / dR3 *
     dV[i] * 10-7
   )
9.   BZ ← BZ + (
     (JX[i] * dY - JY[i] * dX) / dR3 *
     dV[i] * 10-7
   )
10. ENDFOR
11. B ← {BX, BY, BZ}

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