

Lecture 19 - The Magnetohydrodynamics Equations

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🎃 Happy Halloween!

from last time...

Deriving the MHD Equations

The MHD equations underly work in both lab physics and space & astrophysics

Ordering: p^+/e^- masses comparable

plasma velocity

$$u \sim v_t \sim C_A$$

Alfvén speed ($v \approx C_A$ for $C_A \ll c$,
 $v \approx c$ for $C_A \gg c$)

$$C_A \sim B / \sqrt{4\pi m n}$$

diverges for

small n ; problematic for relativistic MHD (impacts Ampère's Law)

collision rate

$$\nu \sim \Omega, \quad \omega = v_t / L$$

$$\epsilon = \omega / \nu \sim v_t^2 / c^2 \sim r_e / L \ll 1$$

small parameter (underlies entire derivation)

* Ordering designed to make certain terms small so we can throw them out for the MHD equations

⇒ Use this scheme to break down our constituent equations

• The Boltzmann Equation

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f_\alpha + \left(\frac{q}{m} \right)_\alpha (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_\alpha = C_{\alpha\alpha} + C_{\alpha p}$$

rank: ϵ ϵ 1 1 1 1

• Gauss' Law

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi e (\underbrace{\int d\vec{v} f_i}_{1} - \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} f_e}_{1})$$

rank: ϵ^2

the basis for quasineutrality → electron & ion densities $\sim$ equal

⇒ Charge neutral @ 0th & 1st orders

* Note: Ordering does NOT mean $\vec{E} = 0$, just that our scale lengths are much larger than λ_D

• Faraday's Law

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

rank: 1 1

• Ampère's Law

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi e}{c} \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} (f_i - f_e)$$

rank: E E² 1 1

↳ "toss forever" - not in 0th or 1st orders

* doing this does make this not Lorentz invariant, so this is only in the non-relativistic case

Then...

Lowest Order (Rank 1): (E, E² thrown out)

① Boltzmann

$$\left(\frac{q}{m}\right)_\alpha (\vec{E}_0 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_{\alpha 0} = \underbrace{C_{\alpha\alpha 0} + C_{\alpha\beta 0}}$$

presence of these terms makes temperatures equal

② Gauss

$$0 = n_i^0 - n_e^0$$

③ Faraday

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}_0}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \vec{E}_0 = 0$$

④ Ampère

$$0 = (n_i \vec{u}_i)_0 - (n_e \vec{u}_e)_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{J}_0 = 0$$

From ① → Maxwellian, $n_e = n_i$ thus eliminating $C_{\alpha\alpha 0}, C_{\alpha\beta 0}$

$$u_{i0} = u_{e0} = \vec{u}_0, T_e = T_i$$

↳ f_α is a drifting Maxwellian

$$\left(\frac{q}{m}\right)_\alpha (\vec{E}_0 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_{\alpha_0} = C_{\alpha\alpha_0} + C_{\alpha\beta_0} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\rightarrow (\vec{E}_0 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{u}_0) = 0$$

can simplify $\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_{\alpha_0}$ to this b/c f_{α_0} is Maxwellian

$$\vec{E}_0 \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{u}_0) - \frac{1}{c} \vec{u}_0 \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0 = 0$$

consolidate terms in $\vec{v}$

$$(\vec{E}_0 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u}_0 \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{u}_0$$

This must be valid for any $\vec{v}$ so...

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_0 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u}_0 \times \vec{B}_0 = 0$$

*note: $\vec{E}_0 = 0$ in the plasma frame (the frame moving @ $\vec{v} = \vec{u}_0$, this is the mark of a good conductor)

• $\vec{u}_0$ is the $\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0$ drift

$$\rightarrow E_{0||} u_{0||} = 0 \Rightarrow E_{0||} = 0$$

$$\vec{E}_0 = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{u}_0 \times \vec{B}_0$$

from $\vec{u}_0$ we can determine $\vec{E}_0$

$n_0, P_0, u_0/E_0$ as yet undetermined

the moments of the Boltzmann equation

When we go to 1st order we need to deal with collisions. Therefore we will also need...

Symmetry Properties of the Collision Operator

$$\int d\vec{v} C_{\alpha\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m_\alpha \vec{v} \\ \frac{1}{2} m_\alpha v^2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

self-collisions (collisions within a species)
do not change # density, momentum-,
or energy-density

$$\int d\vec{v} C_{\alpha\beta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m_\alpha \vec{v} \\ \frac{1}{2} m_\alpha v^2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

0 ← # density unchanged
- $\vec{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ ← momentum conservation
- $(\partial W / \partial t)_{\alpha\beta}$ ← total energy unchanged

$\vec{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ = drag between species α and β

$\rightarrow \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta} + \vec{R}_{\beta\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow$ momentum from $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ = momentum from $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$
(see Lecture #6 for definition)

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$$\left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t}\right)_{\alpha\beta} + \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t}\right)_{\beta\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{energy exchange from } \alpha \rightarrow \beta = \text{energy exchange from } \beta \rightarrow \alpha$$

NOW $\rightarrow$ First Order in ϵ

- Evaluate rank ϵ terms @ 0^{th} order
- Evaluate rank 1 terms @ 1^{st} order

To what order do we evaluate f_{α} ? $\rightarrow 0^{\text{th}}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_{\alpha 0} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f_{\alpha 0} + \left(\frac{q}{m}\right)_{\alpha} \left[(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_{\alpha} \right]_{10} = C_{\alpha\alpha 1} + C_{\alpha\beta 1}$$

evaluate @
 1^{st} orderuse symmetry to
get rid of this

- Integrate over the velocity (operate with $\int d\vec{v}$) and use the fact that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot \vec{F} = 0$ and that collisions don't create or destroy particles

Properties of the collisions:

$$\int d\vec{v} C_{\alpha\beta}(f_{\alpha}) = 0$$

 $\hookrightarrow$ Coulomb collisions conserve particle # (from Lec. #5)and $f_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0$ as $v \rightarrow \infty$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{v} f_{\alpha 0}}_{n_{\alpha 0}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha 0}}_{n_{\alpha 0} \vec{u}_0} + \left(\frac{q}{m}\right)_{\alpha} \int d\vec{v} \underbrace{(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_{\alpha}}_{\substack{\vec{F} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot \vec{F} = 0}} = \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} (C_{\alpha\alpha} + C_{\alpha\beta})}_0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \times \vec{v}\right)}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot n \vec{u} = 0$$

The Continuity Equation

* implied sub₀ unless otherwise written from here on outNOW: Momentum EquationOperate with $\int d\vec{v} \vec{v}$ — multiply by $\vec{v}$ and integrate $\rightarrow$ Note: $\vec{v}$ is an independent variable and so passes

through $\nabla, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ operators (and $\int d\vec{v} f_{\alpha_0} = n_{\alpha_0}$)

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{v} f_{\alpha_0} \vec{v}}_{n_0 \vec{u}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha_0}}_{\int d\vec{v} f_{\alpha} \vec{v} = n_{\alpha} \vec{u}} + \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \frac{\vec{E}}{m_{\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_{\alpha_1}}_{= \frac{-1}{m_{\alpha}} \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}} = \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} (C_{\alpha\alpha_1} + C_{\alpha\beta_1})$$

where $\vec{R}_{\alpha\alpha} = 0$; i.e., no drag within a species

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_0 \vec{u}}_{\text{local momentum}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha_0}}_{\text{flux of momentum}} - \underbrace{\frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} n_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B})}_{\text{change of momentum from } \vec{E}\text{-field}} = \underbrace{\frac{-1}{m_{\alpha}} \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}}_{\text{momentum transfer to other species}}$$

we can extract average velocity from $\nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha_0}$

Let $\vec{v} \equiv \vec{u} + \vec{v}'$

— note that $\int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}' f_{\alpha} = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha} = \nabla \cdot (n_{\alpha} \vec{u} \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}' \vec{v}' f_{\alpha}(\vec{v}')$$

⇒ Define the pressure tensor

$$\vec{\bar{P}}_{\alpha} = m_{\alpha} \int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}' \vec{v}' f_{\alpha}$$

Then, rearranging the above equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\alpha} \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha} = \left(\frac{q}{m} \right)_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \frac{1}{m_{\alpha}} \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}$$

$$m_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{\alpha} \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_{\alpha} \right) = q_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}$$

plug in value defined above

$$m_{\alpha} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_0 \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (n_0 \vec{u} \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot \int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}' \vec{v}' f_{\alpha}(\vec{v}') \right] = q_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}$$

$$m_{\alpha} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_0 \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (n_0 \vec{u} \vec{u}) \right] + \nabla \cdot \underbrace{m_{\alpha} \int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}' \vec{v}' f_{\alpha}(\vec{v}')}_{\vec{\bar{P}}_{\alpha}} = q_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}$$

$$m_{\alpha} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_0 \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (n_0 \vec{u} \vec{u}) \right] = q_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{\bar{P}}_{\alpha} - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}$$

Use the continuity equation, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_0 + \nabla \cdot n_0 \vec{u} = 0$,

to extract n_0 on this LHS

$$n_0 m_{\alpha} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{u} + \underbrace{\vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}}_{\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla} \right] = n_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{\bar{P}}_{\alpha} - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta_1}$$

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$$n_0 m_\alpha \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} = n_\alpha q_\alpha (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{P}_\alpha - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta}$$

Must break this down
into rank 1 & rank 2

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{P}_\alpha = \nabla P_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \vec{\delta P}_\alpha \approx \nabla P_\alpha$$

viscous stress
 $\sim 1/\nu \rightarrow$ small

$$n_0 m_\alpha \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} = -\nabla P_\alpha - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta} + n_{\alpha 0} q_\alpha (\vec{E}_1 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}_1) + q_\alpha (n_{\alpha 1} \vec{E}_0 + \frac{1}{c} (n \vec{u})_\alpha \times \vec{B}_0)$$

take $\vec{E}, \vec{B}$ 1st order; all other terms in 0th order

$1/q_\alpha$ first-order current, $\vec{J}_1$

↓ sum over species α and β ↓

$$n_0 (m_\alpha + m_\beta) \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} = -\nabla (P_\alpha + P_\beta) - (\vec{R}_{\alpha\beta} + \vec{R}_{\beta\alpha}) + n_{\alpha 0} (-e + e) (\vec{E}_1 + \frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}_1) + (-e + e) (n_{\alpha 1} \vec{E}_0) + \frac{1}{c} \vec{J}_1 \times \vec{B}_0$$

0th Ampère's Law

0th symmetry properties

$\vec{J}_1 = e(n \vec{u})_i - e(n \vec{u})_e$

$$n(m_\alpha + m_\beta) \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} = -\nabla (P_\alpha + P_\beta) + \frac{1}{c} \vec{J}_1 \times \vec{B}$$

* Define:

$$\rho \equiv (m_\alpha + m_\beta) n, \text{ total } 0^{\text{th}} \text{ order density}$$

$$P \equiv P_\alpha + P_\beta, \text{ total pressure}$$

↓ plugging in ↓

$$\rho \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{c} \vec{J}_1 \times \vec{B}$$

The Momentum Equation

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J}_1$$

⇒ We now know $n_0, u_0/E_0$!

Only need an expression for the pressure now

Pressure Equation

Operate with $\int d\vec{v} v^2$ — multiply by $\frac{1}{2} m_\alpha v^2$ and integrate

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} f_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \left[\int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} \vec{v} f_\alpha \right] + \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) f_\alpha$$

$$= \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} (C_{\alpha\alpha} + C_{\alpha\beta})$$

Recall f_α is a drifting Maxwellian

$$\vec{v}' = \vec{v} - \vec{u} \rightarrow \vec{v} = \vec{v}' + \vec{u}$$

$$f_\alpha = \frac{n_\alpha}{(2\pi T_\alpha / m_\alpha)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{v}' - \vec{u})^2 m_\alpha}{2 T_\alpha}}$$

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Plugging in term-by-term:

$$\int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} f_\alpha = \underbrace{\frac{m_\alpha U^2}{2} \int d\vec{v} f_\alpha}_n + \underbrace{\frac{m_\alpha}{2} \int d\vec{v}' v'^2 f_\alpha}_{3nT_\alpha/m_\alpha} - \text{cross-terms go away, odd in } \vec{v}' = 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m_\alpha U^2 n + \frac{3}{2} n T_\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} \vec{v} f_\alpha &= \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha (\vec{v}' + \vec{U})^2}{2} (\vec{v}' + \vec{U}) f_\alpha \\ &= \frac{m_\alpha U^2}{2} \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} f_\alpha}_n + \underbrace{\int d\vec{v}' \frac{m_\alpha v'^2}{2} \vec{v}' f_\alpha}_{\equiv \vec{Q}_\alpha} + \frac{m_\alpha}{2} \vec{U} \underbrace{\int d\vec{v}' v'^2 f_\alpha}_{3nT_\alpha/m_\alpha} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\int d\vec{v}' \frac{m_\alpha}{2} 2\vec{v}' \cdot \vec{U} \vec{v}' f_\alpha}_{\text{only survives if two components of } \vec{v}' \text{ are the same}} \end{aligned}$$

only survives if two components of $\vec{v}'$ are the same
 $\hookrightarrow$ lose two degrees of freedom

$$\int d\vec{v}' v'^2 f_\alpha - 2 \text{ D.O.F.} = n T_\alpha / m_\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} n m_\alpha U^2 \vec{U} + \vec{Q}_\alpha + \frac{3}{2} n T_\alpha \vec{U} + n T_\alpha \vec{U}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ heat flux

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} n m_\alpha U^2 + \frac{3}{2} n T_\alpha \right) \vec{U} + \vec{Q}_\alpha + n T_\alpha \vec{U}$$

$$q_\alpha \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} \frac{v^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}}}_{-\vec{v}} \cdot (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) f_\alpha = -q_\alpha \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) f_\alpha$$

0
 motion of fluid in direction of field

$$= -q_\alpha \vec{E} \cdot \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} \vec{v} f_\alpha}_{\vec{n}_\alpha} = -q_\alpha \vec{E} \cdot \vec{n}_\alpha$$

must break this down into rank 1 and rank E

$$= -q_\alpha \left[n \vec{u} \cdot \vec{E}_1 + \underbrace{(n \vec{u})_{\alpha_i}}_{\frac{1}{2} q_\alpha \vec{J}_i} \cdot \vec{E}_0 \right]$$

rank E n for rank 1 $\vec{E}$

$\rightarrow$

Putting it all together:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} m_\alpha n u^2 + \underbrace{\frac{3}{2} n T_\alpha}_{P_\alpha} \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} n m_\alpha u^2 + \underbrace{\frac{3}{2} n T_\alpha}_{P_\alpha} \right) \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot \vec{Q}_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \left(\underbrace{n T_\alpha \vec{u}}_{P_\alpha} \right)$$

usually assumed small

$$= q_\alpha \left[n \vec{u} \cdot \vec{E}_i + \frac{\vec{J}_i}{q_\alpha} \cdot \vec{E}_o \right] + \sum_\beta \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} (C_{\alpha\alpha} + C_{\alpha\beta})$$

$$= - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\alpha} - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{from C symmetry}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} m_\alpha n u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P_\alpha \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} n m_\alpha u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P_\alpha \right) \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (P_\alpha \vec{u})$$

$$= q_\alpha n \vec{u} \cdot \vec{E}_i + \vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{E}_o - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

↓ sum over species α and β ↓

total pressure, P

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{1}{2} (m_\alpha + m_\beta) n u^2 + \frac{3}{2} (P_\alpha + P_\beta) \right] + \nabla \cdot \left[\frac{1}{2} n (m_\alpha + m_\beta) u^2 + \frac{3}{2} (P_\alpha + P_\beta) \right] \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot [(P_\alpha + P_\beta) \vec{u}]$$

total mass density, ρ

$$= (-e + e) n \vec{u} \cdot \vec{E}_i + \vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{E}_o - \left[\left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta} + \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\beta\alpha} \right]$$

0; conservation of energy

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (P \vec{u})$$

$$= \vec{J}_i \cdot \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{J}_i \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{B})$$

plug in $\vec{E}_o = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}$

$$= \vec{u} \cdot \frac{1}{c} (\vec{J}_i \times \vec{B})$$

flipping order flips sign: $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C} = -\vec{B} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$

permutations do not change sign

then from the momentum equation

$$\frac{1}{c} \vec{J}_i \times \vec{B} = \rho \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} + \nabla P$$

↓ plugging in ↓

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (P \vec{u}) = \vec{u} \cdot \left[\rho \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} + \nabla P \right]$$

The Energy Equation

* $\vec{B}$ has completely dropped out! This yields the same result as before with our fluid eqns., even with a $\vec{B}$ -field present!

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot (P \vec{u}) &= \vec{u} \cdot \left[\rho \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} + \nabla P \right] \\ &= \vec{u} \cdot \nabla P + \underbrace{\rho \vec{u} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u}}_{\substack{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{u^2}{2} \\ \uparrow \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} u^2 \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} P \right) + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{3}{2} P \right) \nabla \cdot \vec{u} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla P \\ + P \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{u} \cdot \nabla P + \underbrace{\rho \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \frac{u^2}{2}}_{\substack{\rho \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{u^2}{2} \right) + \rho (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \frac{u^2}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

0 $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ does not operate on u^2 as seen in first term of LHS

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} u^2 \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho + \rho (\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} P \right) + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{3}{2} P \right) + \left(\frac{3}{2} P \right) \nabla \cdot \vec{u} \\ + P \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = \rho (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \frac{u^2}{2} \\ = \frac{1}{2} u^2 (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho \end{aligned}$$

↙ move to LHS, expand $\partial \rho / \partial t$

$$-\frac{1}{2} u^2 \left[\rho (\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} P \right) + \frac{1}{2} u^2 (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho + \frac{3}{2} \vec{u} \cdot \nabla P + \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{5}{2} P \right) \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} P \right) + \frac{3}{2} \vec{u} \cdot \nabla P + \left(\frac{5}{2} P \right) \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} P + \frac{5}{3} P \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

Summarizing...

* The Magnetohydrodynamics Equations *

→ Pressure/Energy Equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} P + \frac{5}{3} P \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad \text{evolves } P$$

→ Continuity Equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{u} = 0 \quad \text{evolves mass density}$$

↳ ρ varying, $\rho = (m_i + m_e) n$

→ Momentum Equation:

$$\rho \frac{d}{dt} \vec{u} = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{c} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} \quad \text{evolves } \vec{u}$$

↳ $\vec{j} = \vec{j}_i$, but we drop the index

$$= -\nabla \left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}$$

*Note: take $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$

$$\hookrightarrow E_{||} = \frac{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}}{B} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \text{no parallel electric field in traditional MHD model}$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B} + \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \quad \text{evolves } \vec{B}$$

NOW: Using the MHD equations

↳ starting with "ground zero"

Ideal MHD Equilibria

In exploring the stability & dynamics of magnetized plasma, it is useful to start with states that are time stationary so that they are in a state of equilibrium. We will discuss several examples of such states.

↳ for simplicity, we will limit this discussion to situations without flow, although in many cases equilibria with flow can also be constructed

- spatial - but no time dependence
(plasma in a state of equilibrium)

- no waves
- no instabilities
- $\vec{u} = 0$
(no flow)

Stationary Systems

→ want to know what these look like

The basic MHD equations:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 0 = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{c} \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \vec{J} = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\nabla \times \vec{B})$$

$$= -\nabla P + \frac{1}{c} \frac{c}{4\pi} \underbrace{(\nabla \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B}}_{= -\frac{1}{2} \nabla B^2 + \vec{B} \cdot \nabla \vec{B}}$$

$$= -\nabla \left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J}$$

What do these tell us?

• Take $\vec{B} \cdot$ eqn. $\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \vec{B} \cdot \nabla P = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ Pressure must be constant along $\vec{B}$ -field lines

* non-constant pressure generates a sound wave that smooths/relaxes parallel pressure gradients out!

• Take $\nabla \cdot$ eqn. $\textcircled{4} \rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = 0 = \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{J} \right)$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ There is no build-up of charge

* charge build-up would produce an $\vec{E} \neq 0$, and since $\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{u} \times \vec{B}$, flows would be generated, which we have forbidden

Consider some examples...

Case I: $(\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} = 0$

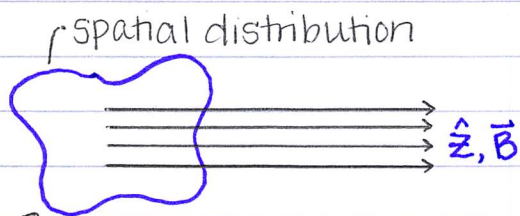
means we have straight field lines
($\hat{b}$ and $|\vec{B}|$ unchanging)

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) = 0, \text{ Total pressure must be a constant}$$

plasma
pressure

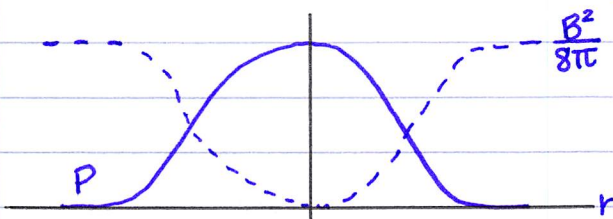
magnetic
pressure

How does this impact the spatial distributions of P and B in our system?



You can have any spatial distribution of P & B that you want as long as $p + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} = \text{constant}$

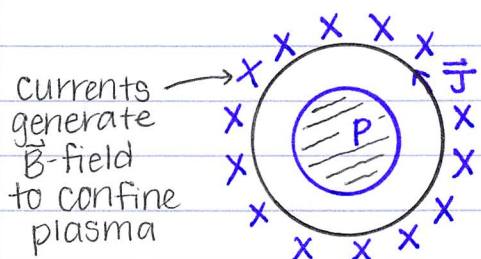
- This is not a trivial state $\rightarrow$ e.g., in 1-D:



* this is a localized plasma system supported by a $\vec{B}$ -field on the outside

Confinement experiments with such equilibria are called θ -pinches

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) = 0$$



azimuthal currents (in $\hat{\theta}$ direction)

$\rightarrow$ want azimuthal component of ①

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial r} B_z = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_\theta$$

radial dependence on B_z

Case II: $(\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} \neq 0$

$\uparrow$ we now have curved field lines

Simple case —

$\vec{B} = B_0 \hat{\theta}$; azimuthal $\vec{B}$ -field only

then

$$(\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} = [(\hat{b} |\vec{B}|) \cdot \nabla] (\hat{b} |\vec{B}|)$$

$$\hat{b} \equiv \frac{\vec{B}}{|\vec{B}|}$$

$$= B^2 (\hat{b} \cdot \nabla) \hat{b} = B^2 \vec{\kappa}$$

$$= \frac{B_0}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} B_0 \hat{\theta}$$

recall: $\vec{\kappa} \equiv \hat{b} \cdot \nabla \hat{b}$, the curvature of $\vec{B}$

↓ take B_θ to be independent of θ ↓

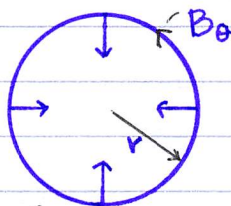
$$(\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} = \frac{B_\theta}{r} B_\theta \underbrace{\frac{\partial \hat{\theta}}{\partial \theta}}_{-\hat{r}} = \underbrace{-\frac{B_\theta^2}{r} \hat{r}}_{\text{compare back to } B^2 \vec{R}}$$

where $K \sim 1/R_c \Rightarrow R_c = r$

↳ radius of curvature

eqn. ① becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(P + \frac{B_\theta^2}{8\pi} \right) + \underbrace{\frac{B_\theta^2}{r}}_{\text{magnetic tension}} = 0$$



↑ Tension force from the $\vec{B}$ -field can help balance variations in the total plasma pressure (that may not be uniform in space)
 $\Rightarrow$ Field can confine a plasma!

↳ J_z out of the page — current along $\hat{z}$ is a z-pinch

$$(\nabla \times (B_\theta \hat{\theta}))_z = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_z$$

↳ curl of $\hat{\theta} \neq 0!$ → write $\hat{\theta}$ as $r \nabla \theta$

$$(\nabla \times r B_\theta \nabla \theta)_z = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_z$$

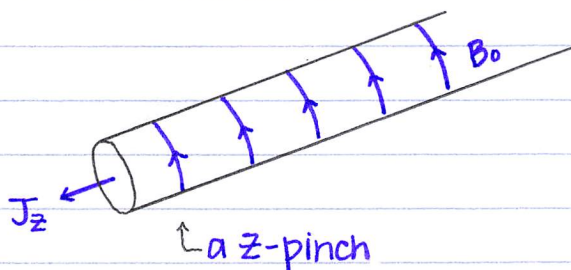
$\nabla \times \nabla \theta = 0$, so we no longer have to take the curl of this

$$[\underbrace{\nabla(r B_\theta)}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r B_\theta)} \times \underbrace{\nabla \theta}_{\frac{1}{r}}]_z = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_z$$

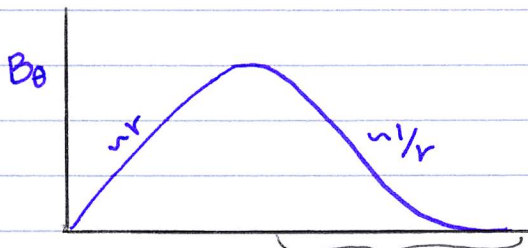
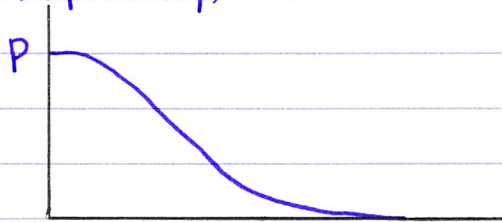
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r B_\theta) \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r B_\theta = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_z$$

What does this look like?

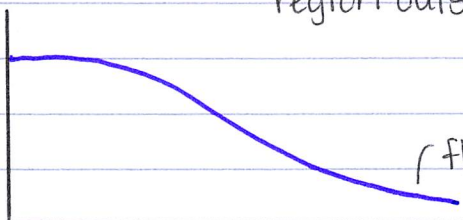


Graphically,



region outside current

$$P + \frac{B_\theta^2}{8\pi}$$

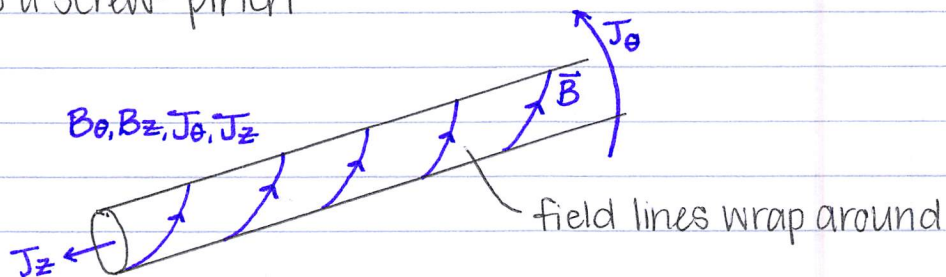


r flattens out much slower than P
due to contribution from B_θ

Experiments with both $B_\theta, B_z \neq 0$ are called screw-pinches.

↳ having B_θ & B_z produces J_z & J_θ

* Magnetic reconnection in the solar corona may be modeled as a screw-pinch



** If you bend this into a torus,
really crazy stuff happens!