MATH554: Astrophysical Fluids

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1 Magnetohydrodynamic Equations (MHD)

Hydrodynamics:

$$t \gg \tau$$
 (collisional)
 $L \gg l$ (large-scale)

Mass-conservation:

$$\begin{split} \rho &= \rho(x,y,z,t) \\ \vec{v} \cdot \nabla &= v_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{dp}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \rho \\ &= -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \\ \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} &= 0 \\ \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) &= 0 \end{split}$$

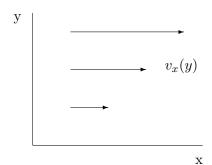
Incompressibility:

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0 \implies \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

Equation of Motion:

$$\begin{split} \vec{a} &= \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} \\ \rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} &= -\nabla p + \vec{F}_l + \vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_v \\ \vec{F}_g &= \rho \vec{g} \\ \vec{F}_l &= \frac{1}{c} \vec{J} \times \vec{B} \text{ (but no electric force } \vec{F}_E = \rho^q \vec{E}) \\ \vec{F}_v &= \text{viscous force} \end{split}$$

Shear force:



$$S_{xy} = \mu \frac{dv_x}{dy}$$
 force $F_x = \frac{dS_{xy}}{dy} = \mu \frac{d^2v_x}{dy^2}$
$$F_{v,i} = \frac{\partial S_{ij}}{\partial x_j}$$

Newtonian fluid: S_{ij} is a linear combination of $\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j}$. $\vec{v} = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r} \implies S_{ij} = 0$.

$$S_{ij} = a \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + b \delta_{ij} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}).$$