

MATH554: Astrophysical Fluids

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1 Magnetohydrodynamic Equations (MHD)

Hydrodynamics:

$$t \gg \tau \text{ (collisional)}$$

$$L \gg l \text{ (large-scale)}$$

Mass-conservation:

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

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

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

Incompressibility:

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

Equation of Motion:

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v}$$

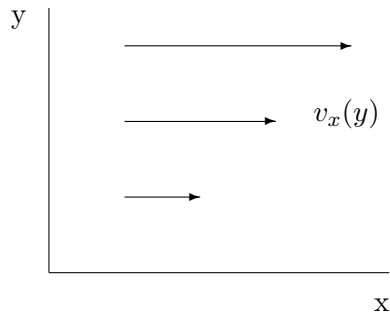
$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\nabla p + \vec{F}_l + \vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_v$$

$$\vec{F}_g = \rho \vec{g}$$

$$\vec{F}_l = \frac{1}{c} \vec{J} \times \vec{B} \text{ (but no electric force } \vec{F}_E = \rho^q \vec{E} \text{)}$$

$$\vec{F}_v = \text{viscous force}$$

Shear force:



$$S_{xy} = \mu \frac{dv_x}{dy}$$

$$\text{force } F_x = \frac{dS_{xy}}{dy} = \mu \frac{d^2 v_x}{dy^2}$$

$$F_{v,i} = \frac{\partial S_{ij}}{\partial x_j}$$

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

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

If $S_{ij} = 0$ (not pressure):

$$0 = 2a\nabla \cdot \vec{v} + 3b\nabla \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$a = \mu$$

$$b = \frac{-2}{3}\mu$$

$$S_{\text{total},ij} = -p\delta_{ij} + S_{ij}$$

$$\vec{F}_{v,i} = \mu \left[\nabla^2 v_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) \right] - \frac{2}{3}\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})$$

$$\vec{F}_v = \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \frac{1}{3}\mu \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})$$