

You have got most of the answers correct except the last one about energy conservation in MHD.

It is essentially a question of manipulating vector analysis. Let me show you how it works in the simplest case.

We have:

$$\partial_t (\rho v) + \text{div} (\rho v_i v_j + p \delta_{ij}) = J \times B$$

$$\partial_t B = \nabla \times (v \times B)$$

Multiply the first eqn. by v , the second by B and then add them:

$$\partial_t (\rho v^2 + B^2) + v \text{div} (\rho v_i v_j + p \delta_{ij}) = v \cdot J \times B + B \cdot (\nabla \times v \times B)$$

The second term on the left was already shown to be a $\text{div}(\quad)$ in class, so we only consider the two terms of the right:

$$v \cdot J \times B = v \cdot [(\nabla \times B) \times B]$$

$$= v \cdot \left[-\nabla \frac{B^2}{2} + (B \cdot \nabla) B \right]$$

but $A = B$ in
(A.6) page 389 of PFP.

$$B \cdot \nabla \times (v \times B) = B \cdot \left[\underbrace{v(\nabla \cdot B)}_0 - \underbrace{B(\nabla \cdot v)}_0 - (v \cdot \nabla) B + (B \cdot \nabla) v \right]$$

(assume incompressibility)

Then

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$$\mathbf{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) = -\frac{1}{2} v_j \partial_j B_k B_k + v_j B_k \partial_k B_j$$

$$\star = -B_k v_j \partial_j B_k + v_j B_k \partial_k B_j$$

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) = -B_j v_k \partial_k B_j + B_j B_k \partial_k v_j$$

$$\text{SUM} = -\frac{1}{2} v_j \partial_j (B_k B_k) + B_k \partial_k (v_j B_j)$$

$$\text{SUM} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_j (v_j B_k B_k) + \frac{1}{2} B_k B_k \partial_j v_j \quad (=0, \text{ by incompressibility})$$

$$+ \partial_k (B_k v_j B_j) - v_j B_j \partial_k B_k \quad (=0, \text{ because } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0)$$

$$= \partial_j \left(-\frac{1}{2} v_j B_k B_k \right) + \partial_k (v_j B_j B_k) = \text{div} \left[\quad \right]$$

Both $\text{div} \left[\quad \right]$ term

In the calculations above we have assumed incompressibility but it would have worked without it too.