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## Problem 2

Start with Navier-Stokes equation for MHD

$$\frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + (\vec{U} \cdot \nabla) \vec{U} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{U} + \frac{1}{\rho} (\vec{j} \times \vec{B})$$

Take curl ( $\nabla \times$ ) of equation to get vorticity

$$\nabla \times \frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times (\vec{U} \cdot \nabla) \vec{U} = \nabla \times \left( -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P \right) + \nabla \times (\nu \nabla^2 \vec{U}) + \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

$$1. \nabla \times \frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \times \vec{U}) = \frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t}$$

$$2. \nabla \times [(\vec{U} \cdot \nabla) \vec{U}] = \nabla \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nabla |\vec{U}|^2 - \vec{U} \times \vec{\omega} \right]$$

Use identity  $\nabla \times \nabla \phi = 0$ ,  $\phi$  = scalar field

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nabla |\vec{U}|^2 \right] = 0$$

$$3. \text{ Similarly, } \nabla \times \left( -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \times \nabla P = 0 \text{ if } \nabla \frac{1}{\rho} = 0$$

$$4. \nabla \times (\nu \nabla^2 \vec{U}) = \nu \nabla^2 (\nabla \times \vec{U}) = \nu \nabla^2 \vec{\omega}$$

$$5. \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \vec{j} \times \vec{B} \right) = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \times (\vec{j} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{\omega}) + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{\omega} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \times (\vec{j} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\text{But } \vec{j} = \sigma \vec{U} \times \vec{B} \text{ when } \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{\omega}) + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{\omega} + \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \nabla \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{B} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\text{If } \vec{U} = U \hat{e}_x + V \hat{e}_y \text{ and } \vec{B} = B \hat{e}_z, \vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{e}_z$$

$$\vec{U} \times \vec{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} e_x & e_y & e_z \\ U & V & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \end{bmatrix} = V\omega \hat{e}_x - U\omega \hat{e}_y$$

Not a valid assumption.  $d/dz()$  = 0 and using Ampere's law  $j = j_z$  only. Therefore  $E_z$  is significant since  $(\vec{U} \times \vec{B})_z$  is negligible (for low Rem)



$$\vec{U} \times \vec{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} u^x & u^y & u^z \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \end{bmatrix} = v\omega \hat{e}_x - u\omega \hat{e}_y$$

$$\nabla \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{\omega}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v\omega & -u\omega & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (v\omega) \hat{e}_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (u\omega) \hat{e}_y - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (v\omega) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u\omega) \right] \hat{e}_z$$

$$\vec{U} \times \vec{B} = vB \hat{e}_x - uB \hat{e}_y$$

$$\vec{U} \times \vec{B} \times \vec{B} = -uB^2 \hat{e}_x - vB^2 \hat{e}_y$$

$$\nabla \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{B} \times \vec{B}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -uB^2 & -vB^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (vB^2) \hat{e}_x - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (uB^2) \hat{e}_y - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (vB^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (uB^2) \right] \hat{e}_z$$

$\Rightarrow$  in the z-direction,

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u\omega) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (v\omega) \right] + \nu \nabla^2 \omega - \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right] B^2$$

$$\text{But } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\omega$$

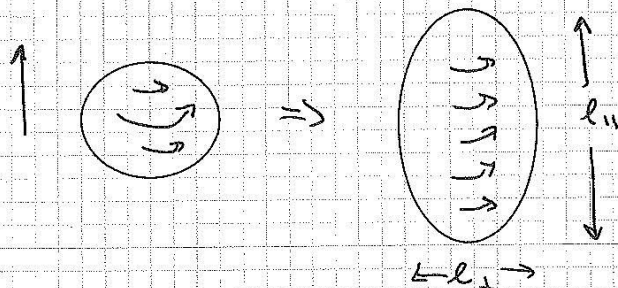
$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + \underbrace{u \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y}}_{\sim \vec{U} \cdot \nabla \vec{\omega}} = \nu \nabla^2 \omega + \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \omega B^2$$

This is wrong likely because of the incorrect assumption of  $E = 0$ .

$$\frac{D\omega}{Dt} = \nu \nabla^2 \omega + \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \omega B^2$$

2D hydrodynamic vorticity equation

vortex damping by magnetic field



$$\tau_j = \frac{\sigma}{\rho} B^2$$

There is no effect of  $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}$  on the vorticity equation for this 2D problem assuming low Rem.