

ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD TENSOR IN MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICAL APPROXIMATION

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Abstract: The main purpose of this paper is to delineate the results for the electromagnetic field tensor in magnetohydrodynamical approximations. The fundamental governing equations for electromagnetic field tensor have been obtained under MHD approximations. The vorticity is also discussed under the same approximations.

Index Terms - electromagnetic field tensor, MHD, vorticity..

1. INTRODUCTION:

In this paper we develop results for the electromagnetic field tensor H_{ab} in the MHD approximation. Lichnerowicz [1] has shown that

$$\mathcal{L}_u H_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

wherein L_u denotes the Lie derivative with respect to the velocity 4-vector u^α .
And

$$\mathcal{L}_B H_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

wherein L_B denotes the magnetic induction 4-vector B^α .

It is to be noted that the dot indicates the covariant derivative along a particle world line is given by

$$\dot{A}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_{,\beta} U^\beta$$

The following identities for the permutation tensor η_{abcd} are defined as

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\eta^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -3! \{ \delta_\beta^r \delta_\gamma^s \delta_\delta^t - \delta_\gamma^s \delta_\delta^t \delta_\beta^r \} \quad (1.3)$$

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\eta^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -2! 2! \{ \delta_\gamma^s \delta_\delta^t - \delta_\delta^t \delta_\gamma^s \} \quad (1.4)$$

In this paper we shall determine that equation (1.1) contracted with $H^{\alpha\beta}$ is equivalent to the divergence equation for B^α . We shall also develop the physical significance of equation (1.2) by showing that it is equivalent to the propagation equation for B^α .

The analogy between the equations governing $\Omega^\alpha = r\omega^\alpha$ and B^α in the magnetohydrodynamic approximation has been given in [4]. The analogy between magnetic field and the vorticity has given an application in the non-relativistic theory of magnetohydrodynamical turbulence and in the theory of gravitational collapse [1].

2. FUNDAMENTAL EQUATIONS:

For sufficiently large time, a porous disk of infinite radius has been rotating about a fixed axis through its centre with constant velocity ω . The constitutive equation of a fluid is given by [9]

$$P^{ik} = -P\delta^{ik} + 2\mu g^{ik} - 2K_0 \bar{g}^{ik} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\bar{g}^{ij} = g_k^{ij} v^k - g^{ik} v_k^j - g^{kj} v_k^i + g^{ij} v_k^k \quad (2.2)$$

wherein P^{ik} is the stress tensor and g^{ij} is the rate of strain tensor and is given by

$$2g^{ik} = v_{ik} + v_{ki} \quad (2.3)$$

In the magnetohydrodynamical approximation as $E^\alpha = 0$, then electromagnetic field tensor $H_{\alpha\beta}$ yields

$$H_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} B^\gamma U^\delta \quad (2.4)$$

Consequently

$$H_{\alpha\beta} = -H_{\beta\alpha} \quad (2.5)$$

$$H_{\alpha\beta} U^\beta = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

i.e.

$$H_{\beta\alpha} U^\alpha = 0$$

$$H_{\alpha\beta} B^\beta = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

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By virtue of equation (1.4)

$$B_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} U_\beta H_{\gamma\delta} \quad (2.8)$$

3. MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS AND MHD APPROXIMATIONS:

Maxwell's equations in the magnetohydrodynamical approximation are given by [9].

$$(B^\alpha U^\beta - B^\beta U^\alpha)_{,\beta} = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

These may be split up with regards to the projection tensor.

$$h_\beta^\alpha = g_\beta^\alpha + U^\alpha U_\beta \quad (3.2)$$

And U^α into the propagation equation for B^α .

The electromagnetic field tensor $H_{\alpha\beta}$ in the magnetohydrodynamical approximation in general theory of relativity is given by [7]

$$h_\beta^\alpha \dot{B}^\beta + \theta B^\alpha - U^\alpha_{,\beta} B^\beta = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

wherein $\theta = U^\alpha_{,\alpha}$

The divergence equation for B^α is given by

$$B_\beta^\alpha h_\beta^\alpha = 0 \tag{3.4}$$

REMARK 3.1: It is noteworthy that the equation (1.2) is equivalent to the equation (3.3) and that the relation

$$H^{\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{L}_B H_{\alpha\beta}) = 0 \tag{3.5}$$

is equivalent to equation (3.3).

First we define

$$A_{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{L}_U H_{\alpha\beta}, \tag{3.6}$$

On expressing $H_{\alpha\beta}$ in terms of B^α by means of equation (2.4) and multiplying equation (3.6) by $\frac{1}{2}\eta^{fg\alpha\beta}U_g$ on both sides and using the relation (1.2), we get

$$\frac{1}{2}\eta^{fg\alpha\beta}U_g A_{\alpha\beta} = h_g^f \dot{B}^g + \theta B^f - U^f_{,g} B^g \tag{3.7}$$

From the properties of $H_{\alpha\beta}$, we get $A_{\alpha\beta} = -A_{\beta\alpha}$ and $A_{\alpha\beta}U^\beta = 0$, operating $\eta_{frst}U^t$ we get $\eta^{fg\alpha\beta}U_g A_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ if and only if

$$A_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \tag{3.8}$$

Secondly we define

$$H^{\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{L}_B H_{\alpha\beta}) = \frac{1}{2}(H^{\alpha\beta} H_{\alpha\beta})_{,\gamma} B^\gamma + 2H^{\beta\alpha} H_{\beta\alpha} B^\alpha \tag{3.9}$$

Express $H_{\alpha\beta}$ in terms of B^α by using equation (2.4) and the relation (1.2), we get

$$H^{\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{L}_B H_{\alpha\beta}) = 2B^2 B^\alpha_{,\beta} h_\alpha^\beta, \tag{3.10}$$

wherein

$$B^2 = B_\alpha B^\alpha$$

Remark 3.2: It is to be noted that if $B \neq 0$, then equation (3.5) is satisfied if and only if equation (3.4) is also satisfied.

4. VORTICITY IN MHD APPROXIMATIONS:

Let us consider the relation

$$U_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{3}\theta h_{\alpha\beta} + \omega_{\alpha\beta} - \dot{U}_\alpha U_\beta, \tag{4.1}$$

where in $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$ is the shear tensor.

Inserting equation (4.1) into the equation (3.2), we get the propagation equation for electromagnetic field tensor $H_{\alpha\beta}$.

$$h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta (H_{\gamma\delta}) + \frac{2}{3}\theta H_{\alpha\beta} - 2\{(\sigma_\alpha^\gamma + \omega_\alpha^\gamma)H_{\beta\gamma} - (\sigma_\beta^\gamma + \omega_\beta^\gamma)H_{\alpha\gamma}\} = 0 \tag{4.2}$$

On comparing with the propagation equation for $\omega_{\alpha\beta}$ and taking the skew symmetric part of the propagation equation for $V_{\alpha\beta} = h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta U_{\gamma\delta}$, we get

$$h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta (\omega_{\gamma\delta}) + (\dot{U}_{\gamma\delta} - \dot{U}_{\delta\gamma}) + \frac{2}{3}\theta \omega_{\alpha\beta} - 2(\sigma_\alpha^\gamma \omega_{\beta\gamma} - \sigma_\beta^\gamma \omega_{\alpha\gamma}) = 0 \tag{4.3}$$

In the MHD approximation, an acceleration potential r is defined as [8]

$$\dot{U}_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -h_\alpha^\beta (\log r)_{,\beta}, \tag{4.4}$$

We have

$$h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta (\dot{U}_{\gamma\delta} - \dot{U}_{\delta\gamma}) = -h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta \frac{\dot{r}}{r} \omega_{\gamma\delta} \tag{4.5}$$

If we take $\Omega_{\alpha\beta} = r\omega_{\alpha\beta}$, then the equation (4.3) reduces in the form

$$h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta \Omega_{\gamma\delta} + \frac{2}{3}\theta \Omega_{\alpha\beta} - 2(\sigma_\alpha^\gamma \Omega_{\beta\gamma} - \sigma_\beta^\gamma \Omega_{\alpha\gamma}) = 0 \tag{4.6}$$

If $\omega_\alpha^\gamma \Omega_{\beta\gamma} - \omega_\beta^\gamma \Omega_{\alpha\gamma} = 0$ then this equation for $\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$ is the same equation (4.2) for $H_{\alpha\beta}$.

Multiplying equation (2.4) on both side by U^β , we get

$$H_{\alpha\beta} U^\beta = \eta_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} B^\gamma U^\delta U^\beta \tag{4.7}$$

By virtue of equations (2.6) and (4.7), we get

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} U^\beta B^\gamma U^\delta = 0 \tag{4.8}$$

Multiplying equation (3.2) by $H_{\alpha\beta}$, we obtain

$$H_{\alpha\beta} h_\beta^\alpha = H_{\alpha\beta} g_\beta^\alpha + (H_{\alpha\beta} U^\alpha) U_\beta \tag{4.9}$$

Inserting equation (2.6) in the above equation, we obtain

$$H_{\alpha\beta} h_\beta^\alpha = H_{\alpha\beta} g_\beta^\alpha \tag{4.10}$$

Multiplying equation (2.8) by U^γ on both sides, we get

$$\dot{B}_\alpha U^\gamma = \frac{1}{2}\eta^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} U_\beta (H_{\gamma\delta} U^\gamma) \tag{4.11}$$

As a consequence of the equations (4.11) and (2.6), we obtain

$$\dot{B}^\alpha U^\alpha = 0$$

Equation (4.6) can be written as

$$h_\alpha^\gamma h_\beta^\delta \Omega_{\gamma\delta} + \frac{2}{3}U_\alpha^\alpha \Omega_{\alpha\beta} - 2(\sigma_\alpha^\gamma \Omega_{\beta\gamma} - \sigma_\beta^\gamma \Omega_{\alpha\gamma}) = 0 \tag{4.12}$$

Multiplying equation (4.12) by B_α^γ on both sides, we get

$$(B_\alpha^\gamma h_\alpha^\gamma) h_\beta^\delta \Omega_{\gamma\delta} + \frac{2}{3} B_\alpha^\gamma \theta \Omega_{\alpha\beta} - 2B_\alpha^\gamma (\sigma_\alpha^\gamma \Omega_{\beta\gamma} - \sigma_\beta^\gamma \Omega_{\alpha\gamma}) = 0 \quad (4.13)$$

By virtue of equations (3.4) and (4.13), we obtain

$$\frac{2}{3} B_\alpha^\gamma \theta \Omega_{\alpha\beta} - 2B_\alpha^\gamma (\sigma_\alpha^\gamma \Omega_{\beta\gamma} - \sigma_\beta^\gamma \Omega_{\alpha\gamma}) = 0 \quad (4.14)$$

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