

2010 Day 2 Q24 (MHD)

1. When B fields much larger than E fields? $E \propto \frac{v_A}{c} B$
 Due to very strong Debye shielding?

$$2. \quad \mathcal{P}W = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int 2B \cdot \delta B = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int B \cdot \nabla \times Q = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \nabla \cdot (B \times Q) + Q \cdot \nabla \times B$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int Q \cdot \nabla \times B = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int (z \times B) \cdot J = \int (B \times J) \cdot z$$

For $\mathcal{P}W$ to vanish for any arbitrary z , must have $J \times B = 0$.

Note above we also had $\int \nabla \cdot (B \times Q) = 0$ since $B \times Q = B \times (z \times B)$
 ~~$= \oint B \times (B \times z) = \oint (B \times (z \times B)) \cdot da$~~ and $z \rightarrow 0$ on surface.

$$3. \quad \mathcal{P}(W - \lambda K) = 0 = \int \frac{1}{\mu_0} B \cdot \delta B - \lambda A \cdot \delta B - \lambda B \cdot \delta A$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{\mu_0} B \cdot (\nabla \times \delta A) - \lambda A \cdot (\nabla \times \delta A) - \lambda B \cdot \delta A$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \oint (\delta A \times B) \cdot da - \lambda \oint (\delta A \times A) \cdot da$$

$$+ \int \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times B) \cdot \delta A - \lambda (\nabla \times A) \cdot \delta A - \lambda B \cdot \delta A$$

Surface integrals vanish since $\delta A \rightarrow 0$ on boundary.

$$= \int (J - z \lambda B) \cdot \delta A$$

$$\rightarrow J = z \lambda B, \text{ also force-free since } \nabla P = J \times B = z \lambda B \times B = 0.$$

? 4. Both have $J \times B = 0$, so both are force-free.

Differences: λ constant in (3) vs $\lambda(\frac{r}{a})$ in (2)

? 5. Less stable? Harder to achieve?

Need ∇P to confine plasma. ($P \rightarrow 0$ at wall, $P \neq 0$ at center)