

## Where have we got to so far?

**Ideal Gas Law:**

$$p = \rho RT \quad (1)$$

**Hydrostatic Balance:**

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -g\rho \quad (2)$$

**Geopotential Height:**

$$\phi = \int_0^z g dz \quad (3)$$

**First Law of thermodynamics:**

$$dQ = c_v dT + p dV = c_p dT - V dp \quad (4)$$

**Adiabatic Lapse Rate:**

$$\frac{dT}{dz} = \Gamma_d = -\frac{g}{c_p} \quad (5)$$

**Potential temperature:**

$$\theta = T \left( \frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{\frac{R}{c_p}} \quad (6)$$

**Atmospheric static stability:**

$$\frac{\theta}{T} \frac{d\theta}{dz} = \Gamma - \Gamma_d \quad (7)$$

**Total and partial derivatives:**

Langrangian and Eulerian perspective  $\psi = \psi(x, y, z, t)$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla\psi \quad (8)$$

**Equivalence of geopotential and pressure gradients:**

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \nabla p = \nabla\phi \quad (9)$$

**Momentum equation:**

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - g\vec{k} - a\vec{v} \quad (10)$$

**Coriolis acceleration:**

$$\left. \frac{d\vec{v}^{fixed}}{dt} \right|^{fixed} = \left. \frac{d\vec{v}^{rot}}{dt} \right|^{rot} + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v}^{rot} + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r} \quad (11)$$

**Scale analysis leading to horizontal momentum equation:**

N.B.  $f = 2\Omega \sin(\phi)$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}_h}{dt} = f\vec{k} \times \vec{v}_h - \nabla_h \phi - a\vec{v}_h \quad (12)$$

**Geostrophic balance**

$$\vec{v}_h = \frac{1}{f}\vec{k} \times \nabla_h \phi = \frac{1}{\rho f}\vec{k} \times \nabla_h p \quad (13)$$

**Rossby number**

$$R_o = \text{ratio of } \frac{\text{Acceleration term}}{\text{Corolis term}} \quad (14)$$

**Cyclostrophic balance**

e.g., bath tubs, hurricanes, tornadoes

$$\frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dn} \quad (15)$$

**Gradient wind**

Better approximation when curvature is tight

$$\frac{v^2}{R} = fv + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dn} \quad (16)$$

**Thermal wind**

Exact:

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \ln(p)} = \frac{R}{f} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_p \quad (17)$$

Approximate:

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{g}{fT} \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right)_z \quad (18)$$

Vector form:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}_h}{\partial z} = \frac{g}{fT}\vec{k} \times \nabla_h T \quad (19)$$

### Continuity equation

Version 1:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{v} = 0 \quad (20)$$

Or:

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \quad (21)$$

Or:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p} = 0 \quad (22)$$

Or: (for horizontal streamlines)

$$\frac{1}{A} \frac{dA}{dt} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p} = 0 \quad (23)$$

### Thermodynamic equation

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\kappa T}{p} \omega + \frac{\dot{Q}}{c_p} \quad (24)$$

### Vorticity equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\zeta + f) + f(u_x + v_y) = 0 \quad (25)$$

where

$$()_x = \frac{\partial ()}{\partial x}$$

$\zeta = v_x - u_y =$  RELATIVE VORTICITY

$f = 2\Omega \sin(\phi) =$  PLANETARY VORTICITY

$\zeta + f =$  ABSOLUTE VORTICITY

## PRIMITIVE EQUATIONS

Based on conservation of momentum (Newton's 2nd law), ideal gas equation, first law of thermodynamics, and conservation of mass, we have the primitive equations which describe the motions of the atmosphere on large scales:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \omega \frac{\partial u}{\partial p} - f v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + F_i \quad (26)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \omega \frac{\partial v}{\partial p} + f u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + F_j \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p} = -\frac{RT}{p} \quad (28)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} - \omega \left( \frac{\kappa T}{p} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial p} \right) = \frac{\dot{Q}}{c_p} \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p} = 0 \quad (30)$$