Exam format:

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| word | symbolic math | nutshell meaning | longer explanation of meaning (concept) in question | Relevant sketch with arrows or little f(x) curve or whatever is appropriate |
| divergence |  |  |  |  |
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Essential grammar we have learned

Latitude, longitude, altitude

Zonal, meridional, vertical

Northward vs. northerly; eastward vs. westerly; poleward vs. equatorward; cyclonic

upward, altitude, pressure level (know Earth's atmosphere layers, z & p depth values)

troposphere, stratosphere, planetary boundary layer (PBL)

Cartesian: x,y,z coords **i,j,k** unit vectors u,v,w components of vector wind **V**

*tangent plane* to the spherical Earth, locally accurate, *orthogonal*

a scalar vs. a vector

a vector has 2 *properties* (in 2D or 3D): *magnitude* and *direction*

Two kinds of multiplication: dot product, cross product

defined for an individual vector; repeated at every location for a vector *field*

scalar *field* vs. vector *field* -- know your MKS Units on all these quantities

*functions* apply over a *domain* (coordinates or arguments or inputs)

their *value* (output) spans some *range* of outcomes

in other words, a function is a *mapping from domain to range*

graphically: a function is a *curve* (1D domain), *surface* (2D), or *field* (3D, 4D)

ex: T(x,y,z,t) is *temperature everywhere forever,* **V500**(x,y) is *hor. wind @500*

Derivatives of a function:

first: *slope* (on 1D domain) is a scalar; *gradient* (on 2D, 3D domain) is **vector field**

second: *curvature* (on any dimension of domain)

second derivative is a *scalar operator*: it flips sign, for *sinuoids* (waves)

equal to *divergence of gradient* on 2D or 3D domain

Del operator: a ***vector******operator*** (*nabla* symbol), behaves just like a vector except that things to the left of it are *multiplied*, while things on the right of it are *operated on*.

that is, Del does not *commute* like a regular vector field.

\* know the *gradient* of a scalar function *of space*, result is a **vector** **field**

like *temperature gradient*  where T(x,y,z, maybe t) is a scalar function

\* know "del dot" a vector field

vergence (divergence, convergence) div(**V**) = "del dot **V" =**

convergence of a flux is the tendency due to transport

advection is another way to express this tendency

\* know "del squared": divergence of gradient, second derivative in space

a measure of *curvature* of a curve, surface, or (abstractly) 3D field

differentiation emphasizes small scales: *edge finder* in image proc.

random exchange (molecules) creates a *diffusive* *flux, down the gradient*

*diffusivity* is the constant of proportionality

*convergence* of that flux is a *transport tendency* called *diffusive tendency*

called *viscous force* for diffusive momentum flux

advection **"minus V dot del**" or "minus V dot grad T": *transport from upwind*

note negative sign

Curl of vector field **V**,

Only in 3D! Right hand rule.

(vector *vorticity*, if **V** is a 3D velocity field)

we use only its *vertical component,*  = vy - ux

(where subscripts indicate partial derivatives)

Curl of gradient vanishes precisely - why?

round-and-round vs. uphill-downhill are the 2 kinds of motion

Scale of variation (m vs. km vs. 1000s of km; hours vs. days vs. months):

notice these are logarithmic distinctions, not just "size" (like 10m vs. 5m) Running average (smoothing) isolates *large scales* (larger than *filter scale*)

Deviations from that are *small scales*: (*subfilter* scales)

*anomaly* (deviation from time average)

*eddy* (deviation from space average)

*perturbation*: someone/something *perturbed* something

away from some *control* case

(to do an *experiment*, capable of isolating *cause and effect*)

*Partial derivatives* of a field f(x,y,z,t)

*Local* or *Eulerian* **∂**f/**∂**t

*Total* or *Lagrangian* Df/Dt, following a moving parcel at position <xp(t), yp(t), zp(t)>

Know the difference from to the local derivative **∂**f/**∂**t (chain rule):

advection by wind **V** = <u,v,w> = d/dt <xp(t), yp(t), zp(t)>

because the rate of change of *coordinate position* IS *velocity*

Nondivergent vs. irrotational decomposition of a vector field

equivalently, rotational and divergent, "components" *of field decomposition*

different meaning than *vector components* (along the unit vectors)

*\* streamline, streamfunction, streamwise*: *instantaneous* velocity, *threaded* tip to tail

*\* trajectory* (different from streamline): motion of a parcel through time

Integral relationships (opposite of derivative) for gradient, div, curl

Stokes' theorem (circulation), Gauss' theorem (for divergence)

vanishing of div(curl(**V**(x,y,z))) <--> vanishing of loop integral of gradient

ODEs and solutions

*time tendency* is usually put on *left hand side (LHS)*

exponential solutions to df/dt = -bf

sinusoidal solutions to d2f/dt2 = -c2f

exp() with complex numbers combines both

need boundary or initial conditions (constant of integration) to solve DEs

stationary or steady-state solution: equilibrium or "balance"

df/dt = A - B. Make steady-state assumption. Is it still a diff-eq? NO! A=B

PDEs and solutions: terms and concepts (for our applications)

*prognostic* vs. *diagnostic*

boundary conditions, initial conditions

inverse of Laplacian (smoothing, the opposite of "edge finding"; reversed sign)

*Streamfunction* is inverse-Laplacian of *vorticity*

PROGNOSTIC EQUATION:

Contains a time derivative or *rate of change*, customarily on left-hand side (LHS)

terms on RHS are then called *partial tendencies*, time *tendencies*

*Governing* equation(s), *budgets*, with *partial tendencies* (tendency terms) on RHS

*Eulerian (local*) vs. *Lagrangian (total, following-the-flow*) derivatives

d/dt(something) = 0 + sources - sinks

**∂**/**∂**t(something) = flux convergence + sources - sinks

**∂**/**∂**t(something) = advection + sources - sinks

*Conserved* *tracer* an important special case: *sources-sinks negligible*

*Balance* special case: *neglect time derivative relative to other tendencies*

*hydrostatic balance* in the vertical (pressure = weight = g\*mass of column)

*geostrophic wind balance, gradient wind balance* in the horizontal

*geostrophic wind* **V**g, *thermal wind* (upper-level **V**g minus lower-level **V**g)

fictional wind fields obeying balance exactly: no divergence, unchanging

*jet stream* (a momentum feature; sketch forces, p surface slope, thickness)

*cool core cyclone*: positive PV feature in upper troposphere

*warm core cyclone*: positive PV feature strongest at low levels

*Adjustment* (a fast or efficient process of restoration/maintenance of balance)

*Dynamics*: the physical study of flow (forces, etc.) and its changes (prognostic)

*Kinematics*: the basis set of 4 2D spatial gradients of 2D velocity field

vorticity, divergence, deformation.

diffluence/confluence may or may not be associated with true divergence

recipes:

shear = vorticity + deformation

line of convergence = convergence + deformation

Waves: terms and concepts

frequency, period, wavelength, wavenumber, amplitude, phase

phase velocity, group velocity

growing, decaying *amplitude* (in space or time)

growing, shrinking *scale* (expressed as wavenumber or wavelength)

Physical concepts/words to know

Mass, density, mass fractions (specific \_\_, mixing ratio of \_\_, concentration of \_)

Conservation of mass (*continuity* of mass flux)

Flux of mass, multiply by specific \_\_ to get flux of \_\_ (\_\_ = momentum, moisture, etc.)

Conservation of stuff

TRANSPORT:

Flux of (stuff): what are the units? Stuff per second per square meter (in 3D)

Flux *convergence* is the effect of the flux (*transport's* "drop-off")

Advection: what is the sense of it (upstream coming at ya) and the math ( -**V.del** )?

how are *advection* vs. *flux convergence* treatments related?

(A: equal, because of mass continuity as in homework).

Diffusion (convergence of a flux that is negatively proportional to a gradient).

PHYSICAL LAWS

*Equation of Motion* / Newton’s 2nd Law (F=ma)

Gravity force: vertical; it defines vertical

Pressure-gradient force (PGF): Enforcer of continuity, in general

Gradient of *pressure-surface height* or *geopotential height* in p-coords.

*Coriolis force* (if still air on rotating Earth is ‘motionless’, this is very real)

f is *Coriolis parameter*, also equal to *planetary vorticity*

“*Inertial forces*” (*advection of momentum* by wind itself)

“*Friction*” (convergence of momentum flux by small-scale motions; *viscosity*)

Vorticity equations: d/dt(vorticity) = 0 + complications

Relative vorticity : eliminates PGF from momentum equations

Absolute vorticity a=(f+) moves v df/dy = vb term to LHS

mechanism: Coriolis force *torque* on air patch that moves south or north

Potential vorticity PV, eliminates a div(**V**) "*vortex* *stretching*" term from RHS

Vortex interactions (e.g. for TC steering): 2D reasoning

1/r decay of “induced” rotational wind from vorticity element (point vortex)

Vtan  (1/r)

rel itself is advected by the “induced” flow from all other vortex points

a *point vortex model* of flow and its predictability

Sketch how this plays out for 2 vortices of same/opposite sign

Rossby waves: includes advection of planetary vor (or conservation of absolute vor)

explain from d/dt(a)=0 with  =df/dy

Phase velocity c=U - k2 : westward relative to U, long waves faster

Group velocity cg=U +  k2: eastward relative to U, " " "

"downstream development" process

For stationary waves (c=0), cg = 2U

First Law of Thermodynamics (conservation of microscopic energy)

heat energy added to gas = change in internal energy + work done by gas (p dV/dt)

Per unit mass: Q = Cv dT/dt + p da/dt

*Ideal gas law*, an *equation of state* for air: pa = RT

Plug in: Q = Cp dT/dt - a dp/dt

where Cp = Cv + R

Mass continuity

Hydrostatic pressure (or mass) coordinate makes it especially clean

omega = dp/dt is vertical velocity within this coordinate system

notice: *negative for upward motion*

but also "pressure drop with time" on Earth's surface