2.12 Enthalpy

The specific enthalpy of seawater h is given by

$$h = h(S_A, t, p) = g + (T_0 + t)\eta = g - (T_0 + t)\frac{\partial g}{\partial T}\Big|_{S_A, p}$$
 (2.12.1)

Specific enthalpy h has units of J kg⁻¹ in both the SIA and GSW software libraries. Also, note that potential enthalpy is defined in section 3.2 below, and dynamic enthalpy is defined as enthalpy minus potential enthalpy (Young, 2010).