

A Standard Atmospheric Model with constant lapse rates for Titan

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Equations relating to this study

1. Lapse rate

$$a = \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta h} \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

2. Temperature at a desired altitude

$$T = T_1 + a(h - h_1) \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

Here, T_1 is a known temperature; h_1 is the altitude where T_1 is measured; h is the altitude in which temperature should be determined and a is the lapse rate.

For instance, if the lapse rate is -0.0006119 K/m and the temperature at 0m is 93.51K, then, temperature at an altitude of 10000m is given by

$$T = 93.51 + (-0.0006119)(10000 - 0) \\ T = 87.391K$$

3. Pressure at a desired altitude

$$\frac{P}{P_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-g_0/aR} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

Here, T_1 is a known temperature; P_1 is the altitude where T_1 is measured; T is the determined from Eq.2.; a is the lapse rate; R is the specific gas constant (= 295.8391 J/kg-K) and g_0 is the gravitation due to gravity (=1.375 m/s²).

4. Density at a desired altitude

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{-[g_0/aR+1]} \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

Here, T_1 is a known temperature; ρ_1 is the altitude where T_1 is measured; T is the determined from Eq.2. and a is the lapse rate.

Constants and values at ground level (0 m altitude)

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| 1. Specific gas constant | $R = 295.8391 \text{ J/kgK}$ |
| 2. Acceleration due to gravity | $g_0 = 1.375 \text{ m/s}^2$ |
| 3. Temperature at ground level | $T_0 = 96.6004 \text{ m/s}^2$ |
| 4. Pressure at ground level | $P_0 = 146645 \text{ Pa}$ |
| 5. Density at ground level | $\rho_0 = 5.3446 \text{ kg/m}^3$ |

Figures obtained from the Python code

