

HWK1 - BAROTROPIC VORTICITY

1. derive the barotropic vorticity budget for a non-flat ocean bottom

PQ mom² eqn.: $\underline{f} \times \underline{u} = -\nabla_z \phi + \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial t}$ where $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = b$

We ignore acceleration terms due to small Rossby no.

and $\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} = \dot{b}$

and $\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0$

- Derive vorticity eqn. (take the curl of momentum)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{k} \cdot \nabla \times \left[\underline{f} \times \underline{u} \right] &= -\nabla_z \phi + \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial t} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[-fv \right] = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial t} + \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (fu) = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial t} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (fv) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (fu) + \cancel{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x \partial y}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y \partial x}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta v - f \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \text{curl}_z \left(\frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial t} \right)$$

- Integrate over vertical - from η to $-(H) + \eta_B$

$$\int_{-H+\eta_B}^{\eta} \beta v dz - f \int_{-H+\eta_B}^{\eta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz = \text{curl}_z \int_{-H+\eta_B}^{\eta} \frac{\partial \underline{z}}{\partial t} dz$$

rigid lid approx.

$$\beta v - f \left[w \right]_{z=\eta}^{z=-H+\eta_B} = \text{curl}_z (\tau_s - \tau_b)$$

not changing

$$w|_{z=-H+\eta_B} = \frac{D}{Dt} (-H + \eta_B) = \frac{D\eta_B}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \eta_B}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \eta_B$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\beta v + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \eta_B = \text{curl}_z (\tau_s - \tau_b)}$$

