

## >> Function: Atmospheric Density Calculator

Description: This function computes the air density for each corresponding altitude

This function is from HW #1

### (1) INPUTS:

- altitude: altitude in the atmosphere [m] or [ft]
- unit: input to decide whether to do the computations in SI or English units

### (2) OUTPUTS:

- air density: the air density [kg/m<sup>3</sup>] or [slug/ft<sup>3</sup>]

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function [air_density] = airDensity_cal(altitude, unit)
%%
% *EQUATIONS*
%
% (1) The Atmospheric Pressure at "Pause" State
%
% $$p = p_1 * \exp((-1)* g * (h - h_1) / R / T)$
%
% (2) The Atmospheric Pressure at "Sphere" State
%
% $$p = p_1 * (T / T_1)^{-g / R / T_h}$
%
% where    $T_h = (T - T_1) / (h - h_1)$
%
% (3) The Temperature at Certain Altitude
%
% $$ T = T_1 + T_h(h - h_1)$
%
% (4) The Density of Atmosphere at Certain Altitude
%
% $$ d = p/R/T$$
%
% (5) The Speed of Sound
%
% $$a = \sqrt{y*p/d}$
%
% where    $y = \gamma = 1.4$

%%
% altitude_ft = 0:500:100000; % Altitude vector in feet (ft)
% altitude_m = 0:1:30480;      % Altitude vector in meters (m)

% *PREPARATION*
altitude_m = altitude;
g_si = 9.81;                % Gravitational acceleration (m/s^2)
R_si = 287;                 % Gas constant (J/kg/K)
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gamma = 1.4; % Adiabatic Index or Isentropic Expansion Constant
lapse_rate_m = [-6.5*power(10,-3), 3*power(10,-3), -4.5*power(10,-3), ...
4*power(10,-3)]; % Temperature lapse rates (K/m)
mark_height_m = [0, 11, 25, 47, 53, 79, 90, 105]*1000;
% Height at which the the state changes
% from "pause" to "sphere" or vice versa
% (m)
initial_temp_m = [288.16, 216.66, 282.66, 165.66, 256.66];
% Initial temperatures (K) where the
% state changes from "pause" to "sphere"
% or vice versa

% *Temperature*
%
% Finding the temperature by altitude (K)
% Meters
temp_m = tempCal(initial_temp_m, altitude_m, mark_height_m,lapse_rate_m);
% *Pressure*
pressure_m = pressureCal(g_si, R_si, temp_m, initial_temp_m,...
altitude_m, mark_height_m, lapse_rate_m, "SI");
% *Density*
density_m = pressure_m ./ temp_m / R_si;

% *PREPARATION*
altitude_ft = altitude;
g_eng = 32.174; % Gravitational acceleration (ft/s^2)
R_eng = 1716.27; % Gas constant (ft^2/s^2R)
gamma = 1.4; % Adiabatic Index or Isentropic Expansion Constant
lapse_rate_ft = lapse_rate_m / 3.28084 * 1.8;
% Temperature lapse rates (R/ft)
mark_height_ft = mark_height_m * 3.28084;
% Height corresponding to mark_height_m
% in feet (ft)
initial_temp_ft = [518.688, 389.988, 515.988, 298.188, 461.988];
% Initial temperatures (R) where the
% state changes from "pause" to "sphere"
% or vice versa

% *Temperature*
%
% Finding the temperature by altitude (K)
% Feet
temp_ft = tempCal(initial_temp_ft, altitude_ft, mark_height_ft, lapse_rate_ft);
% *Pressure*
pressure_ft = pressureCal(g_eng, R_eng, temp_ft, initial_temp_ft,...
altitude_ft, mark_height_ft, lapse_rate_ft, "ENG");
% *Density*
density_ft = pressure_ft ./ temp_ft / R_eng;
if unit == "SI"
    air_density = density_m;
else
    air_density = density_ft;
end
end

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