

$$\left(\frac{\delta\zeta}{\delta t}\right)_{1000} = -(V - c)_{500} \cdot \nabla \zeta_{a_{500}} - \frac{g}{f} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{\partial z_T}{\partial t}\right)_{1000-500} \quad (12)$$

where

$\left(\frac{\delta\zeta}{\delta t}\right)_{1000}$ is the vorticity tendency observed at the center of the moving system..

Development	Vorticity Advection	Thickness	LPT Term
18 UTC 11/6/13			XXXXXXXXXX
00 UTC 11/7/13			
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06 UTC 11/7/13			
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Note: (a) Coriolis Parameter, f, at 7 degrees latitude is $1.777 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Hence the factor $g/f = 5.515 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

(b) Finite difference cross Δx and $\Delta y = 1.25 \text{ deg latitude} = 138.75 \text{ km}$ (for finite difference cross shown, which spans 2.5 deg latitude). Assume thickness at points 1, 2, 3 and 4 are 582 dm.

$$-\frac{g}{f} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{\partial z_T}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 z_T$$

$$-\frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{Laplacian of Thickness Field}$$

For first six hour time step

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{Laplacian of Thickness Field} = \frac{\text{LTF}_{Time2} - \text{LTF}_{Time1}}{\Delta t}$$

For second six hour time step

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{Laplacian of Thickness Field} = \frac{\text{LTF}_{Time3} - \text{LTF}_{Time2}}{\Delta t}$$

To estimate this term, get center the Laplacian grid on the cyclone and determine the value of the Laplacian of the thickness field at time 1, time 2 and time 3. Then perform the arithmetic operations shown.