

Water vapor and the equation of state:

(1) Mixing ratio: $r_v = \frac{M_v}{M_d} = \frac{p_v}{p_d}$ * Petty uses w instead of r_v
 → mass of water vapor per mass of dry air.
 Usually expressed in units of g H₂O / kg dry air

(2) Specific Humidity: $q_v = \frac{M_v}{M_d + M_v} = \frac{p_v}{p}$
 Mass of water vapor per total mass of air

Relationship between q_v and r_v

$$q_v = \frac{r_v}{1 + r_v} \quad \text{or} \quad r_v = \frac{q_v}{1 - q_v}$$

given that (H₂O)_v is a trace gas, $r_v \ll 1$; it follows that

$$q_v \approx r_v$$

Obtain the relation between r_v , q_v and e
 $r_v = \frac{p_v}{p_d} \xrightarrow[\text{gas law}]{\text{Using ideal}} \frac{e}{R_v T} \left(\frac{p_d}{R_d T} \right)^{-1}$

$$r_v = \frac{p_d}{R_v} \frac{e}{p_d} \quad \text{Define } \epsilon = \frac{R_d}{R_v} = 0.622$$

$$r_v = \epsilon \frac{e}{p_d}$$

We know that $r_v \ll 1$ because $p_d \approx 1000 \text{ hPa}$
 $e \approx 6 \text{ hPa}$

We have two eqns of state for the atm., one for (H₂O)_v, and one for dry air. How can we combine into one eqn. that's simple?

Ideal gas law: $p = (p_d R_d + p_v R_v) T$

$$= p R_d \left(\frac{p_d}{p} + \frac{p_v R_v}{p R_d} \right) T \quad q_v = \frac{p_v}{p}$$

$$= p R_d \left(\frac{p - p_v}{p} + \frac{q_v}{\epsilon} \right) T \quad p = p_d + p_v$$

$$p = p R_d \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) q_v \right] T \quad \epsilon = \frac{R_d}{R_v}$$

Define the virtual temperature $T_v = T \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) q_v \right]$
 $\approx T (1 + 0.61 q_v)$

Ideal gas law for moist air is $p = \rho R_d T_v$

Hydrostatic balance:

$$\cancel{\frac{Dw}{Dt}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g \longrightarrow \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g$$

Let's assume an isothermal atmosphere $T_v = \bar{T}_v$

$$p = \rho R_d \bar{T}_v$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\frac{\rho g}{\rho R_d \bar{T}_v} = -\frac{g}{H}$$

Define $H = \frac{R_d \bar{T}_v}{g}$ scale height

Can rewrite equation as:

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{H} \longrightarrow \int d \ln p = -\int \frac{dz}{H} \quad \frac{dp}{p} = d \ln p$$

The integral yields a solution of the form:

$$p = p_0 \exp\left(-\frac{z}{H}\right)$$

Hydrostatic balance in the ocean:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho_0 g \longrightarrow \int dp = -\rho_0 g \int dz$$

* caution: think about the direction of integration

$$p = p_0 + \rho_0 g z \quad z = \text{depth}$$