Nondivergent wind QG diagnostics

Nondivergent wind QG diagnostics are computed following the methods described by Nielsen-Gammon and Gold (2008, p. 184–191). Definitions are as follows:

 $\boldsymbol{v}_{nd} = \boldsymbol{v} - \boldsymbol{v}_{\chi}$, where \boldsymbol{v}_{nd} is the nondivergent wind, \boldsymbol{v} is the total wind, and $\boldsymbol{v}_{\chi} = \nabla \chi$ is the divergent wind where χ is the velocity potential.

Temperature, *T*, is defined as the vertical gradient of streamfunction, ψ , as $T = \frac{p}{R} f_0 \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial p} \right)$.

Potential temperature: $\theta = \left[\frac{p}{R}f_0\left(-\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial p}\right)\right]\left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{R/C_p}$.

Temperature advection: $-\boldsymbol{v_{nd}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla_p} \left[\frac{p}{R} f_0 \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial p} \right) \right]$

Resultant deformation: $E = \sqrt{(E_{st}^2 + E_{sh}^2)}, E_{st} = \frac{\partial u_{nd}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_{nd}}{\partial y}, E_{sh} = \frac{\partial v_{nd}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_{nd}}{\partial y}$

2D Frontogenesis: $F = \frac{1}{|\nabla\theta|} \left[-\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u_{nd}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_{nd}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u_{nd}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_{nd}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial y} \right) \right]$

Vector frontogenesis (**Q**): $\boldsymbol{Q} = \left(-\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_{nd}}{\partial x} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{p}} \boldsymbol{\theta}, -\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{v}_{nd}}{\partial y} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{p}} \boldsymbol{\theta}\right) = (Q_1, Q_2)$

The across- (Qn) and along-isentrope (Qs) components of the **Q** vector are computed as described in the Omega Equation Users' Guide. The Miller (1948) 2D frontogenesis function, evaluated here using the nondivergent wind, is equivalent to $-Q_n$ and the Petterssen (1936) frontogenesis function.