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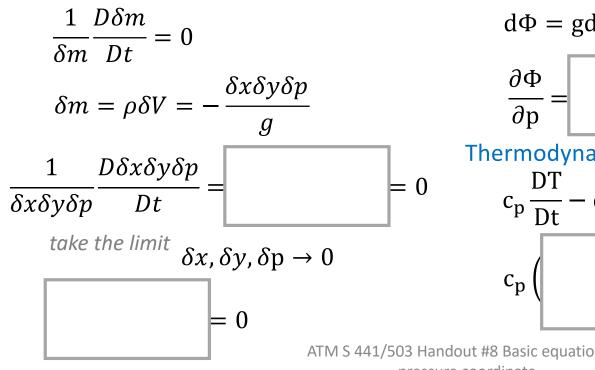
Vertical coordinate



Total differential

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \longrightarrow$$

Continuity equation



Vertical velocity

W \rightarrow

D \overline{Dt}

Hydrostatic balance

$$d\Phi = gdz = -\frac{dp}{\rho} = -\frac{RT}{p}dp$$
$$\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial p} =$$

Thermodynamic energy equation

$$c_{p} \frac{DT}{Dt} - \alpha \frac{Dp}{Dt} = J$$

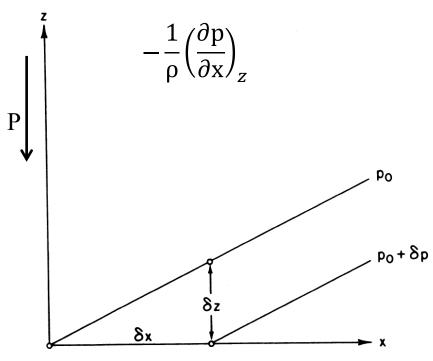
 $-\alpha\omega = 0$

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Pressure gradient force

Represent the pressure gradient force term in pressure coordinate



$$p = p(x, z)$$

$$\delta p = 0 = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)_z \delta x + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}\right)_x \delta z$$

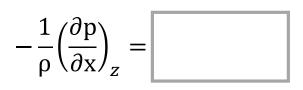
divide by delta x

$$0 = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)_z +$$

use the hydrostatic balance

 $\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)_z =$

$$\delta x, \delta z \to 0$$



$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)_z =$$

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