

Overhead Slides for

Chapter 7

of

**Fundamentals of
Atmospheric
Modeling**

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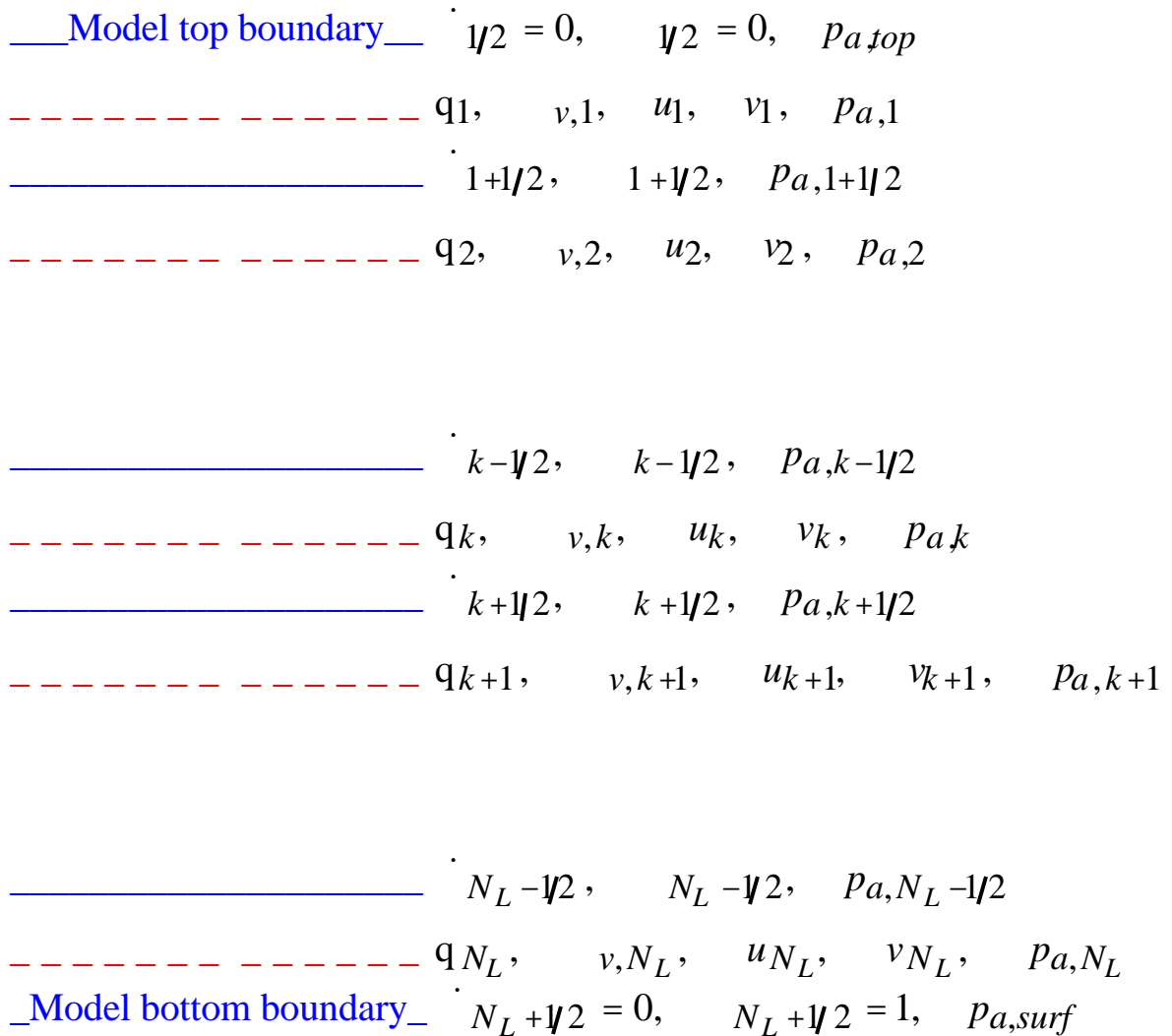
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Vertical Model Grid

Fig. 7.1. Location of variable values in a vertical grid.



Estimating Sigma Levels

Estimate altitude at bottom boundary of each test layer

$$z_{k+1/2, test} = z_{top, test} \left(1 - \frac{k}{N_L} \right) \quad \text{for } k = 0, \dots, N_L \quad (7.2)$$

Find pressures from table --> sigma values

$$k+1/2 = \frac{P_{a, k+1/2, test} - P_{a, top, test}}{P_{a, N_L+1/2, test} - P_{a, top, test}} \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, N_L \quad (7.3)$$

Pressure at the bottom boundary of a model layer

$$P_{a, k+1/2} = P_{a, top} + k+1/2 \cdot a \quad (7.4)$$

Layer-Midpoint Pressure

Example layers

—————	$p_{a,k-1/2}$	= 700 mb
- - - - -	$v_{,k}$	= 308 K
—————	$p_{a,k+1/2}$	= 750 mb
- - - - -	$v_{,k+1}$	= 303 K
—————	$p_{a,k+3/2}$	= 800 mb

Pressure at the mass-center of a layer

$$p_{a,k} = p_{a,k-1/2} + 0.5(p_{a,k+1/2} - p_{a,k-1/2}) \quad (7.5)$$

Layer-Midpoint Pressure

Pressure where mass-weighted mean of P is located

When pot. virtual temp. increases monotonically with height

$$p_{a,k} = (1000 \text{ mb}) P_k^{1/\gamma} \quad (7.8)$$

Mass-weighted mean of P (7.6)

$$P_k = \frac{1}{p_{a,k+1/2} - p_{a,k-1/2}} \int_{p_{a,k-1/2}}^{p_{a,k+1/2}} P dp_a = \frac{1}{1 + \gamma} \frac{P_{k+1/2} p_{a,k+1/2} - P_{k-1/2} p_{a,k-1/2}}{p_{a,k+1/2} - p_{a,k-1/2}}$$

Values of P at layer boundaries

$$P_{k+1/2} = \left(p_{a,k+1/2} / 1000 \text{ mb} \right)^\gamma \quad (7.7)$$

Consistent formula for potential virtual temperature at a layer boundary

$$v_{,k+1/2} = \frac{\left(P_{k+1/2} - P_k \right) v_{,k} + \left(P_{k+1} - P_{k+1/2} \right) v_{,k+1}}{P_{k+1} - P_k} \quad (7.9)$$

Finite Differencing the Continuity Equation for Air

Prognostic equation for column pressure

$$R_e^2 \cos \frac{a}{t} = - \frac{1}{0} \frac{1}{e} (u \ aR_e) + \frac{1}{e} (v \ aR_e \cos) \quad d \quad (7.10)$$

First-order in time, second-order in space approximation

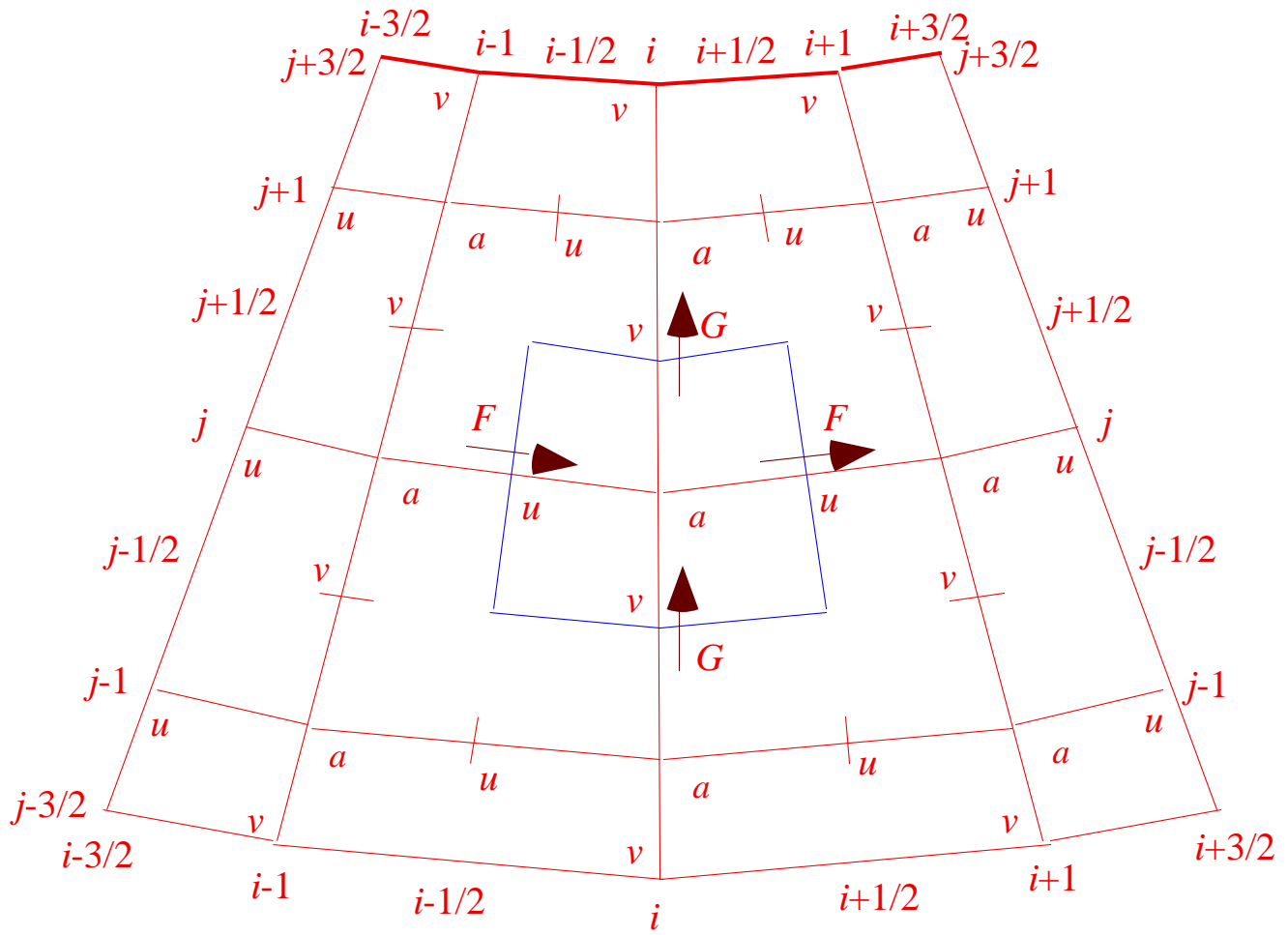
$$\left(R_e^2 \cos \ e \right)_{i,j} \frac{a,t - a,t-h}{h} \quad (7.11)$$

$$= - \frac{N_L}{k=1} \frac{(u \ aR_e \ e)_{i+1/2,j} - (u \ aR_e \ e)_{i-1/2,j}}{e} \quad k,t-h$$

$$- \frac{N_L}{k=1} \frac{(v \ aR_e \cos \ e)_{i,j+1/2} - (v \ aR_e \cos \ e)_{i,j-1/2}}{e} \quad k,t-h$$

Arakawa C Grid

Fig. 7.2.



Prognostic Equation For Column Pressure

Define horizontal fluxes in domain interior

$$F_{i+1/2,j,k,t-h} = \frac{a_{i,j} + a_{i+1,j}}{2} (uR_e)_{i+1/2,j,k} \quad (7.13)$$

$$G_{i,j+1/2,k,t-h} = \frac{a_{i,j} + a_{i,j+1}}{2} (vR_e \cos e)_{i,j+1/2,k} \quad (7.14)$$

Define horizontal fluxes at eastern and northern boundaries

$$F_{I+1/2,j,k,t-h} = a_{I,j} (uR_e)_{I+1/2,j,k} \quad (7.15)$$

$$G_{i,J+1/2,k,t-h} = a_{i,J} (vR_e \cos e)_{i,J+1/2,k} \quad (7.16)$$

Prognostic equation for column pressure

$$a_{i,j,t} = a_{i,j,t-h} - \frac{h}{\left(R_e^2 \cos e \right)_{i,j}} \times \quad (7.12)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N_L} \left(F_{i+1/2,j} - F_{i-1/2,j} + G_{i,j+1/2} - G_{i,j-1/2} \right)_{k,t-h} \quad k$$

Vertical Velocity

Diagnostic equation for vertical velocity

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{a R_e^2 \cos \theta}{e} \left(u \frac{a R_e}{e} + v \frac{a R_e \cos \theta}{e} \right) \right) = - \frac{a R_e^2 \cos \theta}{e} \frac{a}{t} \quad (7.17)$$

Finite difference equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a R_e^2 \cos \theta}{e} \right)_{i,j,k+1/2,t} = \\ & = - \frac{k}{l=1} \frac{\left(u \frac{a R_e}{e} \right)_{i-1/2,j} - \left(u \frac{a R_e}{e} \right)_{i+1/2,j}}{e} \\ & - \frac{k}{l=1} \frac{\left(v \frac{a R_e \cos \theta}{e} \right)_{i,j-1/2} - \left(v \frac{a R_e \cos \theta}{e} \right)_{i,j+1/2}}{e} \\ & - \frac{k+1/2}{l,t-h} \left(\frac{a R_e^2 \cos \theta}{e} \right)_{i,j} \frac{a_{t-h} - a_t}{h} \quad (7.18) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute fluxes and rearrange --> vertical velocity

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{a R_e^2 \cos \theta}{e} \right)_{i,j,t} = \\ & \times \frac{k}{l=1} \left(F_{i+1/2,j} - F_{i-1/2,j} + G_{i,j+1/2} - G_{i,j-1/2} \right)_{l,t-h} \\ & - \frac{k+1/2}{l,t-h} \frac{a_{t-h} - a_t}{h} \quad (7.19) \end{aligned}$$

Species Continuity Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{1}{e} \left(u \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} R_e \right) + \frac{1}{e} \left(v \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} R_e \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\
 + \frac{1}{a} R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{1}{a} R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{a} \mathbf{K}_h \right) q \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{N_{e,t}} R_n
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.20}$$

Finite difference form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right)_{i,j} \frac{q_{i,j,k,t} - q_{i,j,k,t-h}}{h} \\
 + \frac{\left(u \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} R_e \right)_{i+1/2,j,k,t-h} - \left(u \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} R_e \right)_{i-1/2,j,k,t-h}}{e} \\
 + \frac{\left(v \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} R_e \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right)_{i,j+1/2,k,t-h} - \left(v \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} R_e \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right)_{i,j-1/2,k,t-h}}{e} \\
 + \frac{1}{a} \frac{\left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} R_e \right)_{k+1/2} - \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} R_e \right)_{k-1/2}}{k} \\
 = \frac{1}{a} R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{a} \mathbf{K}_h \right) q \right)_{i,j,k,t-h}}{a} + \sum_{n=1}^{N_{e,t}} R_n
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.21}$$

Species Continuity Equation

Substitute fluxes --> equation for moist-air mass mixing ratio

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{i,j,k,t} = & \frac{(\dot{a}q)_{i,j,k,t-h}}{a_{i,j,t}} + \left(\frac{h}{a_{i,t} R_e^2 \cos \theta_e} \right)_{i,j} \\
 & \times \left[F_{i-1/2,j} \frac{q_{i-1,j} + q_{i,j}}{2} - F_{i+1/2,j} \frac{q_{i,j} + q_{i+1,j}}{2} \right. \\
 & \left. + G_{i,j-1/2} \frac{q_{i,j-1} + q_{i,j}}{2} - G_{i,j+1/2} \frac{q_{i,j} + q_{i,j+1}}{2} \right]_{k,t-h} \\
 & + \frac{(\dot{a}q_{t-h})_{k-1/2} - (\dot{a}q_{t-h})_{k+1/2}}{a_{i,j,k}} \\
 & + \frac{(\dot{z} \cdot a_{z} \mathbf{K}_h \dot{z}) q}{a} + \sum_{n=1}^{N_{e,t}} R_n
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.22}$$

Interpolate mixing ratios to vertical layer top and bottom

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{i,j,k-1/2} &= \frac{\ln q_{i,j,k-1} - \ln q_{i,j,k}}{\left(\frac{1}{q_{i,j,k}} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{q_{i,j,k-1}} \right)} \\
 q_{i,j,k+1/2} &= \frac{\ln q_{i,j,k} - \ln q_{i,j,k+1}}{\left(\frac{1}{q_{i,j,k+1}} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{q_{i,j,k}} \right)}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.23}$$

Thermodynamic Energy Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (a, v) + \frac{1}{e} (u, a, v, R_e) + \frac{1}{e} (v, a, v, R_e \cos \frac{\pi}{2}) \\
 + a R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} (\dot{v}) = a R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\dot{v} \cdot a \mathbf{K}_h}{a} \right) v + \frac{v}{c_{p,d} T_v} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{e,h}} \frac{dQ_n}{dt}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.24}$$

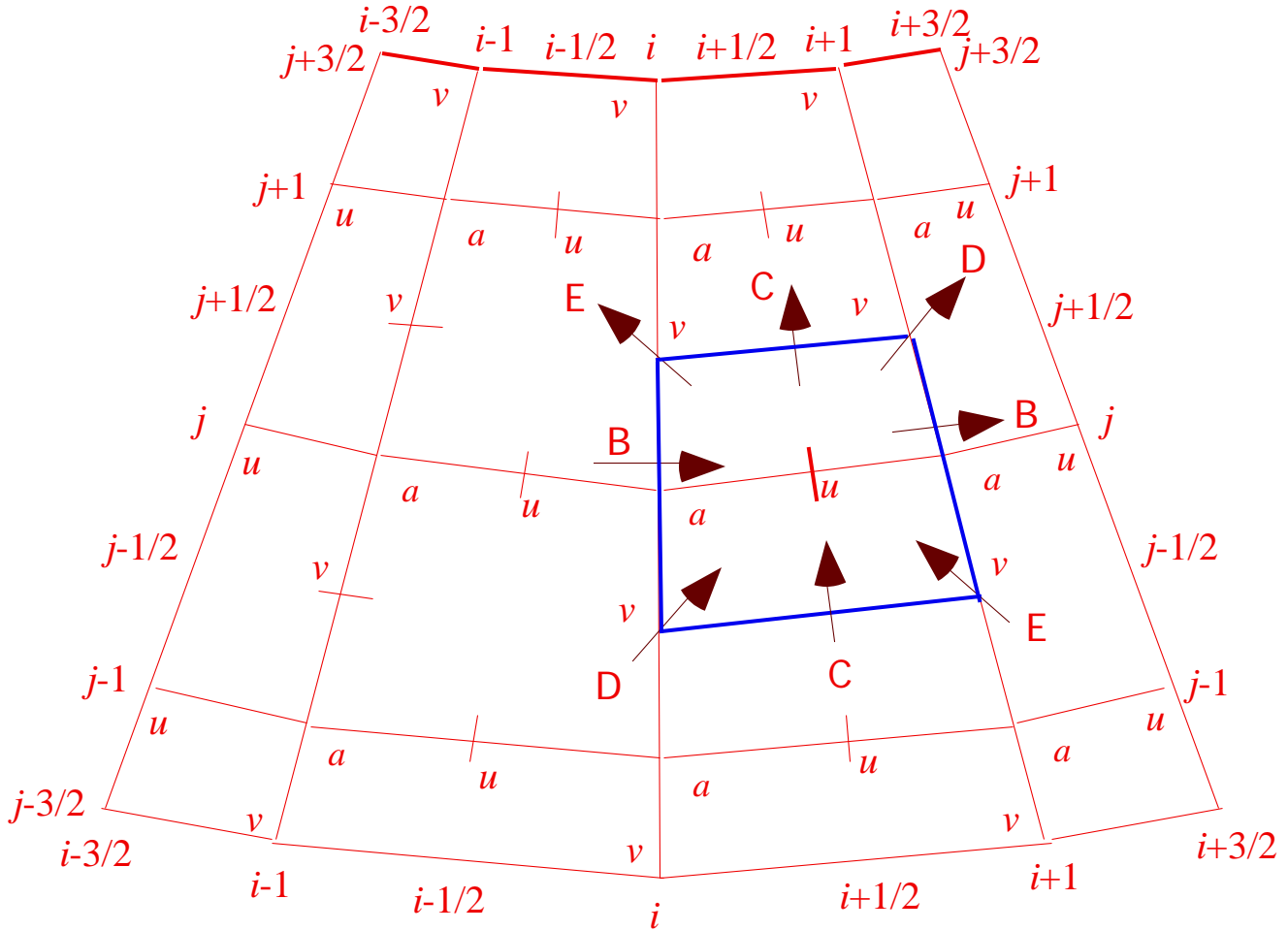
Write in finite difference form and substitute fluxes

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_{i,j,k,t} = \frac{(a, v)_{i,j,k,t-h}}{a_{i,j,t}} + \frac{h}{\left(a_{i,t} R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right)_{i,j}} \\
 \times \left[F_{i-1/2,j} \frac{v_{i-1,j} + v_{i,j}}{2} - F_{i+1/2,j} \frac{v_{i,j} + v_{i+1,j}}{2} \right. \\
 \left. + G_{i,j-1/2} \frac{v_{i,j-1} + v_{i,j}}{2} - G_{i,j+1/2} \frac{v_{i,j} + v_{i,j+1}}{2} \right]_{k,t-h} \\
 + a_{i,t} R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(\dot{v}, t, v, t-h)_{k-1/2} - (\dot{v}, t, v, t-h)_{k+1/2}}{k} \\
 + a R_e^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(\dot{z} \cdot a \mathbf{K}_h \dot{z})_v}{a} + \frac{v}{c_{p,d} T_v} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{e,h}} \frac{dQ_n}{dt}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.25}$$

The u -Momentum Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & R_e^2 \cos \theta \frac{d}{dt} (a u) + \frac{1}{e} \left(a u^2 R_e \right) + \frac{1}{e} \left(a u v R_e \cos \theta \right) + a R_e^2 \cos \theta \frac{d}{dt} (u) \\
 & = a u v R_e \sin \theta + a f v R_e^2 \cos \theta - R_e \frac{a}{e} + c_p d v \frac{P}{e} \frac{a}{e} \\
 & + R_e^2 \cos \theta \frac{a}{a} \left(\cdot a \mathbf{K}_m \right) u \tag{7.26}
 \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 7.3. Grid for differencing the u -momentum equation.



The u -Momentum Equation

Time difference term (7.27)

$$u_{i+1/2,j,k,t} = \frac{\left(a, t-h \text{ A} \right)_{i+1/2,j}}{\left(a, t \text{ A} \right)_{i+1/2,j}} u_{i+1/2,j,k,t-h} + \frac{h}{\left(a, t \text{ A} \right)_{i+1/2,j}} \times$$

Horizontal advection terms (7.28)

$$\begin{aligned} & B_{i,j} \frac{u_{i-1/2,j} + u_{i+1/2,j}}{2} - B_{i+1,j} \frac{u_{i+1/2,j} + u_{i+3/2,j}}{2} \\ & + C_{i+1/2,j-1/2} \frac{u_{i+1/2,j-1} + u_{i+1/2,j}}{2} - C_{i+1/2,j+1/2} \frac{u_{i+1/2,j} + u_{i+1/2,j+1}}{2} \\ & + D_{i,j-1/2} \frac{u_{i-1/2,j-1} + u_{i+1/2,j}}{2} - D_{i+1,j+1/2} \frac{u_{i+1/2,j} + u_{i+3/2,j+1}}{2} \\ & + E_{i+1,j-1/2} \frac{u_{i+3/2,j-1} + u_{i+1/2,j}}{2} - E_{i,j+1/2} \frac{u_{i+1/2,j} + u_{i-1/2,j+1}}{2} \end{aligned} \quad k, t-h$$

Vertical velocity term (7.29)

$$+ \frac{1}{k} \left(a, t \text{ A} \cdot_{k-1/2,t} u_{k-1/2,t-h} - a, t \text{ A} \cdot_{k+1/2,t} u_{k+1/2,t-h} \right)_{i+1/2,j}$$

The u -Momentum Equation

Coriolis and spherical grid conversion terms (7.30)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{R_e \left(\frac{e}{a} \right)_{i+1/2,j}}{2} \times \\
 & a_{i,j} \frac{v_{i,j-1/2} + v_{i,j+1/2}}{2} f_j R_e \cos \theta_j + \frac{u_{i-1/2,j} + u_{i+1/2,j}}{2} \sin \theta_j \\
 & + a_{i+1,j} \frac{v_{i+1,j-1/2} + v_{i+1,j+1/2}}{2} f_j R_e \cos \theta_j + \frac{u_{i+1/2,j} + u_{i+3/2,j}}{2} \sin \theta_j
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.30}$$

$k, t-h$

Pressure gradient terms (7.31)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(a_{i+1,j,k} - a_{i,j,k} \right) \frac{a_{i,j} + a_{i+1,j}}{2} + \left(a_{i+1,j} - a_{i,j} \right) \\
 & v_{v,k} \frac{k+1/2 (P_{k+1/2} - P_k) + k-1/2 (P_k - P_{k-1/2})}{k} \\
 & - R_e \frac{c_{p,d}}{2} \times \frac{k+1/2 (P_{k+1/2} - P_k) + k-1/2 (P_k - P_{k-1/2})}{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

i, j
 $i+1, j$ $t-h$

Eddy diffusion term (7.32)

$$+ \left(a_{t-h} A \right)_{i+1/2,j} \frac{\left(\frac{z}{a} \cdot \mathbf{K}_m \frac{z}{a} \right) u}{a}$$

$i+1/2, j, k, t-h$

The u -Momentum Equation

Column pressure multiplied by grid-cell area at a u -point

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(a \ A \right)_{i,j+1} + \left(a \ A \right)_{i+1,j+1} \\ \left(a \ A \right)_{i+1/2,j} = & \frac{1}{8} + 2 \left(a \ A \right)_{i,j} + \left(a \ A \right)_{i+1,j} \quad (7.33) \\ & + \left(a \ A \right)_{i,j-1} + \left(a \ A \right)_{i+1,j-1} \end{aligned}$$

Grid-cell area

$$A = R_e^2 \cos \quad e \quad (7.34)$$

Interpolation for vertical velocity term (7.35)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i,j+1} + \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i+1,j+1} \\ \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i+1/2,j} = & \frac{1}{8} + 2 \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i,j} + \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i+1,j} \\ & + \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i,j-1} + \left(a,t \ A \cdot k-1/2,t \right)_{i+1,j-1} \end{aligned}$$

The u -Momentum Equation

Interpolation for fluxes

(7.36-9)

$$B_{i,j} = \frac{1}{12} \left[F_{i-1/2,j-1} + F_{i+1/2,j-1} + 2(F_{i-1/2,j} + F_{i+1/2,j}) + F_{i-1/2,j+1} + F_{i+1/2,j+1} \right]$$

$$C_{i+1/2,j-1/2} = \frac{1}{12} \left[G_{i,j-3/2} + G_{i+1,j-3/2} + 2(G_{i,j-1/2} + G_{i+1,j-1/2}) + G_{i,j+1/2} + G_{i+1,j+1/2} \right]$$

$$D_{i,j+1/2} = \frac{1}{24} \left(G_{i,j-1/2} + 2G_{i,j+1/2} + G_{i,j+3/2} + F_{i-1/2,j} + F_{i-1/2,j+1} + F_{i+1/2,j} + F_{i+1/2,j+1} \right)$$

$$E_{i,j+1/2} = \frac{1}{24} \left(G_{i,j-1/2} + 2G_{i,j+1/2} + G_{i,j+3/2} - F_{i-1/2,j} - F_{i-1/2,j+1} - F_{i+1/2,j} - F_{i+1/2,j+1} \right)$$

u -values at the bottom of a layer

(7.40)

$$u_{i+1/2,j,k+1/2,t-h} = \frac{k+1 u_{i+1/2,j,k,t-h} + k u_{i+1/2,j,k+1,t-h}}{k + k+1}$$

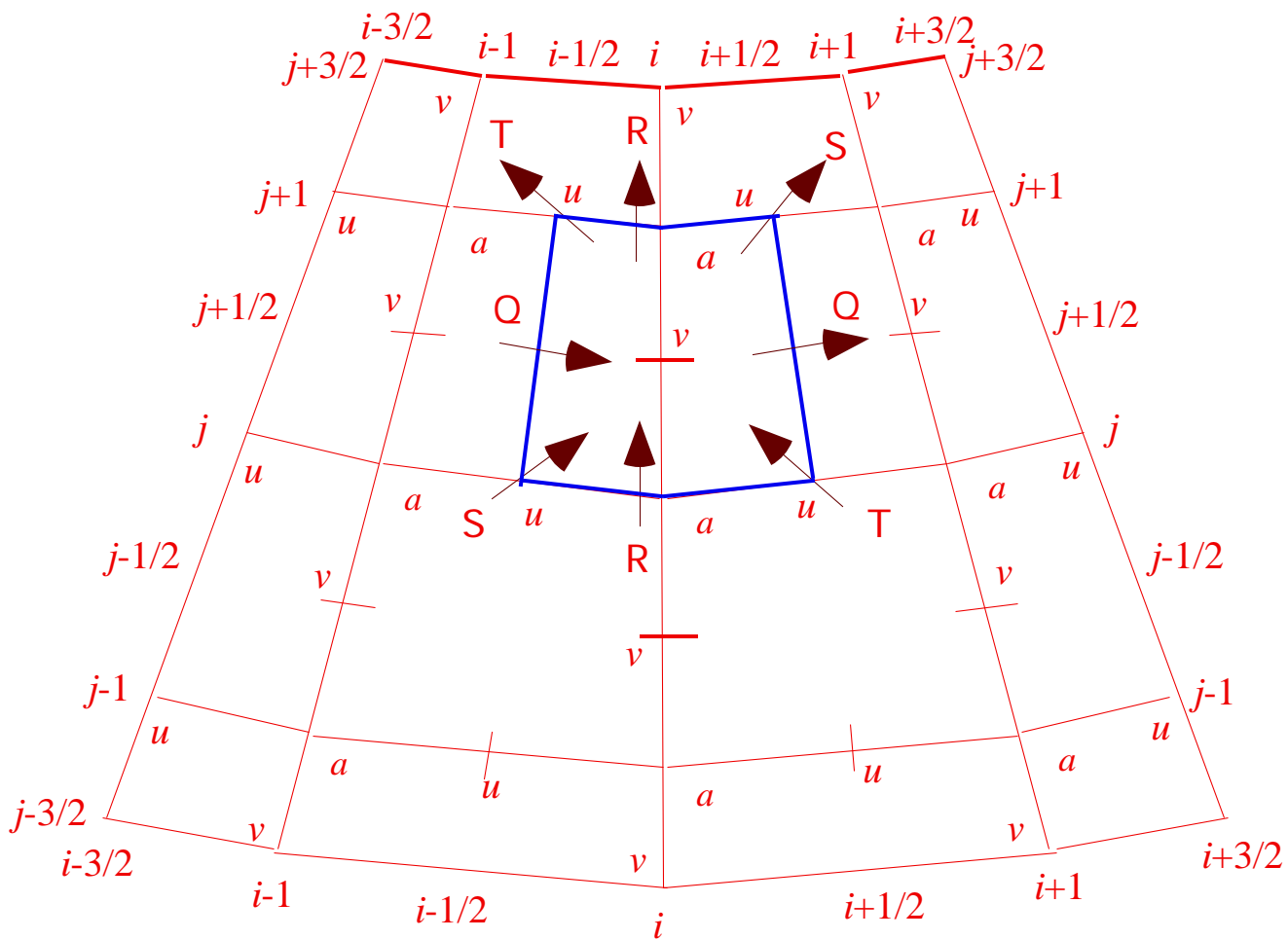
Boundary conditions for pressure-gradient term

(7.41)

$$-R_e \quad I_{+1/2,j} \times c_{p,d} \quad v_{,k} \frac{\left(I_{,j,k,t-2h} - I_{,j,k,t-h} \right) a_{,I,j,t-h} + \left(a_{,I,j,t-2h} - a_{,I,j,t-h} \right) + \frac{k+1/2 (P_{k+1/2} - P_k) + k-1/2 (P_k - P_{k-1/2})}{k}}{I_{,j,t-h}}$$

Grid for Differencing the v -Momentum Equation

Fig. 7.5.



Vertical Momentum Equation

Hydrostatic equation

$$d = -c_{p,d} v dP$$

Geopotential at vertical center of bottom layer (7.56)

$$i,j,N_L,t-h = i,j,N_L+1/2 - c_{p,d} \left[v_{,N_L} (P_{N_L} - P_{N_L+1/2}) \right]_{i,j,t-h}$$

Geopotential at bottom of each subsequent layer

$$i,j,k+1/2,t-h = i,j,k+1,t-h - c_{p,d} \left[v_{,k+1} (P_{k+1/2} - P_{k+1}) \right]_{i,j,t-h} \quad (7.57)$$

Geopotential at vertical midpoint of each subsequent layer

$$i,j,k,t-h = i,j,k+1/2,t-h - c_{p,d} \left[v_{,k} (P_k - P_{k+1/2}) \right]_{i,j,t-h} \quad (7.58)$$

Time Stepping Schemes

Time derivative of an advected species

$$\frac{q}{t} = f(q) \tag{7.59}$$

Matsuno step

Explicit forward difference in time

$$q_{est} = q_{t-h} + hf(q_{t-h})$$

Solve for final value with another forward difference

$$q_t = q_{t-h} + hf(q_{est})$$

Leapfrog step

Finite difference form

$$q_{t+h} = q_{t-h} + 2hf(q_t)$$

Fig. 7.5. Example dynamical time-stepping scheme

