

**Exam 1 (Chaps. 1-6 of the notes)**

ATS 541 students: Answer all questions

ATS 441 students: You may delete problem 3 or problem 5

1. [10 pts]

a) Check the following quantities that are conserved when unsaturated air experiences an adiabatic expansion (e.g., by vertical lifting with no mixing)?

- ☐ dewpoint temperature ( $T_d$ )
- ☐ enthalpy ( $h$ )
- ☐ entropy ( $s$ )
- ☐ equivalent potential temperature ( $\theta_e$ )
- ☐ mixing ratio ( $r_v$ )
- ☐ potential temperature ( $\theta$ )
- ☐ relative humidity ( $f$ )
- ☐ water vapor pressure ( $e$ )
- ☐ wet-bulb potential temperature ( $\theta_w$ )
- ☐ wet-bulb temperature ( $T_w$ )

a) Check the following quantities that are conserved when saturated air is lifted adiabatically (no mixing, and all condensed water stays with the parcel)?

- ☐ dewpoint temperature ( $T_d$ )
- ☐ enthalpy ( $h$ )
- ☐ entropy ( $s$ )
- ☐ equivalent potential temperature ( $\theta_e$ )
- ☐ mixing ratio ( $r_v$ )
- ☐ potential temperature ( $\theta$ )
- ☐ relative humidity ( $f$ )
- ☐ water vapor pressure ( $e$ )
- ☐ wet-bulb potential temperature (adiabatic,  $\theta_w$ )
- ☐ wet-bulb temperature ( $T_w$ )

2. [30 pts]

Consider a parcel with the following thermodynamic values:

$$p = 900 \text{ hPa}$$

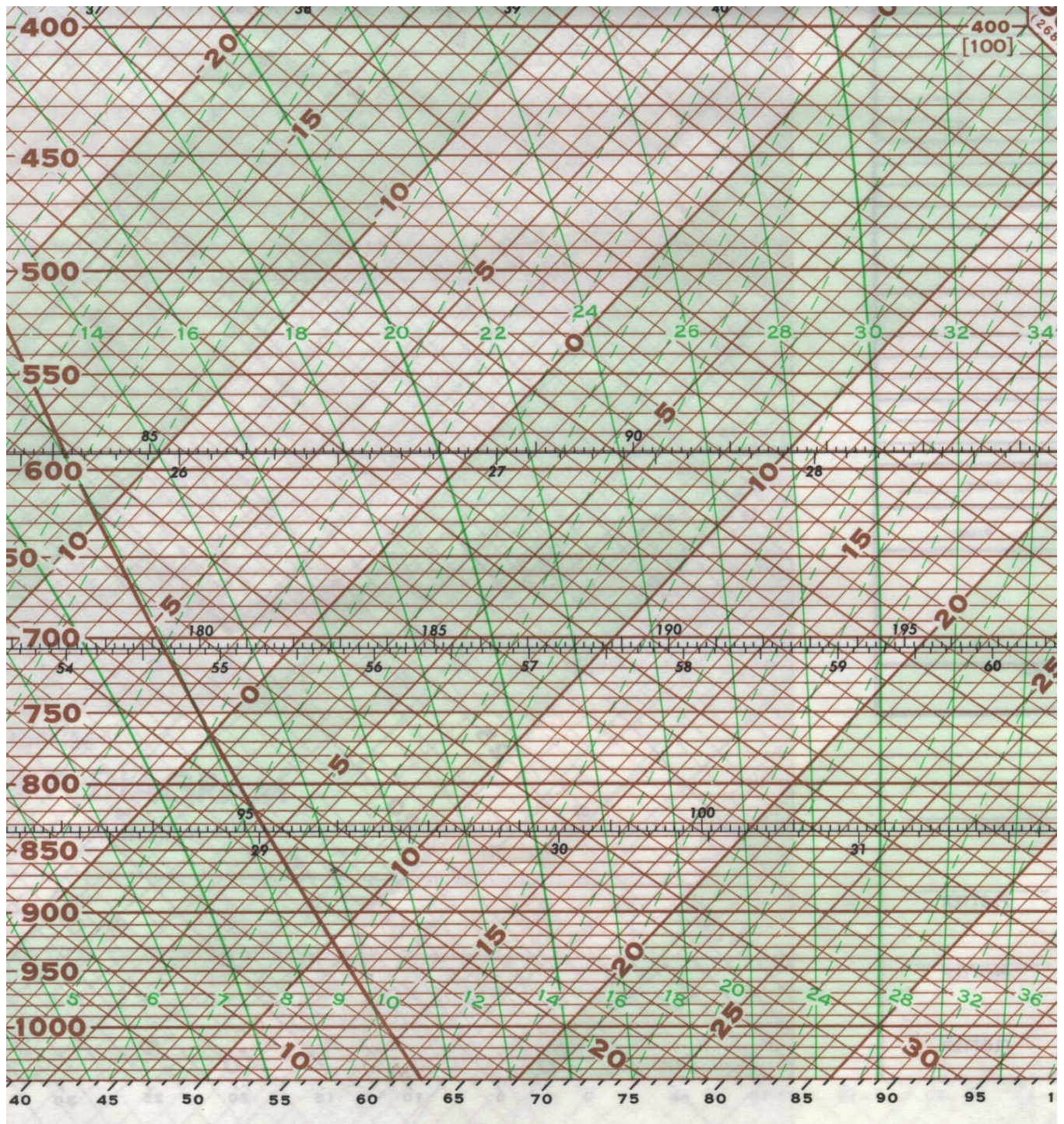
$$T = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$r_v = 10 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$$

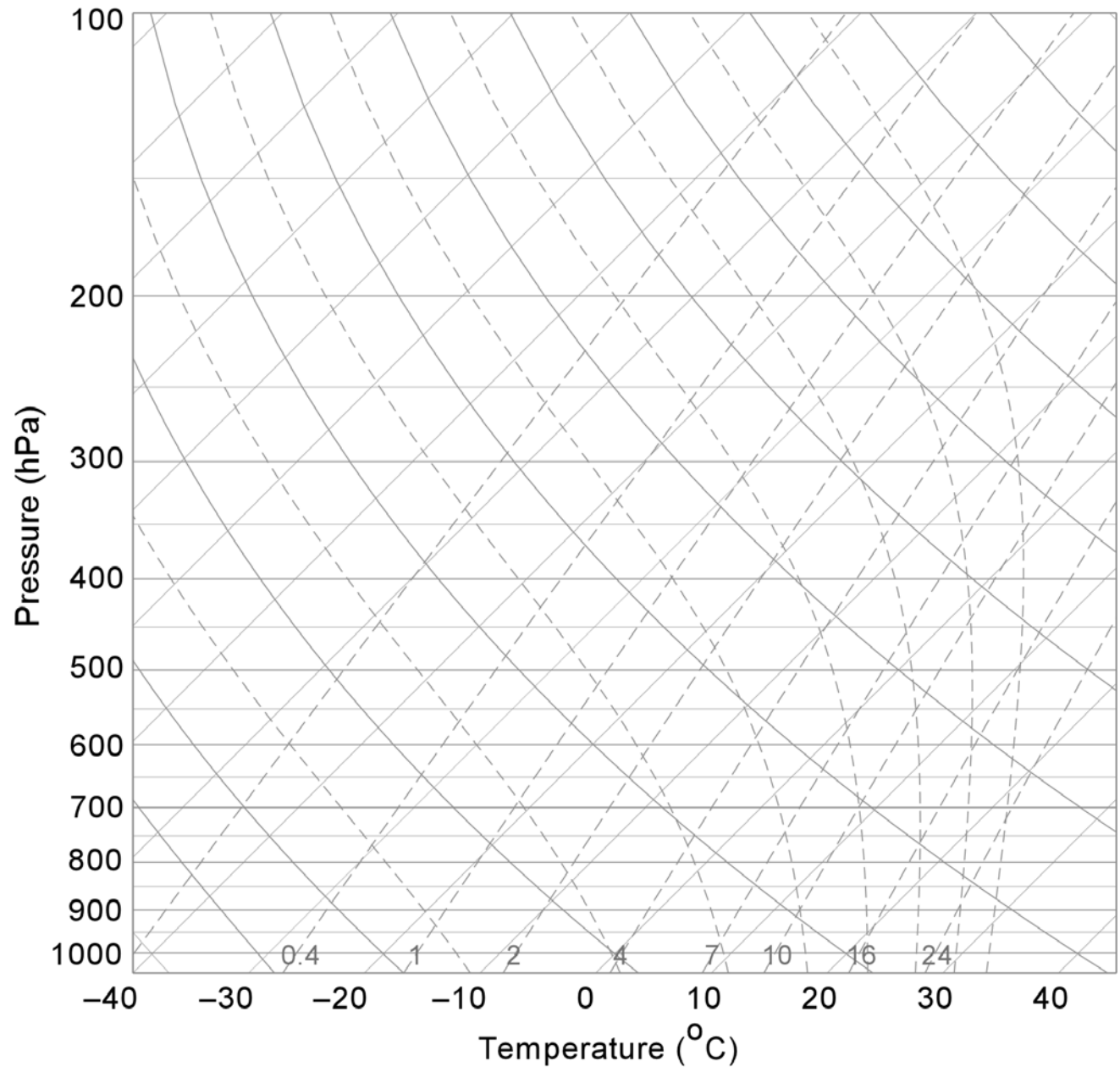
Using the skew-T diagram on the following pages, find the following parameters graphically. Also write the equation that would be used to determine the *most precise* values.

- a) saturation point T and p values ( $T_{sp}$  and  $p_{sp}$ ; give equation for  $T_{sp}$  only)
- b) saturation mixing ratio
- c) potential temperature
- d) equivalent potential temperature
- f) wet-bulb potential temperature
- g) dew-point temperature
- h) relative humidity
- i) vapor pressure
- j) the temperature of a parcel that ascends adiabatically to 600 mb
- k) the adiabatic mixing ratio of the parcel at 600 mb

Show all work on the skew-T diagrams on the next two pages.







3. [15 pts]

What is the volume, in  $\text{m}^3$ , of 5 kg of dry air at 300 mb and  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ ?

4. [10 pts]

A parcel of moist air has a total pressure of 975 hPa and a temperature of 15 °C. If the mixing ratio is  $1.8 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$ , what are the water vapor pressure and the virtual temperature?

5. [15 pts]

An isolated rain drop that is evaporating into air with a temperature of  $18\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  has a water surface temperature of  $12\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

- a) Find (using a skew-T) the mixing ratio of the air.
- b) Indicate what equation you would use to solve this problem precisely.

6. [20 pts]

- a) Convert the First Law of Thermodynamics from the  $T, \alpha$  form ( $dq = c_v dT + p d\alpha$ ) to the  $T, p$  form. Show all steps.
- b) Derive potential temperature ( $\theta$ ) from this form ( $dq = c_p dT - \alpha dp$ ) of the First Law
- c) Explain why a correction factor in the exponent is used when water vapor is present.



## Equations and constants

$$p\alpha = (R^*/M)T = RT \quad p = \rho_m R_d T_v. \quad e = \rho_v R_v T$$

$$dq = c_v dT + p d\alpha. \quad dq = c_p dT - \alpha dp. \quad dq = T ds = du + p d\alpha.$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} T\alpha^{\eta-1} = \text{const} & (T^c_v \alpha^R_d = \text{const}) & \\ Tp^{-\kappa} = \text{const} & (T^c_p p^{-R_d} = \text{const}) & \kappa = R_d/c_p \text{ and } \eta = c_p/c_v. \\ p\alpha^\eta = \text{const} & (p^c_v \alpha^c_p = \text{const}) & \end{array}$$

$$c_{pm} = c_{pd}(1+0.887r_v) \quad R_m = R_d(1+0.608r_v).$$

$$\theta_e = \theta \exp\left(\frac{L_{vl} r_{vs}}{c_p T_{sp}}\right) \quad \theta_e = \theta \exp\left(\frac{2675 r_{vs}}{T_{sp}}\right)$$

$$ds \equiv \frac{dq_{rev}}{T} \quad \theta = T \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{R_d(1-0.28r_v)}{c_p}}$$

$$f \equiv u - Ts \quad g = u - Ts + p\alpha$$

$$dp/dT = \Delta s/\Delta\alpha = -\Delta H_{\text{fusion}}/(T\Delta\alpha) \quad d\ln e_s/dT = L_{vl}/(R_v T^2)$$

$$e_s(T) = Ae^{-B/T} \quad A = 2.53 \times 10^8 \text{ kPa}, B = 5.42 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$r_v = m_v/m_d = \epsilon e / [p - (1-\epsilon)e] \cong \epsilon e/p \quad q_v = \epsilon e / [p - (1-\epsilon)e] \quad \epsilon = 0.622$$

$$f = r_v / r_{vs}(T, p) = r_{vs}(T_d, p) / r_{vs}(T, p) \approx e/e_s(T)$$

$$T_v \cong T(1+0.61r_v) \quad T_d = T_d(r_{vs}, p) = \frac{B}{\ln\left(\frac{A\epsilon}{r_v p}\right)} = f(r_v, p)$$

$$T_{iw} = T - (L_{lv}/c_p)[(\epsilon/p)Ae^{-B/T_w} - r_v], \quad T_{ie} = T + L_{lv}r_v/c_p.$$

$$T_{sp} = \frac{2840}{3.5 \ln T - \ln e - 4.805} + 55.$$

$$\chi = \rho_m [r_{vs}(T_{sp}, p_{sp}) - r_{vs}(T_{\text{sat}}, p)\theta_{e=\text{const}}]$$

$$\theta_e = T_K \left( \frac{1000}{p} \right)^{0.2854(1-0.28r_v)} \exp \left[ \left( \frac{3.376}{T_{sp}} - 0.00254 \right) r_v (1 + 0.81r_v) \right]$$

$$c_v = 717 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$$

$$c_p = 1005.7 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$$

$$c_{wv} = 1463 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$$

$$c_{wp} = 1952 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$$

$$R_d = 287 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad R_v = 461.5 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$L_{vl} = 2.50 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ (0 } ^\circ\text{C)} \quad \text{latent heat of condensation (function of T)}$$

$$L_{vl} = 2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ (100 } ^\circ\text{C)}$$

$$L_{il} = 3.34 \times 10^5 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \quad \text{latent heat of melting}$$

$$L_{vi} = 2.83 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ (0 } ^\circ\text{C)} \quad \text{latent heat of deposition}$$

$$L_{vl} = (2.501 - aT_c) \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}, \quad \text{where } a = 0.00237 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \text{ and } T_c \text{ is the dry bulb temperature in } ^\circ\text{C}.$$

Table 5.1. Saturation vapor pressures over water and ice, and latent heats of condensation and deposition.

T (°C)	e <sub>s</sub> (Pa)	e <sub>i</sub> (Pa)	L <sub>vl</sub> (J kg <sup>-1</sup> ) x 10 <sup>6</sup>	L <sub>vi</sub> (J kg <sup>-1</sup> ) x 10 <sup>6</sup>
-40	19.05	12.85	2.603	2.839
-35	31.54	22.36		
-30	51.06	38.02	2.575	2.839
-25	80.90	63.30		
-20	125.63	103.28	2.549	2.838
-15	191.44	165.32		
-10	286.57	259.92	2.525	2.837
-5	421.84	401.78		
0	611.21	611.15	2.501	2.834
5	872.47		2.489	
10	1227.94		2.477	
15	1705.32		2.466	
20	2338.54		2.453	
25	3168.74		2.442	
30	4245.20		2.430	
35	5626.45		2.418	
40	7381.27		2.406	