國立臺灣大學109學年度碩士班招生考試試題

科目: 氣候學

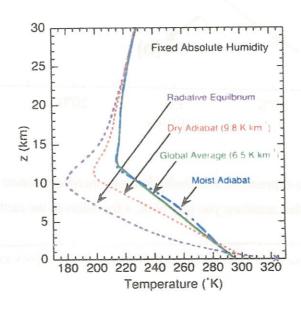
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1. Global mean temperature

- (1) Please calculate total solar irradiance (i.e. solar constant), the irradiance of the solar emission at the mean distance of the Earth from the Sun. (solar luminosity is $3.9 \times 10^{26} W$, the mean distance of Earth from the Sun is $1.5 \times 10^{11} m$) (5%)
- (2) Please calculate the emission temperature of Earth. (Earth has an albedo of about 0.29, Stefan-Boltzmann constant is approximately $5.67 \times 10^{-8} W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-4}$) (5%)
- (3) Please list out three factors that influence the emission temperature of Earth and explain how. (5%)
- (4) Is the global mean surface air temperature higher or lower than the emission temperature? Why? (5%)

2. Vertical structure of temperature



- (1) Please list out the two main factors shaping the vertical distribution of temperature in the troposphere and describe the relative mechanisms in details. (10%)
- (2) Please list out the two main factors shaping the vertical distribution of temperature in the stratosphere and describe the relative mechanisms in details. (10%)
- (3) How may surface temperature and vertical temperature structure change with global warming? Why? (Hint: Please discuss how may the mechanisms you describe in questions (1) and (2) change as the climate warms.) (10%)

The equation below can be obtained by Schwarzchild's equation, which is a simple model that describes longwave radiation in the atmosphere. It assumes a plane, parallel atmosphere, and the properties of the atmosphere depend only on altitude. The term on the left is upward longwave intensity at some height z, at a zenith angle defined by μ (μ = cos θ , θ is zenith angle), where the optical depth is $\tau_v(z)$. τ_v' is a dummy variable of integration. $B_v(T)$ is black body emission for temperature T.

$$I_{\nu}(\tau_{\nu}(z),\mu) = I_{\nu}(0,\mu) e^{\left\{-\tau_{\nu}(z)/\mu\right\}} + \int_{0}^{\tau_{\nu}(z)} \mu^{-1} B_{\nu}(T(\tau_{\nu})) e^{\left\{(\tau_{\nu}^{'}-\tau_{\nu}(z))/\mu\right\}} d\tau_{\nu}^{'}$$

- (4) Please describe the two terms on the right hand side with a schematic and a few words. (5%)
- (5) How may clouds influence longwave radiation at the top of the atmosphere? (Please use the equation above for the explanations.) (5%)

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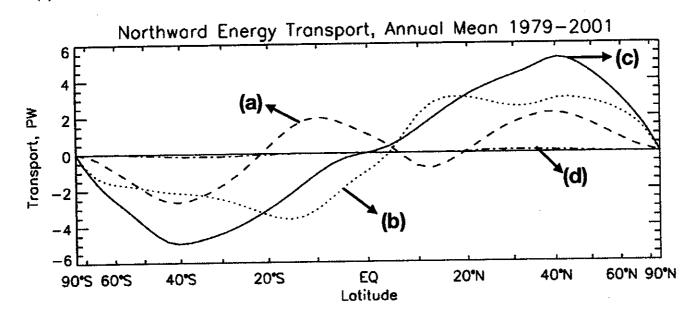
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3. Meridional energy transport

(1) Which line in the figure below is northward latent heat transport? (5%)



- (2) Use a mathematical equation to express the relationship between meridional latent heat transport (LHT), evaportranspiration (E), and precipitation (P). (Some other notations you may need: a for radius of the earth, Φ for latitude, and λ for longitude.)
 LHT (Φ) = (5%)
- (3) Describe concisely the main processes that transport latent energy in the tropics and in mid-latitudes (5%)

4. Meridional momentum transport

- (1) Please sketch zonal mean zonal wind as a function of pressure and latitude. (5%)
- (2) What is the latitude of subtropical jets in current climate? Why? (5%)
- (3) What is the latitude of eddy-driven jets? Why? (5%)
- (4) What is Northern Annular Mode (i.e. Arctic Oscillation)? Please describe the mechanisms maintaining the positive/negative phases of the mode. (5%)
- (5) How may zonal mean zonal wind change as the climate warms? Why? (5%)

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