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Subject: Re: Gradient idl

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Hello

I used a function called Gradient by Ding Yuan( [Ding.Yuan@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Ding.Yuan@warwick.ac.uk))

to calculate gradient of geopotential height.

It uses shift and centered finite difference. My question would be what would be the unit of the gradient. Unitless

But I input to the gradient function with climate model output data (i.e. geopotential height ( Scalar), which is interpolated to 2.5 by 2.5 degree latitude and longitude). Do I need to convert the units from degree to meters ?

result=gradient(data)

This would be in units of meter/degree. I would think i need to convert my result to unitless by multiplying the result with [2.5\* 111000 degree/meter].

1 degree = 111km

I have data with a resolution of 2.5 by 2.5 degree .

What do you all think ?

Thanks

Best regards

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