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Q1-1: X-Y map -time average(1)-

Make a monthly mean SST map for January 2016.

Variable: SST (hist) Period: Janary 2016



A1-1: X-Y map -time average(1)-

Dataset	Element	Data type			Area		Level	Time unit	Showing	peri	iod
SST -	Sea Surface Data 🔹	HIST 🔻		ALL		•	1 -	MONTHLY -	RANG	E 🔻	
	Temperature (SST) [(🔻		Lat:	-90	- 90	Ave [Ave Year-to-year	2016 🔻	1	•
			Lon:	0	- 360	Ave [🔲 Time filter	2016 🔻	1	•
	Vector SD Derivative: Ion Iat										

Q1-2: X-Y map -time average(1)-

Make a 3-month-mean SST map for the period from December 2015 through February 2016.

Variable: SST (hist) Period: December 2015



A1-2: X-Y map -time average(1)-



Q1-3: X-Y map -contour-

Modify the contour interval appropriately so as to see the SST structure in the Tropics.



A1-3: X-Y map -contour-

Data 1

Color Table: Rainbow



[Inch] value:

drupine option	5					
Colorizing: COLOR -	Show	Contour Lab	els			
Drawing: SHADE -	Show	Color Bar				
Image Format: png 👻	Set Co	ontour Paran	neters	for data1		
Font: default 👻	interval:	1	min:	20	max:	30

Set Vector size:

This is just an example. Please modify it as you like.

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Q1-4: X-Y map -color table-

Change the color table as you like.

Variable: SST (hist) Period: December 2015 through February 2016



"Blue - Red" is used for this example.

A1-4: X-Y map -color table-



Q1-5: X-Y map – Drawing area–

Change the area.(1) The Indian Ocean and the Pacific(2) The Atlantic

Variable: SST (hist) Period: December 2015 through February 2016



A1-5: X-Y map – mapping area– (1) The Indian Ocean and the Pacific

Dataset	Element	Data type			Area		Level	Time unit	Showing period
SST 👻	Sea Surface Data 🔹	HIST 👻		ALL		_	1 •	MONTHLY -	RANGE 🔻
	Temperature (SST) [(🔻		Lat:	-35	- 35	Ave 🔲		Ave Vear-to-year	2015 - 12 -
			Lon:	30	- 300	Ave 🔲		Time filter	2016 🕶 2 💌
	Vector SD Derivative: Ion lat								

(2) The Atlantic Ocean Data1

D)ataset	Element	Data type			Area		Level	Time uni	it	Show	ing	perio	od
SST	•	Sea Surface Data 🔹	HIST 🔻		ALL		-	1 •	MONTHLY	-	RA	NG	E 🔻	
		Temperature (SST) [(🔻		Lat:	-90	- 90	Ave 🔲		Ave Year	-to-year	2015	•	12	-
				Lon	: -90	- 40	Ave 🔲		Time filter		2016	•	2	•
		Vector SD Derivative: Ion Iat												

Q1-6: X-Y map –time average (2)–

If you uncheck the average box, what will happen?

Variable: SST (hist) Period: December 2015 through February 2016



A1-6: X-Y map –time average (2)–



Q1-7: X-Y map –"Year-to-year"–

Let's see the "year-to-year" function.

Variable: SST (hist) Period: December 2013 through February 2016

(1) Check both "Ave" and "Year-to-year"

Data1



(2) Check only "Year-to-year"



A1-7: X-Y map –"Year-to-year"– (1) Check both "Ave" and "Year-to-year"



Time unit	Showing period	Sele
MONTHLY V	RANGE 🗸	m
Ave Vear-to-year	2013 ~ - 2016 ~	mea
Time filter	12 🗸 - 2 🗸	aver

Selecting consecutive DJFmeans from each year and averaging them further.

2013 ··· J J A S O N D 2014 J F M A ··· 2014 ··· J J A S O N D 2015 J F M A ··· 2015 ··· J J A S O N D 2016 J F M A ··· 2016 ··· J J A S O N D 2017 J F M A ···

(2) Check only "Year-to-year"



Time unit	Showing period						
MONTHLY V	RANGE 🗸						
Ave Vear-to-year	2013 🗸 - 2016 🗸						
Time filter	12 🗸 - 2 🗸						

Selecting consecutive DJFmeans from each year and drawing them separately.



<!> For both cases, the end of period is apparently Feb. 2016, but it is Feb. 2017, actually. 16

Q1-8: X-Y map –Integrated exercise–

Change the variable to zonal wind (U) and select upperlevel (200hPa) and lower-level (850hPa). It would be better to change also some graphical options as appropriate to highlight their characteristics.



A1-8: X-Y map – Integrated exercise–

Data 1



Graphic Options



Colorizing: COLOR -	Show Contour Labels					
Drawing: SHADE -	Show Color Bar					
Image Format: png 👻	Set Contour Parameters for data1					
Font: default 👻	Interval. 10 Inin. 20 Inax. 70					
Color Table: Warm Color 🛛 👻	Set Vector size: [inch] value: skip: 1					



Graphic Options



Colorizing: COLOR -	Show Contour Labels					
Drawing: SHADE - Show Color Bar						
Image Format: png 👻 Font: default 👻	Set Contour Parameters for data1 interval: 3 min: -15 max: 15					
Color Table: Blue - Red 🗸	Set Vector size: [inch] value: skip: 1					



Q1-9: X-Y map –Polar stereo map– Polar stereo map is good for the extratropics.

Variable: U200 (hist) Period: December 2015 through February 2016



A1-9: X-Y map –Polar stereo map–

Data 1



Graphic Options

Colorizing: COLOR Drawing: SHADE Image Format: png Font: default Color Table: Warm Color	 Show Contour Labels Show Color Bar Set Contour Parameters f interval: 10 min: 2 Set Vector size: [interval: 10] 	or data1 20 max: 70 nch] value: skip	 Polar Stereographic: North pole Logarithmic Coordinates Reverse the Axes Flip the X-axis Flip the Y-axis No Caption 	No Scale Labels Draw Credit Inside Apply All Pics picture size %
			Select either her	misphere.

Q2-1:Vector

Let's see 850hPa winds in January 2016. Let the area be [35S-35N, 30E-150W].

Variable: U850, V850 (hist) Period: January 2016 Vector: 1 inch =20m/s, skip interval=4

DATA1 JRA-55 u37,v37 HIST lat = -35:35 lon = 30:210 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1M0



A2-1:Vector



Graphic Options 35N 30N 25N 20N 15N Colorizing: COLOR -Show Contour Labels 10N 5N Drawing: SHADE Show Color Bar EQ **5**S Image Format: png 👻 Set Contour Parameters for data1 10S 15S interval: min: Font: default 👻 max: 20S 25S Color Table: Rainbow Set Vector size: 1 [inch] value: 20 skip: 4 • 30S 35S 140E 4ÖE 6ÖE 80E 100E 120E 180 160E 20 160E 180 16 1 inch = 20 m/s20

Q2-2:Vector – skip interval –

In Q2-1, we set the vector skip interval as 4. Change this parameter as you like.



A2-2:Vector –skip interval–



Q3-1:Data1_Data2 -Shade & Contour-

Show the stream function normal at 850hPa for January by shading and also overlay the same variable for January 2016 by contour lines.

> Variable: ψ850 Period: January 2016

DATA1 JRA-55 psi37 NORM lat = -35:35 lon = 60:300 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1MO

DATA2 JRA-55 psi37 HIST lat = -35:35 lon = 60:300 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1M0 analysis method = DATA1_DATA2





A3-1:Data1_Data2 -Shade & Contour-



Q3-2:Data1_Data2 -Shade & Vector-

Next, show the wind vectors and stream function at 850hPa for January 2016.

Variable: U850, V850, ψ850 Period: January 2016

DATA1 JRA-55 u37,v37 HIST lat = -35:35 lon = 60:300 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1M0

DATA2 JRA-55 psi37 HIST lat = -35:35 lon = 60:300 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1M0 analysis method = DATA1_DATA2





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A3-2:Data1_Data2 -Shade & Vector-

Data1



Data2

Dataset	Element	Data type		Area	Level	Time unit	Showing period
JRA-55 🗸	Pressure Levels V	HIST V	ALL	\sim	850hPa ∨	MONTHLY 🗸	RANGE 🗸
	ψ (Stream Function) [' ∨		Lat: -35	- 35 Ave 🗆		Ave Year-to-year	2016 \(1 \)
	SD		Lon: 60	- 300 Ave 🗆		Time filter	2016 🗸 1 🗸

Graphic Options

	Show Contour Labels
Colorizing: COLOR 🗸	Show Color Bar
Drawing: SHADE 🗸	Set Contour Parameters for data1
Image Format: png 🗸	interval: min: max:
Font: default V	Set Contour Parameters for data2
Color Table: Blue - Red	interval: 3 min: -15 max: 15
	Set Vector size: 1 [inch] value: 20 skip: 5

Set graphic options as you like. This is jut an example.

Q3-3:Data1_Data2 –Contour & Vector– Draw the stream function by contour lines.

Variable: U850, V850, ψ850 Period: January 2016

DATA1 JRA-55 u37,v37 HIST lat = -35:35 lon = 60:300 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1M0

DATA2 JRA-55 psi37 HIST lat = -35:35 lon = 60:300 level = 7:7 time = 2016010100:2016010100 ave = 1M0 analysis method = DATA1_DATA2



A3-3:Data1_Data2 -Contour & Vector-

Data1



Dataset JRA-55 ✓	Element Pressure Levels → ψ (Stream Function) [` →	Data type HIST ∨	Area ALL Lat: -35 - 35		Level 850hPa ∨	Time unit	Showing period RANGE ~ 2016 ~ 1 ~
	SD	I	Lon: 60 - 300	Ave 🗆		Time filter	2016 🗸 1 🗸
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	Show Cor	ntour Labels	Please se	elect "C	ONTOU	R" in this	
Colorizing: COLOR	Show Col	or Bar	Drawing	option	box.		
Image Format: png	V Interval:	ur Parameters for o	max:				
Font: default 🗸	Set Conto	ur Parameters for c	lata2				
Color Table: Blue -	Red ── interval: 3 ✓ Set Vecto	min: -1 r size: 1[i	5 max: 15 nch] value: 20 s	kip: 5			



A4-1:1D chart -vertical profile-

Data1



Detailed Options for Image 1

Logarithmic coordinate should be appropriate for drawing vertical profiles with pressure-level data.

Q4-2:1D chart –vertical profile-Next, also overlay the same profile but for January 2016 by the red line.



Variable: U Period: January

A4-2:1D chart -vertical profile-

Data1



	Dataset	Element	Data type	Area		Lovel	Time unit	Showing period
JR	A-55 🗸	Pressure Levels ~	HIST V	ALL	\sim	1000hPa 🔻	MONTHLY V	RANGE 🗸
		U (Zonal Wind) [m/s] V	-	Lat: -5 - 5	Ave 🗹	100hPa 🗸	Ave Year-to-yea	ar 2016 🗸 1 🗸
		SD		Lon: 120 - 140	Ave 🗹		Time filter	2016 🗸 1 🗸
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•	contour Style: default	Color: black		akin interval	modif	ivina th	ic aranhic	ontion
	contour line thi	ckness: 3	size. 0.09	skip interval.	moun	ying th	is graphic	option.
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li	ne style: solid	✓ color: red	ttickness: 6		ayen			
0	rid style: none	✓ color: white		_				24

Q4-3:1D chart -time series-

Show the time series of zonal wind anomalies at 850hPa for January averaged over the same region as Q4-1 and 2. Let the showing period be from 1958 to 2016.

DATA1 JRA-55 u37 ANOM lat = -5:5 lon = 120:140 level = 7:7 time = 1958010100:2016010100 ave = 1YR(1*1MO)



Variable: U850 Period: January (1958-2016)

A4-3:1D chart -time series-



Q4-4:1D chart –time series-Overlay the NINO.3 SST index anoamlies by darkblue line.

DATA1 JRA-55 u37 ANOM lat = -5:5 lon = 120:140 level = 7:7 time = 1958010100:2016010100 ave = 1YR(1+1MO)

DATA2 INDEX nino.3 ANOM lat = -5:5 lon = 120:140 level = 1:1 time = 1958010100:2016010100 ave = 1YR(1*1MO) analysis method = DATA1_DATA2



Variable: U850, NINO.3 Period: January (1958-2016)

·····Can you find any relationship between them?

A4-4:1D chart -time series-

Dataset JRA-55 ✓	Element Pressure Levels U (Zonal Wind) [m/s] Vector SD	Data type	Area ALL Lat: -5 - 5 Lon: 120 - 140	Ave 🗹	Level 850hPa ∨ 850hPa ∨	Time unit MONTHLY Y Ave Year-to-year	Showing period RANGE ✓ 1958 ✓ - 2016 ✓ 1 ✓ - 1 ✓
Analysis method: DAT	TA1_DATA2	Y					
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marker type: cl line style: solid grid style: none	losed circle	lark-blue hi	ckness: 6		J	•	38

Q5-1:Cross Section –zonal mean-

Show the climatology of latitude-height section of zonal mean* omega (pressure velocity) for June-July-August.

*zonal mean: Taking an average along a latitudinal circle



Variable: omega Period: June-July-August

Note: Omega is defined as

 $\omega \equiv \mathrm{d}p/\mathrm{d}t.$

A negative omega, namely the pressure value becoming smaller, means there is an upward motion because pressure becomes smaller towards upper levels in general.

A5-1:Cross Section –zonal mean-

Data1

Don't forget to check this average box.



Logarithmic coordinate should be appropriate for drawing vertical profiles with pressure-level data.

Q5-2:Cross Section –zonal mean-Overlay wind vectors, namely meridional winds and vertical winds.



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0

0.02

0.03

0.04

0.05

0.06

-0.06 -0.05 -0.04 -0.03 -0.02 -0.01

Variable: V and omega Period: June-July-August

Note: Omega is defined as

 $\omega \equiv \mathrm{d}p/\mathrm{d}t.$

A negative omega, namely the pressure value becoming smaller, means there is an upward motion because pressure becomes smaller towards upper levels in general.

A5-2:Cross Section –zonal mean-

Data1

Please remember vector must be as Data1.

Dataset	Element	Data type		Area	Level	Time unit	Showing period
JRA-55 🗸 🗸	Pressure Levels V	NORM V	ALL	\sim	1000hPa \vee	Monthly 🗸	RANGE 🗸
	V (Meridional Wind) [r 🗸		Lat: -60	- 60 Ave 🗆	100hPa 🗸	Ave Year-to-yea	r 2016 ∨ 6 ∨
			Lon: 0	- 360 Ave 🗹		Time filter	2016 ~ 8 ~
	Pressure Levels V		2011.				
	ω (Pressure Vertical V ∨	This mea	ans multii	olvina the sea	cond cor	mponent by -	-100.
	x: -100	Thore is		on			
	✓ Vector	mere is	two reas	011.			
	Derivative: 🗌 Ion 🗌 Iat	#1: To re	everse th	e vector dire	ction for	r understandi	ng the
		true wind	d directio	n intuitively.	Remem	ber the nega	tive
Analysis method: DAT	A1 DATA2	omega means descent motion.					
Data2		#2: IO N	igniight v	ertical comp	onent d	ecause omeg	a values
		are too s	mall com	pared to me	ridional	wind in gene	ral.
Dataset	Element	Data type		Area	Level	l ime unit	Showing period
JRA-55 V	Pressure Levels V	NORM 🗸	ALL	\sim	1000hPa 🗸	MONTHLY V	RANGE ~
	ω (Pressure Vertical V \vee	l	.at: -60	- 60 Ave 🗆	100hPa 🗸	Ave Year-to-year	2016 ~ 6 ~
	SD		on: 0	- 360 Ave 🗹		Time filter	2016 ~ 8 ~
		-					

Graphic Options

Colorizing: COLOR 🗸	Show Contour Labels	Polar Stereographic: North pole 🗸
Drawing: SHADE V	Show Color Bar	Logarithmic Coordinates
Image Format: png 🗸	Set Contour Parameters for data1	Reverse the Axes
Font: default ~	interval: 0.01 min: -0.06 max: 0.06	☐ Flip the X-axis
Color Table: Blue - Red	Set Vector size: [inch] value: skip:	□ No Caption

Q5-3:Cross Section –Hovmöller diagram-

Show the longitude-time cross section of 7-day running mean vector potential anomalies at 200hPa along the equator (namely, 5S-5N average) from 1st Jun through 1st August 2015.



Variable: chi200 Period: 1 June 2015 to 1 August 2015

*This kind of map is called as a Hovmöller diagram. You can see some eastward wave propagation events in this map. Actually, they corresponds to Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO).

Q5-3:Cross Section –Hovmöller diagram-

Data1



You can take running mean by checking this time filter box, then selecting "Running mean" and setting mean period. In this case, 7 is set. Since the time unit is daily, this means 7-day running mean.

Graphic Options

Colorizing: COLOR ~	Show Contour Labels
Drawing: SHADE V	Show Color Bar
Image Format: png 🗸	Set Contour Parameters for data1
Font: default ~	interval: 3 min: -15 max: 15
Color Table: Blue - Red	Set Vector size: [inch] value: skip: