Homework 11

1. Assume the geopotential field is described by the following expression:

$$\Phi = \Phi_0(p) + cf_0 \left\{ -y \left[\cos \left(\frac{\pi p}{p_0} \right) + 1 \right] + \frac{\sin(k(x - ct))}{k} \right\},$$

where Φ_0 is a function of p alone, c is a constant speed, k a zonal wave number, and $p_0 = 1000$ hPa.

- (a) Obtain the expression for the corresponding geostrophic wind.
- (b) Use the quasi-geostrophic vorticity equation to obtain the horizontal divergence $(H = \nabla \cdot \bar{u}_a)$ field consistent with Φ . Assume that df/dy = 0.