

Lapse Rate. Prof. Ruiz (Doc), UNC-Asheville (1978-2021), [DoctorPhys on YouTube](#).

Prerequisites: Chemistry, Physics I, II. Calculus I, II, III. Thermodynamics.

Chapter Y. Lapse-Rate Derivation Part V. We continue with our derivation of the Reversible Saturated Adiabatic Lapse Rate - RSALR. We left off in our last chapter with the following equation.

$$\Gamma_{rm} = -\frac{dT}{dz} = -\frac{dT}{dp} \frac{dp}{dz} = -\left[\frac{\frac{1}{p-e_s} \left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{\frac{c_p}{T} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon + r_v}{p-e_s} \right) \frac{e_s l_v^2}{R_v T^3}} \right] \left(-\frac{p}{R_d T} \frac{1+r_v+r_l}{1+\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} g \right)$$

Step E. Rearrange Terms. The remaining steps consist of algebraic manipulations.

Cancel the signs and move the far right parenthetical factor to the front.	$\Gamma_{rm} = \left(\frac{p}{R_d T} \right) \left(\frac{1+r_v+r_l}{1+\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} g \right) \frac{\frac{1}{p-e_s} \left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{\frac{c_p}{T} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon + r_v}{p-e_s} \right) \frac{e_s l_v^2}{R_v T^3}}$
Separate and move the factors $\frac{p}{R_d}$ and $\frac{1}{T}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = \left(\frac{1+r_v+r_l}{1+\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} g \right) \frac{p}{R_d} \frac{1}{T} \frac{\left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{p-e_s} \frac{1}{\frac{c_p}{T} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon + r_v}{p-e_s} \right) \frac{e_s l_v^2}{R_v T^3}}$
Separate the factors p and $\frac{1}{R_d}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = \left(\frac{1+r_v+r_l}{1+\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} g \right) \frac{p}{R_d} \frac{1}{T} \frac{\left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{p-e_s} \frac{1}{\left[\frac{c_p}{T} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon + r_v}{p-e_s} \right) \frac{e_s l_v^2}{R_v T^3} \right]}$
Replace p with $p_d + e_s$ and $p - e_s$ with p_d in $\frac{p}{p-e_s}$ to get $\frac{p_d + e_s}{p_d}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = \left(\frac{1+r_v+r_l}{1+\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} g \right) \frac{p_d + e_s}{p_d} \frac{1}{R_d} \frac{\left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{T} \frac{1}{\left[\frac{c_p}{T} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon + r_v}{p_d} \right) \frac{e_s l_v^2}{R_v T^3} \right]}$
Replace $\frac{p_d + e_s}{p_d}$ with $1 + \frac{e_s}{p_d}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = \left(\frac{1+r_v+r_l}{1+\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} g \right) \left(1 + \frac{e_s}{p_d} \right) \frac{1}{R_d} \frac{\left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{T} \frac{1}{\left[\frac{c_p}{T} + (\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{e_s}{p_d} \frac{l_v^2}{R_v T^3} \right]}$

Replace $1 + \frac{e_s}{p_d}$ with $1 + \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}$ since (25) $\boxed{r_v = \frac{\varepsilon e}{p_d}}$ indicates $\frac{e_s}{p_d} = \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = \left(\frac{1 + r_v + r_l}{1 + \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon}} \right) g \frac{\left(1 + \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{1}{R_d} \left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{T \left[\frac{c_p}{T} + (\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \frac{l_v^2}{R_v T^3} \right]}$
Recognize that $\frac{\left(1 + \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \right)}{\left(1 + \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \right)} = 1$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = (1 + r_v + r_l) g \frac{\frac{1}{R_d} \left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)}{T \left[\frac{c_p}{T} + (\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \frac{l_v^2}{R_v T^3} \right]}$
Move $\frac{1}{R_d}$ into $\left(R_d + \frac{r_v l_v}{T} \right)$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = g \frac{(1 + r_v + r_l) \left(1 + \frac{r_v l_v}{R_d T} \right)}{T \left[\frac{c_p}{T} + (\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \frac{l_v^2}{R_v T^3} \right]}$
Multiply the denominator through by T.	$\Gamma_{rm} = g \frac{(1 + r_v + r_l) \left(1 + \frac{r_v l_v}{R_d T} \right)}{c_p + (\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \frac{l_v^2}{R_v T^2}}$
Since, $\varepsilon = \frac{R_d}{R_v}$, we have $\varepsilon R_v = R_d$. Then $\frac{r_v}{\varepsilon} \frac{l_v^2}{R_v T^2} = \frac{r_v l_v^2}{R_d T^2} = \frac{l_v^2 r_v}{R_d T^2}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = g \frac{(1 + r_v + r_l) \left(1 + \frac{l_v r_v}{R_d T} \right)}{c_p + (\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{l_v^2 r_v}{R_d T^2}}$
Note that $(\varepsilon + r_v) \frac{l_v^2 r_v}{R_d T^2} = \frac{l_v^2 r_v (\varepsilon + r_v)}{R_d T^2}$.	$\Gamma_{rm} = g \frac{(1 + r_v + r_l) \left(1 + \frac{l_v r_v}{R_d T} \right)}{c_p + \frac{l_v^2 r_v (\varepsilon + r_v)}{R_d T^2}}$

The final step is to substitute in $c_p = c_{pd} + r_v c_{pv} + r_l c_{pl}$.

$$\boxed{\Gamma_{rm} = g \frac{(1 + r_v + r_l) \left(1 + \frac{l_v r_v}{R_d T} \right)}{c_{pd} + r_v c_{pv} + r_l c_{pl} + \frac{l_v^2 r_v (\varepsilon + r_v)}{R_d T^2}}}$$

As we have mentioned earlier, the AMS Glossary uses the additional definition $r_t = r_v + r_l$. I personally like to write out $r_t = r_v + r_l$ rather than introduce another mixing ratio called total.