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Select / Special Topics in Classical Mechanics

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STiCM Lecture 15:

Unit 5 : Non-Inertial Frame of Reference

Real effects of pseudo-forces!

Unit 5: Inertial and non-inertial reference frames.

Moving coordinate systems. Pseudo forces.

Inertial and non-inertial reference frames.

Deterministic cause-effect relations in inertial frame, and their *modifications* in a non-inertial frame.

Real Effects of Pseudo Forces!



Six Flags over Georgia



Gaspard Gustave de Coriolis
1792 - 1843

Learning goals:

Understand “Newton’s laws hold only in an inertial frame”.

Distinction between an inertial and a non-inertial frame is linked to what we consider as a fundamental physical force/interaction.

Electromagnetic/electroweak, nuclear, gravity) /
pseudo-force (centrifugal, Coriolis etc.) / **Friction**

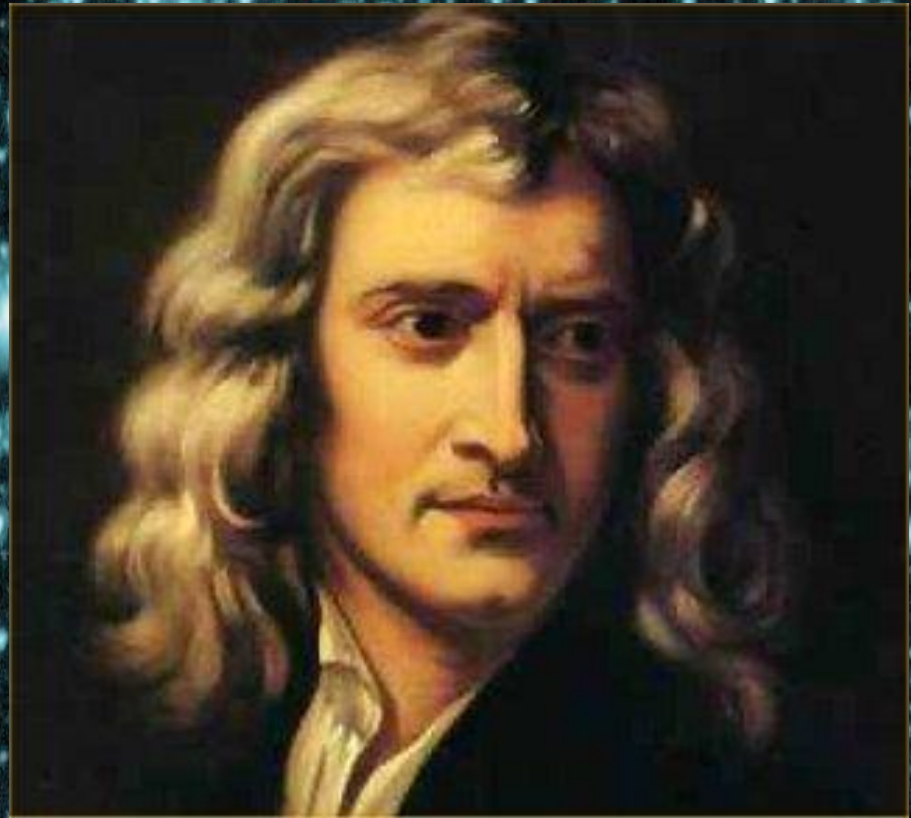
We shall learn to interpret the ‘real effects of pseudo-forces’ in terms of Newtonian method. *Re-activate* ‘causality’ in non-inertial frame of reference!

Deterministic cause-effect relation in
inertial frame,

and its adaptation in a non-inertial frame!

The law of inertia enables us recognize an inertial frame of reference as one in which motion is *self-sustaining, determined entirely by initial conditions alone.*

**Just where is the inertial frame?
Newton envisaged the inertial
frame to be
located in
deep space,
amidst
*distant stars.***



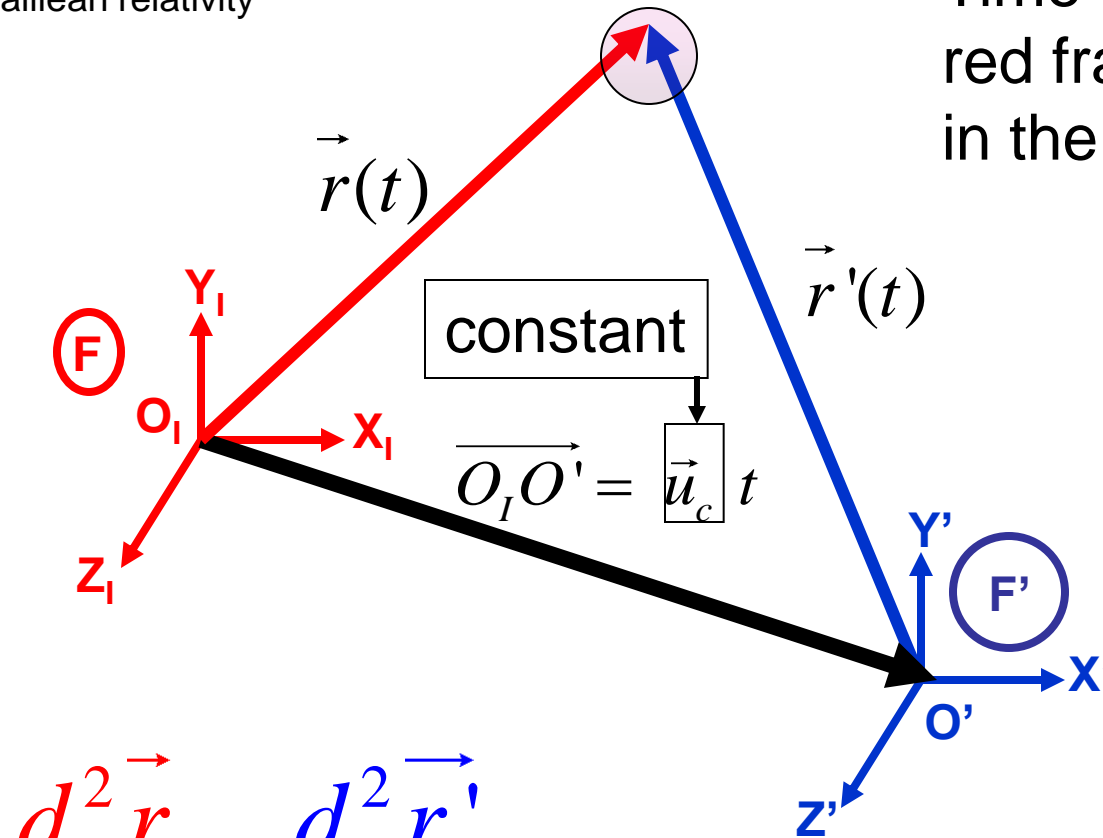
*Kabhi kabhi mere dil mein,
Khayaal aata hein.....*

*Tu ab se pahile,
sitaron mein bas
rahi thi kahin,*

*Tujhe jamin pe,
bulaya gaya hai
mere liye....*



Time t is the same in the red frame and in the blue frame.



$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) + \vec{u}_c t$$

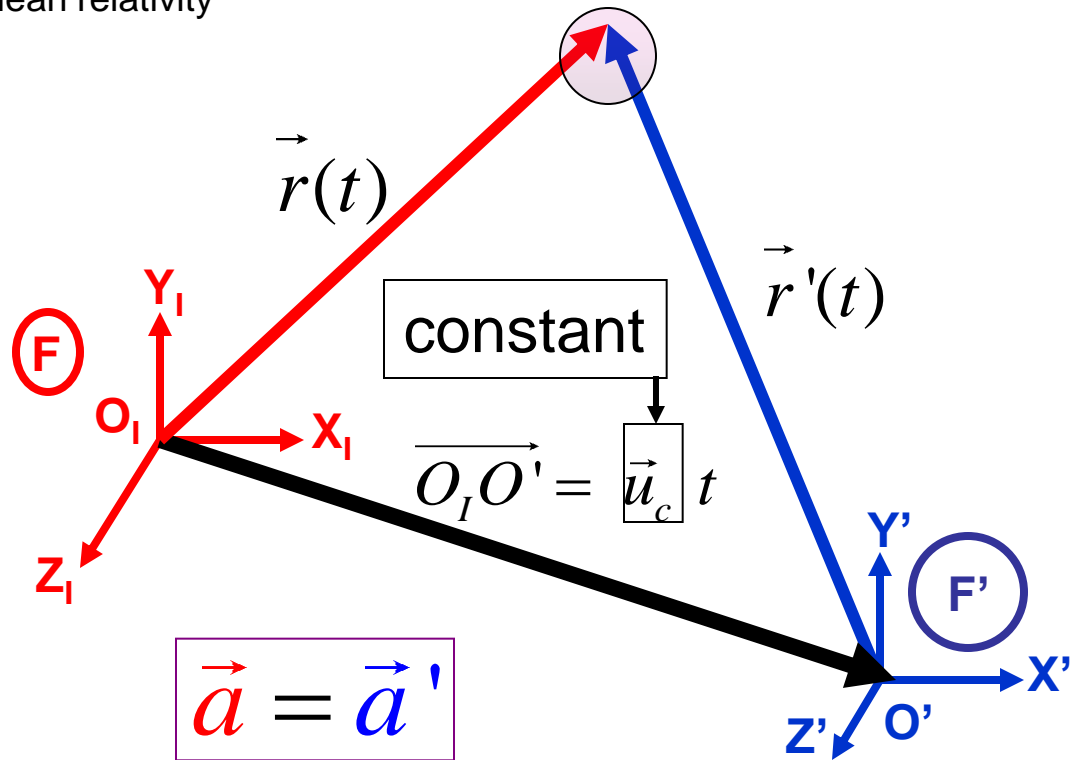
$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}'}{dt} + \vec{u}_c$$

First derivative with respect to time is different!

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}'}{dt^2}$$

So what? Remember Galileo?

Second derivative with respect to time is, however, very much the same!



$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 \vec{r}'}{dt^2}$$

‘Acceleration’, which measures departure from ‘equilibrium’ is essentially the same in the two frames of reference.

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} \iff m\vec{a}' = \vec{F}'$$

Essentially the same ‘cause’ explains the ‘effect’ (acceleration) according to the same ‘principle of causality’.

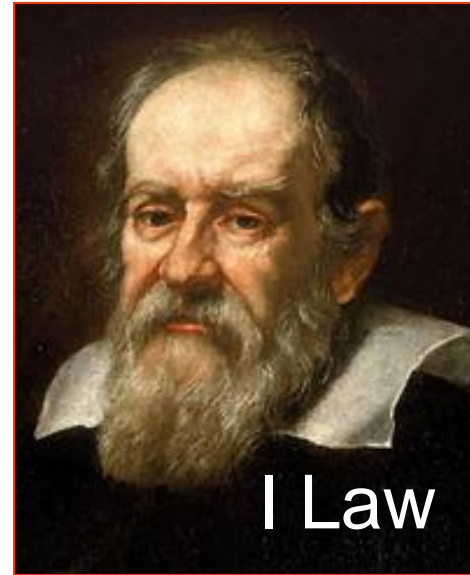
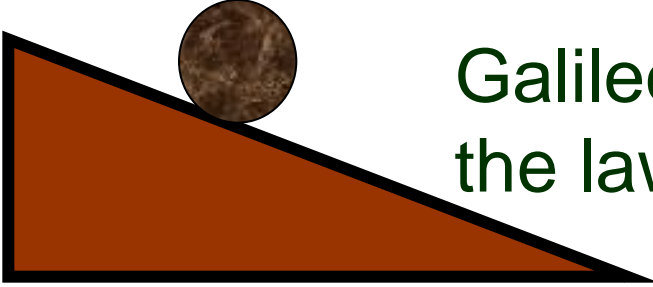
Laws of Mechanics : same in all INERTIAL FRAMES.

Galilean relativity

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m\vec{a}' = \vec{F}'$$

- A frame of reference moving with respect to an inertial frame of reference at constant velocity is also an inertial frame.
- The same force $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ explains the linear response (*effect/acceleration is linearly proportional to the cause/interaction*) relationship in all inertial frames.

Galileo's experiments that led him to the law of inertia.



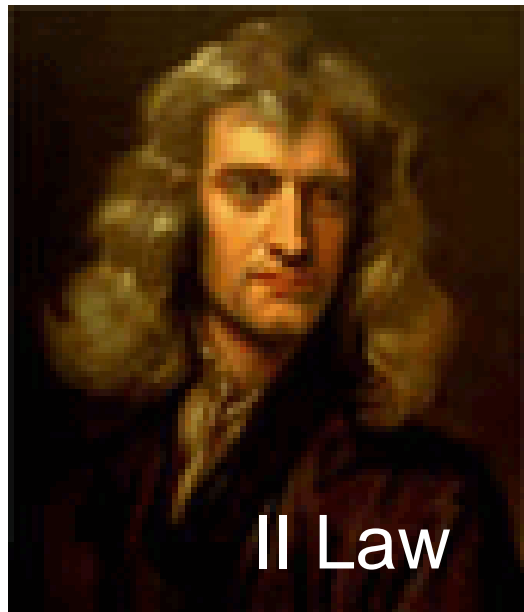
Galileo Galilei
1564 - 1642

I Law

$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ Linear Response.

Effect is proportional to the *Cause*

Principle of causality.



II Law

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} \quad \text{Linear Response}$$

$$\vec{W} = m\vec{g}$$

Weight = Mass \times acceleration due to gravity

Lunatic exercise!

Is lifting a cow easier on the Moon ?



**THE
POWERCOWCRADLE**

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Another lunatic exercise!

Is it easier to stop a charging bull on the Moon ?



Ian Usmovets Stopping an Angry Bull (1849)

Evgraf Semenovich Sorokin (born as Kostroma Province)
1821-1892.

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Russian artist and teacher, a master of historical, religious and genre paintings.

What do we mean by a CAUSE ?

CAUSE is that physical agency
which generates an EFFECT !

EFFECT: DEPARTURE FROM EQUILIBRIUM

CAUSE: 'FORCE' 'INTERACTION'

FUNDAMENTAL INTERACTION

ELECTROMAGNETIC, GRAVITATIONAL
NUCLEAR WEAK/STRONG

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$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m\vec{a}' = \vec{F}'$$

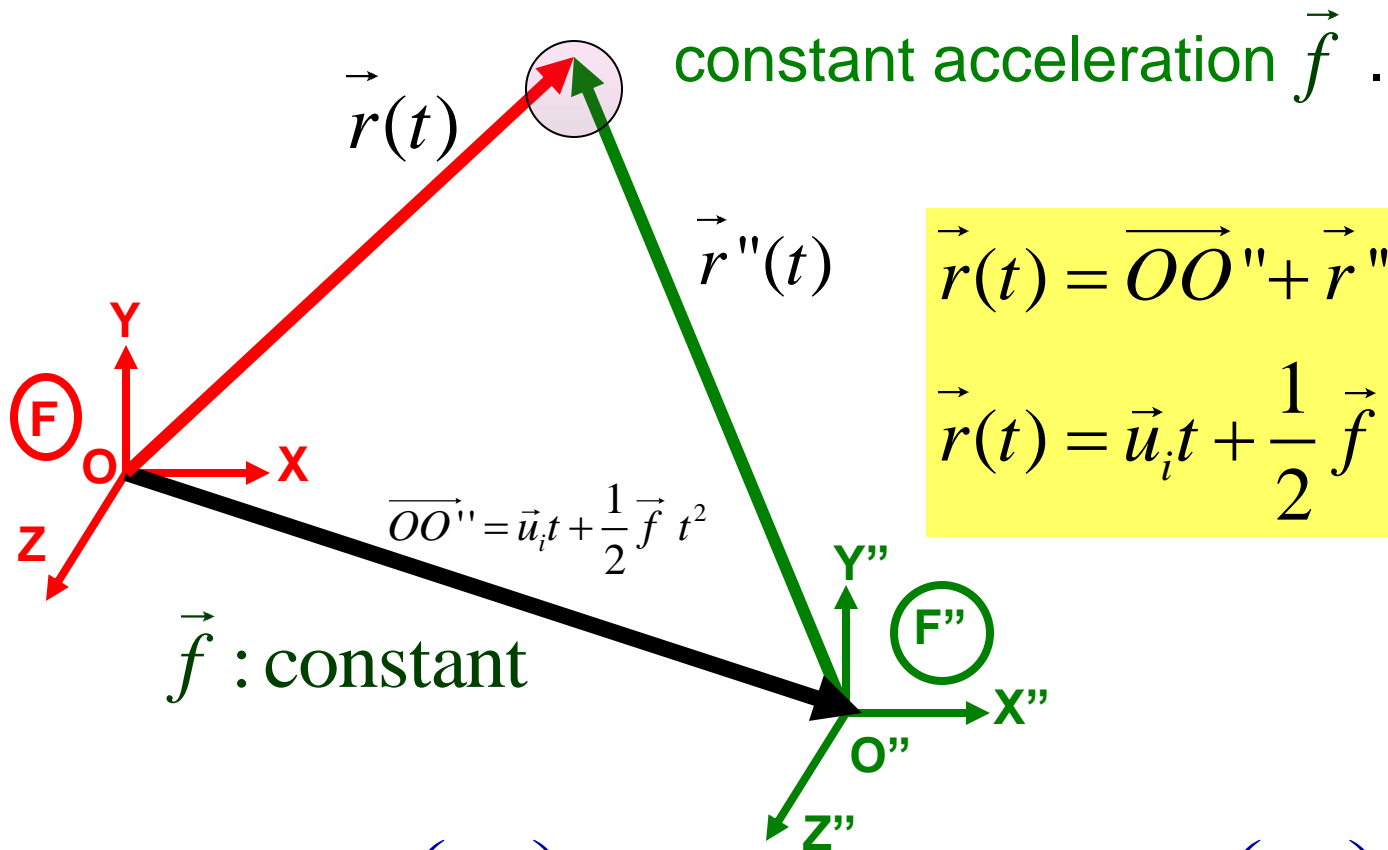
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- The same force $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ explains the linear response (*effect/acceleration is linearly proportional to the cause/interaction*) relationship in all inertial frames.
- “An inertial frame is one in which Newton’s laws hold”

Time t is the same in the
red frame
and
in the green, double-primed frame.

Physics in an **accelerated** frame of
reference.

What happens to the (Cause, Effect)
relationship?

What happens to the Principle of
Causality / Determinism?



Galilean relativity

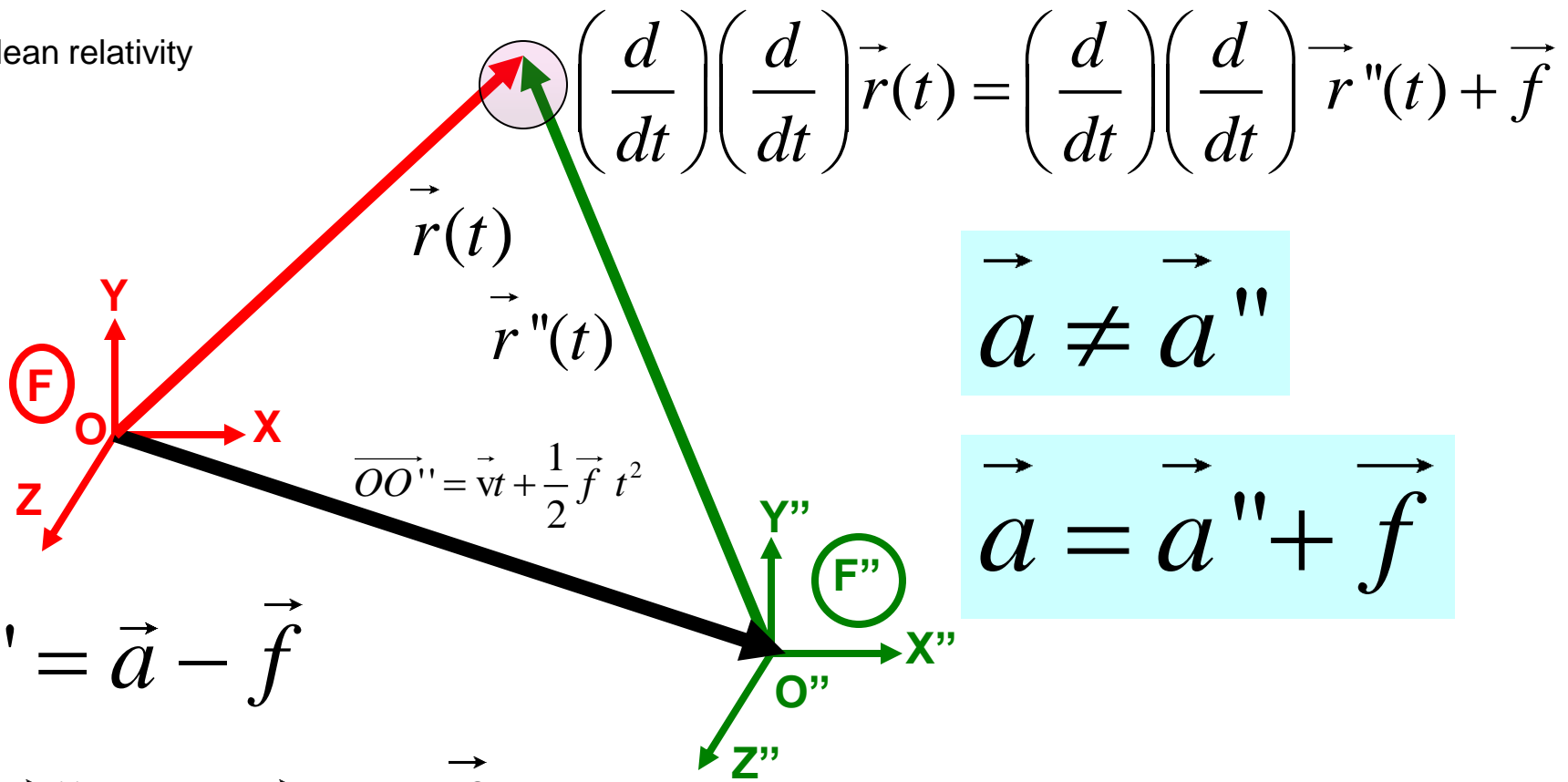
$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\vec{r}(t) = \vec{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \vec{f} (2t) + \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\vec{r}''(t)$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\vec{r}(t) = \vec{f} + \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)\vec{r}''(t)$$

$$\vec{a} \neq \vec{a}''$$

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Galilean relativity



$$\vec{a}'' = \vec{a} - \vec{f}$$

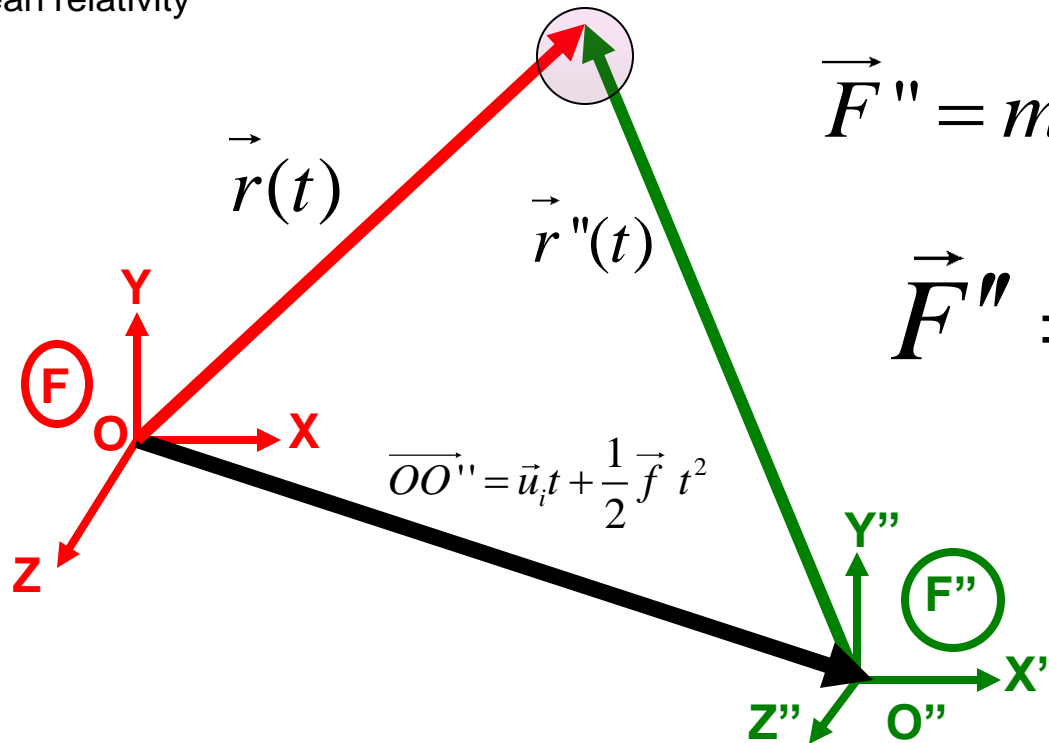
$$m\vec{a}'' = m\vec{a} - m\vec{f}$$

$$\vec{F}'' = m\vec{a} - m\vec{f}$$

$$\vec{F}'' = \boxed{\vec{F}} - \vec{F}_{pseudo}$$

'Real'/'Physical'
force/interaction

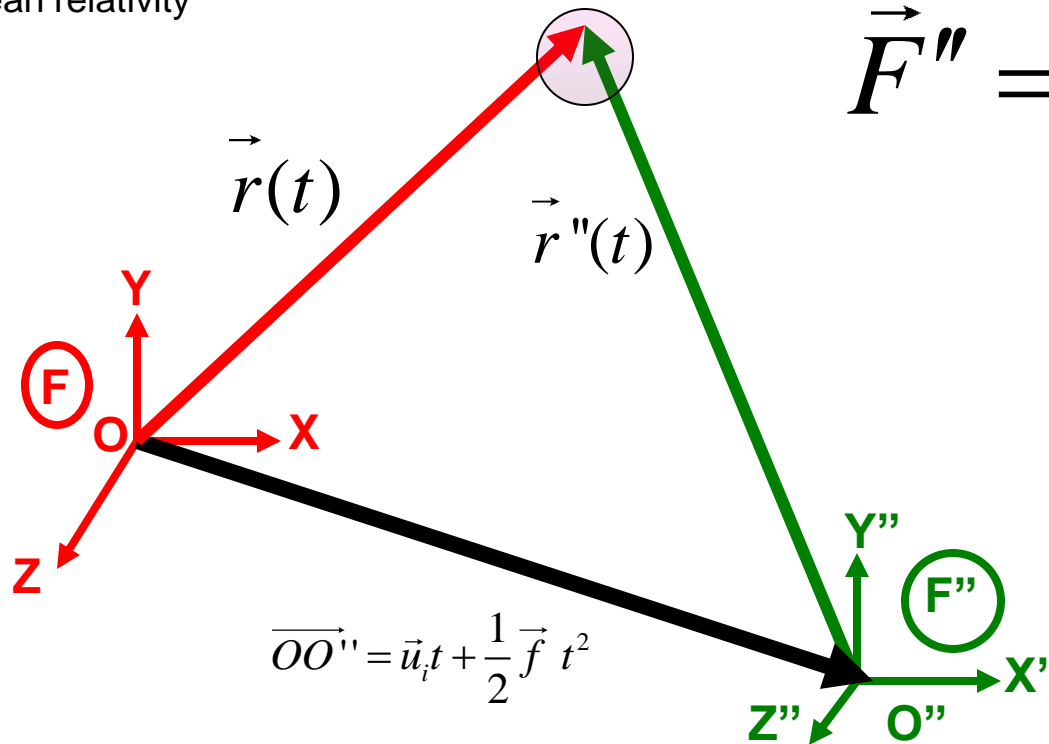
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$$\vec{F}'' = m\vec{a}'' = m\vec{a} - m\vec{f}$$

$$\vec{F}'' = \vec{F} - \vec{F}_{pseudo}$$

Same cause-effect relationship
does **not** explain the dynamics.



$$\vec{F}'' = \vec{F} - \vec{F}_{pseudo}$$

The force/interaction which explained the acceleration in the inertial frame does not account for the acceleration in the accelerated frame of reference.

Laws of Mechanics are *not* the same in a FRAME OF REFERENCE that is accelerated with respect to an inertial frame.

$$\vec{F}'' = \vec{F} - \vec{F}_{pseudo}$$

Time t is the same in the red frame and in the green, double-primed frame.

$$m\vec{a}'' =$$

$$\vec{F}'' = \vec{F}_{real/physical} - \vec{F}_{pseudo}$$

Real effects of pseudo-forces!

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and P.C. Deshmukh**

Resonance, Vol. 9, Number 6, 74-85 (2004)

<http://www.ias.ac.in/resonance/June2004/pdf/June2004Classroom1.pdf>

Deterministic / cause-effect / relation holds only in an inertial frame of reference.

This relation inspires in our minds an intuitive perception of a fundamental interaction / force (EM, Gravity, Nuclear strong/weak).

*Adaptation of causality in a non-inertial frame requires 'inventing' interactions that do **not** exist.*

– for these 'fictitious forces', Newton's laws are of course not designed to work!

RELATED ISSUES:

Weightlessness

☺ What is Einstein's weight in an elevator accelerated upward/downward?



Sergei Bubka (Ukrainian: Сергій Бубка) (born December 4, 1963) is a retired Ukrainian pole vaulter. He represented the Soviet Union before its dissolution in 1991. He is widely regarded as the best pole vaulter ever.

Reference: http://www.bookrags.com/Sergei_Bubka



http://www.stabhoch.com/bildserien/20030825_Isinbayeva_465/bildreihe.html

What enables the pole vaulting champion, Yelena Isinbayeva, to twist her body in flight and clear great heights?

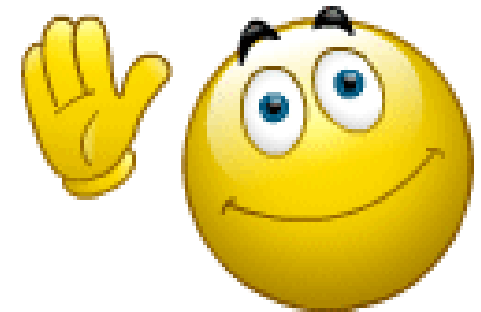
2008 Olympics champion: 5.05 meters

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We will take a Break...

..... *Any questions ?*

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'cause', where there isn't one!

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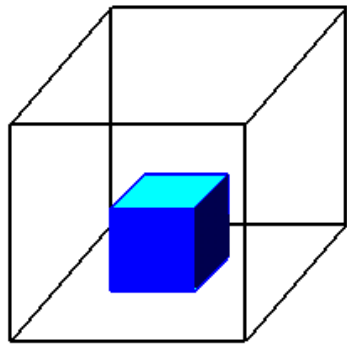
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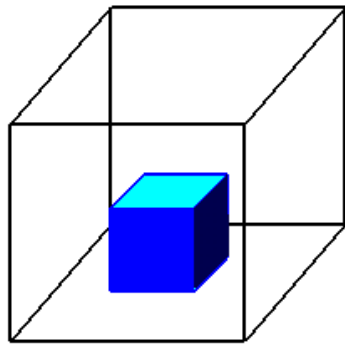
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Holds Shape

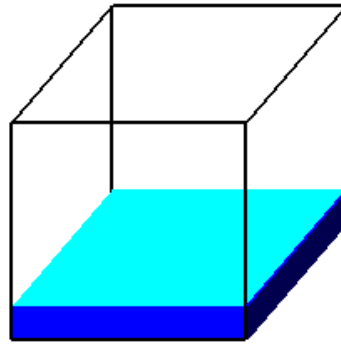
Fixed Volume



Solid

Holds Shape

Fixed Volume



Liquid

Shape of Container

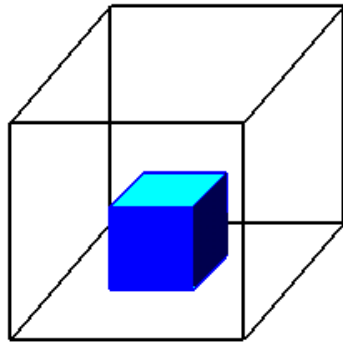
Free Surface

Fixed Volume



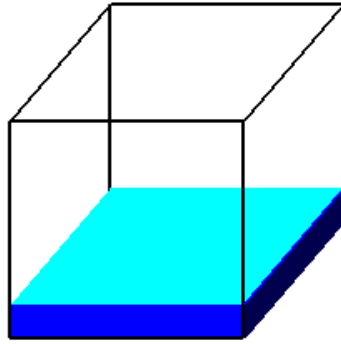
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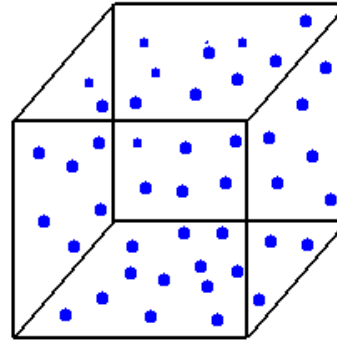
Solid

Holds Shape
Fixed Volume



Liquid

Shape of Container
Free Surface
Fixed Volume



Gas

Shape of Container
Volume of Container

☺ What will be the shape of a tiny little amount of a liquid in a closed (sealed) beaker when this 'liquid-in-a-beaker' system is

- (a) on earth
- (b) orbiting in a satellite around the earth.

In a **liquid** the molecular forces are weaker than in a solid.

A liquid takes the shape of its container with a free surface in a gravitational field.

Regardless of gravity, a liquid has a fixed volume.

Other than GRAVITY, are there other interactions that could influence the shape of the liquid's free surface?



Intra/Inter molecular forces provide the concave or the convex meniscus to the liquid. These interactions become dramatically consequential in microgravity.

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The actual shape an amount of liquid will take in a closed container in microgravity depends on whether the adhesive, or the cohesive, forces are strong.

Accordingly, the liquid may form a floating ball inside, or stick to the inner walls of the container and leave a cavity inside!

You can have zero-gravity experience by booking your zero-gravity flight!



<http://www.gozerog.com/>

Flight ticket (one adult) :
little over \$5k

<http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/RT/RT1996/6000/6726f.htm>

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candle flame on Earth

On Earth, gravity-driven buoyant convection causes a candle flame to be teardrop-shaped and carries soot to the flame's tip, making it yellow.



candle flame in microgravity

In microgravity, where convective flows are absent, the flame is spherical, soot-free, and blue.

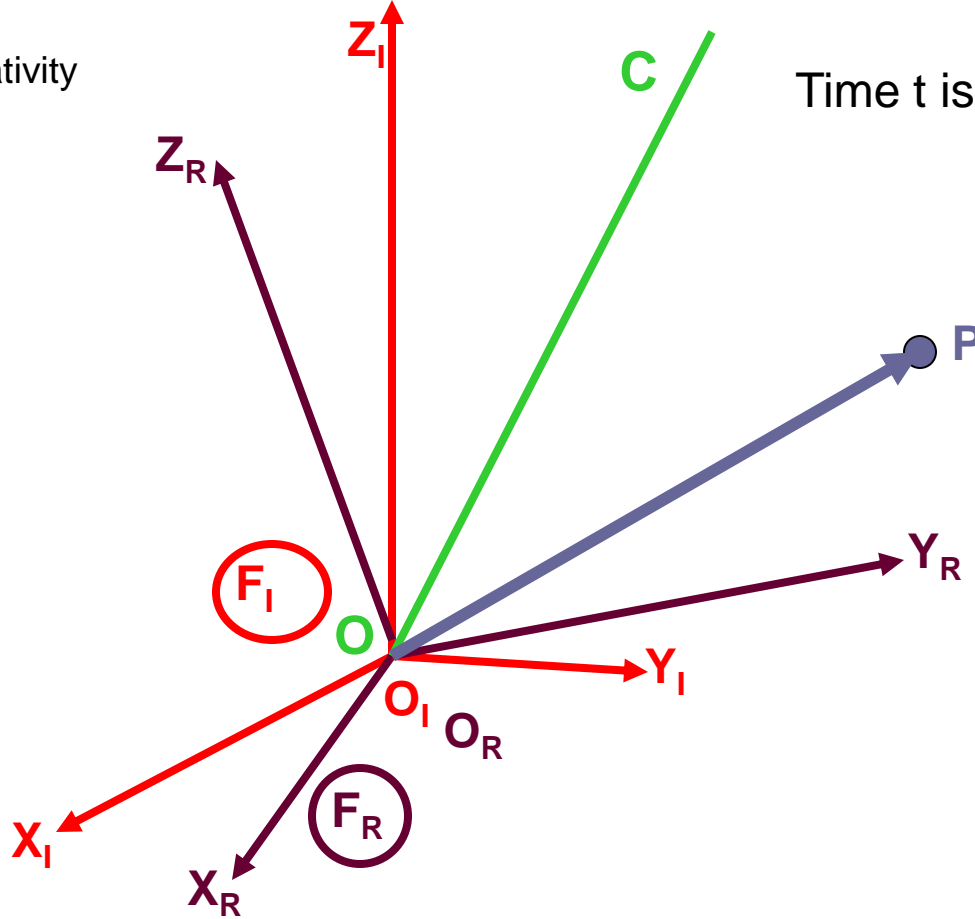
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“Microgravity” ?

$$G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

There is no ‘insulation’ from gravity!

Observations in a rotating frame of reference.



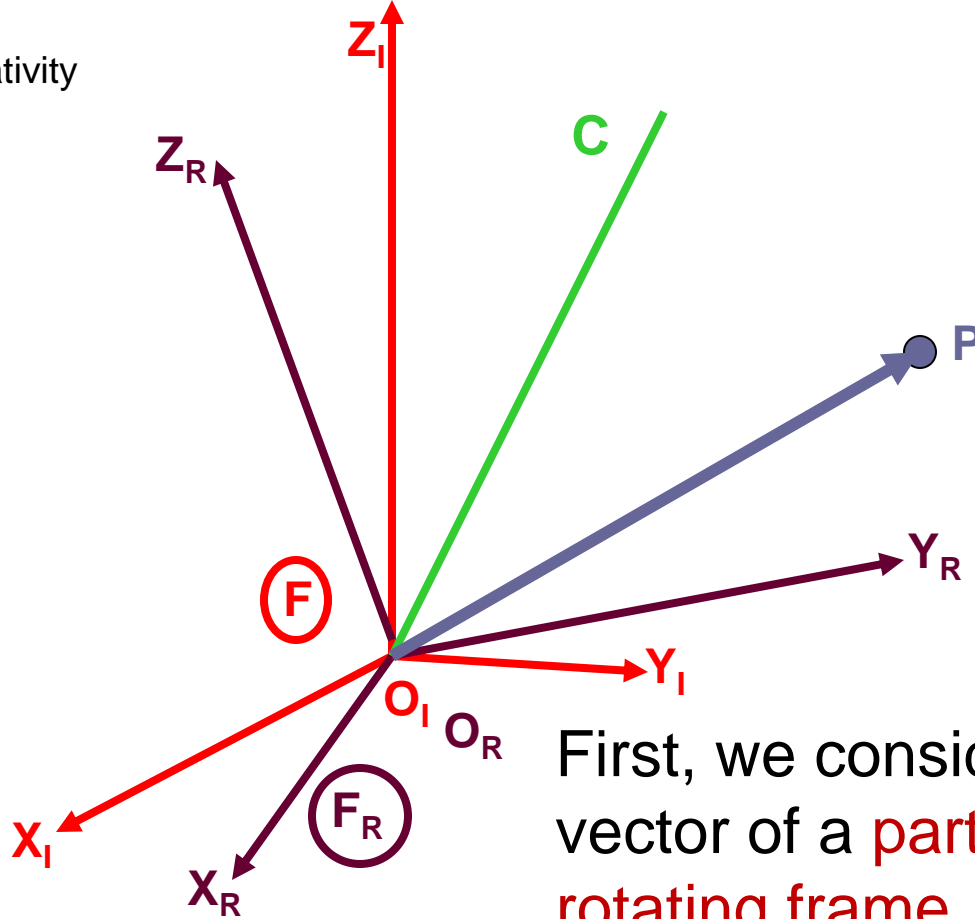
The green axis OC is some arbitrary axis about which F_R is rotating.

Clearly, the coordinates/components of the point P in the inertial frame of reference are different from those in the rotating frame of reference.

We shall ignore translational motion of the new frame relative to the inertial frame F_I .

We have already considered that.

We can always superpose the two (translational and rotating) motions.

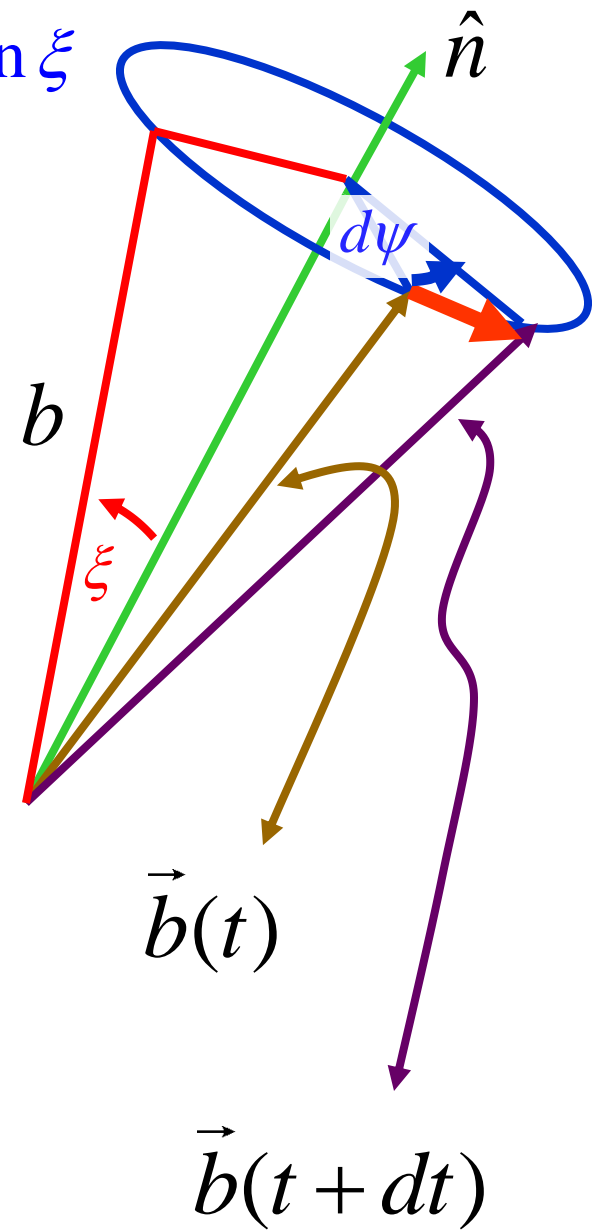


First, we consider the position vector of a **particle at rest** in the rotating frame.

Clearly, its time-derivative in the rotating frame is zero, but not so in the inertial frame.

$$\text{PCD}_{\text{STICM}} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_I \neq \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R$$

Circle of radius $b \sin \xi$



$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{b} \neq \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \vec{b}$$

The particle seen at 'rest' in the rotating frame would appear to have moved to a new location as seen by an observer in F_I .

Galilean relativity

Time t is the same in the red frame and in the purple, rotating, frame.

NOTE!

The time-derivative is different in the rotating frame.

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \neq \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R$$

Often, one uses the term

‘SPACE-FIXED FRAME OF REFERENCE’ for F_I , and
‘BODY-FIXED FRAME OF REFERENCE’ for F_R .

We shall develop our analysis for an arbitrary vector \vec{b} ,
the only condition being that it is itself not a time-
derivative in the rotating frame of some another vector.

No vector \vec{q} exists such that $\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{q} = \vec{b}$

$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ in the rotating frame F_R .

Question: What is $\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \vec{b}$?

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$$d\vec{b} = \vec{b}(t + dt) - \vec{b}(t) = |d\vec{b}| \hat{u}$$

where $\hat{u} = \frac{\hat{n} \times \hat{b}}{|\hat{n} \times \hat{b}|}$. $\xi = \angle(\hat{n}, \hat{b})$

$$|d\vec{b}| = (b \sin \xi)(d\psi)$$

$$d\vec{b} = (b \sin \xi)(d\psi) \frac{\hat{n} \times \hat{b}}{|\hat{n} \times \hat{b}|}$$

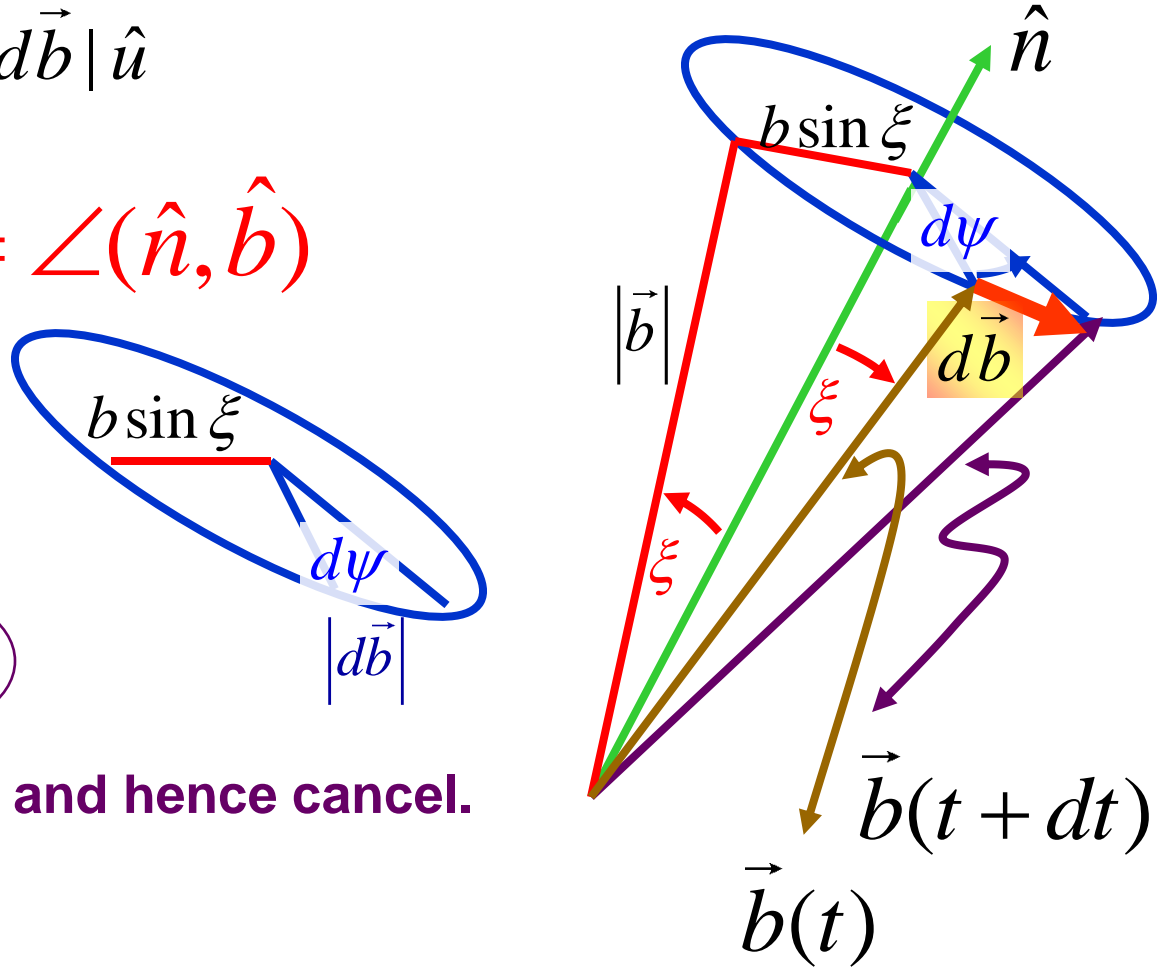
These two terms are equal and hence cancel.

$$d\vec{b} = d\psi \hat{n} \times \vec{b}$$

$$d\vec{b} = (\vec{\omega} dt) \times \vec{b}$$

since $\vec{\omega} = \frac{d\psi}{dt} \hat{n}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_I \vec{b} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{b}$$



$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \vec{b} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{b}$$

Remember! The vector \vec{b} itself did not have any time-dependence in the rotating frame.

If \vec{b} has a time dependence in the rotating frame, the following operator equivalence would follow:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \vec{b} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{b} + \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{b}$$

Operator Equivalence: $\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R + \vec{\omega} \times$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R + \vec{\omega} \times$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \vec{r} = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

Operating twice:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_I \vec{r} &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \right\} + \\ &\quad + \vec{\omega} \times \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\right)_I \vec{r} &= \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\right)_R \vec{r} + \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) + \vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_R \vec{r} \\ &\quad + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by mass 'm', we shall get quantities that have dimensions of 'force'.

$$m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_R \vec{r} = m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_I \vec{r} - m \left(\frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right)_R \times \vec{r} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} + m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

$$\vec{F}_R = \vec{F}_I - \vec{F}_{\dot{\omega}} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

‘Leap second’ term

‘Coriolis force’

‘Centrifugal force’

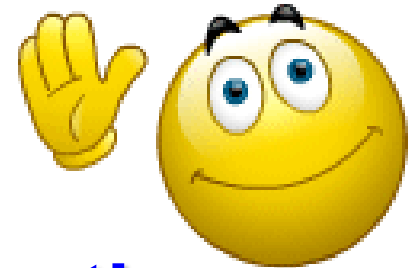
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Foucault Pendulum
Cyclonic storm's direction
Real Effects of Pseudo-forces!



$$\vec{F}_R = \vec{F}_I - \vec{F}_{\dot{\omega}} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

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'force' / 'fundamental interaction' in the inertial frame

$$m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_R \vec{r} = m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_I \vec{r} - m \left(\frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right)_R \times \vec{r} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$

$$- m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

Pseudoforce in the rotating frame

REAL EFFECTS OF PSEUDOFORCES !

$$\vec{F}_R = \vec{F}_I - \vec{F}_{\dot{\omega}} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

'Leap second' term

'Coriolis force'

'Centrifugal force'

Why are Leap Seconds Used?

The time taken by the earth to do one rotation differs from day to day and from year to year.

The Earth was slower than atomic clocks by 0.16 seconds in 2005;

by 0.30 seconds in 2006;

by 0.31 seconds in 2007;

and by 0.32 seconds in 2008.

It was only 0.02 seconds slower in 2001.

The atomic clocks can be reset to add an extra second, known as the leap second, to synchronize the atomic clocks with the Earth's observed rotation.

The most accurate and stable time comes from atomic clocks but for navigation and astronomy purposes, *but it is the atomic time that is synchronized with the Earth's rotation.*

'Leap second' term

The International Earth Rotation and Reference System

Service (IERS) decides when to introduce a leap second in

UTC (Coordinated Universal Time).

On one average day, the difference between atomic clocks and Earth's rotation is around 0.002 seconds, or around 1 second every 1.5 years.

IERS announced on July 4, 2008, that a leap second would be added at 23:59:60 (or near midnight) UTC on December 31, 2008. This was the 24th leap second to be added since the first leap second was added in 1972.

Let us consider 3 'definitions' of the 'vertical'

[1] 'vertical' is defined by the radial line from the center of the earth to a point on the earth's surface

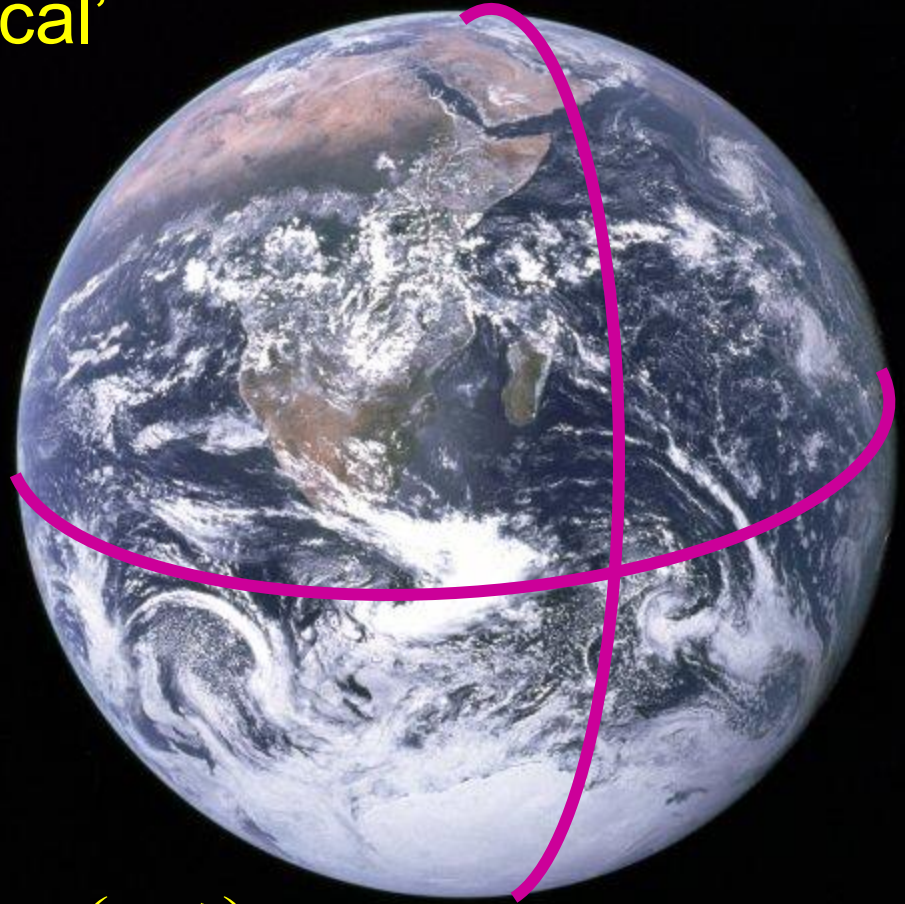


[2] 'vertical' is defined by a 'plumb line' suspended at the point under consideration.

[3] 'vertical' is defined by the space curve along which a chalk falls, if you let it go!

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3 'definitions' of the 'vertical'



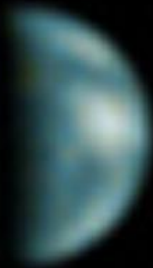
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7.2921159×10^{-5}
radians per second

$$-m \left(\frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right)_R \times \vec{r}$$

$$m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_R \vec{r} = m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_I \vec{r} - m \left(\frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right)_R \times \vec{r} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

Earth and moon seen from MARS



First image of Earth & Moon,
ever taken from another planet,
from Mars,
by MGS,
on 8 May 2003 at 13:00 GMT.

MARS GLOBAL SURVEYOR

<http://mars8.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/>

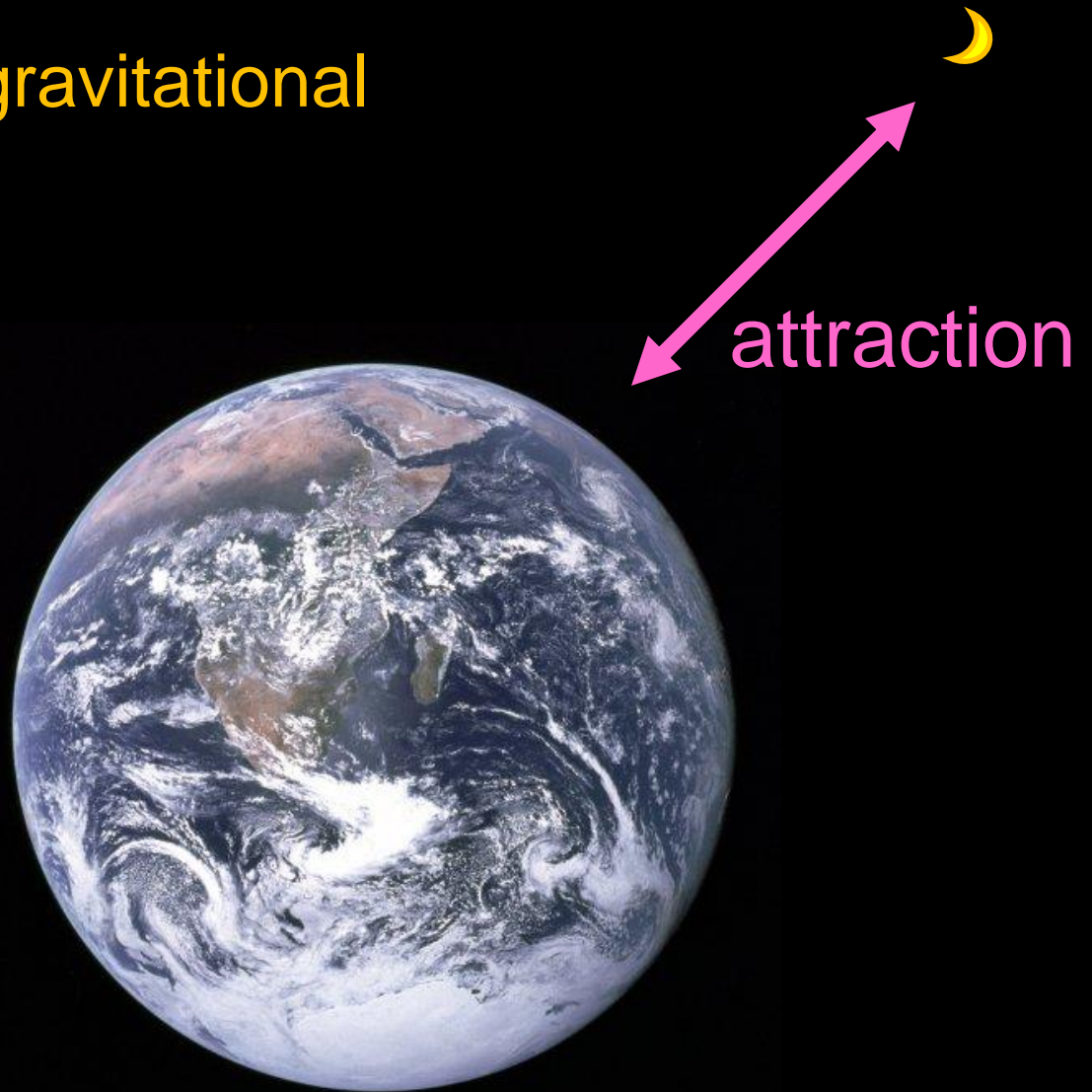
<http://space.about.com/od/pictures/ig/Earth-Pictures-Gallery/Earth-and-Moon-as-viewed-from-.htm>

The moon is attracted toward the earth due to their mutual gravitational attraction.

Will there be an eventual collision?

If so, when?

If not, why not?



[1] When travelling in a car/bus, you experience what you call as a 'centrifugal force'.

Which physical agency exerts it ?

Is there a corresponding force of reaction?

[2] How does a centrifuge work ?

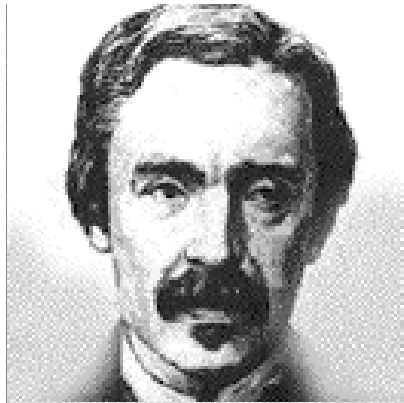
[3] Do the

centripetal and the centrifugal

forces constitute an

'action - reaction'

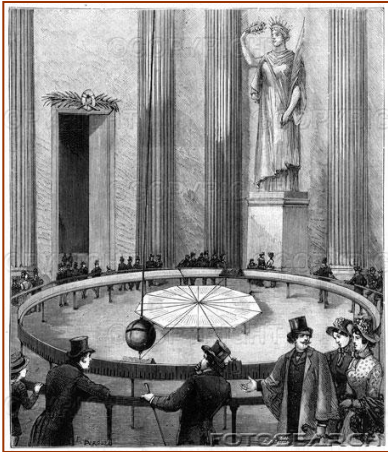
pair of Newton's 3rd law?



“ Foo-Koh ”

The plane of oscillation of the Foucault pendulum is seen to rotate due to the Coriolis effect.

The plane rotates through one full rotation in 24 hours at poles, and in ~33.94 hours at a latitude of 45° (Latitude of Paris is ~49°).

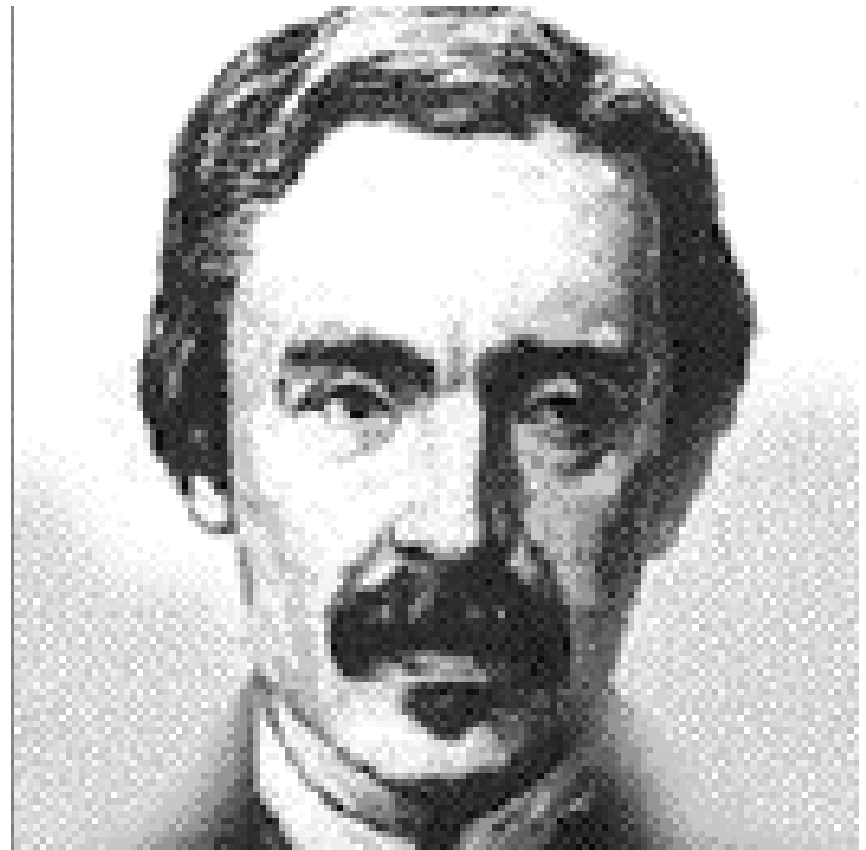


$$\vec{F}_R = \vec{F}_I - \vec{F}_{\dot{\omega}} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

‘Leap second’ term ‘Coriolis force’ ‘Centrifugal force’



Gaspard Gustave de
Coriolis
1792 - 1843



Jean Bernard Léon
Foucault
1819 - 1868

$$m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_R \vec{r} = m \left(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right)_I \vec{r}$$

$$- m \left(\frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right)_R \times \vec{r}$$

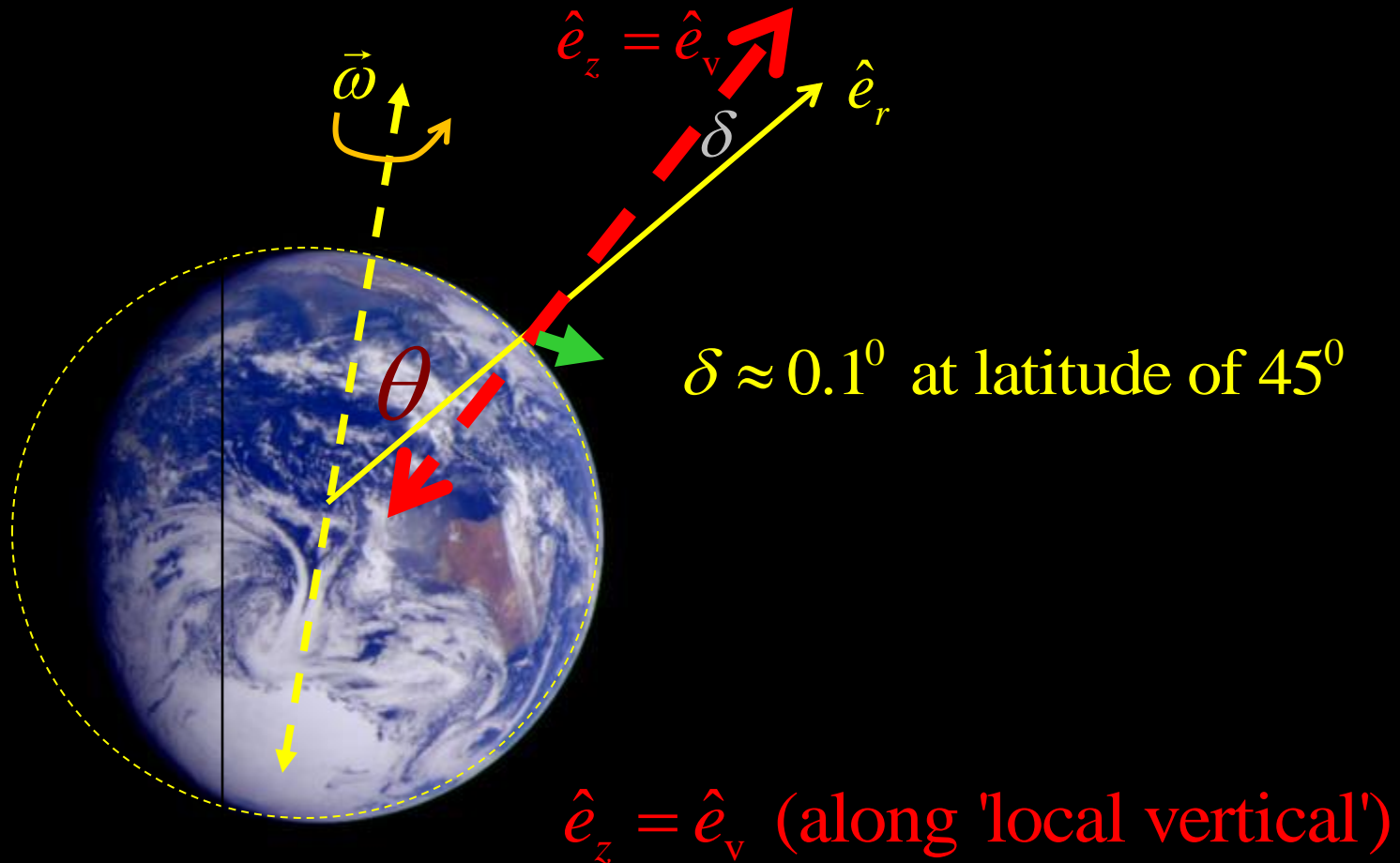
$$- 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$

$$- m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

We often ignore the 'leap second' and the centrifugal term.

Pseudo Forces

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_{centrifugal} &= -m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) = -m\omega^2 r \hat{e}_\omega \times (\hat{e}_\omega \times \hat{e}_r) \\ &= -m\omega^2 r \hat{e}_\omega \times (\sin \theta \hat{e}_\phi) = m\omega^2 r \sin \theta \hat{e}_\rho\end{aligned}$$

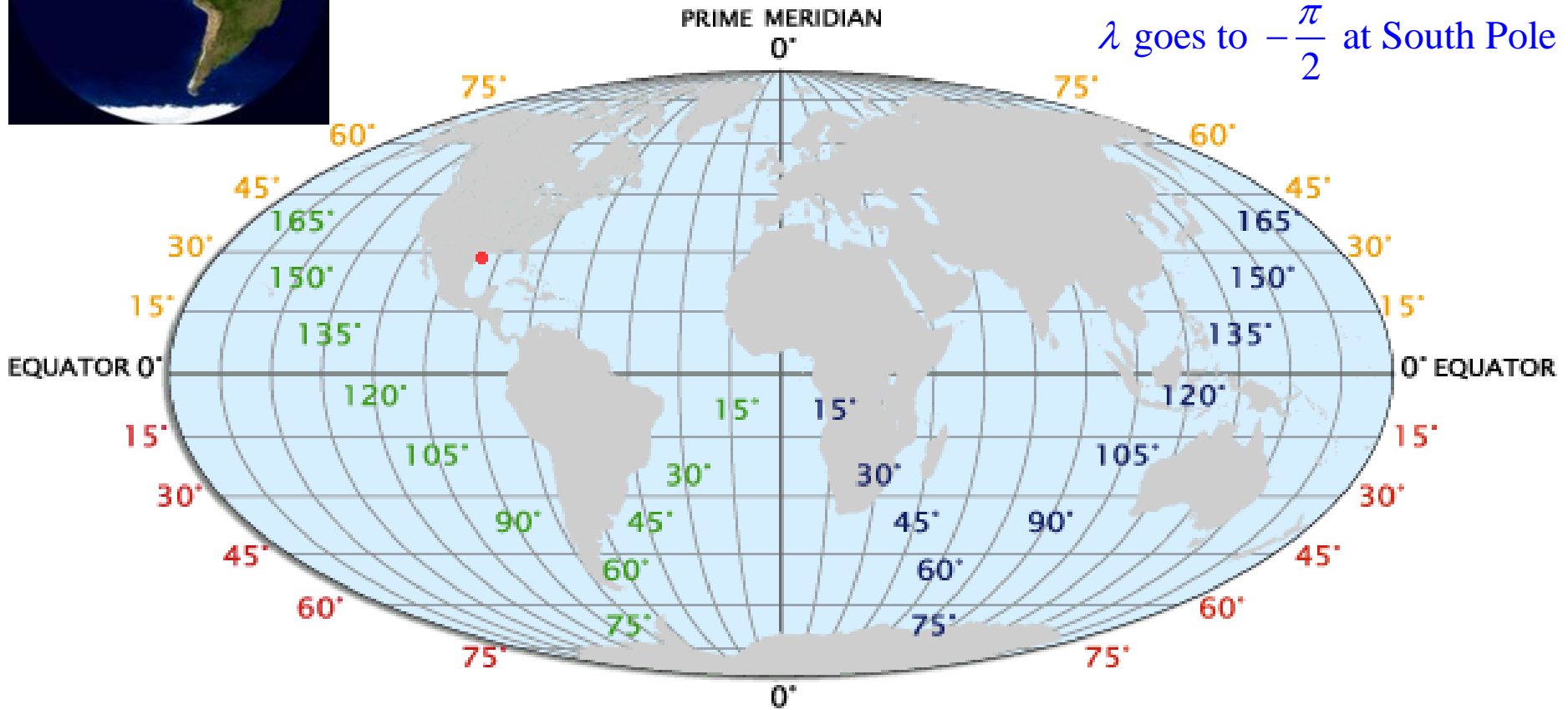




$$\lambda = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ at North Pole}$$

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ at Equator}$$

$$\lambda \text{ goes to } -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ at South Pole}$$

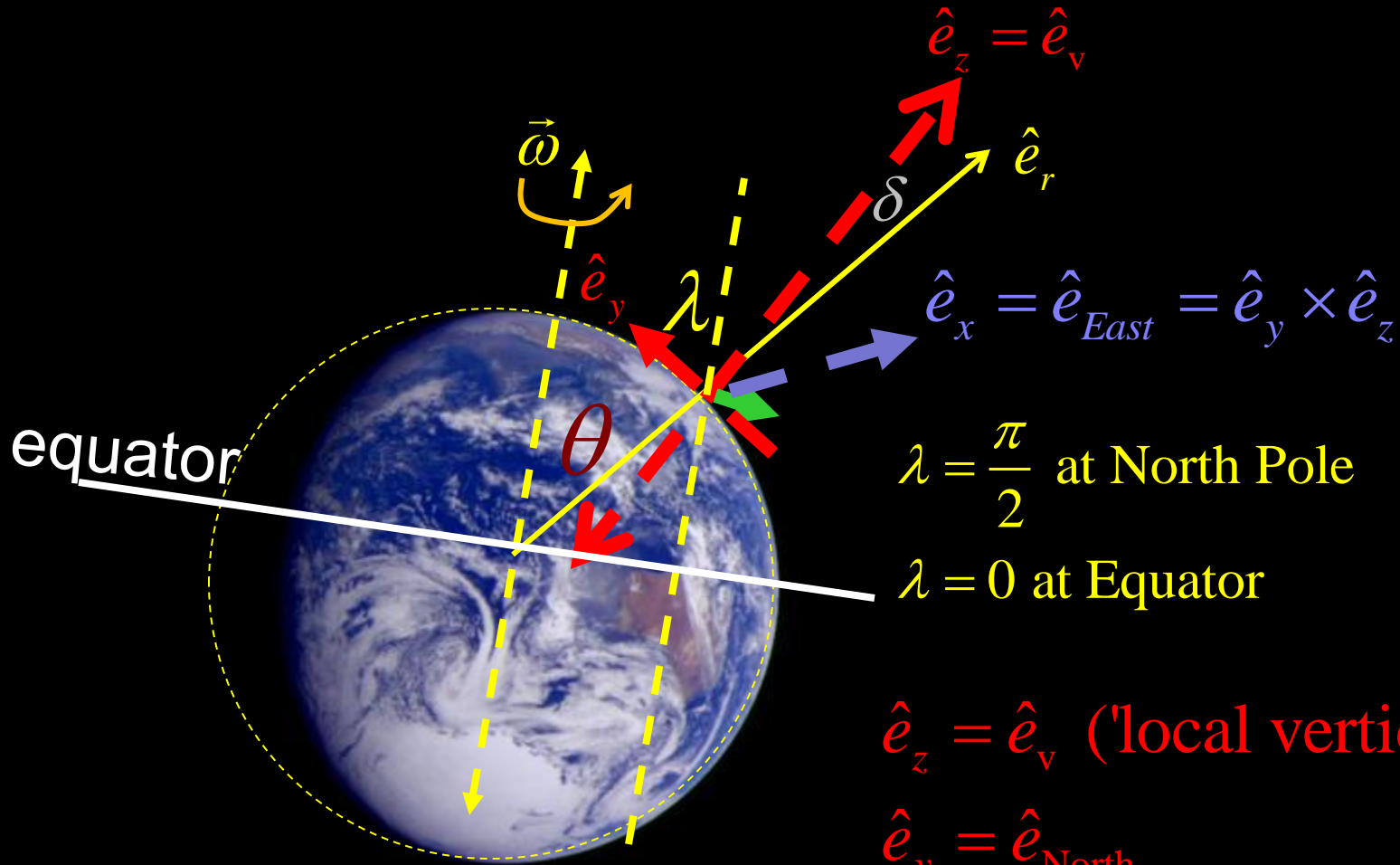


Terrestrial equatorial radius is 6378 km.

Polar radius is 6357 km.

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$$\vec{\omega} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_y + (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_z) \hat{e}_z$$



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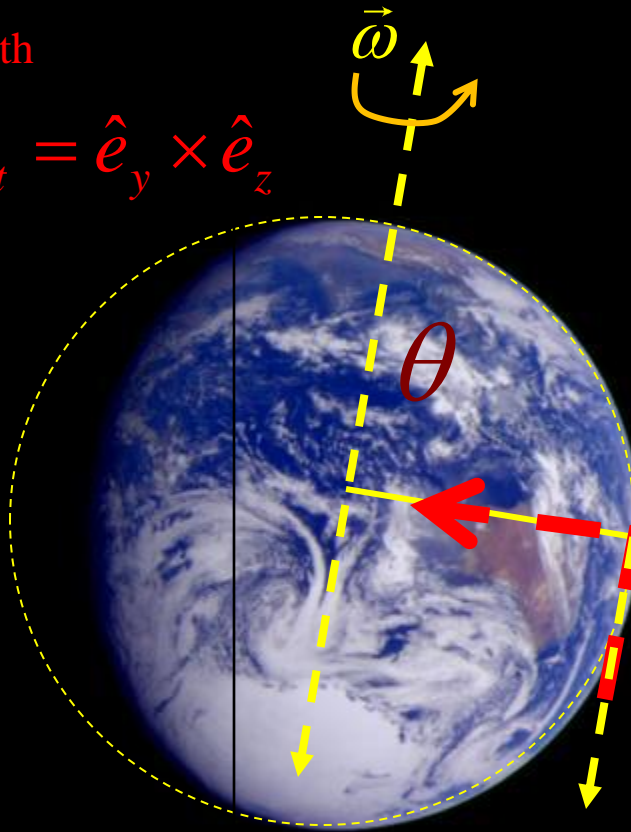
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$$\hat{e}_y = \hat{e}_{North}$$

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Coriolis deflection of an object in 'free' 'fall' at a point on earth's surface:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} = \vec{v}_R = v_R (-\hat{e}_z)$$

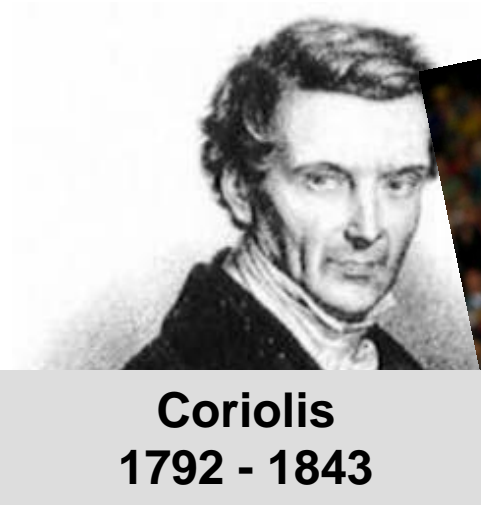
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{Coriolis} &= -2m \left[(\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_y + (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_z) \hat{e}_z \right] \times v_R (-\hat{e}_z) \\ &= 2m (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_x = 2m\omega \cos \lambda \hat{e}_{East} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ (N hemisphere)}$$

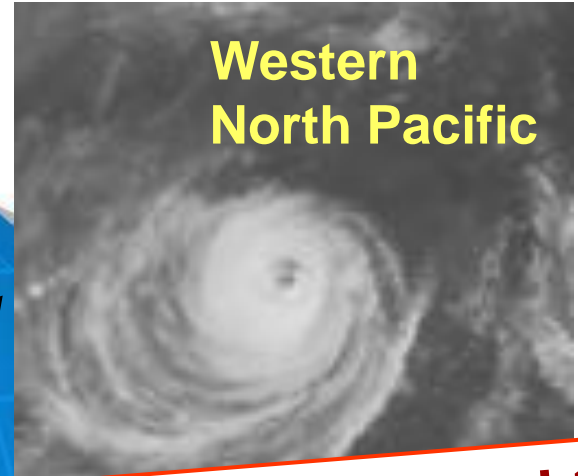
$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \lambda \leq 0 \text{ (S hemisphere)}$$

Coriolis deflection: toward East in both the Northern & the Southern Hemispheres

$\cos \lambda$ is \neq in both N- and S-hemispheres



Coriolis
1792 - 1843



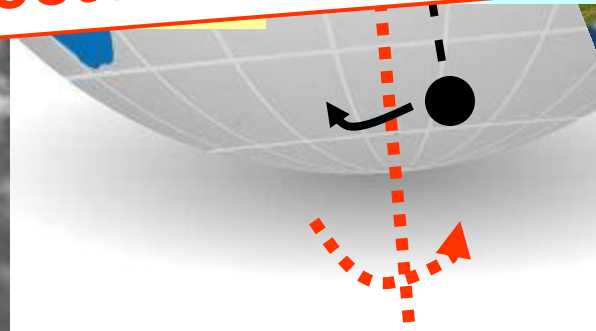
Western
North Pacific

An object in a state of free fall gets deflected toward the East, in both the NORTHERN and the SOUTHERN hemispheres!

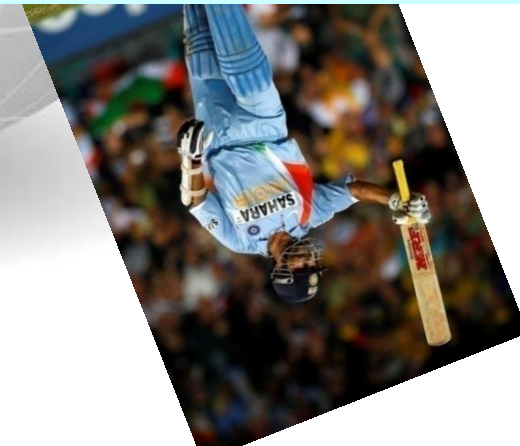
$\vec{\omega}$ At a latitude of 60° an object falling through 100 meters is deflected through ~ 1 cm.



Western
South Pacific



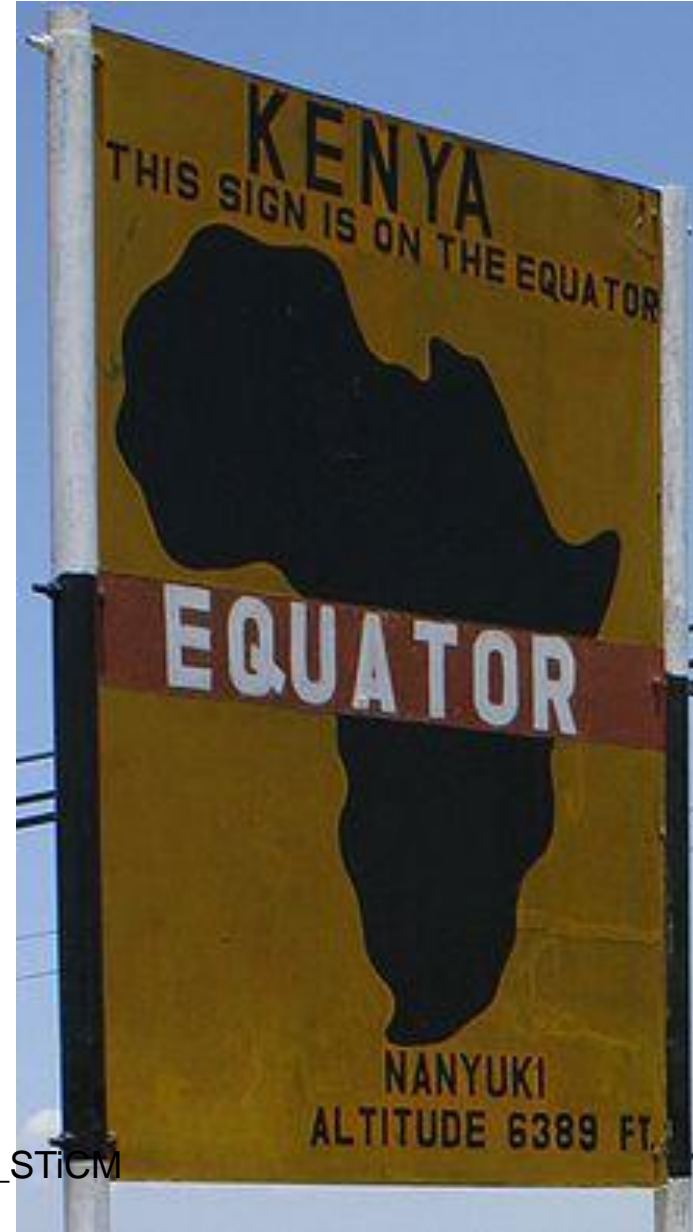
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This Nanyuki tourist attraction is *not* due to Coriolis effect



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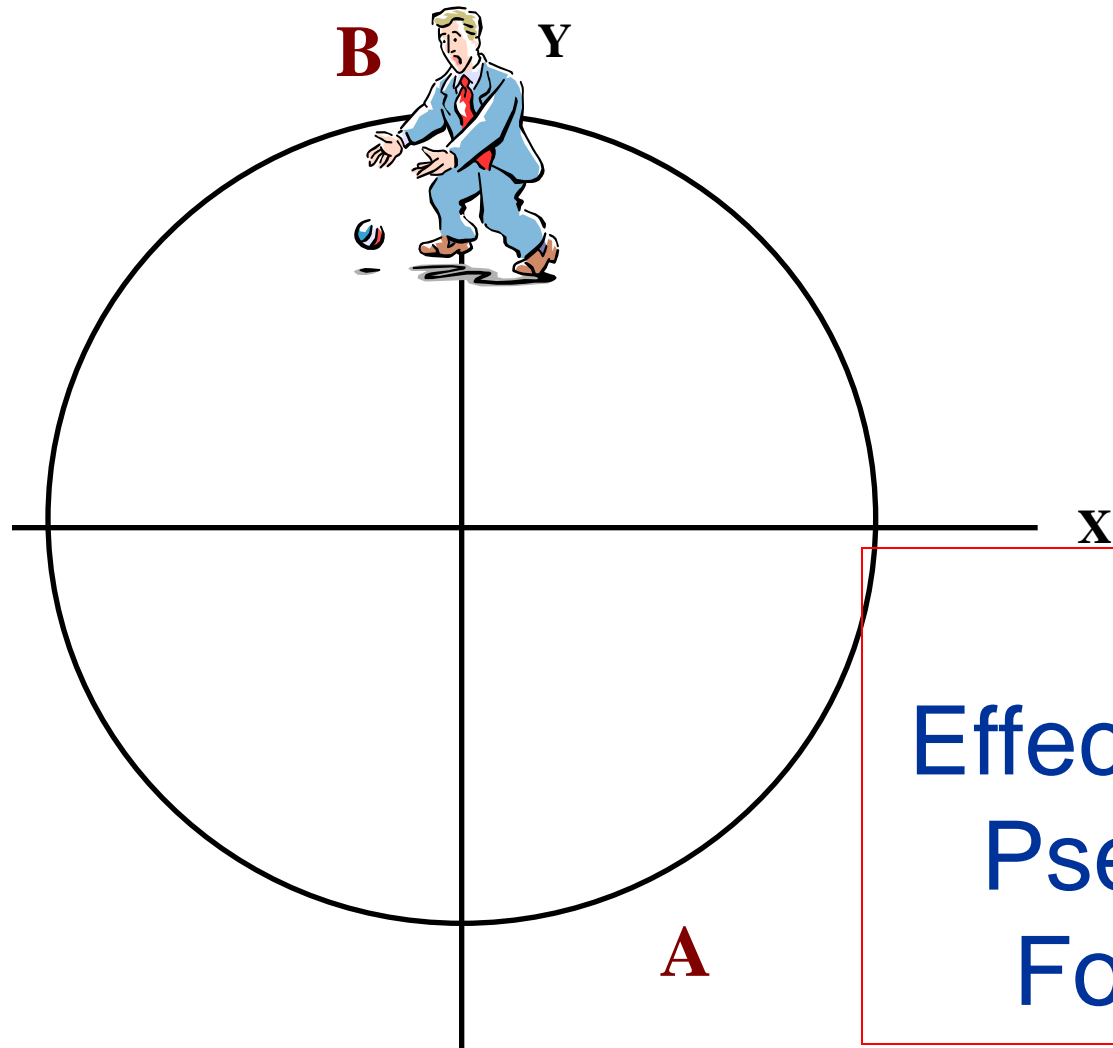
2 Astronauts in a Space Ship

Rotating

$R = 10\text{m}$

$\omega = 0.15 \text{ rad/sec}$

$\underline{v} = (0,5) \text{ m/sec}$



Please read the paper at the following internet weblink:

<http://www.physics.iitm.ac.in/~labs/amp/homepage/dasandmurthy.htm>

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Force = Rate of change of momentum
What interaction is making the instantaneous momentum change?

ULATION OF REAL

$R = 10\text{m}$
E PATH SEEN IN THE NON-INERTIAL FRAME

Very fundamental question!!

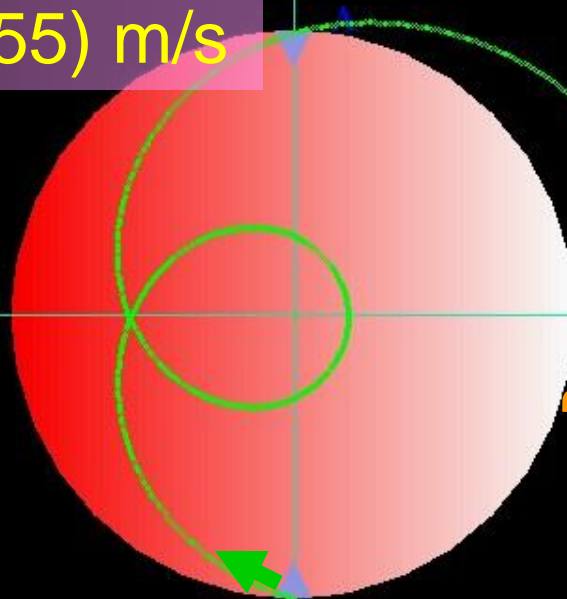
$\omega = 0.95 \text{ rad/sec}$

$\underline{v} = (-10.0325, 2.755) \text{ m/s}$

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'The real effects of
pseudo-forces',
Resonance, Vol.
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The answer
determines
our notion of
a
'fundamental
interaction'

What will be the effect on rockets?



‘Missile Woman of India’
Dr. Tessy Thomas

On ICBMs?

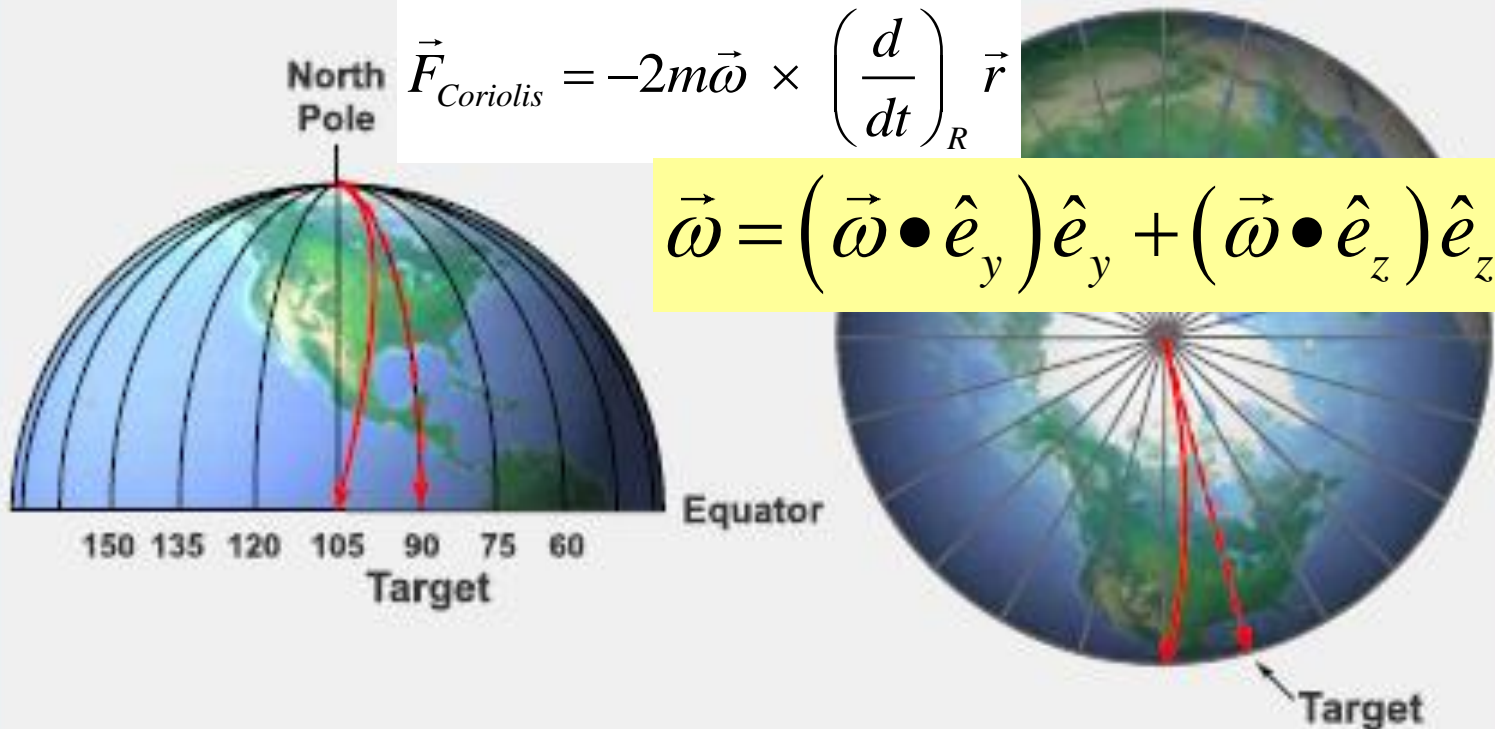


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$$(-\hat{e}_z) \times (-\hat{e}_y) = -\hat{e}_x \text{ (West)}$$

Coriolis Effect

- ▶ On a nonrotating earth, the rocket would travel straight to its target.
- ▶ The Coriolis effect illustrated using a 1-hour flight of a rocket travelling from the North Pole to a location on the Equator.



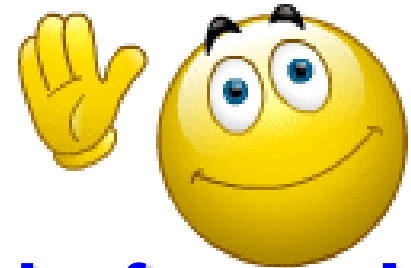
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Distance at equator: ~111 Kms. per longitude degree

We will take a Break...

..... Any questions ?

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Next L18 : Coriolis Deflection
Foucault Pendulum
Real Effects of Pseudo-forces!



$$\vec{F}_R = \vec{F}_I - \vec{F}_{\dot{\omega}} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

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STiCM Lecture 18: Unit 5

‘EFFECT’, when there isn’t a cause!

‘CAUSE’, when there really isn’t one!

Real Effects of Pseudo-forces!

Foucault Pendulum

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*Physical
Oceanography
of the Baltic Sea*

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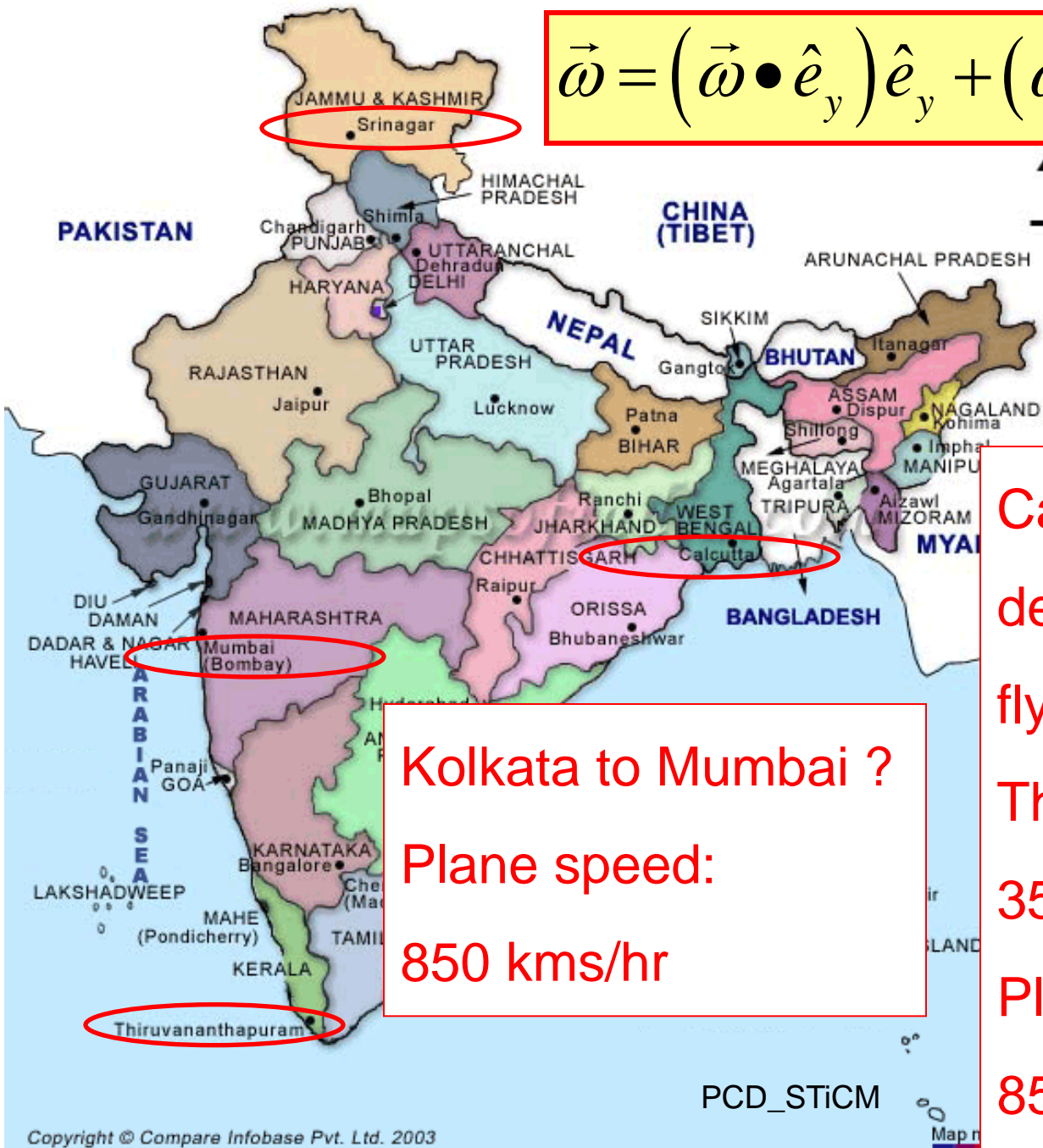
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Kai Myrberg*

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Circulating
current in
the Baltic
sea (1969?)

$$\vec{\omega} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_y + (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_z) \hat{e}_z$$

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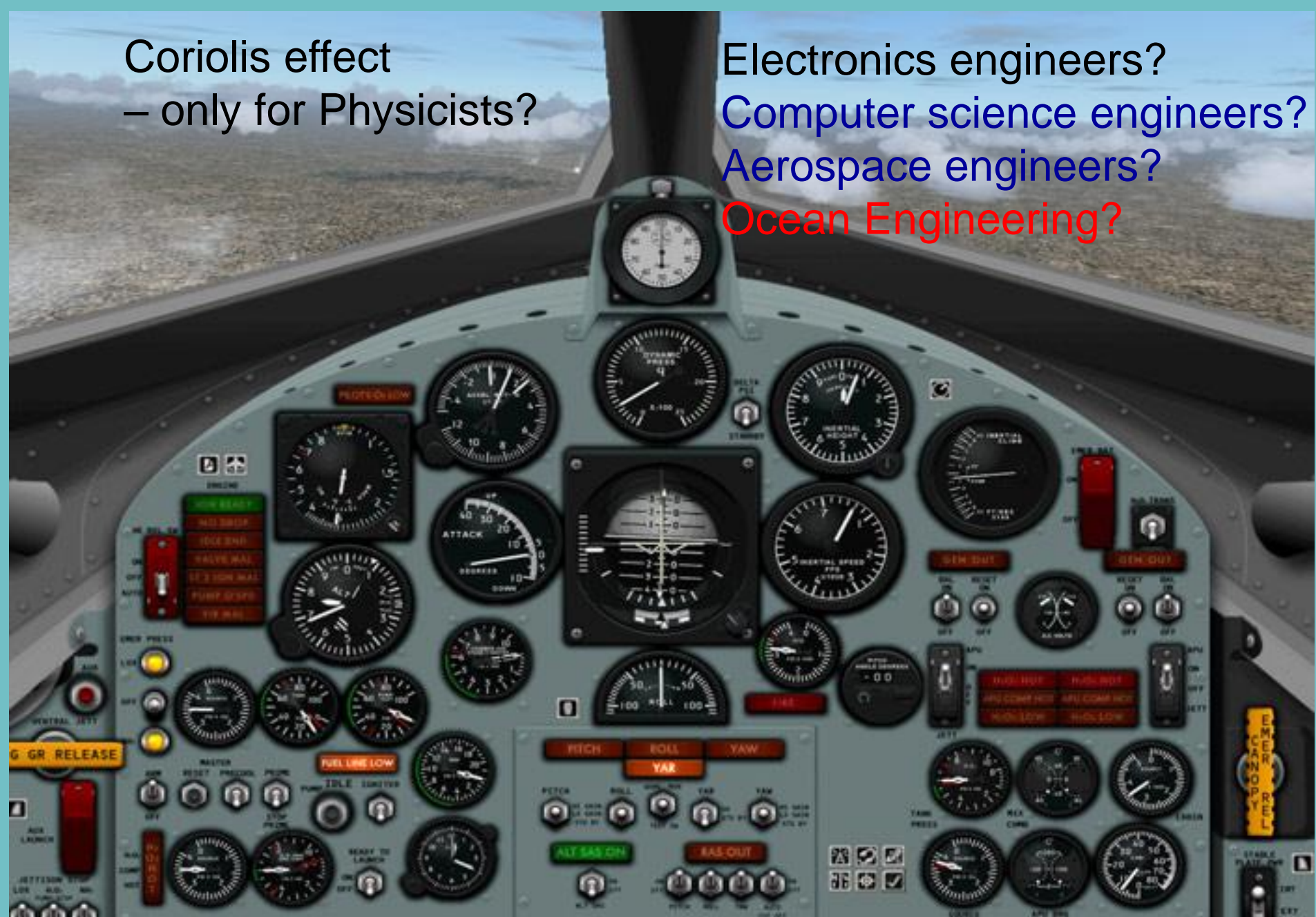


Kolkata to Mumbai ?
 Plane speed:
 850 kms/hr

Calculate Coriolis deflection of a plane flying from Srinagar to Thiruvananthapuram ?
 Plane speed:
 850 kms/hr

Coriolis effect
– only for Physicists?

Electronics engineers?
Computer science engineers?
Aerospace engineers?
Ocean Engineering?



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Any navigation system on earth..... GPS in cellphones!

Use a Cartesian coordinate system with reference to a point on the earth's surface.

Choose $\{\hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y, \hat{e}_z\}$ such that \hat{e}_z is **along the local 'up/vertical' direction** (which is **not** along \hat{e}_r due to the centrifugal term).

However, \hat{e}_z is very nearly the same as \hat{e}_r

Choose \hat{e}_y such that it is orthogonal to \hat{e}_z , and points **toward the North-pole** seen from the point on the earth's surface under consideration.

Finally, choose $\hat{e}_x = \hat{e}_y \times \hat{e}_z$, which will give us the **direction of the local 'East'** at that point.

$$\vec{F}_{Coriolis} = -2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$

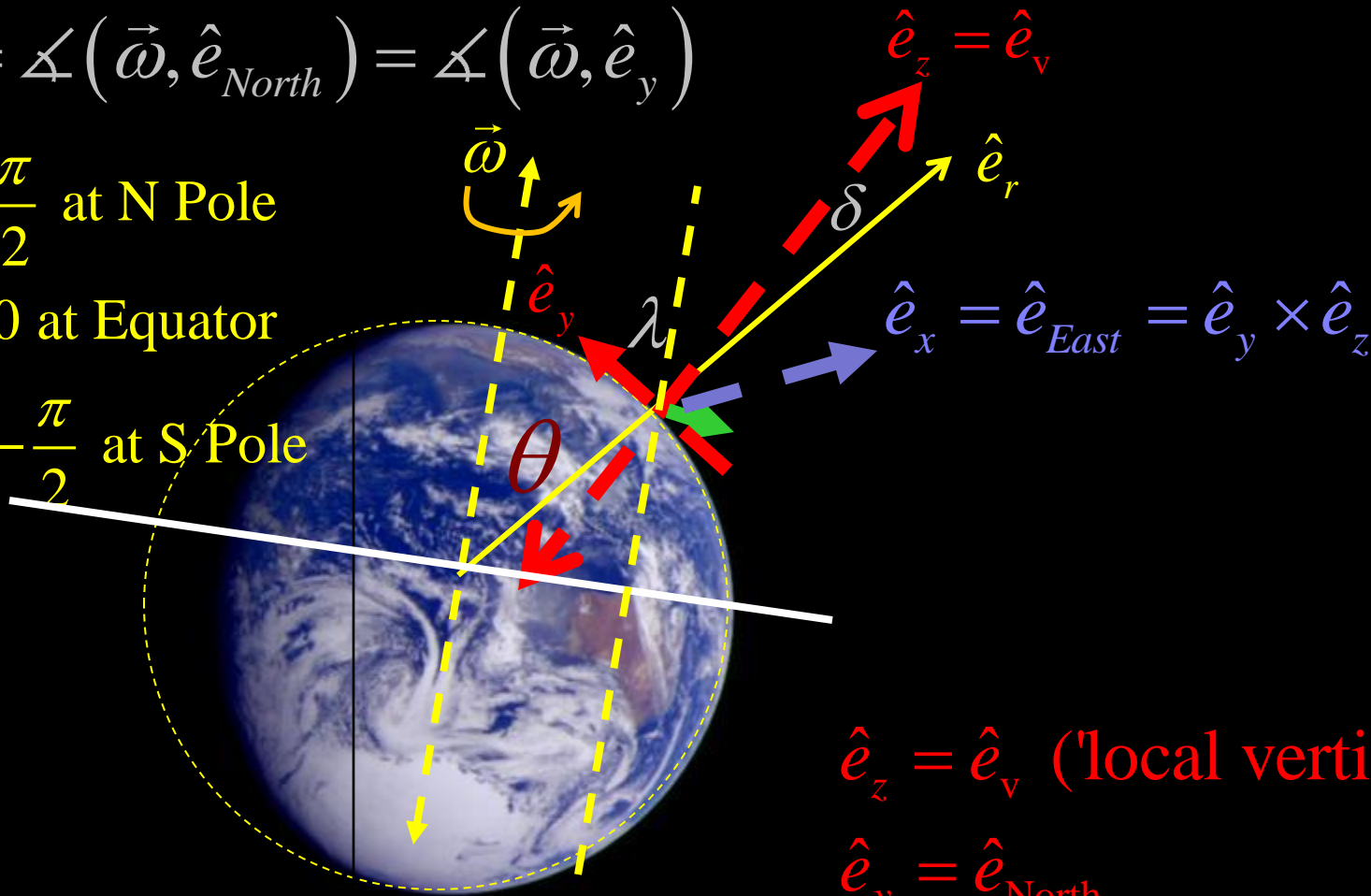
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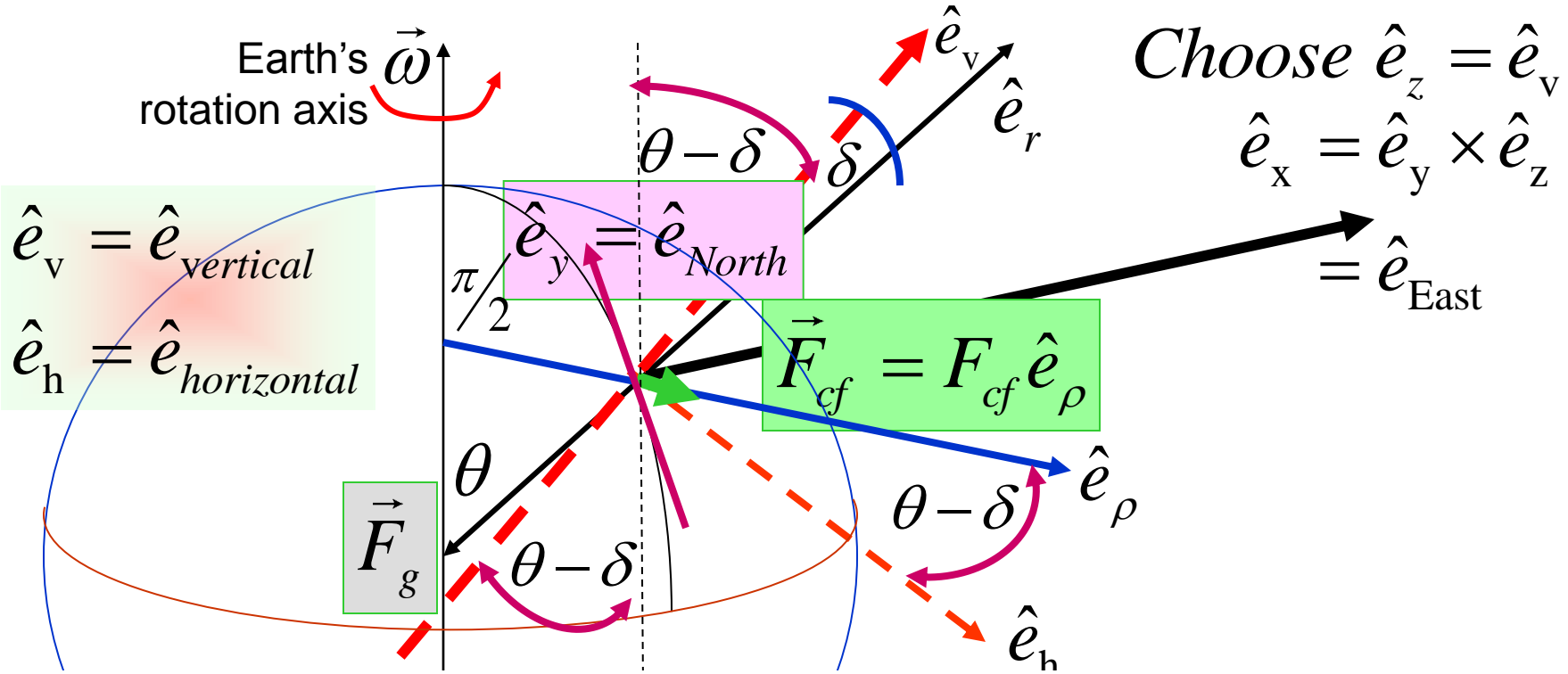
$$\hat{e}_y = \hat{e}_{North}$$

$$\hat{e}_x = \hat{e}_{East} = \hat{e}_y \times \hat{e}_z$$

Caution! We use a mix of three coordinate systems!

1. A cartesian coordinate system as defined in the previous slide.
2. A spherical polar coordinate system whose 'polar' angle is defined with respect to the axis of the earth's rotation rather than with respect to the cartesian z-axis which is oriented along the local 'vertical'.
3. Cylindrical polar coordinate system whose radial unit vector is along the radial outward direction with reference to the earth's axis of rotation.

Just follow the 6 steps
indicated in the next
slide, exactly in the order
given!



The 'vertical' is not along the radial line, nor along the axis of earth's rotation!

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$$\vec{\omega} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_y + (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_z) \hat{e}_z$$

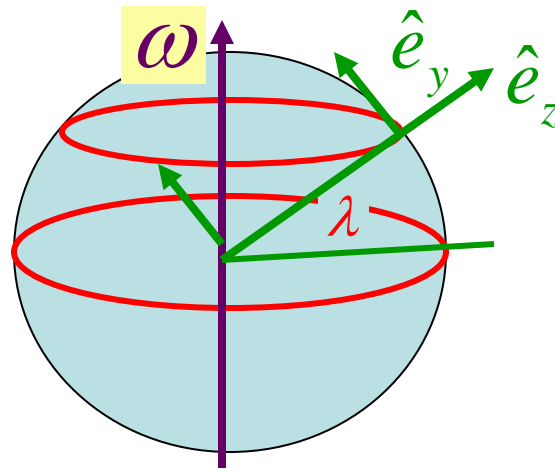
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$$\vec{\omega} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_y + (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_z) \hat{e}_z$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} = [v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z]$$

Velocity of the object in
ROTATING FRAME

λ : latitude

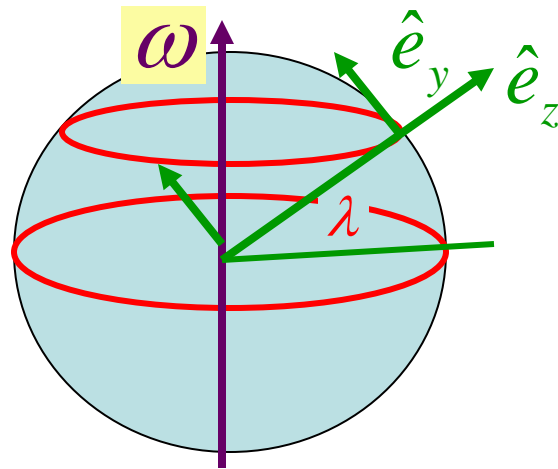


$$\vec{F}_{Coriolis} = -2m \left[(\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_y) \hat{e}_y + (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_z) \hat{e}_z \right] \times [v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z]$$

$$\vec{F}_{Coriolis} = -2m\omega \left[\cos \lambda \hat{e}_y + \sin \lambda \hat{e}_z \right] \times \left[v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z \right]$$

$$m\vec{a}_{Coriolis} = -2m\omega \left[(\cos \lambda v_z - \sin \lambda v_y) \hat{e}_x + \sin \lambda v_x \hat{e}_y + (-\cos \lambda v_x) \hat{e}_z \right]$$

λ : latitude



Pendulum at the N pole



The observer is at the N pole.

How will the plane of oscillation of the pendulum look to an observer at the N pole?



The observer is at the S pole.

How will the plane of oscillation of the pendulum look to an observer at the S pole?

Pendulum at the S pole

What if the pendulum is at an intermediate latitude?

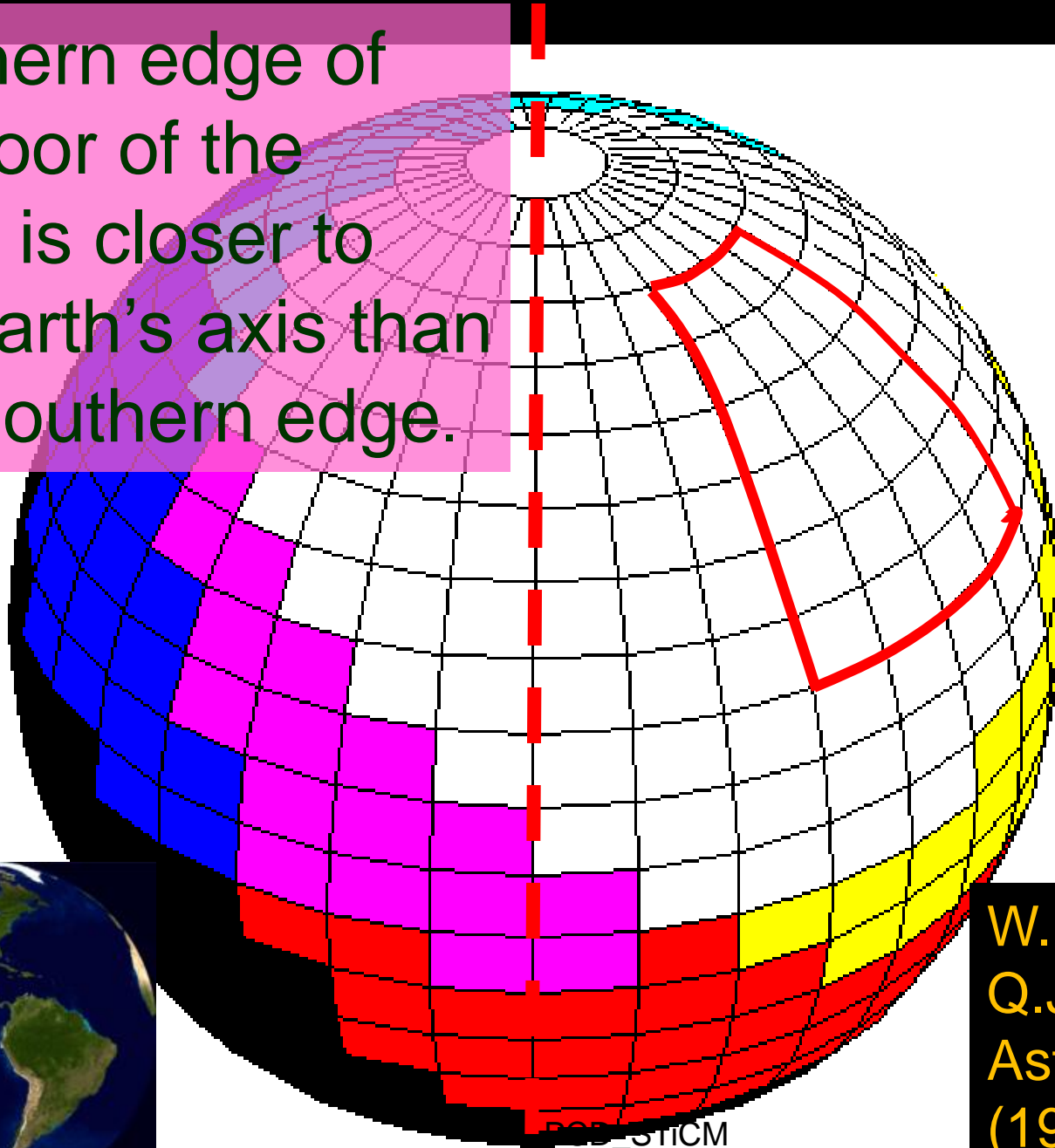


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How will the plane of oscillation of the pendulum look to an observer at that latitude?

Northern edge of the floor of the room is closer to the earth's axis than the Southern edge.

Northern edge of the floor moves eastward slower than the Southern edge.



W.B.Somerville
Q.Jl. Royal
Astronomical Soc.
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nB2SXLYwKkM>

video compilation of a Foucault pendulum in action
at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Foucault Pendulum

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$$m\ddot{\vec{r}}_R = m\vec{g} + \vec{S} - \cancel{\vec{F}_{\dot{\omega}}} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r} - m\vec{\omega} \times \cancel{(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})}$$

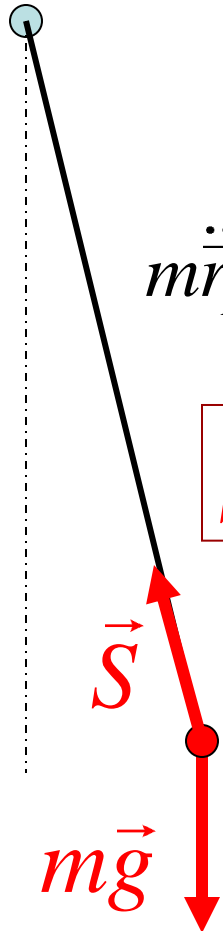
$$\vec{S} = S\hat{u}$$

$$\vec{S} = \hat{e}_x (\hat{e}_x \cdot \vec{S}) + \hat{e}_y (\hat{e}_y \cdot \vec{S}) + \hat{e}_z (\hat{e}_z \cdot \vec{S})$$

$$\vec{S} = S \left[\hat{e}_x (\hat{e}_x \cdot \hat{u}) + \hat{e}_y (\hat{e}_y \cdot \hat{u}) + \hat{e}_z (\hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{u}) \right]$$

$$\vec{S} = S \left[\hat{e}_x \cos \alpha + \hat{e}_y \cos \beta + \hat{e}_z \cos \gamma \right]$$

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Foucault Pendulum

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}}_R = m\vec{g} + \vec{S} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$

$$m\vec{a}_{Coriolis} = -2m\omega \left[(\cos \lambda \cancel{v_z} - \sin \lambda v_y) \hat{e}_x + \sin \lambda v_x \hat{e}_y + (-\cos \lambda v_x) \hat{e}_z \right]$$

$$\vec{S} = S \left[\hat{e}_x \cos \alpha + \hat{e}_y \cos \beta + \hat{e}_z \cos \gamma \right]$$

neglect \dot{z}

x, y motion:

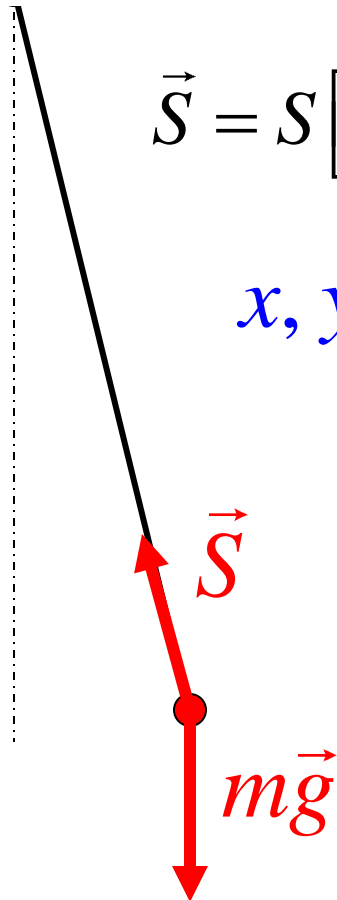
$$m\ddot{x} = S \cos \alpha - 2m\omega (\cos \lambda \cancel{\dot{z}} - \sin \lambda \dot{y})$$

$$m\ddot{y} = S \cos \beta - 2m\omega \sin \lambda \dot{x}$$

$$S \approx mg \Rightarrow$$

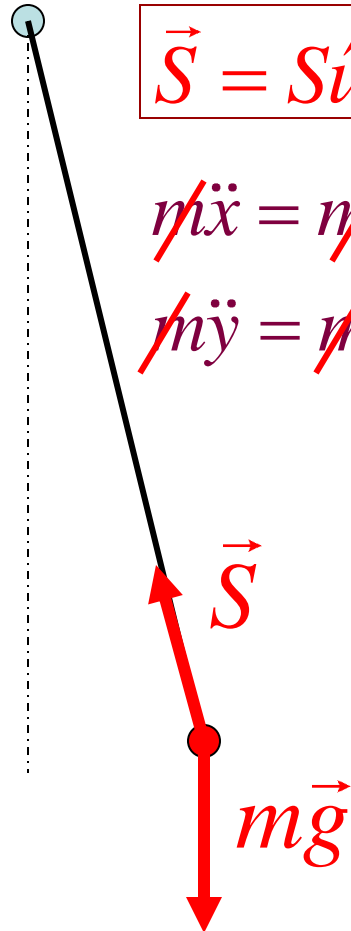
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$$m\ddot{y} = mg \cos \beta - 2m\omega \sin \lambda \dot{x}$$



Foucault Pendulum

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}}_R = m\vec{g} + \vec{S} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$



$$\vec{S} = S\hat{u}$$

neglect \dot{z}

$$S \approx mg$$

~~$$m\ddot{x} = mg \cos \alpha + 2m\omega \sin \lambda \dot{y}$$~~

~~$$m\ddot{y} = mg \cos \beta - 2m\omega \sin \lambda \dot{x}$$~~

$$\ddot{x} = g \cos \alpha + 2\omega \sin \lambda \dot{y}$$

$$\ddot{y} = g \cos \beta - 2\omega \sin \lambda \dot{x}$$

$$\Omega = \omega \sin \lambda$$

$$\ddot{x} = g \cos \alpha + 2 \Omega \dot{y}$$

$$\ddot{y} = g \cos \beta - 2 \Omega \dot{x}$$

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$$\ddot{x} = g \cos \alpha + 2\Omega \dot{y}$$

Coupled differential

$$\ddot{y} = g \cos \beta - 2\Omega \dot{x}$$

equations

Solve by transforming to new coordinates x', y'

such that

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x' \cos(\Omega t) + y' \sin(\Omega t) \\ y &= -x' \sin(\Omega t) + y' \cos(\Omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{x} = -\Omega [x' \sin(\Omega t) - y' \cos(\Omega t)]$$

$$\dot{y} = -\Omega [x' \cos(\Omega t) + y' \sin(\Omega t)]$$

$$\ddot{x} = g \cos \alpha - 2\Omega^2 [x' \cos(\Omega t) + y' \sin(\Omega t)]$$

$$\ddot{y} = g \cos \beta + 2\Omega^2 [x' \sin(\Omega t) - y' \cos(\Omega t)]$$

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$$\ddot{x} = g \cos \alpha - 2\Omega^2 \left[x' \cos(\Omega t) + y' \sin(\Omega t) \right]$$

$$\ddot{y} = g \cos \beta + 2\Omega^2 \left[x' \sin(\Omega t) - y' \cos(\Omega t) \right]$$

$$\ddot{x} \cos(\Omega t) = g \cos \alpha \cos(\Omega t) - 2\Omega^2 \left[x' \cos^2(\Omega t) + y' \sin(\Omega t) \cos(\Omega t) \right]$$

$$\ddot{y} \sin(\Omega t) = g \cos \beta \sin(\Omega t) + 2\Omega^2 \left[x' \sin^2(\Omega t) - y' \cos(\Omega t) \sin(\Omega t) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} \cos(\Omega t) + \ddot{y} \sin(\Omega t) &= g \cos \alpha \cos(\Omega t) - 2\Omega^2 \left[x' \cos^2(\Omega t) + y' \sin(\Omega t) \cos(\Omega t) \right] \\ &\quad + g \cos \beta \sin(\Omega t) + 2\Omega^2 \left[x' \sin^2(\Omega t) - y' \cos(\Omega t) \sin(\Omega t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Dropping terms in Ω^2

$$(\ddot{x} - g \cos \alpha) \cos(\Omega t) + (\ddot{y} - g \cos \beta) \sin(\Omega t) = 0$$

$$(\ddot{x} - g \cos \alpha) = 0$$

$$(\ddot{y} - g \cos \beta) = 0$$

$$\Omega = \omega \sin \lambda$$

$$(\ddot{x} - g \cos \alpha) = 0$$

$$(\ddot{y} - g \cos \beta) = 0$$

$$\left(\ddot{x} + g \frac{x}{l} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(\ddot{y} + g \frac{y}{l} \right) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}}_R = m\vec{g} + \vec{S} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$

Direction cosines of \vec{S} are:

$$\cos \alpha = -\frac{x}{l}$$

$$\cos \beta = -\frac{y}{l}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{z-l}{l}$$

Two-dimensional linear harmonic oscillator

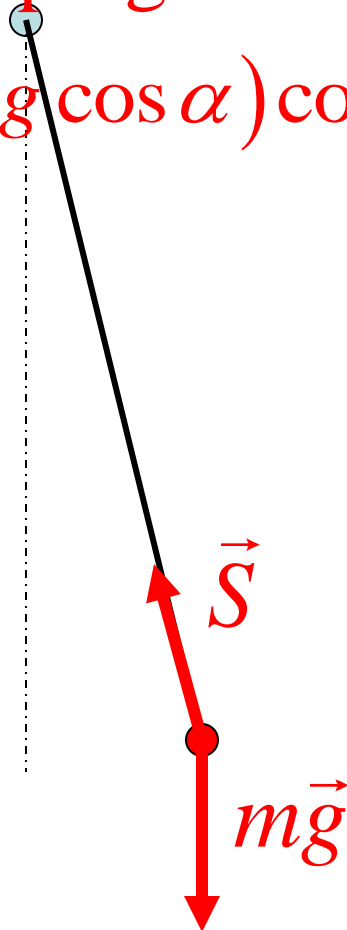
Foucault Pendulum

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}}_R = m\vec{g} + \vec{S} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$

Dropping terms in Ω^2

$$(\ddot{x} - g \cos \alpha) \cos(\Omega t) + (\ddot{y} - g \cos \beta) \sin(\Omega t) = 0$$

$$\left(\ddot{x} + g \frac{x}{l} \right) = 0; \quad \left(\ddot{y} + g \frac{y}{l} \right) = 0$$



In the earth's rotating frame, the path is that of an ellipse.

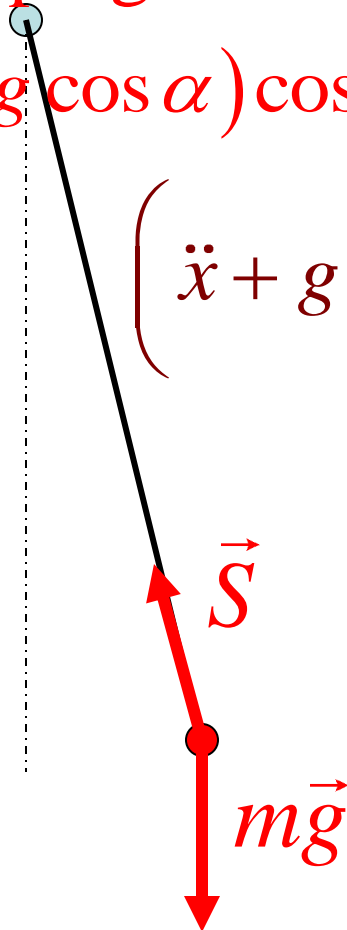
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The ellipse would precess at an angular speed $\Omega = \omega \sin \lambda$

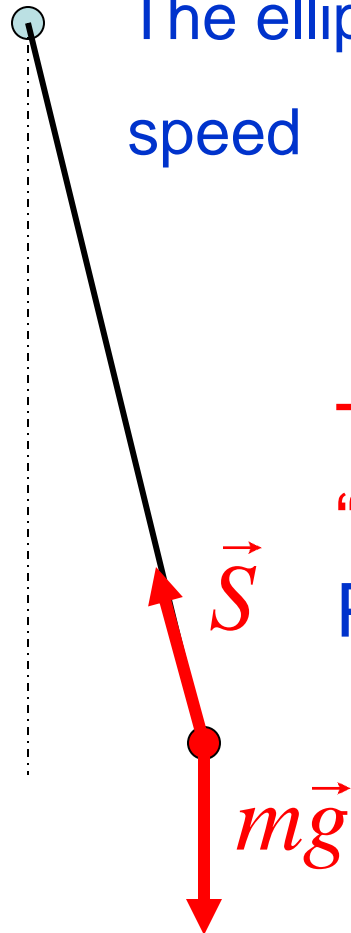
A number of approximations made!

Detailed analysis is rather involved!

The “plane” would in fact be a “curved surface”.

Foucault Pendulum

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}}_R = m\vec{g} + \vec{S} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_R \vec{r}$$



The ellipse would precess at an angular speed $\Omega = \omega \sin \lambda$

λ : latitude

Time Period for the rotation of the “plane” of oscillation of the Foucault Pendulum

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega \sin \lambda}$$


$$= \frac{2\pi}{2\pi\nu \sin \lambda} = \frac{24 \text{ hours}}{\sin \lambda}$$

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Famous Foucault Pendulum:

- at the Pantheon in Paris, France.

http://www.animations.physics.unsw.edu.au/jw/foucault_pendulum.html



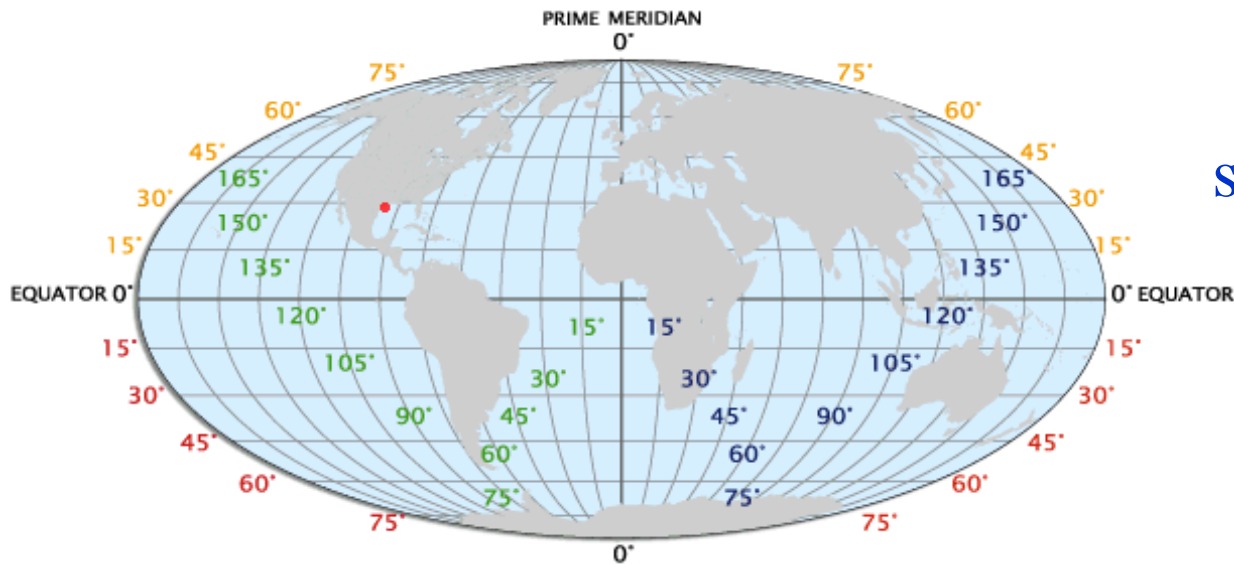
**Wire
going up
to ceiling**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVg5P6frHzY&feature=related>

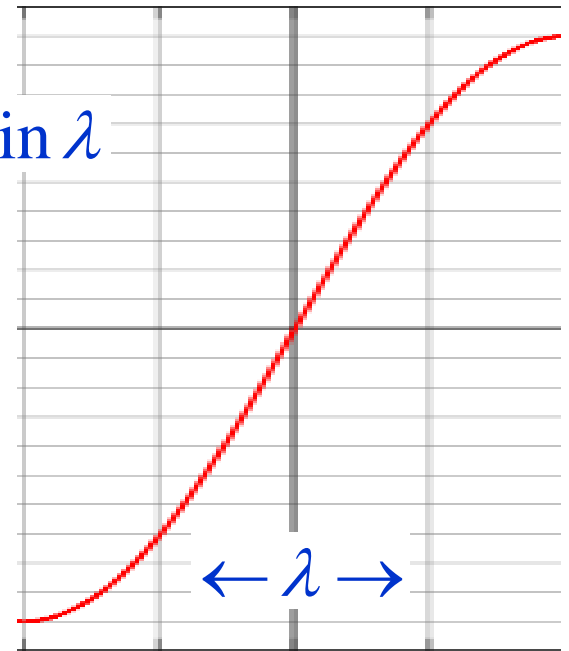
**Weight on
long wire**

**Disk to
show
direction
of swing**

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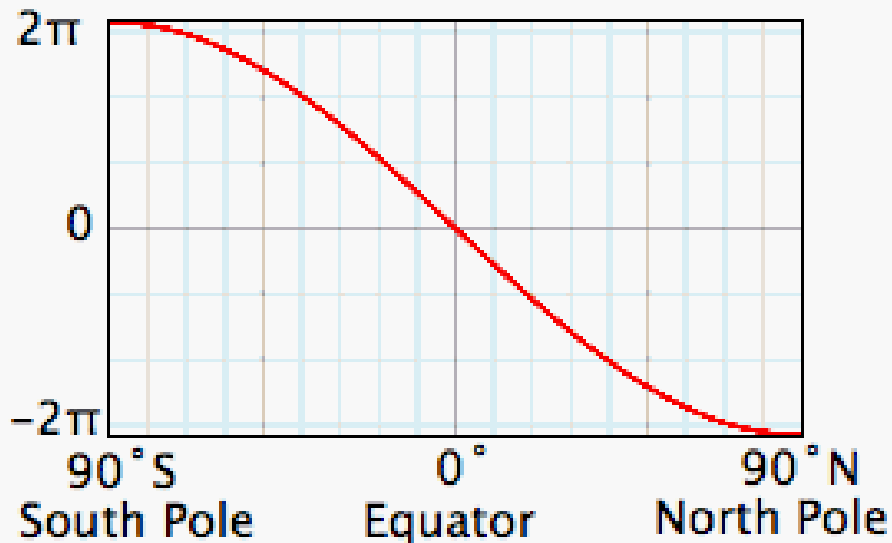


$\sin \lambda$



$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} \quad 0 \quad \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Daily rotation angle vs. latitude



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Philosophical questions:

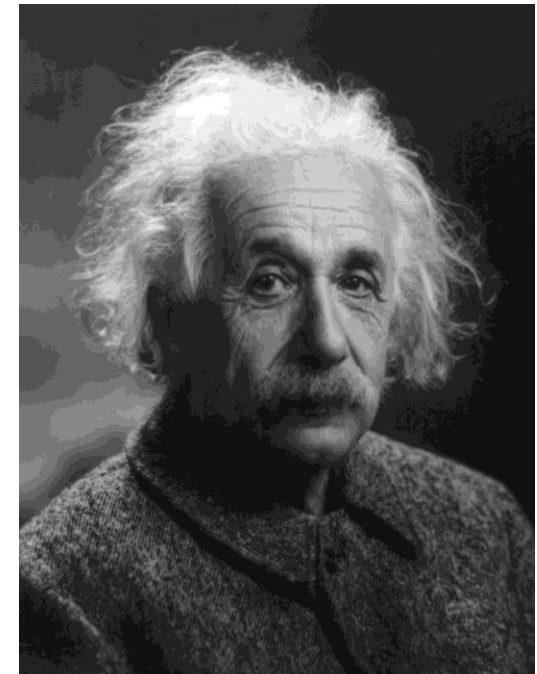
What is 'force' ? **Mass/ Inertial frame?** **Gravity?**



Sir Isaac Newton
1643 - 1727
From a portrait by
Enoch Seeman in 1726



Ernst Mach (1838–1916)



Albert Einstein
1879 – 1955

Newton: Gravity is the result of an attractive interaction between objects having mass.

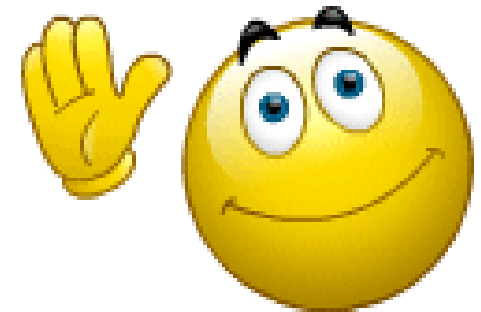
**Curvature of Space-Time,
Geometry / Dynamics of Matter / General Theory of Relativity**

We will take a Break...

..... Any questions ?

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- In the next Unit, we shall consider Lorentz Transformations and Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity.
- *c: finite!*



Next, Unit 6: Special Theory of Relativity