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Tutorial 7

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PH103

1. A person is standing still on a location P as shown in figure 1 on Earth.  
a. Plot the nature of  $F_{\text{cent}}$ .  
b. What is the effective gravity felt by him due to the centrifugal force?

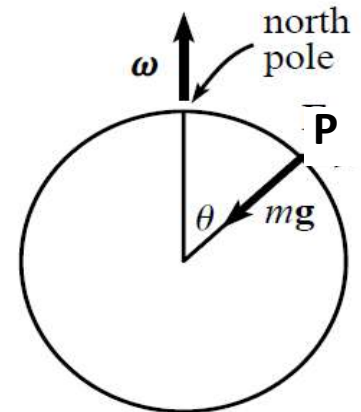
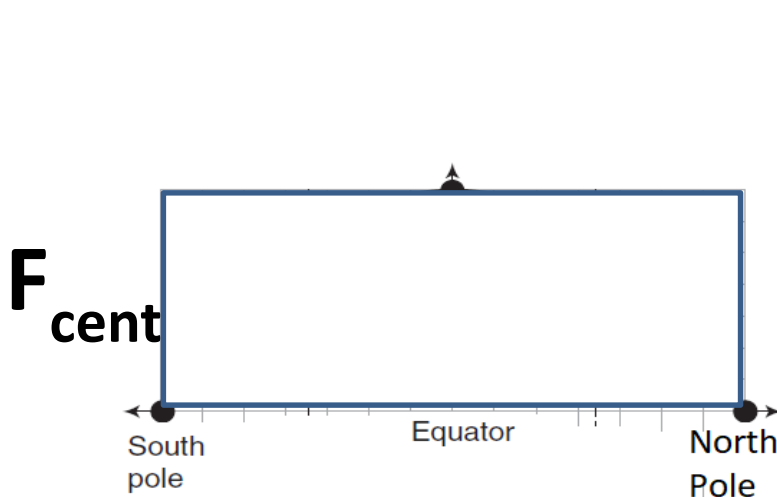
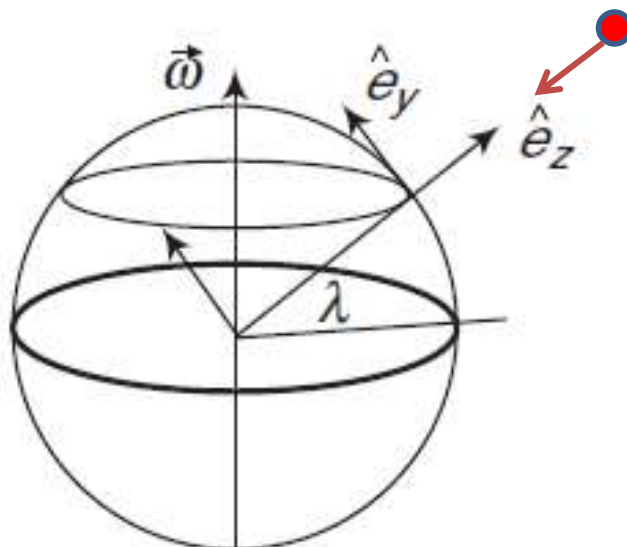


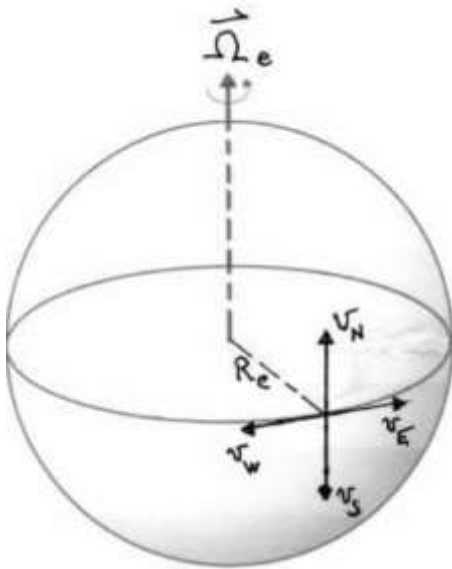
Fig 1

2. Consider an object is dropped under gravity in the  $-e_z$  direction as shown in figure. In the problem, consider  $\lambda$  as the latitude and  $\omega$  as the angular velocity of the earth.  
a. What is the nature of the Coriolis force?  
b. Find the coriolis speed and deflection of the object due to the force.  
c. What is the nature of Coriolis force if the object is thrown upward.



3 A high speed hydrofoil races across the ocean at the equator at a speed of 200 miles/hour. Let the acceleration of gravity for an observer at rest on the earth be  $g$ . Find the fractional change in gravity measured by a passenger on the hydrofoil due to coriolis force when the hydrofoil heads in the following directions

- a) East
- b) West
- c) South
- d) North



4 A pendulum is rigidly fixed to an axle held by two supports so that it can swing only in a plane perpendicular to the axle. The pendulum consists of a mass  $M$  attached to a massless rod of length  $l$ . The supports are mounted on a platform which rotates with constant angular velocity  $\Omega$ . Find the pendulum's frequency assuming that the amplitude is small.

