

# Bset 1: Orientation and Particle Motion

In[1282]:=

```
SetDirectory@NotebookDirectory[];  
<< "../MMA library.m"
```

## Reflection

- ◇ This document lives in Mathematica, so reflection and notes are formatted green instead of my normal blue.
- ◇ Working in Mathematica was kind of nice, but I'm not sure I'll do it again. Being able to rapidly scan and insert images is a hard feature to lose.
- ◇ This Bset felt harder and longer than those in the Communications module, but that could simply be an artifact of my lack of familiarity with this content. As a result, I didn't finish and document my work to my normal standard, for which I apologize. I'm not currently worried about falling behind because I think I understand the core concepts sufficiently well to move on, but I still wish I had been able and willing to put a little more time in.

## Euler Angle Review

```
With[{context = "s1`"}, If[Context[] ≠ context, Begin[context]]];  
Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval → 1]]  
Global`
```

### 1. What's the Matrix?

```
yawMatrix = RotationMatrix[ψ, UnitVector[3, 3]];  
pitchMatrix = RotationMatrix[θ, UnitVector[3, 2]];  
rollMatrix = RotationMatrix[φ, UnitVector[3, 1]];
```

In[1046]:=

```
rollMatrix.yawMatrix.pitchMatrix//MatrixForm
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Out[1046]//MatrixForm=

```
rollMatrix.yawMatrix.pitchMatrix
```

- ◇ I'm not 100% solid about why this is “roll\*pitch\*yaw” instead of “pitch\*yaw\*roll”. Because the roll operation is applied last to the body, I want to multiply it *first* such that its effect isn't affected by the other transformations (if that made any sense).

```
With[{context = "s1`"}, If[Context[] == context, End[]]];  
Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval → 1]]  
Global`
```

## Build a Gimbal

### Gimbal Lock

#### 8. What is gimbal lock?

Gimbal lock is a situation in which two points that are adjacent (or arbitrarily close) on a sphere have dramatically different representations as angles pointing to them. This usually (always?) occurs at singularities, like the poles of a pan-tilt-yaw coordinate system. When a system is in gimbal lock, moving a small amount in one direction requires coordinated and long motion of multiple axes, which can cause componentwise interpolation to fail. This is particularly challenging when dealing with a physical system in which the axes cannot reorient arbitrarily quickly or when dealing with an animation environment in which smooth interpolation is a critical feature of the system.

#### 9. Find it.

In 3-1-3 Euler angles, gimbal lock occurs whenever the second rotation is 0. In this case, the first and third axes are collinear.

In 3-2-1 angles, gimbal lock occurs when the second rotation is  $\pm 90$  degrees, because that again puts the first and third rings into parallel alignment.

## Particle Motion

*I am a leaf on the wind. Watch how I soar.*

```
In[1055]:= With[{context = "s4`"}, If[Context[] ≠ context, Begin[context]]];
          Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval → 1]]
```

```
Out[1055]= Global`
```

- ◇ **As a result of being in Mathematica, some of the rote transformation steps aren't necessary for me to solve these types of problems (particularly converting second-order vector DE's to first-order scalar DE's). I know how to *do* them, but won't be doing so unless actually necessary.**
- ◇ **For any others wondering how I made this work with vector equations, note that I defined my forces as functions that only evaluate when fed a list of numbers. This prevents things from simplifying incorrectly before they should.**

```

In[1233]:= ClearAll@windyLeaf
windyLeaf[wind_] :=
Module[{x, t, fg, fd, distance, end, simRange, diffeqs, events, initialConditions},

(* Setup initial conditions *)
initialConditions = {x[0] == {0, 0, 0},
  x'[0] == QuantityMagnitude@UnitConvert[130 mi/h, m/s] {0, 1/Sqrt@2, 1/Sqrt@2}};

With[
  (* Setup parameters *)
  {w = wind, m = 0.05, g = 9.8, cd = .25, d = 4.27/100, ρ = 1.29},

  (* define forces as function of velocity *)
  ClearAll[fg, fd];
  fg[v_?(VectorQ[#] &)] := {0, 0, -m g};
  fd[v_?(VectorQ[#] &)] := (-1/2 ρ cd (Pi d^2/4) Norm[v - w] (v - w));

  simRange = {t, 0, Infinity};

  diffeqs = {(fg[x'[t]] + fd[x'[t]] == m x''[t])};
  events = {WhenEvent[x[t][[3]] == 0,
    end = t;
    distance = Norm[x[t]];
    "StopIntegration"};
]

sol = NDSolveValue[Join[initialConditions, diffeqs, events], x[t], simRange];
Column[{
  Join[initialConditions, diffeqs] // TraditionalForm;

  Row[{"Distance travelled: ", distance, " meters"}],

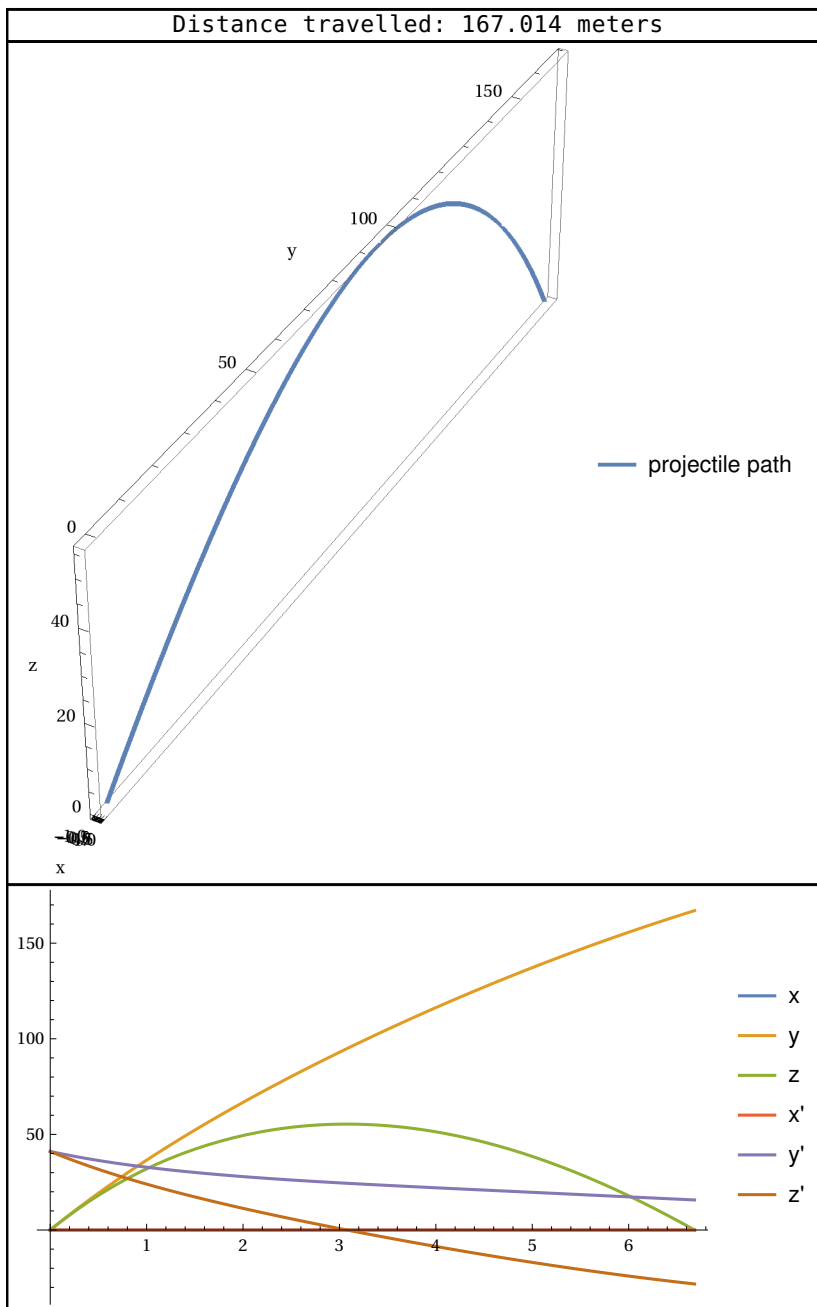
  ParametricPlot3D[sol, {t, 0, end}, PlotLegends → {"projectile path"},
    AxesLabel → {"x", "y", "z"}, PlotRange → Full, ImageSize → Medium],
  With[{dsol = sol[[0]]'[t]},
    Plot[{sol[[1]], sol[[2]], sol[[3]], dsol[[1]], dsol[[2]], dsol[[3]]}, {t, 0, end},
      PlotLegends → {"x", "y", "z", "x'", "y'", "z'"}, ImageSize → Medium]],
  Frame → All, Alignment → Center]
]

```

**Results with no wind:**

In[1235]:= windyLeaf[{0, 0, 0}]

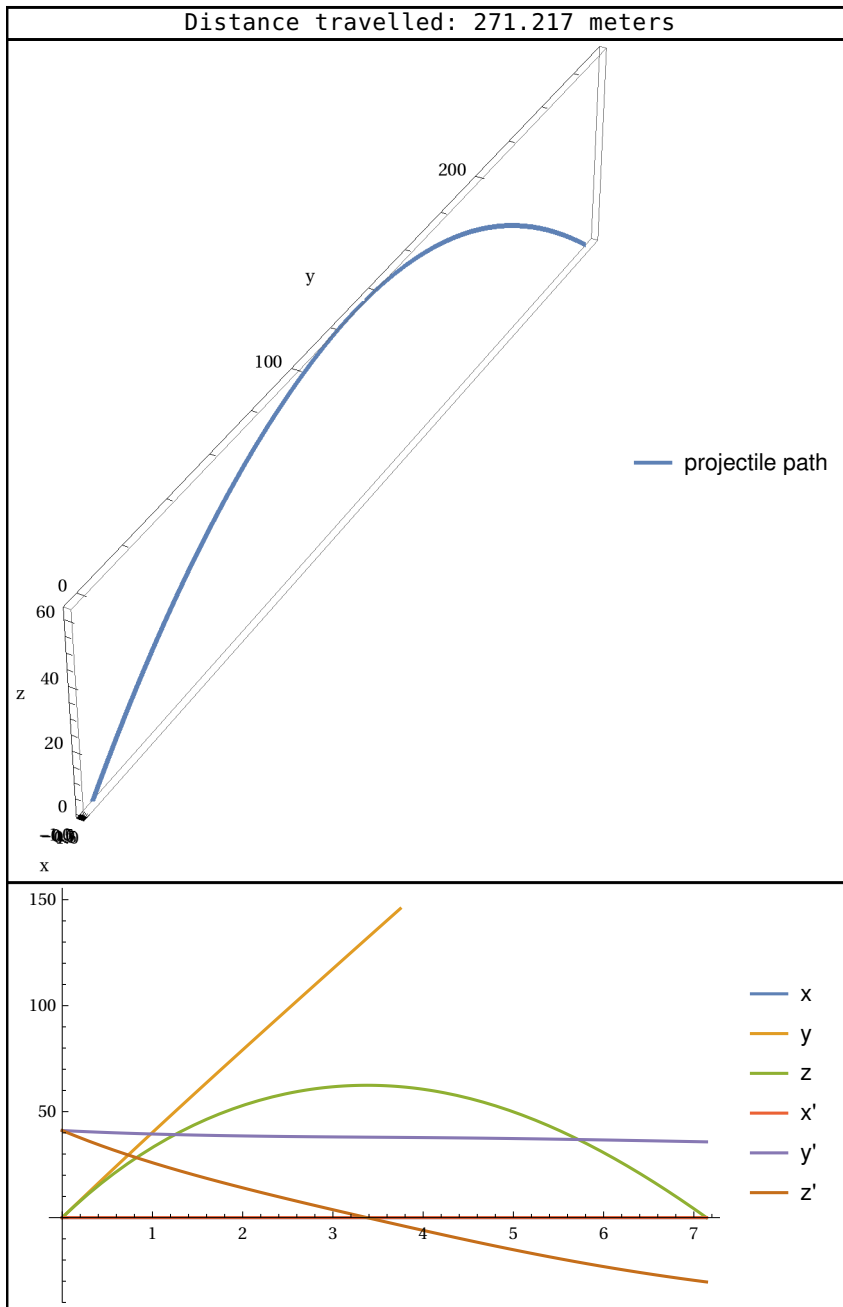
Out[1235]=



**Results with an extreme tail wind**

In[1242]:= windyLeaf[{0, 30, 0}]

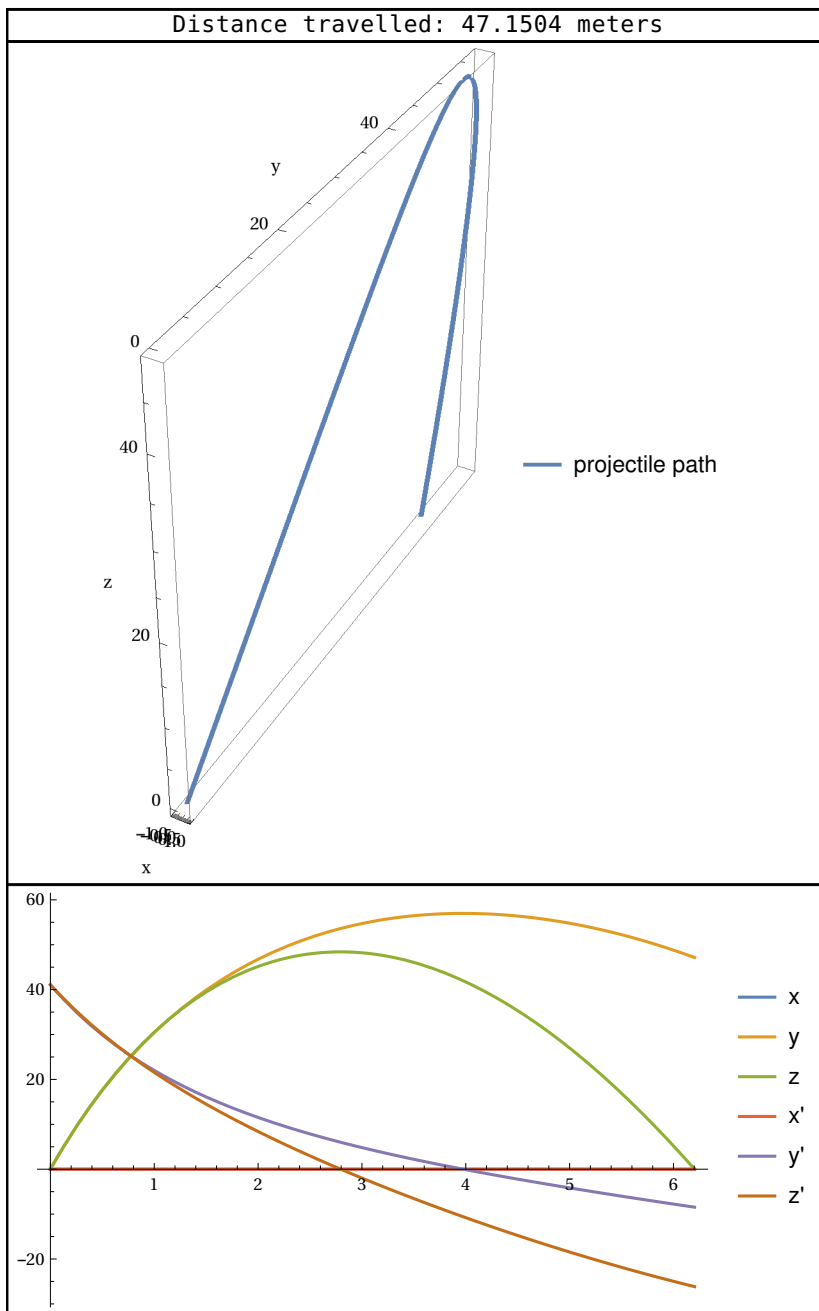
Out[1242]=



**Results with an extreme headwind**

```
In[1241]:= windyLeaf[{0, -30, 0}]
```

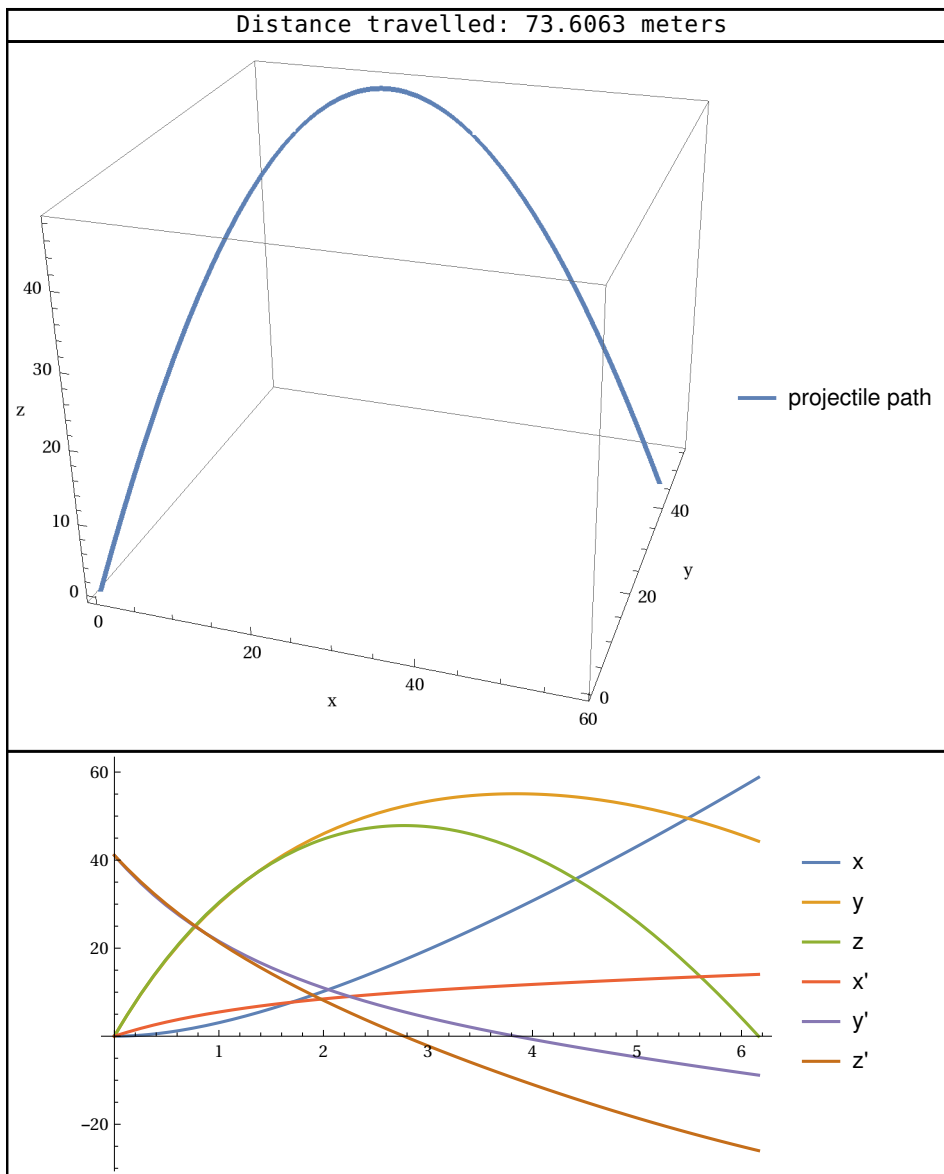
Out[1241]=



**Results with headwind and crosswind**

```
In[1244]:= windyLeaf[{20, -30, 0}]
```

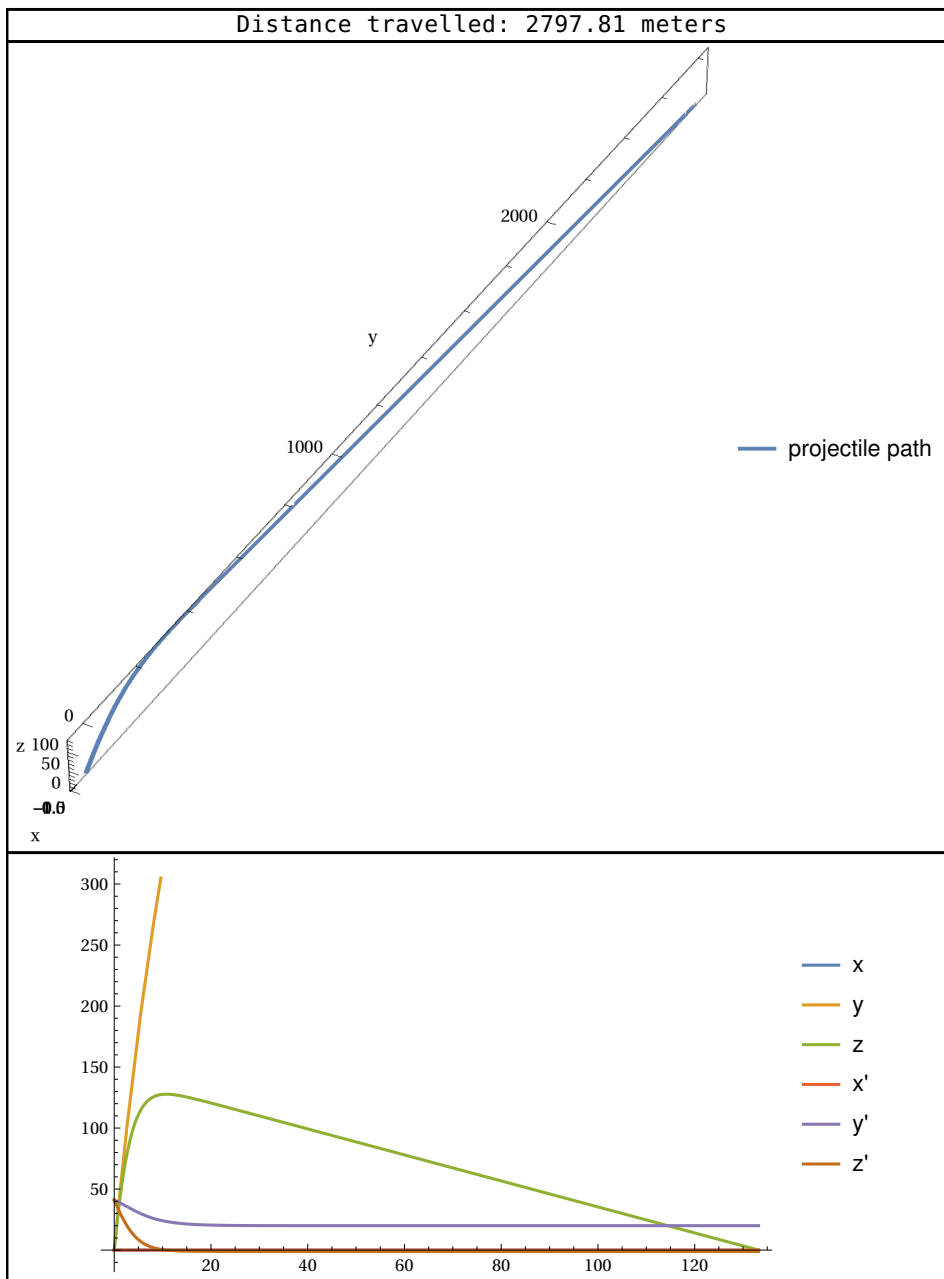
Out[1244]=



**Results with strong updraft and tailwind**

```
In[1250]:= windyLeaf[{0, 20, 45}]
```

Out[1250]=

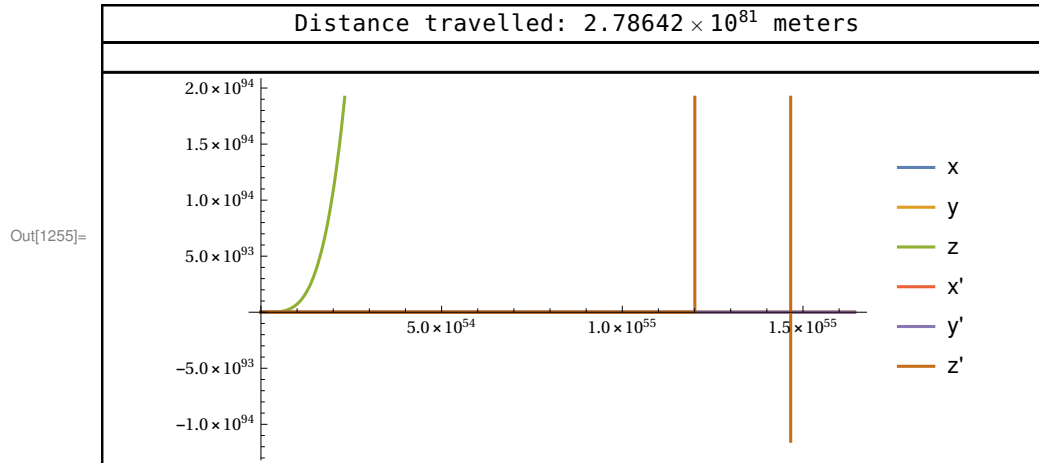




**Results with extreme updraft**

```
In[1255]:= windyLeaf[{0, 0, 70}]
```

**NDSolveValue:** Event location failed to converge to the requested accuracy or precision within 100 iterations between  $t_{\$149645} = 1.2009865208330457 \times 10^{55}$  and  $t_{\$149645} = 1.651356431855972 \times 10^{55}$ .



◇ At this point, I had spent at least three hours trying to get this working (and then trying to understand why it works). As a result, while I think I am capable of doing the validation, limiting cases, etc., I didn't write up anything to that effect. Sorry.

```
In[1257]:= With[{context = "s4`"}, If[Context[] == context, End[]]];
Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval -> 1]]
```

Out[1257]= Global`

**Cylindrical Coordinate Systems**

```
In[1287]:= With[{context = "s5`"}, If[Context[] != context, Begin[context]]];
Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval -> 1]]
```

Out[1287]= Global`

**17. Explain the math**

Because the direction of  $\hat{e}_r$  depends on  $\theta$ , the equation given *does* include three variables,  $r$ ,  $z$ , and  $\hat{e}_r$ .

**18. Derive acceleration**

Step 1: Take the derivative

```
In[1324]:= velocity = r'[t] * er[t] + r[t] * theta'[t] * etheta[t] + z'[t] * ez
accel = D[velocity, t] // TraditionalForm
```

Out[1324]=  $er[t] r'[t] + ez z'[t] + e\theta[t] r[t] \theta'[t]$

Out[1325]//TraditionalForm=

$$r(t) e\theta'(t) \theta'(t) + e\theta(t) r'(t) \theta'(t) + e\theta(t) r(t) \theta''(t) + er'(t) r'(t) + er(t) r''(t) + ez z''(t)$$

Step 2: Eliminate derivatives of unit vectors

```
In[1329]:= replacements = <| er'[t] → θ'[t] eθ[t],
      eθ'[t] → -θ'[t] er[t] |>;
accel /. replacements;
Simplify@% // TraditionalForm
```

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Out[1331]//TraditionalForm=
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$$e\theta(t) (2 r'(t) \theta'(t) + r(t) \theta''(t)) + er(t) (r''(t) - r(t) \theta'(t)^2) + ez z''(t)$$

As expected, this equals the value given in the problem set.

The Coriolis acceleration reflects the extent to which moving in a radial direction while rotating causes you to move ahead or behind relative to the rotation you would expect. This is relevant in hurricanes, or on a really good playground merry-go-round.

◇ **It is really cool to see the Coriolis Acceleration derived, thanks.**

## 19. Time derivatives of unit vectors

A constant magnitude vector can occupy only points on a sphere of fixed radius. Any continuous motion along the surface of that sphere must have direction tangent to the surface at that point. Because the radius of a sphere (to a given point) is always perpendicular to its tangent line at that point, the derivative of a moving vector must be orthogonal to it, implying that their dot product is zero.

```
In[1334]:= With[{context = "s5`"}, If[Context[] == context, End[]]];
Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval → 1]]
```

```
Out[1334]= Global`
```

## Spiral learning (Wheeee!)

```
In[1338]:= With[{context = "s6`"}, If[Context[] != context, Begin[context]]];
Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval → 1]]
```

```
Out[1338]= Global`
```

## 20. Describe the helix

```
In[1353]:= r(z_) := radius
      θ(z_) :=  $\frac{z}{\text{radius} \tan(\beta)}$ 
```

## 21. Estimate system parameters

age	10 years
body weight	71 lb (pounds)

```
In[1375]:= radius = 1 m ;
height = 30 ft ;
β = 30° ;
m = 71 lb ;
```

◇ **I hit my time limit (and bedtime) before finishing this problem. If I get a chance later, I may complete it and re-upload the result. As a first guess, the equations will simplify by removing  $r(t)$ ,  $\theta(t)$ ,  $r'(t)$ , and  $\theta'(t)$ , leaving just two equations representing the vertical velocity and acceleration.**

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In[1379]:= With[{context = "s6`"}, If[Context[] == context, End[]]];
          Dynamic[Refresh[Context[], UpdateInterval -> 1]]
```

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Out[1379]= Global`
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## Scratch Work

```
In[1380]:= exportNotebookPDF []
```