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## 1 | Special Relativity

- If events are apart for observers to see, two observers have to record the time and compare notes
- It will take time (sound/light) from an event to get from the event to the observer; the travel time needs to be taken into account, and if the objects are moving, calculating time travel would be extremely tricky
- Human senses also have certainty

### 1.1 | Space and Time

- Because it is impossible to observe a result independent of a reference point, each observer would ideally want a clock of identical construction
- Laws of inertia (Newton's first law) is not true for every coordinate system, i.e....
  - The rotation of the Earth, if we set the coordinate 0,0 at the center of Earth, causes everything around Earth to seem to be rapidly rotating around Earth
  - Hence, it would seem like a force would be wildly acting upon all objects around Earth for their velocity to accelerate rapidly
- If an object is translating through one coordinate system, it would be uniformly translating to another coordinate system of the same type that itself is uniformly translated uniformly

### 1.2 | The Principle of Relativity (not the theory of relativity)

Laws of Classical Physics should be the same in all inertial reference frame