

# 01\_03\_circle\_maneuvers\_teacher\_\_

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## 1 Circle Maneuvers with CrazyflieSimulator

In this notebook, you'll learn how to fly your simulated or real Crazyflie in circular paths using `circle_left()` and `circle_right()`.

```
[1]: # Imports and Setup
import time
from crazyflie_sim import CrazyflieSimulator

# Use simulation mode unless you're connected to a real drone
drone = CrazyflieSimulator(real=False)
```

### 1.1 Takeoff

Always take off before running any motion command.

`takeoff(height, velocity)` - height in meters - velocity in meters/second

```
[ ]: drone.takeoff(2.0, 0.4)
```

```
Taking off to 2.0m at 0.4m/s!
Executing command: takeoff 2.0 0.4

Executing circle left (optimized)...

Moving: vx=0, vy=0, vz=-0.2, yaw=0
Executing command: move 0 0 -0.2 0 1.0

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AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[2], line 20
     18 # Level 4 - 1.4m
     19 drone.down(0.2, 0.2)
--> 20 drone.circle_left_

AttributeError: 'CrazyflieSimulator' object has no attribute 'circle_left_'

```

## 1.2 circle\_left(radius, velocity, angle\_degrees)

Makes the drone fly counterclockwise in a circle or arc.

**Parameters:** - radius: circle radius in meters (ex: 0.3) - velocity: speed in meters/sec (ex: 0.3)  
 - angle\_degrees: portion of the circle to complete (default 360 for full)

**Keep radius < 0.5m indoors** for safety and accuracy.

```
[3]: drone.circle_right(0.3, 0.3, 360)
```

Executing circle right (optimized)...

## 1.3 circle\_right(radius, velocity, angle\_degrees)

Same as circle\_left, but goes clockwise.

**Try a half-circle or quarter circle by adjusting angle\_degrees.**

```
[ ]: drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 180)
```

Executing circle right (optimized)...

## 1.4 Using time.sleep() After Circle

Circle commands already include a sleep inside their implementation, based on the circle duration. But you can still pause after to let the drone stabilize.

```
[ ]: time.sleep(2)
```

## 1.5 Exercise 1: Try a small half-circle to the left

**Goal:** Make the drone fly a 180° arc with a radius of 0.2m and velocity of 0.2 m/s.

```
[ ]: # drone.circle_left( , , )
```

## 1.6 Exercise 2: Try a full circle to the right

**Goal:** Make the drone fly a complete 360° turn clockwise.

```
[ ]: # drone.circle_right( , , )
```

### 1.7 Exercise 3: Try a quarter-circle left, then right

**Hint:** Use 90° turns and a radius under 0.4m.

```
[ ]: # drone.circle_left( , , )  
     # drone.circle_right( , , )
```

### 1.8 Exercise 4: Create a Funnel Flight Pattern

**Goal:** Use a combination of `circle_left` and `circle_right` commands with varying radii to create a funnel-shaped flight pattern.

**Hint:** Gradually decrease or increase the radius for each circle to form the funnel shape.

```
[3]: drone.takeoff(2.0, 0.4)  
     time.sleep(2)  
  
     # Level 1 - 2.0m  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)  
     time.sleep(1)  
  
     # Level 2 - 1.8m  
     drone.down(0.2, 0.2)  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)  
     time.sleep(1)  
  
     # Level 3 - 1.6m  
     drone.down(0.2, 0.2)  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)  
     time.sleep(1)  
  
     # Level 4 - 1.4m  
     drone.down(0.2, 0.2)  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)  
     time.sleep(1)  
  
     # Level 5 - 1.2m  
     drone.down(0.2, 0.2)  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)  
     time.sleep(1)  
  
     # Level 6 - 1.0m  
     drone.down(0.2, 0.2)  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)  
     time.sleep(1)  
  
     # Level 7 - 0.8m  
     drone.down(0.2, 0.2)  
     drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)
```

```

time.sleep(1)

# Level 8 - 0.6m
drone.down(0.2, 0.2)
drone.circle_left(0.3, 0.3, 360)
time.sleep(1)

# Land and close
drone.land(0.3)
drone.close()

```

Already in the air!

Executing circle left (optimized)...

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Executing circle left (optimized)...

Landing at 0.3m/s...

Executing command: land 0.3

## 1.9 Land and Close

Always land and close the drone at the end of your session.

```
[ ]: drone.land(0.3)  
     drone.close()
```