1 Newton's laws of motion

1.1 Newton's first law of motion

A body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a straight line, unless compelled to change that state by forces impressed upon it.

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{V}$$

 $\vec{p} = \text{linear momentum vector } (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s})$

m = mass (kg)

 \vec{V} = velocity vector (m/s)

$$\vec{H} = I\vec{\Omega}$$

 $\vec{H} = \text{angular momentum vector } (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s})$

 $I = \text{moment of inertia } (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)$

 $\vec{\Omega}$ = angular velocity vector (rad/s)

$$\vec{H} = \vec{R} \times m\vec{V}$$

 \vec{H} = angular momentum vector (kg·m²/s)

 $\vec{R} = \text{position (m)}$

m = mass (kg)

 \vec{V} = velocity vector (m/s)

1.2 Newton's second law of motion

The time rate of change of an object's momenum equals the applied force.

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

 $\vec{F} = \text{force vector (kgm/s}^2 = \text{N)}$

m = mass (kg)

 $\vec{a} = \text{acceleration (m/s}^2)$

1.3 Newton's third law of motion

When body A exerts a force on body B, body B will exert an equal, but opposite, force on body A

2 Newton's laws of universal gravitation

$$F_g = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{R^2}$$

 F_g = force due to gravity (N)

 $G = \text{universal gravitational constant} \approx 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \,\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}^2/\mathrm{kg}^2$

 $m_1, m_2 = \text{masses of two bodies (kg)}$

R = distance between the two bodies (m)

$$a_g = \frac{\mu_{Earth}}{R^2}$$

 $a_g = \text{acceleration due to gravity } (\text{m/s}^2)$

 $\mu_{Earth} \equiv G m_{Earth} \approx 3.986 \times 10^{14} \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{s}^2$

R = distance between the two bodies (m)

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Conservation of momentum

In the absence of outside forces, linear and angular momentum are conserved.

3.2 Energy

$$E = KE + PE$$

$$PE = m a_g h$$

$$PE = -\frac{m\mu}{R}$$

$$E = \text{total mech. energy } (\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2) \qquad m = \text{mass } (\text{kg})$$

$$m = \text{mass (kg)}$$

$$m = \text{spacecraft's mass (kg)}$$

$$KE = \text{kinetic energy } (\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2)$$

$$a_g = \text{acceleration due to gravity } (\text{m/s}^2)$$

$$\mu = \text{gravitational parameter } (\text{km}^3/\text{s}^2)$$

$$PE = \text{potential energy } (\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2)$$

$$h = \text{height above ref. point (m)}$$

$$R = \text{distance from Earth's center (km)}$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mV^2$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mV^2 - \frac{m\mu}{R}$$

$$KE = \text{kinetic energy } (\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2)$$

$$m = \text{mass (kg)}$$

$$V = \text{velocity (km/s)}$$

$$E = \text{total mech. energy } (\text{kg m}^2/\text{s}^2)$$

$$m = \text{mass (kg)}$$

$$V = \text{velocity (km/s)}$$

$$\mu = \text{gravitational parameter } (\text{km}^3/\text{s}^2)$$

$$R = position (km)$$

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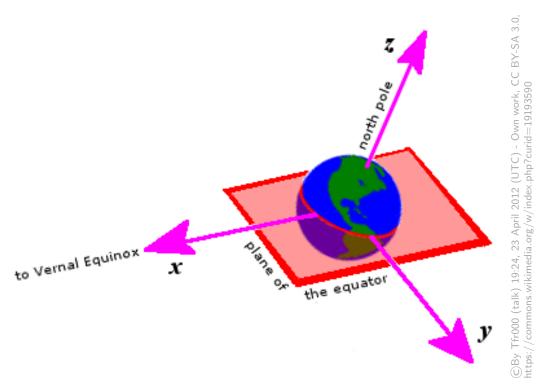


Figure 1 – Geocentric equatorial coordinates. The origin is the centre of the Earth. The fundamental plane is the plane of the Earth's equator. The primary direction (the x axis) is the vernal equinox. A right-handed convention specifies a y axis 90° to the east in the fundamental plane; the z axis is the north polar axis. The reference frame does not rotate with the Earth, rather, the Earth rotates around the z axis.