

# Lecture 6

**Math 178**  
**Nonlinear Data Analytics**

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# Today

- Cell phone data in quaternion representations
- Gyroscope measurement models
- Accelerometer measurement models  
Choosing the state and modeling its dynamics
- Model for the prior and probabilistic models (only time permits)

# Cell phone data in quaternion representations

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Figure 1.1: Examples of devices containing inertial sensors.



(a) Back pain therapy using serious gaming. IMUs are placed on the chest-bone and on the pelvis to estimate the movement of the upper body and pelvis. This movement is used to control a robot in the game and promotes movements to reduce back pain.



(b) Actor Seth MacFarlane wearing 17 IMUs to capture his motion and animate the teddy bear Ted. The IMUs are placed on different body segments and provide information about the relative position and orientation of each of these segments.

Figure 1.2: Examples illustrating the use of multiple IMUs placed on the human body to estimate its pose. Courtesy of Xsens Technologies.



(a) Inertial sensors are used in combination with GNSS measurements to estimate the position of the cars in a challenge on cooperative and autonomous driving.



(b) Due to their small size and low weight, IMUs can be used to estimate the orientation for control of an unmanned helicopter.

Figure 1.3: Examples illustrating the use of a single IMU placed on a moving object to estimate its pose.  
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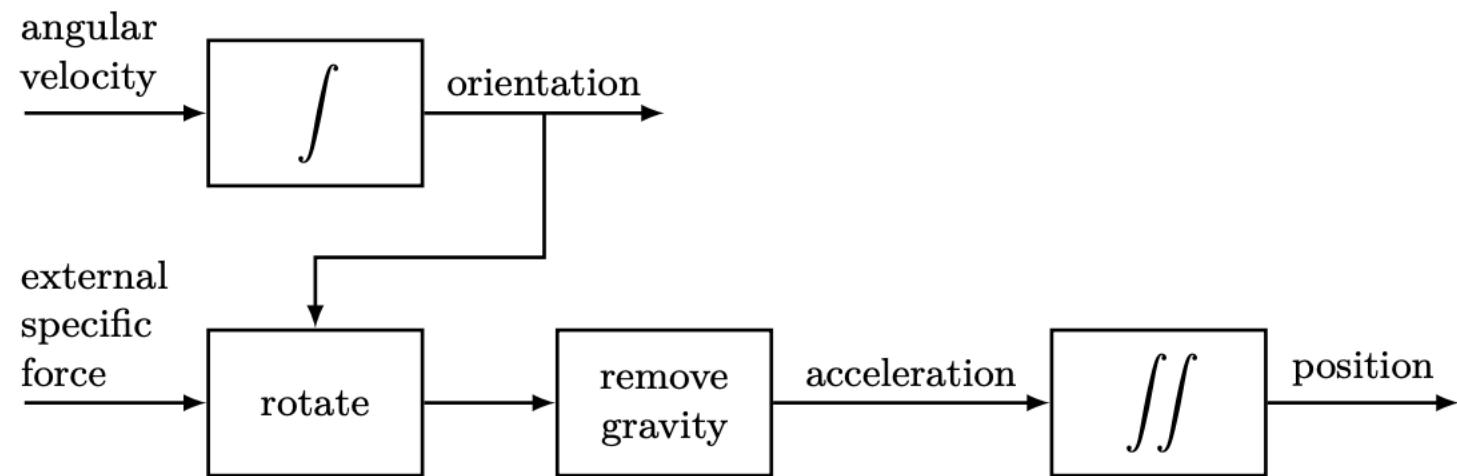


Figure 1.4: Schematic illustration of dead-reckoning, where the accelerometer measurements (external specific force) and the gyroscope measurements (angular velocity) are integrated to position and orientation.

Recall: A unit quaternion represent a rotation  
How to find out this rotation's matrix  
representation?

- Work out details with the students.

Recall: Given a unit quaternion  $q$ . Recall we can define a rotation  $Rq$ . Now we want to find the matrix representation of  $Rq$ . So we let  $Rq$  acts on the basis  $1, i, j, k$ .

$Rq(p) = qpq^*$ . (recall:  $qp$  not equal to  $pq$ . E.g.  $ij = k$ , and  $ji = -k$ , so  $ij$  is not equal to  $ji$ .)

- $Rq(1) = q1q^* = 1$
- $Rq(i) = qiq^* = (a+bi+cj+dk)i(a-bi-cj-dk) = \text{work out by students}$
- $Rq(j) = qjq^* = (a+bi+cj+dk)j(a-bi-cj-dk) = \text{work out by students}$
- $Rq(k) = qkq^* = (a+bi+cj+dk)k(a-bi-cj-dk) = \text{work out by students}$

Say  $q = a + bi + cj + dk = q_1 + q_i i + q_j j + q_k k$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2s(q_j^2 + q_k^2) & 2s(q_i q_j - q_k q_r) & 2s(q_i q_k + q_j q_r) \\ 2s(q_i q_j + q_k q_r) & 1 - 2s(q_i^2 + q_k^2) & 2s(q_j q_k - q_i q_r) \\ 2s(q_i q_k - q_j q_r) & 2s(q_j q_k + q_i q_r) & 1 - 2s(q_i^2 + q_j^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Here  $s = \|q\|^{-2}$  and if  $q$  is a unit quaternion,  $s = 1$ .

# Recovering the axis-angle representation

The axis  $a$  and angle  $\theta$  corresponding to a quaternion  $\mathbf{q} = q_r + q_i \mathbf{i} + q_j \mathbf{j} + q_k \mathbf{k}$  can be extracted via:

$$(a_x, a_y, a_z) = \frac{(q_i, q_j, q_k)}{\sqrt{q_i^2 + q_j^2 + q_k^2}}$$
$$\theta = 2 \operatorname{atan2}\left(\sqrt{q_i^2 + q_j^2 + q_k^2}, q_r\right),$$

where `atan2` is the [two-argument arctangent](#). Care should be taken when the quaternion approaches a real quaternion, since due to [degeneracy](#) the axis of an identity rotation is not well-defined.

# Extension of Euler's formula

A Euclidean vector such as  $(2, 3, 4)$  or  $(a_x, a_y, a_z)$  can be rewritten as  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  or  $a_x\mathbf{i} + a_y\mathbf{j} + a_z\mathbf{k}$ , where  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  are unit vectors representing the three Cartesian axes. A rotation through an angle of  $\theta$  around the axis defined by a unit vector

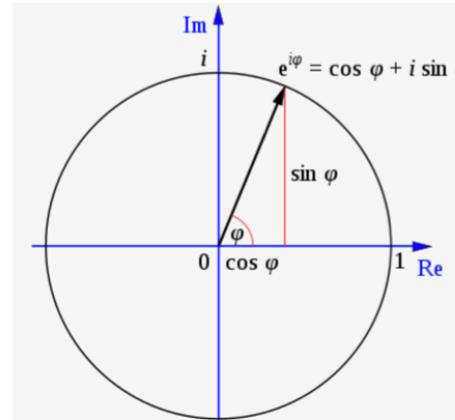
$$\vec{u} = (u_x, u_y, u_z) = u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k}$$

can be represented by a quaternion. This can be done using an extension of Euler's formula:

$$\mathbf{q} = e^{\frac{\theta}{2}(u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k})} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + (u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k}) \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Recall: Euler's formula:

$$e^{i\varphi} = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$$



# Differentiation with respect to the rotation quaternion

The rotated quaternion  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{q} \mathbf{p} \mathbf{q}^*$  needs to be differentiated with respect to the rotating quaternion  $\mathbf{q}$ , when the rotation is estimated from numerical optimization. The estimation of rotation angle is an essential procedure in 3D object registration or camera calibration. The derivative can be represented using the [Matrix Calculus](#) notation.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}'}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \equiv \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}'}{\partial q_0}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}'}{\partial q_x}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}'}{\partial q_y}, \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}'}{\partial q_z} \right]$$

$$= [\mathbf{pq} - (\mathbf{pq})^*, (\mathbf{pqi})^* - \mathbf{pqi}, (\mathbf{pqj})^* - \mathbf{pqj}, (\mathbf{pqk})^* - \mathbf{pqk}] .$$

# Types of Matrix Derivatives

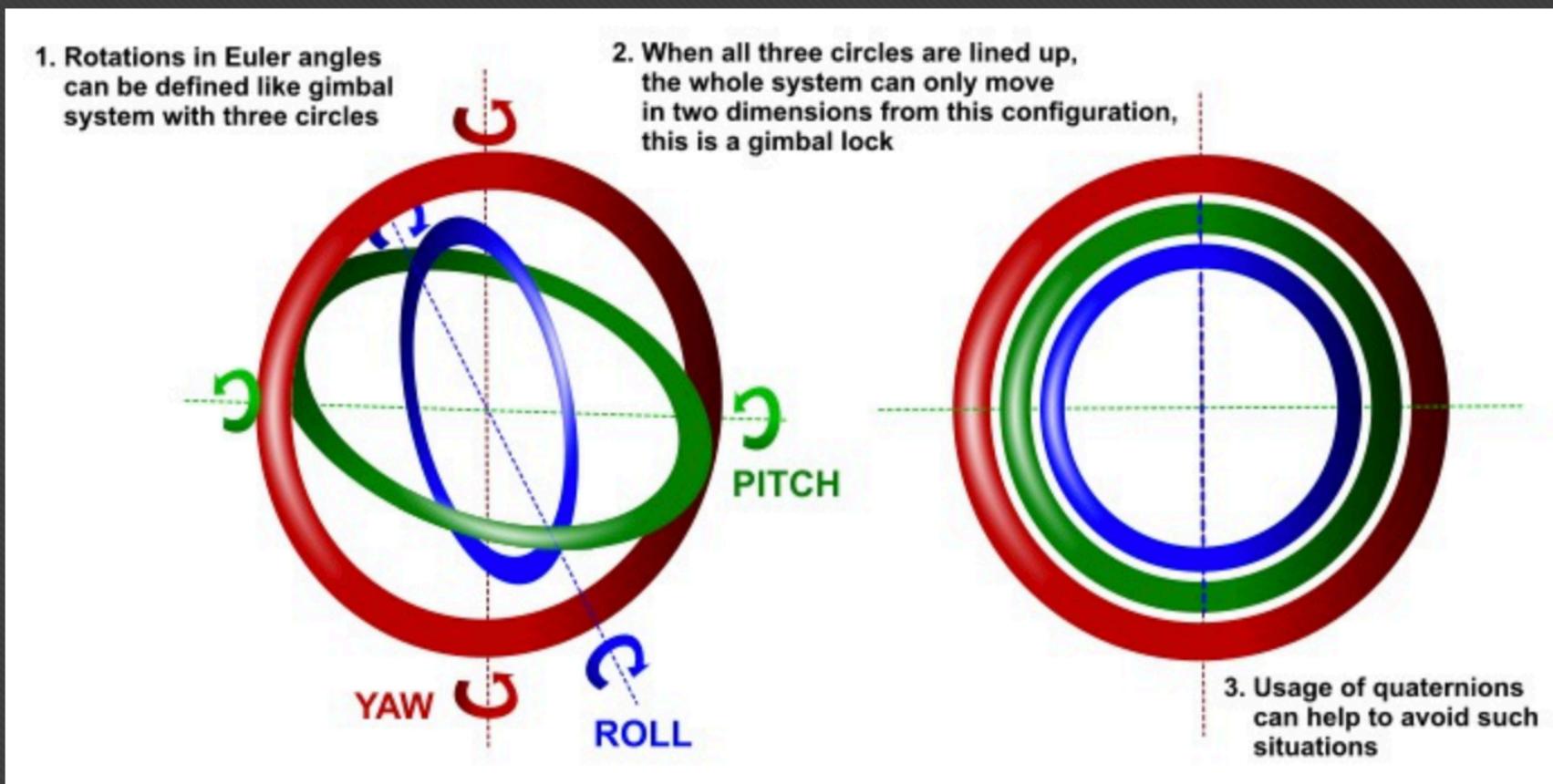
Types	Scalar	Vector	Matrix
Scalar	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial x}$	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{Y}}{\partial x}$
Vector	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ work out by students	
Matrix	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$		

Will be covered in Math 173, Advanced linear Algebra.

# Quaternions for Quest3D

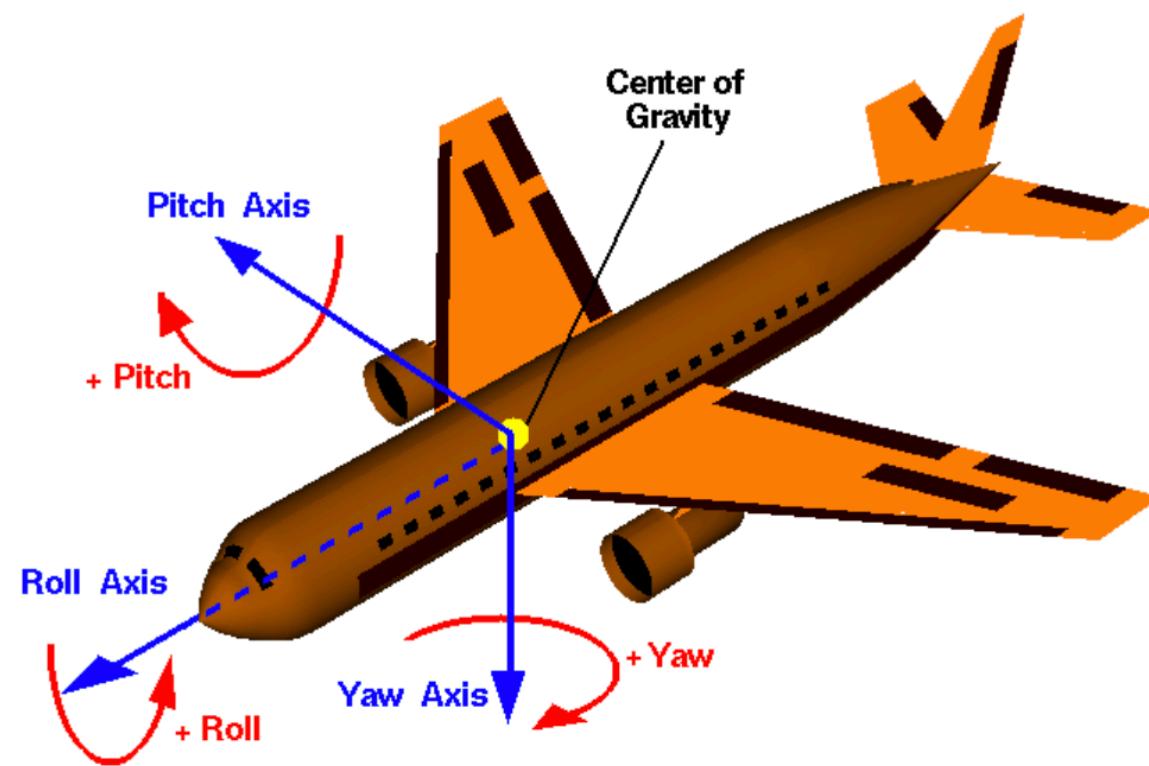
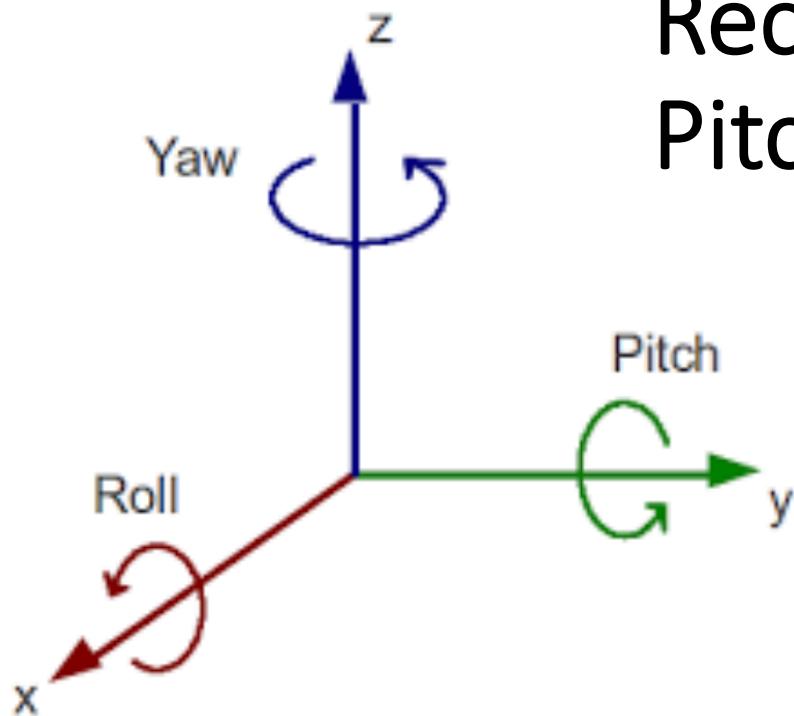
Quaternion is a data type suitable for defining object orientation and rotations. Quaternions are easier to work with than matrices and using quaternions helps to avoid gimbal lock problem like in case of Euler angles usage.

Tasks like smooth interpolation between three-dimensional rotations and building rotation by vector are fairly simpler to solve with quaternions than with Euler angles or matrices. Industrial grade inertial trackers and many other orientation sensors can return rotational data in quaternion form, also to avoid gimbal lock problem, and make such values easier to filter by interpolation.



Gimbal lock problem

# Recall: Pitch, Roll, and Yaw



# Unit Quaternion and Euler Angles

- Each unit quaternion can be associated to a rotation around an axis.

$$\mathbf{q}_0 = \mathbf{q}_w = \cos(\alpha/2)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{q}_x = \sin(\alpha/2) \cos(\beta_x)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{q}_y = \sin(\alpha/2) \cos(\beta_y)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{q}_z = \sin(\alpha/2) \cos(\beta_z)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = [ q_0 \quad q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3 ]^T = [ q_w \quad q_x \quad q_y \quad q_z ]^T$$

$$|\mathbf{q}|^2 = q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 = q_w^2 + q_x^2 + q_y^2 + q_z^2 = 1$$

**We also can add a scalar to a vector  
and find inverse of a vector!**

$$a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k} = a + \vec{v}.$$

$$a + \vec{v} = (a, \vec{0}) + (0, \vec{v}).$$

$$(s + \vec{v})^{-1} = \frac{(s + \vec{v})^*}{\|s + \vec{v}\|^2} = \frac{s - \vec{v}}{s^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2}$$

Now we can multiply two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  !

First define it in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

by viewing them as pure imaginary quaternions

We can express quaternion multiplication in the modern language of vector **cross** and **dot products** (which were actually inspired by the quaternions in the first place [6]).

When multiplying the vector/imaginary parts, in place of the rules

$\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = \mathbf{ijk} = -1$  we have the quaternion multiplication rule:

$$\vec{v}\vec{w} = \vec{v} \times \vec{w} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w},$$

where:

- $\vec{v}\vec{w}$  is the resulting quaternion,
- $\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  is vector cross product (a vector),
- $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$  is vector scalar product (a scalar).

Quaternion multiplication is noncommutative (because of the cross product, which anti-commutes), while scalar–scalar and scalar–vector multiplications commute. From these rules it follows immediately that ([see details](#)):

$$(s + \vec{v})(t + \vec{w}) = (st - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}) + (s\vec{w} + t\vec{v} + \vec{v} \times \vec{w}).$$

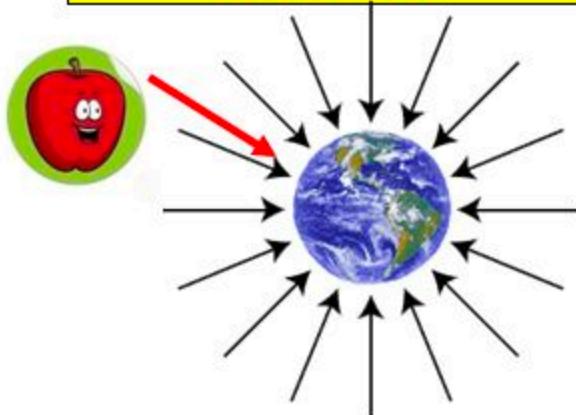
**Complication:** There are several different Fields, Poles, and Frames

- **Gravitational fields**
- **Electric fields**
- **Magnetic fields**
- **Magnetic pole**
- **Geographic pole**
- **Heliocentric frame**
- **Geocentric frame**

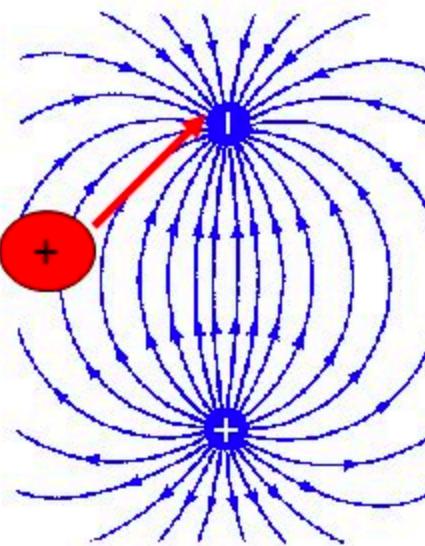
Examples of **gravitational fields**:

- Things falling to Earth
- The Earth orbiting the sun

Test object: **Anything with mass**



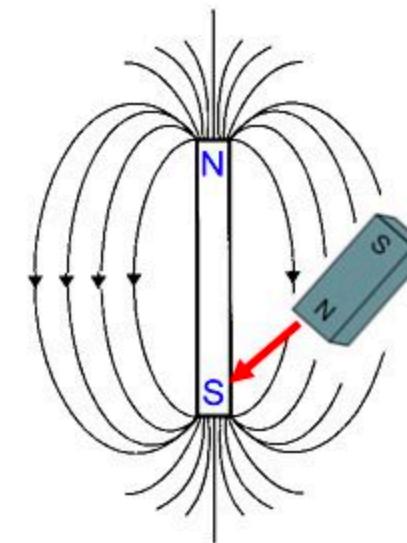
Test object:  
**charged object (+)**



Examples of **magnetic fields**:

- Magnets
- Using a compass

Test object: **magnet**



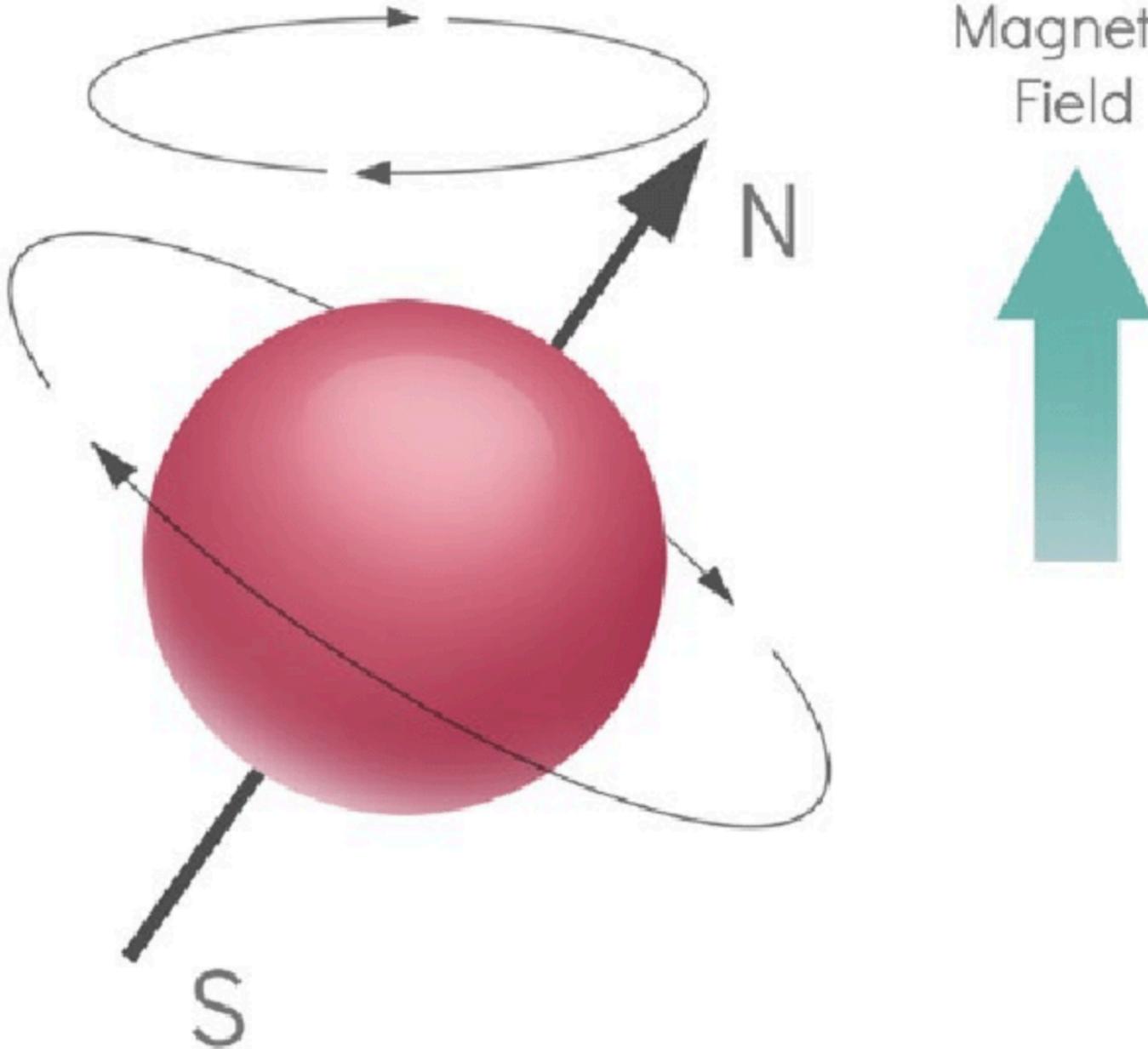
Examples of **electric fields**:

- Static electricity
- Lightning

- A field line (or vector diagrams) tells us the **direction** and **strength** of a field
  - The direction of a field is determined by the direction a **test object** will move

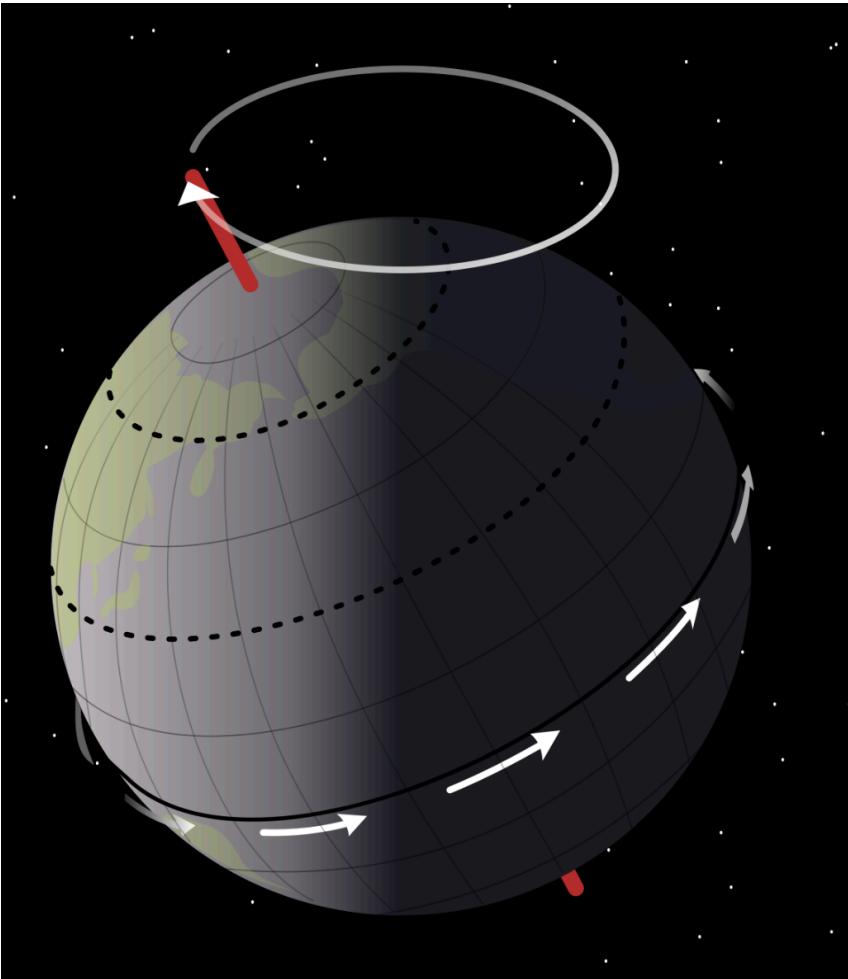
Precession

Applied  
Magnetic  
Field

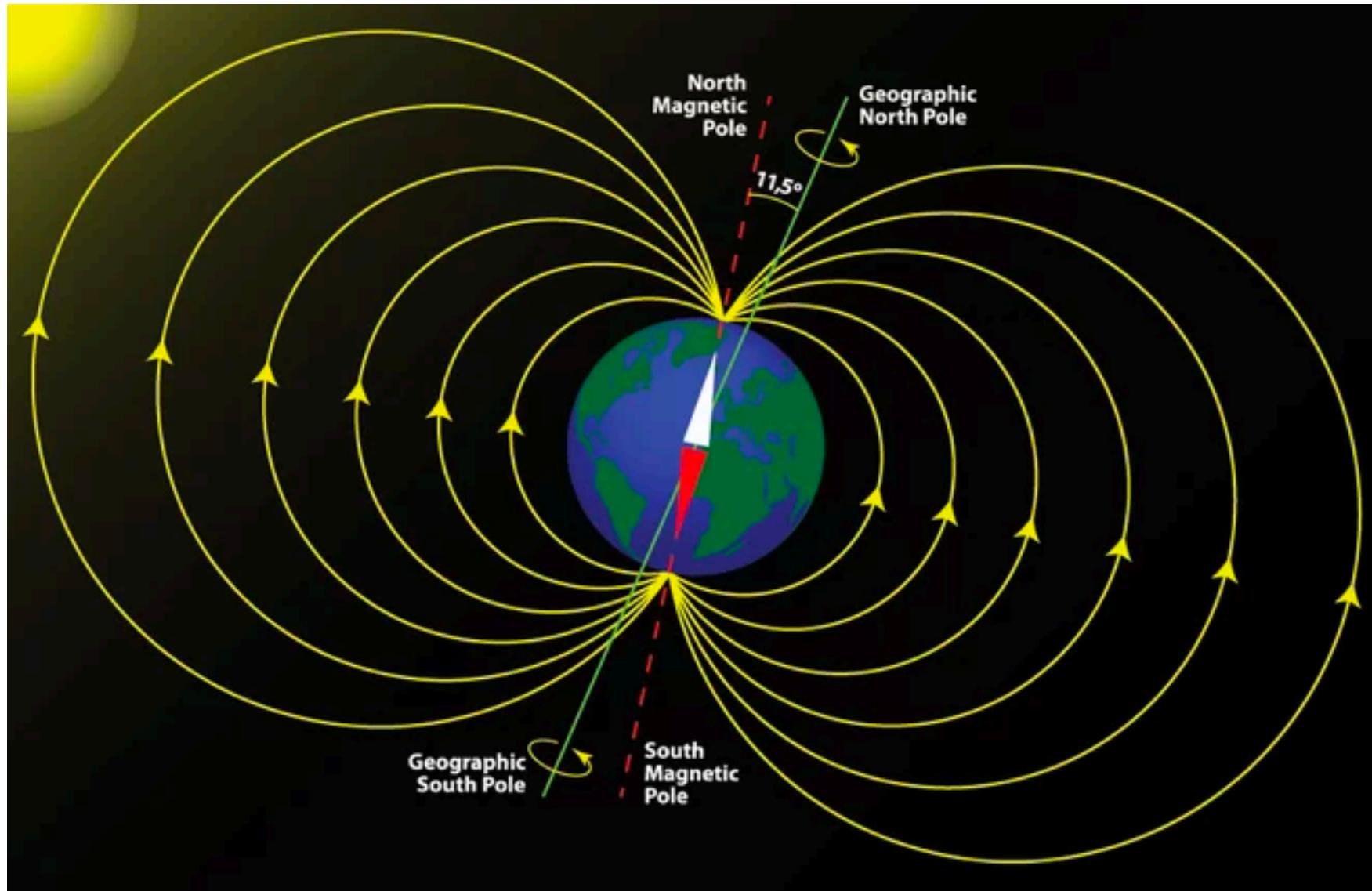


# Precession

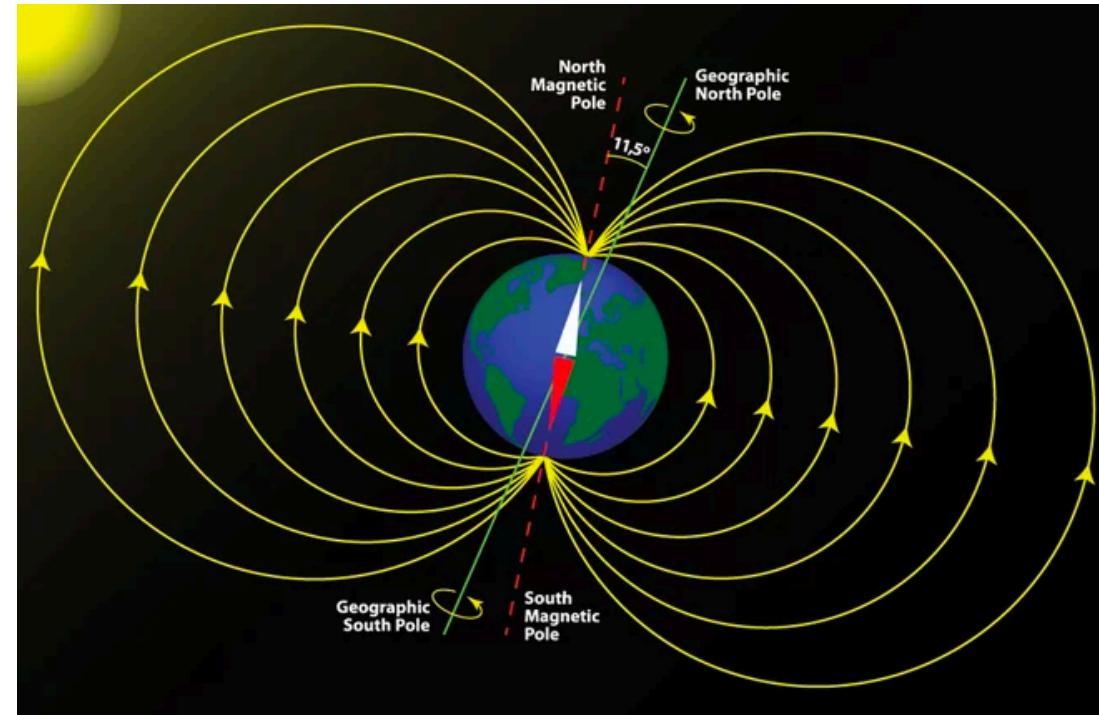
- The slow movement of the axis of a spinning body around another axis due to a torque (such as gravitational influence) acting to change the direction of the first axis. It is seen in the circle slowly traced out by the pole of a spinning gyroscope.



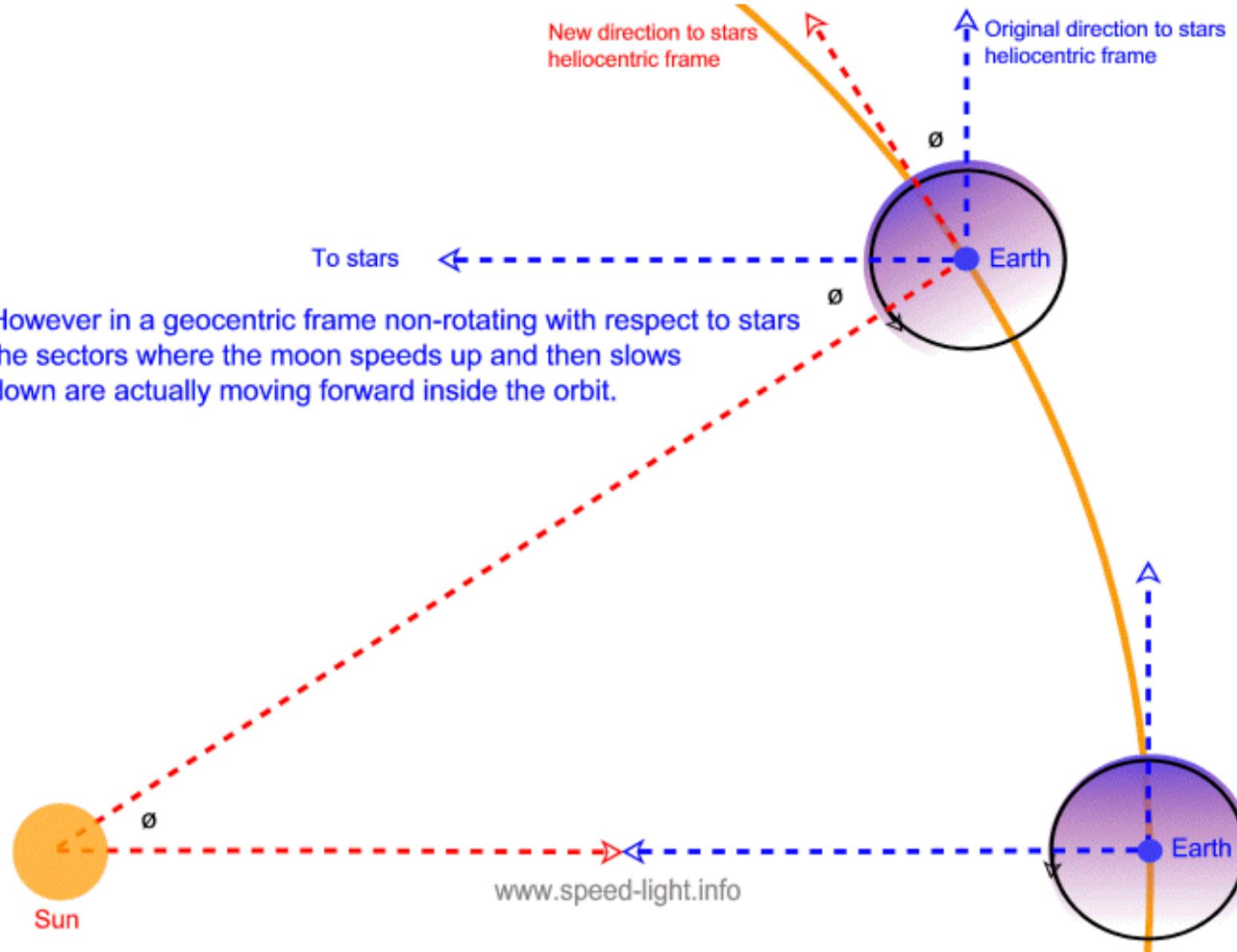
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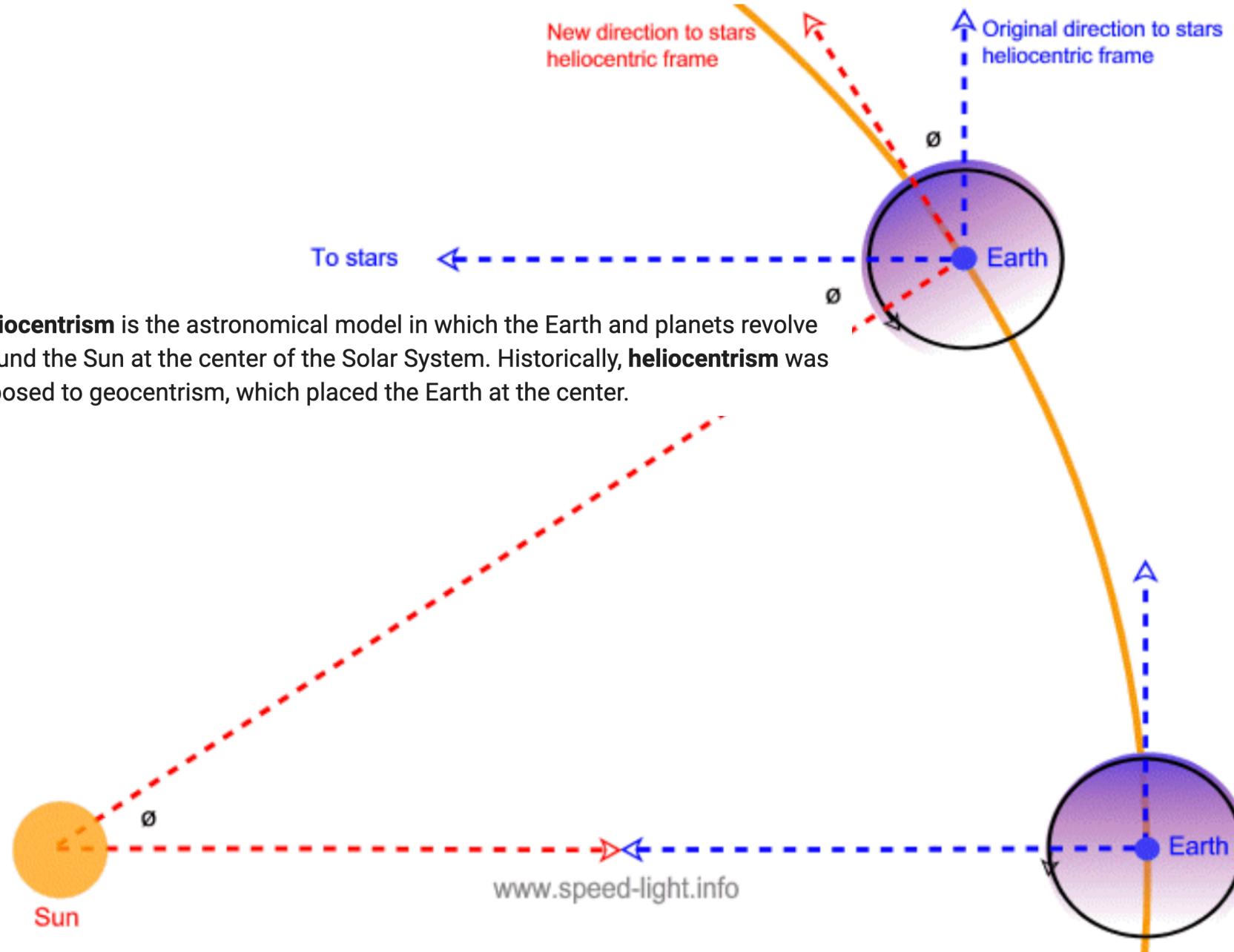


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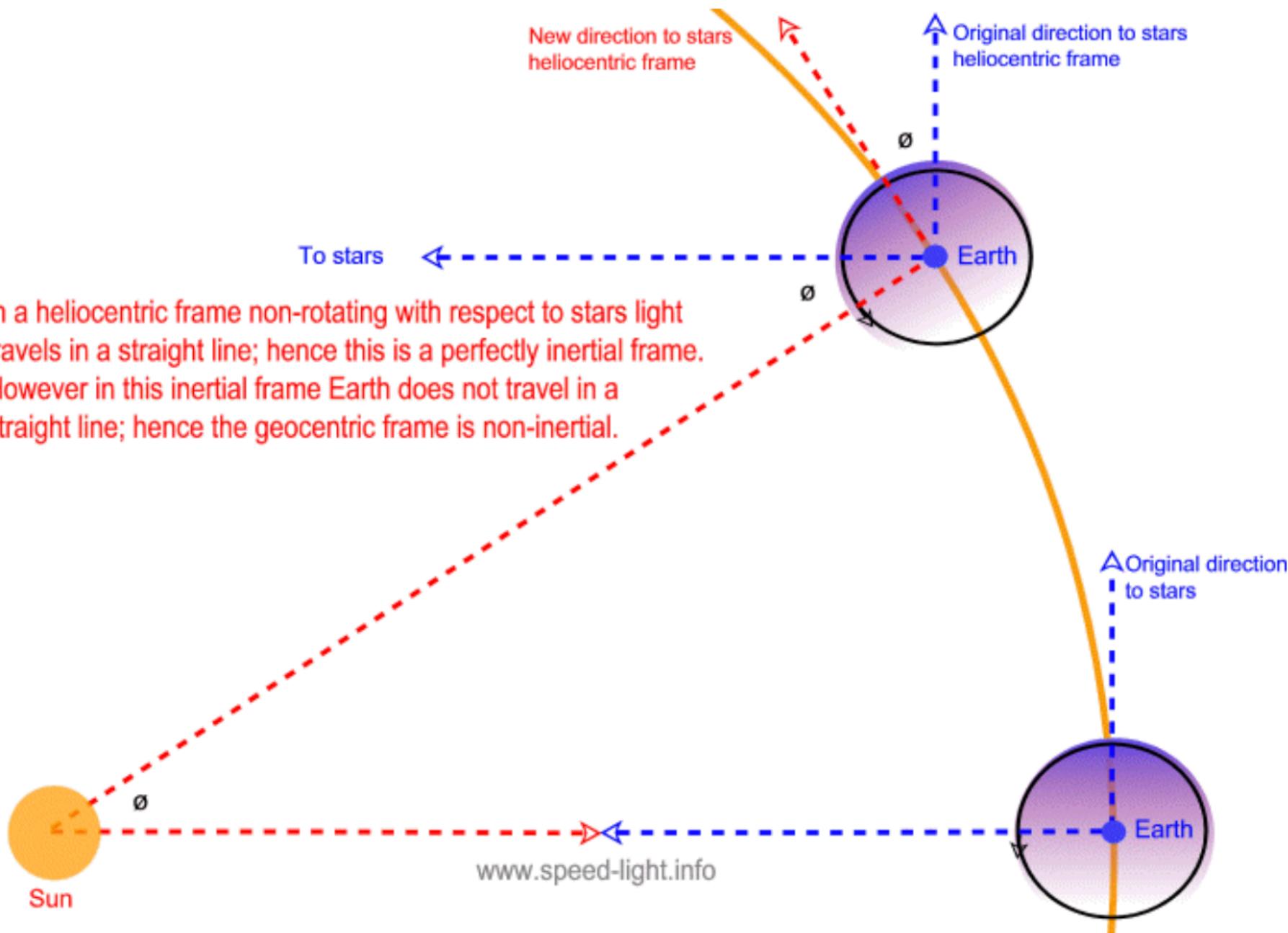


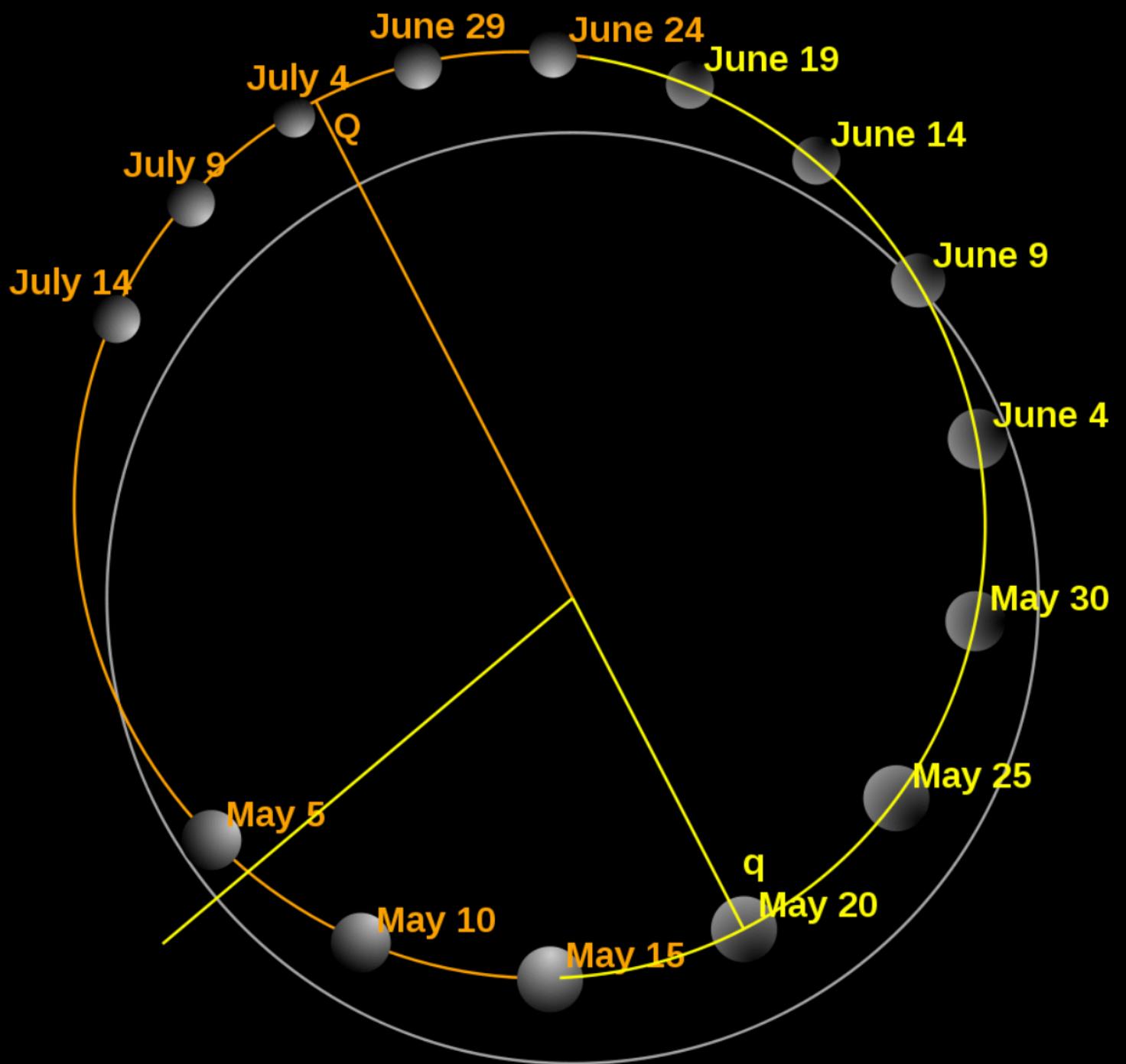
**Geographic north and south poles** are determined by the earth's spin. They are the locations on earth through which the axis **of** the earth's spin passes. **Magnetic north is** determined by the direction a compass points. **Magnetic variance, or declination, is the difference between geographic north and magnetic north.**





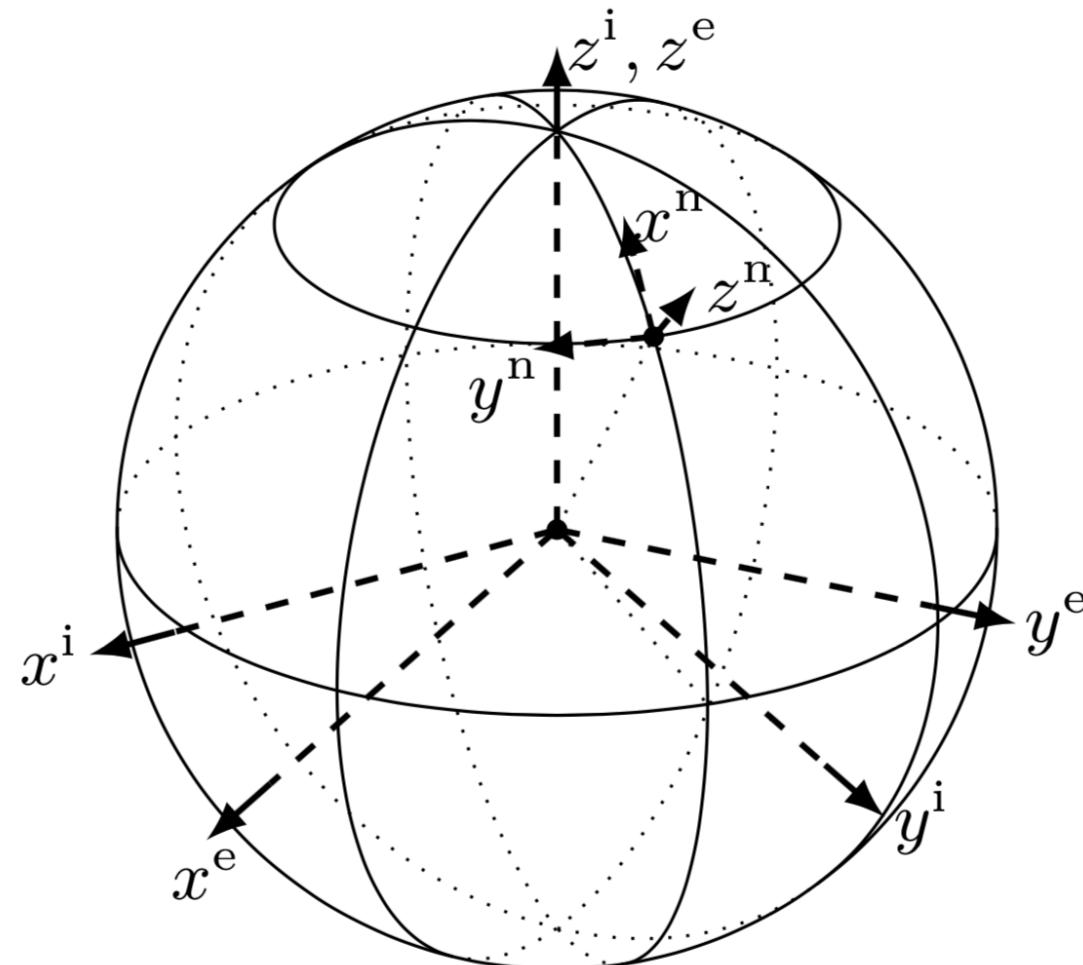
**Heliocentrism** is the astronomical model in which the Earth and planets revolve around the Sun at the center of the Solar System. Historically, **heliocentrism** was opposed to geocentrism, which placed the Earth at the center.





# Using subscripts b, e, n, I to denote the four different frames

- the n-frame at a certain location on the earth,
- the e-frame rotating with the earth and
- the i-frame.



# How to rotate vectors from one frame to another?

**Example 2.1 (Rotation of vectors to different coordinate frames)** Consider a vector  $x$  expressed in the body frame  $b$ . We denote this vector  $x^b$ . The rotation matrix  $R^{nb}$  rotates a vector from the body frame  $b$  to the navigation frame  $n$ . Conversely, the rotation from navigation frame  $n$  to body frame  $b$  is denoted  $R^{bn} = (R^{nb})^\top$ . Hence, the vector  $x$  expressed in the body frame ( $x^b$ ) and expressed in the navigation frame ( $x^n$ ) are related according to

$$x^n = R^{nb}x^b, \quad x^b = (R^{nb})^\top x^n = R^{bn}x^n. \quad (2.1)$$

$R^{nb}$

Rotate from from b to n

$X^n = R^{nb}X^b$

As if b cancelled, left n

# What does a gyroscope exactly measure?

The gyroscope measures the angular velocity of the (cell phone) body frame with respect to the inertial frame, expressed in the body frame,

denoted by  $\omega_{ib}^b$ . This angular velocity can be expressed as

$$\omega_{ib}^b = R^{bn} (\omega_{ie}^n + \omega_{en}^n) + \omega_{nb}^b,$$

where  $R^{bn}$  is the rotation matrix from the navigation frame to the body frame. The *earth rate*, *i.e.* the angular velocity of the earth frame with respect to the inertial frame is denoted by  $\omega_{ie}$ . The earth rotates around its own  $z$ -axis in 23.9345 hours with respect to the stars [101]. Hence, the earth rate is approximately  $7.29 \cdot 10^{-5}$  rad/s.

In case the navigation frame is not defined stationary with respect to the earth, the angular velocity  $\omega_{en}$ , *i.e.* the *transport rate* is non-zero. The angular velocity required for navigation purposes — in which we are interested when determining the orientation of the body frame with respect to the navigation frame — is denoted by  $\omega_{nb}$ .

# What does a accelerometer exactly measure?

- The accelerometer measures the specific force  $f$  in the body frame  $b$ . This can be expressed as

$$f^b = R^{bn} (a_{ii}^n - g^n),$$

where  $g$  denotes the gravity vector and an  $a_{ii}^n$  denotes the linear acceleration of the sensor expressed in the navigation frame, which is

$$a_{ii}^n = R^{ne} R^{ei} a_{ii}^i.$$

The subscripts are used to indicate in which frame the differentiation is performed.

Ask yourself: In which frame the derivative was taken?

For example:

For navigation purposes, we are interested in the position of the sensor in the navigation frame  $p^n$  and its derivatives as performed in the navigation frame:

$$\frac{d}{dt} p^n \Big|_n = v_n^n, \quad \frac{d}{dt} v^n \Big|_n = a_{nn}^n.$$

# How are $a_{ii}$ and $a_{nn}$ are exactly related?

- A relation between  $a_{ii}$  and  $a_{nn}$  can be derived by using the relation between two rotating coordinate frames. Given a vector  $x$  in a coordinate frame  $u$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt}x^u \Big|_u = \frac{d}{dt}R^{uv}x^v \Big|_u = R^{uv} \frac{d}{dt}x^v \Big|_v + \omega_{uv}^u \times x^u,$$

*Like a product rule, but be caution*

where  $\omega_{uv}^u$  is the angular velocity of the  $v$ -frame with respect to the  $u$ -frame, expressed in the  $u$ -frame.

where we have used the two equations on previous 2 slides and use the fact that the angular velocity of the earth is constant,

$$i.e. \frac{d}{dt}\omega_{ie}^i = 0.$$

# The students get their hands dirty

0 -a b x

a 0 -c y

-b c 0 z

=

c x

b cross product with y

a z

# We often want to view $v_i$ and $a_{ii}$ in the inertial frame. How?

- Using the fact that

$$p^i = R^{ie} p^e,$$

the velocity  $v_i$  and acceleration  $a_{ii}$  can be expressed as

$$v_i^i = \frac{d}{dt} p^i|_i = \frac{d}{dt} R^{ie} p^e|_i = R^{ie} \frac{d}{dt} p^e|_e + \omega_{ie}^i \times p^i = v_e^i + \omega_{ie}^i \times p^i,$$

$$a_{ii}^i = \frac{d}{dt} v_i^i|_i = \frac{d}{dt} v_e^i|_i + \frac{d}{dt} \omega_{ie}^i \times p^i|_i = a_{ee}^i + 2\omega_{ie}^i \times v_e^i + \omega_{ie}^i \times \omega_{ie}^i \times p^i,$$

(2.8a)

(2.8b)

## Similarly we can express velocity v and acceleration a in earth coordinates

Using the relation between the earth and navigation frames,

$$p^e = R^{en} p^n + n_{ne}^e,$$

where  $n_{ne}$  is the distance from the origin of the earth coordinate frame to the origin of the navigation coordinate frame, expressions similar to (2.8) can be derived. Note that in general it can not be assumed that  $\frac{d}{dt}\omega_{en} = 0$ . Inserting the obtained expressions into (2.8), it is possible to derive the relation between  $a_{ii}$  and  $a_{nn}$ . Instead of deriving these relations, we will assume that the navigation frame is fixed to the earth frame, and hence  $R^{en}$  and  $n_{ne}^e$  are constant and

$$v_e^e = \frac{d}{dt} p^e|_e = \frac{d}{dt} R^{en} p^n|_e = R^{en} \frac{d}{dt} p^n|_n = v_n^e, \quad (2.10a)$$

$$a_{ee}^e = \frac{d}{dt} v_e^e|_e = \frac{d}{dt} v_n^e|_n = a_{nn}^e. \quad (2.10b)$$

- This is a reasonable assumption as long as the sensor does not travel over significant distances as compared to the size of the earth and it will be one of the model assumptions that we will use in this course.

# Bonus slides

Now we can derive the relation of accelerations in different frames.

Inserting (2.10) into (2.8) and rotating the result, it is possible to express  $a_{ii}^n$  in terms of  $a_{nn}^n$  as

$$a_{ii}^n = a_{nn}^n + 2\omega_{ie}^n \times v_n^n + \omega_{ie}^n \times \omega_{ie}^n \times p^n,$$

*Coriolis acceleration    centrifugal acceleration*

This is a reasonable assumption as long as the sensor does not travel over significant distances as compared to the size of the earth and it will be one of the model assumptions.

*Because this model assumption, it is not a good idea to put all the data collected from everywhere in this world into one data set. Keeping them apart has its advantages.*

**Example 2.2 (Magnitude of centrifugal and Coriolis acceleration)** *The centrifugal acceleration depends on the location on the earth. It is possible to get a feeling for its magnitude by considering the property of the cross product stating that*

$$\|\omega_{ie}^n \times \omega_{ie}^n \times p^n\|_2 \leq \|\omega_{ie}^n\|_2 \|\omega_{ie}^n\|_2 \|p^n\|_2. \quad (2.12)$$

*Since the magnitude of  $\omega_{ie}$  is approximately  $7.29 \cdot 10^{-5}$  rad/s and the average radius of the earth is 6371 km [101], the magnitude of the centrifugal acceleration is less than or equal to  $3.39 \cdot 10^{-2}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>.*

*The Coriolis acceleration depends on the speed of the sensor. Let us consider a person walking at a speed of 5 km/h. In that case the magnitude of the Coriolis acceleration is approximately  $2.03 \cdot 10^{-4}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>. For a car traveling at 120 km/h, the magnitude of the Coriolis acceleration is instead  $4.86 \cdot 10^{-3}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>.*

We can use them to detect whether a person is in car or not.