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2D Motion: Circles

Today's Objectives:

- How is turning different than driving in a straight line?
- Net force and acceleration of a circle
- Circular Motion Equations and using them to solve problems



2D Motion: Circles

1. Objects moving in a circle require a Net. force acting toward the Center No exceptions!

2. If you remove the net force, (or if you drive too fast around a corner) the car will go in a straight line called



- Types of Forces that keep objects in the circle

(also known as Net Centripetal Force)

$$\Sigma F_c$$

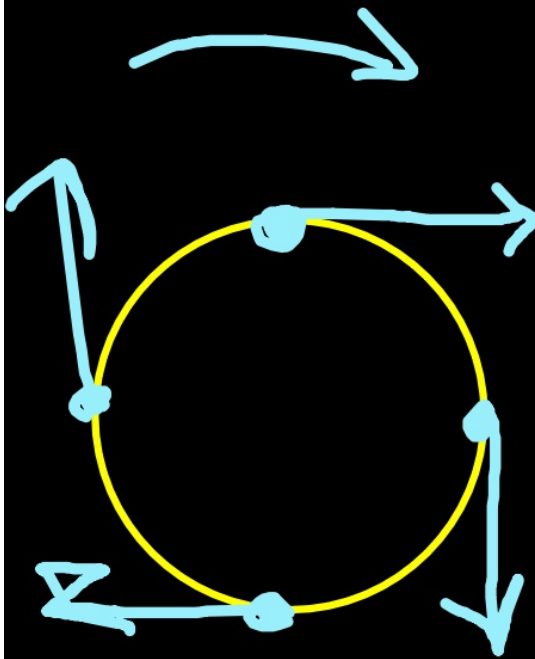
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"center-seeking"

1. Friction (driving / running)
2. Tension (lasso / tether ball)
3. Gravity (Keeps objects in orbit)

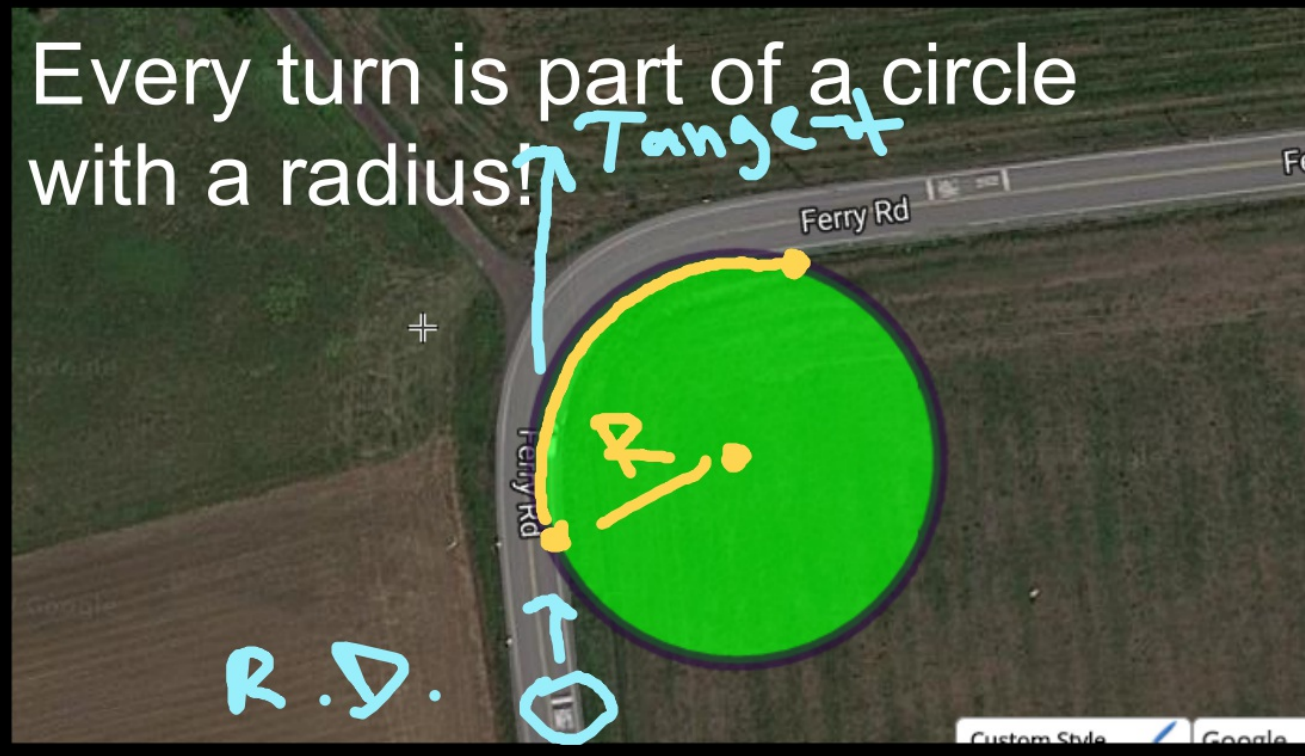
When an object is moving in a circle...

the object is always changing Direction

which means that it is constantly Accelerating.



Every turn is part of a circle
with a radius!



Circular Equations

$$V = \frac{2\pi R}{T}$$

V : Speed (m/s)

π : 3.14

R : Radius (m)

T : Period (s)
(Time)

$$\Sigma F_c = \frac{mv^2}{R}$$

ΣF_c : Net
Centripetal
Force (N)

m : mass (kg)