

1. Requirements, etc.

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- Homework ~ every other week
- Mid-term exam (perhaps 2) + Final (multiple choice & problems)
- Ongoing small group projects
- Prof. Goldstein
- Office hours - (tentative) Tues. 3:00-4:00 or by arrangement
- Discussion sections (optional)
  - Tues.&Thurs. 4:30-5:20

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2. Logistics today

## Logistics today

- Sign in every day
  - 3 unexcused absences allowed
- Homework 1 due next Tues.
  - See Assignments
- Handouts - books on reserve
  - See Course Documents for estimation notes & Classical Motion notes

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3. Lecture 2: Requirements, Projects, Early Relativity: Slide 3...

## More logistics

### Class Projects

The class will be divided into ~10 groups of 5 to 7 students each. Each group should have one student who is familiar with MS Excel. Each group will be assigned a data collecting and analyzing project that will continue through the semester.

Some of these projects involve physical phenomena. Others are connected to human behavior. The data is available from news media &/or websites.

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4. Projects

## Projects

1. Stock market - Dow-Jones - Are there any patterns? (Movie "Pi")
2. Stock Market - Foreign (Japan, or Britain or other)
3. Oil prices - international & local (gas stations?)
4. Natural gas prices - international & local
5. TV Weather predictions and actual measurements - How good are 1 day & 2 day predictions of temperatures?
6. TV Weather predictions and actual measurements - How good are 3 day & 4 day predictions of temperatures?

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## 5. More Projects

### More Projects

7. Weather - predicted & actual precipitation
8. Solar Energy &/or UV amount - local or beyond?
9. Tides - time and height of high and low tide  
in our area -  
What is the pattern? Construct a model.
10. Earthquakes - regions and magnitudes (of 5.25  
or more)

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## 6. Project presentations

### Project presentations

- Data will be entered on group spreadsheet daily or once a week by each group. Group will try various means of display. Attempts will be made to find systematic behavior of data. Once a week or so a copy of excel file should be placed into instructor's Dropbox. Various displays will be posted on class website.
- Near mid-semester a summary of results should be prepared by each group. Short presentation to class will be scheduled over remaining weeks for each group.

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## 7. Organizing each group

### Organizing each group

- At least one Excel savvy person enters data
- Group writes an explanation of how data was selected
- Use Communications for groups
  - Group Pages →roster, discussions, collaborations, email
- Dropbox to Prof. Goldstein every 1 or 2 weeks
  - Graphs and explanations - keep to minimum
- Present to class - cycle through groups

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## 8. Estimations

### Estimations

We continue with some estimations "Fermi problems".

Check the website for Notes on Estimation

Scale and order of magnitude are very important

- For orders of magnitude see website:  
<http://microcosm.web.cern.ch/microcosm/P10/english/>

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9. Where did relativity come from?

## Where did relativity come from?

- Think about rolling a ball
  - Has speed, say 20 ft/sec
  - Run after it at 15 ft/sec
  - Ball recedes from runner 5 ft/sec
- Run as fast as ball - it stands still for runner
- True for any moving objects and waves
  - Water waves
    - (waving on water - surfers ride waves)
  - Sound waves
    - (waving in air pressure - supersonic planes)
  - What about **light** (waves)?
    - What is waving? Ether?
    - Can anyone run as fast?

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10. On the shoulders of giants

## On the shoulders of giants



Galileo (1564-1642)



Newton (1642-1727)



Maxwell (1831-1879)

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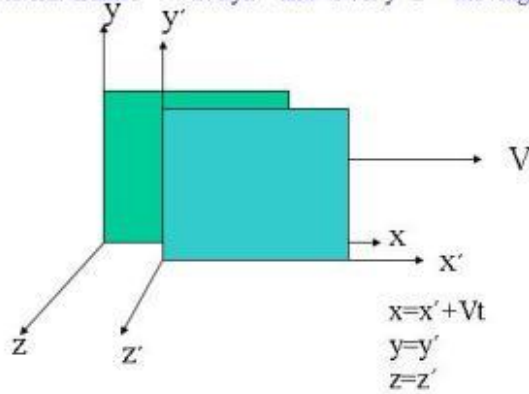
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11. Moving train and platform

## Moving train and platform

- Establish Coordinate system (to quantify motion) with clock or Reference Frame
- Two inertial frames S:  $x,y,z$  and S':  $x',y',z'$  - moving train



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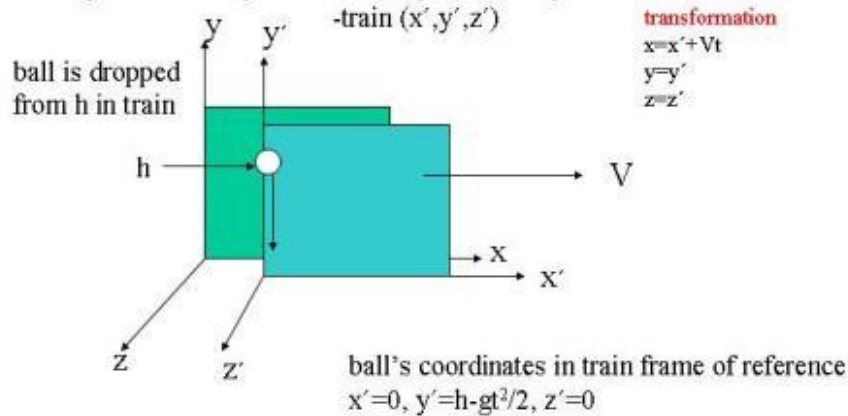
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12. Relativity of motion

## Relativity of motion

Consider a ball dropped in a moving train. What happens?

Set up coordinate systems -station platform ( $x,y,z$ )  
-train ( $x',y',z'$ )



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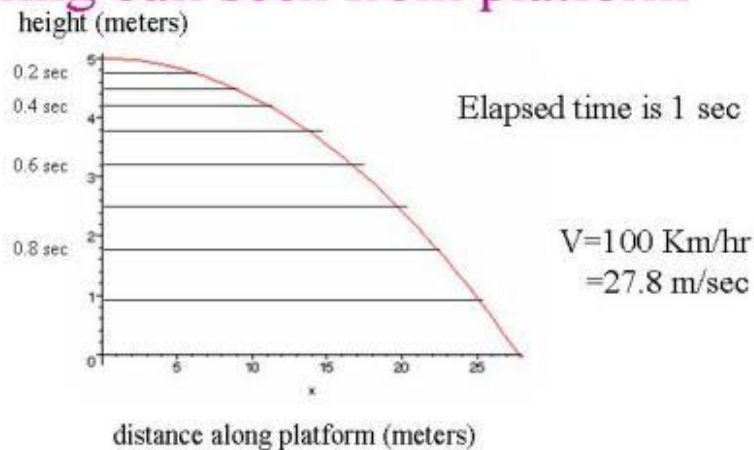
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13. Falling ball seen from platform

## Falling ball seen from platform



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14. Review of Classical Motion

## Review of Classical Motion

- Idealize - isolated **particle** motion.
- Description must be quantitative. Specify measurable quantities - position and time.
- Coordinates & units - reference origin.
- Change of position or displacement vs. time is motion.
- Rate of change of displacement is speed or velocity.

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