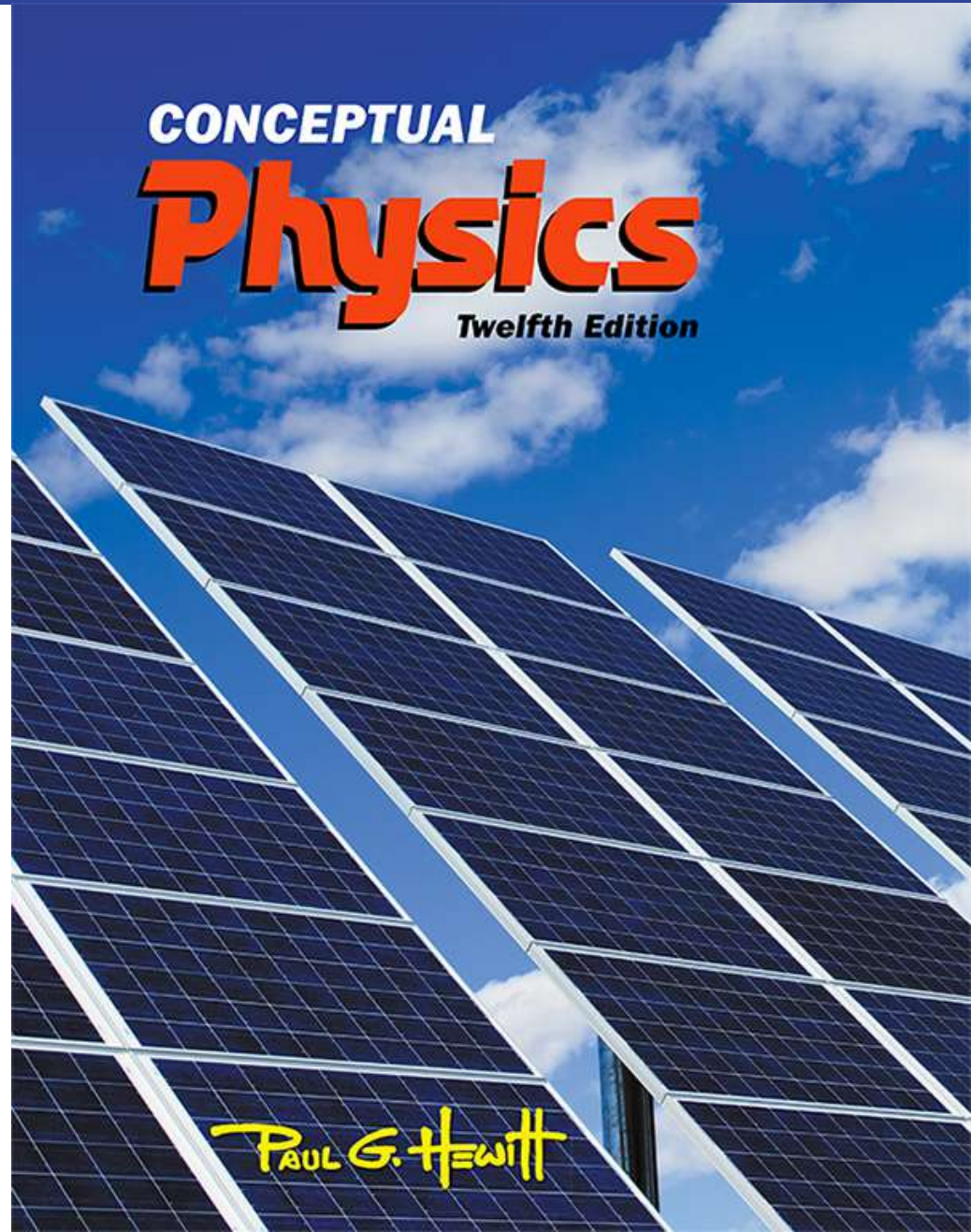


# Lecture Outline

## Chapter 8: Rotational Motion



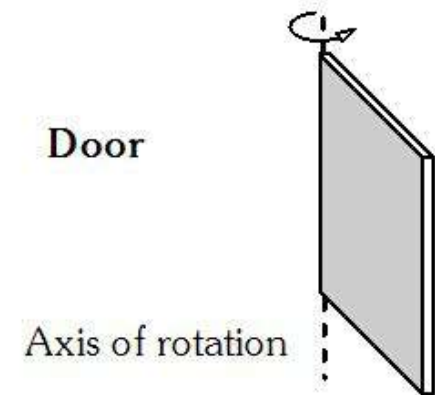
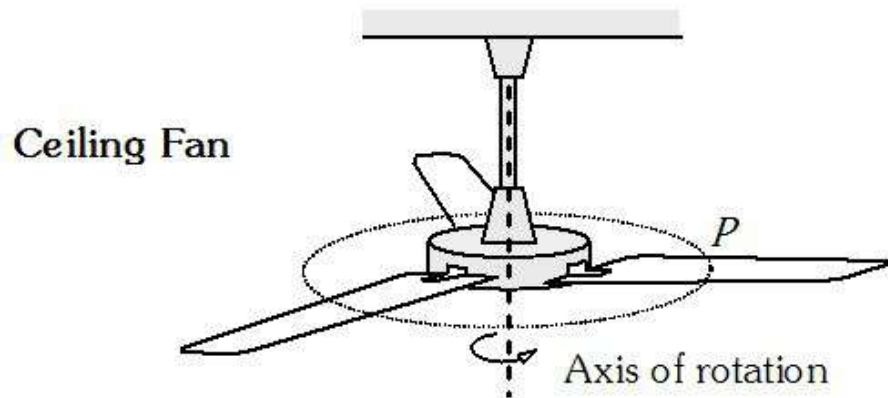
# Section 1.

## This lecture will help you understand:

- circular motion...rotation vs revolution
- linear vs tangential speed
- how trains stay on tracks
- why hurricanes form
- why rockets are launched from Florida

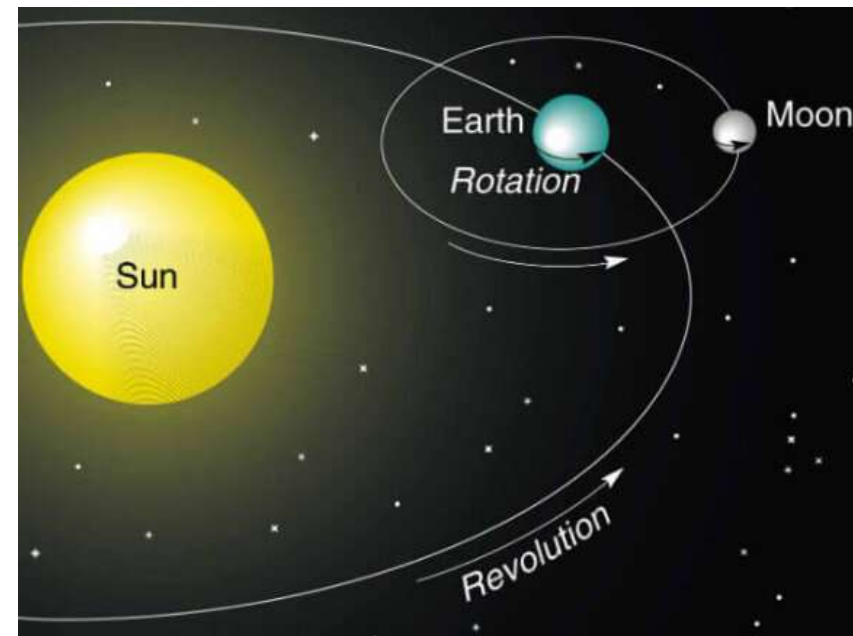
# UCM = uniform circular motion

- When an object moves **at constant speed** around a center point, it is called *uniform circular motion*.
- The center point is called the *axis*.



# Rotation versus Revolution

- When an object turns about an internal axis, it is undergoing *rotation*.
- When an object turns about an external axis, it is undergoing *revolution*.
- How long does it take the Earth to rotate once? 24 h
- How long does it take the Earth to revolve once? 1 year



# rotation or revolution?



revolution



rotation

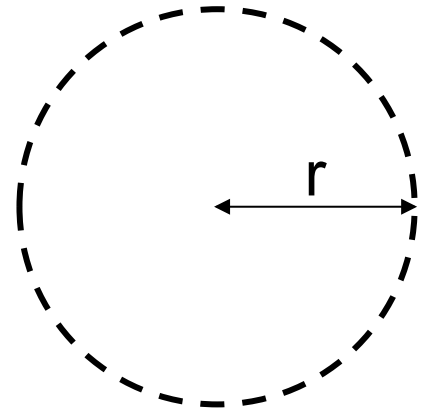
# Circular Motion

- Circular Motion is characterized by two kinds of speeds:
  1. **tangential** (or linear) speed  $v$ .  
→ how much distance covered per time
  2. **rotational** (or circular) speed  $\omega$  (omega).  
→ angle or rotations per time (rpm)

# 1. Tangential Speed

- The distance traveled by a point on the rotating object divided by the time taken to travel that distance is called its *tangential* speed (symbol  $v$ ).

- tangential speed  $v = \frac{\text{distance traveled}}{\text{time}}$   
 $= \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{time}}$   
 $= \frac{2\pi \times \text{radius}}{\text{time}}$



## Ex: Calculate tangential speed :

A car moves in a circle of radius of 30 m in 15 s.

1) What is its tangential speed?

$$v = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{time}} = \frac{2 \pi \text{ radius}}{\text{time}} = \frac{2(3.14)30 \text{ m}}{15 \text{ s}} = 13 \text{ m/s}$$

2) What is the tangential speed if the same car drives in a circle of radius 60 m in the same time.

$$v = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{time}} = \frac{2 \pi \text{ radius}}{\text{time}} = \frac{2(3.14)60 \text{ m}}{15 \text{ s}} = 26 \text{ m/s}$$

3) How much faster is the second car? 2 x

# In UCM, the velocity is tangent to the circle:

- Tangential velocity = tangential speed + direction

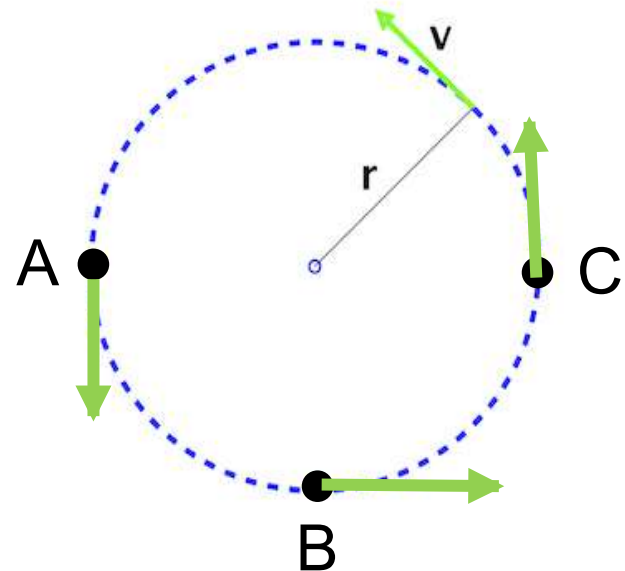
The tangential velocity  $v$  is always *tangent* to the circle.

What direction is  $v$  at A?

down

At B? right

At C? up



1) Is the velocity changing? yes

2) If a car travels *at constant speed* in a circle, is it accelerating? yes

## 2) Rotational Speed $\omega$

- Rotational (angular) speed is the *number of rotations or revolutions per unit of time* (symbol  $\omega$ ).
  - Units can be **rpm** (revolutions per minute)
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- All parts of a rigid merry-go-round turn about the axis of rotation in the same amount of time.
  - So, all parts have the same rotational speed  $\omega$

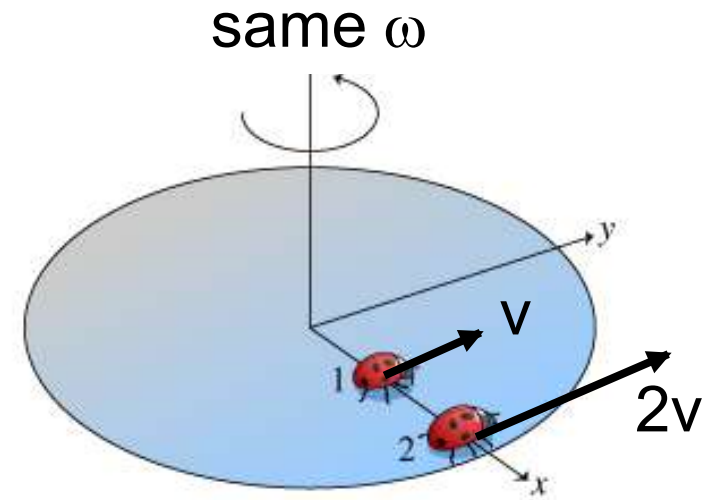
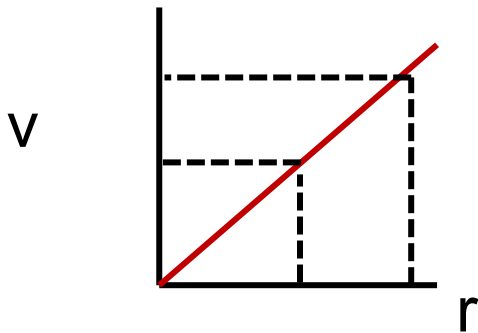


# Relationship between $v$ and $\omega$ :

Tangential speed  $v$  depends on:

- a) distance from the axis  $r$ ; and
- b) and the angular speed  $\omega$ .

$$v = r \omega$$



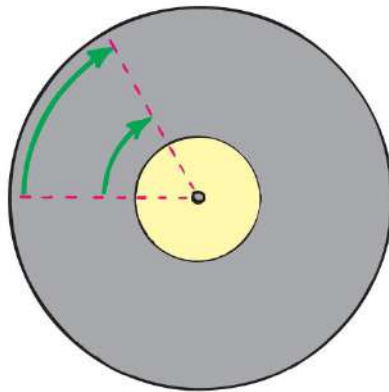
If  $r$  is doubled, then  $v$ ....  
...doubles.

If  $r$  is tripled, then  $v$ ....  
...triples.

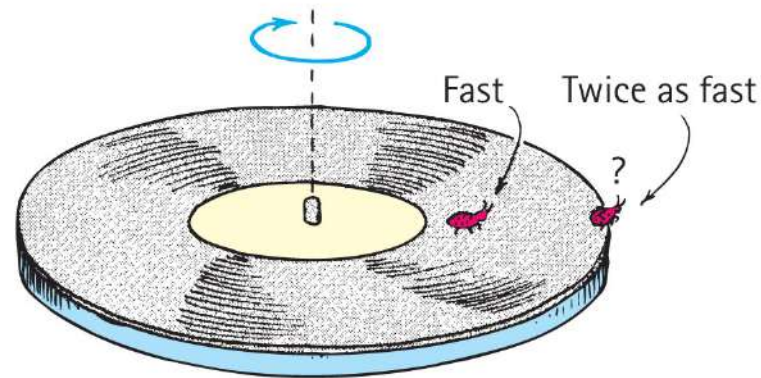
$v$  is directly proportional to  $r$   
 $v \propto r$

# Tangential Speed

- Points closer to the circumference have a higher tangential speed than points closer to the center.



(a)



(b)

- Why? they travel further in the same time
- Which point has a higher angular speed  $\omega$ ? neither

# Rotational and Tangential Speed

## CHECK YOUR NEIGHBOR

A ladybug sits *halfway* between the rotational axis and the outer edge of the turntable. When the turntable has a rotational speed of 20 RPM and the bug has a tangential speed of 2 cm/s, what will be the rotational and tangential speeds of her friend who sits at the outer edge?

- | tangential | rotational |
|------------|------------|
| A. 2 cm/s  | 20 rpm     |
| B. 2 cm/s  | 40 rpm     |
| C. 4 cm/s  | 20 rpm     |
| D. 4 cm/s  | 40 rpm     |



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**C. 4 cm/s**

**Explanation:**

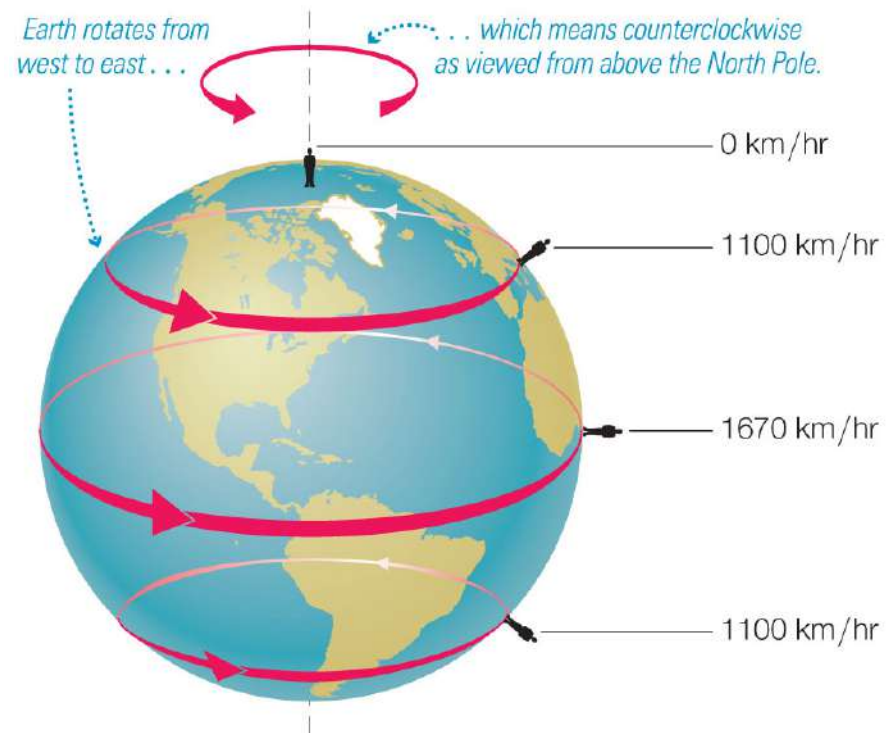
Tangential speed =  $r\omega$

Rotational speed of both bugs is the same, so if radial distance doubles, tangential speed also doubles.

So, tangential speed is  $2 \text{ cm/s} \times 2 = 4 \text{ cm/s}$ .

## Ex. Different places on Earth:

- Where on Earth is the tangential velocity the greatest?  
equator
- Where is it the least?  
poles
- Which location has the greatest angular velocity?  
same

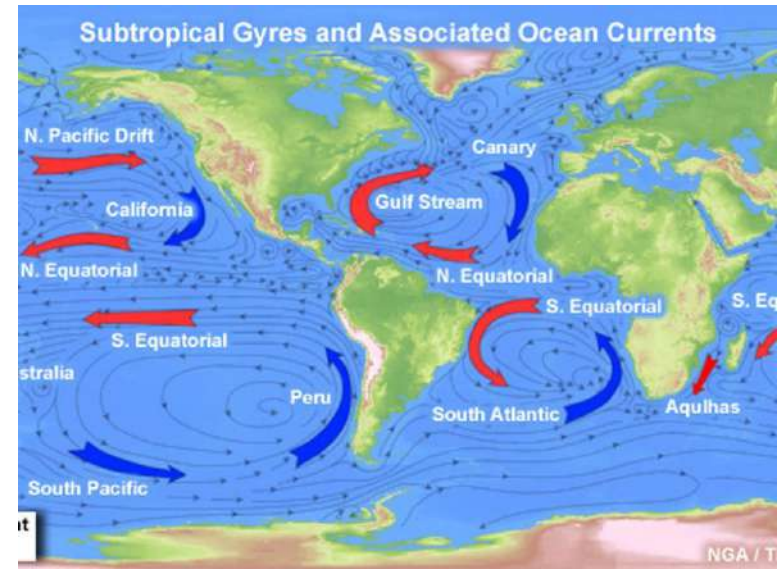


Why are rockets launched from Florida?  
fastest tangential velocity

# The Coriolis Effect:

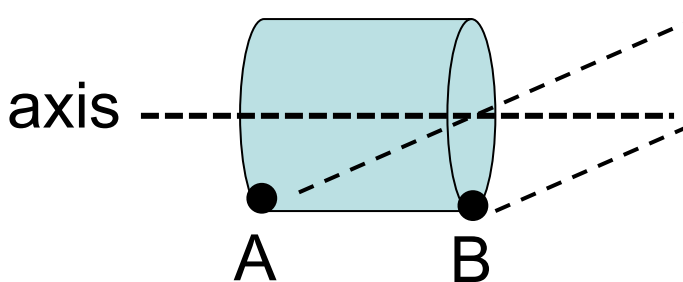
-winds and ocean currents curve to the right (north hemisphere) and to the left (south hemisphere)

-occurs because different locations have different tangential speeds:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFRbXnU7mkw>

# Ex. Why does a rolling cup curve?



axis

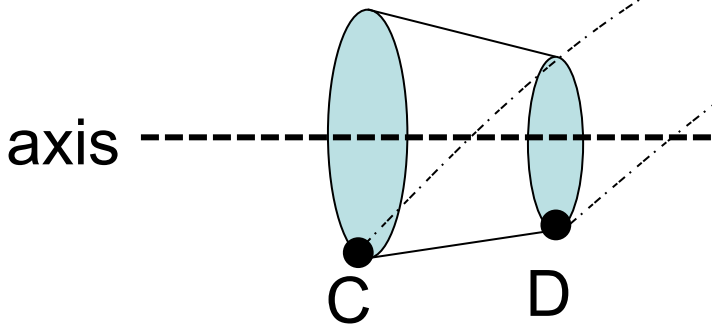
A B

Which point, A or B, is further from the axis?

neither

Which point moves further and faster?

neither



axis

C D

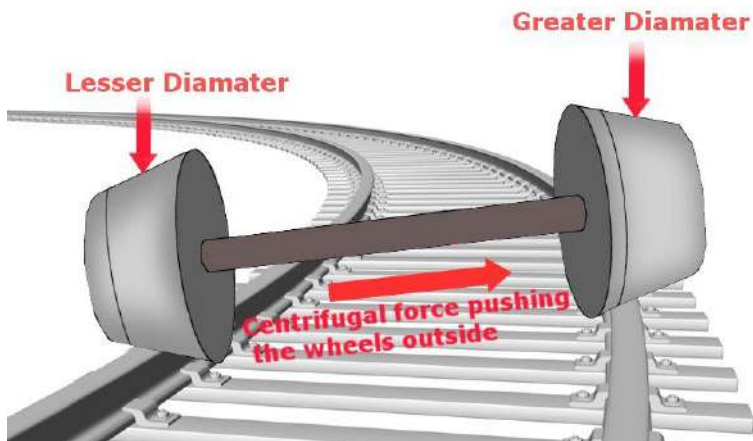
Which point, C or D, is further from the axis?

C

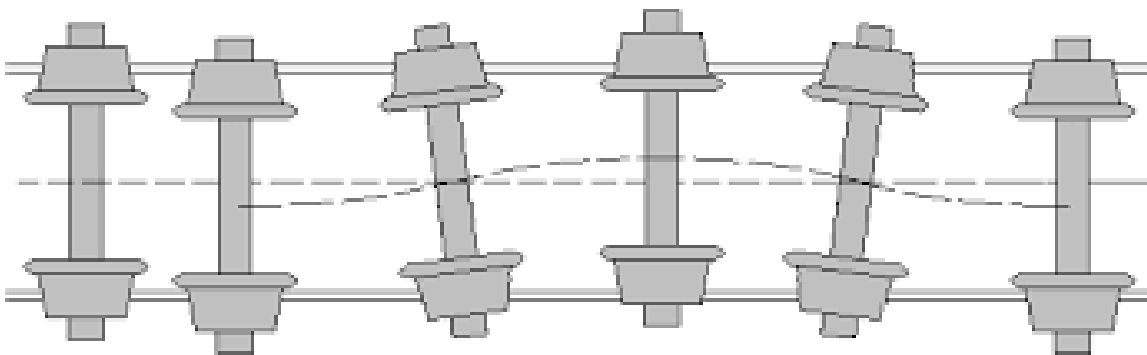
Which point moves faster?

C

## Ex. Wheels on Railroad trains



On curves, the outside track is longer. So the wheel rides up onto its outer diameter, which is moving faster.



1. The axle trajectory.

- Train wheels self correct. This is called “hunting oscillations.”

# Homework: due by 7 pm tonight

- On page 153, do # 1-4
- On page 154, do #32
- On page 155: do #44
- On page 156, do #51 and 52