

# Scalar or vector



**5 m/s**

Describe the difference



**5 m/s DOWNWARD**

# Circular Motion

## Learning Targets



Describe the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces

Describe Centripetal Force

Explain Inertial Mass

Forces are balanced



Objects at rest



Objects in motion



Stay at rest



Stay in motion

(same speed and/or direction)

# Forces are unbalanced



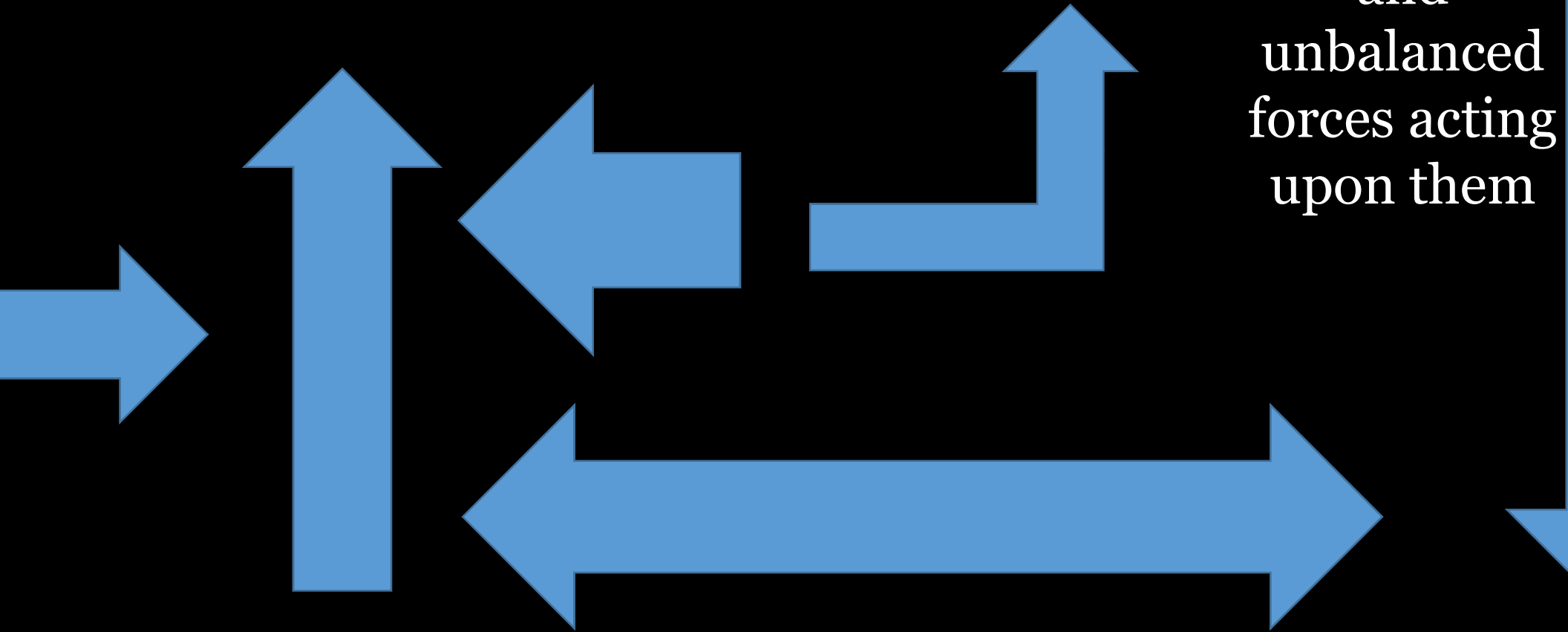
Object accelerates  
Object decelerates



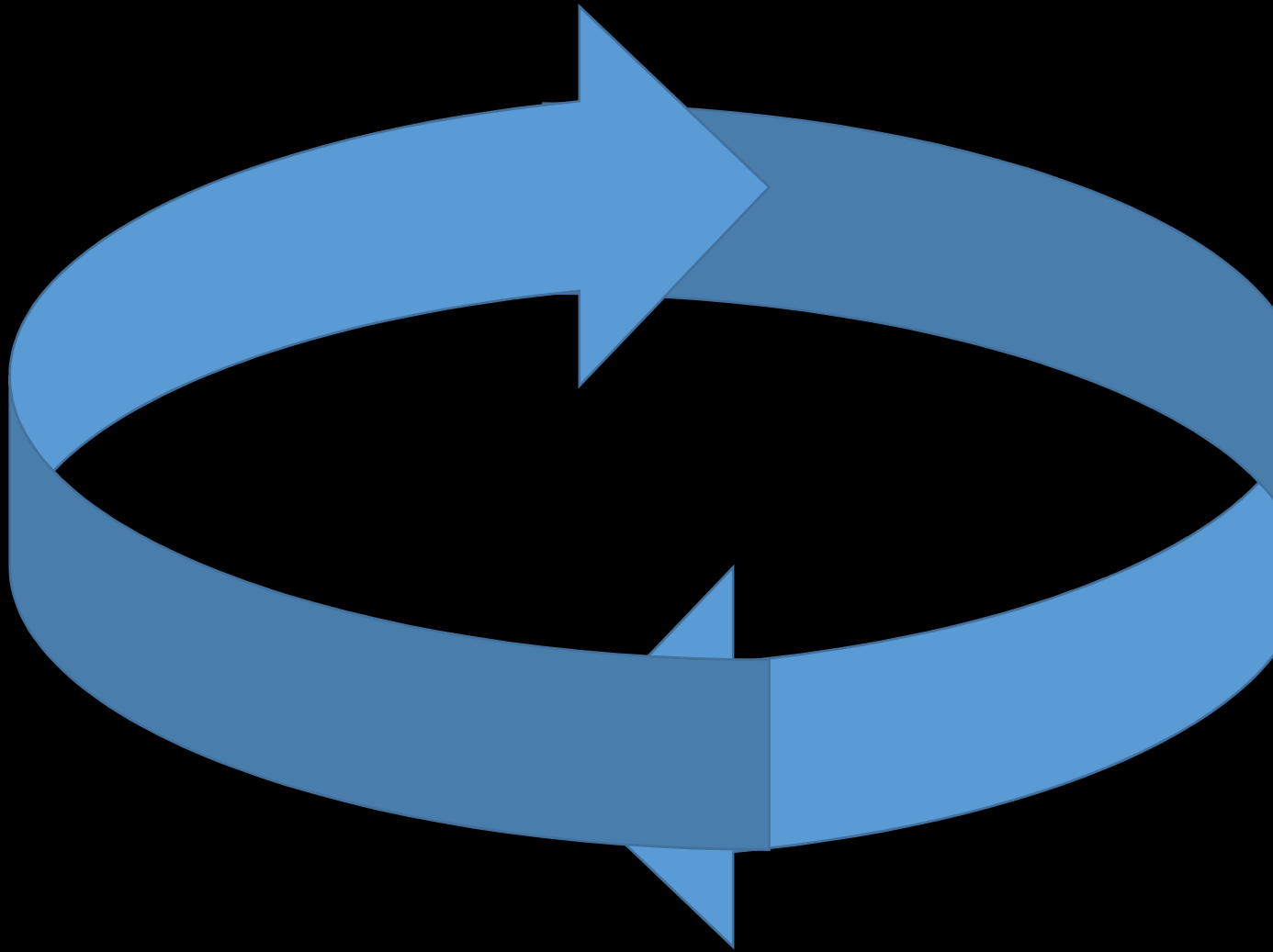
Object changes  
direction

# Velocity and Forces

We have been looking at the motion of objects and the balanced and unbalanced forces acting upon them



What are the forces  
and their effects  
acting on a object  
moving in a  
circular motion



# Velocity – if speed and direction changes then forces are ?

# So

# If velocity changes, what forces are in action ?

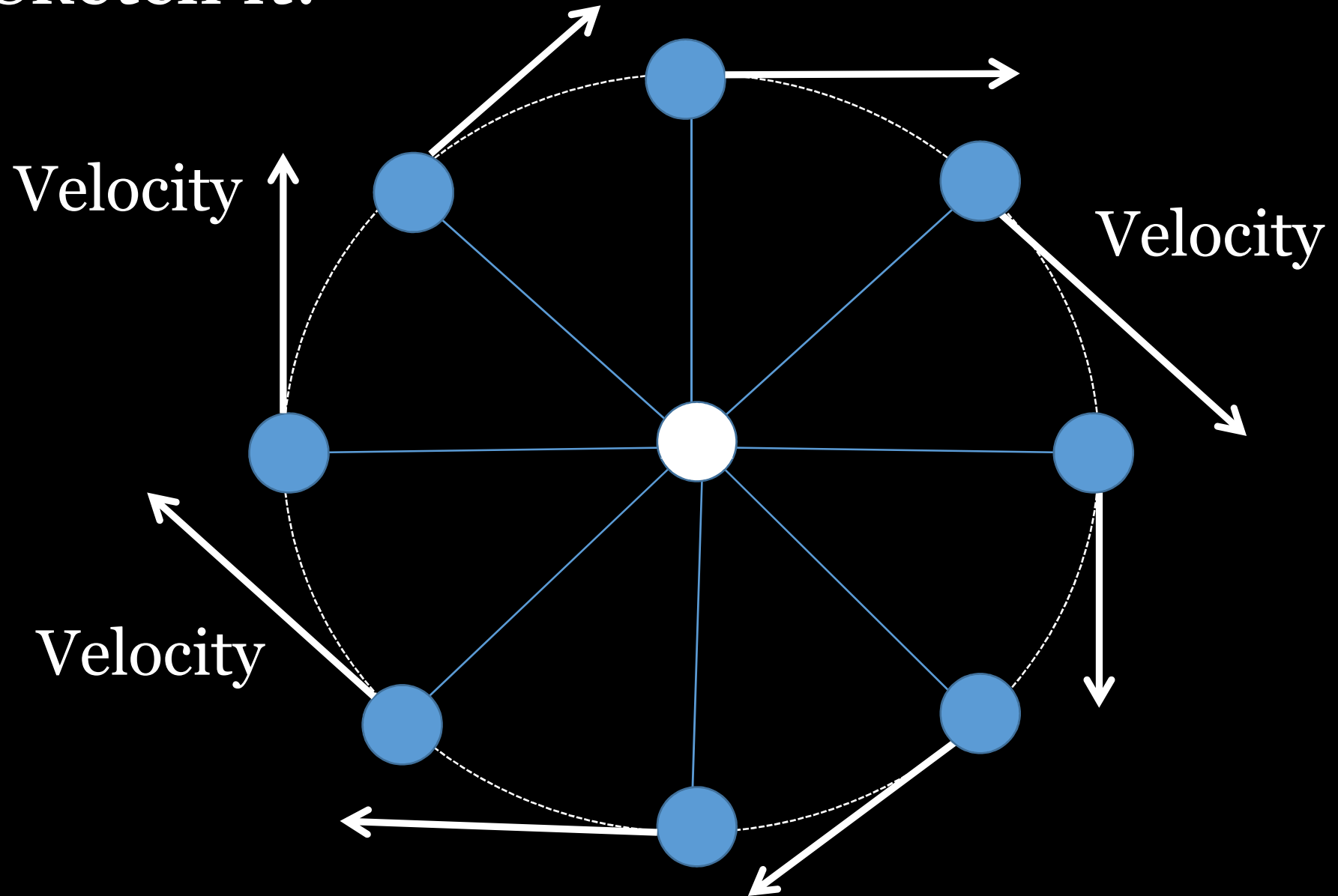


Are the forces balanced?





Sketch it!



Circular motion requires a force because the object is constantly changing direction

We call this force the  
**CENTRIPETAL FORCE**

# CENTRIPETAL FORCE



Inertial mass is  
the mass of a  
body  
when it is  
accelerating by a  
force  
other than gravity

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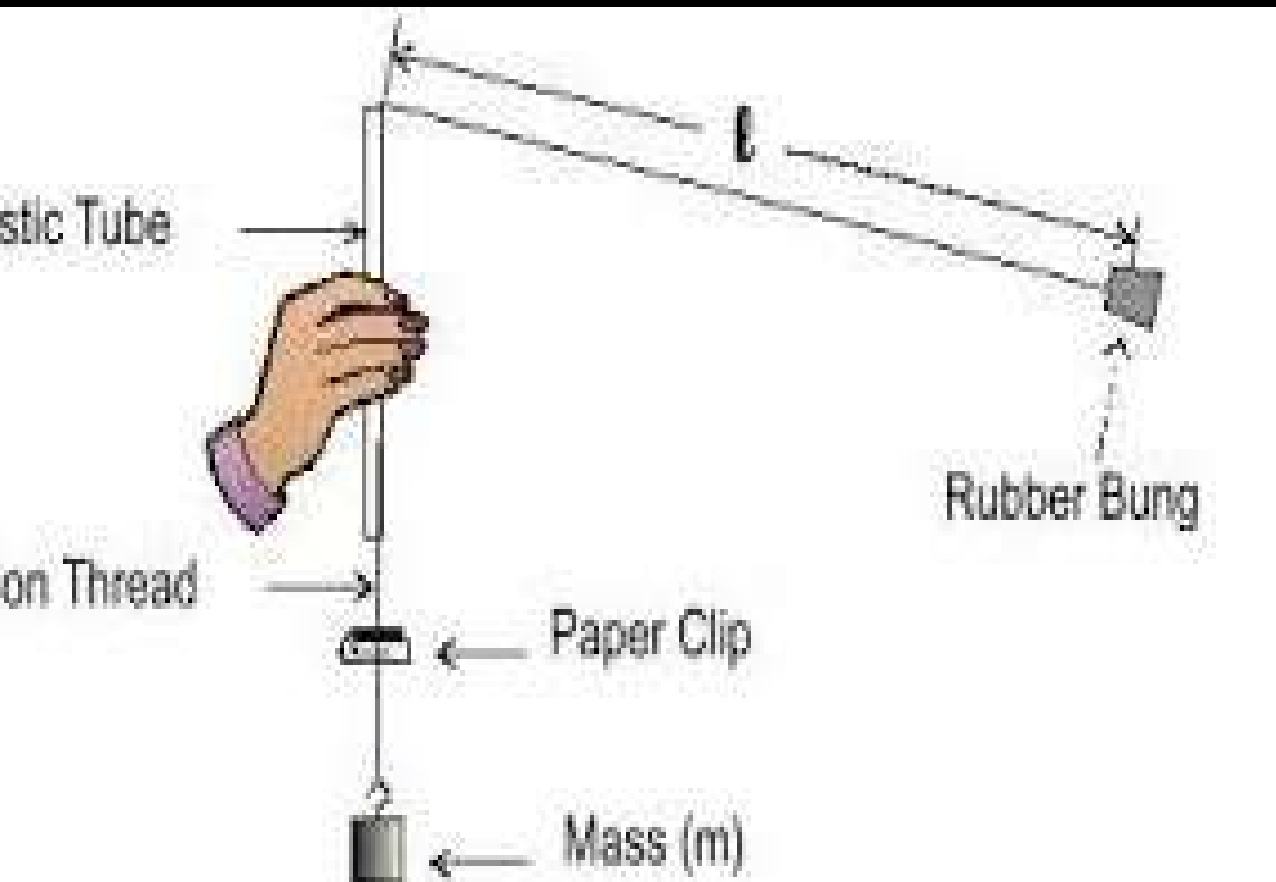
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Can anyone tell me  
how we are going  
to investigate the  
forces at play with  
circular motion

# Safety!

Everyone put on safety goggles!

DO NOT let go of the string or swing it wildly/in people's way!

Assign the following roles:

- Materials Handler
- Observer
- Observer
- Experimental Engineer

SWITCH roles after each experiment

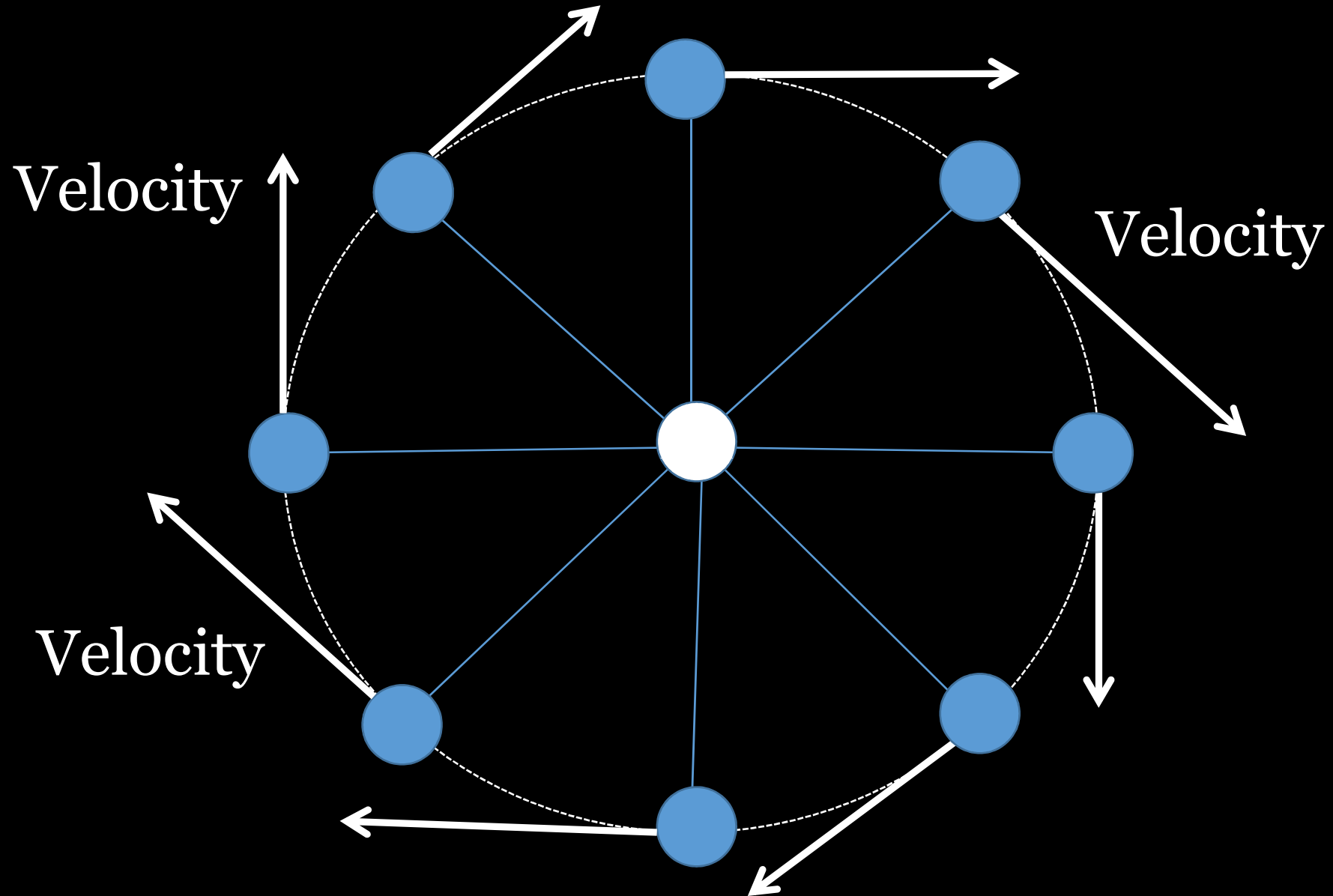
Try to answer the question I give you after each experiment  
(observers, make some notes!)



1. Swing the rubber stopper. Can you feel where the force is coming from?
2. Swing it faster. What do you feel?
3. Increase the size of the circle. What is happening and why?

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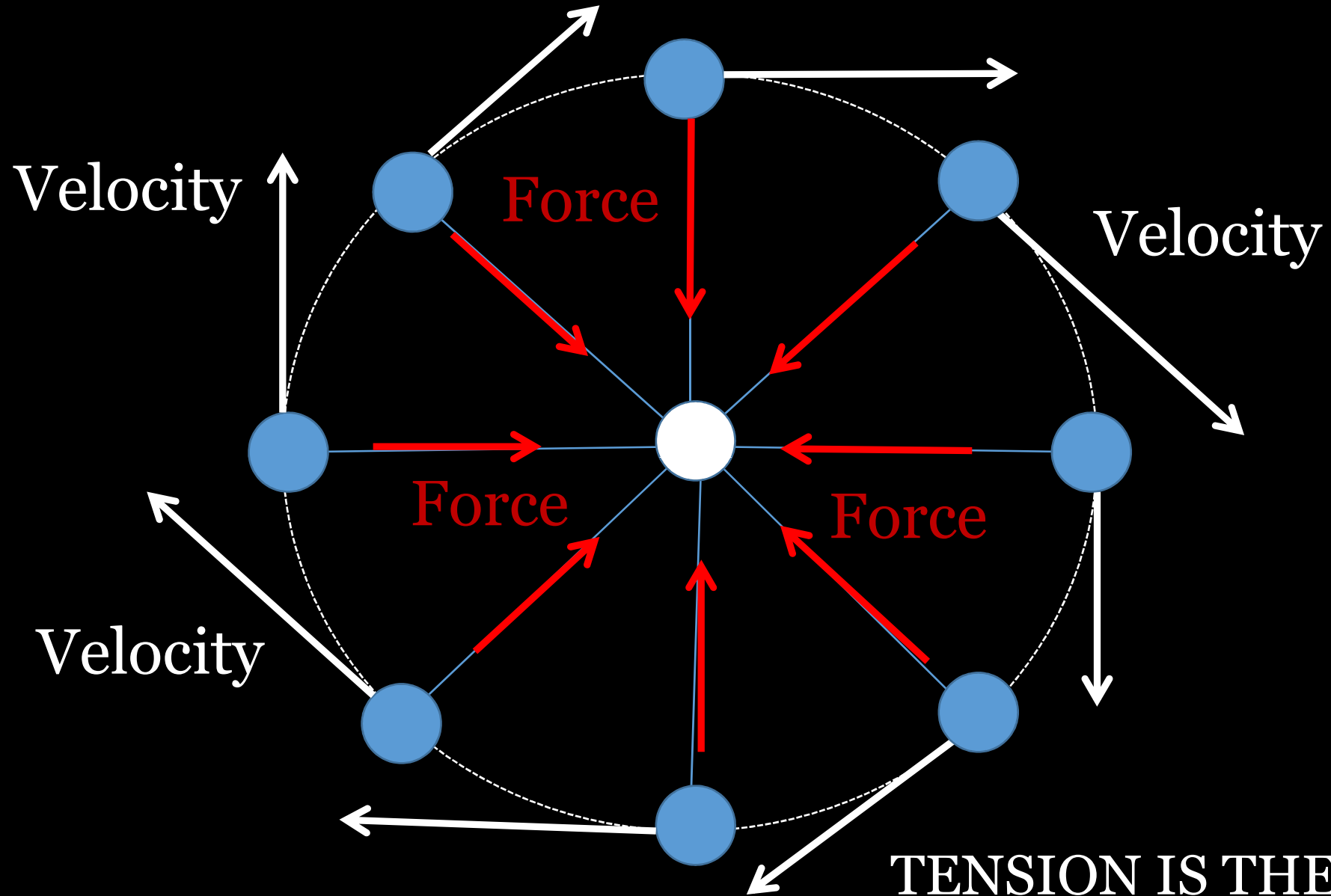
WHERE WOULD YOU DRAW THE FORCE ARROW?



WHAT IS CAUSING THE FORCE



FORCE IS ACTING INWARDS: PULLING THE RUBBER STOPP



TENSION IS THE FORCE



and the



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpFK2VCRHUs>

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The force is always directed \_\_\_\_\_ the centre of the circular path.

Centripetal force \_\_\_\_\_ if the object moves in a smaller radius path or at a \_\_\_\_\_ speed.

An example of a \_\_\_\_\_ force is the Moon orbiting the Earth due to the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ pull on the Moon.

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**centripetal**      **force**      **circular**

**Choose appropriate words to fill in the gaps below:**

An object will only move along a circular path if it is constantly acted on by a centripetal force.

The force is always directed towards the center of the circular path.

Centripetal force increases if the object moves in a smaller radius path or at a greater speed.

An example of a centripetal force is the Moon orbiting the Earth due to the Earth's gravitational pull on the Moon.

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