

Math 595MP
Spring 2020 Hmwk 8

1) A ball is thrown a horizontal distance of 100 m in 4 seconds at 30° latitude. Assuming a constant speed of the ball, how far is it deflected sideways due to the Coriolis force?

2) The rotation rate of Earth is $\Omega = 7.29 \times 10^{-5}$ in units of sec^{-1} , i.e., radians per second, and Earth's mean radius is 6371 km.

a) Show that the magnitude of the centrifugal acceleration of a point on Earth's surface is $\Omega^2 R$, where R is the perpendicular distance from the point to Earth's axis of rotation, and note that the direction of the centrifugal acceleration is given by the vector \vec{R} from the axis of rotation to the point.

b) Compute the dimensionless parameter $\Omega^2 R/g$. Let \vec{g}' denote effective gravity acceleration vector, i.e. the sum of the gravitational acceleration vector \vec{g} (toward the center of the earth) and the centrifugal acceleration vector, $\vec{\Omega} \times (\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}) = \Omega^2 \vec{R}$, where \vec{r} is the radial vector from the center of the earth to the point on the surface. Show that the magnitude $\|\vec{g}'\|$ of the effective gravity is about 0.35% less at the equator than at the poles.

c) Show that the maximum angle between \vec{g}' and \vec{g} is about 0.1 degrees. At what latitude does the maximum angle occur?

3) Let $\vec{\Omega} = (0, 0, \Omega) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Find the matrix representation A_Ω for the linear map $\vec{v} \rightarrow \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v}$. Calculate the exponential e^{tA_Ω} and show that it equals the rotation matrix $R(t)$ given in lecture.

4) Let $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\vec{v} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be smooth. Prove:

$$\nabla \cdot (F\vec{v}) = \nabla F \cdot \vec{v} + F \nabla \cdot \vec{v}$$

5) Verify the product rule for the material derivative, i.e.,

$$\frac{D(FG)}{Dt} = F \frac{DG}{Dt} + G \frac{DF}{Dt}$$

6) a) Let $F(x(t), y(t), z(t), t)$ and the indicated functions $(x(t), \text{etc.})$ be smooth and let $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. Show that the chain rule for the material derivative in the following sense holds:

$$\frac{D(g(F))}{Dt} = g'(F) \frac{DF}{Dt}$$

b) Using notes from lecture, derive the thermodynamic energy equation for the potential temperature θ :

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = \frac{Q}{c_p} \left(\frac{p_0}{p} \right)^\kappa,$$

where Q is the diabatic heating rate per unit mass.