
Subject: I need information on how vehicle movement works

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Dunno If this will help you much, but I might as well get the ball rolling:

If a vehicle is moving in a straight line we have:

$Circumference = \text{Pi} * \text{WheelRadius} * 2$

- The Distance a vehicle travels

$Distance = \text{Rotations} * \text{Circumference}$

- Also Distance is related to speed

$Distance = \text{Speed} * \text{Time}$

Note: Speed is in GameUnits per second.

- So putting this together we get:

$\text{Speed} * \text{Time} = \text{Rotations} * \text{Pi} * \text{WheelRadius} * 2$

- However time is determined by the interval between the frames.

$\text{Time} = 1 / \text{FPS}$

- So we now have

$\text{Speed} / \text{FPS} = \text{Rotations} * \text{Pi} * \text{WheelRadius} * 2$

- So re-arranging for rotations we get

$\text{Rotations} = \text{Speed} / (\text{FPS} * \text{Pi} * \text{WheelRadius} * 2)$

Now you can just multiple Rotations by 360 to get Degrees or 2 Pi for Radians.

Note: If you use Radians you can eliminate Pi from the calculation completely:

$\text{RadiansPerFrame} = \text{Speed} / (\text{FPS} * \text{WheelRadius})$
