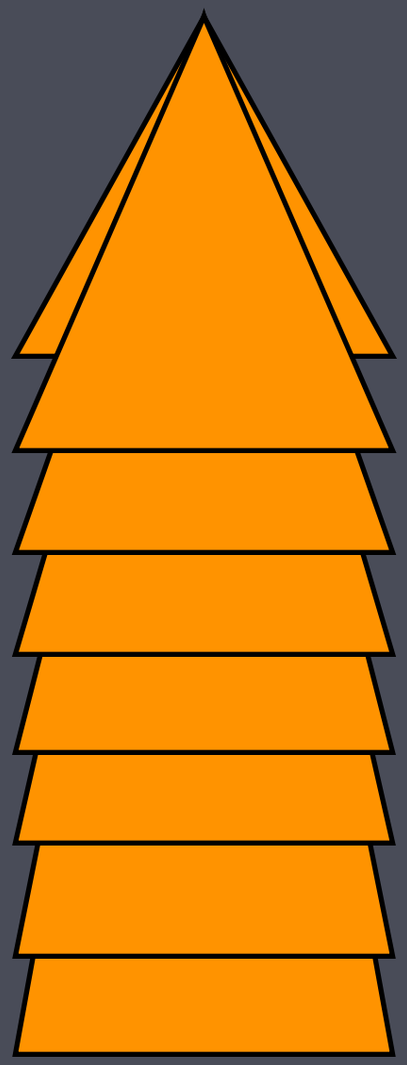
Today

- Related rates with trig
  - Zebra Danio
- Reminders:
  - Friday is the last day of classes.
  - Exam: Dec 12 @ 8:30 am - SRC B

Trig-related rates

- These usually come down to a triangle that changes in time. For example...



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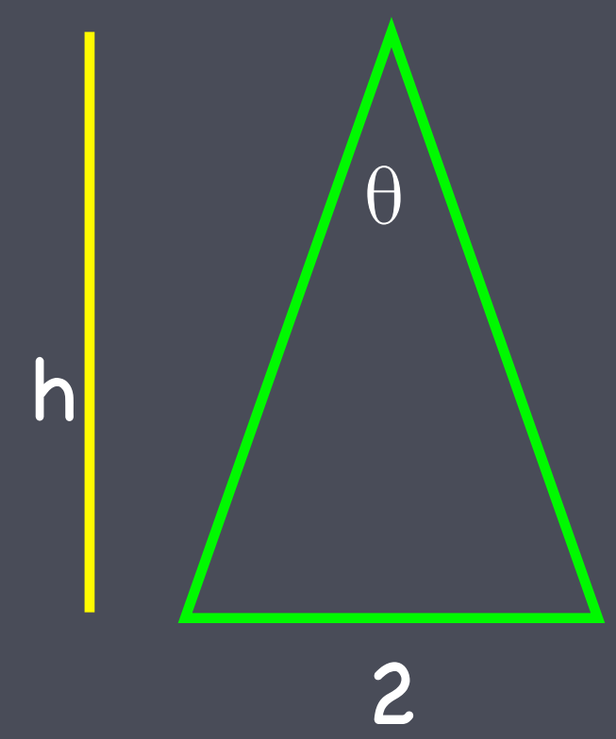
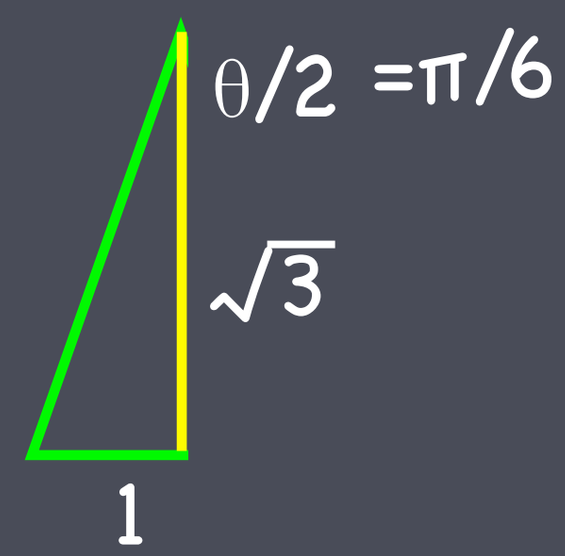


If the height of an isosceles triangle with base 2m changes at a rate $h'=3$ m/s, how quickly is the angle opposite the base changing when $h=\sqrt{3}$ m?

- Take derivatives to relate their rates of change (h' and θ'):



- $\tan(\theta/2) = 1/h$
- $\sec^2(\theta/2)\ \theta'/2 = -h'/h^2$
- $\theta' = -2\ h'/(h^2 \sec^2(\theta/2)) = -2\ h'\cos^2(\theta/2)\ /h^2$

$= -2\cos^2(\theta/2) \quad = -3/2$ radians/s

$\theta = \ldots$ (A) $\pi/6$ (B) $\pi/4$ (C) $\pi/3$ (D) $2\pi/3$ (E) π.

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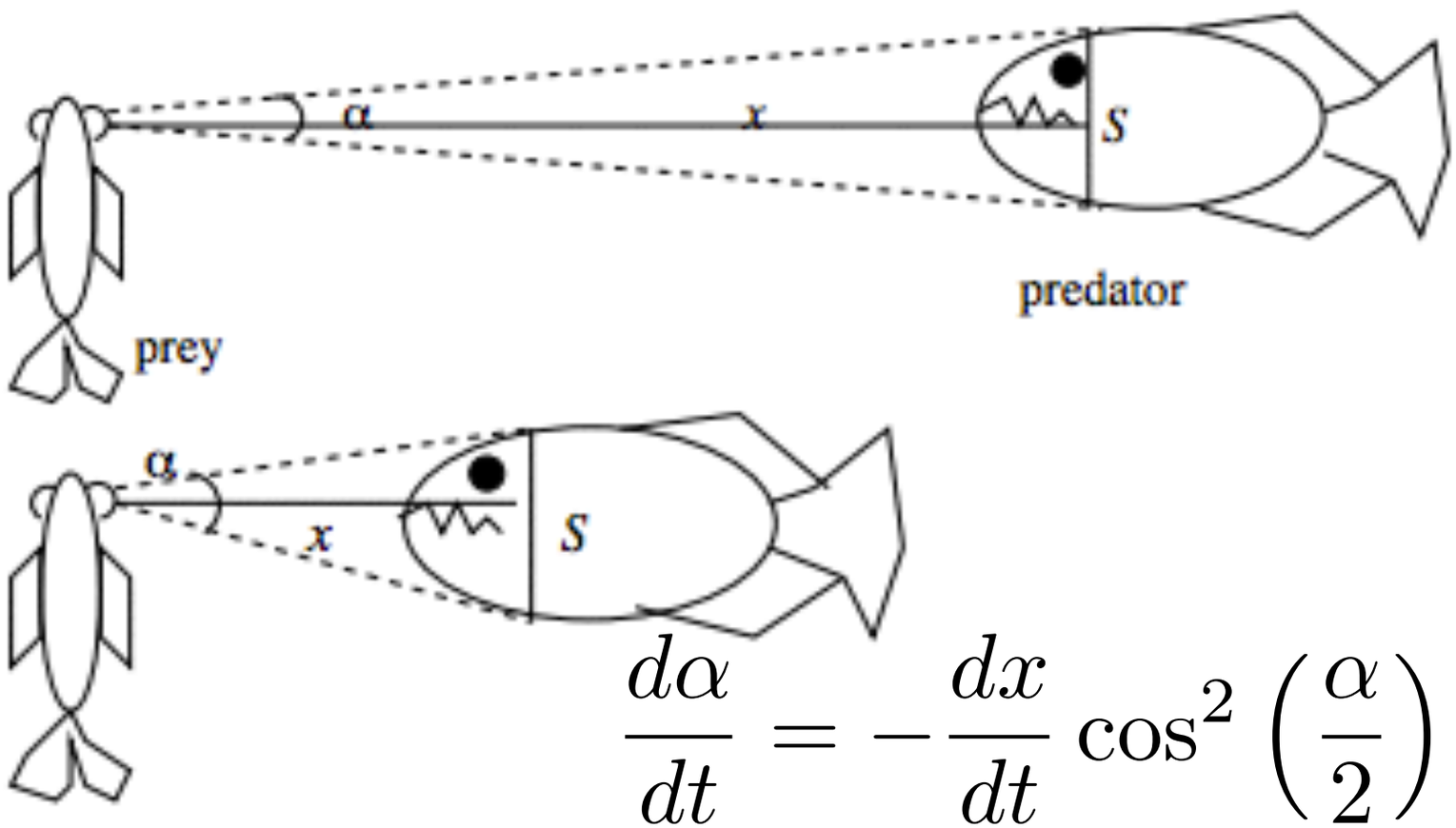
10.9.1 The Zebra danio and its escape response



$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = -\frac{dx}{dt}\cos^2\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\frac{S}{x^2}$$

ZD tries to escape when α' is above a threshold value.

What is $\cos^2(a)$ when $\tan(a)=p/q$?

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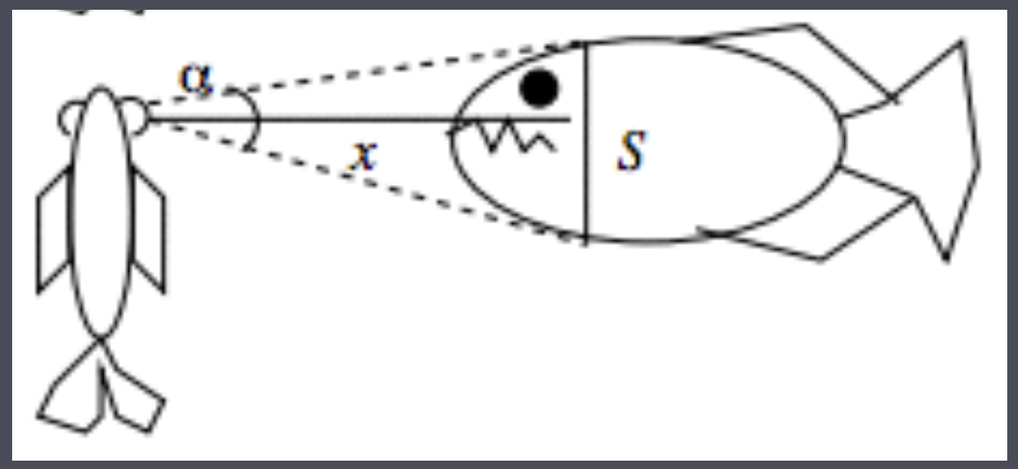

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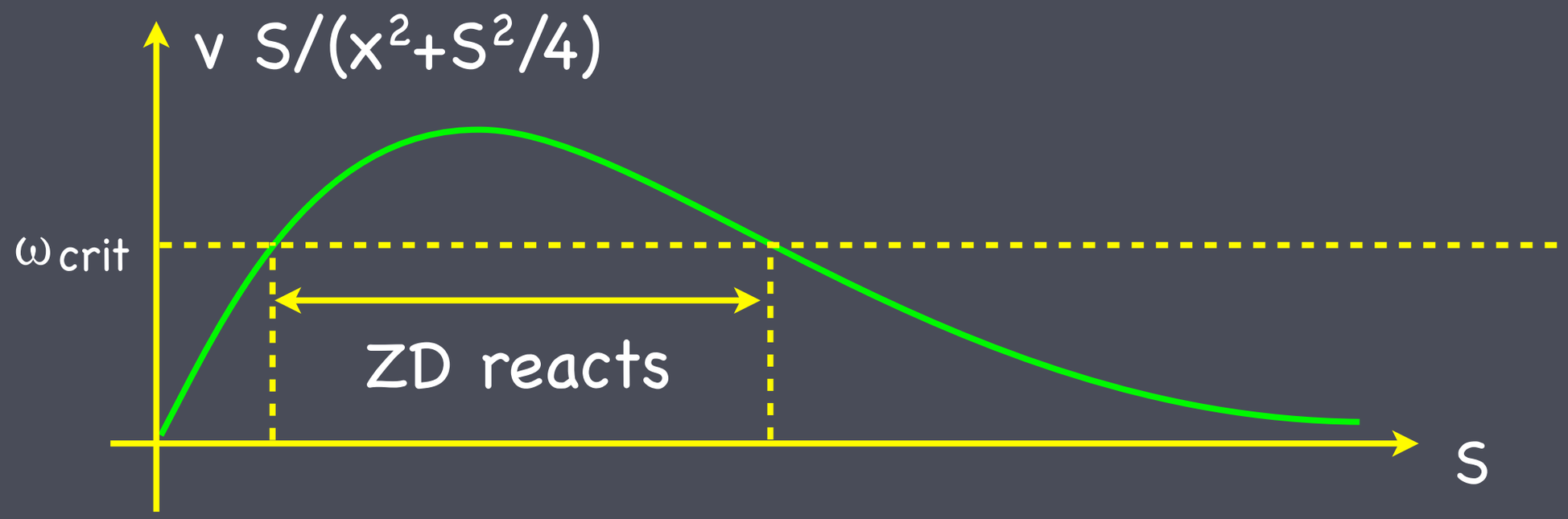

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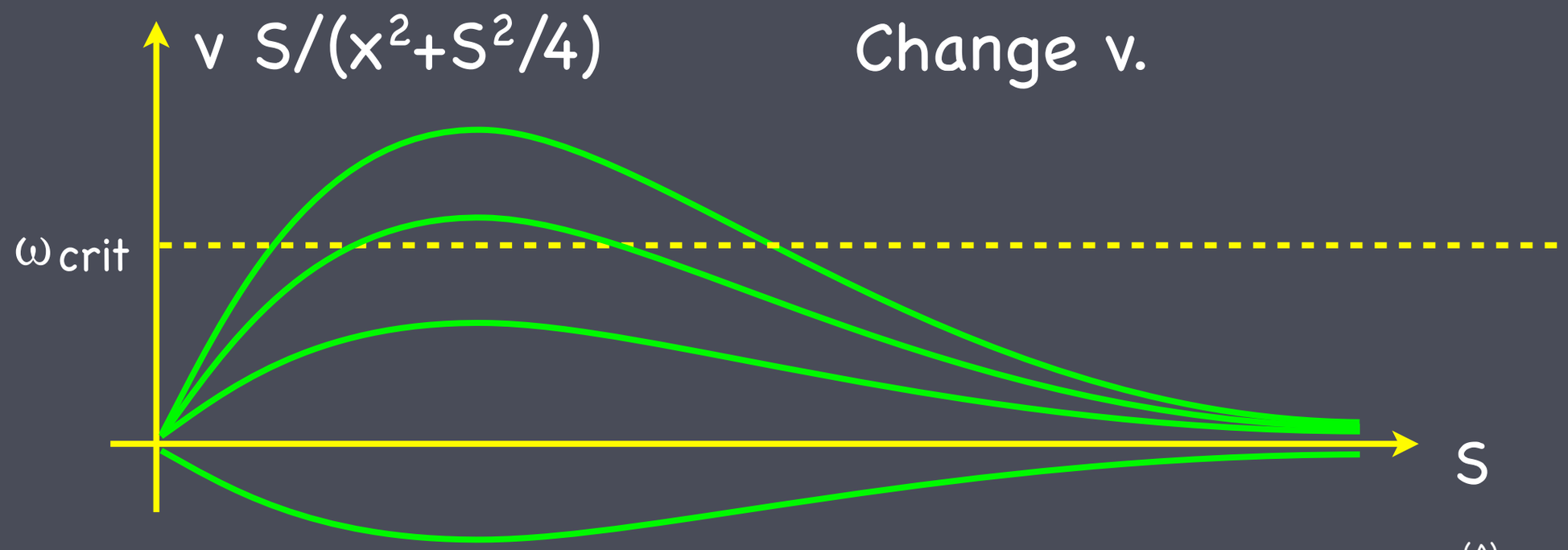

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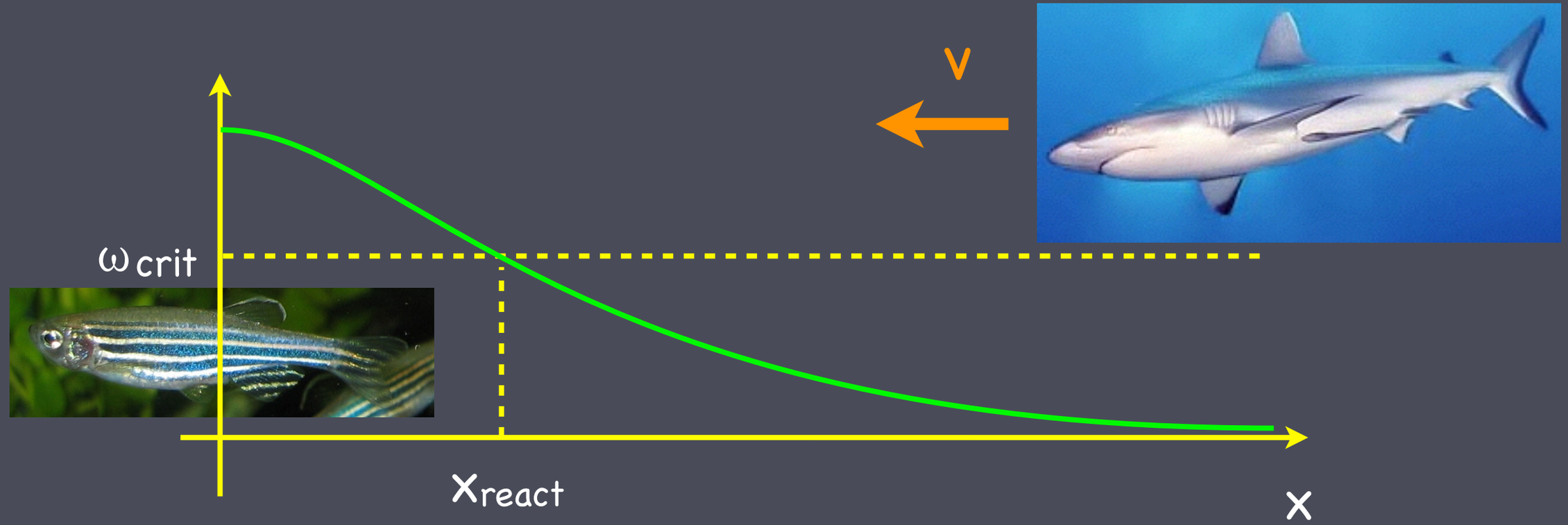

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Shark image - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tibur%C3%B3n.jpg

Triangle with two sides of fixed length, angle between them changes.

Relate the two changing quantities:

(A) $a^2 = b^2+c^2$

(B) $a^2 = b^2+c^2 - 2bc \cos(\theta)$

(C) $a/\sin(A) = b/\sin(B)$

(D) $\sin(\theta) = a/b$