17.1 Rigid object kinematics

Preparatory Problems

17.1.1 A disk of radius R is hinged at point O at the edge of the disk, approximately as shown. It rotates counterclockwise with angular velocity $\dot{\theta} = \vec{\omega}$. A bolt is fixed on the disk at point P at a distance r from the center of the disk. A frame $x'y'$ is fixed to the disk with its origin at the center C of the disk. The bolt position P makes an angle ϕ with the x'-axis. At the instant of interest, the disk has rotated by an angle θ.

a) Write the position vector of point P relative to C in the $x'y'$ coordinates in terms of given quantities.

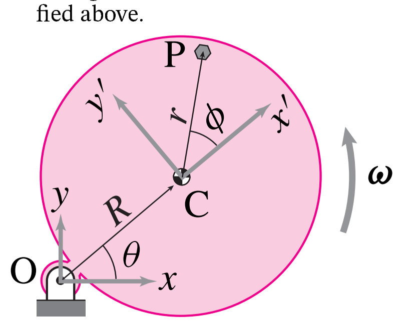
b) Write the position vector of point P relative to O in the xy coordinates in terms of given quantities.

c) Write the expressions for the rotation matrix $R(\theta)$ and the angular velocity matrix $\mathcal{S}(\vec{\omega})$.

d) Find the velocity of point P relative to C using $R(\theta)$ and the angular velocity matrix $\mathcal{S}(\vec{\omega})$.

e) Using $R = 30\,\text{cm}$, $r = 25\,\text{cm}$, $\theta = 60°$, and $\phi = 45°$, find $[\vec{r}_{C/0}]_{xy}$, and $[\vec{r}_{P/0}]_{xy}$ at the instant shown.

f) Assuming that the angular speed is $\omega = 10\,\text{rad/s}$ at the instant shown, find $[\vec{v}_{C/0}]_{xy}$ and $[\vec{v}_{P/0}]_{xy}$ taking other quantities as specified above.

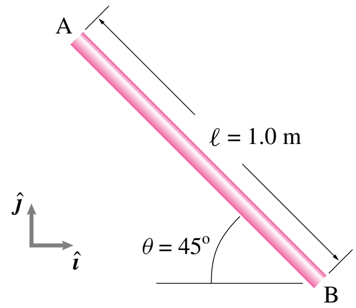


Problem 17.1.1

17.1.2 A uniform rigid rod AB of length $\ell = 1\,\text{m}$ rotates at a constant angular speed ω about an unknown fixed point. At the instant shown, the velocities of the two ends of the rod are $\vec{v}_A = -1\,\text{m/s}\hat{\imath}$ and $\vec{v}_B = 1\,\text{m/s}\hat{\jmath}$.

a) Find the angular velocity of the rod.

b) Find the center of rotation of the rod.

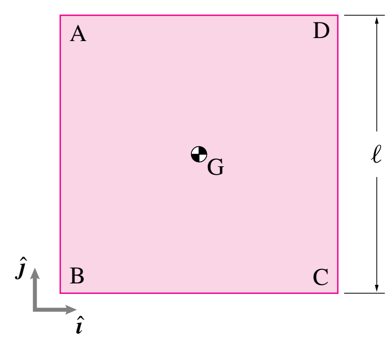


Problem 17.1.2

17.1.3 A square plate ABCD rotates at a constant angular speed about an unknown point in its plane. At the instant shown, the velocities of the two corner points A and D are $\vec{v}_A = -2\,\text{ft/s}(\hat{\imath} + \hat{\jmath})$ and $\vec{v}_D = -(2\,\text{ft/s})\hat{\imath}$, respectively.

a) Find the center of rotation of the plate.

b) Find the acceleration of the center of mass of the plate.



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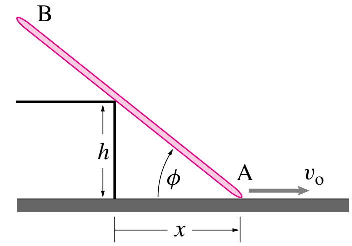
More-Involved Problems

17.1.4 A ten foot ladder is leaning between a floor and a wall. The top of the ladder is sliding down the wall at one foot per second. (The foot is simultaneously sliding out on the floor). When the ladder makes a 45 degree angle with the vertical what is the speed of the midpoint of the ladder?

17.1.5 The slender rod AB rests against the step of height h, while end "A" is moved along the ground at a constant velocity v_o. Find $\dot{\phi}$ and $\ddot{\phi}$ in terms of x, h, and v_o. Is $\dot{\phi}$ positive or negative? Is $\ddot{\phi}$ positive or negative?



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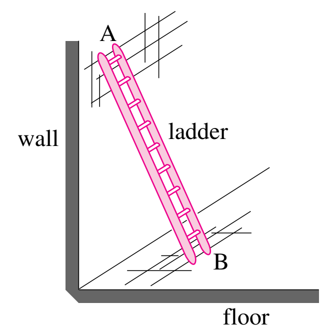
17.1.6 Consider the motion of a rigid ladder which can slide on a wall and on the floor as shown in the figure. The point A on the ladder moves parallel to the wall. The point B moves parallel to the floor. Yet, at a given instant, both have velocities that are consistent with the ladder rotating about some special point, the center of rotation (COR). Define appropriate dimensions for the problem.

a) Find the COR for the ladder when it is at some given position (and moving, of course). [Hint: if a point A is 'going in circles' about another point C, that other point C must be in the direction perpendicular to the motion of A.

b) As the ladder moves, the COR changes with time. What is the set of points on the plane that are the COR's for the ladder as it falls from straight up to lying on the floor?



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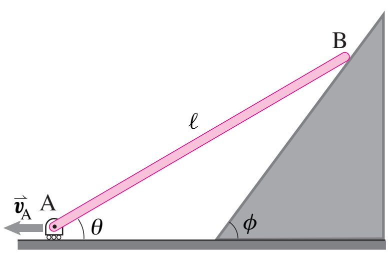
17.1.7 A car driver on a very boring highway is carefully monitoring her speed. Over a one hour period, the car travels on a curve with constant radius of curvature, $\rho = 25\,\text{mi}$, and its speed increases uniformly from 50 mph to 60 mph. What is the acceleration of the car half-way through this one hour period, in path coordinates?

17.1.8 The bar AB shown in the figure is 1 m long. The end A of the bar is dragged to the left on the horizontal floor at a constant speed $v_0 = 0.2\,\mathrm{m/s}$. The other end of the bar drags along the inclined plane that makes an angle $\phi = 60°$ with the horizontal.

a) Does the end B of the rod also have a constant speed? Does it imply that the rod has a constant angular velocity? Guess your answer and write down your reasoning. No calculations.

b) Find an expression for the angular velocity of the rod in terms of θ, ϕ, ℓ, and v_0. *

c) Find the velocity of end B when $\theta = 30°$.



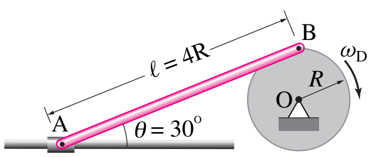
Problem 17.1.8

17.1.9 The disk shown in the figure drives the slider AB. The disk rotates clockwise at a constant angular speed $\omega_D = 60\,\mathrm{rpm}$. The radius of the disk is $R = 0.25\,\mathrm{m}$.

a) Find the velocity of collar A when $\theta = 30°$.

b) Find the acceleration of collar A when $\theta = 30°$.

c) Find the maximum and minimum velocity of the collar and the corresponding angle θ of the slider.



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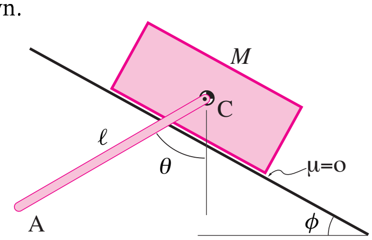
17.1.10 A rod AC of length $\ell = 2\,\mathrm{m}$ is mounted on a cart at point C. The cart slides down under gravity on a frictionless surface inclined at $\phi = 45°$ from the horizontal. Assume that bar has negligible mass compared to that of the cart. The cart is released from rest and it reaches the position shown in $t = 2\,\mathrm{s}$. At the instant shown, $\theta = 60°$, and rod AC has an angular velocity $\vec{\omega} = 0.5\,\mathrm{rad/s}\hat{k}$ and angular acceleration $\vec{\alpha} = 1\,\mathrm{rad/s^2}\hat{k}$. Find the velocity and acceleration of the center of mass of the rod at the instant shown.



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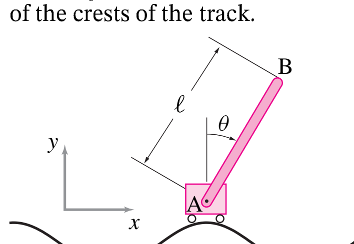
17.1.11 A vertical bar pendulum AB of length $\ell = 4\,\mathrm{ft}$ is mounted on a cart at point A. The cart has a motor that drives the bar pendulum back and forth about the vertical position such that $\theta(t) = \theta_0 \sin\omega t$ where $\theta_0 = \pi/6$ and $\omega = \pi\,\mathrm{rad/s}$. The cart moves at a constant speed $v_0 = 2\,\mathrm{ft/s}$ on a sinusoidal track represented by $y(x) = y_0 \sin\lambda x$ where $y_0 = 0.5\,\mathrm{ft}$ and $\lambda = \pi/4/\,\mathrm{ft}$.

a) Find the velocity of point B when $\theta = 0$.

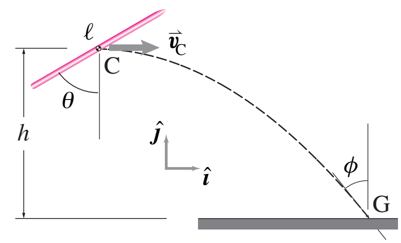
b) Find and plot the position of point B for one full oscillation of the bar, assuming the bar starts from its leftmost angular position (that is, $\theta = -\theta_0$) when the cart is on one of the crests of the track.



Problem 17.1.11

17.1.12 The center of mass of a javelin travels on a more or less parabolic path while the javelin rotates during its flight. In a particular throw, the velocity of the center of mass of a javelin is measured to be $\vec{v}_C = 10\,\mathrm{m/s}\hat{\imath}$ when the center of mass is at its highest point $h = 6\,\mathrm{m}$. As the javelin lands on the ground, its nose hits the ground at G such that the javelin is almost tangent to the path of the center of mass at G. Neglect the air drag and lift on the javelin.

a) Given that the javelin is at an angle $\theta = 45°$ at the highest point, find the angular velocity of the javelin. Assume the angular velocity is constant during the flight and that the javelin makes less than a full revolution.



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