

SAMPLE 18.8 A ‘T’ shaped tube is welded to a massless rigid arm OAB which rotates about O at a constant rate $\omega = 5 \text{ rad/s}$. See also Sample 18.26. At the instant shown a particle P is falling down in the vertical section of the tube with speed $v_{\text{tube}} = 4 \text{ ft/s}$. Find the absolute velocity of the particle. Take $\ell = 2 \text{ ft}$ in the figure.

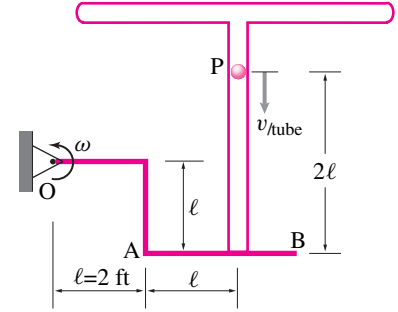


Figure 18.40

Solution Let us attach a frame $\mathcal{B}$ to arm OAB. Thus $\mathcal{B}$ rotates with OAB with angular velocity $\vec{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}} = \omega \hat{k}$ where $\omega = 5 \text{ rad/s}$. To do calculations in $\mathcal{B}$ we attach a coordinate system $x'y'z'$ to $\mathcal{B}$ at point O. At the instant of interest the rotating coordinate system $x'y'z'$ coincides with the fixed coordinate system xyz . (Since the entire motion is in the xy -plane, the z -axis is not shown in the figure). Let P' be a point coincident with P but fixed in $\mathcal{B}$. Now,

$$\vec{v}_P = \vec{v}_{P'} + \vec{v}_{\text{rel}}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{P'} &= \underbrace{\vec{v}_{O'}}_{\vec{0}} + \vec{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}} \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'} \\ &= \omega \hat{k} \times (2\ell \hat{i} + \ell \hat{j}) \\ &= 2\omega \ell \hat{j} - \omega \ell \hat{i}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} &= \text{Velocity relative to the frame } \mathcal{B} \\ &= -v_{\text{tube}} \hat{j}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_P &= \vec{v}_{P'} + \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} \\ &= -\omega \ell \hat{i} + (2\omega \ell - v_{\text{tube}}) \hat{j} \\ &= -5 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 2 \text{ ft} \hat{i} + (2 \cdot 5 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 2 \text{ ft} - 4 \text{ ft/s}) \hat{j} \\ &= -10 \text{ ft/s} \hat{i} + 16 \text{ ft/s} \hat{j}. \end{aligned}$$

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Comments: The kinematics calculation is equivalent to the vector addition shown in Figure 18.41. The velocity of P is the sum of $\vec{v}_{P'}$ and $\vec{v}_{\text{rel}} = \vec{v}_{P/\mathcal{B}}$.

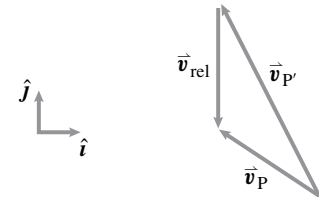
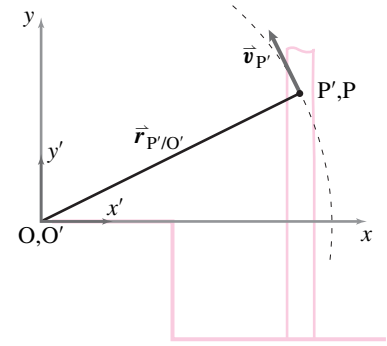


Figure 18.41:

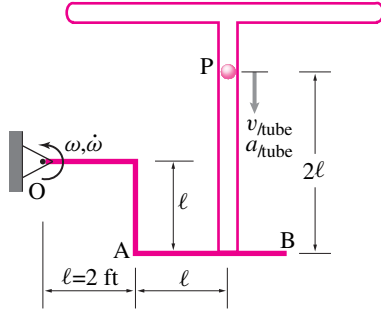


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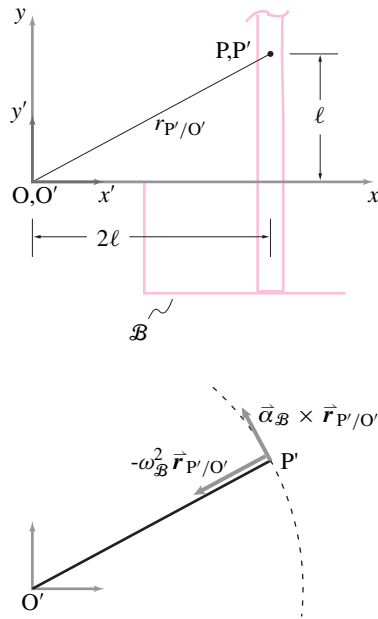


Figure 18.43: Acceleration of point P'. P' is fixed to the frame $\mathcal{B}$ and at the moment coincides with point P. Therefore, $\vec{a}_{P'} = \vec{\alpha}_B \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'} - \omega_B^2 \vec{r}_{P'/O'}$.

SAMPLE 18.9 Acceleration of a point in a rotating frame. Consider the rotating tube of Sample 18.8 again. The arm OAB rotates with counterclockwise angular acceleration $\dot{\omega} = 3 \text{ rad/s}^2$ and, at the instant shown, its angular speed $\omega = 5 \text{ rad/s}$. Also, at the same instant, the particle P falls down with speed $v_{\text{tube}} = 4 \text{ ft/s}$ and acceleration $a_{\text{tube}} = 2 \text{ ft/s}^2$. Find the absolute acceleration of the particle at the given instant. Take $\ell = 2 \text{ ft}$ in the figure.

Solution We consider a frame $\mathcal{B}$, with coordinate axes $x'y'z'$, fixed to the arm OAB and thus rotating with $\vec{\omega}_B = \omega \hat{k} = 5 \text{ rad/s} \hat{k}$ and $\vec{\alpha}_B = \dot{\omega} \hat{k} = 3 \text{ rad/s}^2 \hat{k}$. The acceleration of point P is given by

$$\vec{a}_P = \vec{a}_{P'} + \vec{a}_{\text{cor}} + \vec{a}_{\text{rel}}$$

where

- $\vec{a}_{P'}$ = acceleration of a point P' that is fixed in $\mathcal{B}$ and at the moment coincides with P,
- $\vec{a}_{\text{cor}}$ = Coriolis acceleration, and
- $\vec{a}_{\text{rel}}$ = acceleration of P relative to frame $\mathcal{B}$.

Now we calculate each of these terms separately. For calculating $\vec{a}_{P'}$, imagine a rigid rod from point O to point P, rotating with the frame $\mathcal{B}$. Mark the far end of the rod as P' (same as point P). The acceleration of this end of the rod is $\vec{a}_{P'}$. To find the relative terms $\vec{v}_{\text{rel}}$ and $\vec{a}_{\text{rel}}$, freeze the motion of the frame $\mathcal{B}$ at the given moment and watch the motion of point P. The non-intuitive term $\vec{a}_{\text{cor}}$ has no such simple physical interpretation but has a simple formula. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_{P'} &= \underbrace{\vec{a}_{O'}}_{\vec{0}} + \vec{\alpha}_B \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'} + \underbrace{\vec{\omega}_B \times (\vec{\omega}_B \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'})}_{-\omega_B^2 \vec{r}_{P'/O'}} \\ &= \dot{\omega} \hat{k} \times (2\ell \hat{i} + \ell \hat{j}) - \omega^2 (2\ell \hat{i} + \ell \hat{j}) \\ &= 2\dot{\omega} \ell \hat{j} - \omega \ell \hat{i} - 2\omega^2 \ell \hat{i} - \omega^2 \ell \hat{j} \\ &= -\ell (\dot{\omega} + 2\omega^2) \hat{i} + \ell (2\dot{\omega} - \omega^2) \hat{j} \\ &= -(106 \hat{i} + 38 \hat{j}) \text{ ft/s}^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_{\text{cor}} &= 2\vec{\omega}_B \times \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} \\ &= 2\omega \hat{k} \times v_{\text{tube}} (-\hat{j}) \\ &= 2\omega v_{\text{tube}} \hat{i} = 2 \cdot 5 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 4 \text{ ft/s} \\ &= 40 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{i}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a}_{\text{rel}} = a_{\text{tube}} (-\hat{j}) = -2 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{j}.$$

Adding the three terms together, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_P &= -106 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{i} - 38 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{j} + 40 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{i} - 2 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{j} \\ &= -66 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{i} - 40 \text{ ft/s}^2 \hat{j}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a}_P = -(66 \hat{i} + 40 \hat{j}) \text{ ft/s}^2$$

Note that the single term $\vec{a}_{P'}$ encompasses three terms of the five term acceleration formula.

SAMPLE 18.10 A small collar P is pinned to a rigid rod AB at length $\ell = 1$ m along the rod. The collar is free to slide in a straight track on a disk of radius $r = 400$ mm. The disk rotates about its center O at a constant $\omega = 2$ rad/s. At the instant shown, when $\theta = 45^\circ$ and the collar is at a distance $\frac{3}{4}r$ in the track from the center O, find

1. the angular velocity of the rod AB and
2. the velocity of point P relative to the disk.

Solution We will think of P in two ways: one as attached to the rod and the other as sliding in the slot. First, let us attach a frame $\mathcal{B}$ to the disk. Thus $\mathcal{B}$ rotates with the disk with angular velocity $\bar{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}} = \omega \hat{k} = 2$ rad/s $\hat{k}$. We attach a coordinate system $x'y'z'$ to $\mathcal{B}$ at point O. At the instant of interest, the rotating coordinate system $x'y'z'$ coincides with the fixed coordinate system xyz . Now let us consider point P' which is fixed on the disk (and hence in $\mathcal{B}$) and coincides with point P at the instant of interest. We can write the velocity of P as:

$$\bar{v}_P = \bar{v}_{P'} + \bar{v}_{\text{rel}}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{v}_{P'} &= \underbrace{\bar{v}_{O'}}_{=0} + \bar{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}} \times \bar{r}_{P'/O'} = \omega \hat{k} \times \left(\frac{3}{4} r \hat{i}' \right) = \frac{3}{4} \omega r \hat{j}' = \frac{3}{4} \omega r \hat{j}, \\ \bar{v}_{\text{rel}} &\equiv \bar{v}_{P/B} = v_{\text{rel}} \hat{i}' = v_{\text{rel}} \hat{i}.\end{aligned}$$

In the last expression, $\bar{v}_{\text{rel}} = v_{\text{rel}} \hat{i}$, we do not know the magnitude of $\bar{v}_{\text{rel}}$ and hence have left it as an unknown v_{rel} , but its direction is known because $\bar{v}_{\text{rel}}$ has to be along the track and the track at the given instant is along the x -axis. Thus,

$$\bar{v}_P = \frac{3}{4} \omega r \hat{j} + v_{\text{rel}} \hat{i}. \quad (18.33)$$

Now let us consider the motion of rod AB. Let $\bar{\Omega} = \Omega \hat{k}$ be the angular velocity of AB at the instant of interest where Ω is unknown. Since P is pinned to the rod, it executes circular motion about A with radius $AP = \ell$. Therefore,

$$\bar{v}_P = \bar{\Omega} \times \bar{r}_{P/A} = \Omega \hat{k} \times \ell (\cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}) = \Omega \ell (\cos \theta \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{i}). \quad (18.34)$$

But, and this trivial formula is the key, $\bar{v}_P = \bar{v}_P$. Therefore, from Eqn. (18.33) and (18.34),

$$\frac{3}{4} \omega r \hat{j} + v_{\text{rel}} \hat{i} = \Omega \ell (\cos \theta \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{i}). \quad (18.35)$$

Taking dot product of both sides of the above equation with $\hat{j}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{4} \omega r &= \Omega \ell \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow \Omega &= \frac{3 \omega r}{4 \ell \cos \theta} = \frac{3 \cdot 2 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 0.4 \text{ m}}{4 \cdot 1 \text{ m} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = 0.85 \text{ rad/s}.\end{aligned}$$

Again taking the dot product of both sides of Eqn. (18.35) with $\hat{i}$ we get

$$v_{\text{rel}} = -\Omega \ell \sin \theta = -0.85 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 1 \text{ m} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -0.6 \text{ m/s}.$$

$$(i) \bar{\Omega} = 0.85 \text{ rad/s} \hat{k}, \quad (ii) \bar{v}_{\text{rel}} = -0.6 \text{ m/s} \hat{i}$$

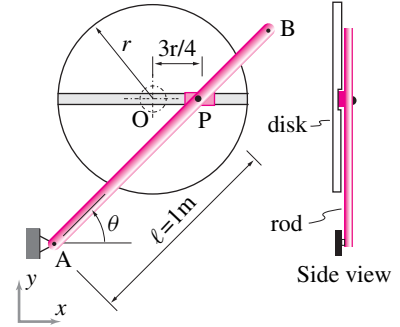
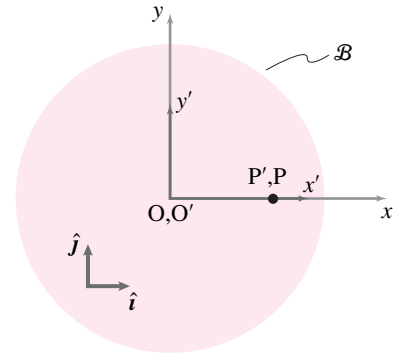


Figure 18.44:



xy is the fixed frame. $x'y'$ rotates with the disk with $\omega_{\mathcal{B}}$. P' is fixed in the rotating frame.

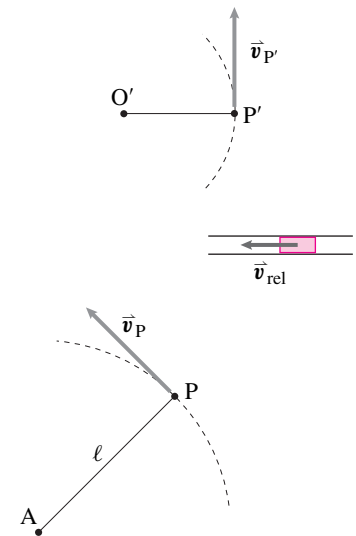


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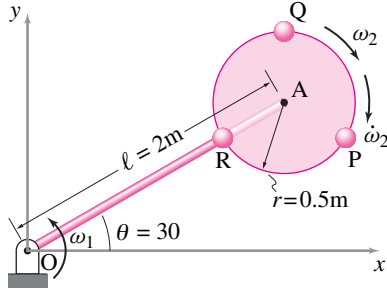


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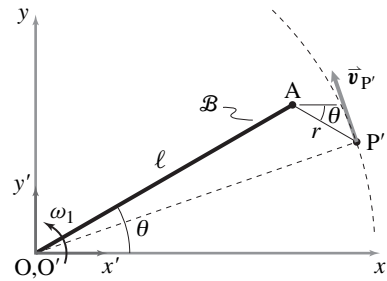


Figure 18.47: P' goes in circles around point O with radius OP' . Therefore, $\vec{v}_{P'}$ is tangential to the circular path at P' .

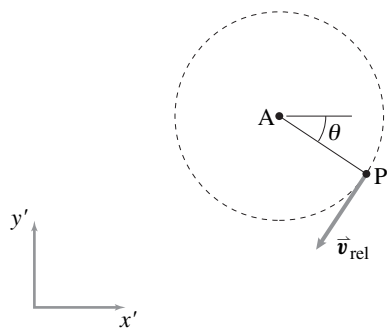


Figure 18.48: Velocity of point P with respect to the frame $\mathcal{B}$.

SAMPLE 18.11 Spinning wheel on a rotating rod in 2-D. A rigid body OA is attached to a wheel that is massless except for three point masses P , Q , and R , placed symmetrically on the wheel. Each of the three masses is $m = 0.5$ kg. The rod OA rotates about point O in the counterclockwise direction at a constant rate $\omega_1 = 3$ rad/s. The wheel rotates with respect to the arm about point A with angular acceleration $\dot{\omega}_2 = 1$ rad/s² and at the instant shown it has angular speed $\omega_2 = 5$ rad/s. Note that both ω_2 and $\dot{\omega}_2$ are given with respect to the arm.

Using a rotating frame $\mathcal{B}$ attached to the rod and a coordinate system attached to the frame with origin at O , find

1. the velocity of the mass P and
2. the acceleration of the mass P .

Solution Frame $\mathcal{B}$ is attached to the rod. We choose a coordinate system $x'y'z'$ in frame $\mathcal{B}$ with its origin at O and, at the instant, aligned with the fixed coordinate system xyz . We consider a point P' momentarily coincident with point P but fixed in frame $\mathcal{B}$. Since P' is fixed in $\mathcal{B}$, it rotates with $\mathcal{B}$ with $\vec{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}} = \omega_1 \hat{k}$. To visualize the motion of P' imagine a rigid rod from O to P' (see Fig. 18.47). Now we can calculate the velocity and acceleration of point P' as follows.

1. **Velocity of point P :**

$$\vec{v}_P = \vec{v}_{P'} + \vec{v}_{\text{rel}}.$$

Now we calculate the two terms separately:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{P'} &= \underbrace{\vec{v}_{O'}}_{\vec{0}} + \vec{\omega}_{\mathcal{B}} \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'} \\ &= \omega_1 \hat{k} \times (\vec{r}_{A/O'} + \vec{r}_{P'/A}) \\ &= \omega_1 \hat{k} \times [\underbrace{\ell(\cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j})}_{\vec{r}_{A/O'}} + \underbrace{r(\cos \theta \hat{i} - \sin \theta \hat{j})}_{\vec{r}_{P'/A}}] \\ &= \omega_1(\ell + r) \cos \theta \hat{j} - \omega_1(\ell - r) \sin \theta \hat{i} \\ &= 3 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 2.5 \text{ m} \cdot \cos 30^\circ \hat{j} - 3 \text{ rad/s} \cdot 1.5 \text{ m} \cdot \sin 30^\circ \hat{i} \\ &= (6.50 \hat{j} - 2.25 \hat{i}) \text{ m/s}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the wheel rotates with angular speed ω_2 with respect to the rod, an observer sitting in frame $\mathcal{B}$ would see a circular motion of point P about point A . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} &= \vec{\omega}_{\text{wheel}/\mathcal{B}} \times \vec{r}_{P/A} \\ &= -\omega_2 \hat{k}' \times r(\cos \theta \hat{i}' - \sin \theta \hat{j}') \\ &= -\omega_2 r(\cos \theta \hat{j}' + \sin \theta \hat{i}') \\ &= -(2.16 \hat{j}' + 1.25 \hat{i}') \text{ m/s}. \end{aligned}$$

But at the instant of interest, $\hat{i}' = \hat{i}$, $\hat{j}' = \hat{j}$, and $\hat{k}' = \hat{k}$. So,

$$\vec{v}_{\text{rel}} = -(2.16 \hat{j} + 1.25 \hat{i}) \text{ m/s}$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{v}_P = \vec{v}_{P'} + \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} = 4.33 \text{ m/s} \hat{j} - 3.50 \text{ m/s} \hat{i}.$$

$$\vec{v}_P = (-3.50 \hat{i} + 4.33 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

2. **Acceleration of point P:** We can similarly find the acceleration of point P:

$$\vec{a}_P = \vec{a}_{P'} + \vec{a}_{\text{cor}} + \vec{a}_{\text{rel}}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}_{P'} &= \text{acceleration of point P'} \\ &= \underbrace{\vec{a}_{O'}}_{\vec{0}} + \underbrace{\vec{\alpha}_B}_{\vec{0}} \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'} + \vec{\omega}_B \times (\vec{\omega}_B \times \vec{r}_{P'/O'}) \\ &= -\omega_B^2 \vec{r}_{P'/O'} \\ &= -\omega_1^2 [(\ell + r) \cos \theta \hat{i} + (\ell - r) \sin \theta \hat{j}] \\ &= -9 (\text{rad/s})^2 [2.5 \text{ m} \cdot \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + 1.5 \text{ m} \cdot \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}] \\ &= -(19.48 \hat{i} + 6.75 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}^2,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}_{\text{cor}} &= \text{Coriolis acceleration} \\ &= 2\vec{\omega}_B \times \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} \\ &= 2\omega_1 \hat{k} \times \vec{v}_{\text{rel}} \quad (\text{see part (a) above for } \vec{v}_{\text{rel}}). \\ &= (6 \text{ rad/s}) \hat{k} \times (-2.16 \hat{j} - 1.25 \hat{i}) \text{ m/s} \\ &= (12.99 \hat{i} - 7.50 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}^2,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}_{\text{rel}} &= \text{acceleration of P relative to frame B} \\ &= \vec{a}_{P/B} = \dot{\vec{\omega}}_2 \times \vec{r}_{P/A} - \omega_2^2 \vec{r}_{P/A} \\ &= -\dot{\omega}_2 \hat{k}' \times r(\cos \theta \hat{i}' - \sin \theta \hat{j}') - \omega_2^2 r(\cos \theta \hat{i}' - \sin \theta \hat{j}') \\ &= -r[(\dot{\omega}_2 \sin \theta + \omega_2^2 \cos \theta) \hat{i}' + (\dot{\omega}_2 \cos \theta - \omega_2^2 \sin \theta) \hat{j}'] \\ &= -0.5 \text{ m}[(1 \text{ rad/s}^2 \cdot \sin 30^\circ + 25 (\text{rad/s})^2 \cdot \cos 30^\circ) \hat{i}' \\ &\quad + (1 \text{ rad/s}^2 \cdot \cos 30^\circ - 25 (\text{rad/s})^2 \cdot \sin 30^\circ) \hat{j}'] \\ &= (-11.08 \hat{i}' + 5.82 \hat{j}') \text{ m/s}^2 \\ &= (-11.08 \hat{i} + 5.82 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}^2.\end{aligned}$$

The term $\vec{a}_{P'}$ encompasses three terms of the five term acceleration formula. The last line in the calculation of $\vec{a}_{\text{rel}}$ follows from the fact that at the instant of interest $\hat{i}' = \hat{i}$ and $\hat{j}' = \hat{j}$.

Now adding the three parts of $\vec{a}_P$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}_P &= \vec{a}_{P'} + \vec{a}_{\text{cor}} + \vec{a}_{\text{rel}} \\ &= -17.57 \text{ m/s}^2 \hat{i} - 8.43 \text{ m/s}^2 \hat{j}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a}_P = -(17.57 \hat{i} + 8.43 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}^2$$

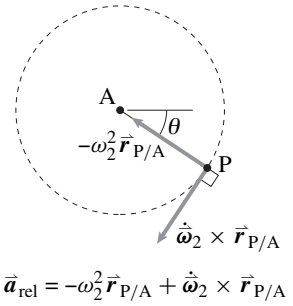
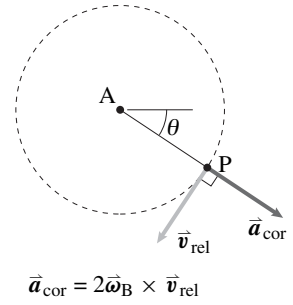
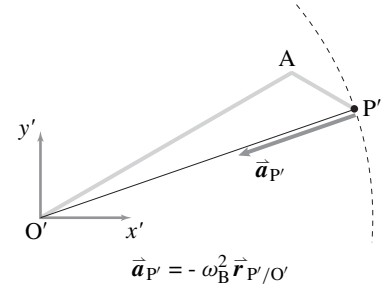


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