

# Vector Mechanics for Engineers: Dynamics

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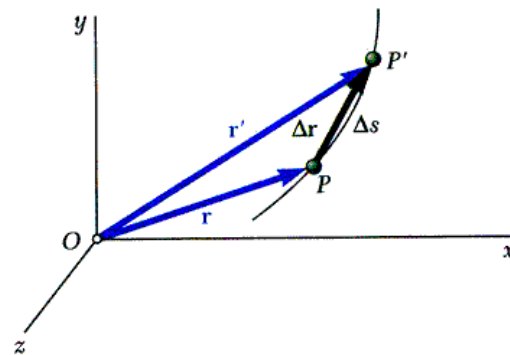
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## Curvilinear Motion: Position, Velocity & Acceleration



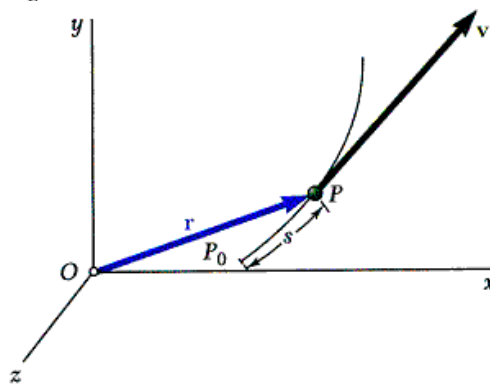
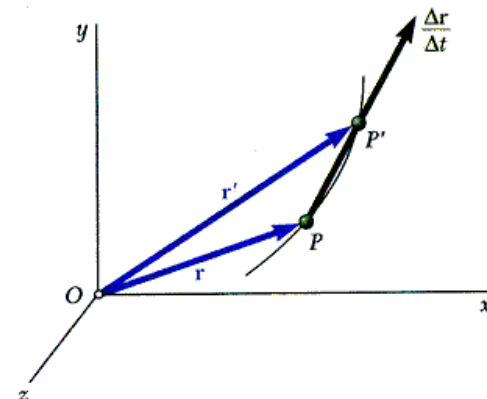
- Particle moving along a curve other than a straight line is in *curvilinear motion*.
- *Position vector* of a particle at time  $t$  is defined by a vector between origin  $O$  of a fixed reference frame and the position occupied by particle.
- Consider particle which occupies position  $P$  defined by  $\vec{r}$  at time  $t$  and  $P'$  defined by  $\vec{r}'$  at  $t + \Delta t$ ,

$$\vec{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

= instantaneous velocity (vector)

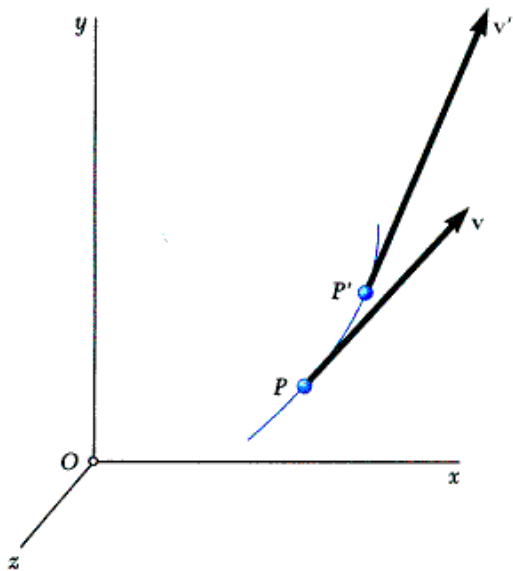
$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

= instantaneous speed (scalar)



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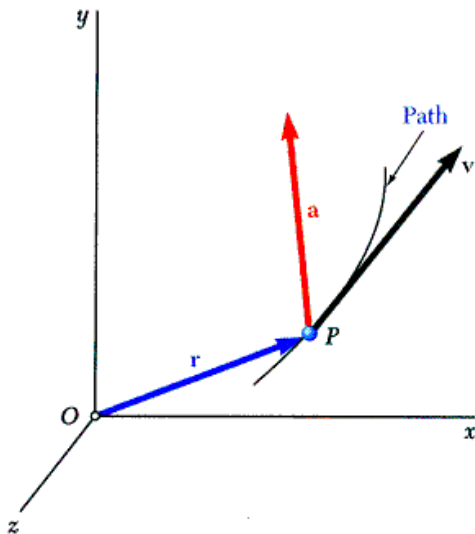


- Consider velocity  $\vec{v}$  of particle at time  $t$  and velocity  $\vec{v}'$  at  $t + \Delta t$ ,

$$\vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

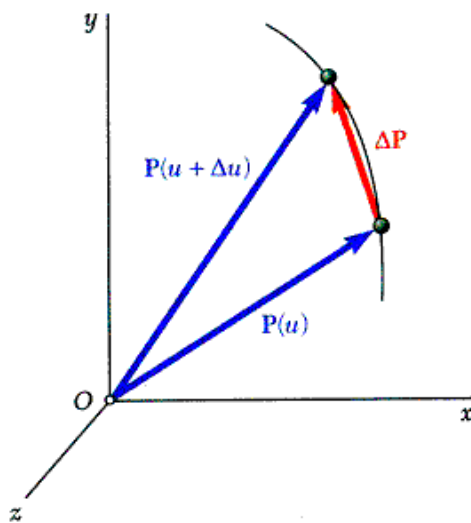
= instantaneous acceleration (vector)

- In general, acceleration vector is not tangent to particle path and velocity vector.



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## Derivatives of Vector Functions



- Let  $\vec{P}(u)$  be a vector function of scalar variable  $u$ ,

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{du} = \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{P}}{\Delta u} = \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{P}(u + \Delta u) - \vec{P}(u)}{\Delta u}$$

- Derivative of vector sum,

$$\frac{d(\vec{P} + \vec{Q})}{du} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{du} + \frac{d\vec{Q}}{du}$$

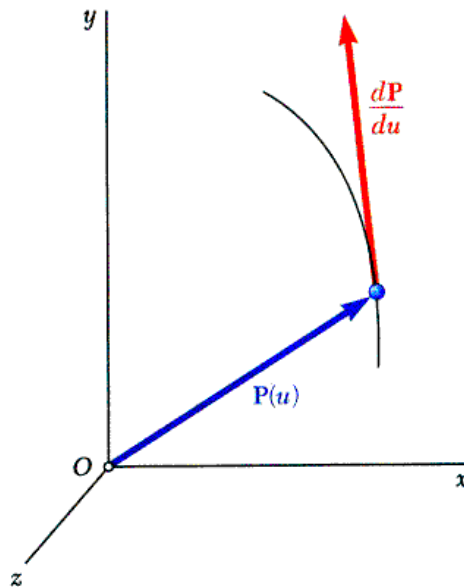
- Derivative of product of scalar and vector functions,

$$\frac{d(f\vec{P})}{du} = \frac{df}{du}\vec{P} + f\frac{d\vec{P}}{du}$$

- Derivative of *scalar product* and *vector product*,

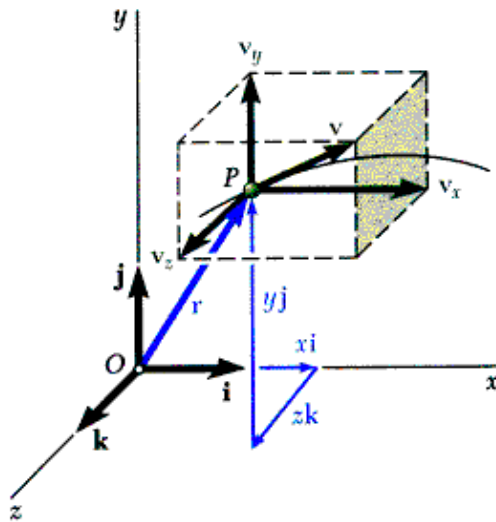
$$\frac{d(\vec{P} \cdot \vec{Q})}{du} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{du} \cdot \vec{Q} + \vec{P} \cdot \frac{d\vec{Q}}{du}$$

$$\frac{d(\vec{P} \times \vec{Q})}{du} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{du} \times \vec{Q} + \vec{P} \times \frac{d\vec{Q}}{du}$$



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## Rectangular Components of Velocity & Acceleration



- When position vector of particle  $P$  is given by its rectangular components,

$$\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$$

- Velocity vector,

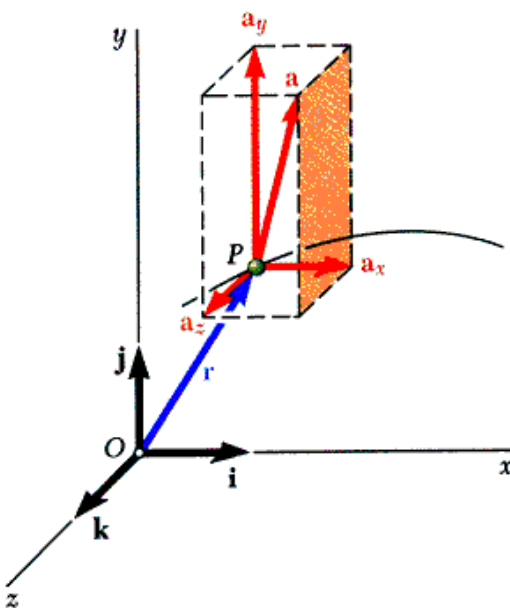
$$\vec{v} = \frac{dx}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\vec{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\vec{k} = \dot{x}\vec{i} + \dot{y}\vec{j} + \dot{z}\vec{k}$$

$$= v_x\vec{i} + v_y\vec{j} + v_z\vec{k}$$

- Acceleration vector,

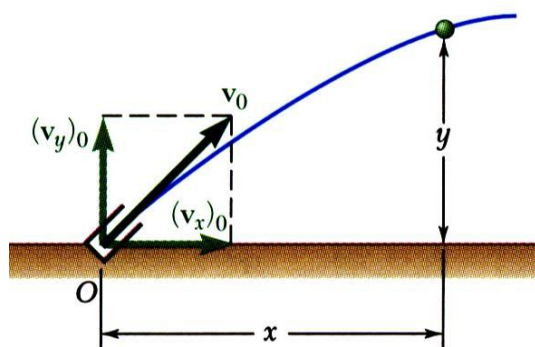
$$\vec{a} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\vec{i} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\vec{j} + \frac{d^2z}{dt^2}\vec{k} = \ddot{x}\vec{i} + \ddot{y}\vec{j} + \ddot{z}\vec{k}$$

$$= a_x\vec{i} + a_y\vec{j} + a_z\vec{k}$$



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## Rectangular Components of Velocity & Acceleration



- Rectangular components particularly effective when component accelerations can be integrated independently, e.g., motion of a projectile,

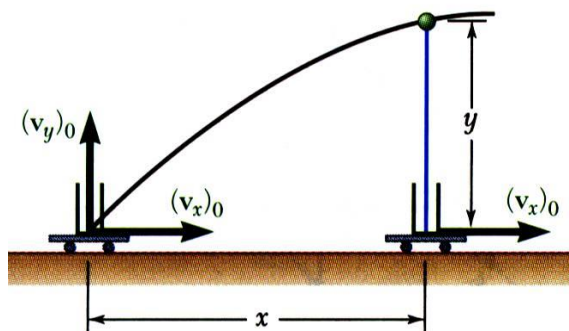
$$a_x = \ddot{x} = 0 \quad a_y = \ddot{y} = -g$$

with initial conditions,

$$x_0 = y_0 = 0 \quad (v_x)_0, (v_y)_0$$

Integrating twice yields

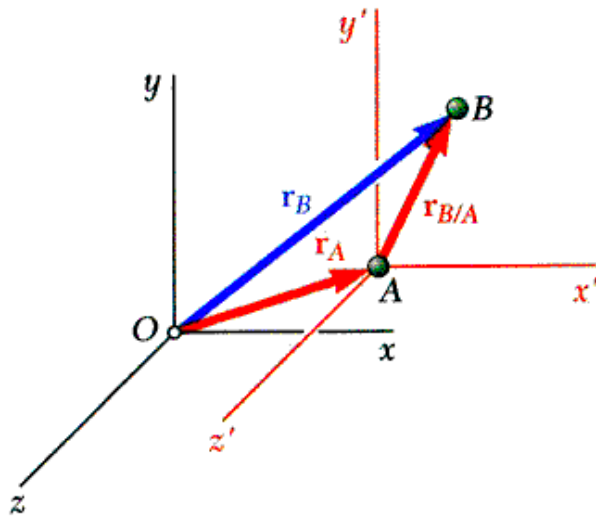
$$\begin{aligned} v_x &= (v_x)_0 & v_y &= (v_y)_0 - gt \\ x &= (v_x)_0 t & y &= (v_y)_0 t - \frac{1}{2} gt^2 \end{aligned}$$



- Motion in horizontal direction is uniform.
- Motion in vertical direction is uniformly accelerated.
- Motion of projectile could be replaced by two independent rectilinear motions.

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## Motion Relative to a Frame in Translation



- Designate one frame as the *fixed frame of reference*. All other frames not rigidly attached to the fixed reference frame are *moving frames of reference*.
- Position vectors for particles  $A$  and  $B$  with respect to the fixed frame of reference  $Oxyz$  are  $\vec{r}_A$  and  $\vec{r}_B$ .
- Vector  $\vec{r}_{B/A}$  joining  $A$  and  $B$  defines the position of  $B$  with respect to the moving frame  $Ax'y'z'$  and  

$$\vec{r}_B = \vec{r}_A + \vec{r}_{B/A}$$
- Differentiating twice,  

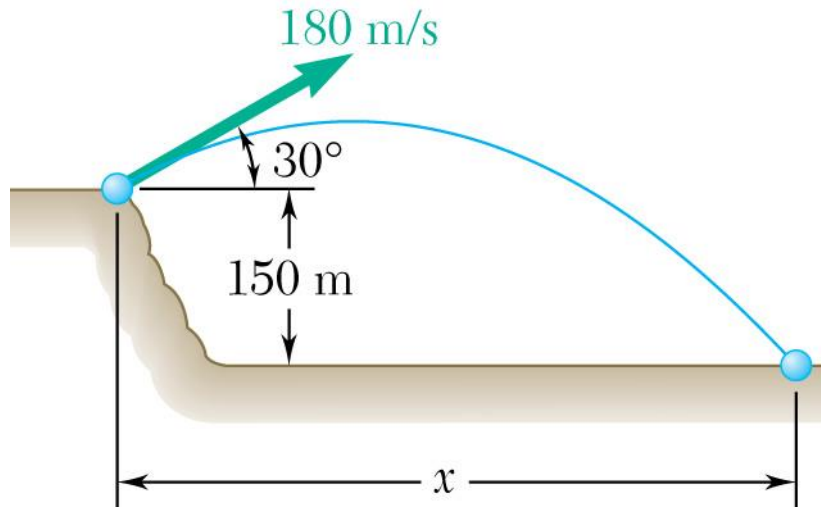
$$\vec{v}_B = \vec{v}_A + \vec{v}_{B/A} \quad \vec{v}_{B/A} = \text{velocity of } B \text{ relative to } A.$$

$$\vec{a}_B = \vec{a}_A + \vec{a}_{B/A} \quad \vec{a}_{B/A} = \text{acceleration of } B \text{ relative to } A.$$
- Absolute motion of  $B$  can be obtained by combining motion of  $A$  with relative motion of  $B$  with respect to moving reference frame attached to  $A$ .



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## Sample Problem 11.7



A projectile is fired from the edge of a cliff with an initial velocity of  $180 \text{ m/s}$  with  $30^\circ$  angle with the horizontal.

Neglecting air resistance, find:

- (a) the horizontal distance to the point where the projectile hits ground
- (b) the highest elevation above ground reached by the projectile.



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## Sample Problem 11.7

SOLUTION:

- For the vertical motion substitute the acceleration and initial velocity into the equations for uniformly accelerated motion.

$$(v_y)_0 = (180 \text{ m/s}) \sin 30 = 90 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v_y = (v_y)_0 + at \Rightarrow v_y = 90 - 9.81t$$

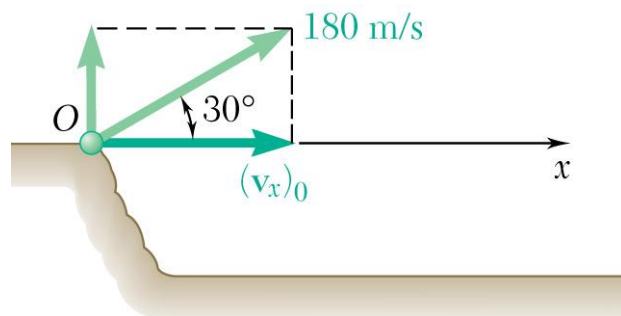
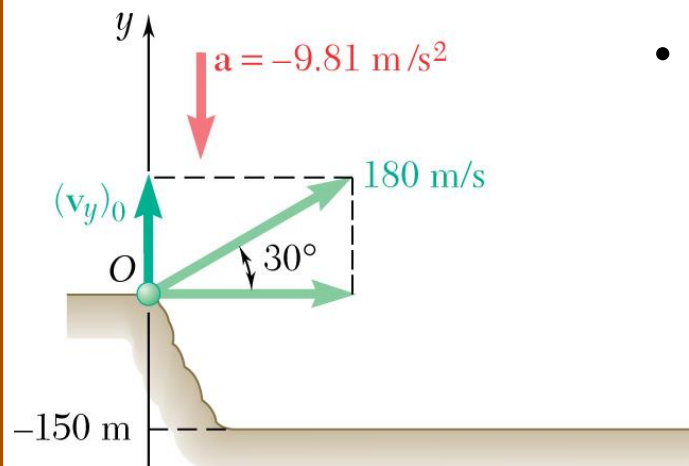
$$y = (v_y)_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2 \Rightarrow y = 90t - 4.9t^2$$

$$v_y^2 = (v_y)_0^2 + 2ay \Rightarrow v_y^2 = 8100 - 19.62y$$

- For the horizontal motion substitute the initial velocity into the uniform motion equation.

$$(v_x)_0 = (180 \text{ m/s}) \cos 30 = 155.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$x = (v_x)_0 t \Rightarrow x = 155.9t$$



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## Sample Problem 11.7

- Solve for the time needed to hit the ground then substitute to find the horizontal distance.

$$y = -150 \text{ m}$$

$$-150 = 90t - 4.9t^2$$

$$t^2 - 18.37t - 30.6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 19.91 \text{ s}$$

$$x = 155.9(19.91)$$

$$x = 3100 \text{ m}$$

- Highest elevation reached when vertical velocity is zero.

$$0 = 8100 - 19.62y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 413 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Highest Elevation} = 150 + 413 = 563 \text{ m}$$

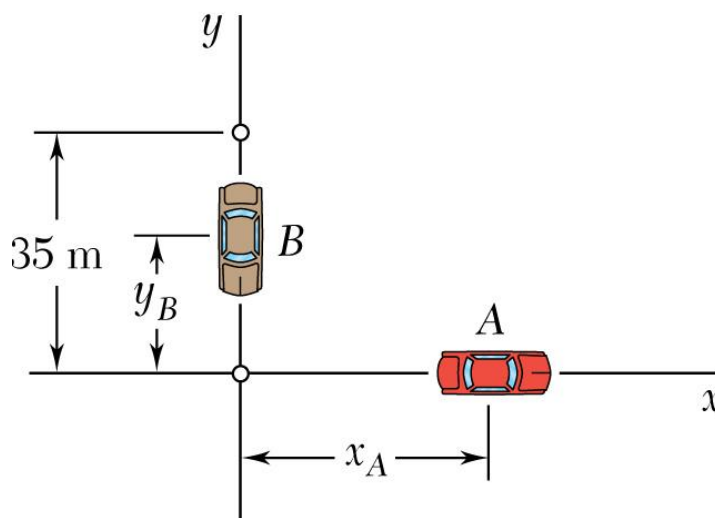
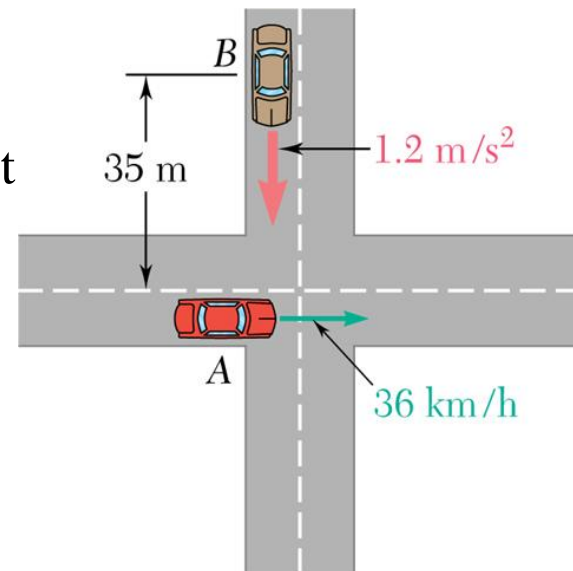


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## Sample Problem 11.9

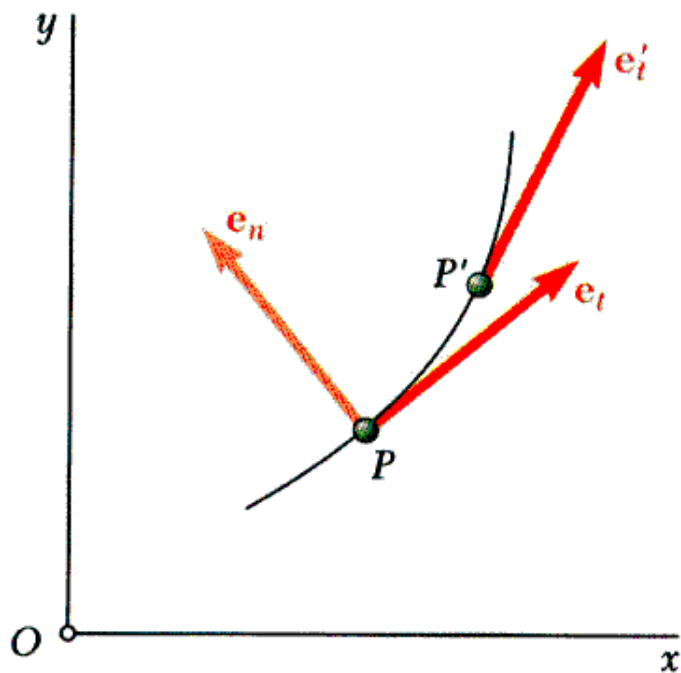
Car A is traveling east at a constant speed of 36 km/h. As car A crosses the intersection, car B starts from rest 35 m north of the intersection and moves south with a constant acceleration of  $1.2 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

Find: the position, velocity and acceleration of B relative to A 5 s after A crosses the intersection.



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## Tangential and Normal Components

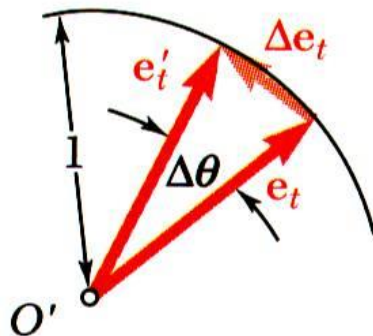


- Velocity vector of particle is tangent to path of particle. In general, acceleration vector is not. Wish to express acceleration vector in terms of tangential and normal components.
- $\vec{e}_t$  and  $\vec{e}'_t$  are tangential unit vectors for the particle path at  $P$  and  $P'$ . When drawn with respect to the same origin,  $\Delta\vec{e}_t = \vec{e}'_t - \vec{e}_t$  and  $\Delta\theta$  is the angle between them.

$$\Delta e_t = 2 \sin(\Delta\theta/2)$$

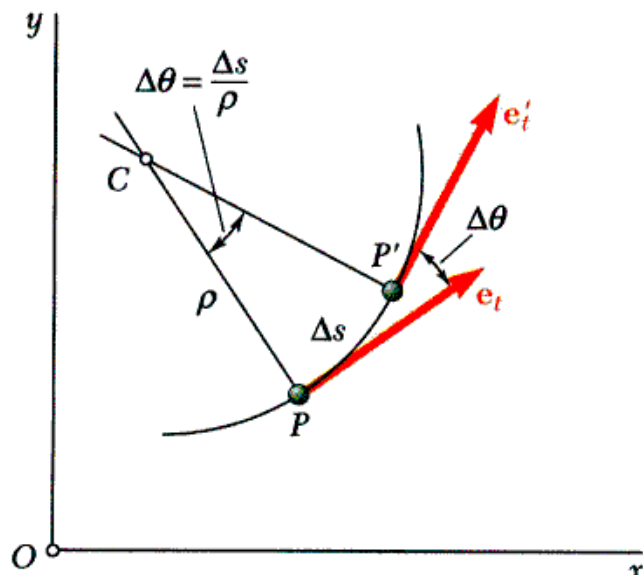
$$\lim_{\Delta\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{e}_t}{\Delta\theta} = \lim_{\Delta\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\Delta\theta/2)}{\Delta\theta/2} \vec{e}_n = \vec{e}_n$$

$$\vec{e}_n = \frac{d\vec{e}_t}{d\theta}$$



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## Tangential and Normal Components



- With the velocity vector expressed as  $\vec{v} = v\vec{e}_t$  the particle acceleration may be written as

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt}\vec{e}_t + v\frac{d\vec{e}_t}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dt}\vec{e}_t + v\frac{d\vec{e}}{d\theta}\frac{d\theta}{ds}\frac{ds}{dt}$$

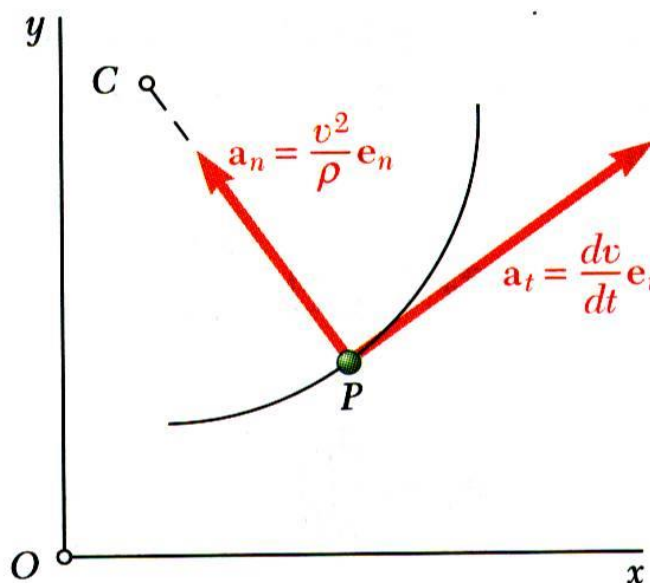
but

$$\frac{d\vec{e}_t}{d\theta} = \vec{e}_n \quad \rho d\theta = ds \quad \frac{ds}{dt} = v$$

After substituting,

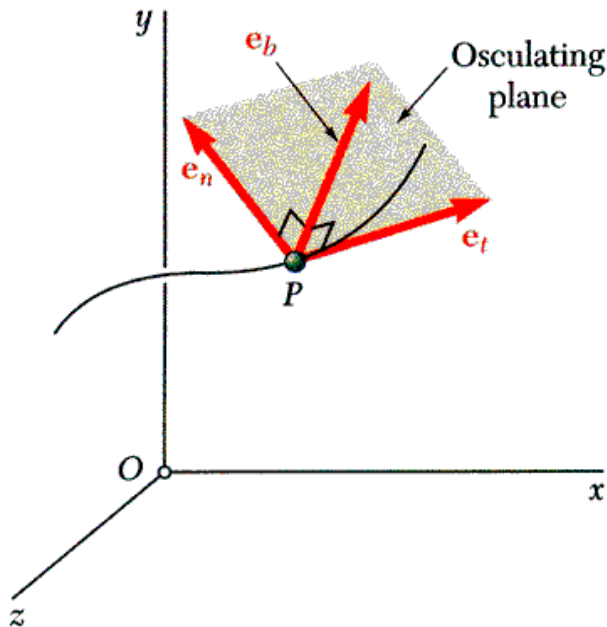
$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt}\vec{e}_t + \frac{v^2}{\rho}\vec{e}_n \quad a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} \quad a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

- Tangential component of acceleration reflects change of speed and normal component reflects change of direction.
- Tangential component may be positive or negative. Normal component always points toward center of path curvature.



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## Tangential and Normal Components



- Relations for tangential and normal acceleration also apply for particle moving along space curve.

$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \vec{e}_t + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \vec{e}_n \quad a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} \quad a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

- Plane containing tangential and normal unit vectors is called the *osculating plane*.
- Normal to the osculating plane is found from

$$\vec{e}_b = \vec{e}_t \times \vec{e}_n$$

$$\vec{e}_n = \text{principal normal}$$

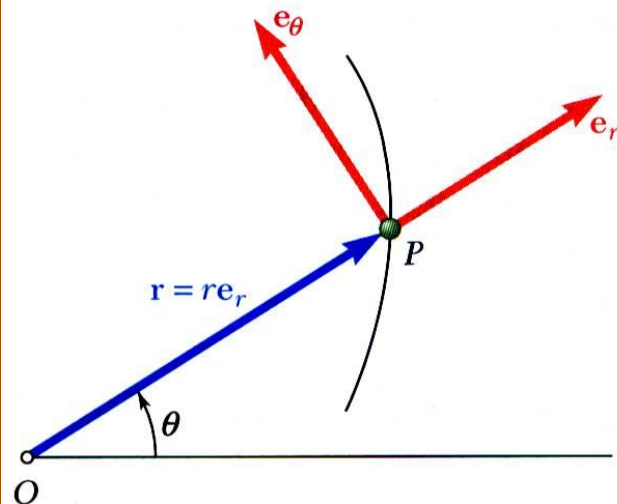
$$\vec{e}_b = \text{binormal}$$

- Acceleration has no component along binormal.



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## Radial and Transverse Components



- When particle position is given in polar coordinates, it is convenient to express velocity and acceleration with components parallel and perpendicular to  $OP$ .

- The particle velocity vector is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} &= \frac{d}{dt}(r\vec{e}_r) = \frac{dr}{dt}\vec{e}_r + r\frac{d\vec{e}_r}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt}\vec{e}_r + r\frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{e}_\theta \\ &= \dot{r}\vec{e}_r + r\dot{\theta}\vec{e}_\theta\end{aligned}$$

- Similarly, the particle acceleration vector is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\vec{e}_r + r\frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{e}_\theta\right) \\ &= \frac{d^2r}{dt^2}\vec{e}_r + \frac{dr}{dt}\frac{d\vec{e}_r}{dt} + \frac{dr}{dt}\frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{e}_\theta + r\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}\vec{e}_\theta + r\frac{d\theta}{dt}\frac{d\vec{e}_\theta}{dt} \\ &= \left(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2\right)\vec{e}_r + \left(r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}\right)\vec{e}_\theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r} = r\vec{e}_r$$

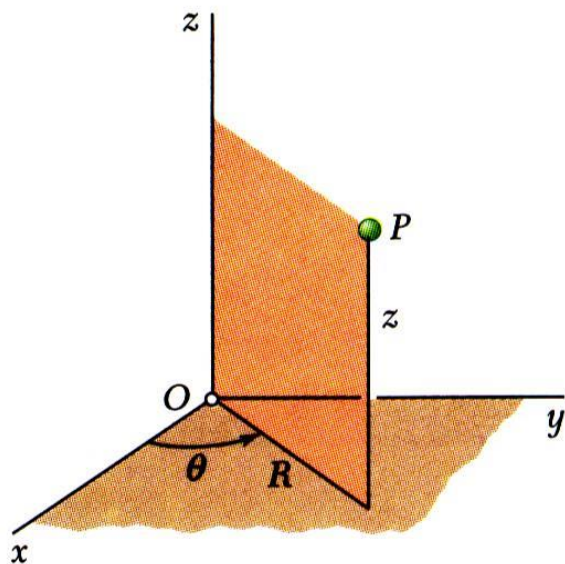
$$\frac{d\vec{e}_r}{d\theta} = \vec{e}_\theta \quad \frac{d\vec{e}_\theta}{d\theta} = -\vec{e}_r$$

$$\frac{d\vec{e}_r}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{e}_r}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \vec{e}_\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{e}_\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{e}_\theta}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\vec{e}_r \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

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## Radial and Transverse Components



- When particle position is given in cylindrical coordinates, it is convenient to express the velocity and acceleration vectors using the unit vectors  $\vec{e}_R$ ,  $\vec{e}_\theta$ , and  $\vec{k}$ .

- Position vector,

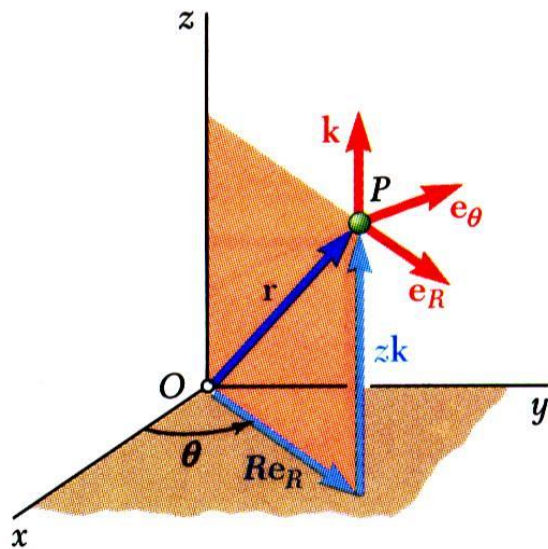
$$\vec{r} = R\vec{e}_R + z\vec{k}$$

- Velocity vector,

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{R}\vec{e}_R + R\dot{\theta}\vec{e}_\theta + \dot{z}\vec{k}$$

- Acceleration vector,

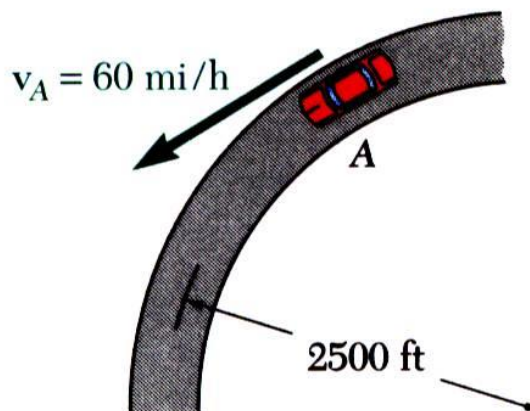
$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = (\ddot{R} - R\dot{\theta}^2)\vec{e}_R + (R\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{R}\dot{\theta})\vec{e}_\theta + \ddot{z}\vec{k}$$





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## Sample Problem 11.10



SOLUTION:

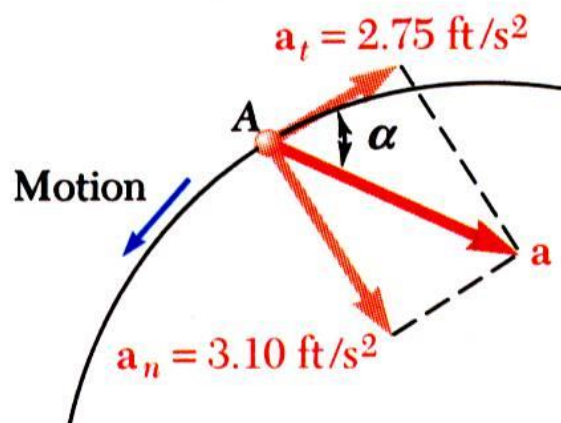
- Calculate tangential and normal components of acceleration.
- Determine acceleration magnitude and direction with respect to tangent to curve.

A motorist is traveling on curved section of highway at 60 mph. The motorist applies brakes causing a constant deceleration rate.

Knowing that after 8 s the speed has been reduced to 45 mph, determine the acceleration of the automobile immediately after the brakes are applied.

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$$60 \text{ mph} = 88 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$45 \text{ mph} = 66 \text{ ft/s}$$

SOLUTION:

- Calculate tangential and normal components of acceleration.

$$a_t = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{(66 - 88) \text{ ft/s}}{8 \text{ s}} = -2.75 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{(88 \text{ ft/s})^2}{2500 \text{ ft}} = 3.10 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

- Determine acceleration magnitude and direction with respect to tangent to curve.

$$a = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_n^2} = \sqrt{(-2.75)^2 + 3.10^2}$$

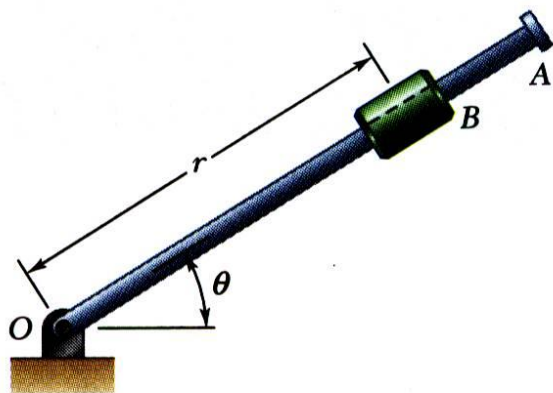
$$a = 4.14 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{a_n}{a_t} = \tan^{-1} \frac{3.10}{2.75}$$

$$\alpha = 48.4^\circ$$

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## Sample Problem 11.12



Rotation of the arm about O is defined by  $\theta = 0.15t^2$  where  $\theta$  is in radians and  $t$  in seconds. Collar B slides along the arm such that  $r = 0.9 - 0.12t^2$  where  $r$  is in meters.

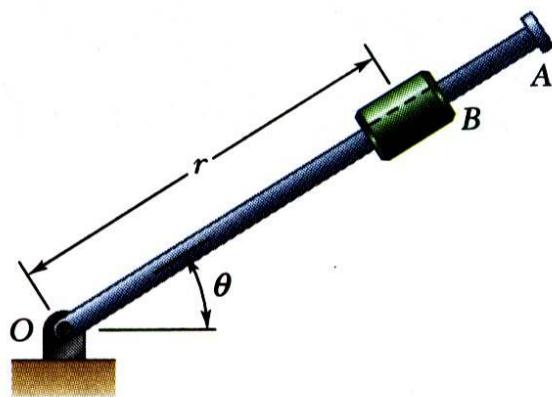
After the arm has rotated through  $30^\circ$ , determine (a) the total velocity of the collar, (b) the total acceleration of the collar, and (c) the relative acceleration of the collar with respect to the arm.

SOLUTION:

- Evaluate time  $t$  for  $\theta = 30^\circ$ .
- Evaluate radial and angular positions, and first and second derivatives at time  $t$ .
- Calculate velocity and acceleration in cylindrical coordinates.
- Evaluate acceleration with respect to arm.

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## Sample Problem 11.12



SOLUTION:

- Evaluate time  $t$  for  $\theta = 30^\circ$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= 0.15t^2 \\ &= 30^\circ = 0.524\text{rad} \quad t = 1.869\text{ s}\end{aligned}$$

- Evaluate radial and angular positions, and first and second derivatives at time  $t$ .

$$r = 0.9 - 0.12t^2 = 0.481\text{ m}$$

$$\dot{r} = -0.24t = -0.449\text{ m/s}$$

$$\ddot{r} = -0.24\text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\theta = 0.15t^2 = 0.524\text{ rad}$$

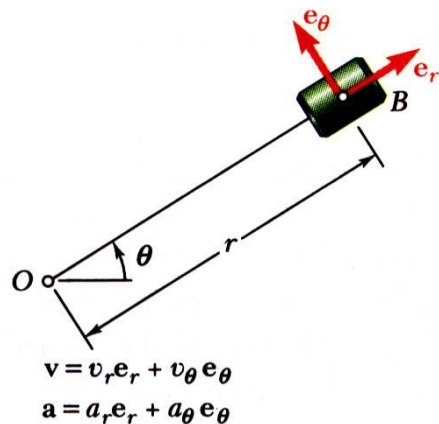
$$\dot{\theta} = 0.30t = 0.561\text{ rad/s}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = 0.30\text{ rad/s}^2$$



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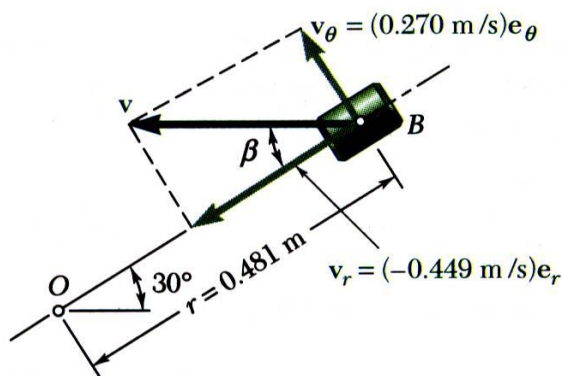
- Calculate velocity and acceleration.

$$v_r = \dot{r} = -0.449 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_\theta = r\dot{\theta} = (0.481 \text{ m})(0.561 \text{ rad/s}) = 0.270 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \sqrt{v_r^2 + v_\theta^2} \quad \beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_\theta}{v_r}$$

$$v = 0.524 \text{ m/s} \quad \beta = 31.0^\circ$$



$$a_r = \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2$$

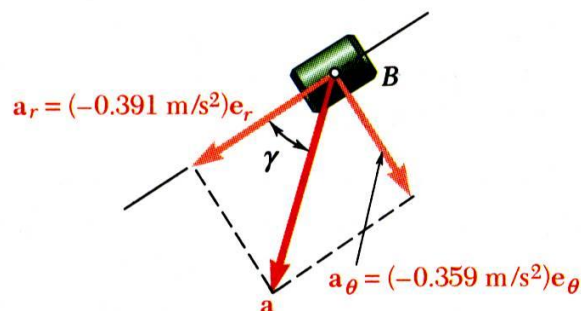
$$= -0.240 \text{ m/s}^2 - (0.481 \text{ m})(0.561 \text{ rad/s})^2$$

$$= -0.391 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_\theta = r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}$$

$$= (0.481 \text{ m})(0.3 \text{ rad/s}^2) + 2(-0.449 \text{ m/s})(0.561 \text{ rad/s})$$

$$= -0.359 \text{ m/s}^2$$

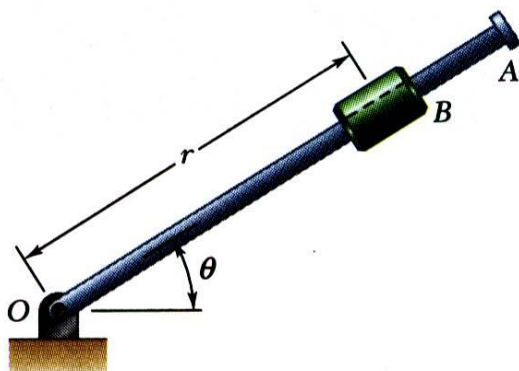


$$a = \sqrt{a_r^2 + a_\theta^2} \quad \gamma = \tan^{-1} \frac{a_\theta}{a_r}$$

$$a = 0.531 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad \gamma = 42.6^\circ$$

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- Evaluate acceleration with respect to arm.

Motion of collar with respect to arm is rectilinear and defined by coordinate  $r$ .

$$a_{B/OA} = \ddot{r} = -0.240 \text{ m/s}^2$$

