

Circular Motion

Basic Equations: Tangential Force $F_T = m a_T$, Norminal (Radial) Force $F_N = m a_N$.

Let l be the arc length travelled, and θ be the angle such arc spans, then $l = r\theta$.

$$v = \frac{dl}{dt} = r \frac{d\theta}{dt} = r\dot{\theta}. \quad \text{Angular velocity is defined as } \boxed{\omega = \dot{\theta}}. \quad \therefore \boxed{v = r\omega}.$$

$$a_T = \dot{v} = r\dot{\omega} \quad \dots (1)$$

Projections on x -axis and y -axis:

$$\boxed{x = r \cos \theta}$$

$$\dot{x} = -r \sin \theta \cdot \dot{\theta} \quad \therefore \boxed{\dot{x} = -r\omega \sin \theta = -v \sin \theta}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -r \sin \theta \cdot \dot{\omega} - r\omega \cos \theta \cdot \dot{\theta} \quad \therefore \boxed{\ddot{x} = -r\dot{\omega} \sin \theta - r\omega^2 \cos \theta}$$

$$\boxed{y = r \sin \theta}$$

$$\dot{y} = r \cos \theta \cdot \dot{\theta} \quad \therefore \boxed{\dot{y} = r\omega \cos \theta = v \cos \theta}$$

$$\ddot{y} = r \cos \theta \cdot \dot{\omega} - r\omega \sin \theta \cdot \dot{\theta} \quad \therefore \boxed{\ddot{y} = r\dot{\omega} \cos \theta - r\omega^2 \sin \theta}$$

Acceleration: Let a be the magnitude of acceleration.

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= \ddot{x}^2 + \ddot{y}^2 \\ &= (-r\dot{\omega} \sin \theta - r\omega^2 \cos \theta)^2 + (r\dot{\omega} \cos \theta - r\omega^2 \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= r^2 [(\dot{\omega}^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2\dot{\omega} \sin \theta \cdot \omega^2 \cos \theta + \omega^4 \cos^2 \theta) + (\dot{\omega}^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2\dot{\omega} \cos \theta \cdot \omega^2 \sin \theta + \omega^4 \sin^2 \theta)] \\ &= r^2 [\dot{\omega}^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + \omega^4 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)] \\ &= r^2 (\dot{\omega}^2 + \omega^4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a = r\sqrt{\dot{\omega}^2 + \omega^4}}$$

$$\boxed{a_T = r\dot{\omega}} \quad \text{From (1)}$$

$$a^2 = a_N^2 + a_T^2, \quad a_N^2 = a^2 - a_T^2 = r^2(\dot{\omega}^2 + \omega^4) - r^2\dot{\omega}^2 = r^2\omega^4,$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a_N = r\omega^2}$$

As a result,

$$\boxed{\ddot{x} = -a_T \sin \theta - a_N \cos \theta}$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{y} = a_T \cos \theta - a_N \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{To obtain the direction of } a: \quad \tan \phi = \frac{\ddot{y}}{\ddot{x}} = \frac{a_T \cos \theta - a_N \sin \theta}{-a_T \sin \theta - a_N \cos \theta} \div \frac{-a_N \cos \theta}{-a_N \cos \theta} = \frac{-\frac{a_T}{a_N} + \tan \theta}{\frac{a_T}{a_N} \tan \theta + 1}$$

$$\therefore \tan \phi = \tan(\theta - \psi), \quad \text{where } \psi = \frac{a_T}{a_N}$$

Uniform Circular Motion: v is constant, so is ω . $\therefore \dot{\omega} = 0$. Substitute into the general formulae ...

$$\boxed{a_T = 0}, \quad \boxed{a = a_N = r\omega^2}$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{x} = -r\omega^2 \cos \theta = -a_N \cos \theta}, \quad \boxed{\ddot{y} = -r\omega^2 \sin \theta = -a_N \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{Frequency } f - \text{the number of revolutions } (\theta \text{ increased by } 2\pi) \text{ per second: } \boxed{f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \text{ sec}^{-1}}$$

$$\text{Period } T - \text{the time for a revolution: } \boxed{T = \frac{1 \text{ sec}}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \text{ sec}}$$