

Relative Velocity



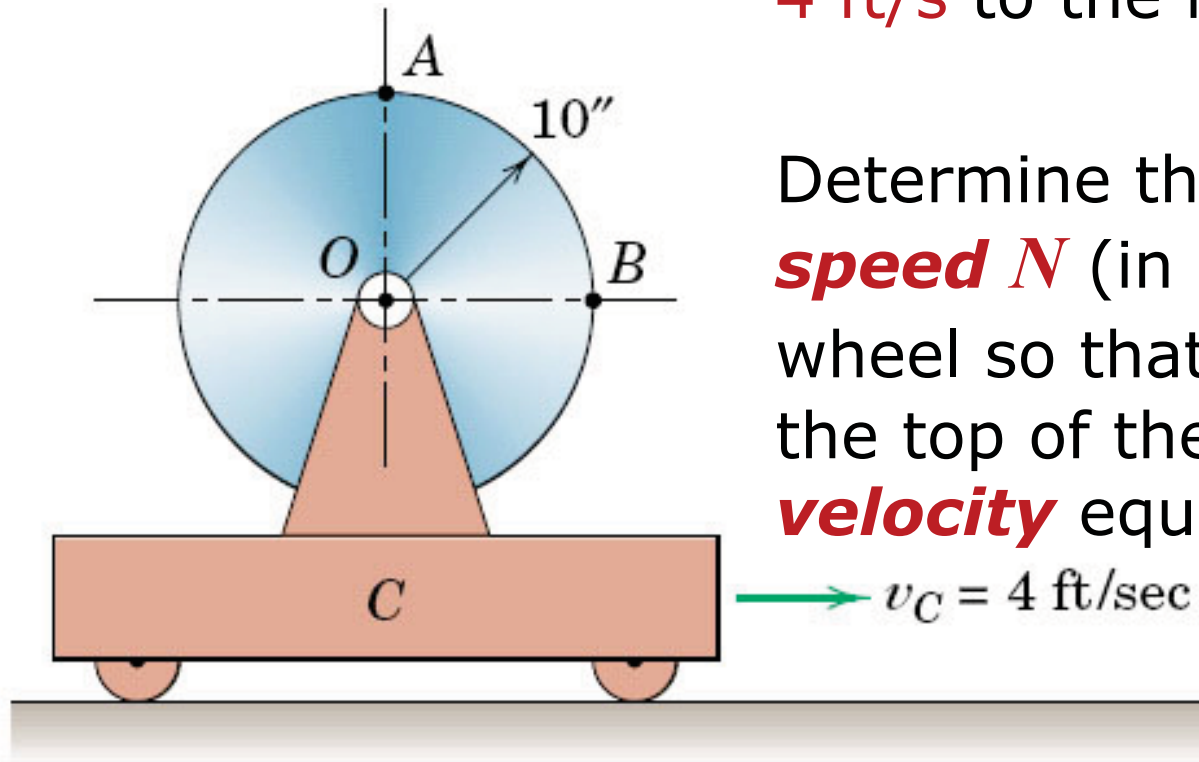
Lecture 11

ME 231: Dynamics

Question of the Day

The **velocity** of the cart is **4 ft/s** to the right.

Determine the **angular speed** N (in rpm's) of the wheel so that **point A** on the top of the rim has a **velocity** equal to **zero**.



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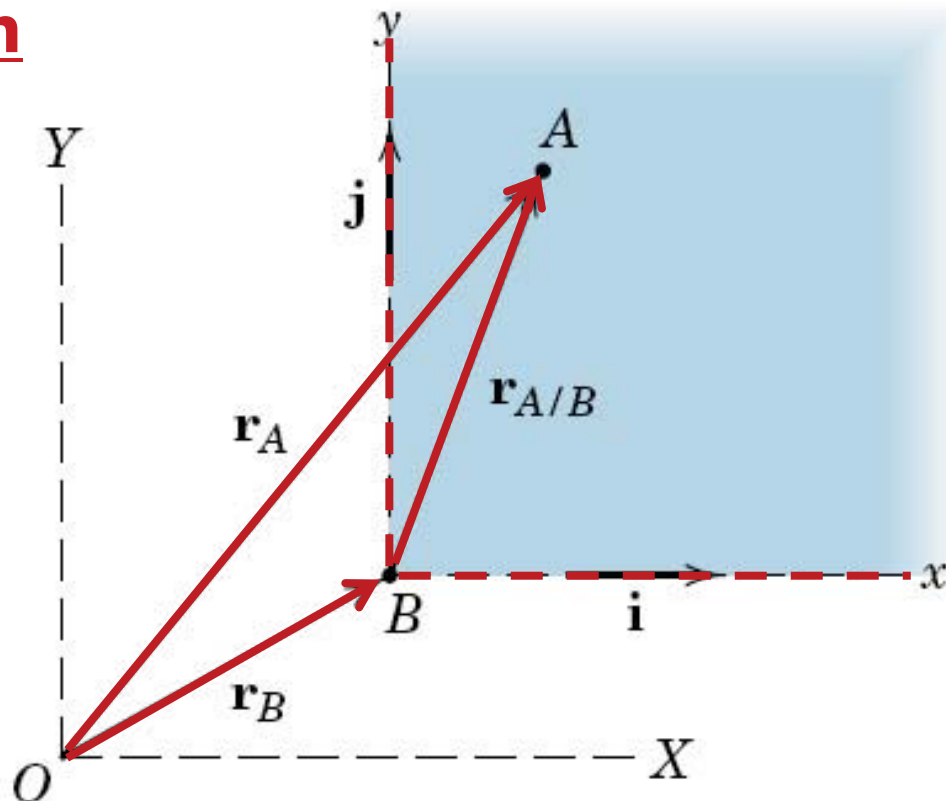
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Recall: Relative Motion

$$\mathbf{r}_A = \mathbf{r}_B + \mathbf{r}_{A/B}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_A = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_B + \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{A/B}$$

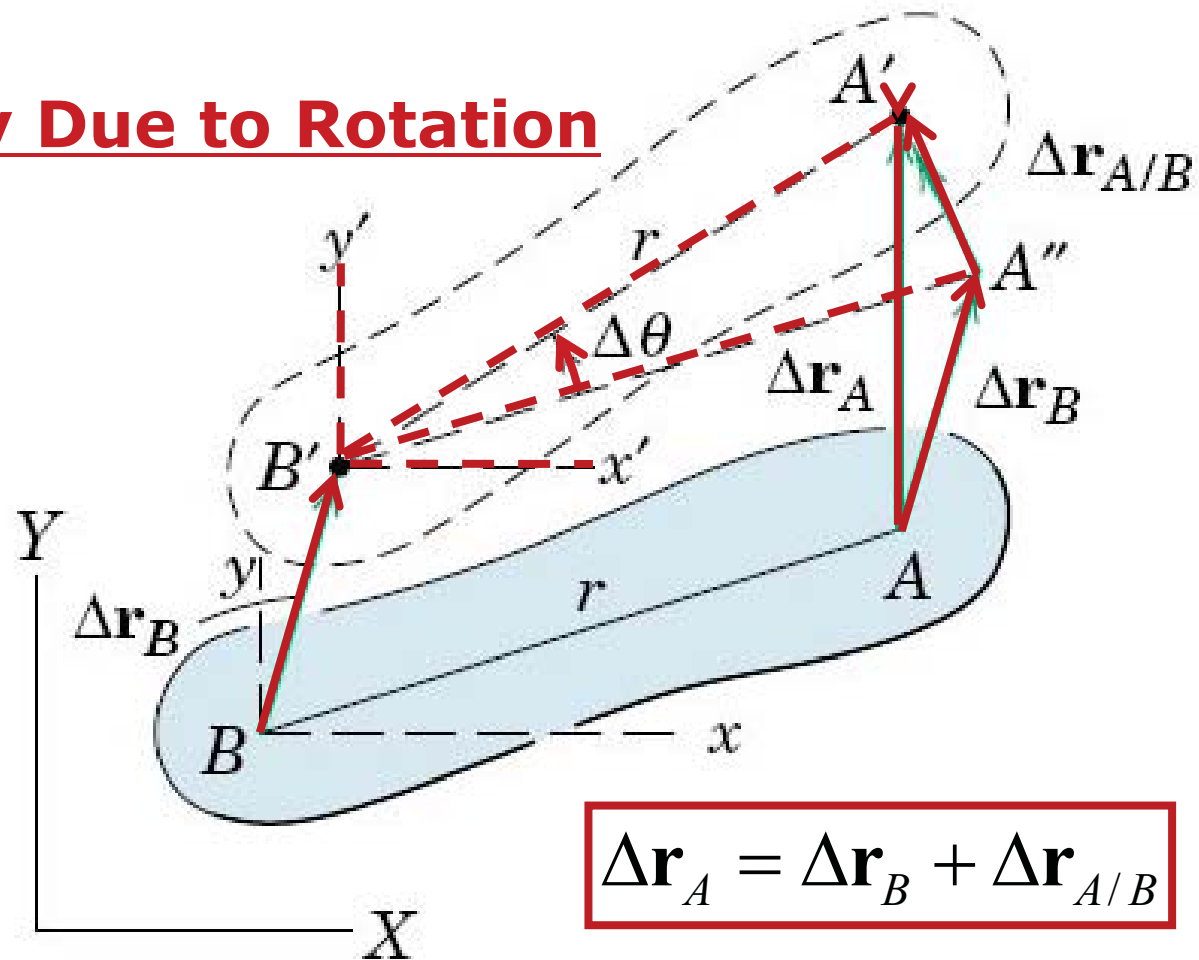
$$\mathbf{a}_A = \dot{\mathbf{v}}_A = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_A = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_B + \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{A/B}$$



- Absolute position of B is defined in an inertial coordinate system X - Y
- Attach a set of translating (*non-rotating*) axes x - y to particle B and define the position of A
- Define position of " A relative to B " (" A/B ") in x - y

Relative Velocity Due to Rotation

- Movement in **two parts**
- First, body **translates** $\Delta \mathbf{r}_B$ to parallel position
- Second, body **rotates** about B' through angle $\Delta \theta$

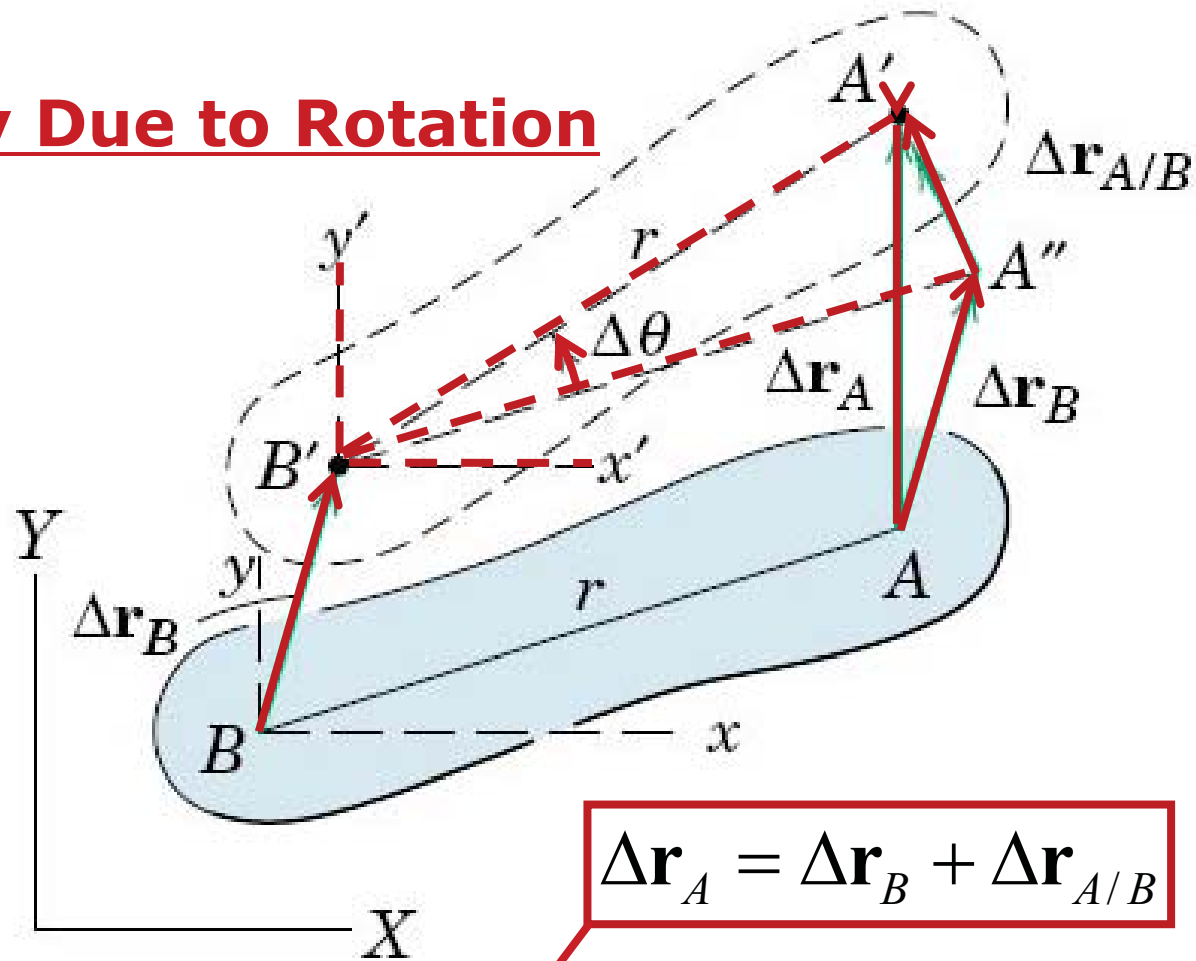


From **translating** (*non-rotating*) axes $x'-y'$ attached to point B' , the remaining motion is a simple **rotation** about B' giving $\Delta \mathbf{r}_{A/B}$

Relative Velocity Due to Rotation

Relative velocity as a **scalar**

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_{A/B} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta \mathbf{r}_{A/B}|}{\Delta t} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{r \Delta \theta}{\Delta t} \\
 &= r \omega
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\Delta \mathbf{r}_A = \Delta \mathbf{r}_B + \Delta \mathbf{r}_{A/B}$$

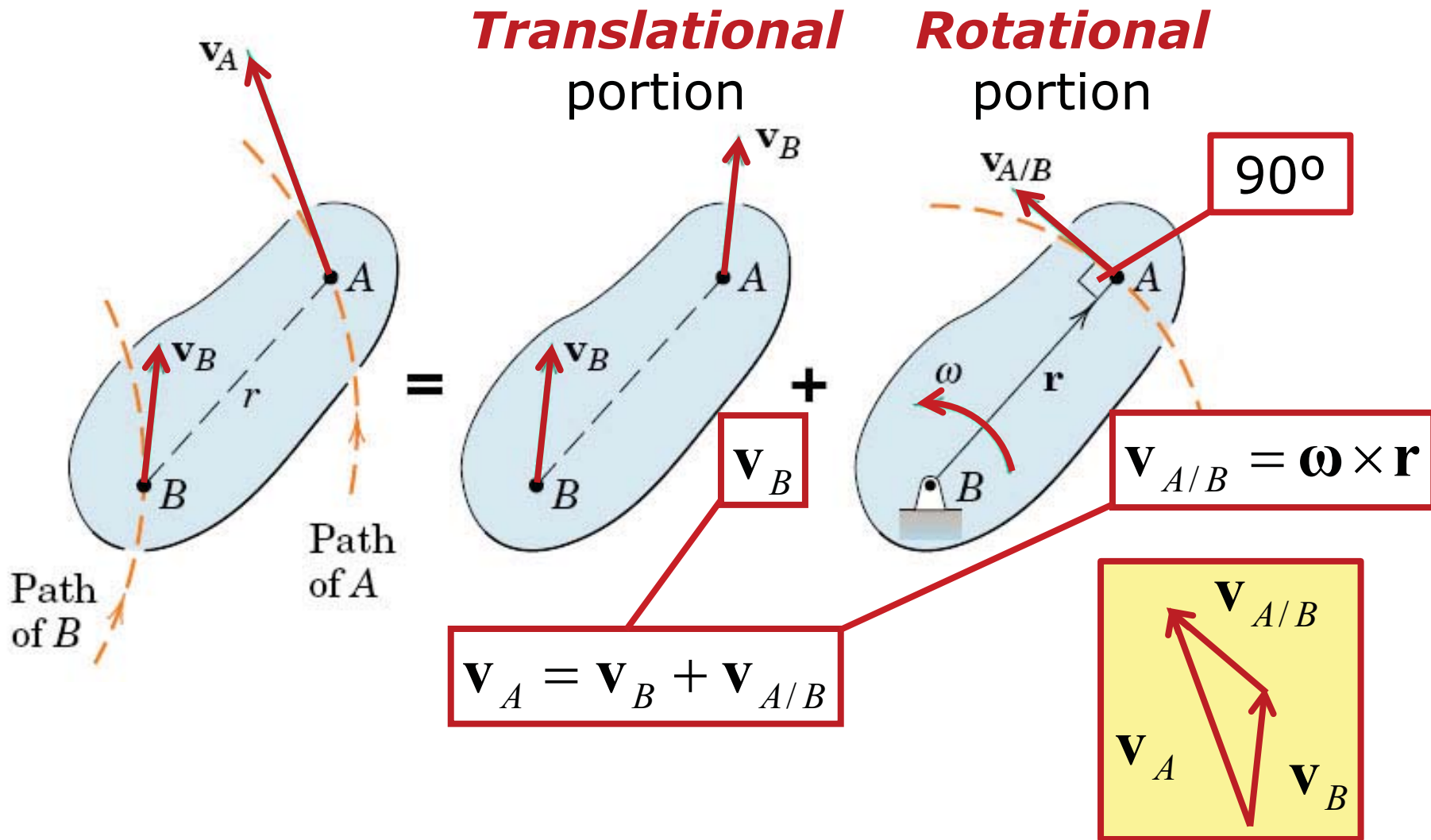
...as a **vector**

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{v}_B + \mathbf{v}_{A/B}$$

Dividing by Δt

$$\mathbf{v}_{A/B} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

Interpretation of Relative-Velocity Equation



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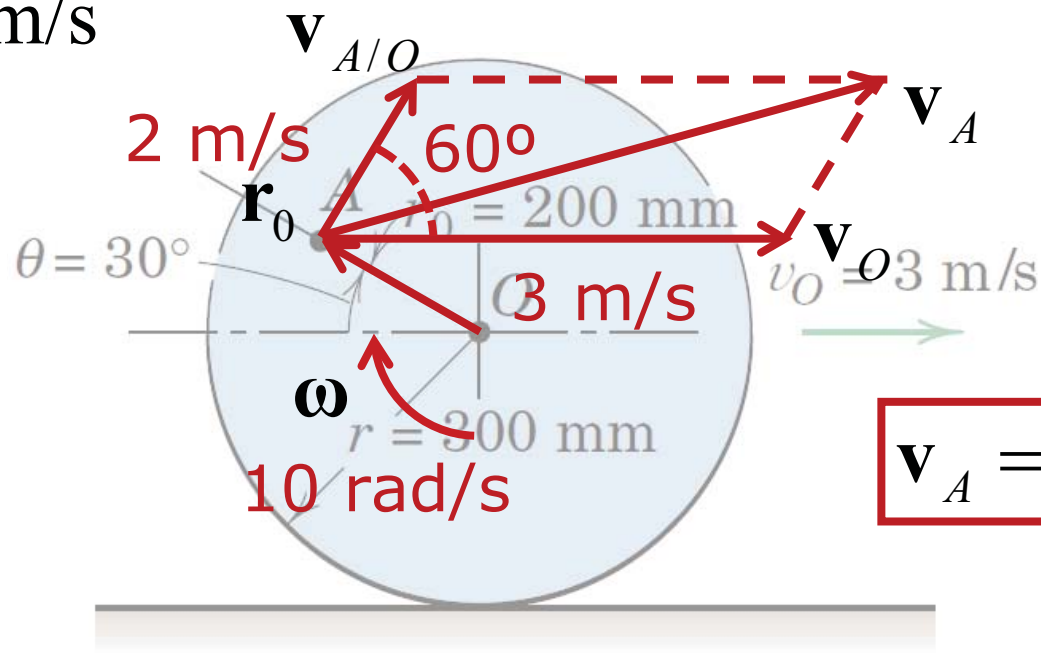
Solution of Relative-Velocity Equation: Case #1

Scalar-Geometric $v_{A/O} = r_O \omega = r_O \left(\frac{v_O}{r} \right) = 2 \text{ m/s}$

$$v_A^2 = v_{A/O}^2 + v_O^2 - 2(v_{A/O})(v_O)\cos 120^\circ$$

$$v_A^2 = 2^2 + 3^2 - 2(2)(3)\cos 120^\circ$$

$$v_A = 4.36 \text{ m/s}$$



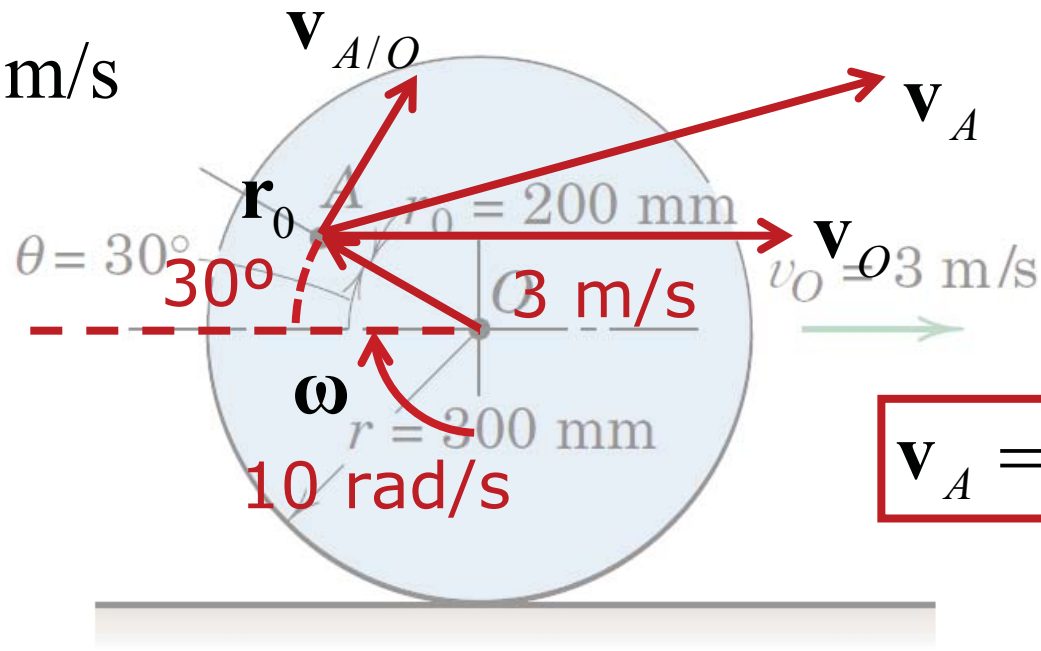
Solution of Relative-Velocity Equation: Case #2

Vector

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{v}_O + \mathbf{v}_{A/O} = \mathbf{v}_O + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_A = 3\mathbf{i} + \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 0 & -10 \\ -0.17 & 0.1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3\mathbf{i} + 1.7\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{i} = 4\mathbf{i} + 1.7\mathbf{j} \text{ m/s}$$

$$|\mathbf{v}_A| = 4.36 \text{ m/s}$$

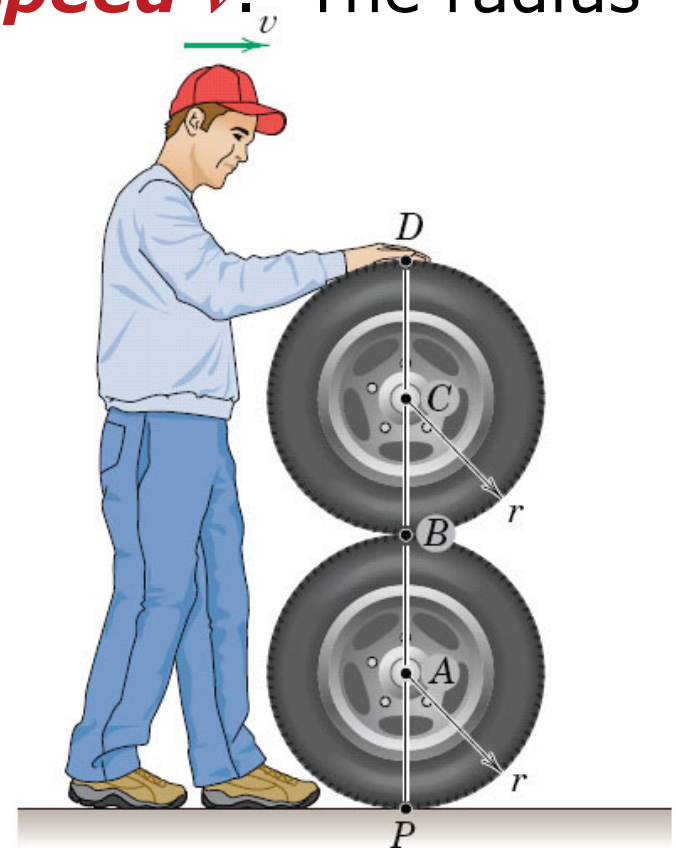


$$\mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{v}_O + \mathbf{v}_{A/O}$$

Relative Velocity: Exercise

A mechanic “walks” a two-tire unit that rolls without slipping at constant **speed** v . The radius of both tires is r .

Determine the **velocities** of points A , B , C , and D .



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For Next Time...

- Complete Homework #4 due on Thursday (9/20)
- Read Chapter 6, Section 6.2