Motion Relative to Rotating Axes

Lecture 14

ME 231: Dynamics



A wheel rotates 180° in the time it takes a ball dropped from the top of the wheel to reach the ground. What is the *motion of the ball* observed from a *moving reference frame* attached to the wheel?



Question of the day

- Vector representation: rotating axes
- Time derivatives of unit vectors
- Relative velocity
- Transformation of a time derivative
- Answer your questions!



- 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





- Absolute position of *B* is defined in an inertial coordinate system *X*-*Y*
- Moving reference frame x-y has its origin at B and rotates with angular velocity @
- Define "*A relative to B*" using unit vectors in *x*-*y*

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Time Derivatives of Unit Vectors

$$\mathbf{r}_{A} = \mathbf{r}_{B} + (x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j})$$

$$\mathbf{Infinitesimal change during } dt$$

$$y$$

$$d\mathbf{j} = -d\theta \mathbf{i}$$

$$d\theta = \omega dt$$

$$\mathbf{i} = d\theta \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{i} = \omega \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{j} = -\omega \mathbf{i}$$



Relative Velocity: Exercise

Aircraft *B* has a constant *speed* of 480 mph along an arc with a *radius* of 9 miles. Aircraft *A* flies *southwest* at a constant (*speed* of 360 mph.



Write the **vector** expression (*x*-*y* attached to *B*) for the **velocity** of *A* **relative to** *B*.

Transformation of a Time Derivative

One of the most important concepts in dynamics!

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} \end{pmatrix}_{XY} = \left(\dot{V}_{x}\mathbf{i} + \dot{V}_{y}\mathbf{j}\right) + \left(V_{x}\mathbf{i} + V_{y}\mathbf{j}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} & \mathbf{v}_{x} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} & \mathbf{v}_{x} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} & \mathbf{v}_{x} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} & \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} & \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} & \mathbf{v}_{x}\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v$$

Recall: Time Derivative of a Vector

and

Magnitude changes, but direction constant

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Transformation of a Time Derivative: Exercise



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- Complete Homework #5 due on Wednesday (9/26) at the *beginning of class*
- Read Chapter 6, Sections 6.3 and 6.4