Lecture 7
ME 231: Dynamics

## Question of the Day



Passengers in jet $A$ flying east at a speed of $800 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ observe jet B moving away at a $60^{\circ}$ angle although its nose is pointed in the $45^{\circ}$ direction.

Determine the true velocity of $B$ in an earthfixed coordinate system.

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- Vector representation
- Additional considerations
- Answer your questions!


## Choice of Inertial Coordinate System

Moving coordinate systems are measured with respect to an inertial coordinate system whose motion is negligible.


## Vector Representation



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


## Vector Representation: Exercise

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

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



Train $A$ travels with constant speed $v_{A}=120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. Anticipating the need to stop, car $\boldsymbol{B}$ decreases its speed of $90 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ at the rate of $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$.

Determine the velocity and acceleration of the train relative to the car.

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## Additional Considerations

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{r}_{B}=\mathbf{r}_{A}+\mathbf{r}_{B / A} \\
\mathbf{v}_{B}=\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{B}=\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{A}+\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{B / A} \\
\mathbf{a}_{B}=\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{B}=\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B}=\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{A}+\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B / A} \\
\end{gathered}
$$

- Selection of the moving point (e.g., $\boldsymbol{A}$ or $\boldsymbol{B}$ ) is arbitrary
- Absolute position of $A$ is defined in an inertial coordinate system $X-Y$
- Attach a set of translating (non-rotating) axes $x-y$ to particle $\boldsymbol{A}$ and define the position of $\boldsymbol{B}$


## Another Exercise

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

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

$\mathbf{a}_{B}=\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{B}=\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B}=\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{A}+\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{B / A}$
Car $A$ has a speed $v_{A}=100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, which is increasing at the rate of $8 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ each second. Car $\boldsymbol{B}$ has a speed $v_{B}=$ $100 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, around the turn and is slowing down at the rate of $8 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ each second.

Determine the acceleration that car $\boldsymbol{B}$ appears to have to an observer in car $A$.

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## For Next Time...

- Begin Homework \#3 due next week (9/12)
- Read Chapter 2, Section 2.7 again

