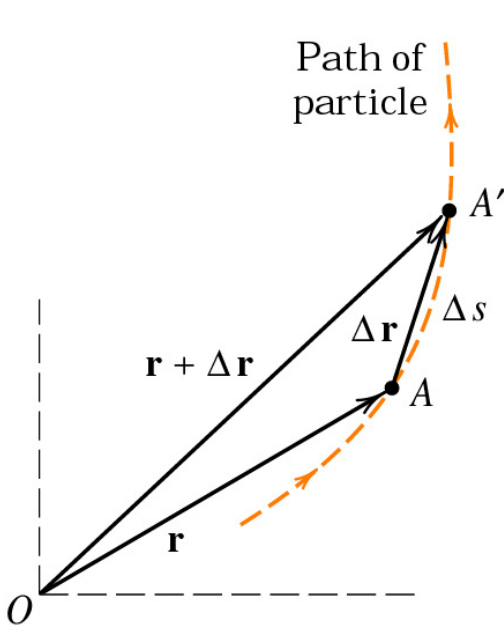


# Plane curvilinear motion

## Plane curvilinear motion

⇒ Motion of a particle along a curved path in a single plane



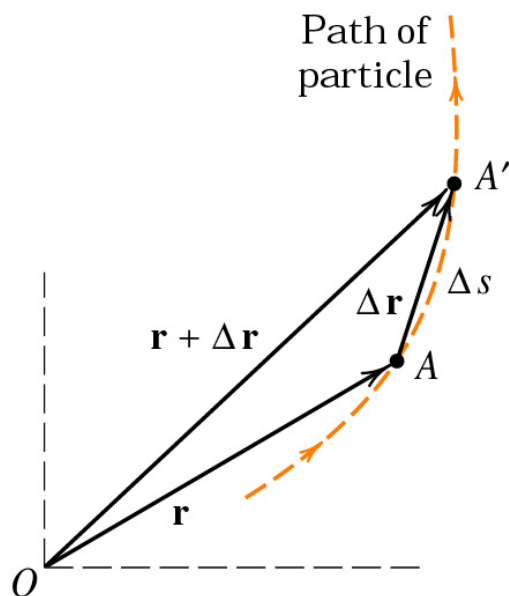
$\vec{r}$  = position vector (measured from some convenient fixed origin point  $O$ )

$$A \rightarrow A' \quad t \rightarrow t + \Delta t \quad \vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{r} + \Delta\vec{r}$$

Displacement = vector change of position  $\Delta\vec{r}$   
(vector)

Distance = measured along the orange path  $\Delta s$   
(scalar)

# Speed and velocity



Velocity

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{r}}$$

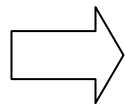
Tangent to the path

Speed

$$v = |\vec{v}| = \frac{ds}{dt} = \dot{s}$$

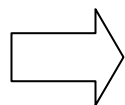
\*\*\* Magnitude of derivative  $\neq$  Magnitude of derivative

$$\left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = |\vec{v}| = \dot{s}$$



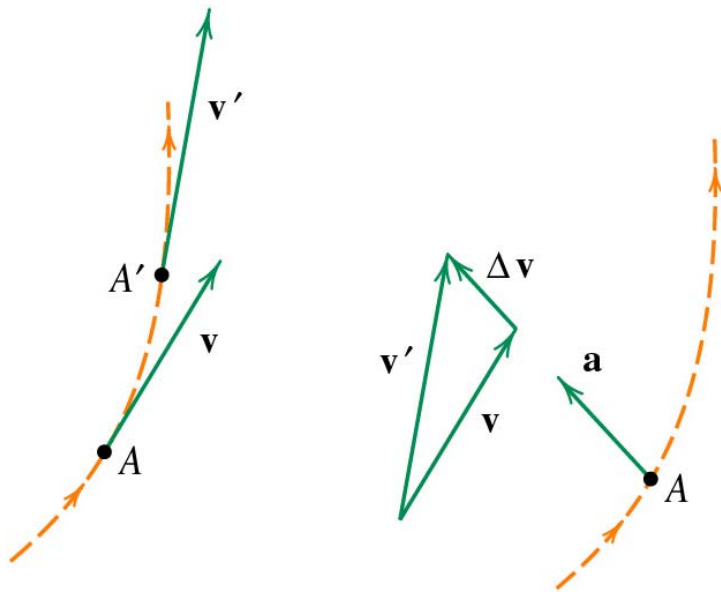
Speed

$$\frac{d|\vec{r}|}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} = \dot{r}$$



Rate of change of the length of the vector  $\vec{r}$

# Acceleration

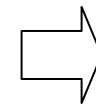


Average acceleration

$$\bar{a}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \bar{v}}{\Delta t}$$

Acceleration

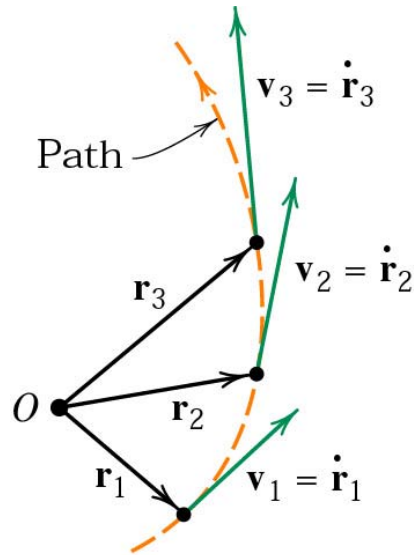
$$\bar{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \bar{v}}{\Delta t}$$



$$\bar{a} = \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} = \dot{\bar{v}}$$

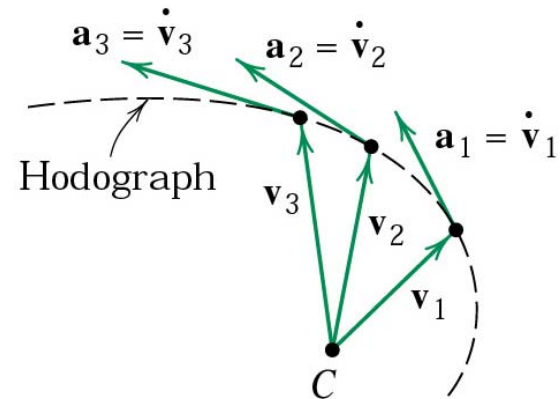
- The velocity is always tangent to the path of the particle.
- The acceleration is neither tangent to the path nor normal to the path.

# Visualization of motion



Path of a particle

- Path is constructed by motion vectors
- Velocity tangent to the path



Hodograph

- Path is constructed by velocity vectors
- Acceleration tangent to the path

# Derivatives of vectors

---

Obey the same rules as they do for scalars

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = \dot{P}_x \hat{i} + \dot{P}_y \hat{j} + \dot{P}_z \hat{k}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}u}{dt} = \vec{P}\dot{u} + \dot{\vec{P}}u$$

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

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

---

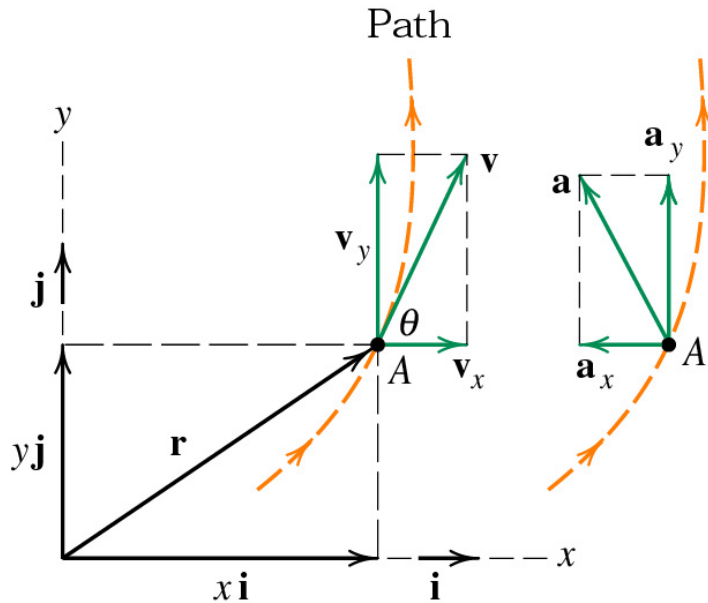
## The coordinate systems

- Rectangular,  $x$ - $y$
- Normal-tangent,  $n$ - $t$
- Polar,  $r$ - $\theta$

} Selection depended on the problem considered

# Rectangular coordinate

Rectangular coordinates are usually good for problems where  $x$  and  $y$  variable can be calculated independently



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} \\ \vec{v} = \dot{\vec{r}} &= \dot{x}\hat{i} + \dot{y}\hat{j} \\ \vec{a} = \dot{\vec{v}} = \ddot{\vec{r}} &= \ddot{x}\hat{i} + \ddot{y}\hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

Other relations

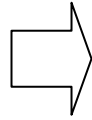
$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_y}{v_x}$$

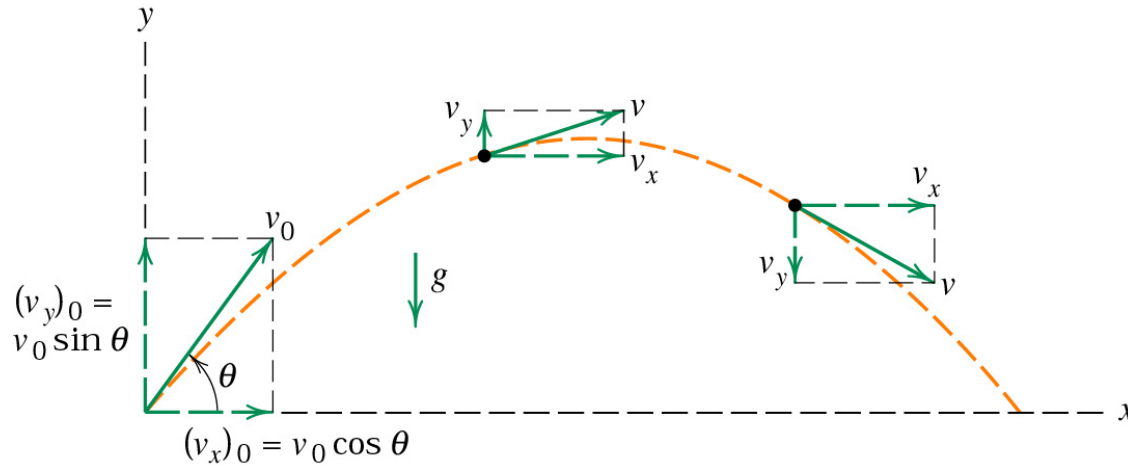
$$a^2 = a_x^2 + a_y^2$$

# Projectile motion

The most common case



$$a_x = 0, \quad a_y = -g$$



$x$  and  $y$  direction can be calculated independently

$x$ -axis

$$v_x = (v_x)_0$$

$$x = x_0 + (v_x)_0 t$$

$y$ -axis

$$v_y = (v_y)_0 - gt$$

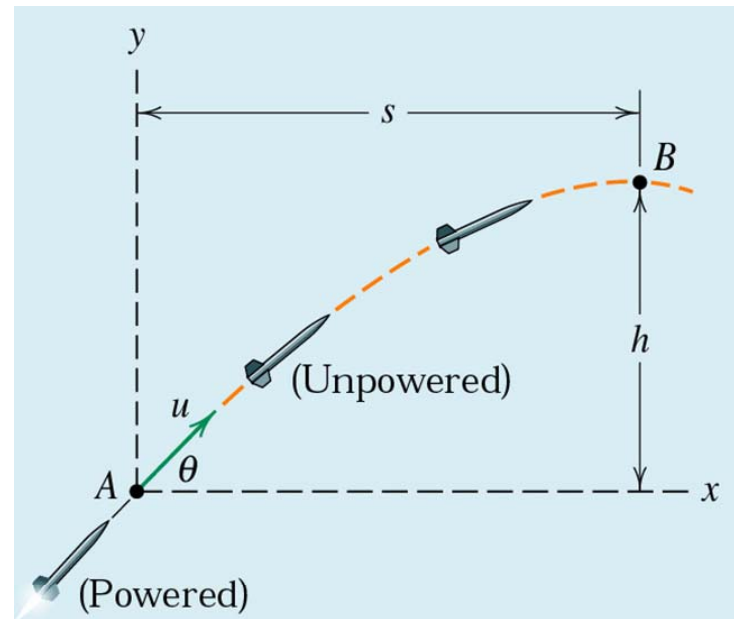
$$y = y_0 + (v_y)_0 t - \frac{1}{2} gt^2$$

$$v_y^2 = (v_y)_0^2 - 2g(y - y_0)$$

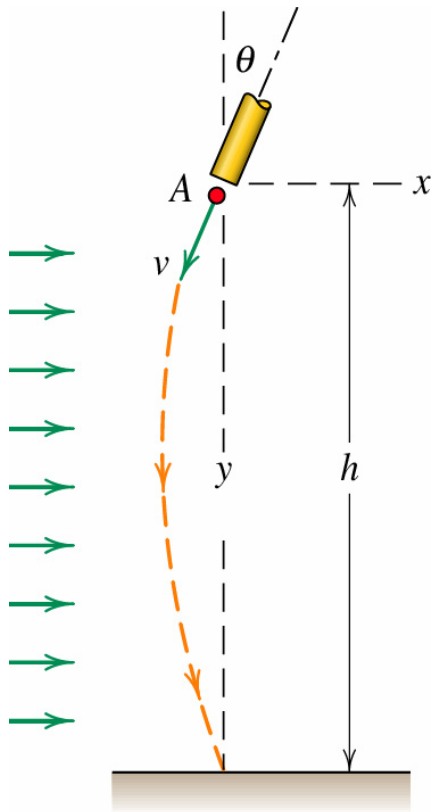
# Sample 1

A rocket has expended all its fuel when it reaches position  $A$ , where it has a velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the horizontal. It then begins unpowered flight and attains a maximum added height  $h$  at position  $B$  after traveling a horizontal distance  $s$  from  $A$ .

Determine the expressions for  $h$  and  $s$ , the time  $t$  of flight from  $A$  to  $B$ , and the equation of the path. For the interval concerned, assume a flat earth with a constant gravitational acceleration  $g$  and neglect any atmospheric resistance.



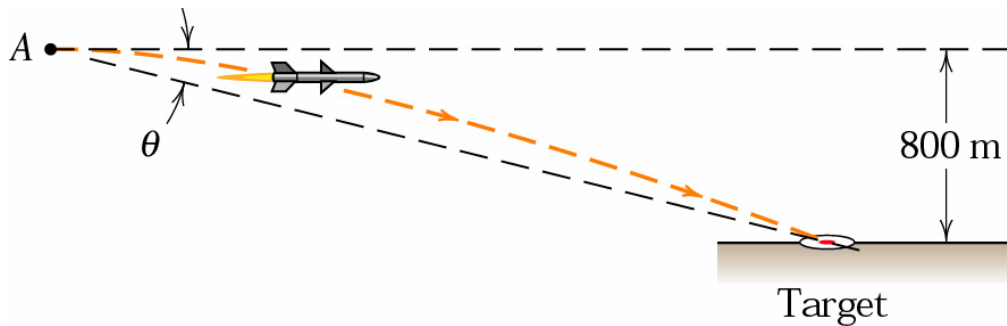
# Sample 2 (2/73)



A particle is ejected from the tube at  $A$  with a velocity  $v$  at an angle  $\theta$  with the vertical  $y$ -axis. A strong horizontal wind gives the particle a constant horizontal acceleration  $a$  in the  $x$ -direction. If the particle strikes the ground at a point directly under its released position, determine the height  $h$  of point  $A$ . The downward  $y$ -acceleration may be taken as the constant  $g$ .

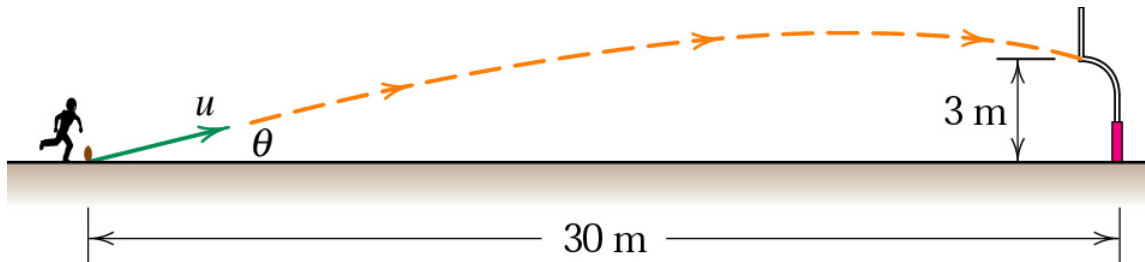
# Sample 3 (2/77)

A rocket is released at point A from a jet aircraft flying horizontally at 1000 km/h at an altitude of 800 m. If the rocket thrust remains horizontal and gives the rocket a horizontal acceleration of  $0.5g$ , determine the angle  $\theta$  from the horizontal to the line of sight to the target.



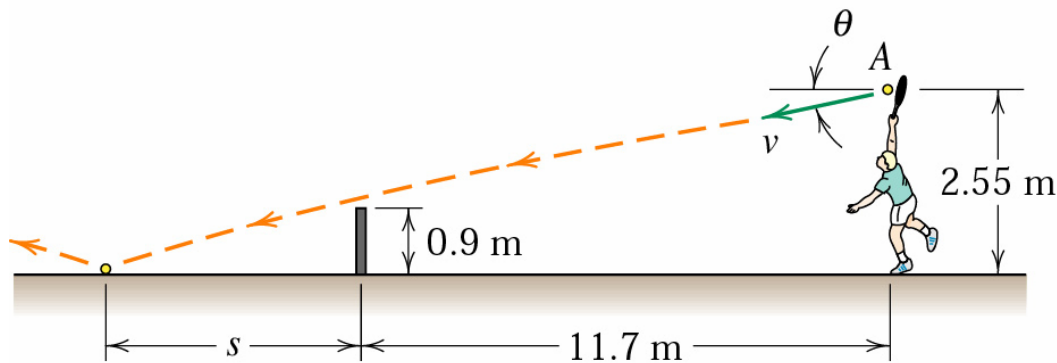
# Sample 4 (2/83)

A football player attempts a 30-m field goal. If he is able to impart a velocity  $u$  of 30 m/s to the ball, compute the minimum angle  $\theta$  for which the ball will clear the crossbar of the goal. (Hint: Let  $m = \tan \theta$ .)



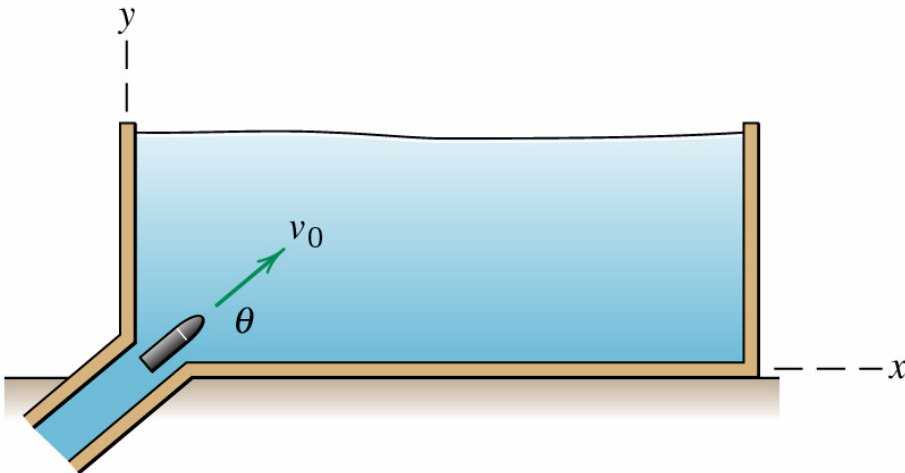
# Sample 5 (2/85)

If the tennis player serves the ball horizontally ( $\theta = 0$ ), calculate its velocity  $v$  if the center of the ball clears the 0.9-m net by 150 mm. Also find the distance  $s$  from the net to the point where the ball hits the court surface. Neglect air resistance and the effect of ball spin.



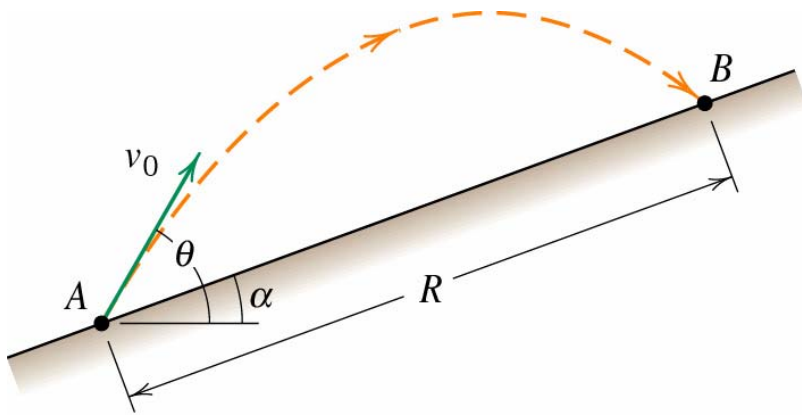
# Sample 6 (2/94)

A projectile is ejected into an experimental fluid at time  $t = 0$ . The initial speed is  $v_0$  and the angle to the horizontal is  $\theta$ . The drag on the projectile results in an acceleration term  $\mathbf{a}_D = -k\mathbf{v}$ , where  $k$  is a constant and  $\mathbf{v}$  is the velocity of the projectile. Determine the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components of both the velocity and displacement as functions of time. What is the terminal velocity? Include the effects of gravitational acceleration.

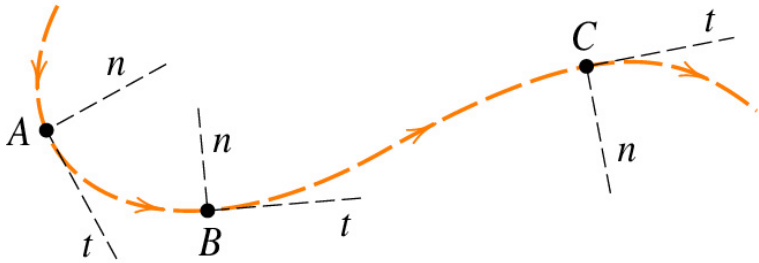


# Sample 7 (2/95)

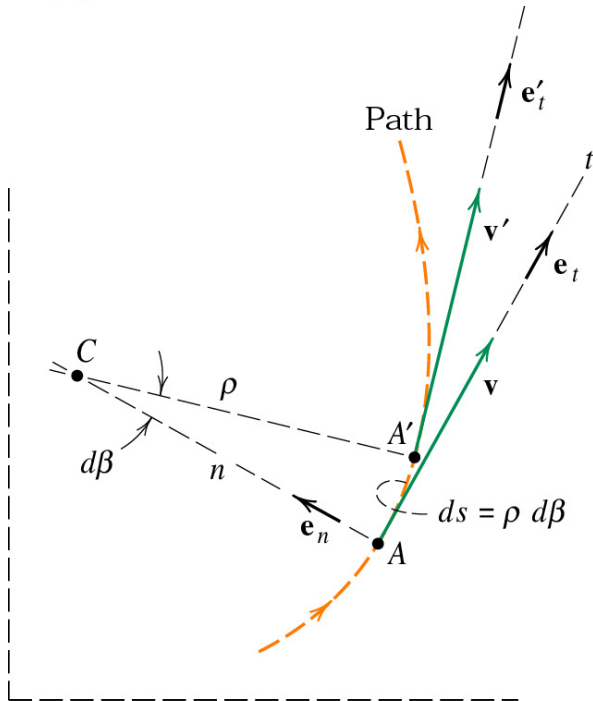
A projectile is launched with speed  $v_0$  from point  $A$ . Determine the launch angle  $\theta$  which results in the maximum range  $R$  up the incline of angle  $\alpha$  (where  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 90^\circ$ ). Evaluate your results for  $\alpha = 0, 30^\circ$ , and  $45^\circ$ .



# Normal and tangential coordinates ( $n-t$ )



- Positive  $n$  toward the center of the curvature of the path
- Positive  $t$  in the direction of positive velocity
- The origin and axes move and rotate together with the particle



$\hat{e}_n, \hat{e}_t$  : unit vector in the  
 $n$ - and  $t$ -direction

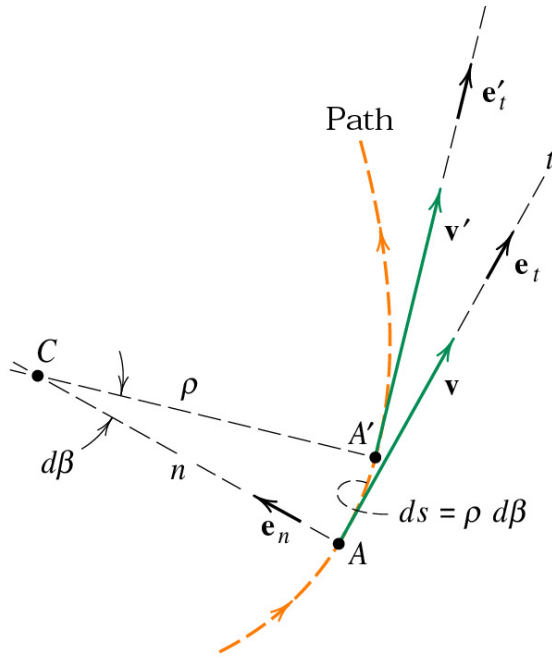
$$\vec{v} = v\hat{e}_t = \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)\hat{e}_t = \left(\frac{\rho d\beta}{dt}\right)\hat{e}_t = \rho\dot{\beta}\hat{e}_t$$

velocity is always tangent to the path



Only  $t$  component

# Acceleration (1)



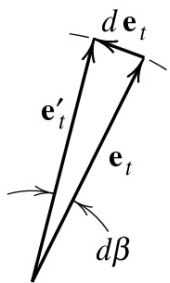
$$\bar{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{v}}}{dt} = \frac{d(v\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t)}{dt} = v\dot{\hat{\mathbf{e}}}_t + \dot{v}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{e}}}_t = \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t}{dt} = \left( \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t}{d\beta} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{d\beta}{dt} \right)$$

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{e}}}_t = \dot{\beta}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_n$$

$$v = \rho\dot{\beta}$$

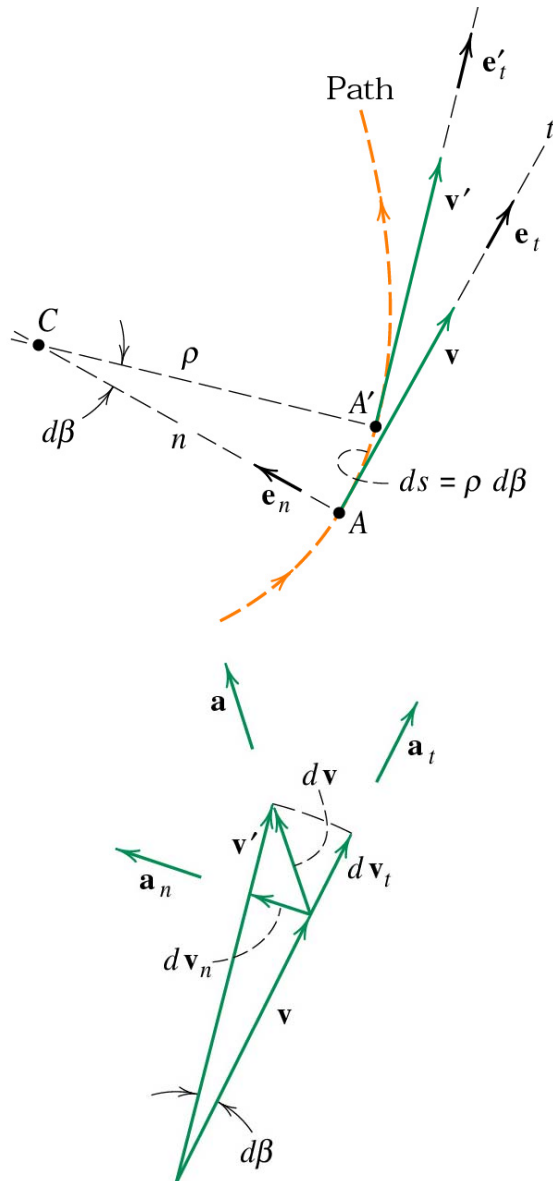
$$\bar{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{v^2}{\rho}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_n + \dot{v}\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t$$



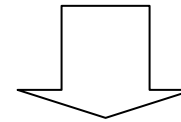
$$d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t = |\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t|d\beta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_n$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_t}{d\beta} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_n$$

# Acceleration (2)



$$\vec{a} = \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{e}_n + \dot{v} \hat{e}_t$$



$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \rho \dot{\beta}^2 = v \dot{\beta}$$

Change in direction

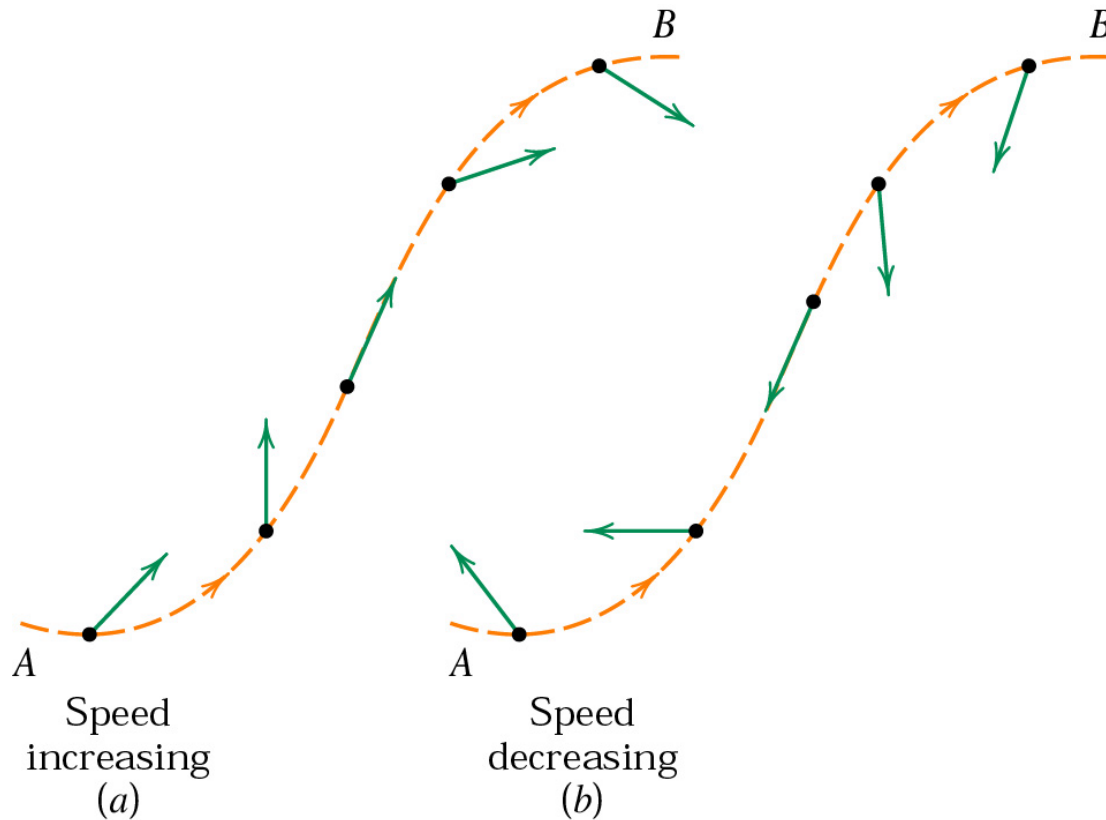
$$a_t = \dot{v} = \ddot{s}$$

Change in amplitude

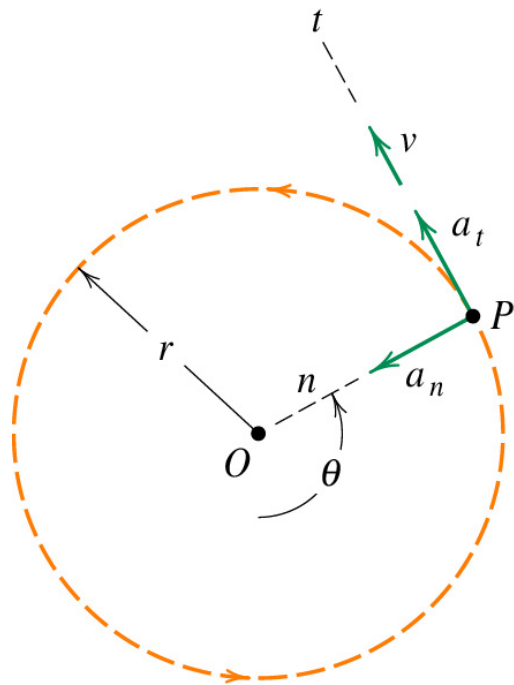
$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}$$

# Direction of acceleration

$a_n$  is always directed toward the center of curvature

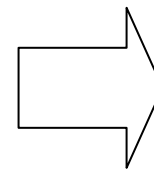


# Circular motion



$\rho$

$\beta$



Constant  $r$

$\theta$

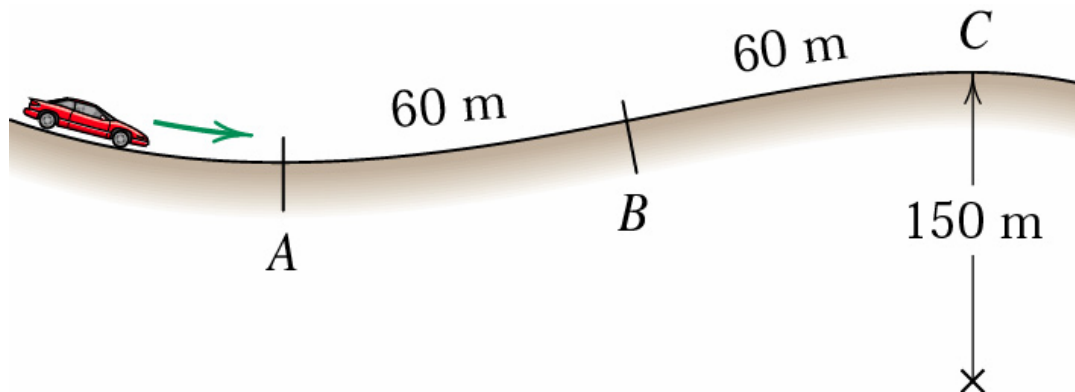
$$v = r\dot{\theta}$$

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\dot{\theta}^2 = v\dot{\theta}$$

$$a_t = \dot{v} = r\ddot{\theta}$$

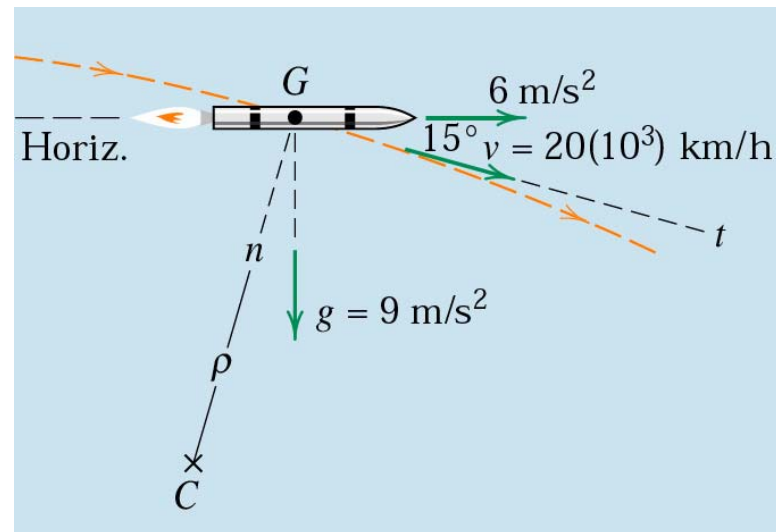
# Sample problem 2/7

To anticipate the dip and hump in the road, the driver of a car applies her brakes to produce a uniform deceleration. Her speed is 100 km/h at the bottom  $A$  of the dip and 50 km/h at the top  $C$  of the hump, which is 120 m along the road from  $A$ . If the passengers experience a total acceleration of  $3 \text{ m/s}^2$  at  $A$  and if the radius of curvature of the hump at  $C$  is 150 m, calculate (a) the radius of curvature  $\rho$  at  $A$ , (b) the acceleration at the inflection point  $B$ , and (c) the total acceleration at  $C$ .



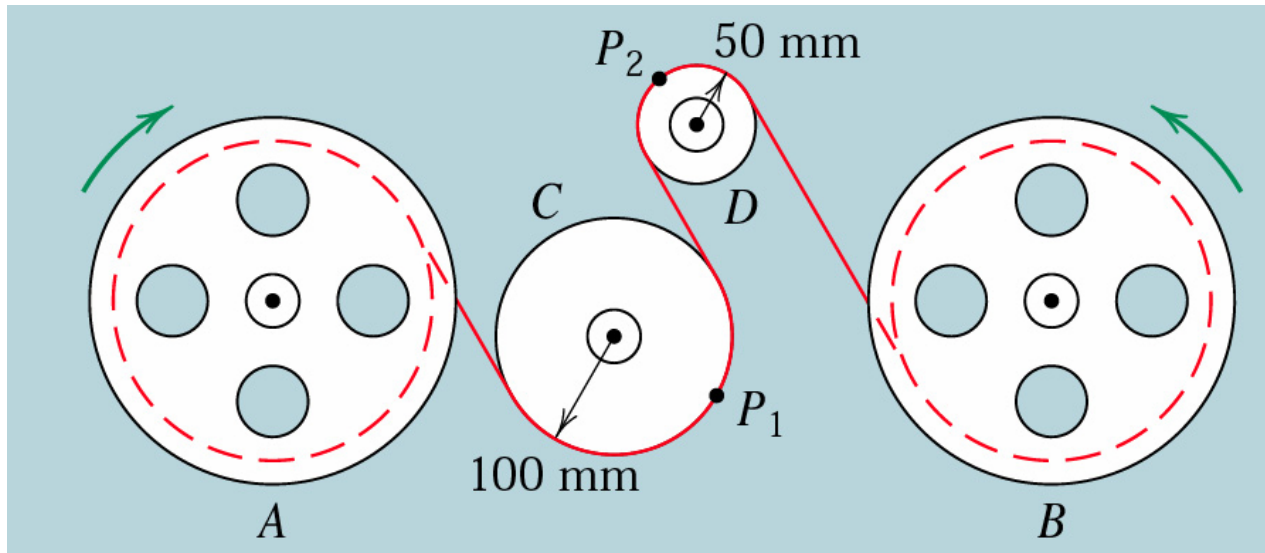
# Sample problem 2/8

The thrust imparts a horizontal component of acceleration of  $6 \text{ m/s}^2$ , and the downward acceleration component is the acceleration due to gravity, which is  $g = 9 \text{ m/s}^2$ . At the instant represented, the velocity of the mass center  $G$  of the rocket along the  $15^\circ$  direction of its trajectory is  $20(10^3) \text{ km/h}$ . Determine (a) the radius of curvature of the flight trajectory, (b) the rate at which the speed  $v$  is increasing, (c) the angular rate  $\dot{\beta}$  of the radial line from  $G$  to the center of curvature  $C$ , and (d) the vector expression for the total acceleration  $a$  of the rocket.



# Sample 8 (2/113)

From the figure, if the normal component of acceleration of  $P_1$  is  $40 \text{ m/s}^2$  and the tangential component of acceleration of  $P_2$  is  $30 \text{ m/s}^2$  at this instant, compute the corresponding speed  $v$  of the tape, the magnitude of the total acceleration of  $P_1$ , and the magnitude of the total acceleration of  $P_2$ .



# Sample 9 (2/119)

---

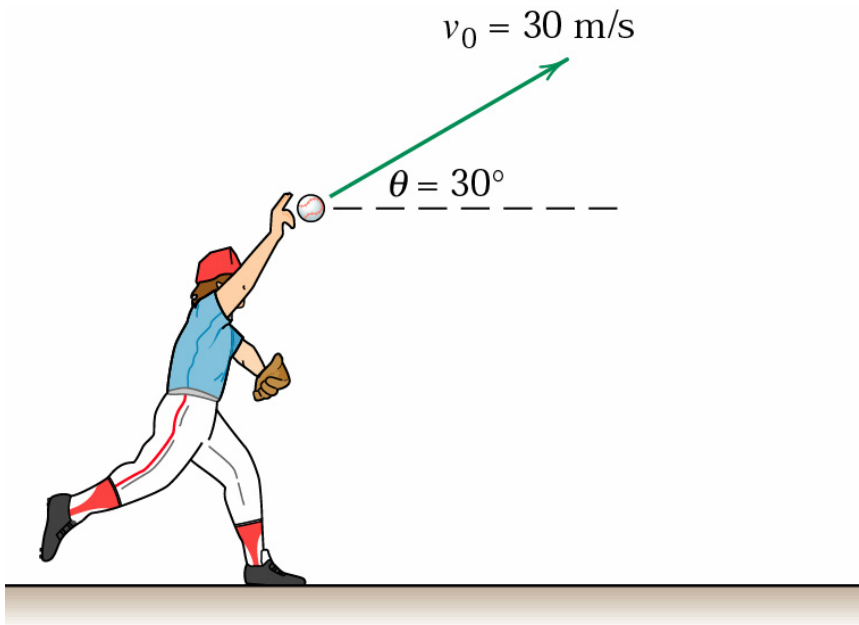
A particle moving in the  $x$ - $y$  plane has a position vector given

by  $\vec{r} = \frac{3}{2}t^2\hat{i} + \frac{2}{3}t^3$ , where  $\vec{r}$  is in meters and  $t$  is in seconds.

Calculate the radius of curvature  $r$  of the path for the position of the particle when  $t = 2$  s. Sketch the velocity  $v$  and the curvature of the path for this particular instant.

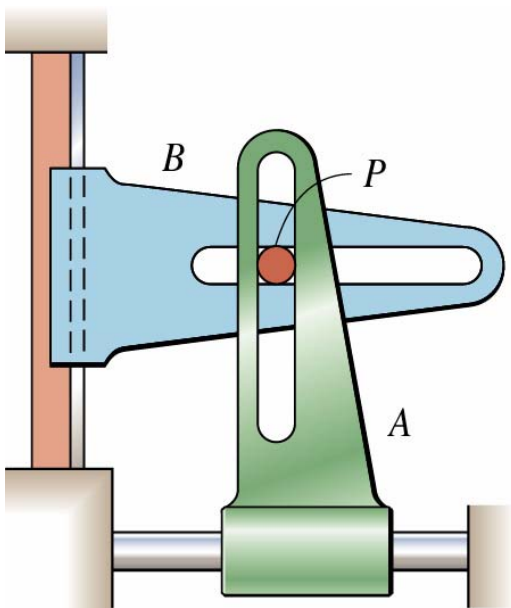
# Sample 10 (2/121)

A baseball player releases a ball with the initial conditions shown in the figure. Determine the radius of curvature  $\rho$  of the path and the time rate of change  $\dot{v}$  of the speed at times  $t = 1$  s and  $t = 2.5$  s, where  $t = 0$  is the time of release from the player's hand.



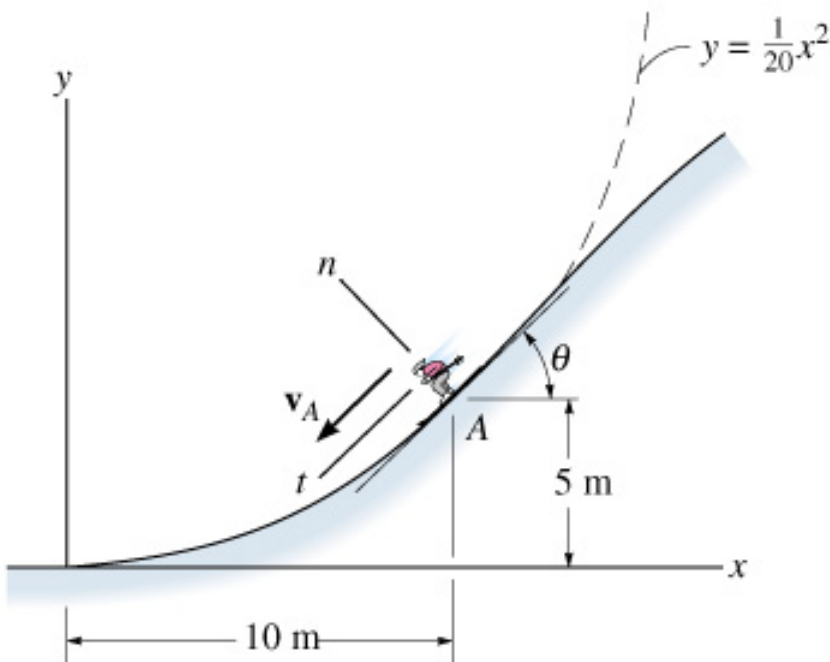
# Sample 11 (2/128)

At the instant represented,  $A$  has a velocity to the right of  $0.2 \text{ m/s}$  which is decreasing at the rate of  $0.75 \text{ m/s}$  each second. At the same time,  $B$  is moving down with a velocity of  $0.15 \text{ m/s}$  which is decreasing at the rate of  $0.5 \text{ m/s}$  each second. For this instant determine the radius of curvature  $\rho$  of the path followed by  $P$ . Is it possible to determine also the time rate of change of  $\rho$ ?



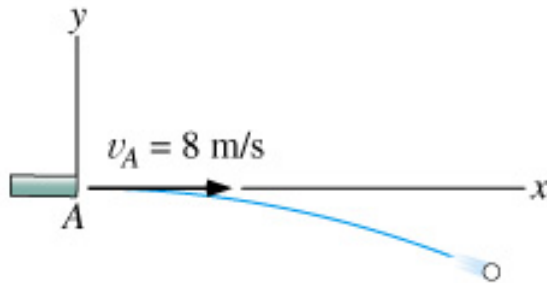
# Sample 12

When the skier reaches point A along the parabolic path, he has a speed of 6 m/s which is increasing at 2 m/s<sup>2</sup>. Determine the direction of his velocity and the direction and magnitude of his acceleration at this instant. Neglect the size of the skier in the calculation.

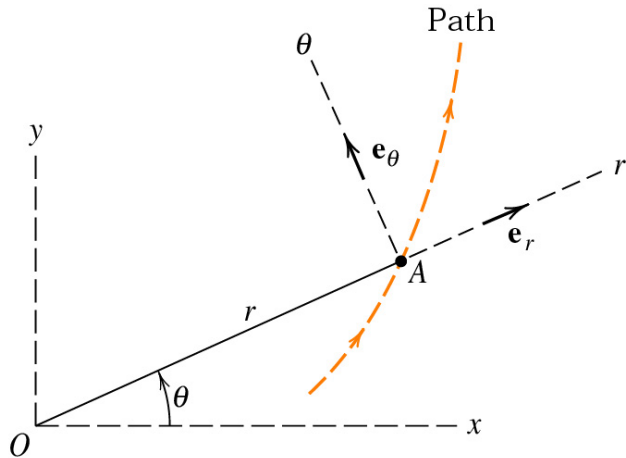


# Sample 13

The ball is ejected horizontally from the tube with a speed of 8 m/s. Find the equation of the path,  $y = f(x)$ , and then find the ball's velocity and the normal and tangential component of acceleration when  $t = 0.25$  s.



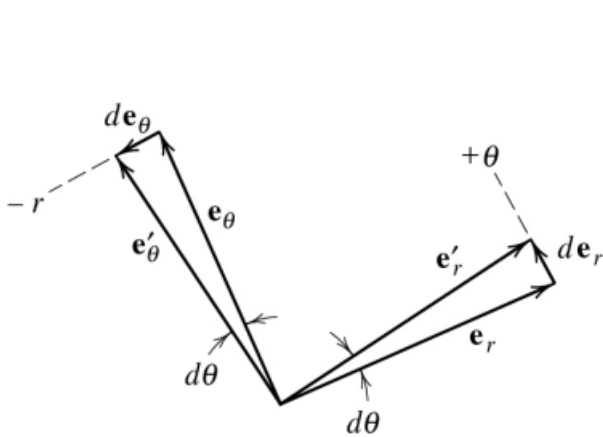
# Polar coordinates ( $r-\theta$ )



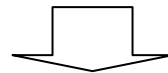
$r$  and  $\theta$  are measured from an arbitrary fixed reference ( $x$ - $y$  axes)

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

## Time derivative of the unit vectors

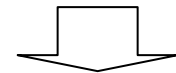


$$d\hat{e}_r = |\hat{e}_r| \cdot d\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\theta$$



$$\dot{\hat{e}}_r = \dot{\theta} \cdot \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$d\hat{e}_\theta = |\hat{e}_\theta| \cdot d\theta \cdot (-\hat{e}_r)$$



$$\dot{\hat{e}}_\theta = -\dot{\theta} \cdot \hat{e}_r$$

# Velocity and acceleration

Basic relations

$$\vec{r} = r\hat{e}_r, \quad \dot{\hat{e}}_r = \dot{\theta} \cdot \hat{e}_\theta, \quad \dot{\hat{e}}_\theta = -\dot{\theta} \cdot \hat{e}_r$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{r}\hat{e}_r + r\dot{\hat{e}}_r$$

$$\vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{e}_r + (r\dot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$v_r = \dot{r} \quad (\text{caused by the change of the length of } \vec{r})$$

$$v_\theta = r\dot{\theta} \quad (\text{caused by the rotation of } \vec{r})$$

$$v = \sqrt{v_r^2 + v_\theta^2}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$= (\ddot{r}\hat{e}_r + \dot{r}\dot{\hat{e}}_r) + (\dot{r}\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta + r\dot{\theta}\dot{\hat{e}}_\theta)$$

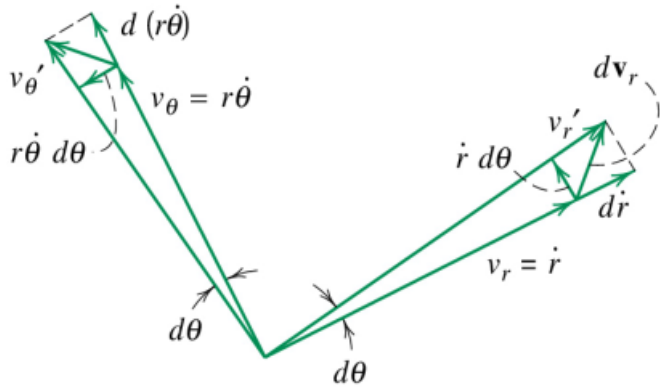
$$\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{e}_r + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta$$

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

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

$$a = \sqrt{a_r^2 + a_\theta^2}$$

# Geometric interpretation



$$\bar{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{e}_r + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\left[ \text{Magnitude change of } \vec{v}_r \right] = d\dot{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{r} \quad (\text{in } r \text{ direction})$$

$$\left[ \text{Direction change of } \vec{v}_r \right] = \dot{r}d\theta$$

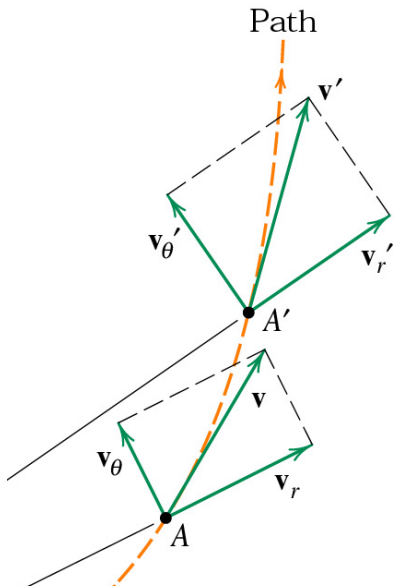
$$\Rightarrow \dot{r}\dot{\theta} \quad (\text{in } \theta \text{ direction})$$

$$\left[ \text{Magnitude change of } \vec{v}_\theta \right] = d(r\dot{\theta})$$

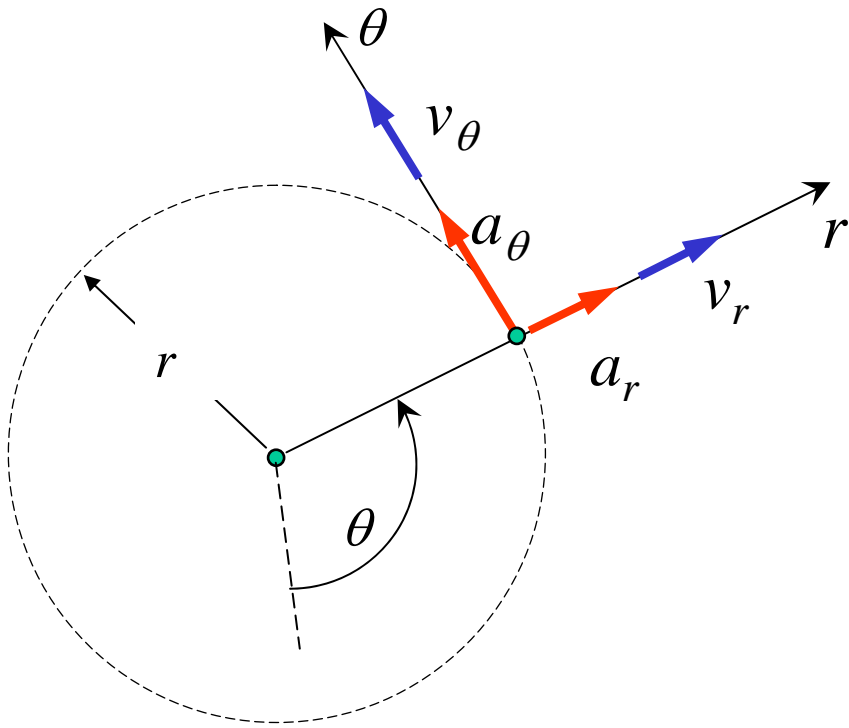
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(r\dot{\theta})}{dt} = \dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta} \quad (\text{in } \theta \text{ direction})$$

$$\left[ \text{Direction change of } \vec{v}_\theta \right] = r\dot{\theta}d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow r\dot{\theta}^2 \quad (\text{in } -r \text{ direction})$$



# Circular motion ( $r-\theta$ )



$$\vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{e}_r + (r\dot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{e}_r + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$v_r = \dot{r} = 0$$

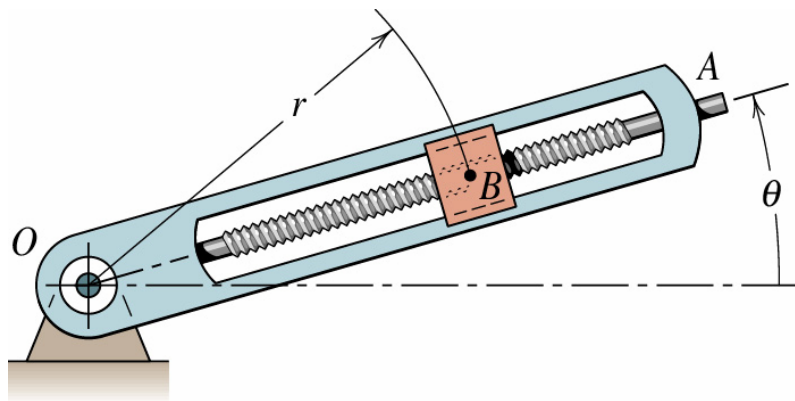
$$v_\theta = r\dot{\theta}$$

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

$$a_\theta = r\ddot{\theta}$$

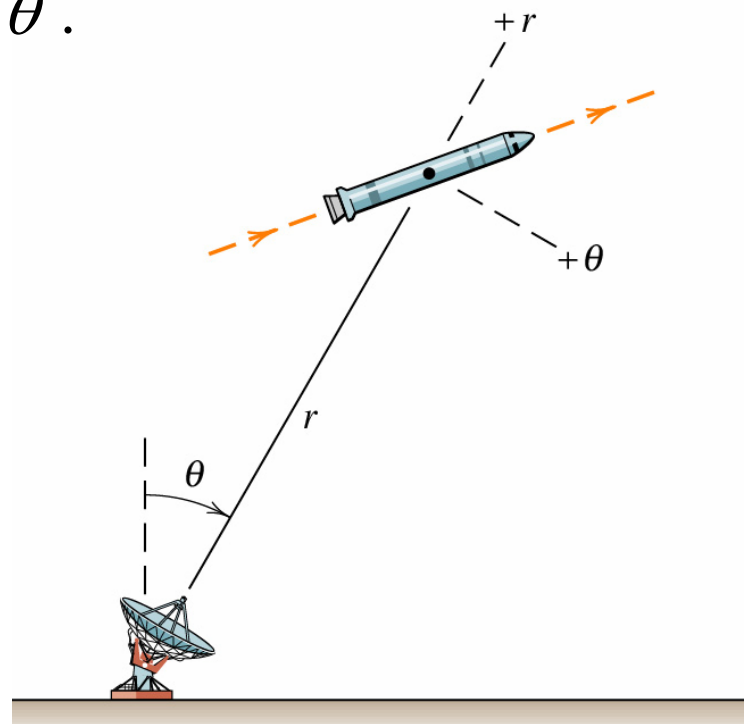
# Sample problem 2/9

Rotation of the radially slotted arm is governed by  $\theta = 0.2t + 0.02t^3$ , where  $\theta$  is in radians and  $t$  is in seconds. Simultaneously, the power screw in the arm engages the slider  $B$  and controls its distance from  $O$  according to  $r = 0.2 + 0.04t^2$ , where  $r$  is in meters and  $t$  is in seconds. Calculate the magnitudes of the velocity and acceleration of the slider for the instant when  $t = 3$  s.



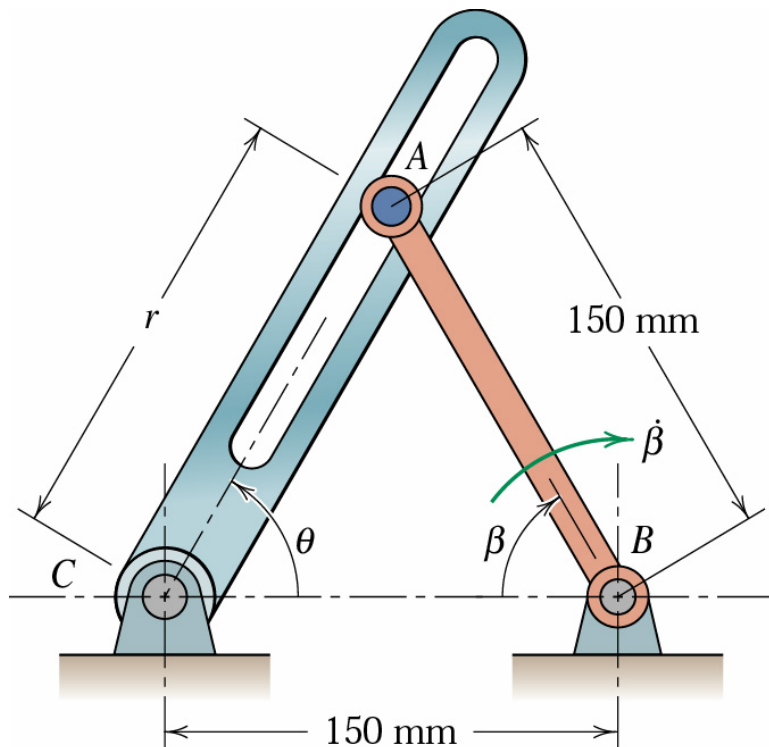
# Sample problem 2/10

A tracking radar lies in the vertical plane of the path of a rocket which is coasting in unpowered flight above the atmosphere. For the instant when  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , the tracking data give  $r = 8(10^4)$  m,  $\dot{r} = 1200$  m/s, and  $\dot{\theta} = 0.80$  deg/s. The acceleration of the rocket is due only to gravitational attraction and for its particular altitude is  $9.20$  m/s<sup>2</sup> vertically down. For these condition determine the velocity  $v$  of the rocket and the values of  $\ddot{r}$  and  $\ddot{\theta}$ .



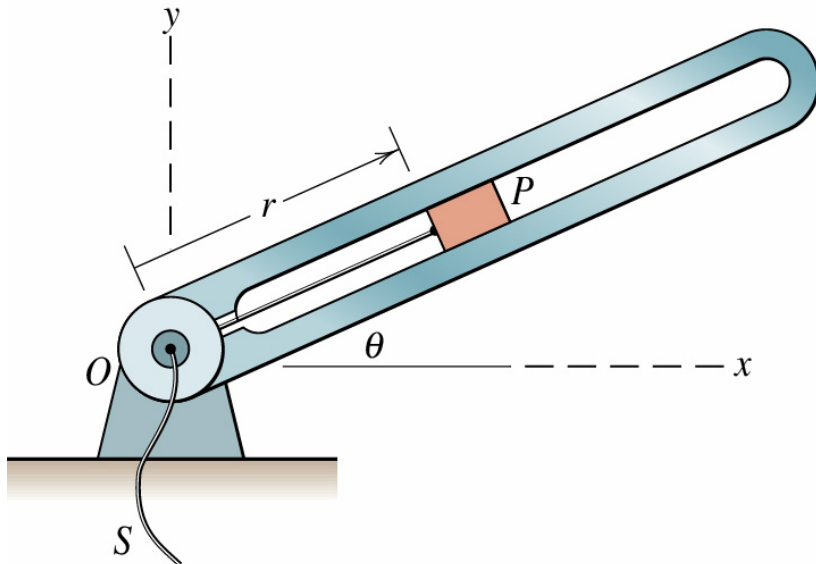
# Sample 12 (2/141)

Link  $AB$  rotates through a limited range of angle  $\beta$ , and its end  $A$  causes the slotted link  $AC$  to rotate also. For the instant represented where  $\beta = 60^\circ$  and  $\dot{\beta} = 0.6 \text{ rad/s}$  constant, determine the corresponding value of  $\dot{r}$ ,  $\ddot{r}$ ,  $\dot{\theta}$ , and  $\ddot{\theta}$ . Make use of Eqs. 2/13 and 2/14.



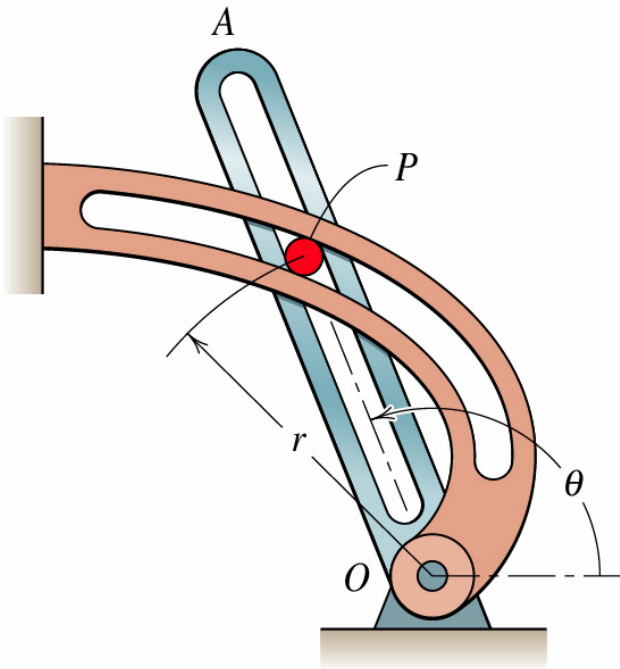
# Sample 13 (2/145)

The slider  $P$  can be moved inward by means of the string  $S$ , while the slotted arm rotates about point  $O$ . The angular position of the arm is given by  $\theta = 0.8t - t^2/20$ , where  $\theta$  is in radians and  $t$  is in seconds. The slider is at  $r = 1.6$  m when  $t = 0$  and thereafter is drawn inward at the constant rate of  $0.2$  m/s. Determine the magnitude and direction (expressed by the angle  $\alpha$  relative to the  $x$ -axis) of the velocity and acceleration of the slider when  $t = 4$  s.



# Sample 14 (2/149)

The slotted arm  $OA$  forces the small pin to move in the fixed spiral guide defined by  $r = K\theta$ . Arm  $OA$  starts from rest at  $\theta = \pi/4$  and has a constant counter clockwise angular acceleration  $\ddot{\theta} = \alpha$ . Determine the magnitude of the acceleration of the pin  $P$  when  $\theta = 3\pi/4$ .



# Sample 15 (2/165)

For a limited range of motion, crank  $CP$  causes the slotted link  $OA$  to rotate. If  $\beta$  is increasing at the constant rate of 4 rad/s when  $\beta = \pi/4$ , determine the  $r$ - and  $\theta$ -components of the acceleration of pin  $P$  for this position and specify the corresponding value of  $\dot{r}$  and  $\ddot{r}$ .

