



A gear sits between two moving racks. If the top rack moves at a velocity of $v_A = 0.8 \text{ m/s}$ to the left and the bottom rack moves at a velocity of $v_B = 0.45 \text{ m/s}$ to the right, determine the velocity at the center of the gear, the angular velocity of the gear, and the distance to the ICZV from point B. The gear has a radius of $r = 0.05 \text{ m}$.

Let x be the distance from the ICZV to the rack

$$v_B = \omega x = 0.45 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_A = \omega (2r - x) = \omega (0.1 - x) = 0.8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\omega = \frac{0.45}{x} = \frac{0.8}{0.1 - x} \Rightarrow 0.045 - 0.45x = 0.8x \quad x = 0.036$$

$$\omega = \frac{0.45}{0.036} = 12.5 \text{ rad/s} \quad r_{O/IC} = r - x = 0.05 - 0.036 = 0.014$$

$$v_O = \omega r_{O/IC} = (12.5)(0.014) = \boxed{0.175 \text{ m/s}}$$