

# Acceleration Analysis of mechanics

Velocity of moving body is Vector quantity having magnitude and direction.

a change in Velocity over time result in:

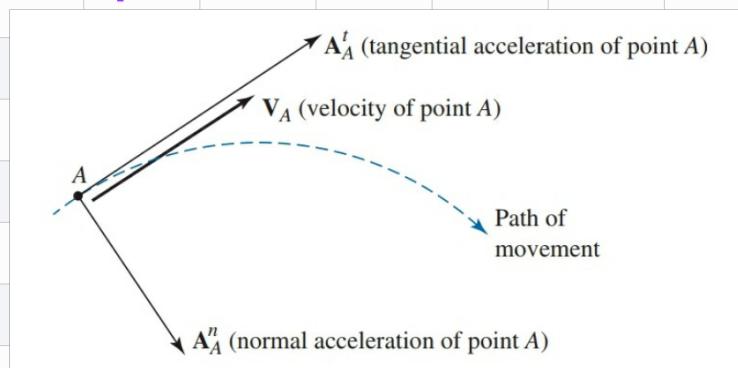
Change in **magnitude only**

Change in **direction only**

Change in **magnitude and direction**

The rate of change of velocity with respect to time is known as acceleration.  $\rightarrow$

## Acceleration on circular path using normal and tangential component



$$V = V_u t$$
$$\alpha = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot V_t + \frac{du}{dt} \cdot V$$

$V_t$        $\frac{dy}{dt}$        $\frac{du}{dt}$        $V$   
 $\alpha_t$        $a_n$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = V_t d\theta$$
$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{V}{r}$$

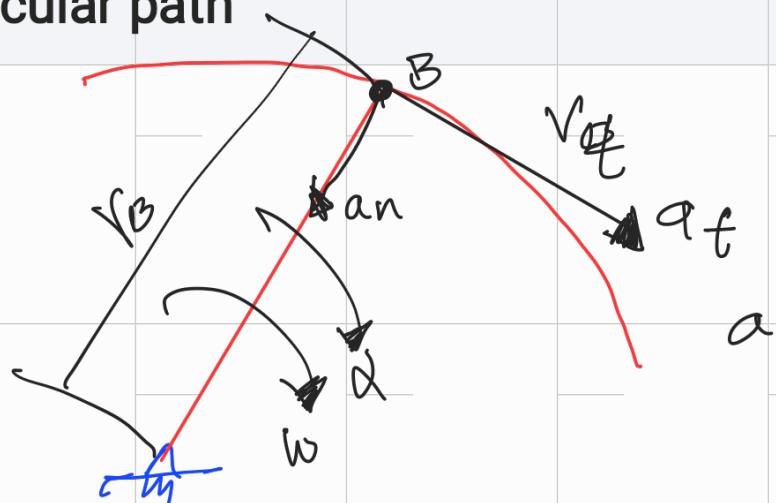
- The **normal component** is created as a result of a **change in the direction** of the velocity vector.
- The **tangential component** is formed as a result of a **change in the magnitude** of the velocity vector.

$$\alpha_t = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$a_n = \frac{V^2}{r}$$

Note that : if the motion is straight line motion (acceleration on straight path) , there is only tangential acceleration which is due to change in the magnitude of velocity.

## Acceleration of a point on rigid body or link moving on circular path



$$a_n = \text{normal acceleration}$$

$$a_t = \text{tangential} \gg$$

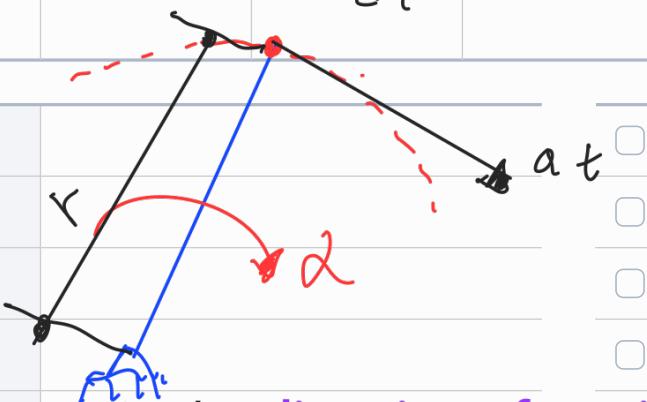
$$a = a_t + a_n$$

n - measure acceleration due to Change in direction  
t - > > > > > > > Magnitude

## Tangential Acceleration of a point on link

- The magnitude of the tangential acceleration of point A on a rotating link 2 can be expressed as;

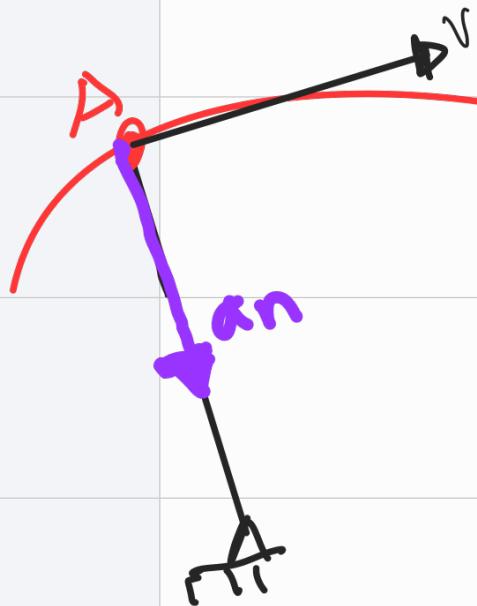
$$a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d(\omega \times r)}{dt} = \frac{d\omega}{dt} \cdot r = \underline{\underline{\alpha}} \cdot r$$



- It acts in the **direction of motion** when the velocity increases or the point **accelerates**.
- Conversely, it acts in the **opposite direction** of motion when the velocity decreases or the point **decelerates**.

## Normal Acceleration

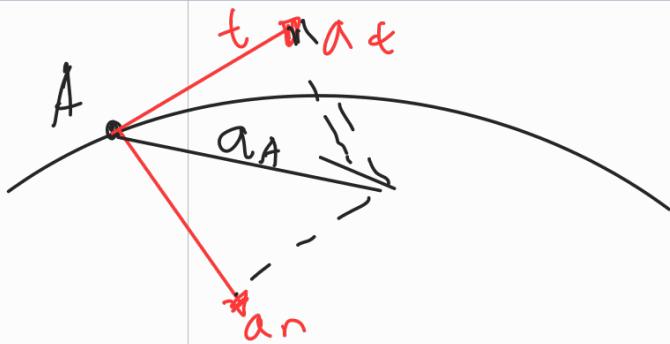
- Any change in velocity direction creates normal acceleration, which is always directed toward the center of rotation.
- To understand and derive the general equation for normal acceleration let us see the link below :



$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{\omega^2 r}{r} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\omega^2 r}} \end{aligned}$$

## Total Acceleration

- Acceleration analysis is important because inertial forces result from accelerations.
- Inertial forces are proportional to the total acceleration of a body.
- The total acceleration,  $A$ , is the vector resultant of the tangential and normal components. Mathematically,



$$|da| = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_n^2}$$

## Important points

- If the body is moving with *constant angular velocity* the tangential acceleration,  $a_t=0$
- If the body is *moving on straight line* then the normal acceleration  $a_n=0$
- The *normal acceleration is always directed* towards the center *point of rotation* at a given instants (parallel to the given link)
- The *tangential acceleration* is perpendicular to *normal acceleration* and directed in the direction of velocity or angular velocity or acceleration

## Method of Acceleration analysis of links or mechanisms

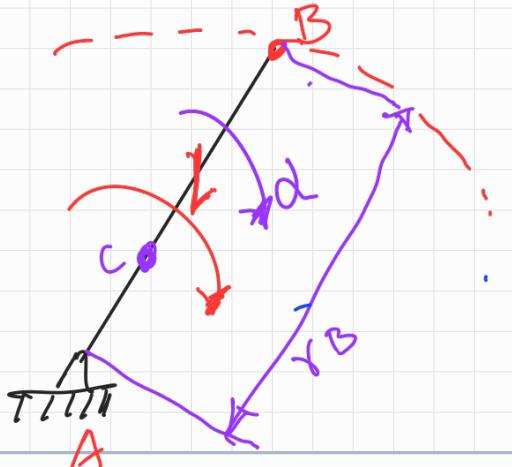
- Two methods are available namely analytical and graphical method.
- We focus on graphical method of solving acceleration of mechanisms.

## Graphical method of finding acceleration of points on rigid links

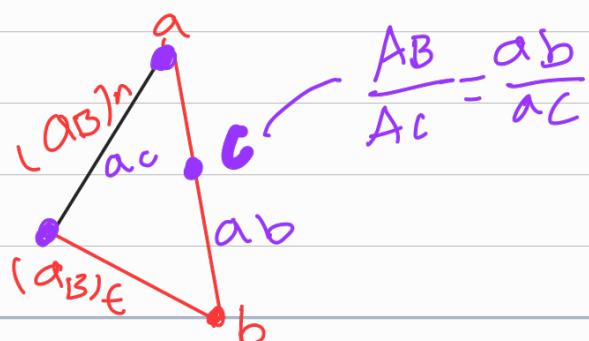
- Uses acceleration diagram and constructed using drawing instrument with suitable scales
- The solutions are obtained by measurement

$$1\text{cm} = 10^{\text{m/s}^2}$$

## Acceleration diagram of simple link

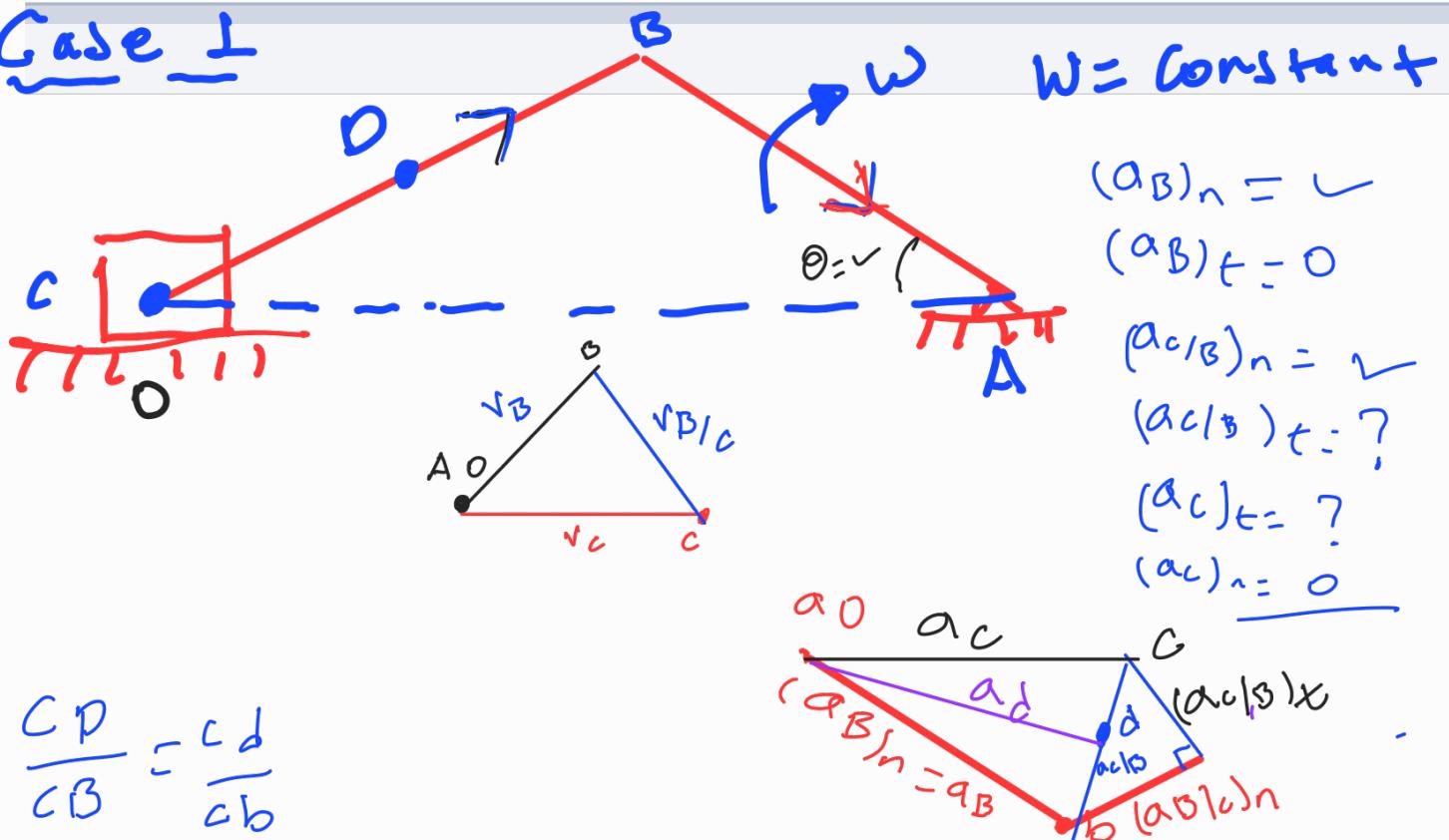


$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{50^2}{50} = 50 \text{ m/s}^2$$
$$a_t = \alpha \times r = 30$$



# Acceleration diagram of slider crank mechanism

Case 1



Case 2

$\omega \neq \text{constant}$

$$(a_B)_n = \checkmark$$

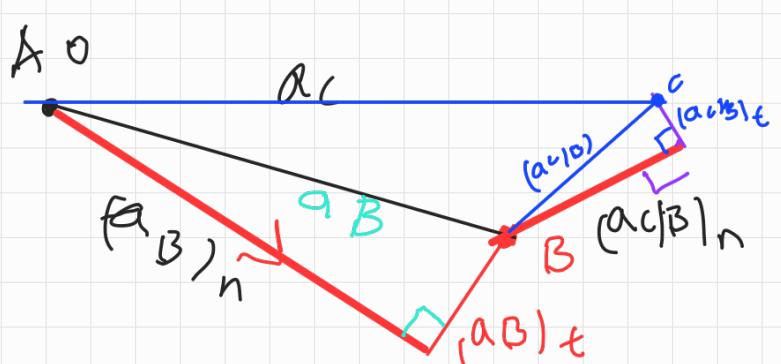
$$(a_B)_t = \checkmark$$

$$(a_{C/B})_n = \checkmark$$

$$(a_{C/B})_t = ?$$

$$(a_C)_t = ?$$

$$(a_C)_n = 0$$



## Examples



$$AG \approx 20\text{cm}$$

$$GB \approx 10\text{cm}$$

$$BC \approx 10\text{cm}$$

In the position shown in

$$V_B = ?$$

$$r_D = ?$$

$$v_{D/B} = ?, w_{D/B}$$

$$V_G = ?$$

$$a_G = ?$$

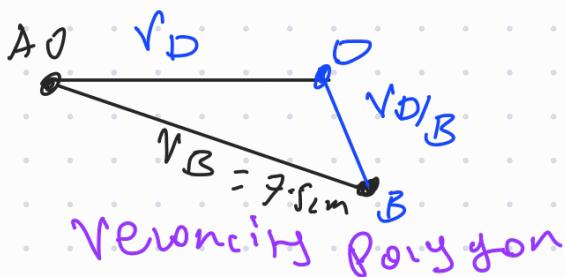
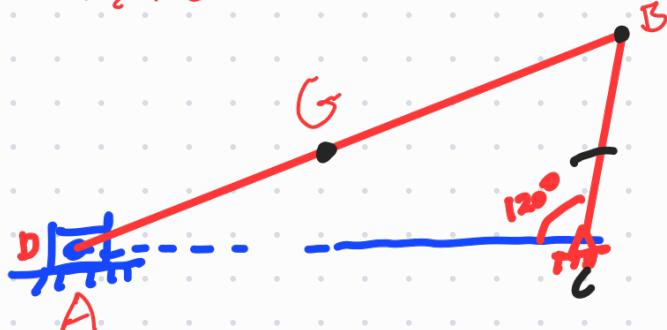
$$a_{B/D} = ?$$

$$d_{BD} = ?$$

## Step 2 Velocity Diagram

### Config Scale

1:10



### Velocity Diagram Scale

$$\sqrt{3} = 75 \times 10$$

$$= 750 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$1 \text{ cm} = 100 \text{ cm/s}$$

By measurement and scaling up.

$$V_{D/B} = 400 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$V_B = 750 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$V_D = 520 \text{ cm/s}$$

### - Acceleration diagram

$$a_{B/D} \leftarrow t = \alpha x r = 1200 \times 10 = 12000 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$\perp n$ ,  $\alpha$  - direction

$$n = \frac{V_B^2}{r} = \frac{750^2}{10} = 56250 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$$a_D \leftarrow n = 0$$

$$t = ?$$

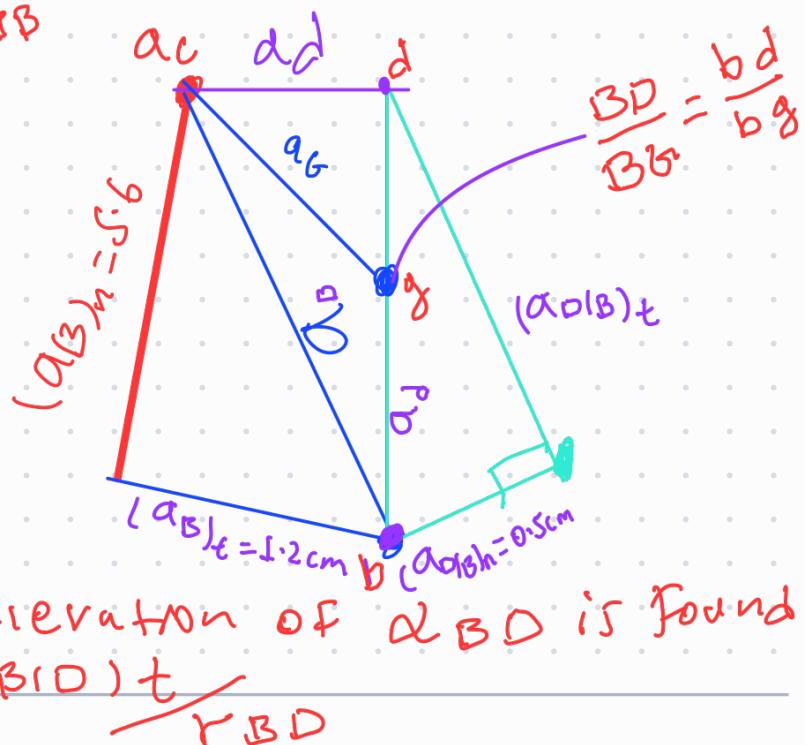
(direction)

$$a_{D/B} \leftarrow n = \frac{V_{D/B}^2}{r} = 5333.3 \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$$t = ? \quad \perp n$$

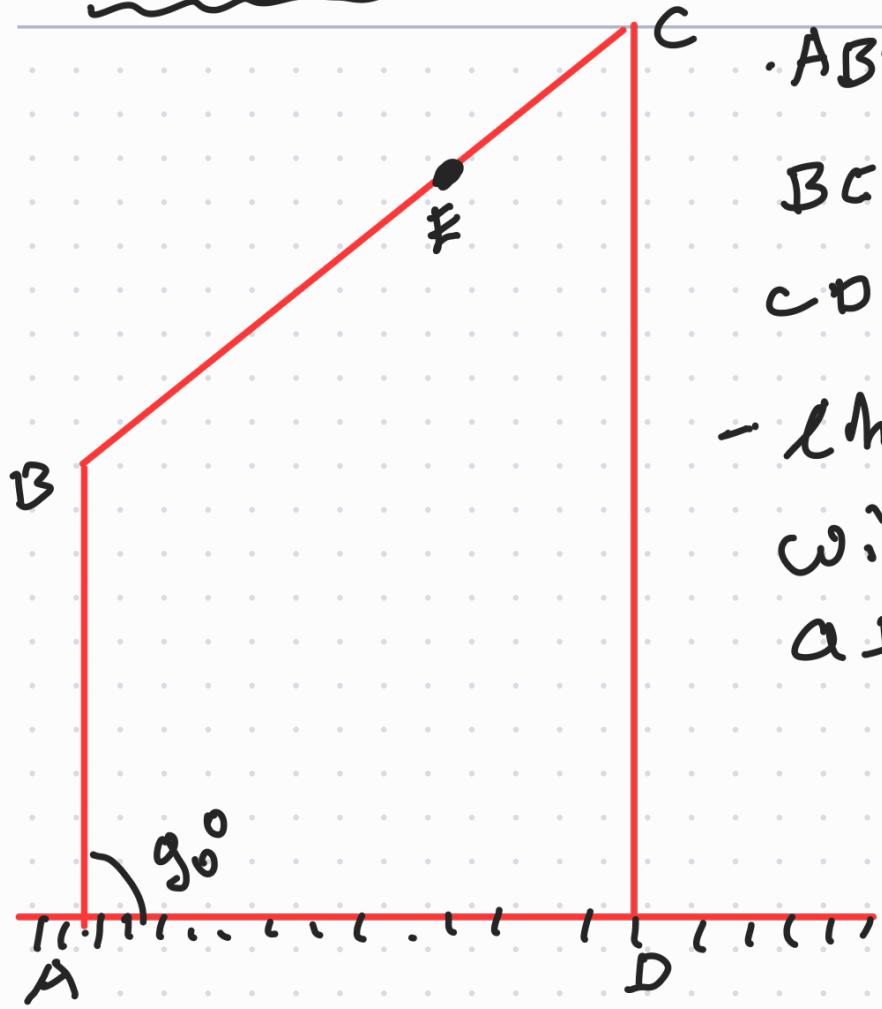
i.e. By measurement  
the values of  
 $(a_{D/B})_t$ ,  $(a_{D/B})_n$ ,  $a_D$   
can be found.

Acc. diagram scale  $\rightarrow 1 \text{ cm} = 10000 \text{ cm/s}^2$



- the angular acceleration of  $\alpha_{BD}$  is found using  $\alpha_{BD} = (a_{B/D})_t / r_{BD}$

# Example



$$\cdot AB = 7.5\text{cm}$$

$$BC = 17.5\text{cm}, EC = 5\text{cm}$$

$$CD = 15\text{cm}, AD = 10\text{cm}$$

- Link AB rotates  
with Uniformly  
at 120 r.p.m CW

Find -  $\alpha_{BC}$  &  $\alpha_{CD}$   
-  $\alpha_E$

## Exercise 3

The mechanism shown in Figure 7.5 is used in a distribution center to push boxes along a platform and to a loading area. The input link is driven by an electric motor, which, at the instant shown, has a velocity of  $25 \text{ rad/s}$  and accelerates at a rate of  $500 \text{ rad/s}^2$ . Knowing that the input link has a length of  $250 \text{ mm}$ , determine  $t^1$ .

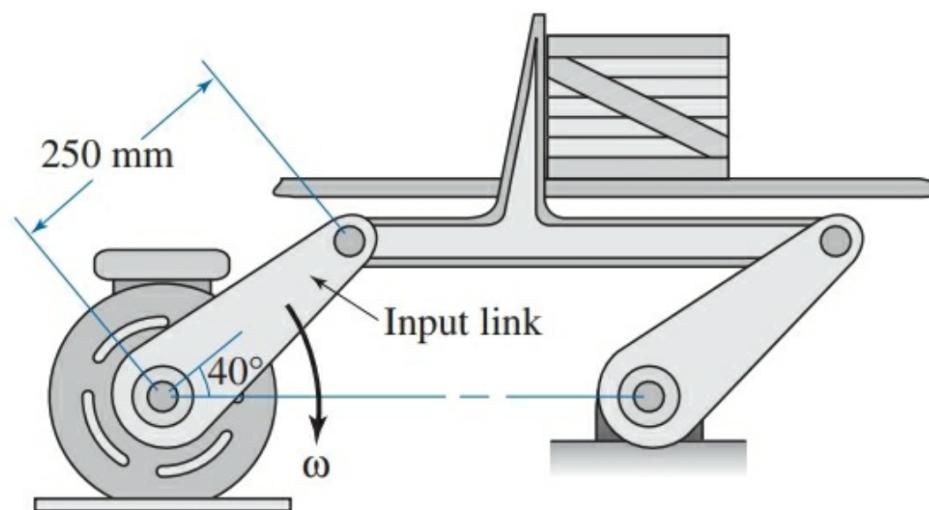


FIGURE 7.5 Transfer mechanism for Example Problem 7.4.

## Exercise 4

The mechanism shown in Figure 7.13 is a common punch press designed to perform successive stamping operations. The machine has just been powered and at the instant shown is coming up to full speed. The driveshaft rotates clockwise with an angular velocity of  $72 \text{ rad/s}$  and accelerates at a rate of  $250 \text{ rad/s}^2$ . At the instant shown, determine the acceleration of the stamping die, which will strike the workpiece.

