

# Module 3:

## PVA Position, Velocity, and Acceleration Analysis

### (Topics 1-3)



ME 370 - Mechanical Design 1

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\* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1scj5otD-E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1scj5otD-E)

# Observations from P1D4

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- We are now allowing the dispensing “wheel” or conveyor belt ideas, but require that the package must be dispensed after at least one complete turn of the hand crank
- The dispensing mechanism will need to attach to the single motor of the walker
  - Where to position the hand crank for ease of conversion? Will you need to resize/redesign the dispensing mechanism? Compact size, light weight, and ease of turning the crank are key features needed in P2. Design proactively to reduce need for major redesign
- Ensure that shafts are secured in at least two planes to maintain orientation
  - Gears want to push apart due to contact forces – secure all shafts
- Longer slider links will increase smooth sliding and reduce the likelihood of jamming or rotating in the slot
- No glue or tape allowed for structural supports in final design
- Ensure that user theme aligns with specifications in the Project Description

# Module 3. PVA Topics: Reading - Norton Ch 4, 6, 7

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1. Vector notation (Complex and Compact)
  2. Analytical analysis method
    - a. Position analysis
    - b. Velocity analysis
    - c. Acceleration analysis
  3. PVA analysis of a moving point
  4. PVA analysis of a four-bar linkage
    - a. Vector loop equation
  5. PVA analysis of other four-bar mechanisms
    - a. Offset slider-crank
    - b. Inverted offset slider-crank
  6. PVA analysis of mechanisms > four links
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- Covered in this slide deck

# What do we know so far?

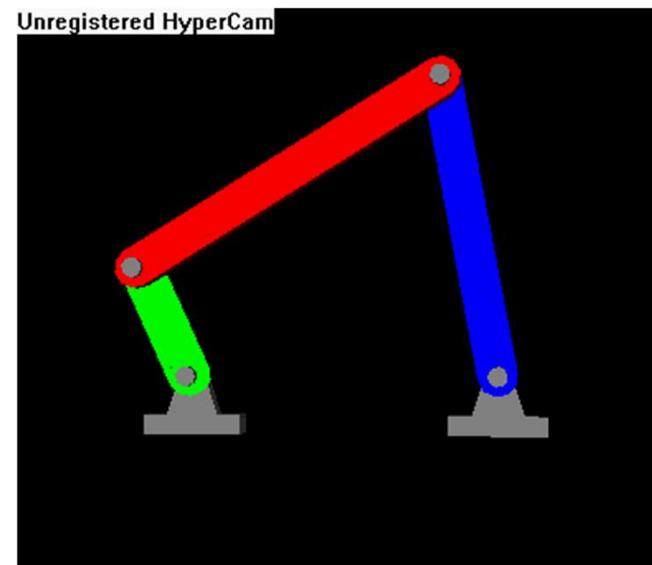
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- Planar mechanisms **Synthesis**
  - Mobility
  - Quality of Motion
  - Graphically generate a desired motion or path
  - Visually (or with very little math) determine instantaneous velocity
- What is next?
  - Planar mechanisms **Analysis** using Position, Velocity and Acceleration

# Position, Velocity, Acceleration (PVA) Analysis

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- Now we want to analyze this mechanism
  - WHY?
    - Predict output
    - Prevent any failure
  - HOW?
    - Force & torques ( $F, T$ )
      - ▶ Acceleration ( $a, \alpha$ )
      - ▶ Velocity ( $v, \omega$ )
      - ▶ Position ( $r, \theta$ )



# Goal of PVA

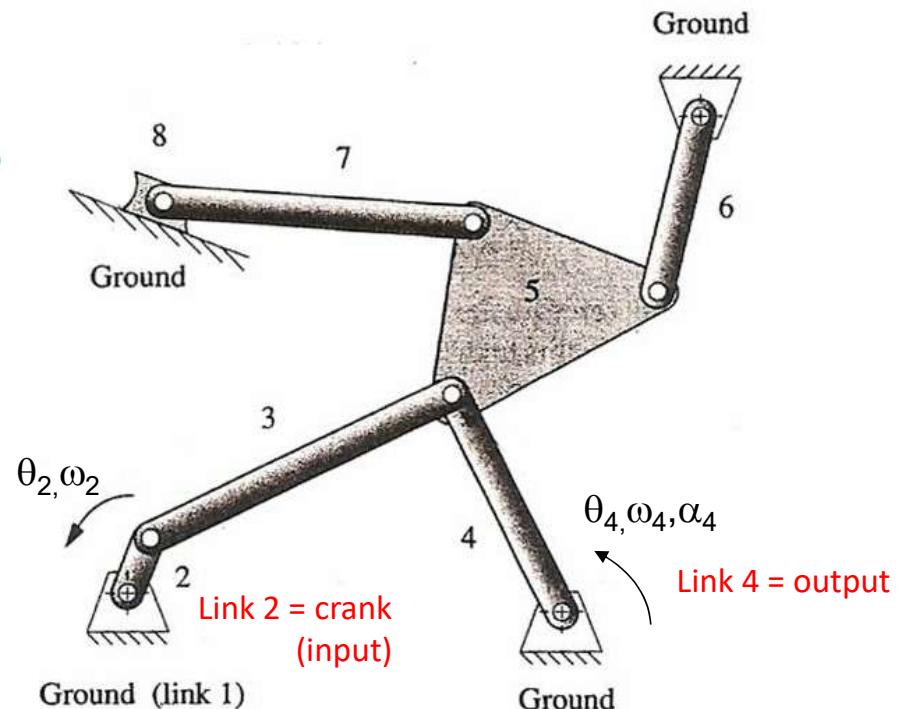
Given:

- pivot locations
  - link lengths
  - Input (e.g.,  $\theta_2(t), \omega_2(t)$ )
- how many DOFs do you  
need

Find:

- Position  $\theta_4(t)$
  - Velocity  $\omega_4(t)$
  - Acceleration  $\alpha_4(t)$
- } and any other  
as a function of input (e.g.,  $\theta_2(t), \omega_2(t)$ )

For a 1 DOF mechanism, these PVA values will dictate, as function of time, the exact orientation of the entire mechanism and the force & torques in the links and joints



$$n = 8, J_1 = 10, J_2 = 0, \text{DOF} = 1$$

# Two Techniques for PVA

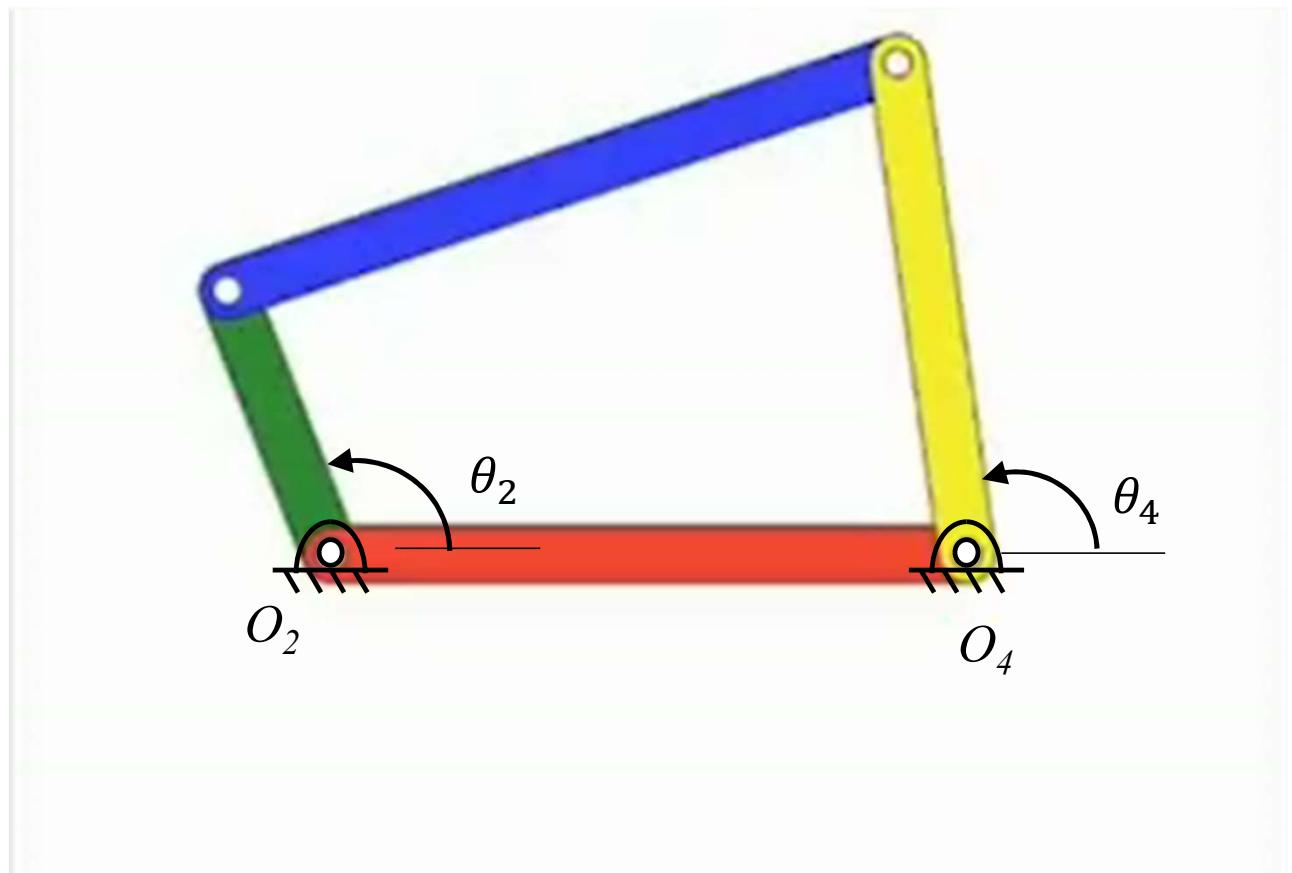
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1. Previous: Graphical (geometric)
  - Section 4.4
  - Only useful for specific position
  - Need to recalculate for different position
  - Quick first order approximation
2. Now: Analytical (algebraic)
  - Section 4.5+
  - Useful for multiple position
  - Based on equations
  - Can be solved by computer software (MATLAB, Python)
  - Use vector notation (compact notation)

# PVA analysis of 4-bar linkage

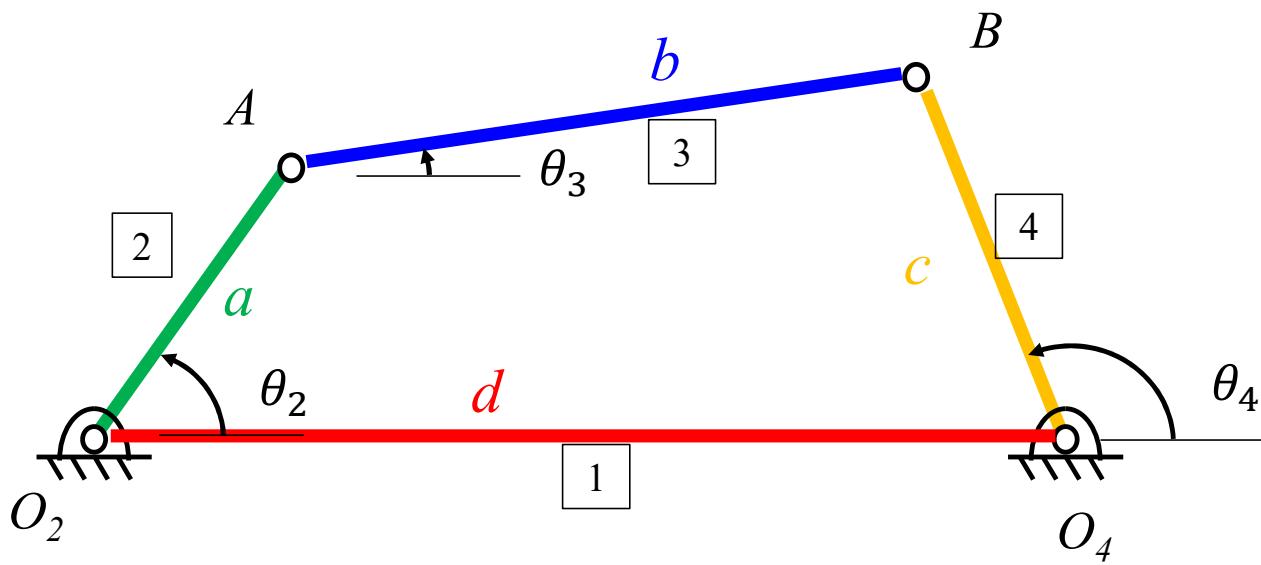
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- Given:  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $\theta_2$
- Solve for  $\theta_3, \theta_4$



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What is the value of  $\theta_1(t)$ ?

- uses distances and directions  $\rightarrow$  we want vectors
- vector convention should be:- compact
  - easy to write for position
  - easy to compute velocity

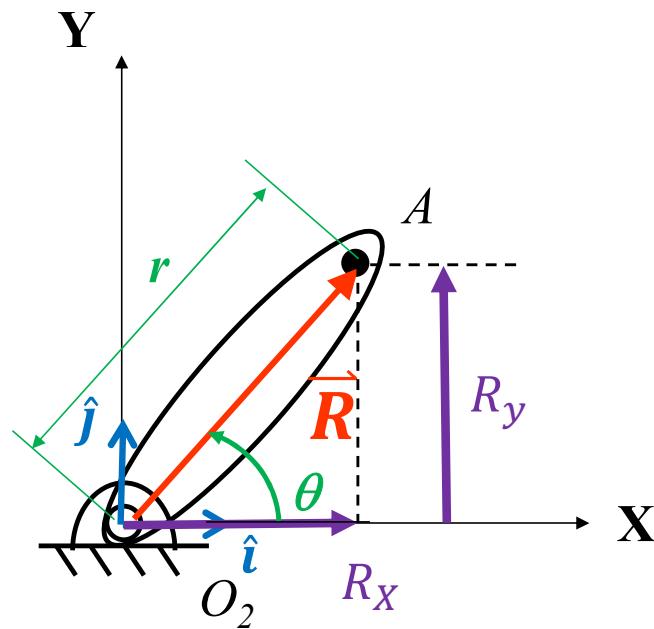
# Vector notation

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- Use for position, velocity and acceleration analysis
- Coordinate systems and position vectors
- Three vector notations
  1. Cartesian
  2. Radial-transverse
  3. Complex number
    - $j$  operator
    - Euler Identity
    - Derivatives
    - Compact notation

# Cartesian vector

$\vec{R}$  is a vector pointing from  $O_2$  to A.  
How to represent in vector notations?



Cartesian

$$\vec{R} = R_X \hat{i} + R_Y \hat{j}$$
$$\vec{R} = r \cos \theta \hat{i} + r \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

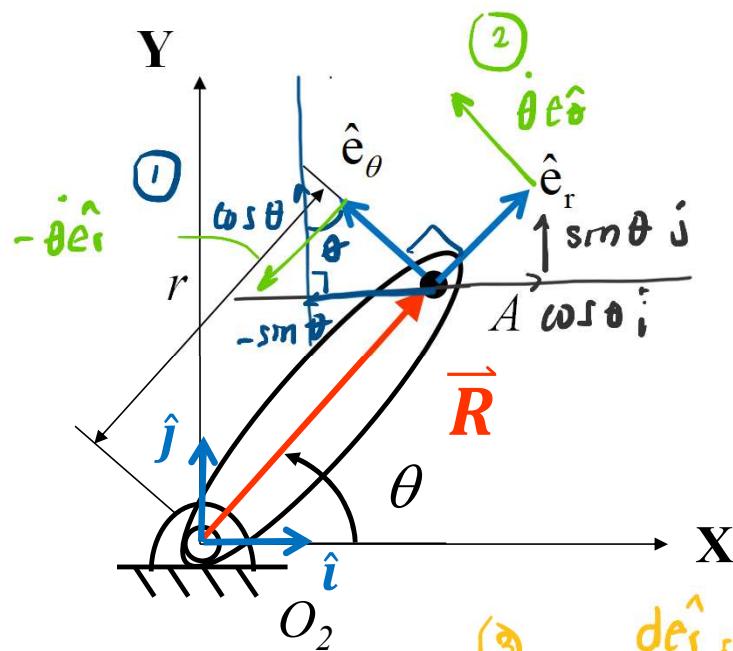
$i, j$  constant .

A diagram showing a vector  $\vec{R}$  in a coordinate system where the unit vectors  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$  are rotating clockwise around the origin. The angle of rotation is labeled  $\theta$ . The components of the vector in this rotating frame are labeled  $r \cos \theta \hat{i}$  and  $r \sin \theta \hat{j}$ .

$$\frac{d\vec{R}}{dt} = -r \sin \theta \hat{i} + r \cos \theta \hat{j}$$

# Radial-transverse vector

Use radial-transverse basis unit vectors:  $\hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\theta$



Radial-transverse  $\vec{R} = r\hat{e}_r$

where  $\hat{e}_r = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}$

$\hat{e}_\theta = -\sin \theta \hat{i} + \cos \theta \hat{j}$

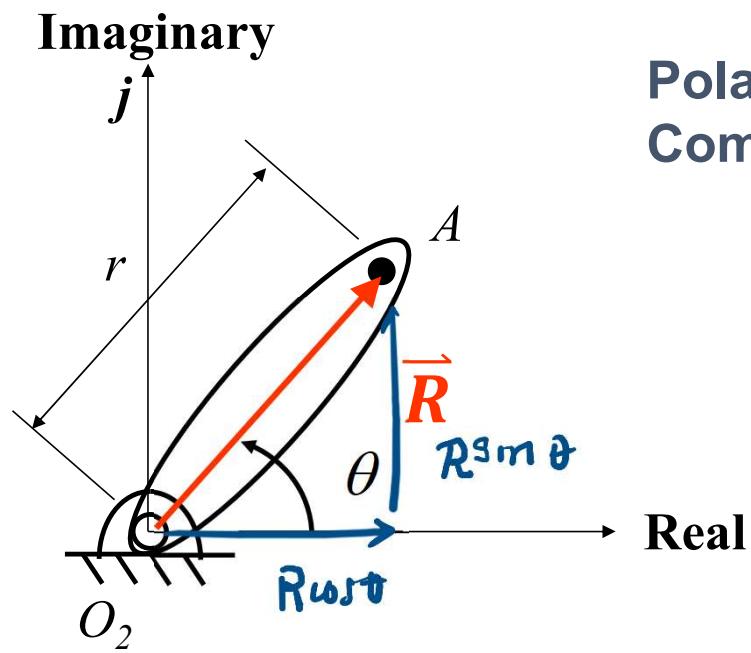
Note  
Derivatives:  $\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{dt} = \dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta$

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$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\theta}{dt} = -\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_r$$

(3)  $\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{dt}, \frac{d\hat{e}_\theta}{dt} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \hat{e}_\theta \dot{\theta}$   
 $\frac{d\hat{e}_\theta}{dt}, \frac{d\hat{e}_r}{dt} \frac{d\theta}{dt}, -\hat{e}_r \dot{\theta}$

# Complex and Compact number vector forms



**Complex number**  $\vec{R} = \underbrace{r \cos \theta}_{\text{real}} + j \underbrace{r \sin \theta}_{\text{imaginary}}$

*euler formula*

**Polar form**  $\vec{R} = r e^{j\theta}$  *compact notation*

Note  
Derivatives:

$$\frac{de^{j\theta}}{d\theta} = j e^{j\theta}$$

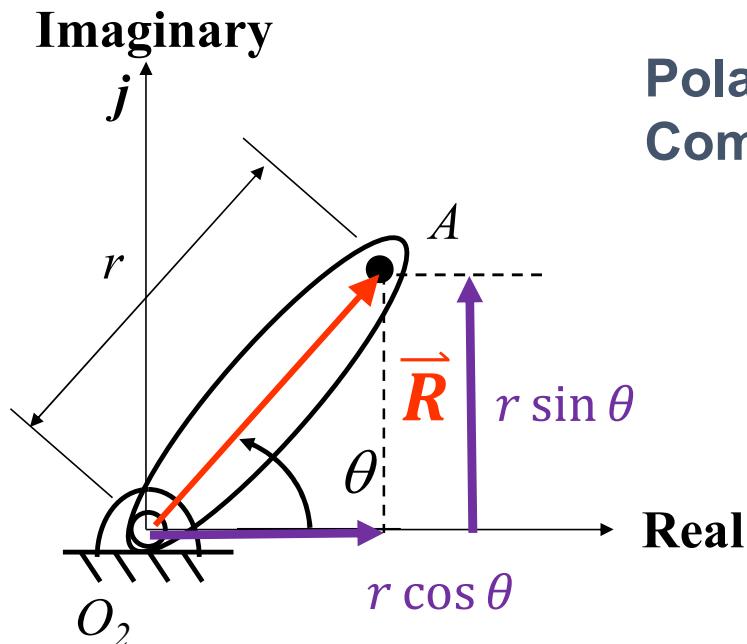
$$\frac{de^{j\theta}}{dt} = \underbrace{j e^{j\theta}}_{\frac{de^{j\theta}}{d\theta}} \underbrace{\frac{d\theta}{dt}}_{\text{w.r.t } \omega} = j \omega e^{j\theta}$$

*w.r.t time*

# Complex and Compact number vector forms

Complex number  $\vec{R} = r \cos \theta + jr \sin \theta$

Real                              Imaginary



Polar form  
Compact notation  $\vec{R} = re^{j\theta}$

Note  
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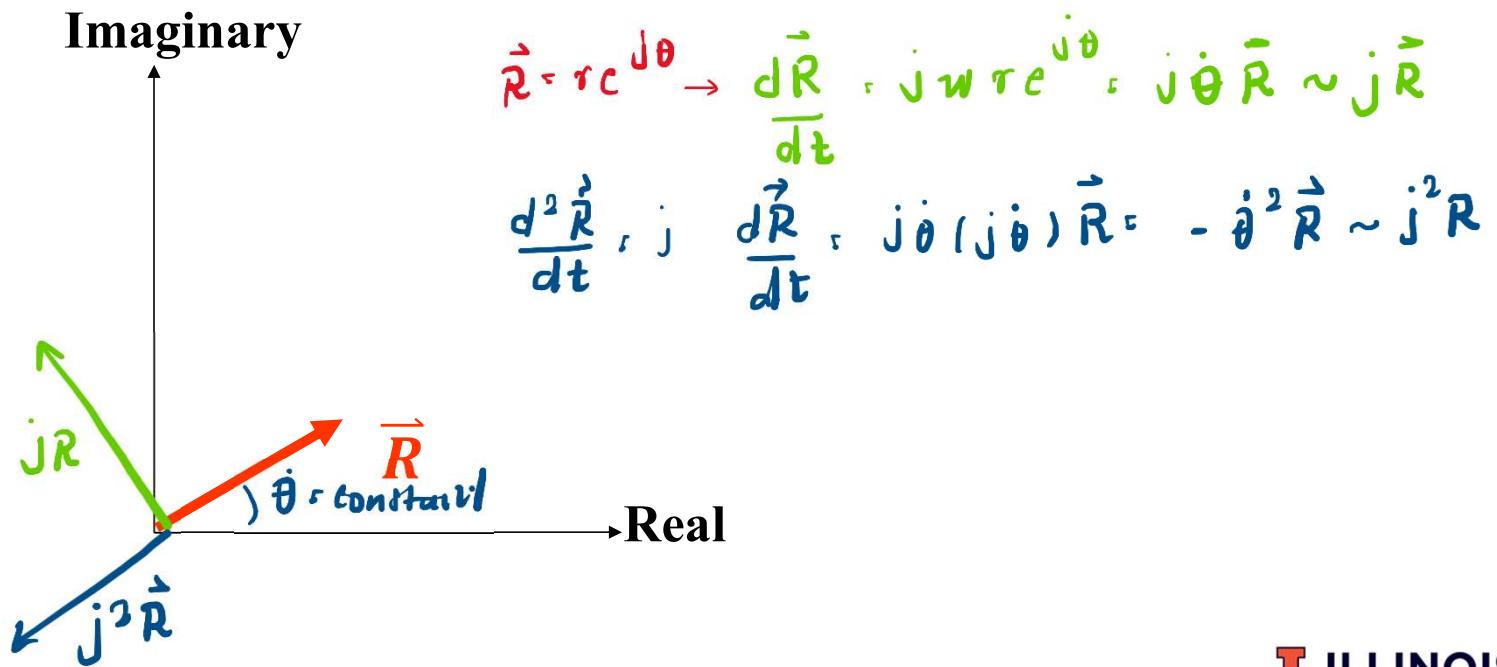
$$\frac{de^{j\theta}}{d\theta} = je^{j\theta}$$
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$$= je^{j\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{de^{j\theta}}{dt} = j\omega e^{j\theta}$$

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j operator       $j = \pm\sqrt{-1}$

Rotates vector by  $90^\circ$  (use right hand rule)

What do  $j\vec{R}$  and  $j^2\vec{R}$  look like?

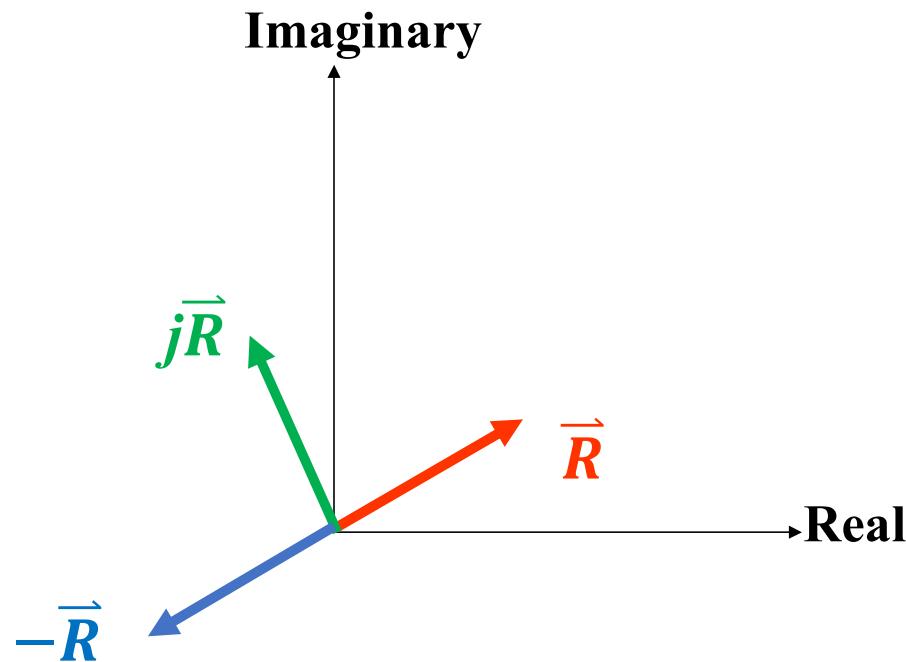


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# Euler's identity & Euler's formula

**Euler  
Identity**

$$e^{j\pi} + 1 = 0$$

calculus, log natural base  
Geometry  
Complex numbers  
natural numbers

**Euler's  
Formula**

$$e^{\pm j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$$

$$\theta = \pi.$$

$$e^{j\pi} = \cos\pi + j\sin\pi$$

$$e^{j\pi} = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad e^{j\pi} + 1 = 0$$

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## Position analysis (Chap 4)

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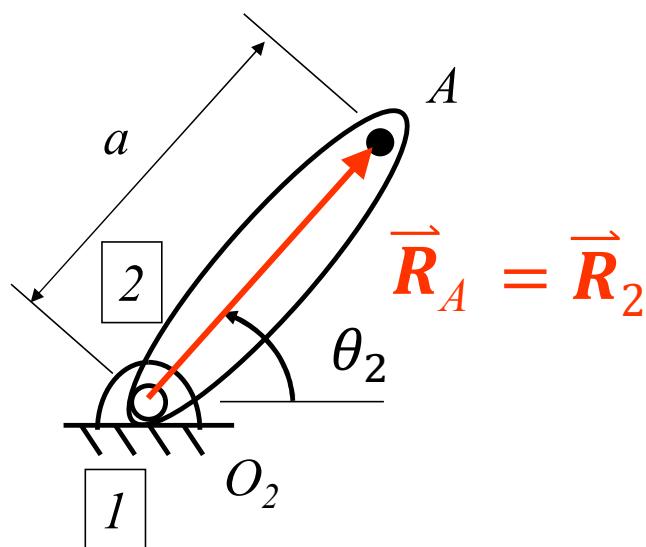
- Vector notation can be used to identify position of specified point on linkage or mechanism

# Position analysis: use compact notation to define vectors

Given:

- $\vec{R}_A$  position vector of point A relative to ground point  $O_2$ .
- Point A is distance  $a$  from ground point  $O_2$
- The orientation of link 2 is defined by  $\theta_2(t)$

Let  $\vec{R}_A = \vec{R}_2$  position vector of link 2.



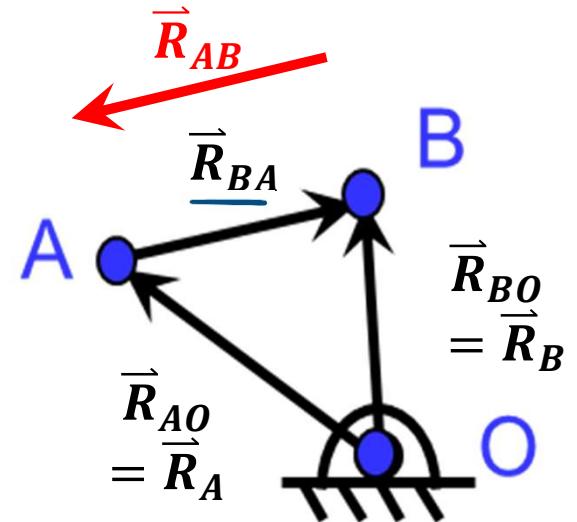
Use compact notation:

$$\vec{R}_2 = ae^{j\theta_2}$$

In this case,  $a = \text{constant}$ , and  $\vec{R}_2(t)$  and  $\theta_2(t)$  will vary with time

# Notes on vector subscript notation

- $\vec{R}_{BA}$  represents the position vector of point  $B$  relative to point  $A$ , and it points from point  $A$  to point  $B$ . (This is the notation used by the Norton textbook.)
- Note that  $\vec{R}_{AB}$  would point the opposite direction, from  $B$  to  $A$ .
- Often if the vector is pointing from a ground point, we frequently drop the subscript for the ground point, e.g.,  $\vec{R}_B$  instead of  $\vec{R}_{BO}$
- Further you can also think about how the subscripts cancel when adding vectors together,  
e.g.,  $\vec{R}_{BO} = \vec{R}_{BA} + \vec{R}_{AO}$ , note how the  $A$ 's cancel to get  $BO$ .    or     $\vec{R}_A + \vec{R}_{BA} + \vec{R}_B$



## Velocity analysis (Chap 5)

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- Uses:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> step when performing acceleration analysis
  - To determine points of zero and peak velocity
  - To compute kinetic energy:  $KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$

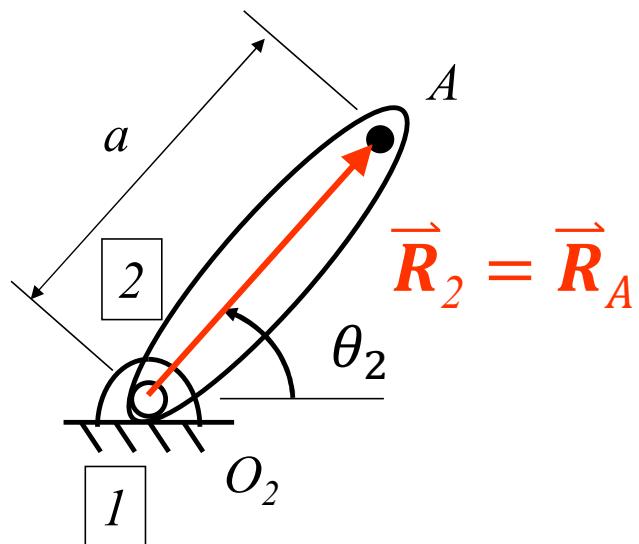
Velocity analysis: use compact notation to find velocity

**Given:**

- $\vec{R}_2$  determine  $\vec{V}_A$

$$\vec{R}_2 = \vec{R}_{AO_2} = \vec{R}_A = ae^{j\theta_2}$$

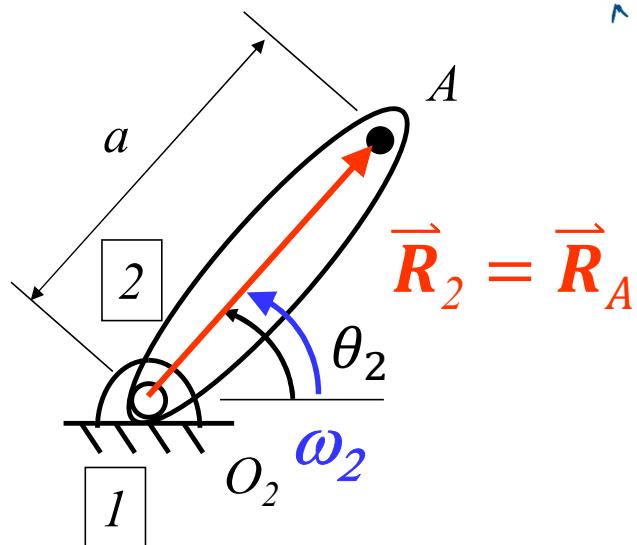
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$$\frac{de^{j\theta_2}}{dt}, \quad \frac{de^{j\theta_2}}{d\theta} \times \frac{d\theta_2}{dt}$$

$$\vec{R}_2 = \vec{R}_{AO_2} = \vec{R}_A = ae^{j\theta_2}$$

$$\vec{V}_A = ?$$

$$\vec{V}_A = \frac{d\vec{R}_2}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}(ae^{j\theta_2}) = aje^{j\theta_2} \frac{d\theta_2}{dt}$$

$$= j\omega_2 ae^{j\theta_2}$$

$$= j\omega_2 \vec{R}_2$$

Product Rule

w.r.t.  $\theta$

$\frac{d}{dt}$

w.r.t time.

Recall:  $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

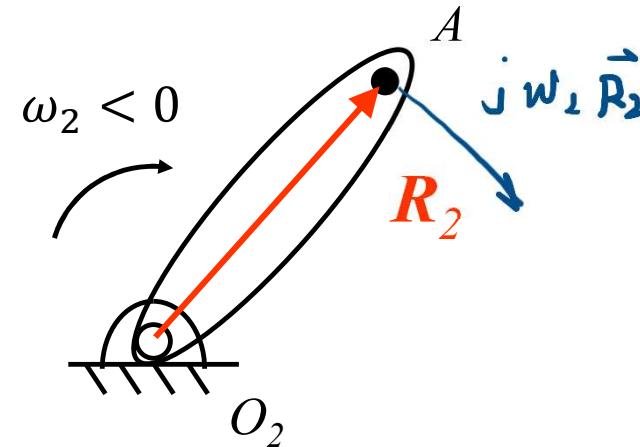
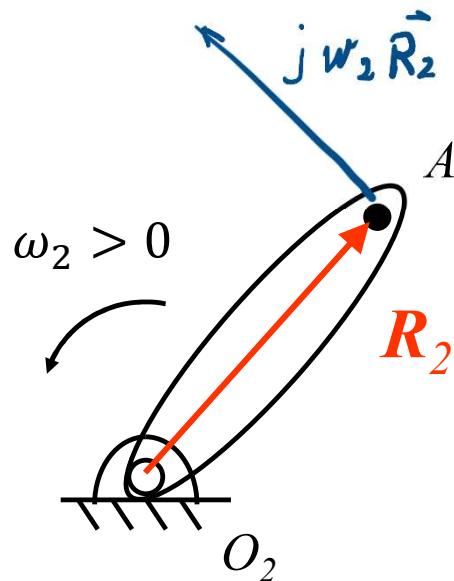
# What does $V_A$ look like?

$$\vec{V}_A = j\omega_2 \vec{R}_2$$

What does  $j$  do to a vector?

Direction of  $\vec{V}_A$  depends on sign of  $\omega_2$

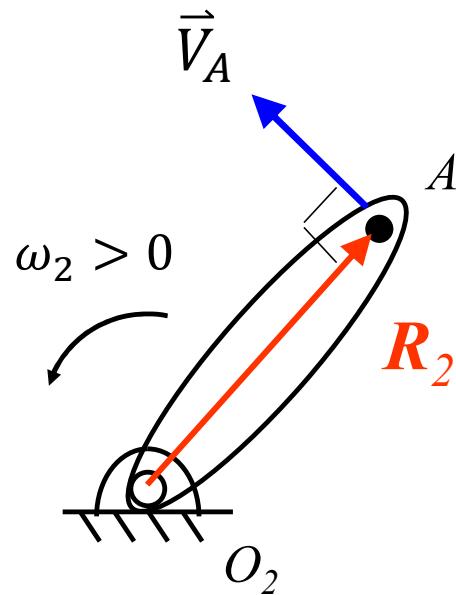
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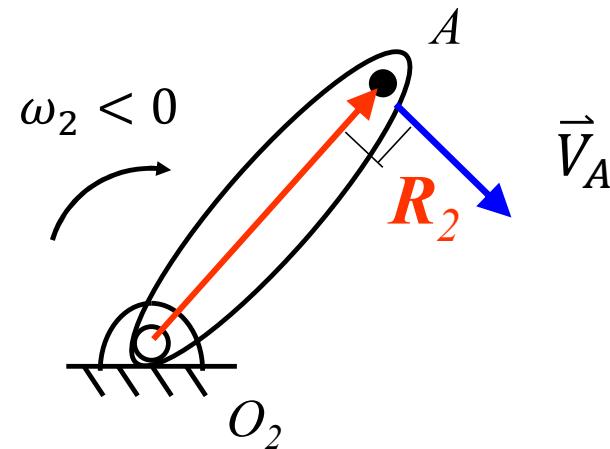
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# Acceleration analysis (Chap 7)

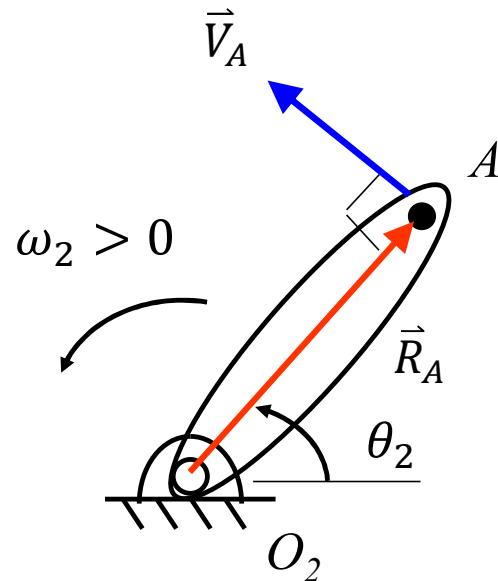
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- Uses:
  - To compute forces and moments:
$$F = ma, T = I\alpha$$
  - To determine points of zero and peak acceleration

# Acceleration analysis: use compact notation to find acceleration

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$$\vec{A}_A = ?$$

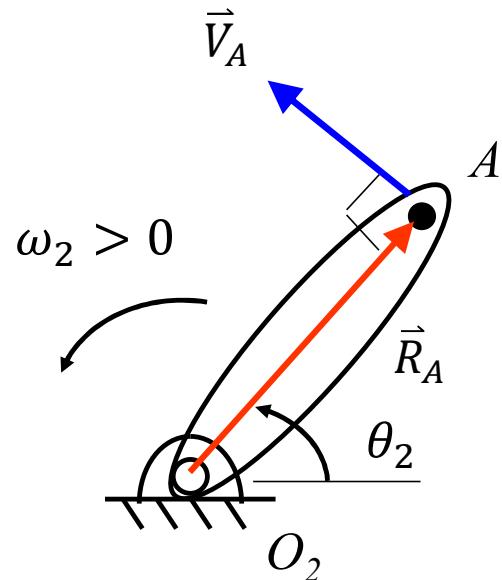


$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{A}_A &= \frac{d\vec{V}_A}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(j\omega_2 a e^{j\theta_2}) \\
 &= j \frac{d}{dt}(\omega_2 a e^{j\theta_2}) + \underbrace{j \omega_2 \frac{da}{dt} e^{j\theta_2}}_{\text{tangential}} + \underbrace{j \omega_2 a j e^{j\theta_2}}_{\text{normal}} \\
 &= j \alpha_2 a e^{j\theta_2} - \underbrace{\omega_2^2 a e^{j\theta_2}}_{R_2} \\
 &\quad - j \alpha_2 R_2 - \underbrace{\omega_2^2 R_2}_{\text{normal}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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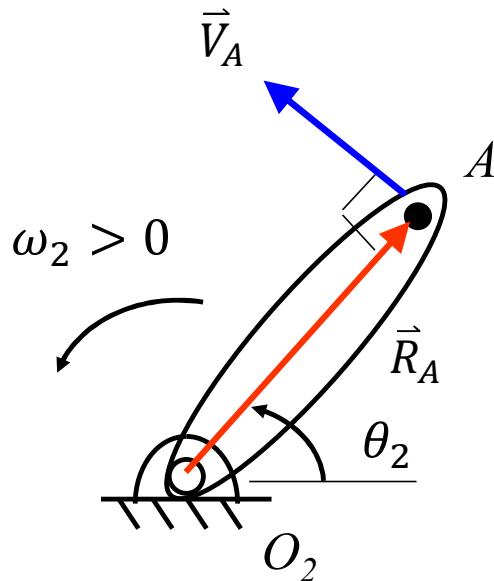


$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A}_A &= \frac{d\vec{V}_A}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(j\omega_2 a e^{j\theta_2}) \\ &= \frac{d\omega_2}{dt}[ja e^{j\theta_2}] + j\omega_2 \frac{d}{dt}(ae^{j\theta_2}) \\ &= \frac{d\omega_2}{dt}[ja e^{j\theta_2}] + j\omega_2 j\omega_2 a e^{j\theta_2} \\ &= \alpha_2 ja e^{j\theta_2} + (-1)\omega_2^2 a e^{j\theta_2} \\ &= j\alpha_2 \vec{R}_2 - \omega_2^2 \vec{R}_2 \\ &= \vec{A}_A^t + \vec{A}_A^n\end{aligned}$$

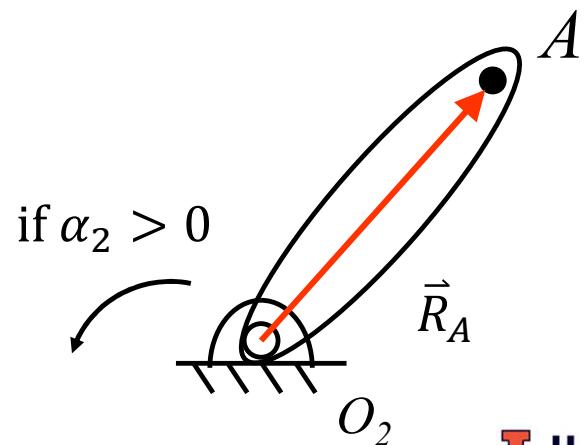
Tangential                      Normal

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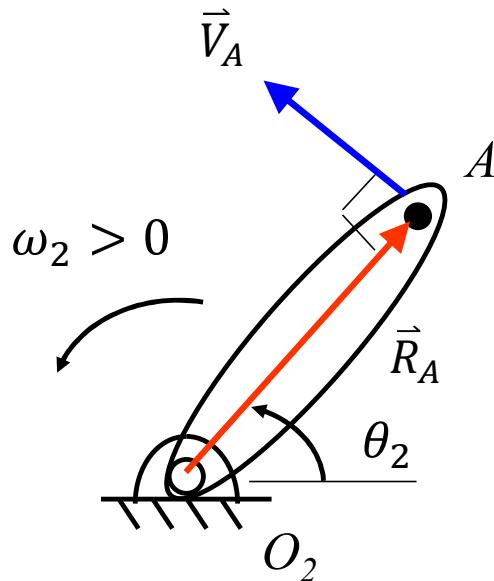


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