

uniform circular motion

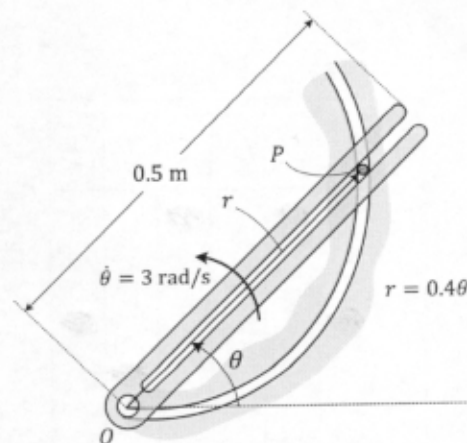
# Question 1:

vertical?

(2 Marks)

The slotted link is pinned at  $O$ , and as a result of the constant angular velocity  $\dot{\theta} = 3 \text{ rad/s}$  it drives the peg  $P$  for a short distance along the spiral guide  $r = (0.4\theta) \text{ m}$ , where  $\theta$  is in radians. For the instant when  $P$  is at  $\theta = \pi/3 \text{ rad}$ . Determine the following:

(Proceed according to the steps provided in solution boxes)



$\dot{\theta} = 3 \text{ rad/s}$  (constant)  
 $r = (0.4\theta) \text{ m}$   
 when  $P$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ rad}$

Solution:

(a) Determine the radial ( $v_r$ ) and transverse ( $v_\theta$ ) components of the velocity of  $P$  at the instant  $\theta = \pi/3 \text{ rad}$

~~for radial~~

$$\vec{v} = r\omega$$

$$r = 0.4 \times \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \times 3$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{5} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_r \approx 1.26 \text{ m/s}$$

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$$r = 0.4\theta$$

$$\vec{v} = 0.4\omega$$

$$\vec{v}_\theta = 0.4 \times 3$$

$$= 1.2 \text{ m/s}$$

~~for transverse~~

$$r = 0.4 \times \frac{\pi}{3} \times$$

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(b) Determine the radial ( $a_r$ ) and transverse ( $a_\theta$ ) components of the acceleration of  $P$  at the instant  $\theta = \pi/3 \text{ rad}$

$$\vec{v}_\theta = 0.4\omega$$

$$\vec{a}_\theta = 0.4\alpha$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_\theta = 0$$

$$\vec{a}_r = r\omega^2$$

$$= 0.4 \times \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_r = 0.439 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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Continue your solution to part (b) here:

(c) Using your results from (b), calculate the magnitude of total acceleration of P

$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_r$$

$$= 0.439 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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(d) If the x-y axes are defined as shown, then use the radial and transverse components of accelerations obtained in (b) to get the acceleration components ( $a_x$  and  $a_y$ ) along the x and y axes respectively.

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



(e) Using your results from (d), calculate the magnitude of total acceleration of P

(f) Briefly compare your results from (c) and (e)

Answers should be the same as they are the same acceleration in two different coordinate systems

Answers:

$v_r =$

$v_\theta = 1.2 \text{ m/s}$

$a_r = 0.439 \text{ m/s}^2$

$a_\theta = 0$



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- 1.1 This was correct! Never cross out working if you're not going to replace it with something else. I'm giving you the mark anyway. Be careful in the future!!
- 1.2 Use  $a_r = \ddot{r} - r\omega^2$  (ie. acceleration along the 'r' direction - normal acceleration).  
 $a_\theta = r\alpha$  [ $\alpha = 0$ ] +  $2r\omega$  [coriolis].
- 2.1 Pythagoras