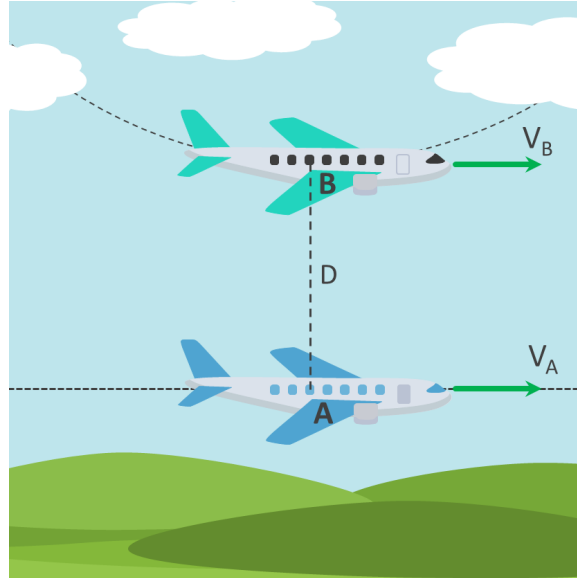


## 2.7.6 Aircrafts passing each other



Aircraft  $B$  is making looping's with a radius of  $400\text{m}$  and at a constant speed of  $100\text{ m/s}$ . Aircraft  $A$  is flying horizontally with a constant speed of  $150\text{ m/s}$  and exactly  $100\text{m}$  below the bottom of the looping ( $D=100\text{m}$ ). When aircraft  $B$  is at the bottom of the loop, aircraft  $A$  passes. Determine the velocity of aircraft  $A$  seen from aircraft  $B$  in  $\text{m/s}$ .

Using known expressions:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{v_B}{r} \mathbf{k} \quad (1)$$

When defining the origin of the rotating coordinate system at point  $B$ :

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \mathbf{v}_B + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{A/B} + \mathbf{v}_{rel} \quad (2)$$

Given:

Velocity of aircraft  $A$ :  $\mathbf{v}_A = 150\mathbf{i}\text{ m/s}$ .

Velocity of aircraft  $B$ :  $\mathbf{v}_B = 100\mathbf{i}\text{ m/s}$ .

Radius of the looping:  $r = 400\text{ m}$ .

Distance between the aircraft's:  $D = \mathbf{r}_{A/B} = -100\mathbf{j}\text{ m}$ .

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{v_B}{r} \mathbf{k} = \frac{100}{400} \mathbf{k} = 0.25\mathbf{k}\text{ rad/s}. \quad (3)$$

Filling in all the known values in equation 2:

$$150\mathbf{i} = 100\mathbf{i} + 0.25\mathbf{k} \times (100\mathbf{j}) + \mathbf{v}_{rel} \quad (4)$$

Solving for  $\mathbf{v}_{rel}$  gives  $\mathbf{v}_{rel} = 25\mathbf{i}$  m/s