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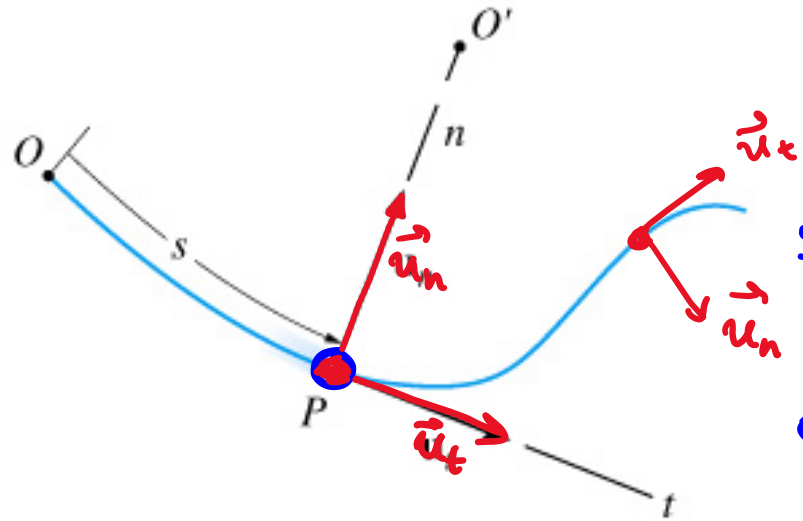
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# ACCELERATION

Q: What can you say about acceleration in normal & tangential components? Consider a general situation.



50% A. I remember that acceleration always points inwards => it only has a normal component and no tangential component.

5% B. It only has a tangential component, since  $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$ , and  $\vec{v}$  only has a tangential component.

41 % C. Acceleration has both normal and tangential components

D. One cannot define acceleration in this coordinate system

E. Not sure

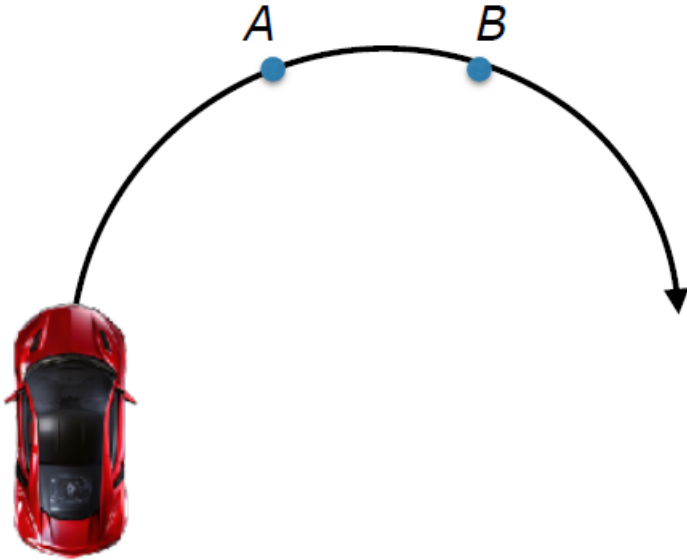


$$\vec{v} = \frac{ds}{dt} \vec{u}_t$$

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**b)** What if the car's speed increases from point A to point B?



A



B



C



D



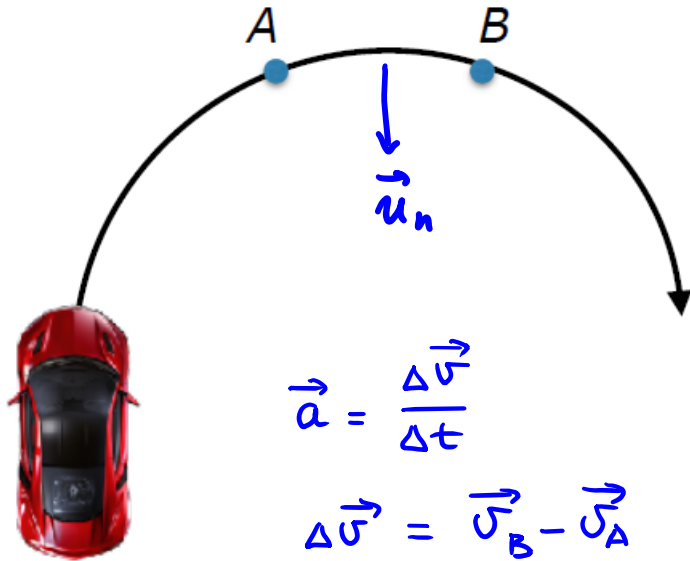
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a)  
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B



C



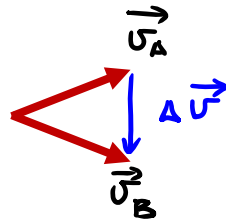
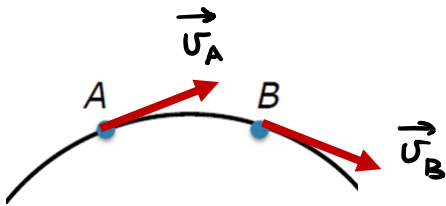
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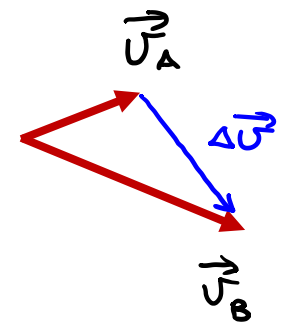
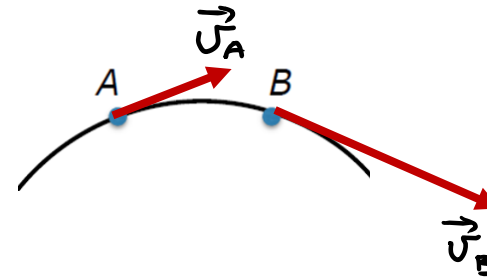
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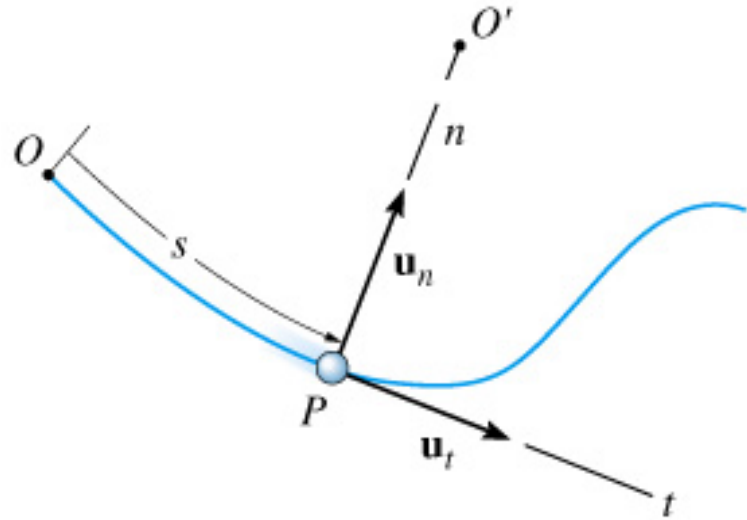
a)



b)



# TANGENTIAL AND NORMAL ACCELERATION



Consider an object moving along a curved path with velocity

$$\vec{v} = v \vec{u}_t$$

Then the acceleration is:

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d(v \vec{u}_t)}{dt} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{dv}{dt}\right)}_{\text{speed}} \underbrace{\vec{u}_t}_{\text{direction of motion}} + v \left(\frac{d\vec{u}_t}{dt}\right)$$

This term is acceleration  
due to going faster

This term is acceleration  
due to turning  
(unit vector  $\vec{u}_t$  does not  
change length, only direction)



# TANGENTIAL AND NORMAL ACCELERATION: Derivation

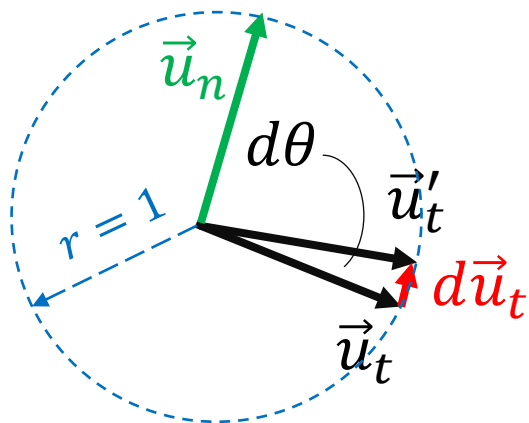
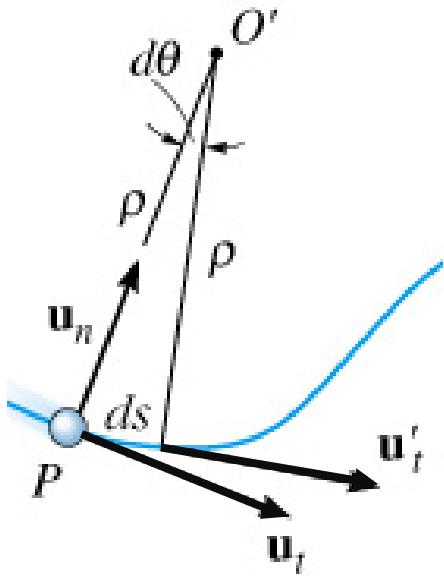
$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \vec{u}_t + v \frac{d\vec{u}_t}{dt}, \quad \frac{d\vec{u}_t}{dt} = ?$$

↪  $\perp \vec{u}_t \rightarrow \parallel \vec{u}_n$

Geometry:

- The angle  $d\theta$  between  $\vec{u}_t$  and  $\vec{u}'_t$  is the same as the angle  $d\theta$  between two radius-vectors from the center of curvature  $O'$  drawn to these two locations
- Direction of  $d\vec{u}_t$ : parallel to  $\vec{u}_n$ .
- Magnitude:  $du_t = 1 \cdot \sin d\theta = d\theta$

Then:  $d\vec{u}_t = d\theta \vec{u}_n$



$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \vec{u}_t + v \frac{d\vec{u}_t}{dt} = \overset{a_t}{\left( \frac{dv}{dt} \right) \vec{u}_t} + \overset{a_n}{\left( v \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) \vec{u}_n}$$

- We now need to relate  $\dot{\theta}$  with  $v$  and  $\rho$ .

# TANGENTIAL AND NORMAL ACCELERATION: Derivation

$$\vec{a} = \frac{dv}{dt} \vec{u}_t + v \frac{d\theta}{dt} \vec{u}_n, \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = ?$$

Geometry:

- Connection between the arc  $ds$ , curvature radius  $\rho$  and the angle  $d\theta$ :

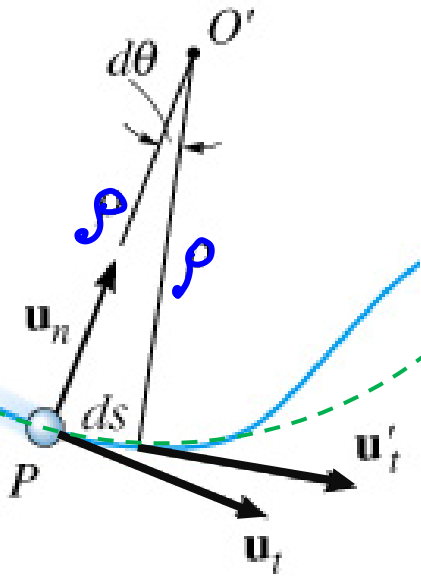
$$\frac{d\theta}{2\pi} = \frac{ds}{2\pi\rho} \quad d\theta = \frac{ds}{\rho}$$

- Now:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right) = \frac{v}{\rho}$$

- Finally:

$$v \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v^2}{\rho} \equiv a_n$$





# $(n, t)$ -coordinates: Position, Velocity, Acceleration (summary)



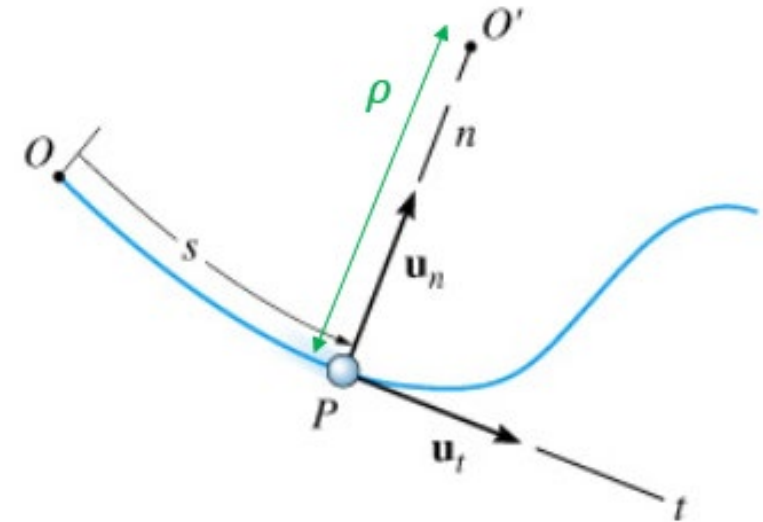
- **Position:**

- There is no position vector (the object “carries” the coordinate system)
- Instead, there is coordinate  $s$  (the distance travelled along the trajectory)

- **Velocity:**

- Tangential component only

$$\vec{v} = \frac{ds}{dt} \vec{u}_t$$



- **Acceleration:**

- Tangential and normal components

$$\vec{a} = a_t \vec{u}_t + a_n \vec{u}_n$$

$$a_t = \dot{v} = \ddot{s}, \quad a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_n^2}$$



## Limiting Cases:

$$\vec{a} = a_t \vec{u}_t + a_n \vec{u}_n$$

$$a_t = \dot{v} = \ddot{s}, \quad a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

- Linear Motion:

- $\rho \rightarrow \infty$  (infinite radius of curvature)
- Then  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ , and all the tangential components describe just a usual 1D motion, with  $a = a_t = \dot{v} = \ddot{s}$

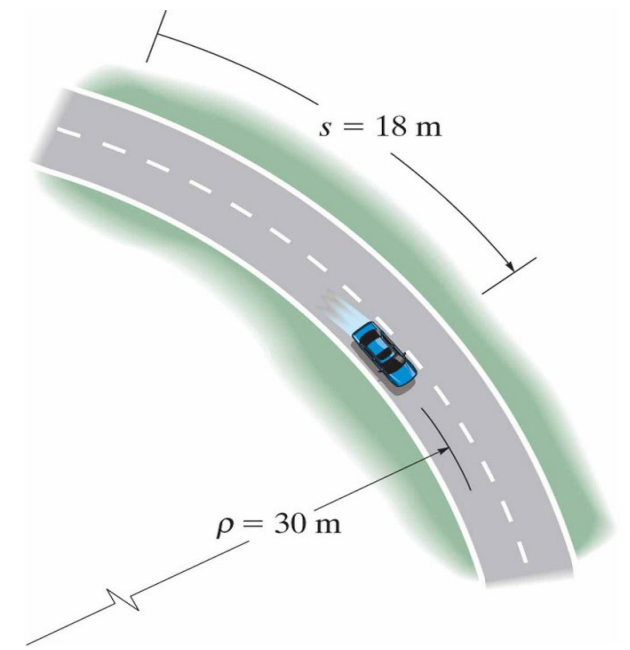
- Motion at constant speed:

- $\dot{v} = 0$  (derivative of a const is zero)
- Then  $a_t \rightarrow 0$ , and net acceleration becomes:  $a = a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$
- Since it always acts towards the center of curvature, this component is sometimes called the *centripetal acceleration*

$$a = a(t)$$

**W7-4.** The car travels along the circular path. Starting from rest, its acceleration along the path is  $0.5 e^t \text{ m/s}^2$  where  $t$  is in seconds.

- a) Determine how long it takes the car to travel 18 m.
- b) Determine the car's speed and acceleration at this time.



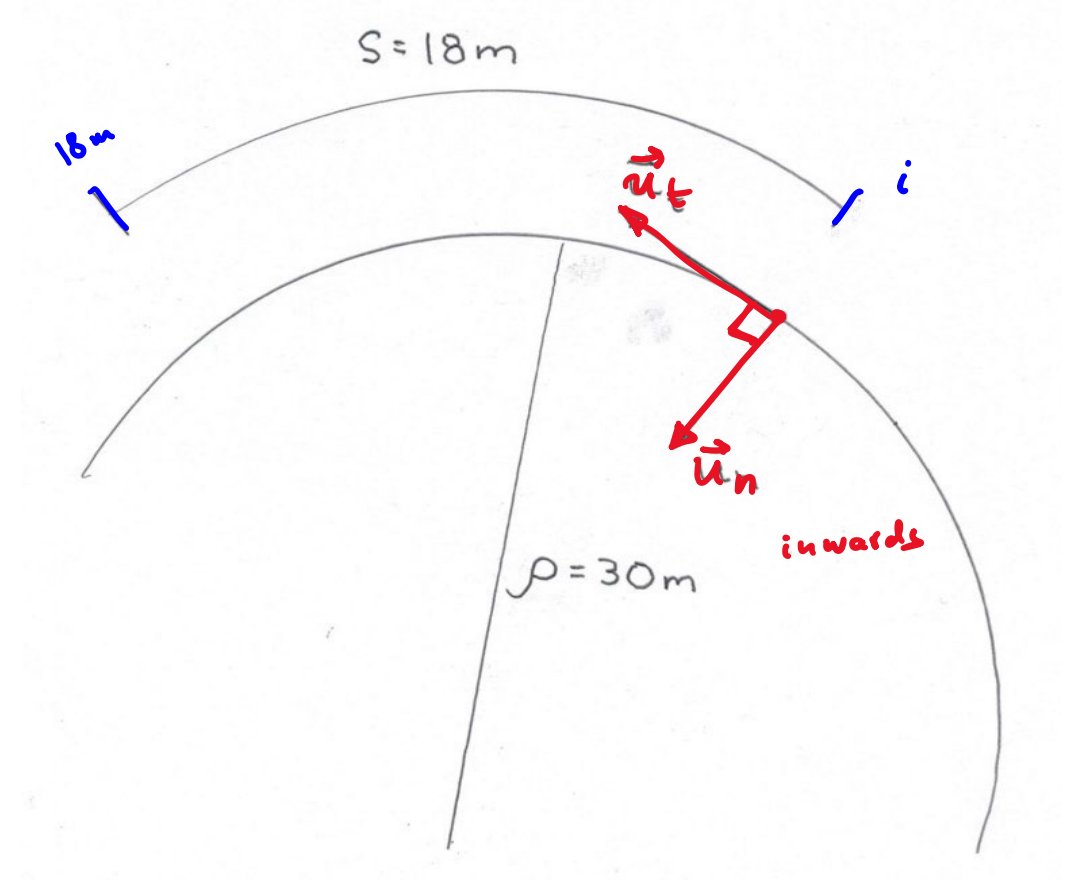
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• Plan?

$$t : S(t) = 18 \text{ m}$$
$$s(t) \xleftarrow{\int} v(t) \xleftarrow{\int} a(t)$$



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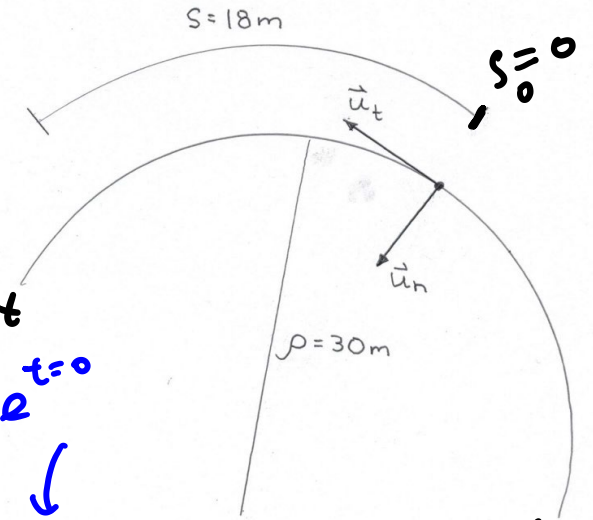
• **Data:**  $a = a(t) = 0.5 e^t$ ;  $v_0 = 0$ ;  $t: s(t) = 18 \text{ m}$ .

$$v(t): v(t) = v_0 + \int_{t=0}^{t=t} a(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=t} 0.5 e^t dt = 0.5 e^t \Big|_{t=0}^{t=1} = 0.5 [e^t - 1]$$

$$s(t): s(t) = s_0 + \int_{t=0}^{t=t} v(t) dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=t} 0.5 [e^t - 1] dt = 0.5 \left[ \int_0^t e^t dt - \int_0^t dt \right] =$$

$$= 0.5 \left[ e^t \Big|_0^t - t \Big|_0^t \right] = 0.5 [e^t - 1 - t] = 18 \text{ m}$$

$$t = 3.70638$$



$$v = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$ds = v dt$$

A.  $t = 2.52 \text{ s}$

**B.  $t = 3.71 \text{ s}$**

C.  $t = 4.23 \text{ s}$

D.  $t = 5.04 \text{ s}$

E. I am lost

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$$s(t) = 0.5(e^t - t - 1)$$

$$v(t) = 0.5(e^t - 1) \text{ m/s}$$

$$a(t) = 0.5 e^t \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$3.70638$$

$$t = \cancel{3.70638} \text{ s}$$

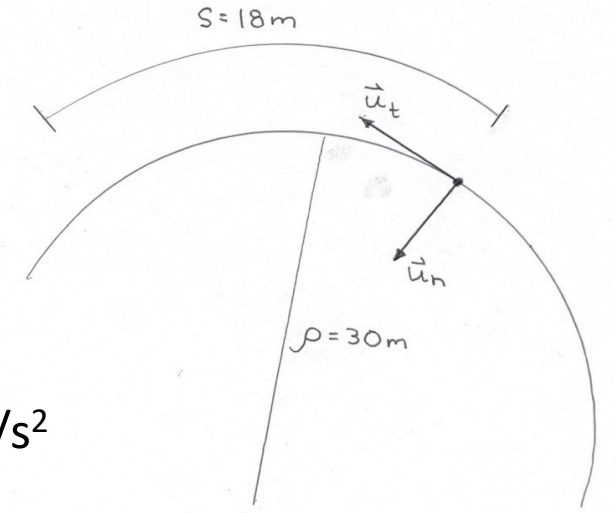
$$s(t) = 18 \text{ m}$$

$$v(t) = 19.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a(t) = 0.5 e^{3.70638} = 20.35 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$a_n(t) = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{(19.9)^2}{30} = 13.14 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2} = 24.2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$



A.  $13.2 \text{ m/s}^2$

B.  $20.4 \text{ m/s}^2$

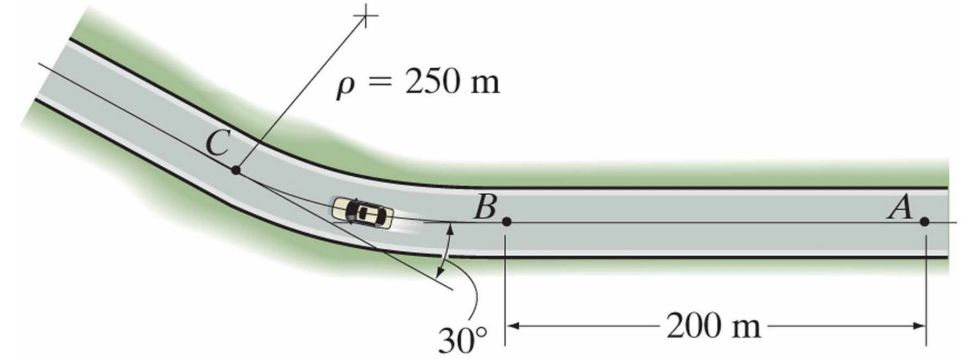
C.  $24.2 \text{ m/s}^2$

D. Something else

**W7-5.** The car is travelling at 25 m/s at A. The brakes are applied at A and its speed is reduced by  $t^{1/2}/4$  m/s<sup>2</sup> where  $t$  is in seconds.  $a_t$

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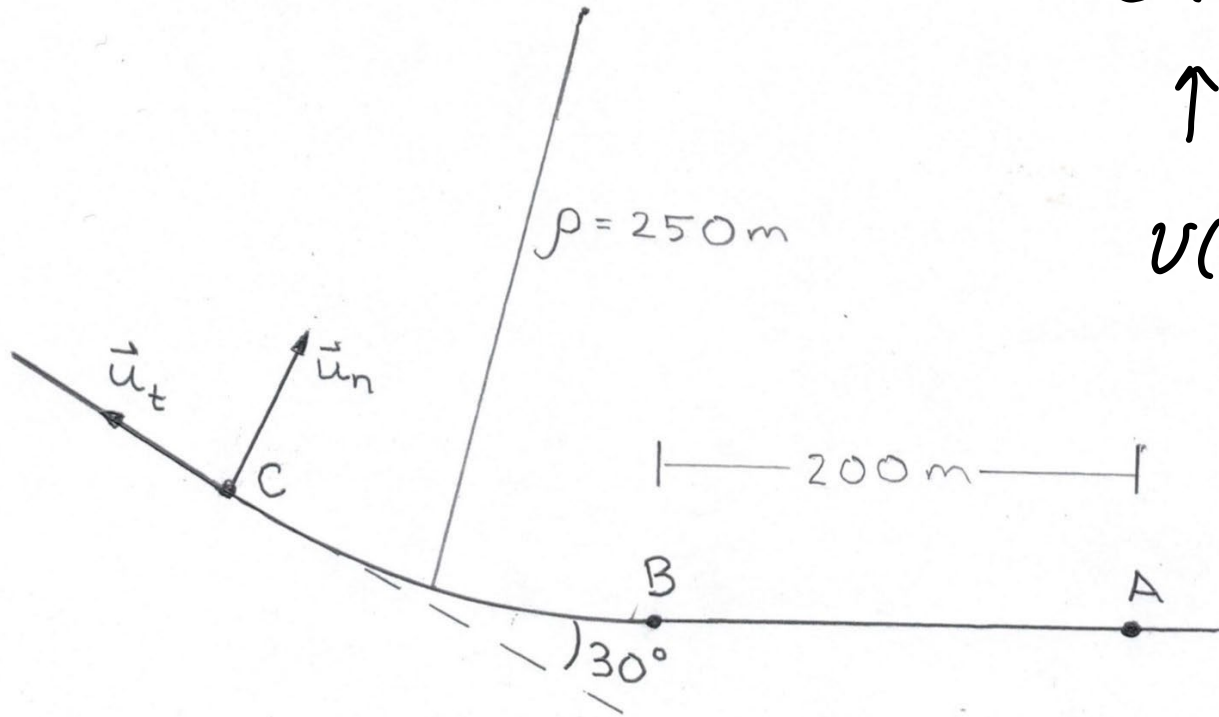
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• Plan:



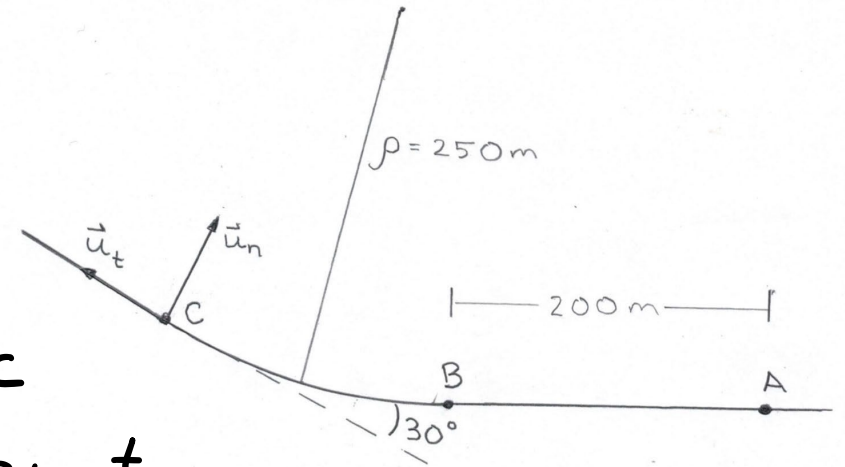
$$S(t) = \overset{200}{AB} + BC$$
$$\uparrow$$
$$v(t) \leftarrow \int a(t) dt$$



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• Data:  $v_A = 25 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$      $a_t = -\frac{1}{4} t^{1/2}$      $t: S(t) = AB + BC$

$$v(t) = v_A + \int_{t=0}^t a(t) dt = 25 - \int_0^t \frac{1}{4} t^{1/2} = 25 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{t^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_0^t = 25 - \frac{1}{6} t^{3/2}$$

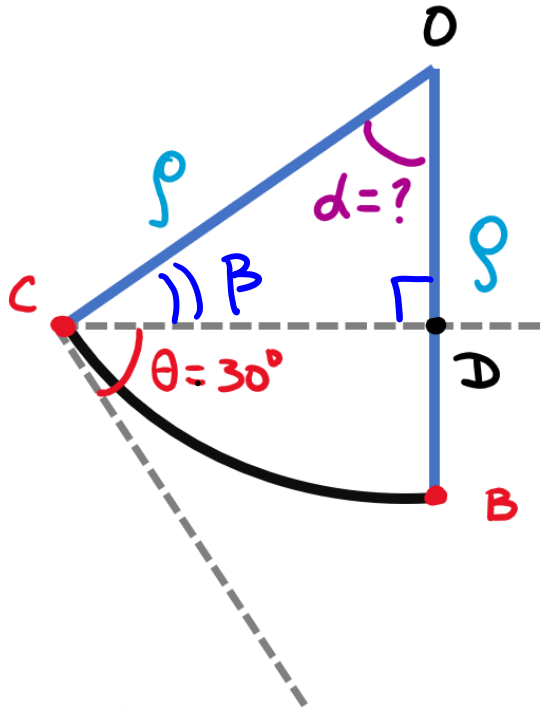
$$s(t) = s_0 + \int_{t=0}^{t=t} v(t) dt = \int_0^t \left[ 25 - \frac{t^{3/2}}{6} \right] dt = 25 \cdot t \Big|_0^t - \frac{1}{6} \frac{t^{5/2}}{5/2} = 25t - \frac{t^{5/2}}{15}$$

$$25t - \frac{t^{5/2}}{15} = AC + BC = 200 + BC \quad ?$$

**W7-5.** The car is travelling at 25 m/s at A. The brakes are applied at B and its speed is reduced by  $t^{1/2}/4$  m/s<sup>2</sup> where  $t$  is in seconds.

- a)** Determine how long it takes the car to travel from A to C.  
**b)** Determine the car's speed and acceleration when it reaches C.

$$s(t) = \left( 25t - \frac{1}{15} * t^{\frac{5}{2}} \right)$$



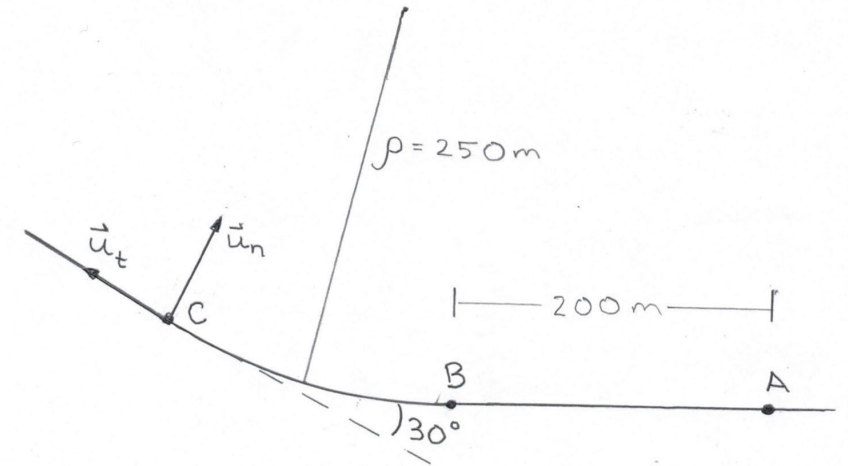
$$\begin{aligned} \beta + 30^\circ &= 90^\circ \\ \beta + d &= 90^\circ \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \beta + 30^\circ &= 90^\circ \\ \beta + d &= 90^\circ \end{aligned}} \right\}$$

$$\alpha = 30^\circ$$

$$\frac{30^\circ}{360^\circ} = \frac{BC}{2\pi\rho}$$

$$\rightarrow BC = \frac{\pi}{6} \rho =$$

$$130.9 \text{ m}$$



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$$s(t) = \left( 25t - \frac{1}{15} \cdot t^{\frac{5}{2}} \right) = 200 + 130.9 \text{ m}$$

$t = 15.942 \text{ s}$   
 $t = 39.677 \text{ s}$

$$v(t) = 25 - \frac{1}{6} t^{3/2}$$

$$a_t(t) = -\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{t}$$

