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Angular Velocity

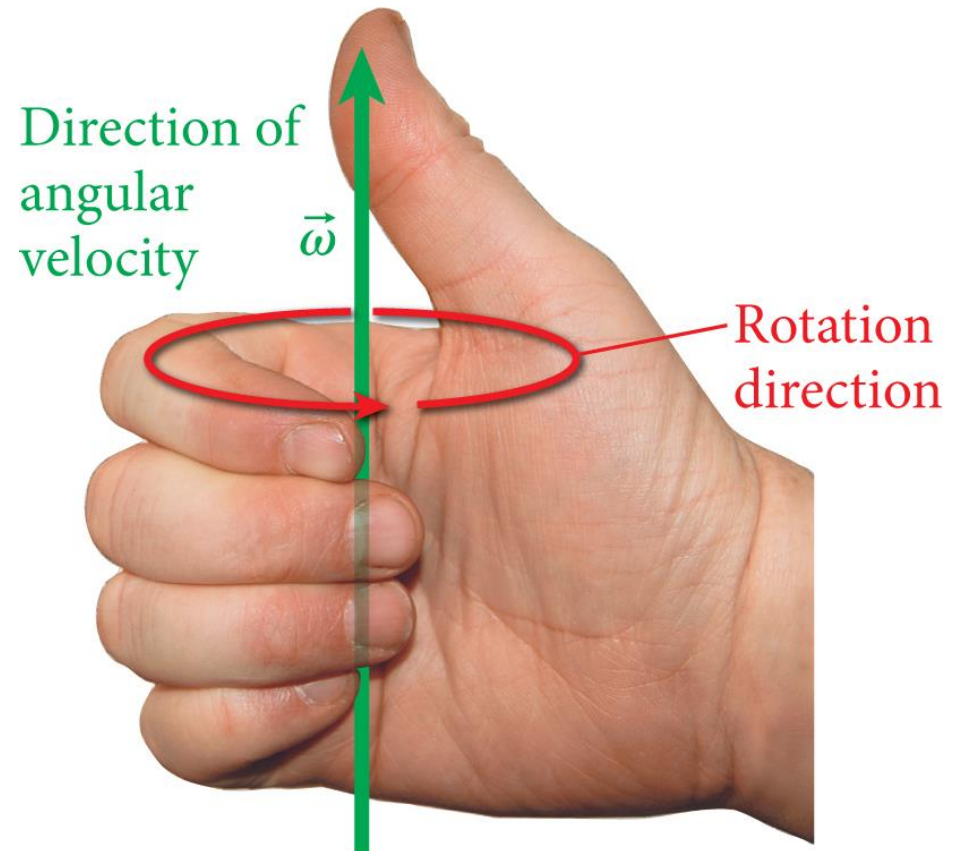
- Rate of change of displacement is velocity.
- Rate of change of angular displacement is angular velocity:

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- $$\bar{\omega} = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t}$$

- $$\omega = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \bar{\omega} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

- Unit: $[\omega] = \text{rad/s}$
- Direction: right-hand rule

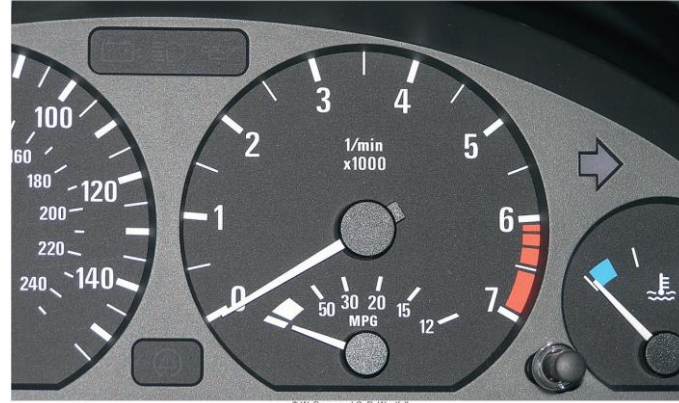


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Frequency

- Frequency, f , measures numbers of turns around the circle.
- Example: rpm on tachometer
- Since 1 turn = 2π radians:

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \Leftrightarrow \omega = 2\pi f$$



- Unit: $[f] = 1/s$
- In honor of Heinrich Rudolf Hertz (1857-1894): $1/s = 1 \text{ Hz}$
- Period, T :

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

- Relationship with angular velocity:

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Concept Check

- The angular speed of the hour hand of a clock in radians per second is:
 - A. $\pi/21600$
 - B. $\pi/7200$
 - C. $\pi/3600$
 - D. $\pi/1800$
 - E. $\pi/60$

the hour hand goes around once every 12 hours

$$\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi \frac{1}{(3600 \text{ s/h})(12 \text{ h})} = \pi / 21600 \text{ rad/s}$$

Linear and Angular Velocity

- Write coordinate vector in Cartesian coordinates, then use transformation to polar coordinates and take derivatives:

$$\vec{r} = r\cos\theta\mathbf{i} + r\sin\theta\mathbf{j}$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\cos\theta)\mathbf{i} + \frac{d}{dt}(r\sin\theta)\mathbf{j}$$

$$= -r\sin\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}\mathbf{i} + r\cos\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}\mathbf{j} = r \frac{d\theta}{dt}(-\sin\theta\mathbf{i} + \cos\theta\mathbf{j}) = r\omega\hat{\mathbf{t}}$$

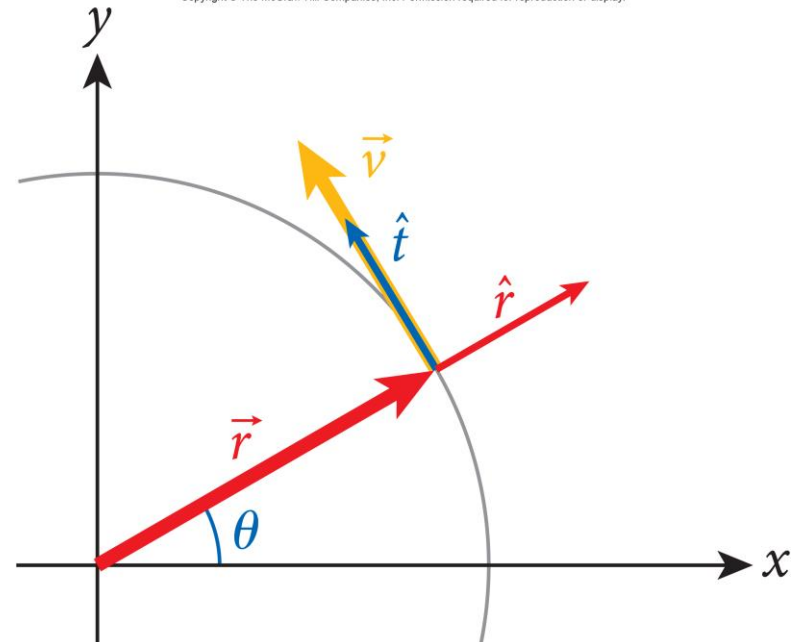
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- Result: linear velocity vector points in tangential direction:

$$\vec{v} = r\omega\hat{\mathbf{t}}$$

- Magnitude:

$$v = r\omega$$



Linear Velocity and Coordinate Vector

- Finally, let us take the scalar product of the linear velocity vector and radius vector for circular motion:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} &= (r \cos \theta)(-r\omega \sin \theta) + (r \sin \theta)(r\omega \cos \theta) \\ &= (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \cdot (-r\omega \sin \theta, r\omega \cos \theta) \\ &= -r^2 \omega \cos \theta \sin \theta + r^2 \omega \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Scalar product always vanishes for circular motion.
- Coordinate vector and velocity vector are perpendicular to each other at every point in time for circular motion.

Concept Check

- A bicycle has wheels with a radius of 33.0 cm. The bicycle is traveling with a speed of 6.5 m/s. What is the angular speed of the front tire?

A) 0.197 s^{-1}

B) 1.24 s^{-1}

C) 5.08 s^{-1}

D) 19.7 s^{-1}

E) 215 s^{-1}

$$v = r\omega$$

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r} = \frac{6.5 \text{ m/s}}{0.33 \text{ m}} = 19.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Revolution and Rotation of the Earth

- The Earth orbits the Sun once per year and rotates on its pole-to-pole axis once per day.

PROBLEM:

- What are the angular velocities, frequencies and linear speeds of these motions?

SOLUTION:

- Periods:

$$T_{\text{Earth}} = (1 \text{ day}) \frac{24 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ day}} \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{\text{h}} = 8.64 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}$$

$$T_{\text{Sun}} = (1 \text{ year}) \frac{365 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ year}} \frac{24 \text{ h}}{1 \text{ day}} \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{\text{h}} = 3.15 \cdot 10^7 \text{ s}$$

Revolution and Rotation of the Earth

- Frequencies:

$$f_{\text{Earth}} = \frac{1}{T_{\text{Earth}}} = 1.16 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Hz}; \omega_{\text{Earth}} = 2\pi f_{\text{Earth}} = 7.27 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$f_{\text{Sun}} = \frac{1}{T_{\text{Sun}}} = 3.17 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ Hz}; \omega_{\text{Sun}} = 2\pi f_{\text{Sun}} = 1.99 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ rad/s}$$

- The 24-hour day we normally use represents how long it takes for the Sun to reach the same position in the sky.
- If we want to specify f_{Earth} and ω_{Earth} to greater precision, we use the sidereal day, which is the time it takes for the fixed stars in the night sky to reach the same position:
- Linear velocity of Earth orbiting the Sun: 66,000 mph!

$$v_{\text{Sun}} = r_{\text{orbit}} \omega_{\text{Sun}} = (1.49 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ m})(1.99 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ rad/s}) = 2.97 \cdot 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

Revolution and Rotation of the Earth

- Linear speed of point on the surface of the rotating Earth depends on the latitude:

$$r = R = 6380 \text{ km}$$

- At the equator, the radius of rotation is:

$$r = R \cos \vartheta$$

- Away from the equator, the radius of rotation is:

$$v_{\text{Earth}} = R \omega_{\text{Earth}} \cos \vartheta$$

$$v_{\text{Earth}} = (6,38 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}) (7.27 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}) \cos \vartheta$$

$$v_{\text{Earth}} = (464 \text{ m/s}) \cos \vartheta$$

- The linear speed is:

$$\text{East Lansing: } \vartheta = 42.7^\circ \quad v_{\text{Earth}} = 341 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Miami: } \vartheta = 25.7^\circ \quad v_{\text{Earth}} = 418 \text{ m/s}$$

