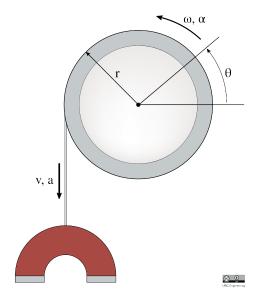
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A robber is attempting to iron boxes filled with gold. Unfortunately, they triggered a trap on the way in. A large pulley on the ceiling begins rotating and lowers a magnet to attract any boxes of gold the robber might steal. If the pulley has a radius of 1.5 m and an angular displacement of $\theta = 0.2t^3 + 3.2t$, where t is in seconds, determine the angular velocity and acceleration of the gear and the velocity and acceleration of the magnet when t = 4 s.

Solution

First calculate the angular velocity and angular acceleration at t = 4 s by taking the derivative of the given θ function with respect to time (the time derivative of angular displacement):

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.2(3)t^2 + 3.2 = 0.6t^2 + 3.2$$

$$= 0.6(4^2) + 3.2 = 12.8 \ \hat{k} \quad [\text{rad/s}] \text{ Note that } \hat{k} \text{ points out of the page}$$

$$\vec{\alpha} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.6(2)t = 1.2t$$

$$= 1.2(4) = 4.8 \ \hat{k} \quad [\text{rad/s}^2] \text{ Note that } \hat{k} \text{ points out of the page}$$

Then calculating the velocity and acceleration at the edge of the pulley at $t=4~\mathrm{s}$:

$$\begin{split} \vec{v}_t &= \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = (12.8~\hat{k}) \times (-1.5~\hat{i}) = -19.2~\hat{j}~[\text{m/s}] \\ \vec{a}_t &= \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} = (4.8~\hat{k}) \times (-1.5~\hat{i}) = -7.2~\hat{j}~[\text{m/s}^2] \end{split}$$

Finally, since the rope is in-extensible, it is treated as a rigid body undergoing translation only, and so the velocity and acceleration is the same at all points on the rope.

$$\vec{v}_{magnet} = \vec{v}_t = -19.2 \ \hat{j} \ [\text{m/s}]$$
$$\vec{a}_{magnet} = \vec{a}_t = -7.2 \ \hat{j} \ [\text{m/s}^2]$$