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You are looking through a set of stationary observation binoculars (A), overlooking a curved road below. The road can be modelled by the equation $r = ce^{2\theta}$, where θ is in radians. You are tracking a red sedan travelling along the road, with your binoculars.

You are rotating the binoculars with an angular velocity of $\dot{\theta}$ rad/s and an angular acceleration of $\ddot{\theta}$, at the moment θ .

What is the resulting friction force between the tires and the road?

given
 $\theta, \dot{\theta}, \ddot{\theta}$

find
 F_r, F_θ, F_{tot}

FBD

$$r = C e^{2\theta}$$

$$\dot{r} = 2C e^{2\theta} \dot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{r} = 2C \ddot{\theta} e^{2\theta} + 4C \dot{\theta}^2 e^{2\theta}$$

$$a_r = \ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$a_\theta = r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}$$

force equilibrium

$$\underline{\Sigma F_r = F_r = m a_r}$$

$$\underline{\Sigma F_\theta = F_\theta = m a_\theta}$$

$$\underline{F_{tot} = \sqrt{F_r^2 + F_\theta^2}}$$

