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The mechanism in the figure has an arm of length $L_{BC} = 150$ mm, mass of $m_{BC} = 200$ g and radius of gyration about B $K_{BC,B} = 80$ mm rotating about its pivot B with a constant angular velocity of 1 rad/s clockwise. A pin at point C slides along the slotted linkage ($K_{linkage,A} = 40$ mm, $m_{linkage} = 60$ g) which pivots about point A. Point A is 300 mm from point B.

Find the total kinetic energy of the system when angle $\theta = 28^\circ$

Solution

We need to use kinematic equations to find the angular velocity of the linkage first.

After some geometry,

$$\mathbf{r}_{C/B} = -0.0516\hat{i} + 0.1408\hat{j}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{C/A} = 0.213\hat{i}$$

Looking at the motion of C from point B,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_C &= \mathbf{v}_B + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BC} \times \mathbf{r}_{C/B} \\ &= 0 - 1\hat{k} \times (-0.0516\hat{i} + 0.1408\hat{j})\hat{j} \\ &= 0.0516\hat{j} + 0.1408\hat{i}\end{aligned}$$

Now looking at the motion of C from point A,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_C &= \mathbf{v}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{AC} \times \mathbf{r}_{C/A} + (\mathbf{v}_{C/A})_{x'y'z'} \\ &= 0 + \omega_{AC}\hat{k} \times 0.213\hat{i} + v_{C/A}\hat{i} \\ &= 0.213\omega_{AC}\hat{j} + v_{C/A}\hat{i}\end{aligned}$$

Equating the \hat{i} and \hat{j} components of the two equations for \mathbf{v}_C ,

$$v_{C/A} = 0.1408 \quad [\text{m/s}]$$

$$\omega_{AC} = 0.242 \quad [\text{rad/s}]$$

Now we can find kinetic energy

$$\begin{aligned}I_{BC,B} &= m_{BC}K_{BC,B}^2 \\ &= 1.28 \times 10^{-3} \quad [\text{kg m}^2]\end{aligned}$$

$$I_{linkage} = 96 \times 10^{-6} \quad [\text{kg m}^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned}KE &= KE_{arm} + KE_{linkage} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(I_{BC,B})\omega_{BC}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(I_{linkage})\omega_{AC}^2 \\ &= 642.8 \times 10^{-6} \quad [\text{J}]\end{aligned}$$

