

21-R-KM-ZA-14 Solution

Question: The slotted arm CD moves with some angular velocity, causing point C to move with some velocity towards the right. Point C is attached to a disc that rotates about pin A, which is some distance away from the centre of the disc. If we know line AB rotates with an angular velocity of $\omega_{AB} = 10 \text{ rad/s}$, $r = 0.1 \text{ m}$, and $l = 3 \text{ m}$, find the velocity of point C when $\theta = 20 \text{ degrees}$. If we know that $L = 1 \text{ m}$ and $\beta = 45 \text{ degrees}$ at the same instant, find the angular velocity of arm CD.

Solution:

First can find the value of ϕ by using the length l , and the y component of the arm BC when $\theta = 20 \text{ degrees}$. The y component of arm BC is found using the length r and θ .

$$\sin\theta = \frac{y}{r} \Rightarrow y = r\sin\theta$$

$$\sin\phi = \frac{y}{l} = \frac{r\sin\theta}{l} \Rightarrow \phi = \arcsin\left(\frac{r\sin\theta}{l}\right)$$

We can use the stationary point A as a reference for the x position of C. If we define point A to be $x = 0$, we know that the x component of C is equal to the x component of arm BC minus the x component of the line AB. This can be written in terms of θ using the expression for ϕ written earlier.

$$x_C = l\cos\phi - r\cos\theta = l\cos\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{r\sin\theta}{l}\right)\right) - r\cos\theta$$

Differentiating the expression for x with respect to time gives the velocity of C. The chain rule is required to calculate this, and the final expression is shown below.

$$\dot{x}_C = v_C = l\left(-\sin\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{r\sin\theta}{l}\right)\right)\right) * \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{r\sin\theta}{l}\right)^2}}\right) * \frac{r\cos\theta}{l} * \dot{\theta} + r\sin\theta\dot{\theta}$$

Finally, plugging in all values gives us the velocity of point C.

$$v_C = \left(-\sin\left(\arcsin\left(\frac{0.1\sin 20}{3}\right)\right)\right) * \left(\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{0.1\sin 20}{3}\right)^2}\right)^{-1} * \frac{0.1\cos 20}{3} * 10 + (0.1\sin 20 * 10) = 0.338 \text{ m/s}$$

We can use the angle β and the velocity of C to find the perpendicular velocity of the arm CD at a distance L from point D. Then using the equation $\omega = v/r$ we can solve for the angular velocity of rod CD.

$$\cos(90 - \beta) = \frac{v_C}{v_{Bar}} \Rightarrow v_{Bar} = \frac{v_C}{\cos(90-\beta)} = \frac{0.338}{\cos(90-45)} = 0.479 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\omega_{CD} = \frac{v_{Bar}}{L} = \frac{0.479}{1} = 0.479 \text{ rad/s}$$