

# Chapter 15 - Kinematics of Rigid Bodies

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What is a rigid body?

A rigid body is a collection of particles. It has mass, and shape and dimension. The distance between any two particles will remain constant regardless of the external forces exerted on the rigid body.

## Introduction

### 5 types of rigid-body motion

1. Translation
  2. Rotation about a fixed axis
  3. General plane motion
  4. Motion about a fixed point
  5. General motion
- } 2D Motion
- } 3D Motion

## Translation

A rigid body is said to be in translation if any straight line "drawn" on the body keeps the same orientation during the motion.

→ all particles in a translating body move along parallel paths

→ If the paths are straight lines, the motion is known as rectilinear translation

→ If the paths are curved lines, the motion is known as curvilinear translation (Fig 15.1, Fig 15.2)

### Rotation about a fixed axis (Fig 15.3)

A rigid body is said to be in rotation about a fixed axis if particles in the body travel/move along circles or circular arcs whose centers of curvature form the fixed axis of rotation.

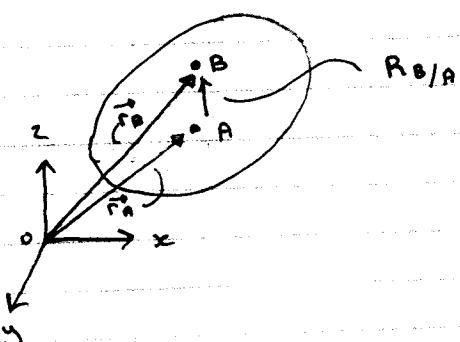
- the fixed axis can be located within or beyond the physical confines of the rigid body
- $\theta$  and  $\phi$  are the same for all radial lines.

### General Plane Motion (Fig 15.5)

Any plane motion that is neither a translation nor a rotation (about a fixed axis) is called a general plane motion, or a complex plane motion.

#### § 15.1 Translation and Fixed-axis Rotation

##### 15.1A Translation



Kinematics of A is known.

$$\vec{r}_A, \vec{v}_A = \dot{\vec{r}}_A, \text{ and} \\ \vec{a}_A = \ddot{\vec{r}}_A = \ddot{\vec{v}}_A$$

$$\vec{v}_B \text{ and } \vec{a}_B ?$$

$$\therefore \vec{r}_B = \vec{r}_A + \vec{r}_{B/A}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}_B = \vec{v}_A + \frac{d(\vec{r}_{B/A})}{dt}$$

$$\vec{r}_{B/A} = \begin{cases} \text{magnitude} \rightarrow \text{constant} \\ \text{direction} \rightarrow \text{unchanged} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{rigid body assumption} \\ \& \text{translation}$$

$$\therefore \dot{\vec{r}}_{B/A} = \vec{\phi}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}_B = \vec{v}_A \\ \text{and } \vec{a}_B = \vec{a}_A$$

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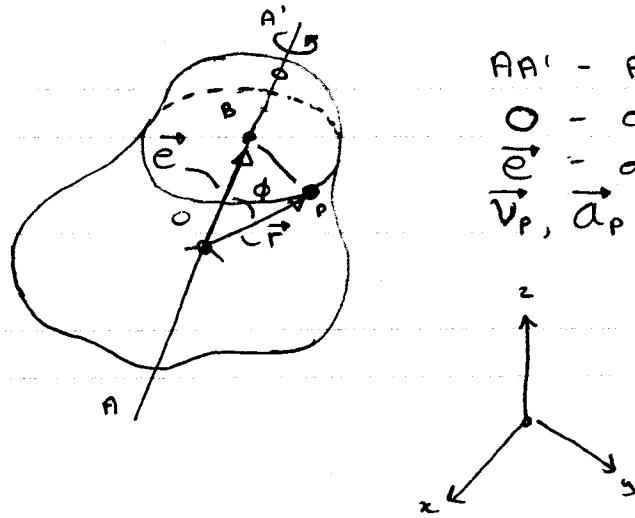
When a rigid body is in translation, all particles of the body will have the same velocity and acceleration at any given time instant;

- ∴ The kinematics of a translating rigid body can be represented by any particle within the rigid body
- ∴ Chapter 11 is applicable to translating rigid bodies.

### 15.1 B Rotation about a Fixed axis

#### A. General (3D) cases

Fig. 15.8 and Revision



$AA'$  - fixed axes of rotation  
 $O$  - chosen fixed point on  $AA'$   
 $\vec{e}$  - directed  $A$  to  $A'$   
 $\vec{v}_P, \vec{a}_P$  - on the plane passing  $P$  normal to  $AA'$   
 $\vec{r}$  - drawn from  $O$  to  $P$   
 $BP$  - radial line  $(\theta, \phi, \delta)$

$$\dot{\theta} = \text{angular velocity}, \quad \ddot{\theta} = \omega$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \text{angular acceleration}, \quad \ddot{\theta} = \alpha$$

$$\text{then } \vec{\omega} = \omega \vec{e}, \quad \vec{\alpha} = \alpha \vec{e}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{v}_P = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

$$\vec{a}_P = \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

$$\vec{a}_P = \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_P$$

$$\underbrace{(\vec{\alpha}_t)_P}_{\curvearrowleft} + \underbrace{(\vec{\alpha}_n)_P}_{\curvearrowright}$$

## 15.1B Rotation about a Fixed axis

## A. General (3D) Cases

The axis of rotation is not coincidental with x, or y, or z-axis.

$\vec{e}$ : unit vector directed along axis of rotation

$\vec{\omega}, \vec{\alpha}$ : by right-hand rule

$\vec{r}$ : directed from any point on axis of rotation to particle of interest, P.

$$\text{then : } \begin{aligned} \vec{v}_P &= \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \\ \vec{a}_P &= \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_P \\ &= (\vec{a}_t)_P + (\vec{a}_n)_P \end{aligned}$$

Example 15.14 :

( $\omega = 26 \text{ rad/s}, \therefore \alpha = 0$ )

Point A (0, 80, 120)

B  $\rightarrow$  A axis of rotation

Point B (0, 180, -120)

Point E (120, 0, 0)

$$AB = (0, -100, 240)$$

$$\therefore \vec{e} = \frac{\vec{r}_{A/B}}{|\vec{r}_{A/B}|} = \frac{-100\vec{i} + 240\vec{k}}{260} = \frac{-10\vec{i} + 24\vec{k}}{26}$$

$$\therefore \vec{\omega} = 26 \cdot \vec{e} = -10\vec{i} + 24\vec{k} \text{ (rad/s)}$$

$$\vec{r}_{E/A} = 120\vec{i} - 80\vec{j} - 120\vec{k} \text{ (mm)}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}_E = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \frac{i \quad j \quad k}{\vec{\omega}} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -10 & 24 \\ 120 & -80 & -120 \end{vmatrix} = 3.120\vec{i} + 2.880\vec{j} + 1.2\vec{k} \text{ (m/s)}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_E = \cancel{\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r}} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_E$$

$$= -81.12\vec{i} + 74.88\vec{j} + 31.20\vec{k} \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$$

### Problem 15.15

At the given time instant,  $\omega = 26 \text{ rad/s}$ , and increases at a rate of  $65 \text{ rad/s}^2$

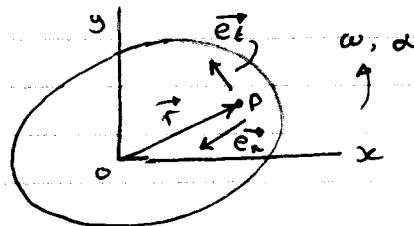
$$\therefore \ddot{\alpha} = 65 \hat{e}_z$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}_E = 3.120 \vec{i} + 2.880 \vec{j} + 1.200 \vec{k} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{a}_E = \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_E \\ = -73.32 \vec{i} + 82.08 \vec{j} + 34.20 \vec{k} \text{ m/s}^2$$

### 15.1B

#### B. Rotation of a Representative Slab (2D cases)



Figs. 15.10, 15.11

Fixed-axis of rotation  
= z-axis

$$\vec{e} = \vec{r} \\ \vec{r}: O \rightarrow P$$

x and y-components only

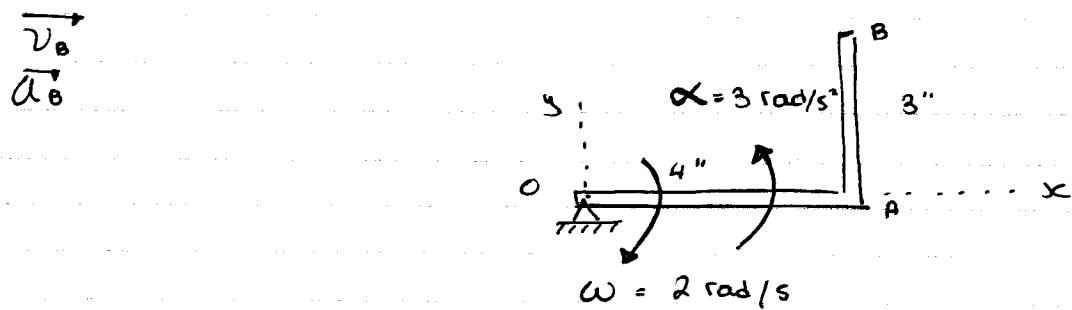
Vector Expressions:

$$\vec{v}_P = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \\ \vec{a}_P = \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_P$$

Scalar Expressions: Normal-tangential

$$\vec{v}_P = r\omega \\ (a_n)_P = r\omega^2 \longrightarrow \text{NOTE: } \frac{(r\omega)^2}{r}$$

$$(a_t)_P = r\alpha = \frac{d(r\omega)}{dt} = r \cdot \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$



Solution :

(1) Vector expressions

$$\vec{\omega} = -2 \vec{K}$$

$$\vec{\alpha} = 3 \vec{K}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_{B/O} = 4\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} \text{ (in)}$$

$$\vec{v}_B = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} \Rightarrow 6\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} \text{ (in/s)}$$

$$\vec{a}_B = \vec{\alpha} \times \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_B \Rightarrow -25\vec{k} \text{ (in/s}^2\text{)}$$

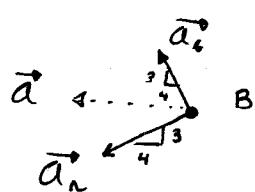
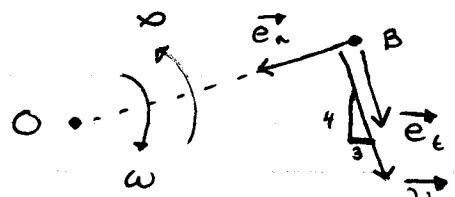
(2) Scalar Expressions

$$v_B = 5(2) = 10 \text{ in/s}$$

$$(a_t)_B = 5(3) = 15 \text{ in/s}^2$$

$$(a_n)_B = 5(2)^2 = 20 \text{ in/s}^2$$

(3) Interpretation of scalar results



## 15.1 B - Rotation about a Fixed axis

A. General (3D cases)

B. Rotation of a Representative Slab  
(2D cases)

Both deal with velocity and acceleration  
of a particle in a rigid body rotating  
about a fixed axis.

2D cases: axis of rotation coincides with  
the z-axis

vector expressions  $\vec{v}_p, \vec{\alpha}_p$

scalar expressions  $\bar{v}_p, (\alpha_t)_p, (\alpha_n)_p$

3D cases: axis of rotation:  $\vec{\epsilon}$

vector expressions only.

C. } entire rigid body or bodies.

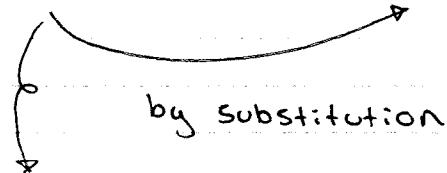
D. }

## PROB 12.7

$$\alpha(v) = b - kv$$

$$(1) \int_{t_0}^t dt = \int_{v_0}^v \frac{dv}{\alpha(v)} \Rightarrow \int_{v_0}^v \frac{dv}{b - kv}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-k} \int \frac{-kdv}{b - kv} = -\frac{1}{k} \int_{v_0}^v \frac{d(b - kv)}{b - kv}$$


  
by substitution

$$u = b - kv$$

$$du = -kdv$$

$$dv = \frac{du}{-k} = \left(-\frac{1}{k}\right)du$$

(or something like that.)

$$(2) \int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_{v_0}^v \frac{v \cdot dv}{\alpha(v)} = \int_{v_0}^v \frac{vdv}{b - kv}$$

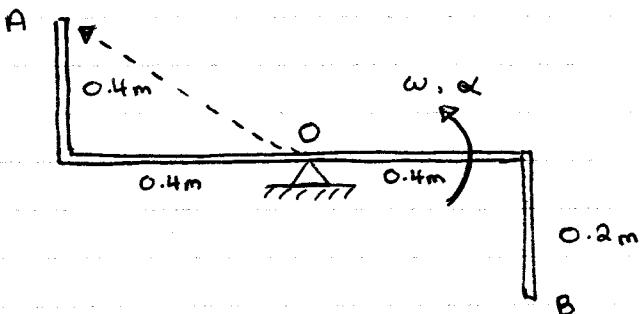
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$$\left( \int_{t_0}^t dt = \frac{-m}{k} \left[ \ln|u| \right]_{v_0}^v \right)$$

where  $u = b - kv$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v}{b - kv} &= \frac{1}{-k} \cdot \frac{-kv + b - b}{b - kv} \\ &= \frac{-1}{k} \left( \frac{b - kv}{b - kv} \right) - b \\ &= \frac{-1}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{b}{b - kv} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{RHS} &= - \int_{v_0}^v \left( 1 - \frac{b}{b - kv} \right) dv \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} \left[ \int_{v_0}^v dv - b \int_{v_0}^v \frac{dv}{b - kv} \right] \end{aligned}$$



Given that  $v_A = 3 \text{ m/s}$   
and  $|\vec{\alpha}_A| = 28 \text{ m/s}^2$

Determine:  $v_B$  and  $|\vec{\alpha}_B|$ .

(2)

Solution:

Assume CCW  $\omega, \alpha$ 

$$\therefore \vec{\omega} = \omega \vec{R}, \quad \vec{\alpha} = \alpha \vec{R}$$

$$\text{Pt. A: } \vec{r} = -0.4\vec{i} + 0.4\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{v}_A = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & \mu \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \\ -0.4 & 0.4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -0.4\omega \vec{i} - 0.4\omega \vec{j}$$

$$\text{but, } v_A = \sqrt{(0.4\omega)^2 + (-0.4\omega)^2}$$

$$= 0.4\sqrt{2} \cdot \omega = 3$$

$$\therefore \omega = 5.303 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{Further, } \vec{a}_A = \vec{\alpha} + \vec{r} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_A$$

$$= -0.4\alpha \vec{i} - 0.4\alpha \vec{j} + 0.4\omega \vec{i} - 0.4\omega^2 \vec{j}$$

$$= -0.4\alpha \vec{i} - 0.4\alpha \vec{j} + 11.25 \vec{i} - 11.25 \vec{j}$$

$$= (11.25 - 0.4\alpha) \vec{i} - (11.25 + 0.4\alpha) \vec{j}$$

$$|\vec{a}_A|^2 = (11.25 - 0.4\alpha)^2 + (11.25 + 0.4\alpha)^2$$

$$(28)^2 = 2(11.25)^2 + 2(0.4\alpha)^2$$

$$\alpha = \pm 40.73$$

$$\text{Pt. B: } v_B = 2.732 \text{ m/s}$$

$$|\vec{a}_B| = 22.14 \text{ m/s}^2$$