

Elementary Dynamics Example #37: (Rigid Body Kinematics – Relative Acceleration)

Given: $R = 3$ (in), $L = 6$ (in), $\theta = 30$ (deg)

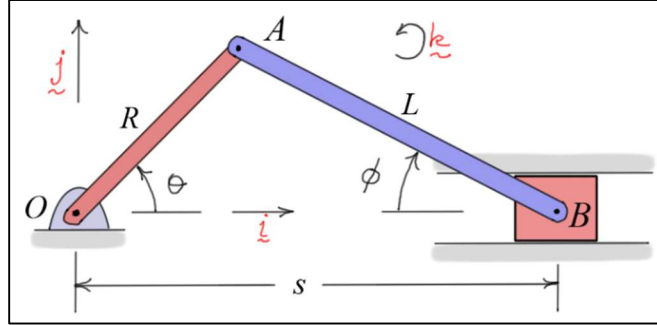
$$\omega_{OA} = \dot{\theta} = 100 \text{ (rpm) (CCW)}$$

$$\approx 10.472 \text{ (r/s)}$$

$$\alpha_{OA} = \dot{\omega}_{OA} = -5 \text{ (r/s}^2\text{) (CW)}$$

Find: α_{AB} , $a_B = \ddot{s}$

Solution:



From the triangle formed by the mechanism,

$$R \sin(\theta) = L \sin(\phi) \Rightarrow \phi = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{R \sin(\theta)}{L} \right)_{\theta=30 \text{ (deg)}} = 14.4775 \text{ (deg)}$$

Using the **relative velocity** equation, the following results were found in Example #32.

$$\omega_{AB} \approx -4.68 \text{ k (rad/s)} \quad \dot{s}_B \approx -22.7 \text{ i (in/s)} \approx -1.89 \text{ i (ft/s)}$$

Using the **relative acceleration** equation, write

$$\underline{a}_B = \underline{a}_A + \underline{a}_{B/A} *$$

Here,

$$\underline{a}_B = a_B \underline{i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{a}_A &= \underline{a}_{A/O} = [\underline{\alpha}_{OA} \times \underline{r}_{A/O}] - [\omega_{OA}^2 \underline{r}_{A/O}] \\ &= [-5 \text{ k} \times 3 (\cos(30) \underline{i} + \sin(30) \underline{j})] - 3 \omega_{OA}^2 (\cos(30) \underline{i} + \sin(30) \underline{j}) \\ &= -15 (-\sin(30) \underline{i} + \cos(30) \underline{j}) - 3 \omega_{OA}^2 (\cos(30) \underline{i} + \sin(30) \underline{j}) \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{a}_A \approx -277.411 \underline{i} - 177.484 \underline{j} \text{ (in/s}^2\text{)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{a}_{B/A} &= [\underline{\alpha}_{AB} \times \underline{r}_{B/A}] - [\omega_{AB}^2 \underline{r}_{B/A}] \\ &= [\alpha_{AB} \text{ k} \times 6 (\cos(\phi) \underline{i} - \sin(\phi) \underline{j})] - 6 \omega_{AB}^2 (\cos(\phi) \underline{i} - \sin(\phi) \underline{j}) \\ &= 6 \alpha_{AB} (\sin(\phi) \underline{i} + \cos(\phi) \underline{j}) + (-127.416 \underline{i} + 32.8985 \underline{j}) \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{a}_{B/A} \approx (6 \alpha_{AB} \sin(\phi) - 127.416) \underline{i} + (6 \alpha_{AB} \cos(\phi) + 32.8985) \underline{j} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting back into the relative acceleration equation (*) gives the scalar equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_B &= -277.411 + 6 \alpha_{AB} \sin(\phi) - 127.416 \\ 0 &= -177.484 + 6 \alpha_{AB} \cos(\phi) + 32.8985 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solving the equations: } \Rightarrow \quad & \alpha_{AB} \approx 24.9 \text{ k (r/s}^2\text{)} \\ & a_B \approx -367 \text{ i (in/s}^2\text{)} \approx -30.6 \text{ i (ft/s}^2\text{)} \end{aligned}$$