

Review Problems - Final Exam

3. An intermittent-drive mechanism for a perforated tape F consists of the link DAB driven by the crank OB. The trace of the motion of the finger at D is shown by the dashed line. Determine the magnitude of the acceleration of D at the instant shown when both OB and CA are horizontal. Crank OB has a constant clockwise angular velocity of 120 rpm.
(taken from *Dynamics by Meriam and Kraige, Fourth Edition*)

ans: $a_D = 1997 \text{ mm/s}^2$

Strategy: pure kinematics!

Relate the acceleration at D to the acceleration at A as we work our way through member ABD:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_D &= \bar{a}_A + \bar{a}_{D/A} \\ &= \bar{a}_A + \bar{\omega}_{ABD} \times \bar{r}_{D/A} - \omega_{ABD}^2 \bar{r}_{D/A} \end{aligned}$$

Expanding and equating components

$$\hat{i}: a_{Dx} = a_{Ax} - \mathbf{a}_{ABD} r_{D/Ay} - \omega_{ABD}^2 r_{D/Ax} \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{j}: a_{Dy} = a_{Ay} + \mathbf{a}_{ABD} r_{D/Ax} - \omega_{ABD}^2 r_{D/Ay} \quad (2)$$

Relate the acceleration at A to the acceleration at B

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_A &= \bar{a}_B + \bar{a}_{A/B} \\ &= \bar{a}_B + \bar{\omega}_{ABD} \times \bar{r}_{A/B} - \omega_{ABD}^2 \bar{r}_{A/B} \end{aligned}$$

Expanding and equating components

$$\hat{i}: a_{Ax} = a_{Bx} - \mathbf{a}_{ABD} r_{A/By} - \omega_{ABD}^2 r_{A/Bx} \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{j}: a_{Ay} = a_{By} + \mathbf{a}_{ABD} r_{A/Bx} - \omega_{ABD}^2 r_{A/By} \quad (4)$$

We can't get another two equations by relating the acceleration at D to the acceleration at B. Why? We can't make any assumptions about the acceleration at A. Why?

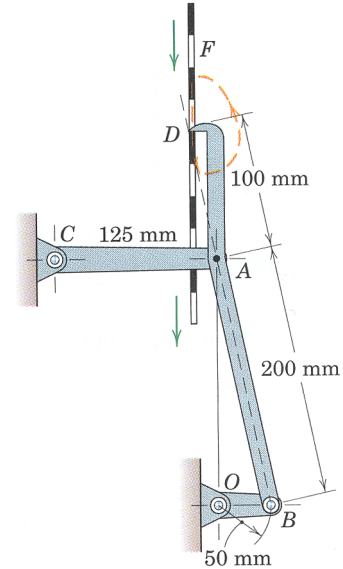
Relate the acceleration at B to the acceleration at O since we know something about OB:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_B &= \bar{a}_O + \bar{a}_{B/O} \\ &= \bar{a}_O + \bar{\omega}_{OB} \times \bar{r}_{B/O} - \omega_{OB}^2 \bar{r}_{B/O} \end{aligned}$$

Expanding and equating components knowing $\bar{a}_{BO} = \bar{a}_O = \bar{0}$

$$\hat{i}: a_{Bx} = -\omega_{OB}^2 r_{B/Ox} \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{j}: a_{By} = -\omega_{OB}^2 r_{B/Oy} \quad (6)$$



unk	eqs
a_{Dx}	1
a_{Dy}	2
a_{Ax}	3
a_{Ay}	4
α_{ABD}	5
ω_{ABD}	6
a_{Bx}	7
a_{By}	8

Constraints and Geometry

Examining the velocity at points B and A, we see that member ABD is in translation at this instant. Thus the angular velocity is zero but we can draw no conclusions about the angular acceleration.

$$\mathbf{w}_{ABD} = 0 \quad (7)$$

Examining the motion of point D (the dashed line), we see that has been in translation for more than an instant. We may therefore conclude that the acceleration of point D is in the y direction only.

$$a_{D_x} = 0 \quad (8)$$

And for the position vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{r}_{D/A} = -25\hat{i} + 96.8\hat{j} &\Rightarrow r_{D/A_x} = -25mm, r_{D/A_y} = 96.8mm \\ \bar{r}_{A/B} = -50\hat{i} + 193.6\hat{j} &\Rightarrow r_{A/B_x} = -50mm, r_{A/B_y} = 193.6mm \\ \bar{r}_{B/O} = 50\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} &\Rightarrow r_{B/O_x} = 50mm, r_{B/O_y} = 0mm \end{aligned}$$