

# TAM 212 Class 7 : Acceleration Vectors

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

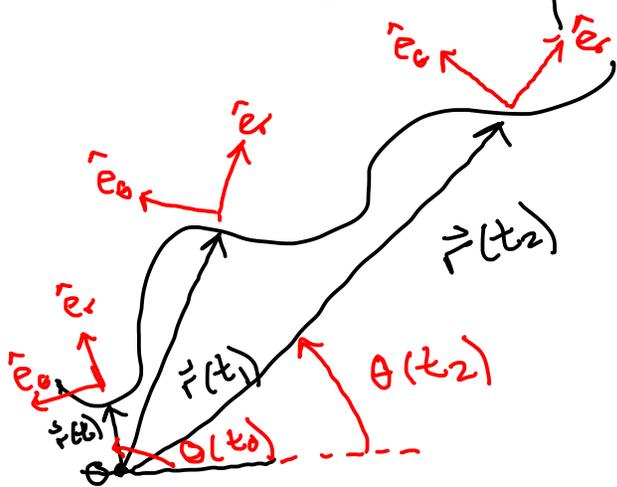
① PL2 due Friday 11:59 pm  
 Report 2 due Monday 11:59 pm, PL 2-13

② James Scholun Honors:  
 F 4-5pm MEL 2005

Review: in 2D

	cartesian	polar
position	$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$	$\vec{r} = r\hat{e}_r$
velocity	$\vec{v} = \dot{x}\hat{i} + \dot{y}\hat{j}$	$\vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{e}_r + r\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta$
accel.	$\vec{a} = \ddot{x}\hat{i} + \ddot{y}\hat{j}$	$\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{e}_r + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta$

$\downarrow$  radial       $\downarrow$  centripetal "center-seeking"  
 $\downarrow$  angular       $\rightarrow$  coriolis



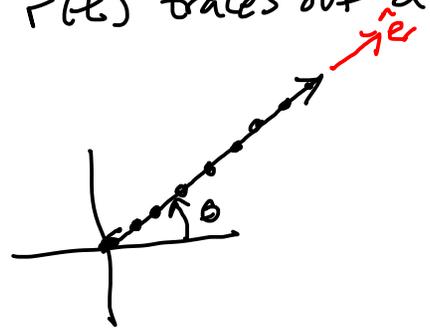
How did we obtain  $\vec{a}$ ? differentiate  $\vec{v}$

used:  $\hat{e}_r = \cos\theta\hat{i} + \sin\theta\hat{j} \Rightarrow$   
 $\hat{e}_\theta = -\sin\theta\hat{i} + \cos\theta\hat{j} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{e}}_r = \dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta \\ \dot{\hat{e}}_\theta = -\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_r \end{cases}$$

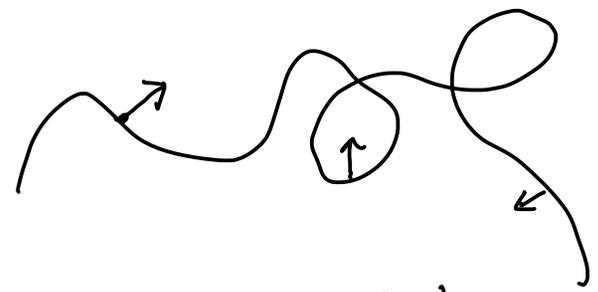
What are all the terms in  $\vec{a}$ ? (polar)

ex)  $\vec{r}(t)$  traces out a straight line at constant  $\theta$

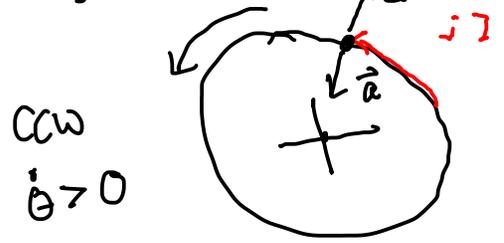


$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} &= r \hat{e}_r \\ \vec{v} &= \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta \\ \vec{a} &= \ddot{r} \hat{e}_r + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta + r\ddot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta - r\dot{\theta}^2 \hat{e}_r \\ \vec{a} &= \ddot{r} \hat{e}_r \end{aligned}$$

radial



ex)  $\vec{r}(t)$  traces out circular path at constant speed



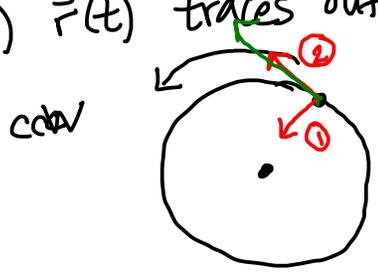
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} &= r \hat{e}_r \\ \vec{v} &= \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta \\ \vec{a} &= \frac{d}{dt} (r \dot{\theta}) \hat{e}_\theta + (r \dot{\theta}) \dot{\hat{e}}_\theta \\ &= (\dot{r} \dot{\theta} + r \ddot{\theta}) \hat{e}_\theta + (r \dot{\theta}) (-\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_r) \\ &= -r \dot{\theta}^2 \hat{e}_r \end{aligned}$$

centripetal

$r = \text{constant}$   
 $\dot{\theta} = \text{constant}$

$r \omega^2$

ex)  $\vec{r}(t)$  traces out a circular path at increasing speed

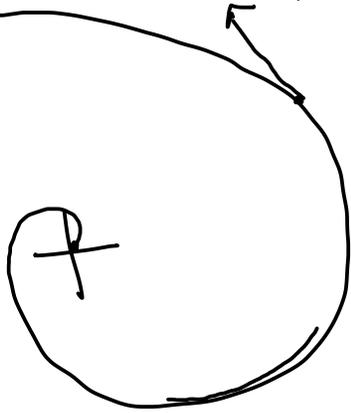


$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} &= r \hat{e}_r \\ \vec{v} &= \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta \\ \vec{a} &= \frac{d}{dt} (r \dot{\theta}) \hat{e}_\theta + (r \dot{\theta}) \dot{\hat{e}}_\theta \\ &= (\dot{r} \dot{\theta} + r \ddot{\theta}) \hat{e}_\theta - r \dot{\theta}^2 \hat{e}_r \\ &= \underbrace{r \ddot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta}_{\text{angular}} - r \dot{\theta}^2 \hat{e}_r \end{aligned}$$

centripetal

$r = \text{constant}$   
 $\dot{\theta} > 0$

$\vec{r}(t)$  traces out a spiral so that  $\dot{r} = \text{constant}$ ,  $\dot{\theta} = \text{constant}$



$$\vec{r} = r \hat{e}_r$$

$$\vec{v} = \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\vec{a} = (\cancel{\ddot{r}} - r \dot{\theta}^2) \hat{e}_r + (\cancel{r \ddot{\theta}} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}) \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$= \underbrace{-r \dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{centripetal}} \hat{e}_r + \underbrace{2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}}_{\text{Coriolis acceleration}} \hat{e}_\theta$$

comes from increase of speed needed to keep  $\dot{r}$  constant

