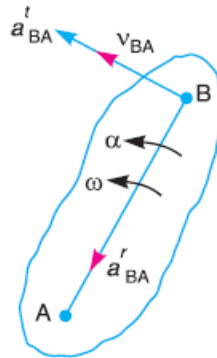


3. Acceleration in Mechanism

We have discussed the velocity diagram of various points in the previous chapter. The acceleration will be discussed in this chapter.

3.1. Acceleration Diagram for a link:

Consider two points A and B on a rigid link as shown in figure below in which point B moves with respect to A, with an angular velocity $\omega \text{ rad/s}$, and let $\alpha \text{ rad/s}^2$ be the angular acceleration of the link AB.



We have already discussed that acceleration of a particle whose velocity changes both in magnitude and direction at any instant has the following two components:

1. The **centripetal or radial component**, which is perpendicular to the velocity of the particle at the given instant.

2. The **tangential component**, which is parallel to the velocity of the particle at the given instant.

$$a_{AB}^r = \omega^2 \cdot \text{Legth of link } AB (\text{is always } // AB) = \omega^2 \cdot AB = \frac{v_{AB}^2}{AB}, (\omega = \frac{v_{AB}}{AB})$$

This radial component of acceleration acts perpendicular to the velocity v_{BA} . In other words, it acts **parallel** to the link AB.

We know that tangential component of the acceleration of B with respect to A,

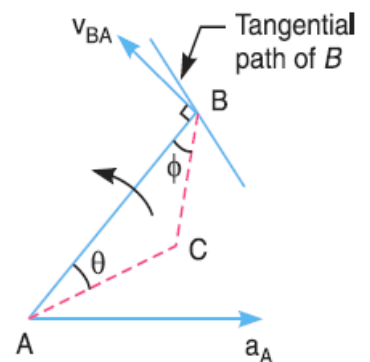
$$a_{AB}^t = \alpha \cdot \text{Legth of link } AB = \alpha \cdot AB$$

This tangential component of acceleration acts parallel to the velocity v_{BA} . In other words, it acts **perpendicular** to the link AB.

3.2 Acceleration of a Point on a Link

Consider two points A and B on the rigid link, as shown in Fig. (a). Let the acceleration of the point A i.e. a_A is known in magnitude and direction and the direction of path of B is given. The acceleration of the point B is determined in magnitude and direction by drawing the acceleration diagram as discussed below.

To Draw the acceleration, diagram the following steps to be follow:



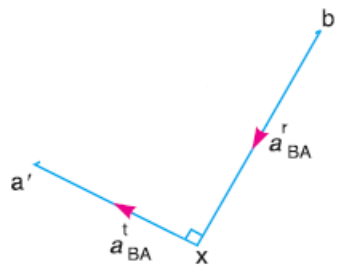
(a) Points on a Link.

1) From any point o' draw vector $o'a' //$ to the direction of absolute acceleration at point A (i.e a_A) to some suitable scale.

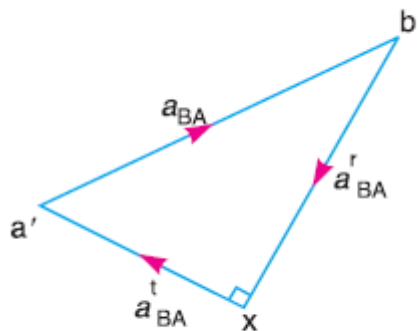
2) From point b' draw vector $b'x //$ to AB represent the radial component of acceleration (a_{BA}^r) with known magnitude and direction.



3) From point x draw vector $xa' \perp AB$ to represent the tangential component of acceleration (a_{BA}^t).



3) Join $b'a'$, the vector $b'a'$ known acceleration image of link AB or total acceleration of point B i.e (a_{AB}).



Note that:

a) Tangential component a^t

$$a^t = r \cdot \alpha \text{ and always } \perp r$$

b) Radial component a^r

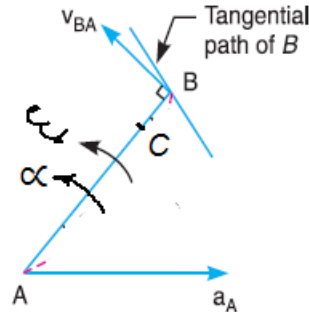
$$a^r = r \cdot \omega^2 = v^2 \cdot r \text{ is always } // r$$

r .. length of link AB

a^r is drawn first then at where at $\perp a^t$

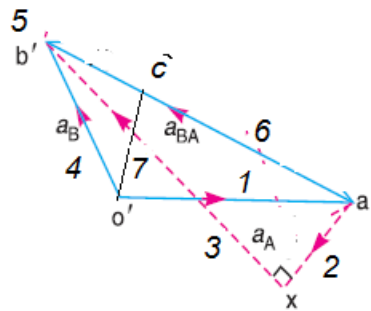
3.2 Acceleration diagram of a point on a link:

A two-point **A**, **B** on link **AB** as shown in the figure below. Let the acceleration of point **A** i.e. a_A is known in magnitude and direction, if the path of point **B** is known, to determine the acceleration of point **B** magnitude and direction the following procedure can be follows:



From any point o' , draw vector $o'a'$ parallel to the direction of absolute acceleration at point **A** i.e. a_A , to some suitable scale, as

1) From any point o' draw vector $o'a'$ // to the direction of **absolute acceleration** at point **A** (i.e. a_A) to some suitable scale.



2) Draw vector $a'x$ // to **AB** which represent (a_B^r) and

$$a_B^r = v_B^2 \cdot AB = \omega_{AB}^2 \cdot AB$$

With the same scale.

3) From point x draw vector xb' \perp to $a'x$

4) From o' draw line // to tangential path to **B**

5) Now the vectors xb' and $o'b'$ will intersect at point b' , and the values of a_B and a_B^t can be measured to the scale.

6) Join a' and b' the acceleration image of link **AB** will represented by vector $a'b'$

7) The acceleration of any point (**c**) on **AB** may be obtained by

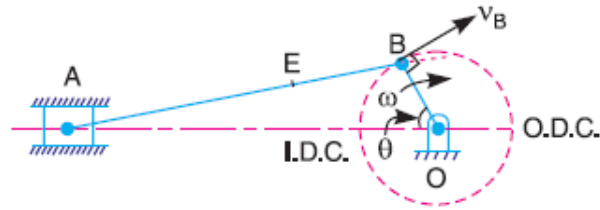
$$\frac{a'c}{a'b'} = \frac{AC}{AB} \text{ yields } a'c = a_{cA} \text{ and } o'c = a_c$$

8) The value of angular acceleration α then can be obtained by

$$\alpha = \frac{a^t}{AB}$$

3.3 Acceleration in the Slider Crank Mechanism:

A slider crank mechanism shown in the figure below.



we know that $v_B = \omega_B \cdot BO$ and, $a_{BO}^r = \omega_{BO}^2 \cdot OB = \frac{v_{BO}^2}{OB}$

The acceleration diagram can be drawn as:

1) Draw vector $o'b'$ // to BO in magnitude of a_B^r , with suitable scale. since point B moves with a constant ω therefore there will be no tangential component acceleration.

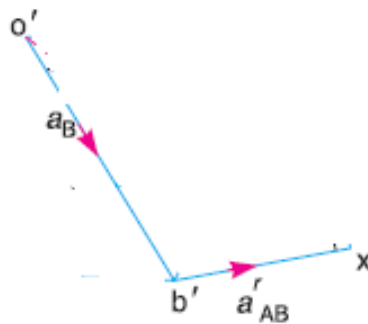
Note: A point at the end of a link which moves with constant angular velocity has no tangential component of acceleration.

$$\because \omega_B = \text{const} \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} a_B^t = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} a_B^r = a_B = \omega_{BO}^2 \cdot BO$$



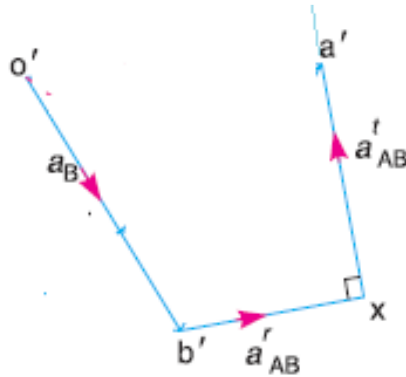
2) From point b' , draw vector $b'x$ parallel to BA . The vector $b'x$ represents the radial component of the acceleration of A with respect to B whose magnitude is given by:

$$a_{BA}^r = \omega_{BA}^2 \cdot AB = \frac{v_{BA}^2}{AB}$$



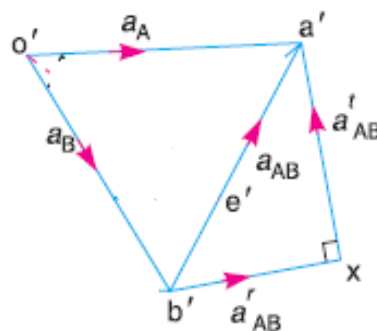
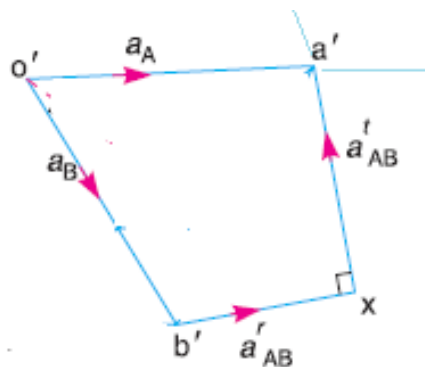
3) From point x , draw vector xa' perpendicular to $b'x$ (or AB). The vector xa' represents the tangential component of the acceleration of A with respect to B i.e. a_{AB}^t .

Note: When a point moves along a straight line, it has **no centripetal or radial** component of the acceleration.

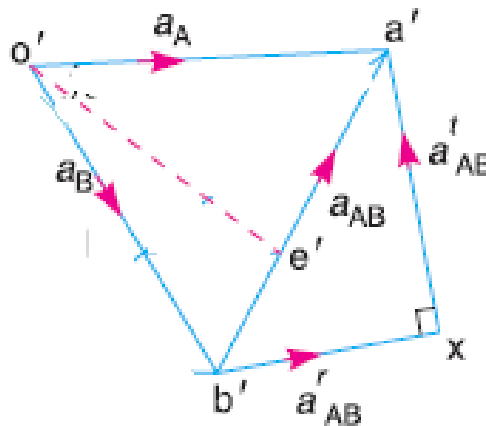


4) Since the point A reciprocates along AO , therefore the acceleration must be \parallel to velocity. Draw from $o'a'$ vector $o'a' \parallel$ to AO , will intersect the vector xa' at point a' . Now the acceleration of the piston or the slider A (a_A) and a_{AB}^t may be measured to the scale.

5) The vector $b'a'$, which is the sum of the vectors $b'x$ and xa' , represents the total acceleration of A with respect to B i.e. a_{AB} . The vector $b'a'$ represents the acceleration of the connecting rod AB .



6) The acceleration of any other point on AB such as E may be obtained by dividing the vector $b'a'$ at e' in the same ratio as E divides AB



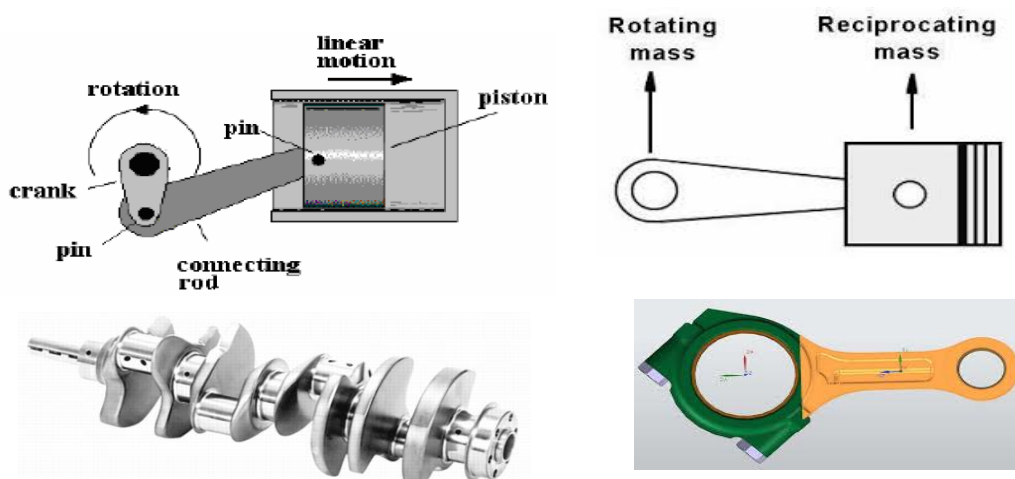
$$\frac{a'e'}{a'b'} = \frac{AE}{AB} \text{ or by measuring } o'e' \text{ to the scale}$$

7) The angular acceleration of the connecting rod AB (α_{AB}) can be obtained from:

$$\alpha_{AB} = \frac{a_{AB}^t}{AB} \text{ (clockwise about } B)$$

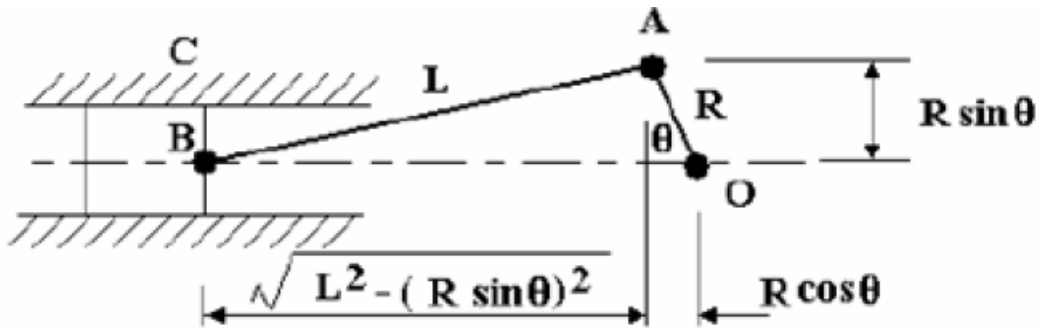
3.4. Reciprocating Machines

Reciprocating machines here means a piston reciprocating in a cylinder and connected to a crank shaft by a connecting rod. You can skip the derivation of the acceleration by going to the next page-First let s establish the relationship between crank angle, and the displacement, velocity and acceleration of the piston.



3.3.1 Derivation of acceleration equation:

A crank, connection rod, and piston mechanism as show in the figure.



When $\theta=0$ the piston will be furthest left at a distance of:

$$L + R \text{ from point } O$$

Take this as reference point and measure displacement x from there. Remember that:

$$\theta = \omega \cdot t, \text{ and } \omega = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot N}{60}$$

The displacement is then:

$$x = (L + R) - [\sqrt{L^2 - (R \cdot \sin \theta)^2} + R \cdot \cos \theta]; \text{ put } n = \frac{L}{R} \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} x \\ = R \cdot [(n - 1) - \cos \theta - \sqrt{n^2 - (\sin \theta)^2}]$$

Differentiate to get the velocity:

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ v = \omega \times \frac{dx}{d\theta}$$

$$\therefore R \sin \theta = L$$

$$\sin \theta^2 = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \omega \cdot \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \omega \times R \frac{d \left[(n + 1) - \cos \theta - (n^2 - \sin^2 \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]}{d\theta}$$

$$= \omega \cdot R \left[0 + \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} (n^2 - \sin^2 \theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \right]$$

$$v = \omega \times R \left[\sin \theta - \left(\frac{-2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{2(n^2 - \sin^2 \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right] \quad \because 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \sin 2\theta$$

$$v = \omega \times R \left[\sin \theta + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2(n^2 - \sin^2 \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]$$

Differentiate again and simplify to get acceleration:

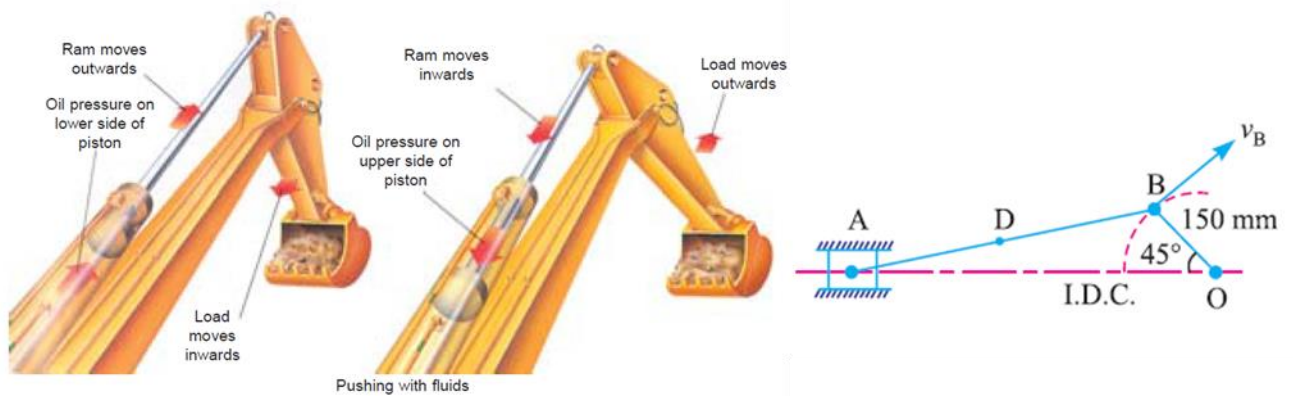
$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{d\theta} \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$\therefore a = \omega \times \frac{dv}{d\theta}$$

$$a = \omega^2 \cdot R \left[\cos \theta + \frac{\sin^2(2 \cdot \theta)}{4 \cdot (n^2 - \sin^2(\theta))^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{\cos(2 \cdot \theta)}{(n^2 - \sin^2(\theta))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right]$$

EX:1 The crank of a slider crank mechanism rotates clockwise at a constant speed of 300 r.p.m. The crank is 150 mm and the connecting rod is 600 mm long. Determine:

1. linear velocity and acceleration of the midpoint of the connecting rod,
2. angular velocity and angular acceleration of the connecting rod, at a crank angle of 45° from inner dead center position.



Solution.

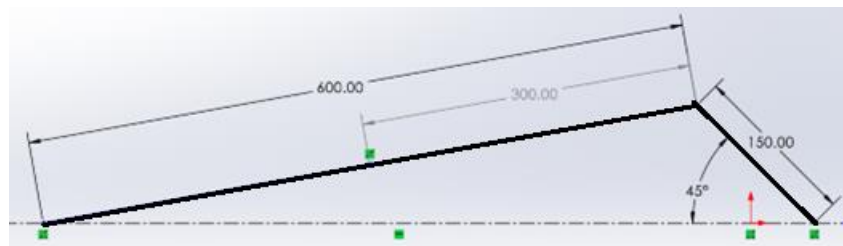
Given: $n_{BO} = 300$ r.p.m. or $\omega_{BO} = 2 \pi \times 300/60 = 31.42$ rad/s; $OB = 150$ mm = 0.15 m; $BA = 600$ mm = 0.6 m.

We know that linear velocity of **B** with respect to **O** or velocity of **B**,

$$v_{BO} = v_B = \omega_{BO} \cdot OB = 31.42 \cdot 0.15 = 4.713 \text{ m/s}$$

1. Linear velocity of the midpoint of the connecting rod

First of all, draw the space diagram, to some suitable scale(1:2); as shown in Figure below



Spece diagram with scale (1:2)

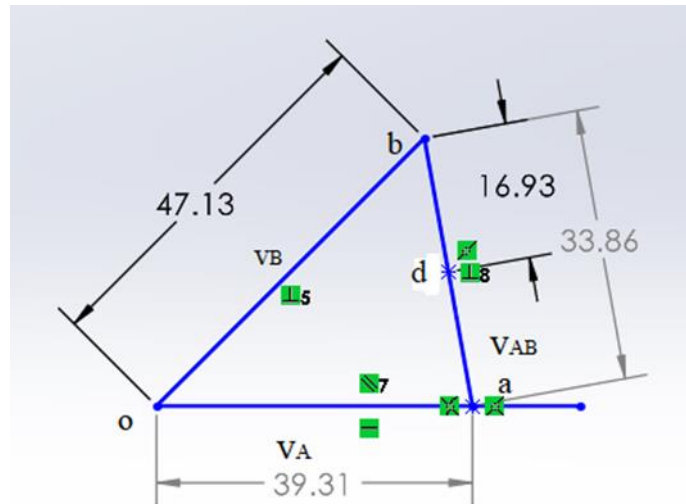
Now the velocity diagram, as shown in Figure below, is drawn as discussed below:

1) Draw vector ob perpendicular to BO , to some suitable scale(10mm:1m/sec), to represent the velocity of B with respect to O or simply velocity of B i.e. v_{BO} or v_B , such that:

$$\text{vector } ob = v_{BO} = v_B = 4.713 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\overline{v_b} = 4.713 \cdot 10 = 47.13 \text{ mm}$$

2) From point b , draw vector ba perpendicular to BA to represent the velocity of A with respect to B i.e. v_{AB} , and from point o draw vector oa parallel to the motion of A (which is along AO) to represent the velocity of A i.e. v_A . The vectors ba and oa intersect at a .



By measurement, we find that velocity of A with respect to B ,

$$v_{AB} = \text{vector } \overline{ba} = 33.86/10 = 3.386 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\text{Velocity of } A, v_A = \text{Vector } oa = \frac{39.31}{10} = 3.931 \text{ m/sec}$$

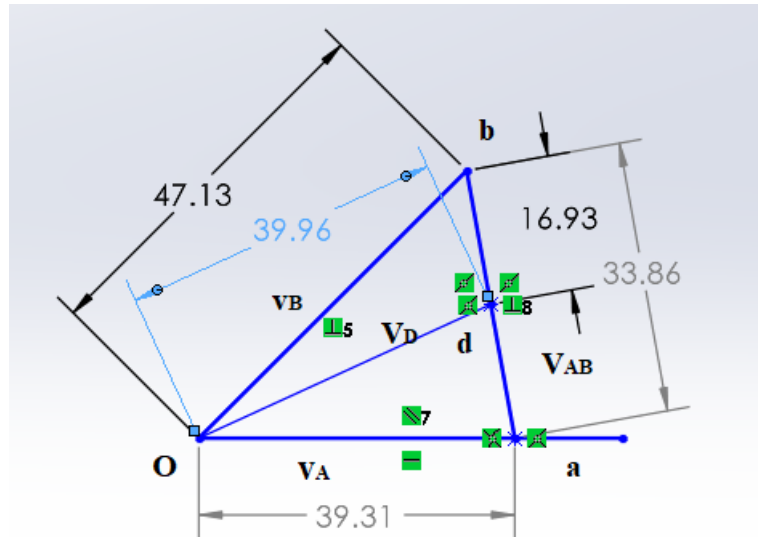
3) In order to find the velocity of the midpoint D of the connecting rod AB , divide the vector ba at d in the same ratio as D divides AB , in the space diagram. In other words,

$$\frac{bd}{ba} = \frac{BD}{BA} \text{ yields } \frac{bd}{33.86} = \frac{300}{600} \text{ yields } bd = 16.93 \text{ mm}$$

$$bd = 16.93 \text{ mm}$$

Note: Since D is the midpoint of AB , therefore d is also midpoint of vector ba . Join od . Now the vector od represents the velocity of the midpoint D of the connecting rod i.e. v_D . By measurement, we find that:

$$v_D = \text{vector } od = 39.96/10 = 3.996 \text{ m/s Ans.}$$



Acceleration of the midpoint of the connecting rod

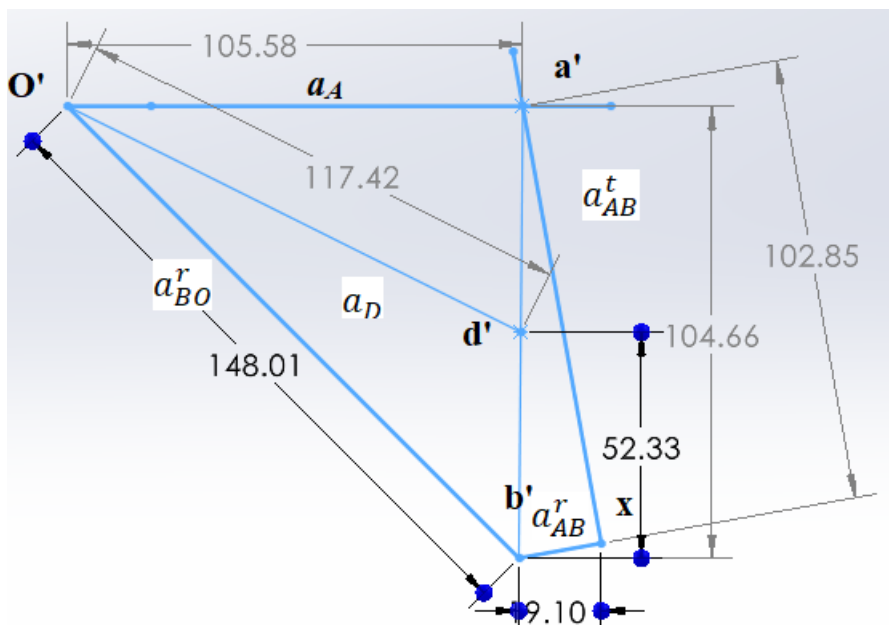
We know that the radial component of the acceleration of **B** with respect to **O** or the acceleration of **B**,

$$a_{BO}^r = a_B = \frac{v_B^2}{OB} = \frac{4.713^2}{0.15} = 148.01 \text{ m/s}^2$$

and the radial component of the acceleration of **A** with respect to **B**,

$$a_{AB}^r = \frac{v_{BA}^2}{BA} = \frac{3.386^2}{0.6} = 19.1 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Now the acceleration diagram, as shown in figure below is drawn as discussed below:



Acceleration diagram with scale 1mm:1m/s²

- 1) Draw vector $o'b'$ parallel to BO , to some suitable scale (1mm:1m/s²), to represent the radial component of the acceleration of B with respect to O or simply acceleration of B i.e. a'_{BO} or a_B , such that

$$a'_{BO} = 148.01 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Note: Since the crank OB rotates at a constant speed, therefore there will be no tangential component of the acceleration of B with respect to O .

- 2) The acceleration of A with respect to B has the following two components:

- (a) The radial component of the acceleration of A with respect to B i.e. a'_{AB} , and
 (b) The tangential component of the acceleration of A with respect to B i.e. a^t_{AB} . These two components are mutually perpendicular.

Therefore, from point b' , draw vector $b'x$ parallel to AB to represent $a'_{AB} = 19.1 \text{ m/s}^2$ and from point x draw vector perpendicular to vector $b'x$ whose magnitude is yet unknown.

3. Now from o' , draw vector $o'a'$ parallel to the path of motion of A (which is along AO) to represent the acceleration of A i.e. a_A . The vectors in point 2 and previous vector intersect at a' . Join $a'b'$, $a_A = 105.58 \text{ m/s}^2$.

4. In order to find the acceleration of the midpoint D of the connecting rod AB , divide the vector $a'b'$ at d' in the same ratio as D divides AB . In other words

$$\frac{b'd'}{b'a'} = \frac{BD}{BA} \text{ yields } \frac{b'd'}{104.66} = \frac{300}{600} \text{ yields } b'd' = 52.33 \text{ mm}$$

Note: Since D is the midpoint of AB , therefore d' is also midpoint of vector $b'a'$.

- 5) Join $o'd'$. The vector $o'd'$ represents the acceleration of midpoint D of the connecting rod i.e. a_D . By measurement, we find that

$$a_D = \text{vector } o'd' = \frac{117.42}{1} = 117.42 \text{ m/s}^2$$

2. Angular velocity of the connecting rod

We know that angular velocity of the connecting rod AB ,

$$\omega_{AB} = \frac{v_{AB}}{BA} = \frac{3.386}{0.6} = 5.6 \text{ rad/s (anticlockwise about B)}.$$

3. Angular acceleration of the connecting rod

From the acceleration diagram, we find that

$$a^t_{AB} = \text{vector } xa' = 102.85/1 = 102.85 \text{ m/s}^2$$

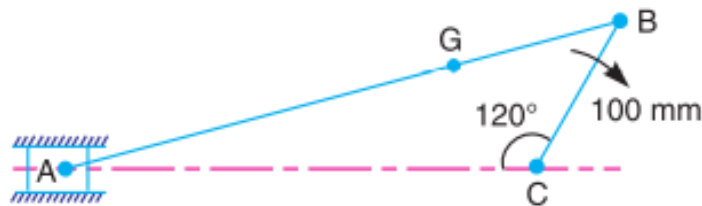
We know that angular acceleration of the connecting rod AB ,

$$\alpha_{AB} = \frac{a^t_{AB}}{BA} = \frac{102.85}{0.6} = 171.4 \text{ rad/s}^2 \text{ (cw about B)}$$

Example2

An engine mechanism is shown in Figure below. The crank $CB = 100$ mm and the connecting rod $BA = 300$ mm with center of gravity G , 100 mm from B . In the position shown, the crankshaft has a speed of 75 rad/s and an angular acceleration of 1200 rad/s². Find:

1. velocity of G and angular velocity of AB ,
2. acceleration of G and angular acceleration of AB .



Solution.

Given: $\omega_{BC} = 75$ rad/s ; $\alpha_{BC} = 1200$ rad/s², $CB = 100$ mm = 0.1 m; $BA = 300$ mm.

We know that velocity of B with respect to C or velocity of B ,

$$v_{BC} = v_B = \omega_{BC} \cdot c_B = 75 \cdot 0.1 = 7.5 \frac{m}{sec} \perp BC$$

Since the angular acceleration of the crankshaft, $\alpha_{BC} = 1200$ rad/s², therefore tangential component of the acceleration of B with respect to C is:

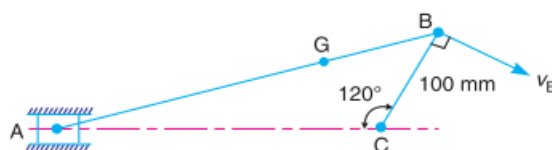
$$a_{BC}^t = \alpha_{BC} \cdot CB = 1200 \cdot 0.1 = 120 \text{ m/s}^2 \perp BC$$

Note: When the angular acceleration is not given, then there will be no tangential component of the acceleration.

Velocity of G and angular velocity of AB

First of all, draw the space diagram, to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. a

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{50 \text{ mm}}{300 \text{ mm}} = \frac{1}{6}$$



Space diagram with scale 1/6

Now the velocity diagram, as shown in Fig. (b), is drawn as discussed below:

- 1) Draw vector $cb \perp CB$, to some suitable scale ($1m/sec:1cm$), to represent the velocity of B with respect to C or velocity of B (i.e., v_{BC} or v_B), such that

$$v_B = 7.5 \frac{m}{sec} \cdot 10 = 75 \text{ mm} \perp BC$$

- 2) . From point b , draw vector $\perp BA$ to represent the velocity of A with respect to B i.e. v_{AB} , and from point c , draw vector parallel to the path of motion of A (which is along AC) to represent the velocity of A i.e. v_A . both vectors intersect at a .

From velocity diagram, we find that velocity of A with respect to B ,

$$a) v_{AB} = 39.15 \text{ cm} \cdot 1/10 = 3.915 \text{ m/sec}$$

We know that angular velocity of AB ,

$$\omega_{AB} = \frac{v_{BA}}{AB} = \frac{3.915}{0.3} = 13.05 (\text{clockwise about } A)$$

- b) We know that angular velocity of slider A ,

$$v_A = 53.69 \text{ cm} \cdot 1/10 = 5.369 \text{ m/sec}$$

to find velocity of G there are two solutions:

- a)

$$v_{GA} = \omega_{GA} \cdot GA = \omega_{AB} \cdot GA = 13.05 \cdot 0.2 = 2.61 \text{ m/sec}$$

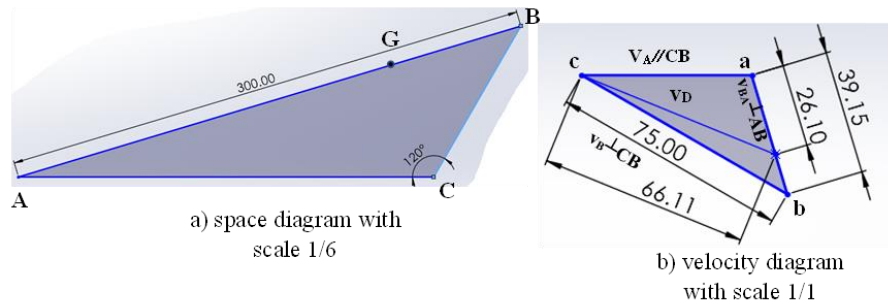
- b) Since the point G lies on AB , therefore divide vector ab at g in the same ratio as G divides AB in the space diagram. In other words,

$$\frac{\vec{ag}}{\vec{ab}} = \frac{AG}{AB} \text{ yields } \frac{\vec{ag}}{3.915 \text{ cm}} = \frac{200}{300}$$

$$ag = 26.1 \text{ mm}$$

The vector cg represents the velocity of G . By measurement, we find that velocity of G ,

$$v_{GA} = 26.1 \text{ mm} \cdot \frac{1}{10} = 2.61 \text{ m/sec}$$



Acceleration of G and angular acceleration of AB

a) We know that radial component of the acceleration of B with respect to C ,

$$a_{BC}^r = \frac{v_{BC}^2}{BC} = \frac{7.5^2}{0.1} = 562.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

and radial component of the acceleration of A with respect to B

$$a_{AB}^r = \frac{v_{AB}^2}{AB} = \frac{3.915^2}{0.3} = 51.1 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Now the acceleration diagram, as shown in Fig.(c), is drawn as discussed below:

a) Draw vector $c'b''$ parallel to CB , to some suitable scale (1:10), to represent the radial component of the acceleration of B with respect to C , i.e. a_{BC}^r , such that

$$\text{vector } c'b'' = a_{BC}^r = 562.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

b) From point b'' , draw vector $b''b'$ perpendicular to $c'b''$ or CB to represent the tangential component of the acceleration of B with respect to C i.e. a_{BC}^t , such that

$$\text{vector } b''b' = a_{BC}^t = 120 \text{ m/s}^2$$

c) Join $c'b'$. The vector $c'b'$ represents the total acceleration of B with respect to C i.e., $c'b' = 57.52 \text{ mm}$

$$a_{BC} = 57.52 \cdot 10 = 575.2 \text{ m/s}^2$$

d) . From point b' , draw vector $b'x$ parallel to BA to represent radial component of the acceleration of A with respect to B i.e. a_{AB}^r such that

$$\text{vector } b'x = a_{AB}^r = 51.1 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- e) From point x , draw vector perpendicular to vector $b'x$ or BA to represent tangential component of the acceleration of A with respect to B i.e. a'_{AB} , whose magnitude is not yet known.
- f) Now draw vector from point c' parallel to the path of motion of A (which is along AC) to represent the acceleration of A i.e. a_A . The both vectors intersect at a' . Join $b'a'$. The vector $b'a'$ represents the acceleration of A with respect to B i.e., a_{AB} .
- g) In order to find the acceleration of G , divide vector $a'b'$ in g' in the same ratio as G divides BA in Fig.(a). Join $c'g'$. The vector $c'g'$ represents the acceleration of G

$$\frac{\overrightarrow{a'g'}}{\overrightarrow{a'b'}} = \frac{AG}{AB} \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} \frac{\overrightarrow{a'g'}}{49.59mm} = \frac{200}{300}$$

$$a'g' = 33.06mm$$

By measurement, we find that acceleration of G

$$a_G = \text{vector } c'g' = 39.33 \cdot 10 = 393.3m/s^2$$

- h) From acceleration diagram, we find that tangential component of the acceleration of A with respect to B ,

$$\text{vector } a'x = a'_{AB} = 55.59 \cdot 10 = 555.9m/s^2$$

$$\text{vector } a'b' = a_{AB} = 55.83 \cdot 10 = 558.3m/s^2$$

\therefore Angular acceleration of AB ,

$$\alpha_{AB} = \frac{a'_{AB}}{AB} = \frac{555.9}{0.3} = 1853rad/sec^2(\text{Clockwise})$$

EX 3

PQRS is a four-bar chain with link **PS** horizontal fixed. the lengths of the links are **PQ** - 62.5 mm; **QR**- 175mm; **RS**- 112.5 mm; and **PS** =200mm.The crank **PQ** rotates at 10 rad/s clockwise. Draw:

1) the velocity and acceleration diagram of links **QR** and **RS** when angle **QPS** =60° and **Q** and **R** lie on the same side of **PS**.

2)Find the angular velocity and angular acceleration of links **QR** and **RS**

Solution.

Given:

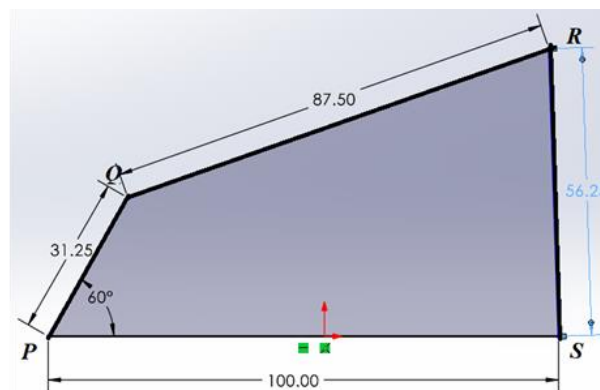
ω_{QP} = 10 rad/s. **PQ** = 62.5mm = 0.0625 m; **QR** = 175 mm = 0.175 m; **RS**= 112.5 mm = 0.1125 m; **PS** - 200 mm = 0.2 m

We know that velocity of **Q** with respect to **P** or v_{QP}

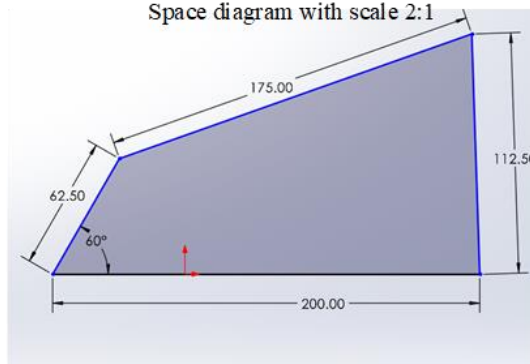
$$v_{QP} = v_Q = \omega_{QP} \cdot PQ = 10 \cdot 0.0625 = 0.625 \text{ m/s} \perp PQ$$

Angular velocity of links QR and RS

First of all, draw the space diagram of a four-bar chain, to some suitable scale(1:2), as shown in figure below (a). Now the velocity diagram as shown in figure below,



Space diagram with scale 2:1



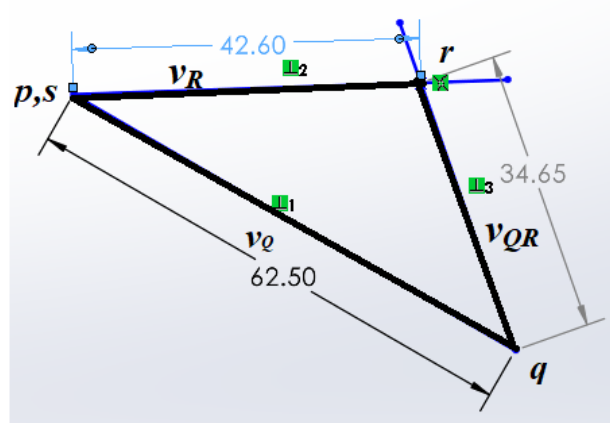
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is drawn as discussed below:

1. Since **P** and **S** are fixed points, therefore these points lie at one place in velocity diagram. Draw vector **pq** perpendicular to **PQ**, to some suitable

scale(100mm:1m/sec), to represent the velocity of Q with respect to P or velocity of Q i.e. v_{QP} or v_Q such that

$$\text{vector } pq = v_{QP} = v_Q = 0.625 \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} \bar{v}_Q = 0.625 \cdot 100 = 62.5 \text{ mm}$$



Velocity diagram with scale 100 mm;1m/sec

- From point q , draw vector qr perpendicular to QR to represent the velocity of R with respect to Q (i.e. v_{RQ}) and from point s , draw vector sr perpendicular to SR to represent the velocity of R with respect to S or velocity of R (i.e. v_{RS} or v_R). The vectors qr and sr intersect at r . By measurement, we find that

$$v_{RQ} = \text{vector } qr = \frac{34.65}{100} = \frac{0.3465m}{sec}, \text{ and } v_{RS} = v_R = \frac{42.6}{100} = 0.426 \text{ m/sec}$$

We know that angular velocity of link QR ,

$$\omega_{QR} = \frac{v_{QR}}{QR} = \frac{0.3465}{0.175} = 1.98 \text{ rad/s (anticlockwise about } Q).$$

and angular velocity of link RS ,

$$\omega_{RS} = \frac{v_{RS}}{RS} = \frac{0.426}{0.1125} = 3.78 \text{ rad/s (clockwise about } R).$$

Angular acceleration of links QR and RS

Since the angular acceleration of the crank PQ is not given, therefore there will be no tangential component of the acceleration of Q with respect to P .

We know that radial component of the acceleration of Q with respect to P (or the acceleration of Q),

$$a_{QP}^r = a_Q = \frac{v_Q^2}{PQ} = \frac{0.625^2}{0.0625} = 6.25 \text{ m/s}^2$$

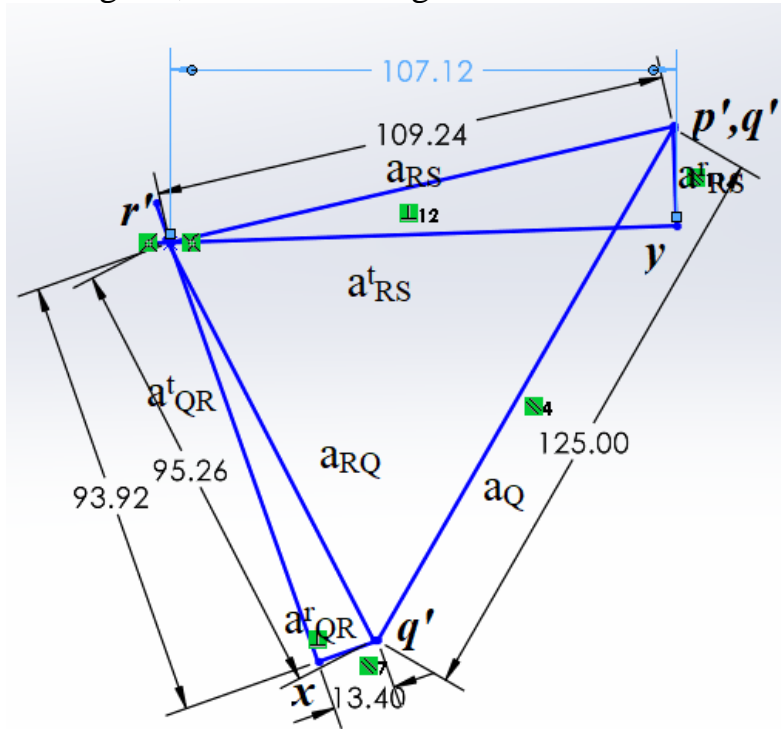
Radial component of the acceleration of R with respect to Q ,

$$a_{RQ}^r = \frac{v_{RQ}^2}{QR} = \frac{0.3465^2}{0.175} = 0.67 \text{ m/s}^2$$

and radial component of the acceleration of R with respect to S (or the acceleration of R),

$$a_{RS}^r = a_R^r = \frac{v_{RS}^2}{RS} = \frac{0.426^2}{0.1125} = 1.61 \text{ m/s}^2$$

The acceleration diagram, as shown in Figure below



Acceleration diagram

is drawn as follows:

1. Since **P** and **S** are fixed points, therefore these points lie at one place in the acceleration diagram. Draw vector $p'q'$ parallel to PQ , to some suitable scale ($20\text{mm}/1 \text{ m/s}^2$), to represent the radial component of acceleration of **Q** with respect to **P** or acceleration of **Q** i.e. a_{QP}^r or a_Q such that

$$a_{QP}^r = a_Q = 6.26 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} \text{vector } p'q' = \bar{a}_Q = 6.26 \cdot 20 = 125\text{mm}$$

2. From point q' , draw vector $q'x$ parallel to QR to represent the radial component of acceleration of **R** with respect to **Q** i.e. a_{RQ}^r such that

$$a_{RQ}^r = 0.67 \text{m/s}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} \text{vector } q'x = \bar{a}_{RQ} = 0.67 \cdot 20 = 13.4\text{mm}$$

3. From point x , draw vector perpendicular to QR to represent the tangential component of acceleration of **R** with respect to **Q** i.e. a_{RQ}^t at whose magnitude is not yet known.

4. Now from point s' , draw vector $s'y$ parallel to SR to represent the radial component of the acceleration of **R** with respect to **S** i.e. a_{RS}^r such that

$$a_{RS}^r = 1.61 \text{m/s}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} \text{vector } s'y = \bar{a}_{RS} = 1.61 \cdot 20 = 32.2\text{mm}$$

5. From point y , draw vector perpendicular to SR to represent the tangential component of acceleration of R with respect to S i.e. a_{RS}^t

6. The vectors perpendicular vector in 4 and 5 intersect at r' . Join $p'r'$ and $q'r'$.

By measurement, we find that

$$a_{RQ}^t = \text{vector } xr' = \frac{93.92}{20} = 4.696 \frac{m}{s^2}, \text{ and } a_{RS}^t = \text{vector } yr' = \frac{107.12}{20} \\ = 5.356 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

We know that angular acceleration of link QR ,

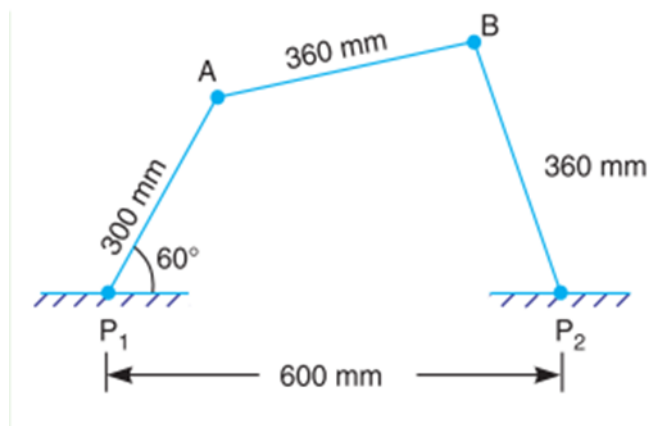
$$\alpha_{QR} = \frac{a_{QR}^t}{QR} = \frac{4.696}{0.175} = 26.83 \text{rad/s}^2 (\text{anticw about } R)$$

and angular acceleration of link RS ,

$$\alpha_{RS} = \frac{a_{RS}^t}{BA} = \frac{5.356}{0.1125} = 47.6 \text{rad/s}^2 (\text{anticw about } R)$$

Example 5

The dimensions and configuration of the four-bar mechanism, shown in Fig. below, are as follows: $P_1A = 300 \text{ mm}$; $P_2B = 360 \text{ mm}$; $AB = 360 \text{ mm}$, and $P_1P_2 = 600 \text{ mm}$. The angle $\angle AP_1P_2 = 60^\circ$. The crank P_1A has an angular velocity of 10 rad/s and an angular acceleration of 30 rad/s^2 , both clockwise. Determine the angular velocities and angular accelerations of P_2B , and AB and the velocity and acceleration of the joint B .



Solution. Given: $\omega_{AP_1} = 10 \text{ rad/s}$; $\alpha_{AP_1} = 30 \text{ rad/s}^2$; $P_1A = 300 \text{ mm} = 0.3 \text{ m}$; $P_2B = AB = 360 \text{ mm} = 0.36 \text{ m}$

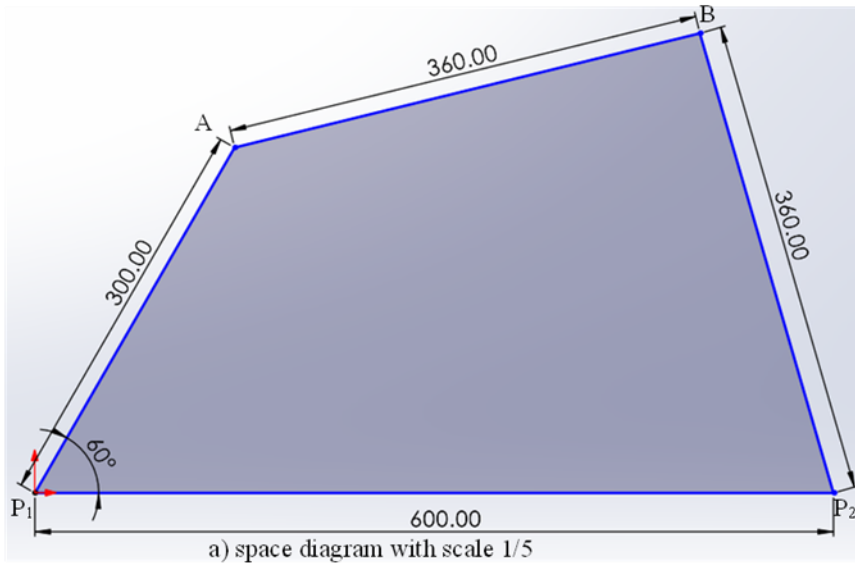
We know that the velocity of A with respect to P_1 or velocity of A ,

$$v_{AP_1} = \omega_{AP_1} \cdot AP_1 = 10 \cdot 0.3 = 3 \text{ m/sec}$$

Velocity of B and angular velocities of P_2B and AB

First of all, draw the space diagram, to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. (a).

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{120 \text{ mm}}{360 \text{ mm}} = \frac{1}{5}$$



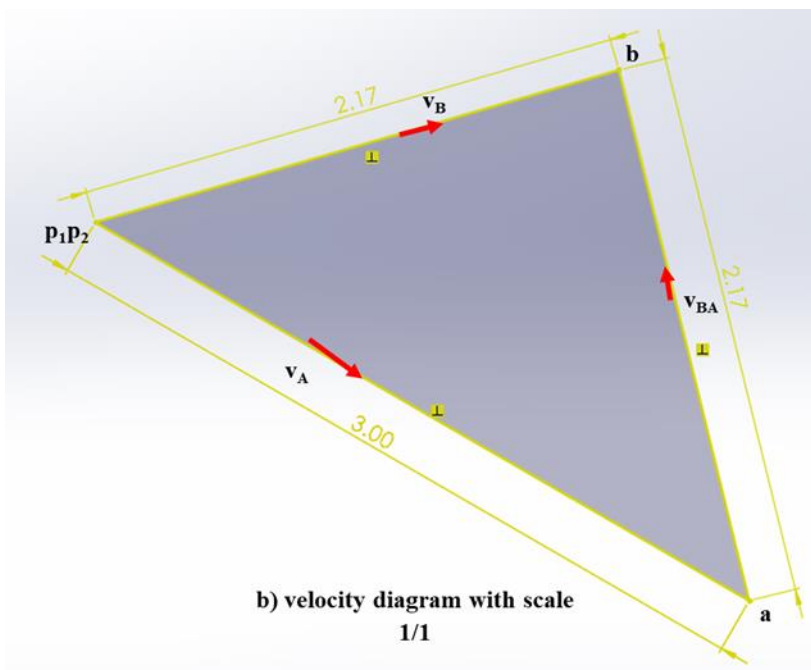
Now the velocity diagram, as shown in Fig. (b), is drawn as discussed below:

to represent the velocity of A with respect to P_1 or velocity of A i.e. v_{AP_1} or v_A , such that:

$$\text{vector } p_1a = v_{AP_1} = v_A = 3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$S = \frac{DS}{AS} = \frac{12}{3} = \frac{4}{1}$$

Since P_1 and P_2 are fixed points, therefore these points lie at one place in velocity diagram. Draw vector p_1a perpendicular to P_1A , to some suitable scale



By measurement, we find that:

$$v_B = \text{vector } p_2b = 2.17 \text{ m/s Ans.}$$

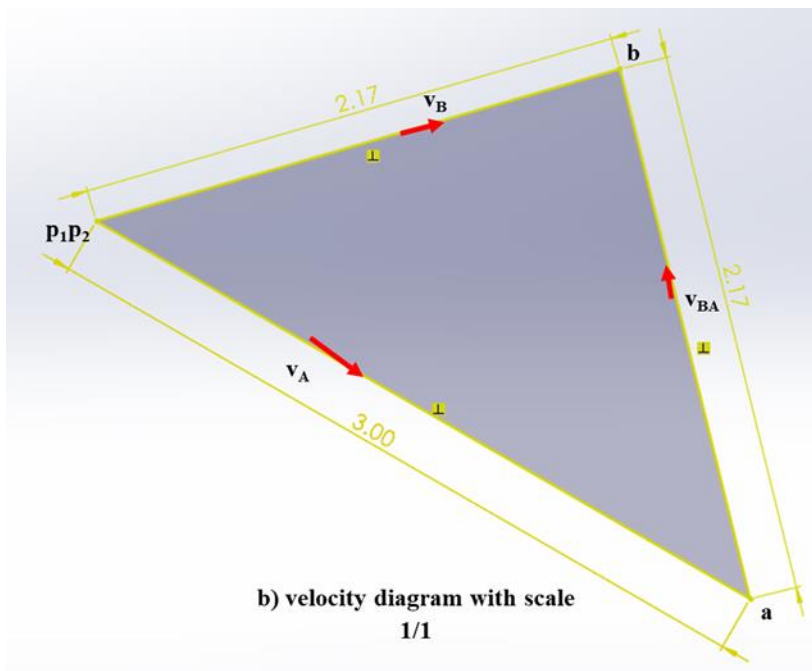
$$v_{BA} = \text{vector } ab = 2.17 \text{ m/s}$$

We know that angular velocity of P_2B ,

$$\omega_{P_2B} = \frac{v_{P_2B}}{P_2B} = \frac{2.17}{0.36} = 6.03 \text{ rad/sec ((Clockwise))}$$

and angular velocity of AB ,

$$\omega_{AB} = \frac{v_{AB}}{AB} = \frac{2.17}{0.36} = 6.03 \text{ rad/sec (anticlockwise)}$$



Acceleration of B and angular acceleration of P2B and AB

We know that tangential component of the acceleration of A with respect to P_1 ,

$$a_{AP_1}^t = \alpha_{AP_1} \cdot AP_1 = 30 \cdot 0.3 = 9 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Radial component of the acceleration of A with respect to P_1 ,

$$a_{AP_1}^r = \frac{v_{AP_1}^2}{AP_1} = \frac{3^2}{0.3} = 30 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Radial component of the acceleration of B with respect to A .

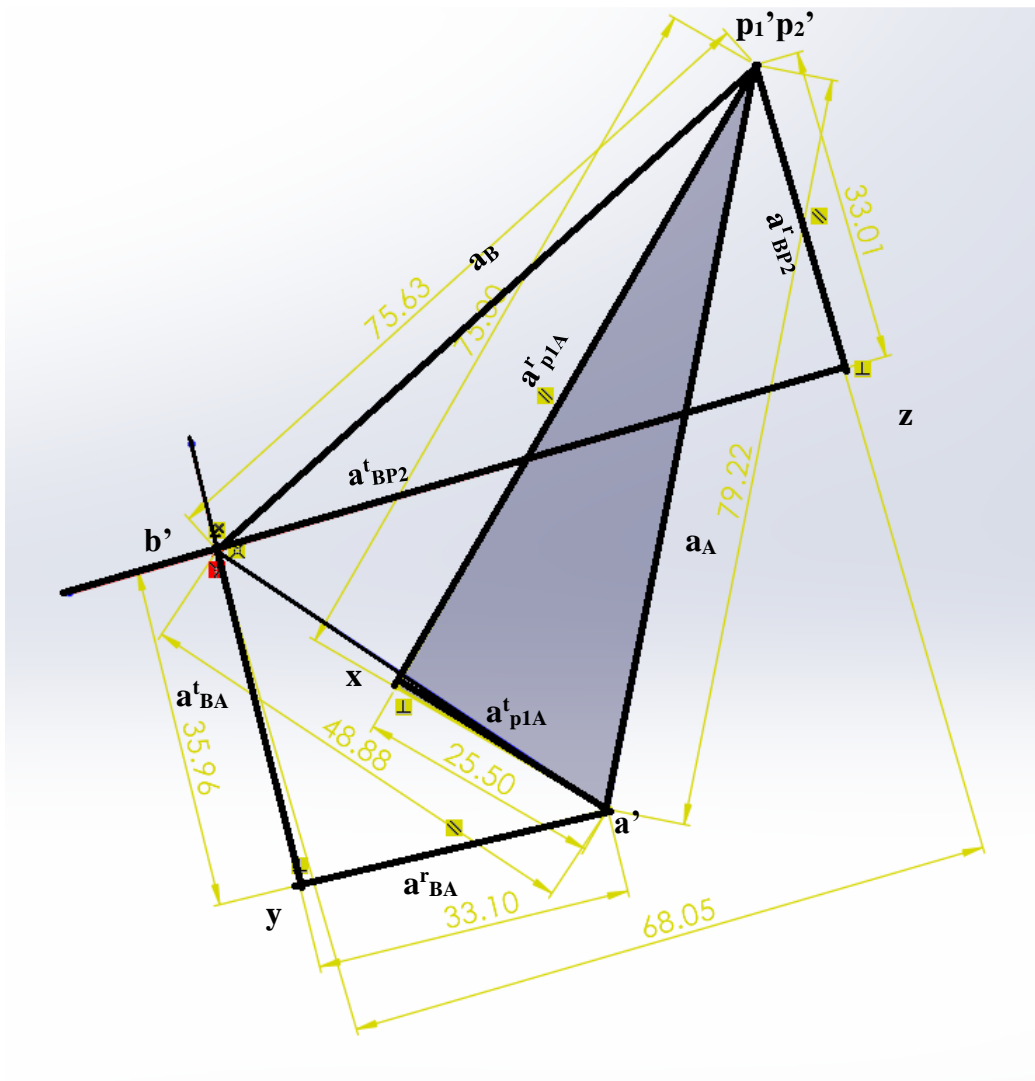
$$a_{AB}^r = \frac{v_{AB}^2}{AB} = \frac{2.17^2}{0.36} = 13.08 \text{ m/s}^2$$

and radial component of the acceleration of **B** with respect to **P₂**,

$$a_{BP_2}^r = \frac{v_{BP_2}^2}{BP_2} = \frac{2.17^2}{0.36} = 13.08 \text{ m/s}^2$$

The acceleration diagram, as shown in Fig. (c), is drawn as follows:

By measurement, we find that:



$$a_{BP_2} = a_B = \text{vector } \frac{p_2'b'}{0.25} = \frac{7.563}{0.25} = 30.252 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot$$

$$\text{vector } \frac{yb'}{0.25} = a_{BA}^t = \frac{3.596}{0.25} = 14.384 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\text{vector } \frac{zb'}{0.25} = a_{BP_2}^t = \frac{6.805}{0.25} = 27.22 \text{ m/s}^2$$

We know that angular acceleration of P_2B ,

$$\alpha_{BP_2} = \frac{a_{BP_2}^t}{BP_2} = \frac{27.22}{0.36} = 75.61 \text{ m/s}^2$$

and angular acceleration of AB

$$\alpha_{AB} = \frac{a_{AB}^t}{AB} = \frac{14.384}{0.36} = 39.95 \text{ m/s}^2$$