

Example 1.A.3

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**Given:** A jet is flying on the path shown below with a speed of  $v$ . At position A on the loop, the speed of the jet is  $v = 600$  km/hr, the magnitude of the acceleration is  $2.5g$  and the **tangential component of acceleration** is  $a_t = 5$  m/s<sup>2</sup>.

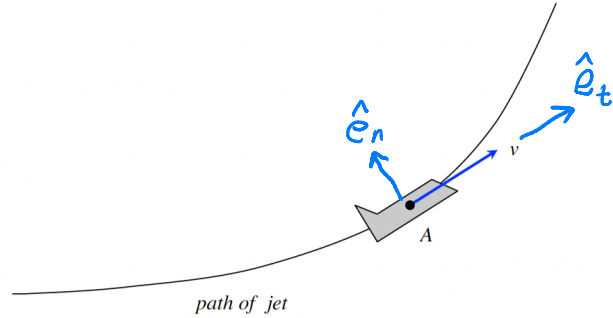
**Find:** The radius of curvature of the path of the jet at A.

$$\hat{e}_{\text{tangent}} = \hat{e}_t$$

$$\hat{e}_{\text{normal}} = \hat{e}_n$$

$$\lambda = \text{unit vector}$$

$$\rightarrow = \text{vector}$$



$$\vec{a} = \dot{v}\hat{e}_t + \frac{v^2}{\rho}\hat{e}_n$$

$$= a_t\hat{e}_t + \frac{v^2}{\rho}\hat{e}_n$$

$$|\vec{a}|^2 = a_t^2 + \frac{v^4}{\rho^2}$$

$$\rho = \sqrt{\frac{v^4}{|\vec{a}|^2 - a_t^2}}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = (2.5)(9.806) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\dot{v} \neq |\vec{a}| \text{ bc}$$

# Additional lecture Example 1.1

In course website

**Given:** An automobile P is entering a freeway along a "clothoid-shaped" entrance ramp whose radius of curvature  $\rho$  is given by  $\rho = (a + bs)^{-1}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, and  $s$  is the distance traveled along the entrance ramp. The speed of P is known as a function of position  $s$  on the entrance ramp to be:  $v(s) = c + ds$ , where  $c$  and  $d$  are constants.

**Find:**

- Determine the velocity and acceleration vectors for P. Express these vectors in terms of their path coordinates, and in terms of, at most:  $s$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .
- Determine the numerical values of the velocity and acceleration vectors for P at the position at  $s = 200$  ft.
- Make a sketch of these velocity and acceleration vectors, including the path unit vectors  $\hat{e}_t$  and  $\hat{e}_n$ .

Use the following parameters in your work:  $a = 0.005/\text{ft}$ ,  $b = 1 \times 10^{-5}/\text{ft}^2$ ,  $c = 25 \text{ ft/s}$  and  $d = 0.25/\text{s}$ .

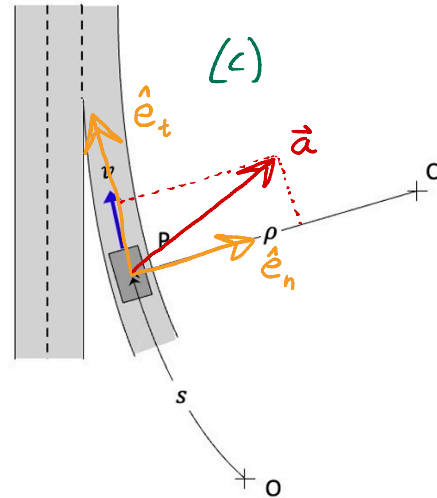
$$\vec{v} = v \hat{e}_t = (c + ds) \hat{e}_t$$

$$\vec{a} = \dot{v} \hat{e}_t + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{e}_n$$

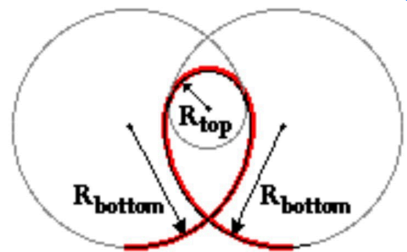
$$\omega! \quad \dot{v} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{ds} \left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right) = v \frac{dv}{ds} = (c + ds)d$$

chain rule

$$\vec{a} = \underbrace{(c + ds)d}_{>0 \text{ (positive value)}} \hat{e}_t + \underbrace{(c + ds)^2}_{>0 \text{ (positive value)}} \underbrace{(a + bs)}_{>0} \hat{e}_n$$



## The Clothoid Loop



The radius at the bottom of a clothoid loop is significantly larger than the radius at the top of the clothoid loop.

