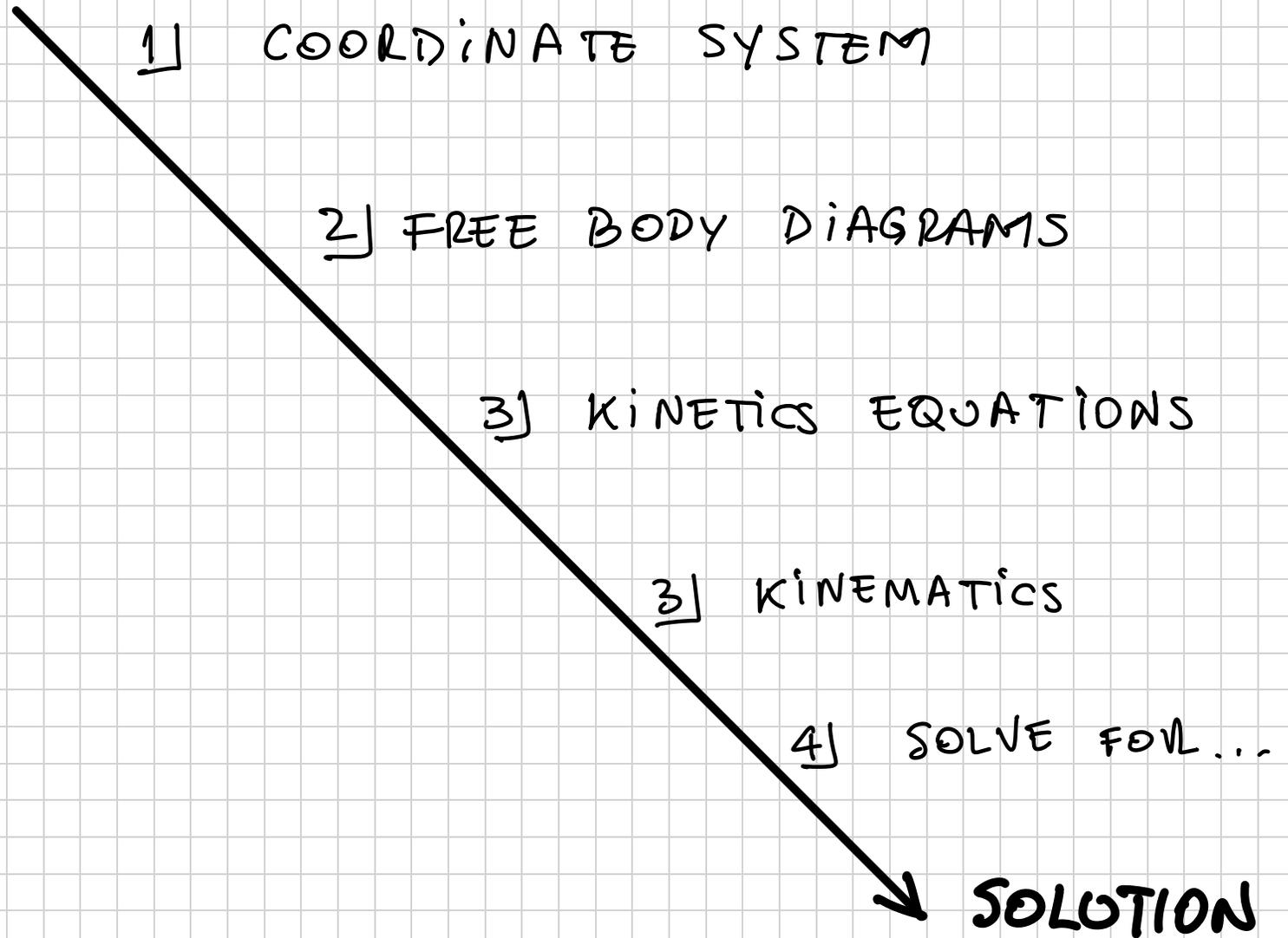


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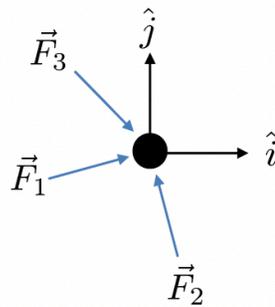
KINETICS PROBLEMS



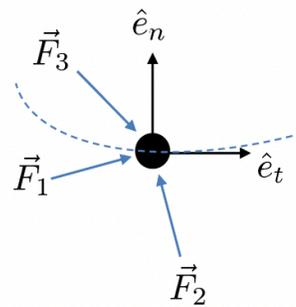
NEWTON'S LAWS:

Newton's Second Law of motion is now referenced to the appropriate description of motion:

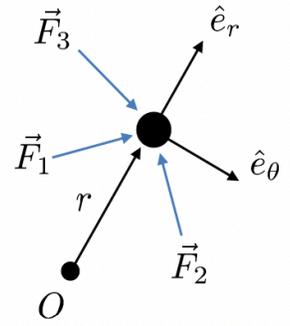
$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$



(a) Cartesian



(b) Path



(c) Polar

Cartesian:

$$\sum F_x = m \underbrace{\ddot{x}}_{a_x}$$

Path

$$\sum F_t = m \underbrace{\dot{v}}_{a_t}$$

Polar

$$\sum F_r = m \underbrace{(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)}_{a_r}$$

$$\sum F_y = m \underbrace{\ddot{y}}_{a_y}$$

$$\sum F_n = m \underbrace{\frac{v^2}{r}}_{a_n}$$

$$\sum F_\theta = m \underbrace{(r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})}_{a_\theta}$$

Where does the "centrifugal force" term come from?

D'Alembert proposed moving the inertial terms of the 2NL equation to the left, and treat it as a statics problem:

$$\sum F_n = m \frac{v^2}{\rho} = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_n - m \frac{v^2}{\rho} = 0$$

↑ "centrifugal force"

We engineers do not use centrifugal forces

May lead to sign and duplication errors.

"Centrifugal forces" are not real forces.

FREE BODY DIAGRAMS

FBD is a representation of the body/ particle of interest isolated from the "world" and being affected only by forces or moments connected to it

$$\sum F, \quad \sum M$$

KINETIC DIAGRAMS

Representation of the inertial effects always pointing to the center of mass (or in a line of action passing through it)

$$m\vec{a}, \quad I\vec{\alpha}$$

Mass times acceleration should be included in the free
body diagram

?

(A) True

(B) False

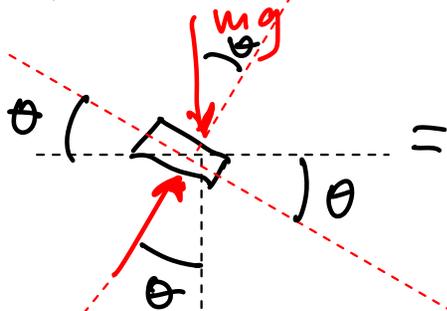
Example 4.A.4

Given: A collar P of mass m is free to slide along a smooth rod that is mounted at angle of $\theta = 36.87^\circ$ in a frame. The frame is constrained to move along a horizontal surface, as shown, with a constant acceleration of a .

Find: Determine the value of a that is required for the collar to not slide along the rod as the frame accelerates to the right.

Solution

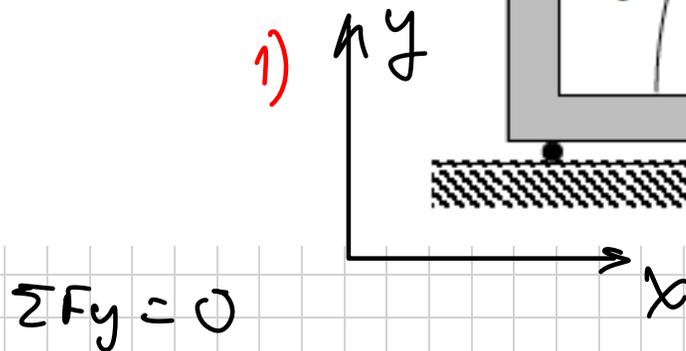
2) FBD



3) $\Sigma F_x = ma_x$

$$\Rightarrow N \sin \theta = ma_x \quad (1)$$

Force collar to move only in x
 \Rightarrow no vertical motion.



$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$N \cos \theta - mg = 0 \quad (2)$$

Solve ② and plug in ①

$$N = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} \Rightarrow \cancel{mg} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \cancel{m} a$$

$$a = g \tan \theta$$

Example 4.A.7

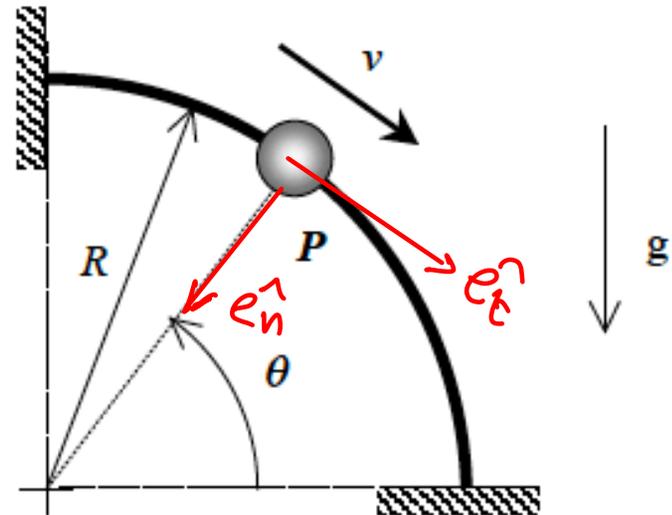
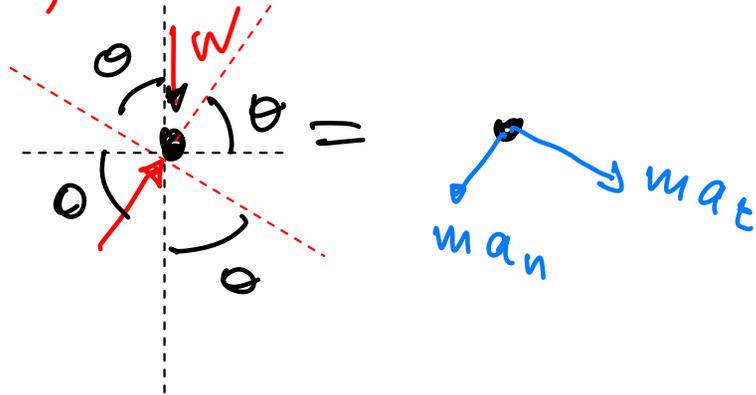
Given: Particle P, having a weight of $W = 5$ lb, slides along a smooth, curved rod where $R = 3$ ft. At the position where $\theta = 53.13^\circ$, the speed of P is known to be 20 ft/s.

Find: Determine:

- The normal force acting on P by the rod at the instant shown; and
- The rate of change of speed of P at the instant shown.

1) Coord system

2) FBD = KD



3) Kinetics

$$\sum F_n = ma_n = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$-N + \underbrace{W \sin \theta}_{m = \frac{W}{g}} = m \frac{v^2}{R} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_t = ma_t = m \dot{v}$$

$$\underbrace{W \cos \theta}_{m = \frac{W}{g}} = m \dot{v} \quad (2)$$

4) Solve

$$\vec{N} = \left(w \sin \theta - \frac{w}{g} \frac{v^2}{R} \right) \hat{e}_n$$

$$\dot{v} = g \cos \theta$$