

Example #2b – Intermediate Dynamics: Velocity

Reference frames:

$$R: \underline{\hat{i}}, \underline{\hat{j}}, \underline{\hat{k}} \text{ (fixed frame)}$$

$$F: \underline{\hat{e}}_1, \underline{\hat{e}}_2, \underline{\hat{k}} \text{ (fixed in the rotating frame)}$$

Find:

${}^R \underline{v}_P$... the **velocity** of point P in R using **direct differentiation**

Solution:

To find the velocity of P , differentiate the position vector of P . Here, $\underline{\hat{e}}_r$ is a unit vector pointing from the center of the disk towards P . In this solution, we take advantage of the “derivative rule.”

$${}^R \underline{v}_P = \frac{{}^R d}{dt} (\underline{r}_{P/O}) = \frac{{}^R d}{dt} (\ell \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + a \underline{\hat{e}}_r) = \underbrace{\frac{{}^D d}{dt} (\ell \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + a \underline{\hat{e}}_r)}_{\text{zero, but why?}} + {}^R \underline{\omega}_D \times (\ell \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + a \underline{\hat{e}}_r)$$

$$= (\omega \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + \Omega \underline{\hat{k}}) \times (\ell \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + a \underline{\hat{e}}_r) = (\omega \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + \Omega \underline{\hat{k}}) \times (\ell \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + a (-C_\theta \underline{\hat{e}}_1 + S_\theta \underline{\hat{k}}))$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \underline{\hat{e}}_1 & \underline{\hat{e}}_2 & \underline{\hat{k}} \\ 0 & \omega & \Omega \\ -aC_\theta & \ell & aS_\theta \end{vmatrix} = (a\omega S_\theta - \ell\Omega) \underline{\hat{e}}_1 + (-a\Omega C_\theta) \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + (a\omega C_\theta) \underline{\hat{k}}$$

So, as before

$${}^R \underline{v}_P = (a\omega S_\theta - \ell\Omega) \underline{\hat{e}}_1 - (a\Omega C_\theta) \underline{\hat{e}}_2 + (a\omega C_\theta) \underline{\hat{k}}$$

