

# Angular Kinematics

## Average Angular Velocity

$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{\theta_{final} - \theta_{initial}}{time}$$

## Instantaneous Angular Velocity

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

## Average Angular Acceleration

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\omega_{final} - \omega_{initial}}{time}$$

## Instantaneous Angular Acceleration

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

## Constant Angular Acceleration Equations

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \omega_i t$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha(\theta_f - \theta_i)$$

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$$

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \frac{1}{2}(\omega_i + \omega_f)t$$

**Where:**

$\theta_i$  = initial angular position

$\theta_f$  = final angular position

$\omega_i$  = initial angular velocity

$\omega_f$  = final angular velocity

$\alpha$  = angular acceleration

$t$  = duration in seconds

**Example:** How many revolutions will a person complete after initiating a spin at 5 revolutions per second and accelerating at the rate of 2 r/s<sup>2</sup> for 3 seconds?

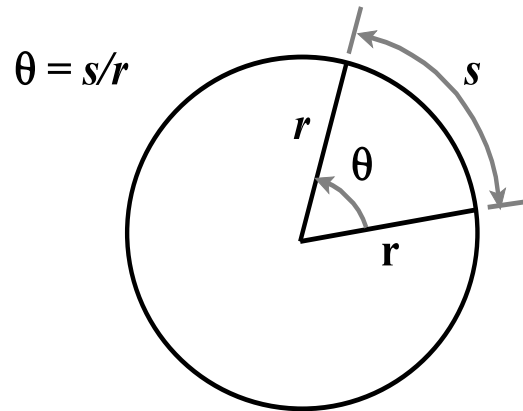
$$\theta_f = 0 + 5(3) + \frac{1}{2}(2)3^2 = 15 + 9 = 24.0 \text{ [revolutions]}$$

**Note, keep all angular units within an equation in the same units, i.e., degrees (deg), radians(rad) or revolutions (r).**

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## Radian Measure:

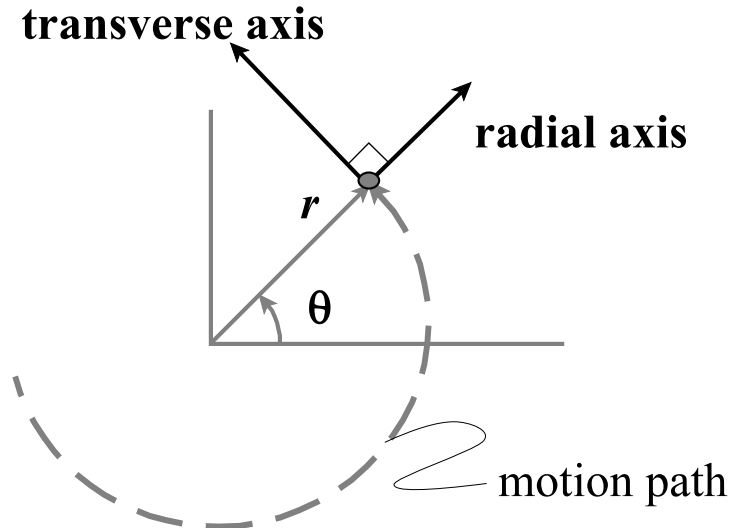
$r$  = radius  
 $s$  = arc length  
= angle



When  $s = r$ ,  $\theta = 1$  radian

Since,  $\theta = s / r$   
therefore,  $s = r \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is in radians

## Radial and Transverse Axes:

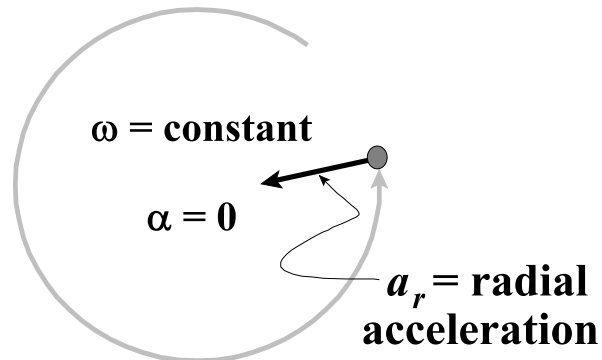


- **radial axis** begins at the point and is directed along the line from the origin to the point
- **transverse axis** is orthogonal to radial (i.e., +90 degrees rotation)

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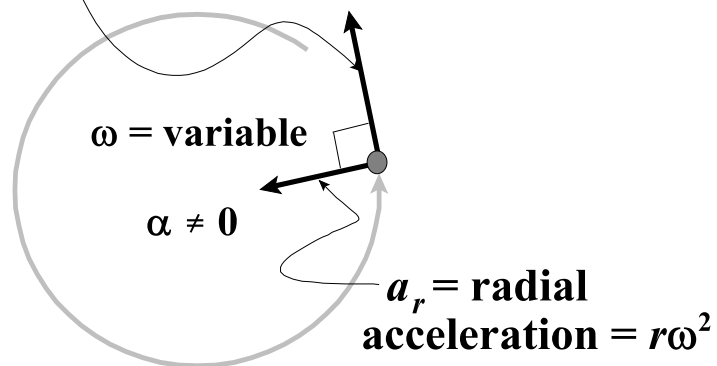
Constant Angular Velocity ( $\alpha = 0$ ):

$$a_t = \text{transverse acceleration} = 0$$



Variable Angular Velocity ( $\alpha \neq 0$ ):

$$a_t = \text{transverse acceleration} = r\alpha$$



# Relationships between Linear and Angular Kinematics

**For Circular Motion:**

$$= s_{\text{transverse}} / r \quad \text{or}$$
$$s_{\text{transverse}} = r \quad \text{and}$$
$$s_{\text{radial}} = r$$

Furthermore,  $v_{\text{transverse}} = r$   
 $v_{\text{radial}} = 0$  (since  $r$  is constant)

and  $a_{\text{transverse}} = r$   
( $a_{\text{transverse}}$  occurs when angular speed changes)

$$a_{\text{radial}} = v_{\text{transverse}}^2 / r = r^2$$

( $a_{\text{radial}}$  is due to directional changes)

$$a_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{a_{\text{radial}}^2 + a_{\text{transverse}}^2}$$

( $a_{\text{total}}$  is the magnitude of the resultant acceleration)

### Example:

A bucket is swung in a circular path with an angular acceleration of  $20.0 \text{ rad/s}^2$  at a radius of  $1.250 \text{ m}$ . What is the linear velocity and acceleration when the bucket reaches an angular velocity of  $25.0 \text{ rad/s}$ ?

$$v_{\text{transverse}} = r \omega = 1.250 \text{ m} \times 25.0 \text{ rad/s} = 31.25 \text{ m/s}$$
$$v_{\text{radial}} = 0.0$$

Thus, the linear velocity vector is:  $\underline{v} = (0.00, 31.3) \text{ m/s}$

$$a_{\text{transverse}} = r \alpha = 1.250 \text{ m} \times 20.0 \text{ rad/s}^2 = 25.0 \text{ m/s}^2$$
$$a_{\text{radial}} = r \omega^2 = 1.250 \text{ m} \times (25.0 \text{ rad/s})^2 = 781.25 \text{ m/s}^2$$

or  $a_{\text{radial}} = v_{\text{transverse}}^2 / r = 31.25^2 / 1.250 = 781.25 \text{ m/s}^2$

Thus, the linear acceleration vector is:  $\underline{a} = (-781, 25.0) \text{ m/s}^2$