
Worksheet 15: Rotational Kinematics

1. A particle moves in a circular path of radius r .
 - a. What is its angular displacement θ after 2.0 complete rotations?
 - b. What is its path length s after 2.0 complete rotations?
 - c. If it takes time t to complete 2.0 rotations, what is its average tangential speed v ?
 - d. If it takes time t to complete 2.0 rotations, what is its average angular speed ω ?

2. A centrifuge rotor accelerates from 2500 rpm to 3500 rpm in 35 seconds.
 - a. What are its initial and final angular speeds ω_1 and ω_2 in rad/s?

 - b. What is its angular acceleration α in rad/s²?

 - c. What was its angular displacement $\Delta\theta$ during that time, in radians?

3. A bicycle with wheels of radius 34.5 cm rolls at a speed of 10.0 m/s.
 - a. What is the angular speed ω of the wheels?

 - b. The bicycle slows to a stop in 4.0 s. What is the angular acceleration α of the wheels during that time?

- c. The bicycle travels 20.0 m while stopping. How many radians did the wheels turn in that time?
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4. A solid sphere with radius 7.50 cm and a mass of 13.2 kg rolls without slipping at a translational speed of 2.25 m/s.
 - a. What is its rotational speed?

 - b. What is its translational kinetic energy?

 - c. What is its moment of inertia?

 - d. What is its rotational kinetic energy?

 - e. What is its total kinetic energy?