

### Answer on Question #41003, Physics, Mechanics

Ten seconds after an electric fan is turned on, it was found to have an angular speed of 300 rev/min. Its average angular acceleration is:

1800 rev/sec<sup>2</sup>

3.14 rad/sec<sup>2</sup>

30 rad/sec<sup>2</sup>

30 rev/sec<sup>2</sup>

50 rev/min<sup>2</sup>

#### Solution:

Rotation is described in terms of angular displacement, time, angular velocity, and angular acceleration. Angular velocity is the rate of change of angular displacement and angular acceleration is the rate of change of angular velocity.

Average angular acceleration:

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta t}$$

where  $\Delta\omega$  is the rate of change of angular velocity in time  $\Delta t$ .

$$\Delta\omega = \omega_f - \omega_i$$

Given:

$$\omega_i = 0$$

$$\omega_f = 300 \text{ rev/min} = \frac{300}{60} \text{ rev/s} = 5 \text{ rev/s} = 5 \cdot 2\pi \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\Delta t = 10 \text{ s},$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = ?$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\omega_f - \omega_i}{\Delta t} = \frac{5 \cdot 2 \cdot 3.14}{10} = 3.14 \text{ rad/s}^2$$

**Answer.** 3.14 rad/sec<sup>2</sup>