

Answer on Question #53484-Physics-Mechanics-Kinematics-Dynamics

$w = \theta / \text{time}$

$w/t = \theta / \text{time squared}$

$dw/dt = d\theta / d \text{ time squared}$

$a = d\theta / d \text{ time squared}$

where w is angular velocity and a is angular acceleration.

But this is wrong! $a = d^2 \theta / d \text{ time squared}$?

Solution

Angular velocity is

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \neq \frac{\theta}{t}.$$

Angular acceleration is

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}.$$

In addition we never use unpaired d in the formulas for derivatives. We cannot use formulas such as

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt^2} \right).$$

If t^2 is our variable we can write

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{d\theta}{d(t^2)} \right)$$

when we use first derivative of θ by t^2 .