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Rotational Motion II

1. A drill starts from rest. After 3.8 s of constant angular acceleration, the drill turns at a rate of 2640 rad/s.
- a. Find the drill's angular acceleration. (Your answer should be between 600 – 700 rad/s²)

Given ~~$\Delta\theta =$~~ $\omega_i = 0$ $\omega_f = 2640 \text{ rad/s}$ $\alpha = ?$ $\Delta t = 3.8 \text{ s}$

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha \Delta t$$

$$2640 = \alpha (3.8)$$

$$\boxed{\alpha = 694.7 \text{ rad/s}^2}$$

- b. Determine the angle through which the drill rotates during this period. (Your answer should be between 4000 – 7000 radians)

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_i + \omega_f)\Delta t$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{1}{2}(2640)(3.8)$$

$$\boxed{\Delta\theta = 5016 \text{ rad}}$$

2. A potter's wheel moves from rest to an angular speed of 0.20 rev/s in 34.0 s. Assuming constant angular acceleration, what is its angular acceleration in rad/s²? (Your answer should be between 0.01 and 0.1 rad/s²)

Given ~~$\Delta\theta =$~~ $\omega_i = 0$ $\omega_f = 0.2 \text{ rev/s}$ $\alpha = ?$ $\Delta t = 34$

$$\frac{0.2 \text{ rev}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{1 \text{ rev}} = 1.257 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha \Delta t$$

$$1.257 = 0 + \alpha (34)$$

$$\boxed{.0370 \text{ rad/s}^2 = \alpha}$$

3. The Emerald Suite, a revolving restaurant at the top of the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington, makes a complete turn once every hour. What is the tangential speed of a customer sitting 16.5 m from the restaurant's center? (Your answer should be between 0.01 and 0.1 m/s)

$$\omega = \frac{1 \text{ rev}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{1 \text{ rev}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 1.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$v_t = r\omega = (16.5)(1.75 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$\boxed{v_t = .0288 \text{ m/s}}$$

4. Find the centripetal accelerations of a point on the equator of Earth. (Your answer should be between .01 and .1 m/s^2)

$$r_{\text{earth}} = 6.378 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$\omega_{\text{earth}} = \frac{1 \cancel{\text{rev}}}{24 \cancel{\text{hr}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{hr}}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{2\pi \cancel{\text{rad}}}{1 \cancel{\text{rev}}} =$$

$$\omega_{\text{earth}} = 7.27 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$a_c = r\omega^2$$

$$a_c = .0337 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- a. Find the centripetal accelerations of a point at the North Pole of Earth. (Your answer should be between 0 and 1.2 m/s^2)

radius at North Pole is zero, so

$$0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

5. A 12500 N car traveling at 59.0 km/h rounds a curve of radius $2.50 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$.

- a. Find the centripetal acceleration of the car. (Your answer should be between 1.0 and 2.0 m/s^2)

$$r = 2.5 \times 10^2 \text{ m}$$

$$F_g = 12,500 \text{ N}$$

$$v_t = 59 \text{ km/h}$$

$$v_t = \frac{59 \cancel{\text{km}}}{1 \cancel{\text{hr}}} \times \frac{1 \cancel{\text{hr}}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \cancel{\text{km}}} = 16.39 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a_c = \frac{v_t^2}{r} = \frac{(16.39)^2}{250} = 1.074 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- b. Find the force that maintains centripetal acceleration. (Your answer should be between 1000 – 1500 N)

$$F_c = ma_c$$

$$F_c = \left(\frac{F_g}{g}\right) a_c$$

$$F_c = \left(\frac{12,500}{9.81}\right) (1.074)$$

$$F_c = 1369 \text{ N}$$