

$$a_r = \ddot{r} - r(\dot{\theta})^2$$

$$a_\theta = \ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}$$

$$V_r = \dot{r}$$

$$V_\theta = r\dot{\theta}$$

$$a = \frac{d}{dt}(r\dot{r}) + \frac{d}{dt}(r\dot{\theta}\hat{s})$$

$$= r\dot{r} + \dot{r}^2 + r\dot{\theta}\hat{s} + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{s} + r\dot{\theta}\dot{\hat{s}}$$

$$= r\dot{\theta}(\dot{\hat{s}}) + \dot{r}^2 + r\dot{\theta}(-r\dot{\theta}) + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{s} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{s}$$

$$= (r\ddot{\theta} + 2r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{s} + [\dot{r}^2 - r(\dot{\theta})^2]\hat{r}$$

$$a = (\ddot{r} - r(\dot{\theta})^2)\hat{r} + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{s}$$

So Radial Component of acceleration = $a_r = \ddot{r} - r(\dot{\theta})^2$

And Transverse = $a_\theta = r\ddot{\theta} + 2r\dot{\theta}^2$

Example:- A particle P moves in a plane in such a way that at any time t, its distance from a fixed point O is $r = at^2$ and the line connecting O and P makes an angle $\theta = ct^{3/2}$ with (connecting 'O' and 'P' makes angle) a fixed line OA. Find the radial and transverse components of the velocity and acceleration of the particle at $t=1$.

Sol:- $r = at + bt^2 \rightarrow (1)$

$$\theta = ct^{3/2} \rightarrow (2)$$

from (1) $\frac{dr}{dt} = \dot{r} = a + 2bt$

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = \ddot{r} = 2b$$

from (2) $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \dot{\theta} = \frac{3}{2}ct^{1/2}$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \ddot{\theta} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{c}{\sqrt{t}}$$

Now at $t=1$

$$\dot{r} = a + 2b, \quad \ddot{r} = 2b, \quad \text{and } r = a + b$$

$$\text{and } \dot{\theta} = \frac{3}{2}c, \quad \ddot{\theta} = \frac{3}{4}c$$

As we know that

$$a = (\ddot{r} - r(\dot{\theta})^2)\hat{r} + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{s}$$