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# chapter 5

Circular motion; Gravitation

Uniform circular motion:

motion of an object traveling at a constant instantaneous speed on a circular path

$\vec{v}$  is changing direction  $\rightarrow$   
acceleration

centripetal acceleration (radial)

$$a_R = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad (a_c)$$

# Few more Definitions

PERIOD (T): TIME to make 1 complete revolution

Frequency: number of revolutions in a given time  
(f)

Frequency and period are related

$$T = 1/f \quad f = \frac{1}{T}$$

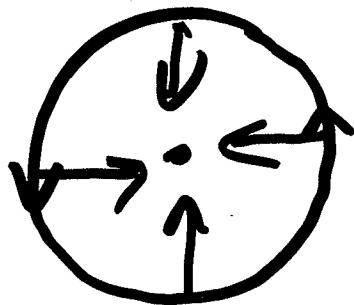
ex) if it takes 4s for a complete revolution, what is T and f?

$$T = 4s \quad f = \frac{1}{4s} \text{ (Hz)}$$

Hertz ( $\frac{1}{s}$ )

$$a_R = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad \text{magnitude}$$

$\vec{a}$  is a vector so need a direction



what direction  
is  
acceleration?

always toward center

Note  $a_R$  not constant  
magnitude constant  
direction changing

Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

$$\Sigma F = ma_R = \frac{mv^2}{R}$$

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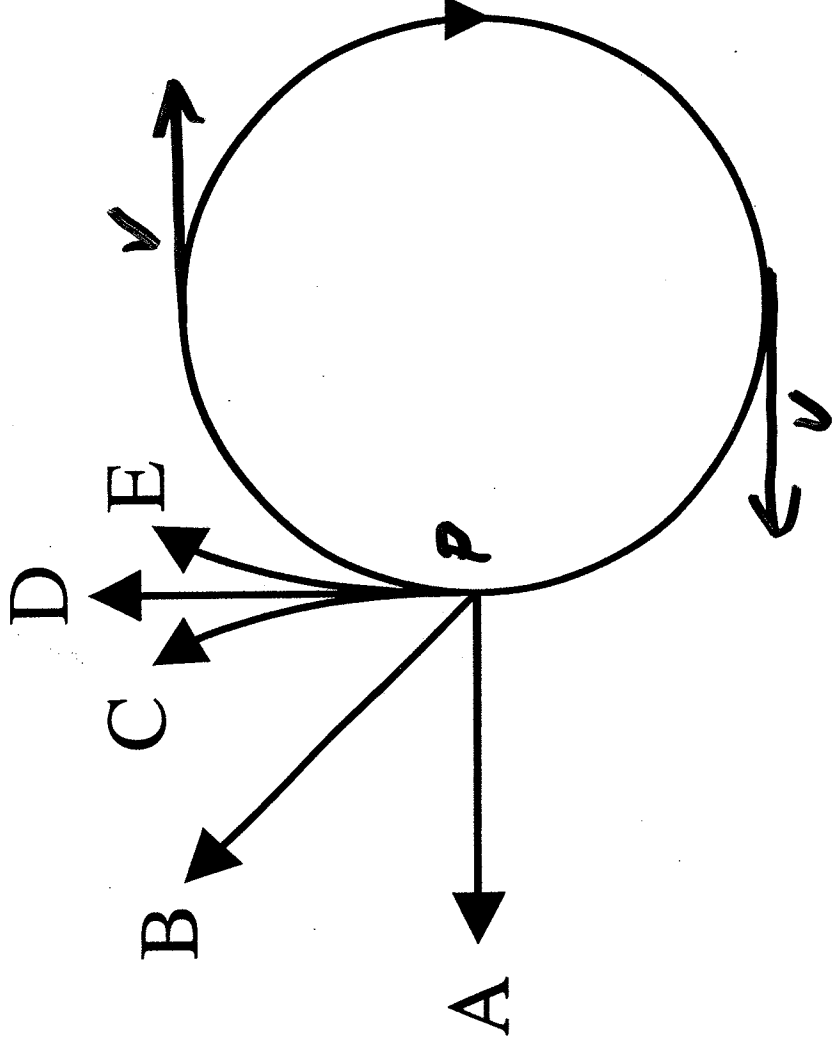
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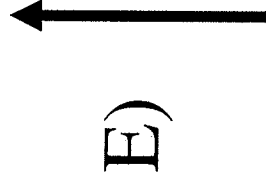
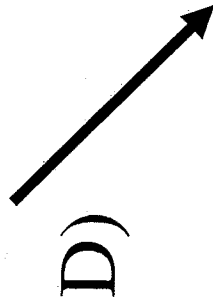
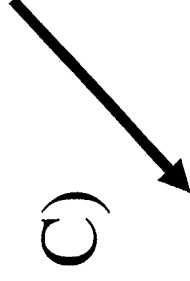
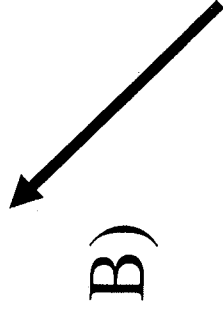
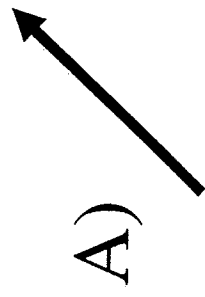
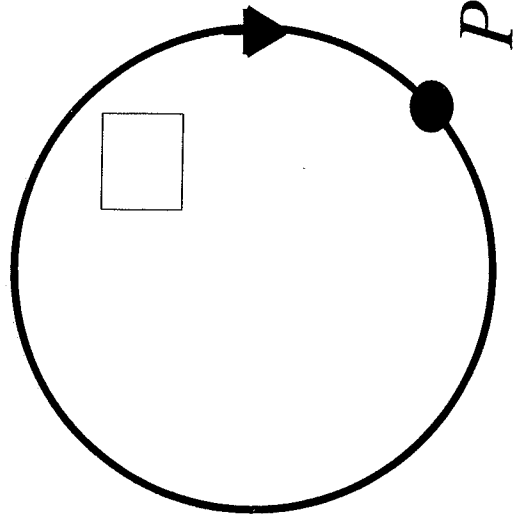
## Interactive Question

A girl attaches a rock to a string which she then swings clockwise in a horizontal circle. The string breaks at point P on the sketch which shows a view from above. What path will the rock follow?



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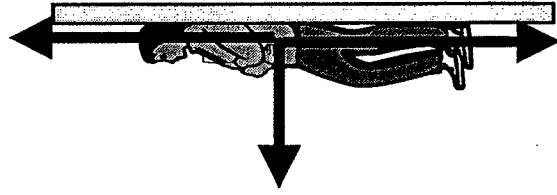
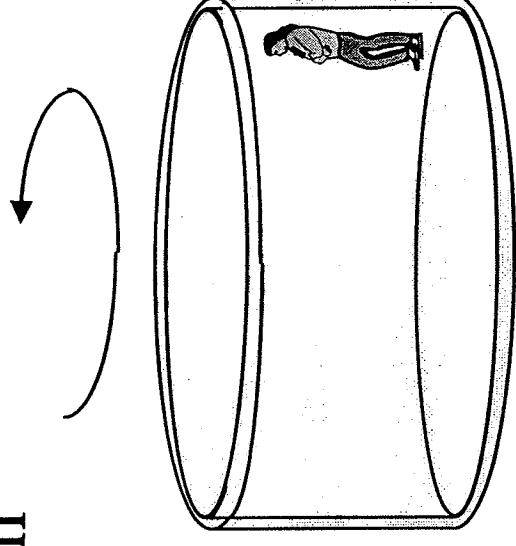
A rock is twirled on a string at a constant speed in a clockwise direction as shown. The direction of its acceleration at point  $P$  is



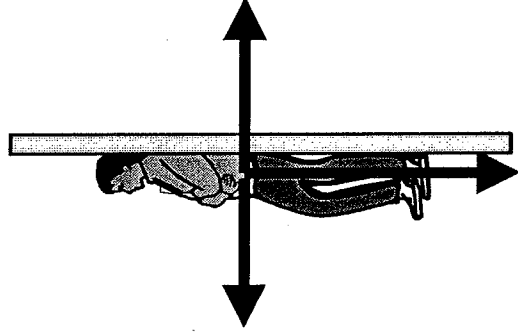


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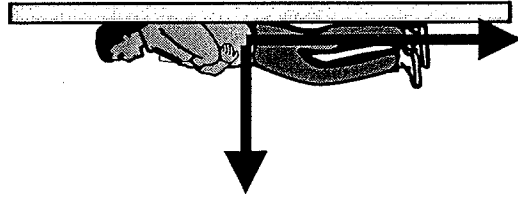
A rider in an amusement park ride, the “barrel of fun” finds herself stuck with her back to the wall. Which diagram correctly shows the forces acting on her?



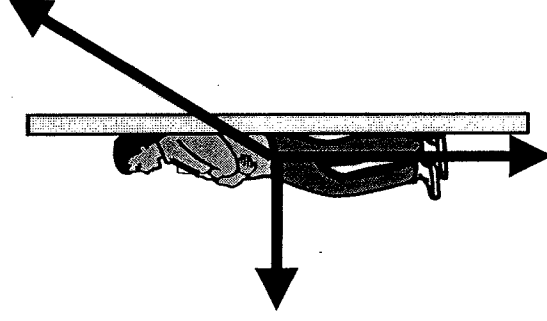
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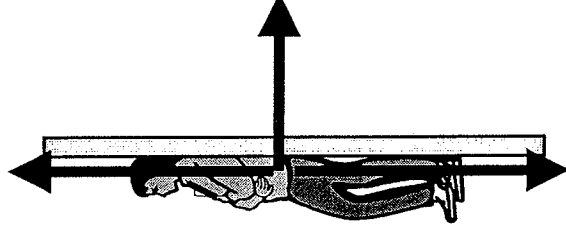
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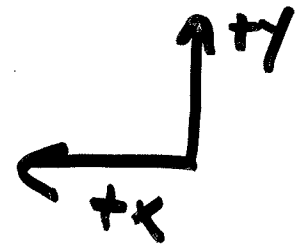
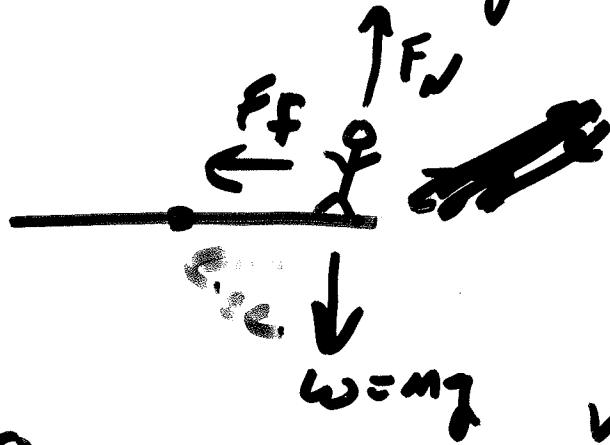


D)



E)

ex) merry-go-round has a radius of 11m. It rotates at a rate of 1 revolution every 8.2s. If  $\mu_s = 0.7$  can you stand at edge without sliding?



$$y: \underline{F_N - mg = 0}$$

$$a_r = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$v = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$v = 2\pi r f$$

$$m a_r = \frac{m v^2}{r} = \frac{m (2\pi r f)^2}{r}$$

$$m a_r = \frac{m 4\pi^2 r^2 f^2}{r} = 4\pi^2 r f^2 = \underline{a_r}$$

$$\underline{a_r} = 4\pi^2 (11\text{m}) \left(\frac{1\text{rev}}{8.2\text{s}}\right)^2 = \boxed{6.5 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

max frictional force

$$\mu_s F_N = \mu_s mg$$

$$a_{c \max} = (0.7) g (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$\underline{a_{c \max} = 6.9 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

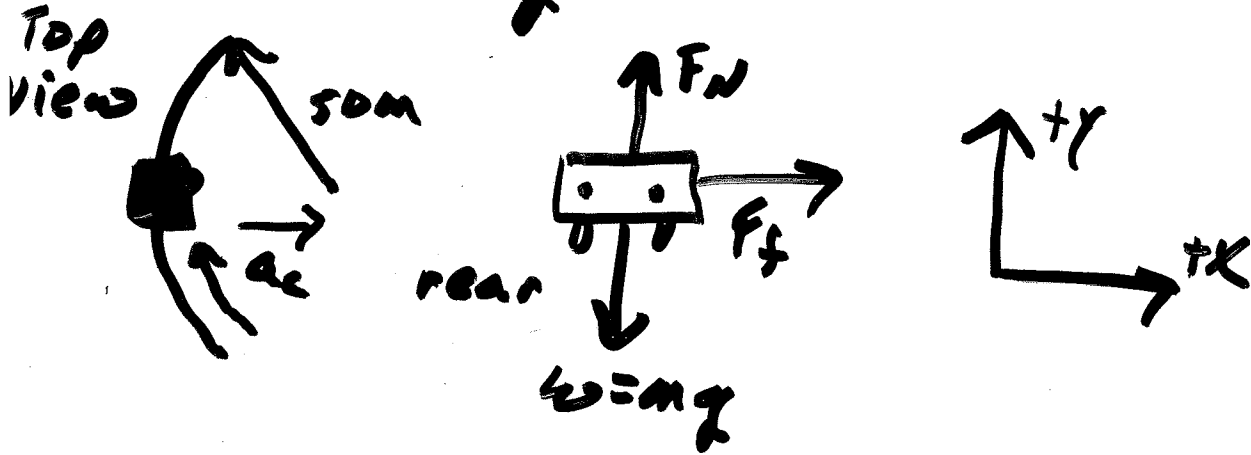
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## Interactive Question

A 1500 kg car travels at a constant speed of 22 m/s around a circular track which has a radius of 80 m. Which statement is true concerning this car?

- A) The velocity of the car is changing.
- B) The car is characterized by constant velocity.
- C) The car is characterized by constant acceleration.
- D) The car has a velocity vector that points along the radius of the circle.
- E) More than one of the above is true.

EX) A car turns a corner on a road of radius 50.0 m. Find max speed car can negotiate turn without sliding.  $\mu_s = 0.9$



$$y: \underline{F_N - mg = 0}$$

$$x: F_f = ma_c = mv^2/r$$

$$F_f = \mu_s F_N = \mu_s mg$$

$$\mu_s mg = mv^2/r \Rightarrow v^2 = \mu_s gr$$

$$v = \sqrt{\mu_s gr}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(0.9 \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \times 50 \text{ m})} = \boxed{21 \text{ m/s}}$$