Answer on Question #76026, Physics Mechanics Relativity

An object is suspended by a thread of 50 cm long and both the object and the thread move along in a horizontal circle with 125 rpm. If the mass of the object is 10 kg,

(a) Determine the following for the rotating object,

(i) the centripetal acceleration

(ii) the centripetal force

(iii) the centrifugal force

(b) Draw a neat sketch explaining the problem and interpret your solution briefly.

Solution.

(a) The centripetal acceleration

$$f = \frac{125 \ rpm}{60 \ sec} = 2.08 \ rps$$
$$\omega = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot f = 2 \cdot 3.14 \cdot 2.08 = 13.08 \ s^{-1}$$
$$a_c = \omega^2 \cdot R = 13.08^2 \cdot 0.5 = 85.57 \ \frac{m}{s^2}$$

 $F_{centrifugal\ force} = m \cdot a_c = 10 \cdot 85.57 = 855.7\ N$

 $F_{centripetal force} = -F_{centrifugal force} = -855.7 \text{ N}$





Answer:

$$a_c = 85.57 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

 $F_{\text{centrifugal force}} = 855.7 \text{ N}$

 $F_{\text{centripetal force}} = -855.7 \text{ N}$